

Meander leisurely

through the countryside
with Rovos Rail

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Many couples have different expectations of a honeymoon but the common denominator is that a memorable experience is the ideal way to start off married life. Those looking for the unhurried bliss of a train trip will definitely appreciate a journey aboard this luxury train where every wish is catered to.

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This particular journey starts in the balmy South African City of Durban where guests are met in a lounge at the train station and welcomed to the journey. Onboard each guest is appointed an attendant who is available around the clock to take care of their needs. Each suite is fully appointed with all amenities including a bar fridge, fluffy bath robes, postcards and stationery as well as a fully stocked toiletry bag.

The trip is divided between leisure time and thoughtfully curated stops. After rolling through the green Midlands the first stop is a visit to Ardmore Ceramics. This creative hub displays fantastical ceramics and textiles inspired by nature. Then its back to the train to get ready for dinner. The dress code for dinner is formal so gentlemen wearing suits and ladies in cocktail dresses are an elegant sight in the dining car. The chef prepares an exquisite four course meal at every seating that is paired with the best South African wines. Afterwards the bar at the back of the train is ideal for a nightcap.

The next day offers a choice of either a historic battlefield tour or a game drive. These options are interesting but by no means mandatory. Spending the day on the train would also be a wonderful way to while away time. There are card games and a library in the club car. The observation car is an open space where one can enjoy the countryside passing by. The last dinner is a festive affair with the waiting staff dressed in tuxedos and once again pulling out all the stops. Afterwards there is a cocktail party in the bar and a special turn down surprise in the cabin.

With its combination of classic luxury, impeccable service, outstanding food and wide choice of excursions the Rovos Rail train trip is the perfect choice for honeymoon couples that would like to be pampered while doing something slightly different. The trip described here was from Durban to Pretoria but the company has many other destinations in Africa including Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Dar Es Salaam and a few more.

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