



THE PRIDE OF AFRICA
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Cape to Cairo 27 day tour GENERAL NOTES

Thank you for booking with Rovos Rail on this truly epic journey! We trust that you are looking forward to your journey aboard 'The Pride of Africa'. To ensure your comfort, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

Insurance

Cancellation insurance is compulsory as our terms and conditions will be strictly adhered to and cancellation fees, where applicable, will not be waived. Please remember to bring either the original or a copy of your travel insurance policy, stating clearly the company, policy number and 24 hour medical emergency telephone number.

Luggage

Maximum of two pieces of hold baggage per person, with a total combined weight of 30 kgs. Cabin baggage: one piece of 5kg (11 lbs) Regret, no excess luggage will be permitted.

Luggage tags will be provided on the first day of the programme by your Tour Manager.

A complimentary Rovos Rail Tog bag will be provided on day one. This can be used to contain your hand luggage and be used for overnight trips.

Airport departure and arrival taxes

These are included in the overall tour price.

Dress on board the train

During the day, the dress is smart casual. Attire that is more formal is worn in the evening on the "Pride of Africa". A jacket, collar & tie is a minimum requirement, please.

With regard to the off-train excursions: It can get very cold during the game drives (open vehicles) therefore warm clothing is strongly recommended. Comfortable walking shoes; sun tan lotion and hats are strongly recommended.

Health requirements

Please consult your local travel clinic or doctor for latest advice. THE TRAVEL DOCTOR – AFRICA 0861 300 911 local or +27 11 214 9030 international for more information.

- Yellow Fever vaccination
- Immunisation against Hepatitis **A**, Polio, Tetanus and Cholera is recommended. (Cholera – need to drink contaminated water over period of time so risk is low when travelling with Rovos Rail)
- High risk Malaria area
- Rabies and Bilharzias present in Africa
- Meningitis

Currency

In South Africa one can only make use of South African Rand. All major credit cards (Master Card, Visa, American Express and Diners Club) are accepted.

For Zimbabwe, no credit cards should be used. All payments to be made in **LOW** denomination US Dollar notes. Any off-train expenses to be paid with US Dollar banknotes (low denomination).

In Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan and Egypt it is best to make use of US Dollars in cash form (hotels and major dealers will also accept credit cards).

Standard Chartered Bank **Zimbabwe** has made a decision to pull out of MasterCard on the Point of Sale (POS) in Zimbabwe with effect from 01st January, 2007, due to prohibitive investments costs. Therefore, all hotels in Zimbabwe will no longer accept MasterCard transactions with effect from 01st January, 2007: Only VISA, DINERS and AMEX cards will be acceptable.

On Board Services

A Medical Practitioner and Historian will accompany the train at various stages. A Tour Manager/Host will introduce himself to you on arrival in either Cairo / Cape Town.

Cuisine and Ambience

Breakfast, lunch and a formal dinner are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the Dining Cars – meals, carefully prepared, are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Meals can be adapted to suit special requirements by prior arrangement.

We will do our best to cater for special dietary requirements such as vegetarian, vegan, diabetic etc., provided a detailed request has been made at the time of your reservation. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We do however regret that we are unable to provide meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

The Observation Car seats 32 passengers and takes up the rear end of the train. The coach next to it contains a smoking lounge which seats eight. At the centre of the train we have, when numbers dictate, a non-smoking Lounge Car, which seats 26 passengers in comfort. In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets onboard and the use of cellular telephones is confined to the privacy of the suites.

Laundry

There is a limited and simple laundry service on board comprising of household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turn around is 48 hours so the staff would not be able to handle a week's worth of washing. Please advise your hostess if your clothing needs specialist attention. Laundry facilities are again available in Zanzibar, Serengeti, Entebbe, Khartoum, the Nile Cruiser and Cairo.

Rovos Rail Memorabilia

There is a small gift shop on board and at our station premises at Capital Park in Pretoria. Due to the varying exchange rates, the use of credit cards is preferred.

Electricity

220V AC 50Hz • 3 point round pronged wall plug (onboard the train)

Inclusion of an international adaptor is advisable for hotel visits.

Smoking

On board the train smoking of cigarettes and cigars only is allowed in the privacy of the suites and in the Club Lounge. Please do not throw flammable items such as cigarette off the train, as bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard.

Please note on the Reservation Form provided if you are **smoking or non smoking** so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels.

Scheduling Times & Routes

We cannot be held liable for any delays due to trains or planes not running to schedule. Off-train excursions cannot be guaranteed and will only be undertaken if time and circumstances permit. Departure and arrival times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. We reserve the right to alter our routing at any time between departure and arrival points.

Gratuities

Train journey: Gratuities for the staff are totally at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, a suitably marked envelope is included your information folder. Gratuities may be handed to the manager who then distributes any amounts collected by him on a pro rata basis amongst the staff on board.

Balance of journey: Gratuities for guides, rangers, drivers and Egyptologists will be paid for by Rovos Rail Tour Manager.

Porterage is also included in the overall price.

Average Temperatures

Area	Time Zone	Minimum	Maximum	Remarks
Cape Town	GMT + 2 hrs	15°C	27°C	
Pretoria/Johannesburg	GMT + 2 hrs	18°C	29°C	
Hoedspruit/Game Reserve	GMT + 2 hrs	23°C	30°C	
Bulawayo	GMT + 2 hrs	22°C	30°C	
Victoria Falls	GMT + 2 hrs	20°C	30°C	
Dar es Salaam/Zanzibar	GMT + 3 hrs	27°C	32°C	
Serengeti (Tanzania)	GMT + 3 hrs	28°C	28°C	Two night stay in semi-luxury mobile tented camp
Ngorongoro Crater	GMT + 3 hrs	11°C	11°C	
Entebbe	GMT + 3 hrs	20°C	29°C	
Khartoum	GMT + 2 hrs	19°C	27°C	
Aswan	GMT + 2 hrs	9°C	30°C	
Luxor	GMT + 2 hrs	7°C	25°C	
Cairo	GMT + 2 hrs	9°C	21°C	

Passports & Visas

It is essential that the client ensures that passports are valid and that ALL visas, as may be required, are validated in the passport before arrival in Africa.

Visas for Uganda cannot be obtained at the airport.

We suggest a MULTIPLE ENTRY visa for Zambia. Clients may wish to view the Victoria Falls on foot on the Zambian side, before entering Zambia by train (northbound). Same situation for Southbound, perhaps on the day of leisure in Victoria Falls, clients may wish to re-enter Zambia again on foot.

Country	German	USA	Swiss	Japan	French	UK	Australian	Canada	South Africa
South Africa Department of Home Affairs Tel: (+ 27-12) 324 1860	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Consulate +27 11 838 2156	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Zambia High Commission Tel: (+27-12) 326 1847	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tanzania High Commission Tel: +(27-12) 342 4393/71	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uganda High Commission Tel: (+27-12) 342 6031	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sudan Embassy Tel: (+27-12) 342 4538	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Egypt Embassy Tel: (+27-12) 343 1590/1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Have a Pleasant Journey