

THE BLUE TRAIN

Cape Town to Pretoria
South Africa

3 day luxury rail journey
(luxury suite)

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AFRICA**

**TRAVEL WITH
EXPERIENCE**

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Cost includes:

- accommodation in a deluxe suite
- all meals and snacks
- local brand drinks
- tour of Kimberley Open Mine Museum and view of the 'big hole'

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- some premium drinks
- tips and portorage
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature.

FI - fully inclusive of all meals, local brand drinks and the Kimberley day excursion

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Accommodation: luxury suite

Product code: BLULUX

Departs: selected Thursdays and Saturdays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Cape Town - The Blue Train

Day 2: South Africa, northbound journey - The Blue Train

Day 3: South Africa, Pretoria - The Blue Train

Our Tracks and Trails package combines the Blue Train and southern Africa's popular highlights. Spend three nights at a safari game park in the Greater Kruger region and enjoy excellent game viewing, followed by three nights in cosmopolitan Cape Town with day excursions included, then board the Blue Train and journey to Pretoria. From here make your way to Victoria Falls for three nights where you tour the mighty Falls, enjoy a sunset cruise and a cultural barbeque buffet dinner.

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Guests are accommodated in spacious suites which include all the modern facilities of a leading hotel combined with the character and opulence of colonial rail travel. Each suite has a bath or shower, television, telephone and air-conditioning. Luxury suites are either twin or double-bed suites with deep long baths for luxuriant soaking. Sleeping carriages are interspersed with wood-panelled lounge and club cars where guests relax as spectacular scenery fills the large viewing windows. When night falls the train transforms into a fine dining restaurant. Guests dress for a dinner of perfectly prepared delicacies complemented with South Africa's finest wines. This iconic trip is a 'must do' for anyone wishing to experience true South African hospitality combined with a rail journey showcasing the country's dramatic scenery.

Day 1: Cape Town

12:30 pm Registration starts in The Blue Train Lounge at Cape Town Station
Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks
1:15 pm Boarding commences with a personalised suite orientation by your butler
2:00 pm Train departs Cape Town
4:00 pm High tea is served in the lounge
6:30 pm Dinner is served (first sitting)
8:15 pm Dinner is served (second sitting)

Day 2: Travelling northbound

6:00 am Breakfast is served on a first come first served basis until 9:00 am
11:30 am Lunch is served (first sitting)
1:30 pm Lunch is served (second sitting)
2:00 pm Arrive at Kimberley rail station where guests are transferred to excursion transport
3:00 pm Tour the Kimberley Open Mine Museum and view the 'big hole'
5:00 pm Return to Kimberley Station where guests are greeted with a glass of sherry
6:30 pm Depart Kimberley Station. Enjoy aperitifs served in one of the train's lounges
6:30 pm Dinner is served (first sitting)
8:15 pm Dinner is served (second sitting)

Day 3: Pretoria

6:30 am Breakfast is served on a first come first served basis until 10:30 am
12:00 pm Arrival at Pretoria Station (arrival time is approximate)

The above itinerary is subject to change.





The experience

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Luxury suites

The luxury suites extend your personal domain by more than a metre and the twin or double-bed suites offer deep long baths for slow, luxuriant soaking. The suites extend the choice of radio and movie channels even further by including a private digital entertainment centre and an inviting selection of music CDs and big-screen movies on DVD.

Lounge and club cars

Linking the private suites of the Blue Train are two wood-panelled cars - the lounge and club cars. The elegant lounges are ideally positioned for an aperitif, an interlude between meals or an after-dinner conversation over coffee or Cognac. Smoking is allowed in the burnished surroundings of the club car where mellow lamplight sets the tone for quiet reflection or the glow of good company. Travellers can while away the journey with a game of cards, chess or backgammon, tune in to the big-screen television or browse through a volume from the library while savouring a beverage of choice from the well-stocked bar. Unwind, relax, and indulge.

Dining car

The Blue Train experience is a banquet for all the senses and this is especially true of our dining car. Here the reassuring weight of Sheffield cutlery and crystal glassware on crisp white linen set the tone for the delights to follow. A meal on the Blue Train is an experience in itself. Our menus feature a selection of local cuisine from Karoo lamb and ostrich fillet, to Knysna oysters accompanied by award-winning cultivars from the Cape wine lands, all serving as the perfect complement to the landscape through which you are travelling.

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Important information

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the relevant departure point at the time assigned by The Blue Train operator.
- The arrival time into Pretoria Station is approximate and cannot be guaranteed. Any onward arrangements, such as flights, must be booked taking this into consideration.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this journey.
- The Blue Train may re-route the itinerary or change your cabin category in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The Blue Train honours its dress code. Dinner is an elegant affair and men are requested to wear a jacket and tie and ladies are required to dress elegantly.
- The Blue Train retain the right to change the number of carriages on each departure.
- Children aged 2 years and younger share a suite with parents or a responsible adult consist with the bedding configurations. No special meal menus are available for children. A strict child policy is applicable and must be signed by parents or guardians prior to booking. Please ask us for details.
- It is advisable to pack an overnight bag for the journey as only a limited amount of luggage can be stored in the suite. Butlers will store additional luggage in the Luggage Car. Luggage / baggage stored in the Luggage Car is limited to 50kg per guest.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for our amendment and cancellation policies.

