



THE PRIDE OF AFRICA
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'The African Collage' 2009

The Most Scenic Route in Africa

Pretoria • Malelane • Hluhluwe • Durban • Port Elizabeth • Oudtshoorn • Knysna • Cape Town

Rovos Rail will once again run this annual journey starting 21st May 2009. This panoramic nine-day sojourn commences at the Rovos Rail Station at Capital Park in Pretoria. The first leg of the journey takes the train through Witbank and Middleburg and then traverses the majestic Drakensberg escarpment en route to the lowveld of Mpumalanga. The following morning you will receive an early wake up call to join a game drive through the famous Kruger Park. Brunch will be served in the dining car while the train winds its way southwards to Swaziland in time for an afternoon game drive in the Mkhaya Reserve. During the night the train will continue south to the village of Hluhluwe in Zululand. Starting early once again, a wide variety of game can be seen on an early morning game drive through the scenic Hluhluwe Game Reserve. The Pride of Africa departs mid morning and makes its way south through the lush cane fields and rolling hills of Kwazulu Natal, arriving in Durban late afternoon.

After an evening in Durban the train steadily ascends the scenic escarpment through Pietermaritzburg and The Valley of a Thousand Hills en route to Ladysmith and Bethlehem. This route takes the train past Lesotho and the highest mountains in the Drakensberg range at 3 482 metres. During the night we continue onto Bloemfontein, the Free State capital, with a morning tour of the city. The journey continues southwards overnight to the coastal capital of the Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth, where we will enjoy a morning visit to the Addo Elephant Park. An early morning departure from Willowmore takes the Pride of Africa into Oudtshoorn for a visit to the Highgate Ostrich farm followed by another spectacular rail descent down the Montagu pass into George. A morning visit to Knysna and the surrounding attractions will complete the visit to this natural paradise. The train sets off at midday from George travelling along the scenic Garden Route through Mossel Bay and Riversdale. The next morning, after a short visit to the KWV Brandy Distillery in Worcester, the Pride of Africa ends its magnificent collage in the Mother City of Cape Town.

Pretoria – Malelane – Durban - Cape Town 21 – 29 May 2009		Cape Town – Durban – Malelane - Pretoria 30 May - 7 June 2009	
10h00	Thursday 21 May Depart Rovos Rail's private station in Capital Park, Pretoria.	09h20	Saturday 30 May Depart Cape Town Station, Platform 23.
05h00	Friday 22 May Wake up call for game drive in the Kruger Park in open vehicles.	15h30	Arrive in Ashton for a wine tasting excursion.
11h00	Brunch is served in the dining car while we travel through Komatipoort to the Swaziland border.	12h00	Sunday 31 May Depart train for lunch in Knysna. Ferry ride across Knysna lagoon to Featherbed Reserve, or shopping afternoon in Knysna.
15h30	Arrive Mkhaya reserve for afternoon game drive.	16h00	Board the vehicles and return to the train in George.
20h00	The train departs for overnight journey to Hluhluwe in Zululand.	18h30	Disembark the train for a short drive to Fancourt Country Club Estate for dinner.
05h00	Saturday 23 May Wake up call for a game drive in the Hluhluwe Reserve.	08h00	Monday 1 June Depart George Station for Oudtshoorn
09h30	The train departs Hluhluwe for Durban.	11h00	Arrive in Oudtshoorn for an ostrich farm visit.
18h00	Arrive Durban for an evening in the City.	24h00	Arrive in Port Elizabeth. Overnight.
06h00	Sunday 24 May Depart Durban en route to Bloemfontein. Day at leisure on board.	07h00	Tuesday 2 June Game drive in the Addo Elephant Park.
10h00	Monday 25 May Tour of Bloemfontein.	10h00	The train departs for Bloemfontein. Arrive 24h00.
13h00	Depart Bloemfontein en route to Port Elizabeth.	07h00	Wednesday 3 June Disembark for a city tour of Bloemfontein.
09h00	Tuesday 26 May Tour of Addo Elephant Park near Port Elizabeth.	12h00	The train departs or Ladysmith. Arrive 24h00.
12h00	The train departs Port Elizabeth for Oudtshoorn.	15h15	Thursday 4 June Disembark the train for a city tour of Durban.
10h00	Wednesday 27 May Arrive Oudtshoorn for Ostrich Farm visit.	18h30	Dinner at a restaurant in Durban.
15h30	Arrive George for afternoon at leisure.	07h00	Friday 5 June Depart Durban for Swaziland.
18h30	Depart for dinner at Fancourt Golf Estate.	18h00	Arrive in Golela for border formalities into Swaziland.
09h00	Thursday 28 May Depart for morning tour of Knysna.	22h00	Overnight at Mkhaya.
13h30	Depart George.	05h00	Saturday 6 June Early morning game drive in Mkhaya Game Reserve.
11h00	Friday 29 May Arrive Worcester for KWV Brandy Distillery tour.	11h00	Brunch is served in the dining car/s.
17h00	Arrive in Cape Town.	15h15	Arrive Malelane for game drive in the Kruger Park.
		07h00	Sunday 7 June Depart from Waterval Onder.
		15h30	Arrive Rovos Rail's Capital Park Station, Pretoria.

RACK RATE ONE WAY per person sharing includes accommodation, meals and excursions during the train journey, as well as alcoholic beverages whilst on board the train

Pullman Suite R30 700

Deluxe Suite R45 900

Royal Suite R62 500

Single Supplement +50% on all suites

Visas to be purchased and paid for prior to departure for Africa.

Visas are available through booking agents; please check with the relevant embassies for visa requirements. Passengers are advised to take anti-malarial precautions as might be prescribed

Trip cancellation insurance is strongly advised