



THE PRIDE OF AFRICA
The most luxurious train in the world

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Private Rail Charters

The golden age of luxury train travel has been renewed in the heart of the African bush. Rovos Rail, with its private station and headquarters at Capital Park in Pretoria, provides unique train and air safaris through and over some of the most spectacular scenery in Africa.

Rovos Rail operates three full train sets of 20 carriages each, which have been splendidly rebuilt with meticulous attention to detail, comfort and luxury. Steam, Diesel or Electric locomotives operating at various stages of the journey draw the trains. These classic trains, called '**The Pride of Africa**', each carry a maximum of 78 passengers in 39 suites who are accommodated in the most spacious train suites in the world. With fine wood panelling, period Edwardian features as well as every modern convenience and comfort, the air-conditioned suites carry two people offering the option of twin or double beds. The Royal Suites (16m²) each have their own private lounge area and feature a full en-suite bathroom with shower and Victorian bath. The Deluxe Suites (11m²) each have a lounge area and private bathroom with shower. The Pullman Suites (7m²) have a room with bench seat during the day which converts to double or twin beds for the evening. They also have an en suite bathroom with shower. All the bathrooms have a hairdryer and shaver point. The use of traditional furnishings and period décor ensure an atmosphere of elegance and grandeur in the Dining, Lounge, Club Lounge and Observation cars. The discreet and caring staff are available to meet the guests' needs around the clock, whilst an enthusiastic team of chefs ensures the guests enjoy superb meals complemented by outstanding South African wines.

One of our trains is available at certain times of the year for private charter.

Our Regular Journeys

Weekly

Pretoria to Cape Town via Kimberley: 50 hours

Pretoria to Victoria Falls via Polokwane and Musina / Beit Bridge: 55 hours

Seasonal

Cape Town to George: 24 hours

Pretoria to Durban via Swaziland: 55 hours

Annually

Pretoria to Swakopmund in Namibia in May, a distance of 3400kms: 7 days

African Collage in June from Pretoria to Cape Town via Malelane, Swaziland, Durban, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, George, Knysna and Worcester: 9 days

Golf Safari in April, September and December a round trip from Pretoria to Phalaborwa, Swaziland, Durban, Ladysmith, Sun City and back to Pretoria: 9 Days

Dar es Salaam from Cape Town to Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania in July, a distance of 6 100kms: 14 days
 A 17-day **Southern Africa Air Safari** departs twice a year.

Lunch and Dinner Trips

During the course of the year we have many 3 – 4 hour Lunch and Dinner excursions where we entertain a maximum of 72 guests.

The format of the day or evening would be as follows:

10h00 to 11h30:

or

18h30 to 19h00:

Guests arrive at Rovos Rail's Capital Park Station. Champagne, orange juice and canapés are served on arrival. Musicians play light classical music in the background.

A Steam Locomotive will be parked on the platform adjoining the station lounge, allowing the guests numerous photographic opportunities.

11h30 to 11h45:

or

19h30 to 19h45:

The locomotive will move off the platform to fetch the train and bring it on to the platform. While all the participants are together and their attention is focused, this is an ideal time for speeches or presentations.

12h00:

or

Departure for a circular panoramic tour around Pretoria

20h00:

16h30:

or

Arrive back at Capital Park Station

23h00:

Drinks will be served in the Observation and Lounge cars on departure.

Lunch or Dinner would be served at **13h30** or **20h30**. Our menus reflect an accent on fresh local ingredients, and traditional dishes such as game are a specialty. Our lunches and dinners offer a starter, a choice of fish, meat or vegetarian dish followed by a tempting dessert. Fine wines from some of South Africa's renowned cellars and estates complement the meals.

The train will be made up as follows:

Generator Car

Sleeper Carriage with bathroom facilities

Dining Car - 42 seats

Kitchen Car

Dining Car - 42 seats

Sleeper Carriage with bathroom facilities

Lounge Car - non smoking

Observation Car - smoking permitted in the back half of Car

Price: R48 000: for 42 passengers or less.

R57 000: for 72 passengers or less.

Lunch/Dinner Trip Terms and Conditions

50% Deposit on confirmation of the booking.

The balance is payable 14 days prior to departure.

Full Train Charter

The Train

Very successful overnight trips from one to ten days have been undertaken with special interest groups. Business incentive groups, historical tours, private parties and bird shoots are just a few of the special charters we have hosted during the past 11 years. Within reason, and subject to availability, the chartered train can go anywhere there is a railway line in the sub continent of Africa.

The costing for these trips is based on distance, time, the number in the party and the number of coaches required to house the party.

Rovos Rail is a private train company running on the rails of the National Railways and our tariff is determined by the number of coaches run at a given time and the distance covered: added to which are the costs of locomotive crews, train inspections and watering facilities. Therefore, each charter request has to be calculated individually. The following itineraries and costs will illustrate a few options.

One Night

An early evening departure from Capital Park Station, Pretoria.

Dinner and overnight on board. The train will stop at about midnight for \pm 6 hours.

Return to Capital Park after a leisurely breakfast.

Price R240 000 (1 Oct 2007 – 30 Sep 2008) - up to 42 passengers in 21 suites.

Two Nights

Day 1: An early evening departure from Capital Park Station, Pretoria

Dinner and overnight on the train

Day 2: After breakfast disembark for a day of activities off the train

Return to the train late afternoon for dinner and overnight on the train

Day 3: Disembark at Capital Park Station, Pretoria after breakfast

Destination	Distance in kilometres	Number of Suites	Price 1 Oct 2007 to 30 Sep 2008	Highlight of suggested Destinations
Sun City - Golf, Leisure and Gaming Resort	181	21	R 340 000	Golf, Game Viewing
Dullstroom in the Highlands of Mpumalanga	251	21	R 400 000	Trout Fishing, Walking
Malelane on the border of the Kruger National Park	463	21	R 570 000	Game Viewing

Please note the above prices are approximate and are valid until the 30th September 2008.

Full Train Charter Terms & Conditions

20% refundable deposit to confirm booking - this becomes non-refundable 6 months prior to departure.

20% deposit 4 months prior to departure – non refundable

Balance is due 8 weeks prior to departure – non refundable

Incentives for Africa – Train/Aircraft Combinations

Rovos Rail is proud to present the ideal combination for group and incentive charters in Southern Africa. Catering to a maximum of 44 passengers in the comfort and luxury associated with our product we are able to construct exciting and practical itineraries to suit your available time and budget.

There are many permutations combining Rovos Rail's 44-bed train and our pressurised Convair 440 and DC 4 aircraft. Two nights on the train with two or three nights in the Victoria Falls, Mfuwe in the Luangwa Valley or the Okavango Delta might be considered attractive.

We are now able to offer our valued clientele a 21, 36 or 50 seat aircraft for charter anywhere in Southern Africa. All are fitted with business class seating.

The Convair 440's

Enjoy a nostalgic flight in a grand old lady of the skies. The Convair 440 has proven conclusively to be one of the most reliable post-war passenger aircraft ever built. She sports a spacious, pressurised cabin seating up to 44 passengers in true Rovos style and comfort. The 1954 Convair 440 Aircraft are available for charter from Lanseria Airport in Gauteng.

In April 2001 our two splendid Convair 440 aeroplanes were purchased from an operator in Bolivia and flown by our own crew over the Atlantic Ocean to their new home in South Africa. Built in 1954 the first owner was the US Airforce, which based them in Texas until 1992. Then followed their 8-year tour of duty in Cochabamba at 8 500ft on contract to the Bolivian airlines.

The restoration of the air-conditioned aircraft to Rovos standards was achieved in Pietersburg and proved easier than expected due to the exceptionally good condition of the airframe. The aircraft have flown relatively few hours during their 46-year life and as they were operated in dry areas there was no corrosion damage to contend with. The avionics were deemed to be out of date and were thus completely upgraded to incorporate the most modern radar, moving map and positioning systems available. Fitted with the Pratt & Whitney 2800 radial engines the aircraft has a pleasing power to weight ratio, providing the sort of performance demanded by our well-qualified pilots. Pressurized to 23 000 ft (above the bumps) the aircraft will cruise comfortably at 400km per hour (220 knots) for a maximum distance of 1 000 kilometres carrying 44 passengers in the comfort and style expected of our product. The geared propellers, a massive 13ft 6ins in diameter, only spin at 1000 RPM helping to keep the cabin noise at a very acceptable level. Onboard service by our capable staff will be of our usual high standard, complemented by the facilities of an efficient and comprehensive galley.

The aircraft will be used to convey our train passengers from Pietersburg to Victoria Falls in Zambia on our scheduled Pretoria to Victoria Falls journeys, and will also be available for charter anywhere in Southern Africa.

Douglas DC 3 ' Delaney '

We are also pleased to introduce our new addition, a 1944 DC-3 which has been rebuilt with 21 business class seats and a very plush interior. Called ' Delaney ' after a child who was born on board in October 1975 the aircraft has a fascinating history which can be found on our website.

Douglas DC 4

The Douglas DC-4 embodies the safety, range, comfort and space of a true Business class 50-seat prop liner. The aircraft is crewed by a captain, first officer, flight engineer and two flight attendants.

Train/Plane Charter Terms & Conditions

20% refundable deposit to confirm booking - this becomes non-refundable 6 months prior to departure.

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