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10 Days – ROVOS RAIL – African Collage For Leisure Guests & Golfers

The Most Luxurious Train in the World



10/11 DAYS • 3700km

This panoramic sojourn winds its way from Pretoria to Cape Town and includes a golfing and non-golfing itinerary. After a game drive in Kruger Park* guests travel through eSwatini to Hluhluwe for game viewing and along the coast to Durban* for a city tour. Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Spionkop Lodge*, the perfect base for exploring the mountains, bush, birds and battlefields of the region. Continue to Port Elizabeth* for a game drive at Addo Elephant Park then on to Oudtshoorn for an ostrich-farm visit followed by an impressive descent through the Outeniqua Mountains to George*. After visiting the natural paradise of Knysna*, the train traverses the spectacular Garden Route to the winelands and Cape mountains before this magnificent expedition ends in Cape Town. Available in reverse. **Cape Town-Pretoria is 11 days including eSwatini* – see itinerary.**

**Courses dependent on availability: Leopard Creek/White River/Mbombela, Nkonyeni, Durban Country Club/Beachwood/Zimbali, Champagne Sports Resort, Humewood, Fancourt and Ernie Els Oubaai.*

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGDz3zH8Gig>

HIGHLIGHTS

- Addo Elephant Park game drive
- Cape Town
- Journey through the Cape Winelands
- Play the African Collage courses
- Drakensberg Mountains
- Durban tour
- Durban Botanic Gardens tour
- Travel along the Garden Route
- Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park game drive
- Traverse the Karoo
- Boat cruise on the Knysna lagoon
- Kruger Park game drive
- Mantenga Cultural Village visit
- Oudtshoorn ostrich farm tour
- Traverse the Outeniqua Mountains
- Outeniqua Transport Museum (optional)
- Port Elizabeth tour (northbound only)
- Pretoria
- Hear the historic tale of Spionkop
- Spionkop Reserve game drive
- Traverse eSwatini
- Swazi Candles visit
- Trundle through the Valley of a 1000 Hills

ITINERARY

***LEISURE GUESTS**

****GOLFERS**

DAY 1: CAPE TOWN

09:30 Depart from Cape Town Station. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car.

Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. It will be returned to you before the end of the trip.

13:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Western Cape.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Voorbaai. *Dress: Formal*

***DAY 2: KNYSNA**

06:30 Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

08:30 Disembark in George for the scenic drive (±60 min) to **Knysna**. Enjoy a **ferry ride** on the lagoon with lunch before returning to the train.

15:30 Optional shuttle to mall OR railway museum.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

18:15 Transfer to **Fancourt** for dinner. *Dress: Smart Casual*

****DAY 2: FANCOURT/ERNIE ELS OUBAAI**

Please pack clothes for dinner at Fancourt.

06:30 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to **Fancourt Golf Estate** (±15 min) OR Ernie Els Oubaai (±30 min) for tee off and lunch. Time at leisure to freshen up.

18:30 Join the leisure guests for dinner at Fancourt. *Dress: Smart Casual*

In the morning, the train travels the Garden Route, a narrow coastal terrace lying between the deep-set coastal cliffs rising sheer out of the sea and the mountains a short distance inland – a topology that facilitates for heavy rainfall, hence the name as it is always lush and green. George and Knysna sit between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The Knysna Heads – two sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon connecting the estuary with the sea – is a dramatic viewpoint.

***DAY 3: OUDTSHOORN**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

10:00 Enjoy a visit to an **ostrich farm** in Oudtshoorn.

12:00 Return to the train.

13:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Port Elizabeth. *Dress: Formal*

****DAY 3: ERNIE ELS OUBAAI/FANCOURT**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to **Ernie Els Oubaai** (±30 min) OR **Fancourt Estate** (±15 min) for tee off and lunch. Enjoy the scenic drive (60 min) to Oudtshoorn. Late lunch is served in the dining cars.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

This semi-desert region is situated at the foot of the majestic Swartberg mountain range where many rivers, streams and falls have their origins. Oudtshoorn is regarded as the centre of the Klein Karoo and is famous for feathering the world in the time of the boa and grand hats. The ostrich boom of the early 20th century turned out many millionaires who, in turn, created elaborate lifestyles in this remote part of Africa.

***DAY 4: ADDO**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars

10:00 Enjoy a tour of **Port Elizabeth**.

13:00 Depart for Coerney. Lunch is served.

14:30 **Game drive** at **Addo Elephant Park**, South Africa's third largest national reserve stretching from the semi-arid Karoo, over the Zuurberg Mountains and down through the Sundays River valley to the coast. The park is home to one of the densest African Elephant populations on earth – roughly 600.

19:30. Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

****DAY 4: HUMEWOOD**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

15:30 Transfer (±15 min) to **Humewood Golf Course** for tee off and lunch. Enjoy the scenic drive (±75 min) over the Zuurberg Mountains to Coerney to rejoin the train. The observation car will be at the front of the train until tomorrow afternoon – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 5: AT LEISURE ON BOARD

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

13:00 Lunch is served. Traverse the **Karoo**, a vast and beautiful semi-desert stretching across the great South African plateau inland from the Cape coast with scattered towns and villages. Ascend the **Great Escarpment** and cross the dry southeastern region with its variety of grasses, hardy shrubs, tumbleweeds and succulents.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. The train is turned in Kroonstad.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Ladysmith. *Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual*

The **Drakensberg Mountains** were first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon's back, hence the name 'Dragon Mountain' or Drakensberg in Afrikaans.

***DAY 6: SPIONKOP**

06:00 Breakfast is served until departure.

09:00 Transfer (±30 min) to **Spionkop Lodge** to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi.

12:45 Enjoy lunch at the lodge.

14:00 Afternoon **game drive** in the 11 000-acre reserve OR relax at the lodge.

16:00 Return to the train. Depart for Estcourt.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

****DAY 6: CHAMPAGNE SPORTS**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer (±75 min) to **Champagne Sports Resort** for tee off and lunch.

16:15 Return (±45 min) to the train at Estcourt. Shortly after Chieveley, on the right of the track, stands a memorial to Winston Churchill who was captured here in November 1899 while trying to free an armoured train trapped by a Boer ambush.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Pietermaritzburg. *Dress: Formal*

***DAY 7: DURBAN**

06:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Traverse the **Valley of a Thousand Hills**.

09:00 Enjoy a **Durban** city tour, a visit to the **botanical gardens** and lunch at **Umhlanga's beachfront** with an afternoon at leisure. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

****DAY 7: DURBAN/BEACHWOOD/ZIMBALI**

05:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Enjoy the scenic drive through the **Valley of a Thousand Hills** to **Durban Country Club** (±75 min) OR **Beachwood** (±75 min) OR **Zimbali** (±90 min) for tee off and lunch. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 8: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK BORDER: GOLELA, SOUTH AFRICA / MPAKA, ESWATINI

05:00 Continental breakfast is served until departure.

06:00 Transfer (± 30 min) to **Hluhluwe** for a **game drive**. As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe consists 960km² of hilly topography in central Zululand and is known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. It is the only state-run park in KwaZulu-Natal with all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination.

12:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards eSwatini. Border formalities take place.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mpaka. *Dress: Formal*

***DAY 9: ESWATINI**

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

08:30 Transfer (± 90 min) to Swazi Candles and Mantenga Cultural Village for a visit with lunch.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

Border formalities with South Africa.

****DAY 9: NKONYENI**

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to **Nkonyeni** for tee off and lunch.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

Border formalities with South Africa.

The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km², most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning "place of the Swazi") and is an absolute monarchy. It is landlocked and borders South Africa and Mozambique. At Swazi Candles, guests are invited to interact with the artisans as they make a variety of candles. Woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork are also on display. Mantenga Lodge is nestled in the mountains overlooking 'Execution Rock'. The village is a living museum of old traditions that represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the 1850s.

***DAY 10: KRUGER PARK**

05:30 Breakfast is served in the dining cars

06:30 **Game drive** in the **Kruger National Park** with tea, lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.

15:00 Return to the train.

16:30 Tea in the lounge and observation cars. The train travels west across the **Drakensberg Mountains**.

19:30 Dinner is served. *Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual*

****DAY 10: LEOPARD CREEK/WHITE RIVER/NELSPRUIT**

05:30 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to **Leopard Creek** (±15 min) OR **White River Country Club** (±75 min) OR **Nelspruit** (±60 min) for tee off and lunch.

15:00 Return to the train.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 Dinner is served. *Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual*

The famous Kruger Park (2-million hectares) is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and home to an impressive number of species, e.g. 336 species of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 species of amphibians, 114 species of reptiles, 507 species of birds and 147 species of mammals including the Big Five.

DAY 11: PRETORIA

Please ensure your luggage is ready for collection at 16:45 and that you have your passport.

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00 as the train climbs the spectacular escarpment.

13:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

17:00 Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.

End of Journey – Bon Voyage!

Golf Course Information

LEOPARD CREEK Kruger Park Malelane • Parklands • 6 631m • Carts compulsory • www.leopardcreek.co.za This ultra-exclusive world-class facility is the brainchild of magnate Johan Rupert and, as can be expected, no expense was spared. Bordered to the north and the west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park, the course represents African golf at its best with indigenous bushveld bordering the immaculate fairways and greens. Innovative architectural and landscaping techniques ensure the

course is naturally protected from animals, while lakes and small streams divert through the development to create scenic vistas and interesting golf strategies. Hazards take a new dimension for much of the water is home to the magnificent creatures for which the river is named...crocodiles. Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 505m Here the green is right on the edge of the river but 32m above the water level offering magnificent views into the Kruger Park.

WHITE RIVER Nelspruit • Parklands • 6 036m • Carts available • www.whiterivercountryclub.co.za Naturally adapted to the valley floor upon which it lies, White River is located at the feet of several private nature reserves. Such is the beauty of the course that holes 7 and 11 have been compared to the likes of Augusta. Opened in 1924, it was designed by Gary Player and Reg Taylor. The long, snaking river that runs through the course is the defining feature and is home to an astounding array of flora and fauna. Signature hole: 5th - par 3 - 138m: This hole calls for an accurate tee shot over the river onto a gently sloping green.

NELSPRUIT GOLF CLUB Nelspruit • Parklands • 5 700m • Carts available • www.nelspruitgolfclub.co.za Nelspruit lies in the fertile valley of the Crocodile River in the hot and humid Lowveld. It has a very important place on the tourist map due to its close proximity to the Kruger National Park. Founded in November 1928 and moved to its present location in 1939, Nelspruit Golf Club is one of Mpumalanga's top courses. The bushveld course is a Bob Grimsdell design built among rocky outcrops. It was a nine-holer for nearly 30 years before Grimsdell returned to complete a second nine in 1967. It was left largely untouched until 1998 when Peter Matcovich upgraded it. The course is lined with indigenous lowveld trees and bent grass greens and cynoden/kikuyu fairways complement the landscape. Nelspruit Golf Club is famous for hosting the annual Jock of the Bushveld Festival of Golf, considered the biggest amateur tournament of its kind in the world. Started in 1968, it now receives some 800 amateurs from far and wide who play more than 2 000 rounds during a week in May.

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB Durban • Semi-links • 6 157m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za Built by George Waterman and fellow professional golfer Laurie Waters, the Durban Country Club was established in 1922 and has a proud history. The difficulties these men faced were immense as all earth-moving had to be done manually, giant sand dunes were flattened and dense bush and trees chopped down and carted away. Renowned for its classic Cape Dutch architecture, lush vegetation, undulating fairways, sand dunes and beautiful setting overlooking the Indian Ocean, the club has been the venue of choice for many an important celebration in its rich history. Signature Hole: 3rd - par 5 - 468m A tee shot from the highest point on the course into a valley below, completely exposing the drive to the ocean gusts. Trees on the right of the straightaway hole need to be avoided as well as the large fairway bunker on the landing area to the left.

DURBAN BEACHWOOD Durban • Semi-links • 6 016m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za The seaside layout of Beachwood has deservedly received accolades for its immaculate conditioning. Originally designed by Sid & Jack Brews in 1930, it has always been famed for its narrow fairways and indigenous trees. When Beachwood amalgamated with Durban Country Club in the late 1990s, Gary Player's design team was asked to upgrade and redesign some of the holes while introducing additional hazards. The results are to be savoured as one plays a course with clever bunkering and water features with superb greens. The land follows rolling and undulating contours allowing fairways to follow natural valleys between high grassy banks, requiring precision shots and lay-ups. Signature Hole: 6th - par 4 - 410m. One of the most demanding holes, the 6th is set high in the dunes and doglegs left with a stream, bush and water hazard to be negotiated en route to the green.

ZIMBALI North Coast KwaZulu-Natal • Links Coastal & Parklands • 6 524m • Carts compulsory • www.zimbalicc.co.za A truly spectacular golf estate offering sweeping panoramas of the surrounding hills, forest and ocean. Former South African PGA and British Open Champion Tom Weiskopf has remained true to his style and designed a course that caters to players of all abilities. Opened in 1998 it has firmly cemented itself as one of the area's favourites. Being an ecoconscious estate, the tee boxes are often situated in slightly tricky positions to avoid environmental disturbances. The first 11 holes take you over rolling hills with ideal vantage points from which to enjoy the magnificent views. Holes 12 to 18 explore the Zimbali indigenous forest.

CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT Drakensberg • Mountain • 7 400m • Carts available • www.champagnesportsresort.com Located in the beautiful Drakensberg area, this course has to be rated as one of the most scenically memorable golf layouts in South Africa. Designed by Hugh Baiocchi and Kevin Curren, it successfully blends the natural attributes of the terrain and the surrounding beauty with the modern demands of a quality course. It undulates up and around the contours of a valley that nestles under the dominant peaks of Champagne and Cathkin Peaks and incorporates several holes with blind tee shots. Professional and novice alike will appreciate the 84 well-appointed bunkers that line the fairways and greens. The quality of the greens is accredited to Trevor Livesey whose passion remains unabated. Though the drama of the mighty mountains dominates the eye, the course also enjoys gentle vistas where the lower hills create a kaleidoscope of colour blessed with trees, rivers and dams to add even more of a challenge.

HUMEWOOD Port Elizabeth • Links • 6 225m • Walking course • www.humewoodgolf.co.za Situated on the sand dunes on the shores of Algoa Bay, this true links course is characterised by thick coastal bush, swales, humps and hollows. Although the fairways are wide and undulating in order to compensate for the strong winds, the rough that borders them is unforgiving. The holes are simple yet neat, the gulf greens are fast and firm, the few bunkers are well positioned with tough, steep faces and there are no water hazards. Signature hole: 13th - par 4 - 408m This hole runs uphill along a

severely sloped fairway with a tough semi-blind approach to a tiny green hidden behind a mound with rough to the right, a bunker to the left and thick bush behind it.

OUBAAI GOLF CLUB Herold's Bay • Links • 6 516m • Carts available • www.oubaai.co.za In designing Oubaai, Ernie Els and his team have taken full advantage of the spectacular landscape with the support of Nicklaus Design. The philosophy is based on flexibility where concepts are moulded according to the landscape, not vice versa. With its special cliff-side location and high vantage point above rivers and valleys, the initial impression will be of large open fairways, superb directional and protective bunkers and large undulating greens, but be assured that despite the seeming freedom off the tee there is a strategy that requires intelligent positioning of each shot. Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 132m With an elevated tee and breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean, the ever-changing winds and undulating green guarded by four bunkers make this a tough little hole.

FANCOURT COUNTRY CLUB George • 2 Parkland • Carts available • www.fancourt.co.za

1. **MONTAGU** • 6 714m • This course is exquisitely conditioned with a glorious parkland layout covering large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. Mature trees, flowerbeds, shrubs and water hazards provide a colourful contrast. Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 190m This is scary for the average golfer with its long carry over water but the green is large and receptive so ignore it and go for the flag. If conservative, favour the left side of the green.
2. **OUTENIQUA** • 6 312m • Named after the mountain range overlooking the area, this parklands course is regarded as the easier one being more open in appearance yet it has its share of challenges and risk-and-reward moments. Signature hole: 14th - par 4 - 421m No surprise this is the toughest hole with its intimidating tee shot over water. If the flag is on the left of the green, play conservatively for the middle as there is water lurking at the back left.

PEZULA Knysna • Links and Parklands • 5 963m • Carts available • www.pezulagolf.com Pezula is a sweeping spectacle of fairways and greens rolling through the pristine Southern Cape landscape. The awardwinning course, designed by David Dale and Ronald Fream of GolfPlan USA, rates amongst the best and the most scenic in the world. Covering 254 hectares on the Knysna clifftops, Pezula has views of both the Knysna Lagoon and the Indian Ocean. It is designed to include a full range of shots in a diverse coastal terrain making it a challenging, rewarding and complete golf experience for players of all levels. Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 467m This amazing hole drops 200ft and is measured in 'airtime'. Your level or uneven lie will determine your second shot selection. Don't forget to look back to the tee when you finish the hole.

DRESS CODE Acceptable clothing: • Shirts with collars and sleeves must be tucked in • Traditional long or short golf trousers • Short trousers with knee-length stockings or short white socks • Ladies skirts or culottes must be knee-

length • Golf hats or peaks worn with peak forward • Golf shoes with soft spikes (most clubs)

Not acceptable: • T-shirts, vests or sleeveless shirts • Denim jeans • Sweatpants or cargo pants • Drawstring shorts • Shoes without socks • Cross-trainer sports shoes

What is Included

- Accommodation
- All meals: Breakfast 07:00 – 10:00, Lunch 13:00, Tea 16:30, Dinner 19:00
- All beverages
- Room service
- Limited Laundry
- Excursions with qualified guide (where applicable)
- Golf activities (green fees, carts, halfway house)
- Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Government Tax

What is excluded

- International/French Champagne
- Gratuities
- Off-train beverages
- Personal Expenses
- Visas
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Pre- and Post-Tour transfers, accommodation and flights
- Any other service not mentioned

Costs 2022



ROYAL SUITES – Around 16m² / Double Bed 200x189 / Split Twin 200x75

Minibar, air conditioning, writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin, bath and shower

Price: € 11,333 / ZAR 194,000 per person sharing



DELUX SUITES – Around 10m2 / Double Bed Lengthways 189x189 and Double Crosswise 189x160 / Split Twin 189x75

Minibar, air conditioning, writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin and shower

Price: € 8,528 / ZAR 146,000 per person sharing



PULLMAN SUITES – Around 7m2 / Double Bed 189x150 / Side-by-Side Twin 189x75 / Single Lower 189x94 / Single Upper 189x60

Tea drawer, air conditioning, fold-out writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin and shower

Price: € 5,812 / ZAR 99,500 per person sharing

Journey Dates:

- 20 – 29 May 2022

- 26 October – 4 November 2022

Notes

- Single Supplement +50%
- Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Train Manager or reservations@rovos.co.za for any updates or changes to the itinerary. In your suite you will find the Journeys magazine that features articles of interest related to the route
- 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.
- Check-in: A minimum of one hour before departure
- Booking: A 25% deposit is required and final payment of 85% 65 Days before departure.
- Booking: 64 Days or less 100% payment is due.
- Cancellation Fees: 365-91 Days before travel date – 10%, 90 to 60 Days before travel date – 25%, 60 to 31 Days before travel date 50%, 30 to 0 Days before travel date 100%
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