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PRIVATE RAIL CHARTERS 2017-2019

Bespoke train safaris and excursions for charter, private functions, corporate tours, incentives, launches and events.

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences. With discreet and friendly service, five-star cuisine and a selection of South Africa's finest wines, Rovos Rail harks back to a simpler, more elegant era encompassing the timeless grace and high romance of African exploration. The beautifully rebuilt trains – which may be hauled by diesel or electric locomotives – carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites. Pride of place in the Rovos stable goes to the historic and newly rebuilt station and locomotive yard in Pretoria, which is the heart and headquarters of this private railway company. From here, successful charters from one to 10 days have been undertaken with incentive groups, historical tours, private gatherings and bird shoots.

There are many configurations combining our 42- or 72-bed train with other entertaining products and we are happy to prompt clients with these options and construct exciting and practical itineraries to suit the available time and budget. You might choose two nights on the Pride of Africa with two or three nights in the Victoria Falls or the Okavango Delta, Mfuwe in the Luangwa Valley or elephant-back safaris in Hoedspruit. Other destinations include Swaziland to the east and the Madikwe Game Reserve to the west. Many golf-loving groups find that our nine-day Golf Safari or Collage take up too much of their time so we tailor shorter trips to accommodate this.

Within reason and subject to availability, the chartered train can go wherever there is a railway line in Southern Africa.

Make-up of the Train

The observation car, which has a spacious open-air balcony and seats 32 passengers, is positioned at the rear of the train while at the centre of the train there is, when numbers dictate, a non-smoking lounge car that seats 26 passengers in comfort. A smoking club lounge is placed next to the observation car and seats 11. There is a small, discreet gift shop on board and, maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board. Our maximum capacity is 72 passengers in 36 suites:

- 4 x Royal Suites (double)
- 23 x Deluxe Suites (double or twin – alongside or in an L-shape configuration)
- 9 x Pullman Suites (double or bunk-bed configuration)

Suite Facilities

Luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, air-conditioning, mini-bar facilities, bathroom amenities, dressing gown and slippers, hairdryer and shaver point.

1. **Royal** ($\pm 16\text{m}^2/\pm 172\text{ft}^2$) take up half a carriage, each with their own private lounge area and full en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower. BED: Double (189x189cm) or side-by-side twin (189x94cm).
2. **Deluxe** ($\pm 10\text{m}^2/\pm 108\text{ft}^2$) have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower. BED: Double lengthways (189x189cm); double crosswise (189x160cm); side-by-side twin (189x94cm); L-twin (189x90cm).
3. **Pullman** ($\pm 7\text{m}^2/\pm 76\text{ft}^2$) have the identical bathroom to the Deluxe Suites. The bedroom is smaller with a one-up one-down or double bed. During the day this can be converted into a comfortable couch. BED: Double crosswise (189x150cm); side-by-side twin (189x75cm); single lower bunk (189x90cm); single upper bunk (189x60cm).

Cuisine

An enthusiastic team of chefs is responsible for overseeing the very important task of ensuring guests every need is catered for. There's an accent on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes are a specialty. Every morning there is a full breakfast with dishes cooked to order. Lunch and dinner are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. All meals are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the dining cars. Breakfast: 07h00-10h00; Lunch: 13h00; Tea: 16h30; Dinner: 19h30. Meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated.

Dietary Requirements

We will do our best to cater for dietary requirements provided a detailed request has been made. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

Dress

Many of the passengers aboard enjoy the formality of fine china and glassware, crisp linen and silver, and dress accordingly. During the day dress is more casual and cool, comfortable clothes, shoes and hats are recommended for the excursions, especially in the game reserves where it can get very hot.

EXAMPLE OF RUNNING SCHEDULE FOR A CHARTER

- Guests arrive at Rovos Rail Station.
- Sparkling wine, orange juice and canapés are served while background musicians play light classical music.
- Guests' luggage is tagged by Rovos Rail staff and placed in their suites.
- A steam locomotive is parked on the platform adjoining the lounge allowing guests many photographic opportunities with a chance to stand on the footplate and talk to the drivers.
- The locomotive moves off to collect the train and pull it onto the platform. This is an ideal time for announcements, speeches and presentations as the platform/lounge area is quiet.
- After a short speech by the Train Manager, guests are individually escorted to their suites.
- The train departs Rovos Rail Station.

FULL TRAIN CHARTER

Rovos Rail is a private company running on the rails of the National Railways. The number of coaches that make up the charter train and the distance it covers determines our tariff. Added to this are the costs of locomotive crews, train inspections and watering facilities. Therefore, each charter request has to be calculated independently.

The following itineraries and costs will illustrate a few options based on distance, time, the number in the party and the number of coaches required to house the party. Please note these rates are approximate and based on 42 guests or less sharing in 21 suites.

ONE-NIGHT Return Journey

Day 1: An early evening departure from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria with dinner and overnight on the train.

The train will be stationary from about midnight for a ±6-hour sleep-stop.

Day 2: After breakfast, guests disembark the train at Rovos Rail Station.

Suggested Destination	Distance in Kilometres	Number of Suites	1 OCT 2017 - 30 SEP 2018	1 OCT 2018 - 30 SEP 2019
Hillside Siding past Witbank	135	21	R512 660	R558 450

TWO-NIGHT Return Journey

Day 1: An early evening departure from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria with dinner and overnight on the train.

Day 2: After breakfast, disembark for the day's activities. Return to the train in the afternoon for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: After breakfast, guests disembark the train at Rovos Rail Station.

Suggested Destination	Distance in Kilometres	Number of Suites	1 OCT 2017 - 30 SEP 2018	1 OCT 2018 - 30 SEP 2019	Suggested Highlights
Naboomspruit near the Waterberg	171	21	R713 040	R778 430	Game Viewing
Dullstroom in the Highlands of Mpumalanga	251	21	R867 130	R928 910	Trout Fishing Walking
Malelane on the border of the Kruger National Park	411	21	R1 129 030	R1 229 870	Game Viewing

EXCLUSIVE USE One-way Journey on a Scheduled Departure

Rovos Rail covers the sub-continent of Africa with a variety of scheduled journeys that are available for full charter: 2 nights between Cape Town and Pretoria; 2 nights between Pretoria and Durban; 3 nights between Pretoria and Victoria Falls; 9 days between Pretoria and Namibia; 10 days on the African Golf Collage between Pretoria, Kruger Park, Durban and Cape Town; 9 days on the Golf Safari; 15 days between Cape Town and Dar es Salaam. Please visit the website for full details or contact us.

RATE INCLUDES

- All meals and all beverages consumed whilst on the train
- Reception at Rovos Rail Station (sparkling wine, orange juice, canapés, musicians)
- Steam locomotive on the platform
- Luggage handling pre- and post-train
- Secure parking for guest vehicles
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Limited laundry service
- 10% agent commission

RATE EXCLUDES

- Off-train excursions
- Guest transfers
- Staff gratuities
- Special requests such as French Champagne

Rovos Rail is classified as transport and as such is zero-rated for VAT.

CHARTER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full Train Charter Return Journey

- **20%** refundable deposit to **CONFIRM** booking, which becomes **non-refundable 180 days (±6 months) prior to departure.**
- **20%** non-refundable deposit/incremental payment of the tour price required **120 days (±4 months) prior to departure.**
- **100%** non-refundable deposit/incremental payment of the tour price required **60 days (±2 months) prior to departure.**

Exclusive Use One Way Journey

- **10%** non-refundable deposit to **CONFIRM** booking **545 days (±18 months) prior to departure**
- **20%** non-refundable deposit/incremental payment of the tour price required **275 days (±9 months) prior to departure**
- **20%** non-refundable deposit/incremental payment of the tour price required **120 days (±4 months) prior to departure**
- **100%** non-refundable deposit/incremental payment of the tour price required **60 days (±2 months) prior to departure**