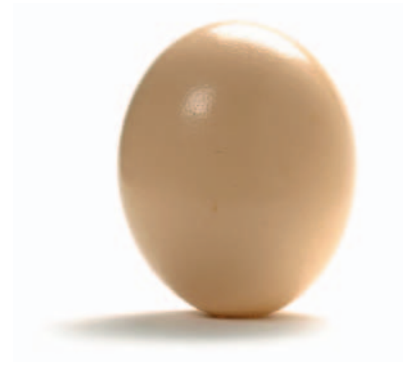


South Africa Luxury Rail Travel

The most popular route on both Rovos Rail and the Blue Train is the Cape Town to Pretoria route, and vice versa. Both trains provide the ultimate in luxury rail travel and an experience not to be missed.



PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN & VICE VERSA



Rovos Rail has earned a reputation for classic journeys lasting 24 hours to a fortnight, linking some of Africa's greatest destinations - Cape Town and Dar-es-Salaam, game reserves and Victoria Falls, Namibia and the Karoo, the Garden Route and Swaziland. In 2008 they will be running their very first Cape to Cairo journey – a legendary 34-day adventure. Please contact us for details.

On board The Trains

The fully air-conditioned Blue Train accommodates 74 - 82 guests, and has two lounges and a club car which are meeting places for drinks, high tea or to watch the screen which provides a drivers-eye-view of the track ahead. Cuisine aboard the train features South African delicacies complemented by fine South African wines. The Deluxe suites feature either twin beds with a shower, or double beds with a bathtub and handheld shower. The luxury suites are a metre larger, and these twin or double-bedded suites have baths only and also a choice of radio and movie channels with a private digital entertainment centre and a selection of music CDs and movies on DVD.

The Rovos Rail trains carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites. The remodelled wood-panelled coaches allow you to recapture the atmosphere of a bygone era.

Enjoy fine cuisine and Cape wines in luxury. Traditional furnishings and period décor ensure an atmosphere of elegance in the dining, lounge and Observation cars. Each spacious air-conditioned suite has a private bathroom, bar fridge, writing desk, personal safe and seating. Room service is available 24 hours a day. The Royal Suites, each of which take up half a carriage, each have their own private lounge area and full bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower. The Deluxe suites also accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower. The new 'Pullman' suites have an identical bathroom to that of the deluxe suites, the bedroom is smaller with a one up / one down bunk for twin requirements or a double bed for couples. During the day this is converted into a comfortable couch

Pre-departure

Rovos Rail has its own railway station, the rebuilt Capital Park Station and locomotive yard in Pretoria, which is the headquarters of this private railway company and a departure lounge in Cape Town. The Blue Train has exclusive lounges at both Cape Town and Pretoria railway stations.

The Journey

The route between Pretoria and Cape Town is a 27-hour (Blue Train) or 48-hour (Rovos Rail) journey of 1 600 kilometres (994 miles), through some of the most diverse and spectacular scenery on the continent - the gold-rich Highveld, Kimberley, the Great Karoo desert and the spectacular mountain ranges of the Cape. The trains may stop at the famous diamond town of Kimberley where guests can explore the Diamond Museum and the Big Hole, the biggest man-made hole in the world, or at the historic town of Matjiesfontein.