



African Rail Adventure

16-days from only £7,795 per person

Our brand-new 16-day African Rail Adventure is the perfect holiday for anyone looking to combine exploration and excitement with the romance of railways.

Step aboard Rovos Rail, 'the most luxurious train in the world' and be transported to a bygone era of travel, where ever-changing landscapes unfold beyond the windows of the elegant wood-panelled carriages. Adventure-filled days give way to convivial evenings as the striking of a gong heralds dinner and the sounds of chatter fill the air:

Our two-week odyssey between Pretoria and Victoria Falls traverses South Africa, Mozambique, the Kingdom of eSwatini and Zimbabwe; four unique countries which offer up diverse landscapes, fascinating histories and a plethora of wildlife. See some of Africa's most celebrated game viewing national parks as we go in search of the Big Five during excellent off-train excursions.

As always, when travelling with Distant Journeys we see all the well-known highlights including Victoria Falls and Kruger and Hwange National Parks. We also explore lesser-known gems such as the Great Zimbabwe Monuments and Matobo National Park. On board Rovos, all meals and selected drinks are included.

Discover the joy of train travel and join Distant Journeys on this wonderful journey of African exploration.



Your holiday includes

Flights with award-winning scheduled airlines

- Return economy class flights
- Fly British Airways from London Heathrow, Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen or Belfast City Airport
- All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- UK Air Passenger Duty

Carefully selected hotels

- First class hotels in Pretoria and Victoria Falls
- All hotel portage
- Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals

- Daily breakfast

All-inclusive on the Rovos Rail

- 11-nights onboard Rovos Rail
- All meals on board
- Selected alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, on board

Unforgettable experiences

- Sightseeing tours in Victoria Falls, Great Zimbabwe Monument, eSwatini (Swaziland), Maputo, Soweto and Pretoria
- Sunset River Cruise at Victoria Falls
- Game drives in Hwange National Park, Kapama Private Game Reserve and Kruger National Park
- Explore the unique history of Matobo National Park
- Discover Antelope Park
- Tour the scenic Panorama Route

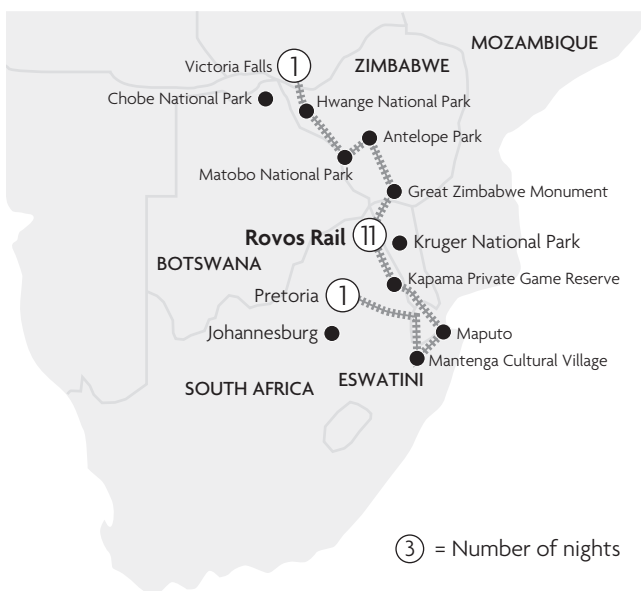
On the ground

- All overseas transfers

100% confidence

- Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- Your holiday is covered by our Covid Guarantee*
- Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

* For more information on our Price Promise and Covid Guarantee, please see our Terms & Conditions on pages 60-63.





Rovos Rail



Zambezi River

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Days 1 to 5: UK - Victoria Falls - Hwange N.P. - Matobo N.P.

Day 1: Depart UK

Depart from London Heathrow with British Airways. Connecting flights to London Heathrow from Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen or Belfast City are available at no extra cost. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 2: Victoria Falls, Overnight

Our flights to Victoria Falls are via Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Victoria Falls, our waiting coach will take us to the delightful Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls. The remainder of the day is ours to relax in the beautiful surroundings of our hotel. Later, we enjoy a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, where we hopefully catch a glimpse of the crocodiles, hippos and elephants which live along this beautiful river. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 3: Victoria Falls

Following breakfast, we transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, where we complete our check-in formalities for Rovos Rail and meet fellow guests for our forthcoming rail adventure. We enjoy a walking tour of Victoria Falls town followed by a visit to the spectacular Victoria Falls. This awe-inspiring natural wonder, made up of five separate waterfalls, spans 1.7km across Zimbabwe and Zambia. Later, we return to the Victoria Falls Hotel, before boarding our waiting train. Settle into our sumptuous accommodation as our journey on the 'most luxurious train in the world' begins. After donning our finest attire, enjoy exquisite cuisine accompanied by fine South African wines in the elegant surroundings of the dining car before retiring to our cosy suite. **Breakfast lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 4: Hwange National Park

Enjoy an early breakfast in the dining car prior to today's exploration of the spectacular Hwange National Park. The park is Zimbabwe's largest national park, boasting the highest diversity of mammals of any National Park in Africa and is an excellent introduction to our first safari - get your cameras to the ready! Following our full day of game viewing we return to our waiting train where we can share stories of today's adventure. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 5: Matobo National Park

Located in southwest Zimbabwe, Matobo National Park is best known for the Matobo Hills, a region of spectacular granite rock formations created around two billion years ago! It is at Matobo Hills that Cecil John Rhodes is buried in a granite tomb overlooking the beautiful Matopos region. His resting place is aptly named 'World's View' and it was personally chosen as he loved the view from the top of the outcrop. The park is also home to many animals including endangered black and white rhinos and birds such as the black eagle. We also visit bushman's cave to view its impressive rock paintings and carvings. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**



Zebra

Days 6 to 10: Antelope Park - Great Zimbabwe Monument - Limpopo - Kapama Private Game Reserve - eSwatini

Day 6: Antelope Park

After a restful night's sleep and a sumptuous breakfast, we spend our day in Antelope Park - home to many species of animals and birds, as well as the African Lion and Environmental Research Trust (ALERT), which introduces the offspring of lions bred in captivity back into the wild. During our free time, there is a selection of optional activities available including canoeing, bird-watching cruises, game drives and elephant interaction to make our visit here even more memorable. Back on board Rovos, enjoy a cocktail in the lounge as we await the call of the evening gong. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 7: Great Zimbabwe Monument

Today, we travel to the Great Zimbabwe Monument, an imposing former city, built between the 11th and 15th century, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We explore the remains of this ancient city as we learn about the history of the Rozwi people who lived here. We return to the train late in the afternoon. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 8: Limpopo Province

A leisurely day to relax and unwind onboard, as we leave Zimbabwe behind and traverse the Limpopo Province. From the comfort and convenience of the train, we enjoy the beautiful scenery of the province including semi-desert, bush, tropical forests and spectacular mountains. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 9: Kapama Private Game Reserve

We depart early for our game drive in the Kapama Private Game Reserve. Situated in South Africa's province of Limpopo, and spanning over 15,000 hectares of African bush, over 40 different species of mammals, including the Big Five, and 350 species of bird can be found here, in their natural habitat. We round off our morning with a visit to the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. This unique African wildlife facility focuses on conservation and sustainability of rare, vulnerable and threatened species. We return to our train where we spend an afternoon relaxing and enjoying the elegant and atmospheric surroundings onboard one of the finest trains in the world. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 10: eSwatini

A day of discovery in the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning "place of the Swazi") lies ahead. Our first stop is Swazi Candles, where we have the opportunity to see beautiful candle-making alongside wood carvings, textiles and basketwork from local craftspeople and artists. We continue to Mantenga Cultural Village for an insight into the Swazi way of life and its traditions dating back to the 1800s. This living museum has a number of fascinating traditional artefacts on display. Lunch is taken at Mantenga Lodge before we return to the comfortable surrounds of our waiting train. Take time to relax in the lounge with a refreshing cocktail, or witness the ever-changing landscapes from the observation car. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**



Victoria Falls

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Days 11 to 13: Maputo - Kruger National Park - Panorama Route

Day 11: Maputo

We awake to find ourselves in Mozambique, on Africa's east coast. With a heady mix of African, Portuguese and early colonial architecture, Maputo is the country's capital and a city of contrasts. Enjoy a tour of the city and discover the influences of Maputo's past as we explore the Catholic churches, Victorian mansions and mosques sitting side by side. We take lunch in Maputo and return to the train later in the afternoon. Enjoy high tea in the comfortable lounge or observation cars as we journey towards the South African border. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 12: Kruger National Park

Tour Highlight

An exciting day lies ahead with a visit to one of South Africa's biggest and most well-known safari areas, Kruger National Park. Following an early breakfast, we head into the park for a full day safari. Home to the Big Five - leopard, lion, rhino, buffalo and elephant, we hope to spot these magnificent creatures alongside cheetah, hippo, zebra and a vast array of other mammals, reptiles and birds that can be found in the park. After an exhilarating day on safari, we return to the comfort of our train, where the friendly staff will greet us with a glass of sparkling wine and a refreshing cold towel. Following dinner, retire to the Lounge Car, with its elegant wing back chairs and comfy sofas, for a nightcap and recall the highlights of the day with your fellow passengers. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

Day 13: Panorama Route

Enjoy breakfast in the dining car prior to today's exploration of the spectacular Panorama Route. Beginning our day at Pilgrim's Rest, we visit the area where gold was discovered in 1873. Once a lively town full of prospectors, Pilgrim's Rest has been wonderfully preserved. Next on our route is Bourke's Luck Potholes, in the Blyde River Canyon. Viewed via bridges and walkways, these wonderful geological cavities were formed by eddy erosion from the Blyde and Treur Rivers. Our lunch stop is in Graskop, where we descend in a viewing lift to the forest, taking in the spectacular views of the gorge as we go. Once in the forest, wooden walkways will guide us along a 600 metre trail. We return to the train for our final night onboard. Once the traditional evening dinner gong is struck throughout the carriages for the final time, enjoy and reflect on some of the most incredible experiences of the past week and a half, over a wonderful dinner accompanied with fine wines and, of course, new-found friends. **Breakfast and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**





Kruger National Park



Mantenga Cultural Village

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Days 14 to 16: Pretoria - Johannesburg - UK

Day 14: Pretoria and Soweto

Our final day onboard sees us join the eastern line, built by the Dutch railway building company, NZASM between 1893 to 1895. Spend the day revelling in the comfort of the train as we watch the landscape pass by. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Our train rolls in to Rovos Rail's private railway station in Pretoria in the early evening, bringing an end to our spectacular rail journey. Our waiting guide will transfer us to the delightful Irene Country Lodge, for our final night. **Breakfast included**

Day 15: Depart Johannesburg

Following our spectacular journey traversing the African continent aboard the elegant Rovos Rail, we travel to the airport this evening for our flight to London. Heathrow departs this evening. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 16: Arrive UK

We arrive into London Heathrow this morning. Flights to London Heathrow are direct. For regional UK airports, flights will connect via London Heathrow. After 16 fabulous days, our African Rail Adventure comes to an end. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Holiday Extension

from only £1,245 per person

Chobe National Park is a relatively short drive from Victoria Falls, and with its massive population of elephants, herds of buffalo and incredible birdlife, our African Rail Adventure offers the perfect opportunity to add another wonderful safari experience.



Chobe National Park

Three nights from only £1,245 per person

Your Chobe National Park extensions includes all transfers, three nights' accommodation with daily breakfast at the Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge, two dinners, two cruises on the Chobe River, two safaris in Chobe National Park and the services of a local guide.

Please see page 48 of our brochure or our website for more details on this Holiday Extensions.