



SOUTH AFRICA

DURBAN SAFARI: DURBAN TO PRETORIA (TOUR CODE: 12528)

STARTS AND ENDS

Durban to
Pretoria

TRAVEL PERIODS

02 Feb 26 - 16 Nov 26

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Summer safari from Pretoria to Durban includes game drives, battlefield history, Ardmore Ceramics, and Nambiti Conservancy's malaria-free bushveld.

Highlights

- Discover vibrant ceramic art inspired by Zulu folklore and nature at this celebrated local gallery
- Choose between a historic battlefield tour recounting the Battle of Spionkop with sweeping views over the reserve, or a nature drive through the lodge's private game reserve
- Enjoy an exhilarating game drive in the Nambiti Private Reserve, set amid 20,000 acres of diverse bushveld teeming with wildlife and birdlife

This summer safari from Durban to Pretoria features thrilling game drives in the malaria-free Nambiti Conservancy, home to the Big Five. Explore the region from Spionkop Lodge, situated on a vast game farm adjoining an 11,000-acre nature reserve. Discover the vibrant artistry of Ardmore Ceramics, inspired by Zulu culture, in KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

Also available in reverse direction.



INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation onboard Rovos Rail
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages except champagne
- 24-Hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-Train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1 Depart Durban and visit Ardmore Ceramics Gallery

Depart Durban Station, traveling through the scenic Valley of a Thousand Hills. Freshen up in your suite before lunch in the dining cars. Visit the renowned Ardmore Ceramics Gallery, where artists draw inspiration from nature and Zulu folklore.

Dinner is served as the train journeys toward Ladysmith. Along the route, see the memorial to Winston Churchill near Frere, where he was captured during the Boer War.

Overnight on board **Rovos Rail**

Lunch, Dinner



Day 2

Spionkop & Nambiti

After breakfast, transfer to Spionkop Lodge for a morning of choice: explore the historic Battle of Spionkop site or enjoy a nature drive in the 11,000-acre reserve. Return to the train for lunch while passing the dramatic Drakensberg Mountains. In the afternoon, experience a game drive in Nambiti Reserve, a malaria-free Big Five bushveld sanctuary. Dinner is served en route to Vooruitsig.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3

Arrival into Pretoria

Breakfast is served until mid-morning as the train travels across the gold-rich Witwatersrand and Highveld, passing mining towns like Balfour and Heidelberg. Enjoy lunch onboard before arriving at the journey's end, Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria.

Breakfast, Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Rovos Rail

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Enjoy the extravagant elegance of rail travel on Rovos Rail, one of the most luxurious trains in the world, combining the opulence of pre-war travel with subtle modern innovations.

The wood-panelled sleeper coaches, remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, offer every modern convenience and comfort with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

The Pullmans, used on our short journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites have a comfortable sofa-seat with a conversion to double or twin beds (side-by-side or upper and lower bunks) for the evening. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

Suite configurations are subject to availability. Suite layouts may differ from images.



- Double or twin beds
- Upper and/or lower bunk

- Daytime sofa setting
- En-suite with shower, toilet and basin
- Fold-up writing desk
- Luggage shelf
- Cupboards
- Safe
- Air conditioning
- Tea facilities
- Bespoke amenities
- Robes and slippers
- Hairdryer (fixed or plug-in)
- Shaver plugs (2-pin)
- USB ports
- Safety glasses
- Emergency torch
- Fire extinguisher
- Laundry bag
- Shoe bag
- Internal telephone system
- Room service

Room Upgrades

Deluxe Suite

The Deluxes accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds and have their own lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

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Royal Suites

The Royals each take up half a carriage with their own private lounge area and en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath, separate shower, toilet and basin. They accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds. A dedicated host/ess is always available and services the suites daily.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.

2026 Departure dates:

- January (no departures)
- February 2
- March 9
- April 13
- May - August (no departures)
- September 21
- October 5
- November 16
- December (no departures)

Excluded

- Onboard: champagne, gratuities, personal expenses, pre & post tour transfers and accommodation
- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package