



ROVOS & THE WINELANDS

November 2024

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at OR Tambo International Airport, where you will be met by our representative. Transfer to the Rovos Rail boarding station in Pretoria and check-in for your 3 night journey to Cape Town. Spend the day at leisure aboard the most luxurious train in the world. Lunch, high tea and dinner will be served in the dining and lounge carts.

Day 2

Start the day with breakfast in the dining cart, followed by some time at leisure before lunch. After lunch, you'll disembark from the train for a day outing to Kimberley, which will include a visit to the Kimberley Diamond Museum and The Big Hole. Return to the train in time to freshen up before dinner.

Day 3

Spend the day at leisure aboard the train, enjoying the stunning views of the South African countryside from your cabin window or the observation cart of the train. Breakfast, lunch, high tea and dinner will be served aboard the train.

Day 4

Breakfast will be served in the dining cart, after which you will disembark the train in Cape Town. You will be met by our representative and transferred to Stellenbosch in the Cape Winelands. Check-in at Lanzerac Hotel & Spa for 5 nights. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure.

Day 5

After breakfast, you will be collected at the hotel and transferred to De Zalze Golf Club for your round. After your game, return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

Day 6

Spend the day at leisure, perhaps exploring one of the dozens of world-class wine estates within the vicinity of the hotel.

Day 7

After breakfast, you will be collected at the hotel and transferred to Erinvale Golf Club in Somerset West for your round. After your game, return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

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Day 8

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Franschhoek for your round of golf at Pearl Valley Golf Club. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

Day 9

After breakfast, you will be collected at the hotel and transferred to Cape Town Airport for your outbound flight.

Day 1 - 4 | Pretoria



Area Overview

For Rovos Rail passengers, a highlight of their journey is a visit to the private station at Capital Park, Pretoria. The once-bustling hub of steam locomotion is now the headquarters for Rovos Rail. The gracious railway station serves as the departure or arrival point for most of the train journeys.

The property boasts an ever-expanding railway museum – showing a historical collection of train paraphernalia – in addition to its other comprehensive facilities and will, with the addition of semaphore signals and a footbridge, recreate the atmosphere of a fully-fledged railway system. It is intended that, with time, this facility should become the foremost working train museum in the world.

The eyes of rail enthusiasts will be drawn to the vast carriage and locomotive sheds where teams of dedicated personnel keep the rolling stock in perfect order. This roofed workshop of 10,000 m² straddles 15 railway lines with concrete inspection pits below, and is the ultimate repair and maintenance facility for any train operation. The low, red-bricked buildings alongside the new 300 m platform house laundries, gleaming stainless-steel kitchens, and well-stocked storerooms. This is the busy hub of a provisioning operation that is world-class in terms of efficiency and attention to detail.

Day 1 - 4 | Rovos Rail



Property Overview

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars (±42 seats), a lounge car (±26 seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge (±11 seats), and observation car (±32 seats) with an open-air balcony. Maintaining the spirit of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board. The three types of suites available – Pullman (7 m²), Deluxe (10 m²), and Royal (16 m²) – offer passengers privacy and comfort with double or twin beds and fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

All travellers are welcome – singles, couples, and groups. The dining cars are made up of two-seaters and four-seaters where guests eat together or individually. The lounge and observation cars – with their big picture windows, sofas, and booths – make for great mingling areas or quiet corners to while away the days.

Many of the passengers enjoy the formality of fine china and glassware, crisp linen, and silver, and dress accordingly. Days on board are smart casual while evening attire is more formal. On long journeys guests enjoy themed evenings where they can dress up accordingly or opt for smart casual.

An enthusiastic team of chefs is responsible for overseeing the very important task of ensuring guests' every need is catered for. There's an emphasis on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes are a specialty. Meals are served in one sitting only in the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. The bar menu is comprehensive although special items such as French Champagne need to be requested in advance.

Day 1 - 4 | Rovos Rail

Observation Cars

The observation car seats ±32 passengers. With its open-air balcony, big picture windows, bar, sofas, and booths, it has great mingling areas or quiet corners to while away the days. On most days, afternoon tea is served at 16:30 in the lounge and observation cars while bar service is from ±07:00-01:00.

Lounge Cars

The lounge car seats ±26 passengers. With its big picture windows, sofas and wingbacks, it has great mingling areas or quiet corners to while away the days. On most days, afternoon tea is served at 16:30 in the lounge and observation cars while bar service is from ±07:00-01:00. On some of our long journeys, an onboard historian hosts lectures in the lounge car. At one end of the carriage there is a small gift shop, which is a smart, subtly-lit glass affair selling bespoke memorabilia.

Dining Cars

The dining cars seat ±42 passengers each. Dependent on the number of passengers on a journey, the train is setup with one or two dining cars. They are made up of two-seaters and four-seaters where guests eat together or individually. Meals are served in one sitting only. Breakfast: 07:00-10:00 • Lunch: 13:00 • Formal Dinner: 19:30. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the itinerary. Hot breakfast items are made to order while lunch and dinner are four-course meals complemented by fine South African wines. The bar menu is comprehensive although special items need to be requested in advance.

Club Cars

The Club Car area was created by demolishing the end suite in a Deluxe carriage. This was done specifically to host the smokers on the train in a public area and also as an overflow facility adjoining the Observation Car. With a glass passage wall, guests can comfortably watch the scenery on both sides of the train.

Accommodations

Deluxe Suites

The Deluxe Suites 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. A bar fridge is filled with the on-board beverages of the passengers' choice.

Day 1 - 4 | Rovos Rail

Fast Facts

Highlights

The most luxurious train in the world

Established in 1989

Series of journeys available, lasting from 48 hours to 15 days

Quick facts

36 superbly appointed suites

Maximum of 72 passengers

Three suite types available (Pullman, Deluxe and Royal)

Air conditioned

En suite with shower, toilet and basin (Royal suites have tubs as well)

Tea facilities

Safes

Adequate storage, with small cupboards with hangers and shelves

Day 4 - 9 | Stellenbosch



Area Overview

Founded in 1679, Stellenbosch is the second oldest European settlement in the Western province, after Cape Town. This historic town is known for oak lined cobblestone streets, classic Cape Dutch architecture, and its vibrant wine industry. Stellenbosch is a very walkable town with many small shops, boutiques, art galleries, some fabulous local restaurants and vineyards, and more than 100 wine cellars. There are a number of excellent hikes in the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve, as well as a full day Vineyard Hiking Trail which winds its way through vineyards, forests, olive groves, and coastal renosterveld.

Stellenbosch, along with nearby Paarl and Franschhoek, forms part of the Cape Winelands, the largest contributors to the one billion liters of wine produced in South Africa annually. It is approximately 50 km (30 mi) east of Cape Town, on a scenic road lined with breathtaking mountain ranges, green rolling hills and valleys and, as one approaches the Winelands, vineyards roll out in all directions. It is home to the University of Stellenbosch, founded in 1863, and today one of South Africa's leading universities with nearly 30,000 students.

Day 4 - 9 | Lanzerac Hotel & Spa



Property Overview

Steeped in history dating back to 1692 and nestled in the foothills of the idyllic Jonkershoek Valley of Stellenbosch, Lanzerac is synonymous with old-world charm and rich Cape heritage.

Experience the finest hospitality the Cape Winelands has to offer, indulging guests with warm and passionate service, the finest wine and cuisine, and 53 exquisitely styled rooms.

Lanzerac Hotel & Spa offers complete relaxation amid welcoming interiors that blend both period grandeur and contemporary style.

Experience & Activities

Set on a working wine farm, guests are spoilt with easy access to the cellar and the Tasting Room at which they can embark on a sensory experience with innovative wine and chocolate pairings. In addition, guests can enjoy swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), various restaurants - including a Whiskey Bar/Lounge, a Deli, or unwind and rejuvenate at the Lanzerac Spa, a sought-after wellness retreat and relaxation hideaway.

The Estate boasts numerous facilities open to the public: two acclaimed restaurants, a casual delicatessen, a spa & wellness centre, wine tasting facilities, and acres of beautiful landscaped gardens.

Day 4 - 9 | Lanzerac Hotel & Spa

Accommodations

Classic Rooms

There are 23 of this room types offering King size or Twin Beds in 42-51 sq. meters of space. The Lanzerac Hotel & Spa maintains its air of intimacy, and guests' every need is catered for with a private bath and separate shower, international direct dial telephone, electric safe, a complimentary mini bar, DSTV, and air-conditioning. These exquisitely styled rooms are synonymous with old-world charm and rich Cape Heritage, with no two rooms being alike. They balance the Estate's historic past with a contemporary aesthetic that boasts an eclectic mix of elegant finishes and sophisticated designs.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Established in 1692, a mere 13 years after Stellenbosch itself
Vineyard with premium wine selection - home to the world's first bottled Pinotage
Contemporary yet classical dining experiences
Beautiful wedding venue
Functions venue

Quick facts

53 en-suite bedrooms and suites
Multiple restaurants
Lounge bar
Spa facilities
Pools - indoor and outdoor
Gym
Winery

All room rates include breakfast daily; complimentary select mini-bar which is replenished once, daily; complimentary use of the Spa's hydro facilities; a complimentary wine tasting of 5 Lanzerac Estate wines at the Lanzerac Tasting Room; a complimentary cellar tour of the Lanzerac Winery (tours run daily at 11am); complimentary transfer service between the Hotel and Stellenbosch town at set times; turn down service daily, and Wireless internet.

Day 5 | De Zalze Golf Club

Activity overview

Having hosted both the Eisenhower Trophy and the Espirito Santo Trophy in October 2006, the De Zalze Golf Club, set on the 300-hectare greater Kliene Zalze Estate, is laid out in the midst of working vineyards and orchards backed by the spectacular Stellenbosch Mountain range. Located in the heart of the famous winelands of Stellenbosch, findly known as 'Little Europe', the superb holes are set on rolling and undulating terrain, meandering between grape on the vine, fruit on the tree and an array of great water features.

Renowned golf course architect, Peter Matkovich, has lent his name to the course, making most of the stunning setting while placing a premium on accuracy. The course has excellent Kikuyu fairways and large Bent Grass greens, all with the Matkovich trademark of finely manicured aprons. De Zalze offers a fine mix of parkland holes, its main defences being the water features on several of the holes. The oak-lined Blaauwklippen River winds its way through the golf estate and comes into play at various intervals.

Day 7 | Erinvale Country & Golf Estate

Activity overview

The Erinvale golf course, designed by the legendary Gary Player, is conveniently located on the borders of Somerset West and only half an hour from the vibrant Cape Town. Having hosted the 1996 World Cup of Golf and the second oldest tournament in the world, the prestigious SAA Open in 2003 and 2004, Erinvale is no stranger to worldwide media coverage.

Built on a narrow stretch of land which escalates sharply uphill, Erinvale is an estate course with two distinctly different nines. The front nine is flat, winding its way through the park-like terrain estate which calls for challenging approach shots to the long narrow putting surfaces, while the back nine meanders through the foothills of the magnificent Helderberg, with breathtaking views of the False Bay coastline from the top holes. The signature par-four 17th hole requires golfers to play downhill from an elevated tee, with tall pines flanking one side of the fairway, and an out-of-bounds fence the other

Day 8 | Pearl Valley Signature Golf Course

Activity overview

Located between the magnificent Simonsberg and Drakenstein Mountain Ranges, Pearl Valley Signature Course shares its borders with two of the most well-known and picturesque winemaking towns in the Cape - Paarl and Franschhoek. From the vineyards and orchards that border the course to the mighty Berg River flowing through it to the mountainous backdrops of every hole, playing here is an experience that cannot be adequately described in words.

Golf legend Jack Nicklaus has used his abundant store of knowledge and experience in the game to develop the most visually spectacular golf course in the country. The design of the Pearl Valley Golf Course has received praises galore for its magnificent rich, deep, green all-season fairways and the clever use of dazzling water features, which often protect the splendid large and subtle bent grass greens. The bunkers, in true Nicklaus fashion, are shallow, long and relatively undaunting.

Includes & Excludes

Accommodation

- 3 Nights aboard the Rovos Rail from Pretoria to Cape Town in a Deluxe Suite (All Inclusive excepting French Champagne)
- 5 Nights at Lanzerac Hotel & Spa in a Classic Room (Bed & Breakfast)

Golf

- 1x 18 Hole round at De Zalze Golf Club (green fees only)
- 1x 18 Hole round at Erinvale Golf Club (green fees only)
- 1x 18 Hole round at Pearl Valley Golf Club (green fees & shared cart)

Transport

- All airport transfers
- All inter-hotel transfers
- Return transfers to all off-site golf courses
- Transfers to and from all sightseeing activities

Sightseeing

- All sightseeing during Rovos Rail journey

Meals

- All meals and high tea aboard Rovos Rail

Miscellaneous

- Airport meet & greet on arrival
- 24/7 On-call local support
- All local tourism taxes and levies

Notes

Please note that this quotation is subject to availability.

Exclusions

- Flights
- Visa processing fees
- Insurance
- Tips, gratuities and portorage
- All items of a personal nature

Includes & Excludes

- All items not explicitly stated