

JOURNEY INFORMATION

Cape Town to Dar

2018-2019

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The Most Luxurious Train in the World



CAPE TOWN TO DAR ES SALAAM

	DAY 1					
11h00						
13h00	Lunch is served in the dining cars as the train travels towards Worcester in the Hex River Valley.					
15h00	The train climbs up the face of the escarpment to Touws River before arriving at the first of four tunnels.					
131100	The third tunnel is 13.5 kilometres long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train.					
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16h30	, ,					
17h45	Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through this historic little village.					
19h00	Depart Matjiesfontein and continue on overnight through the Karoo via De Aar towards Kimberley.					
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining cars.					
	DAY 2					
07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.					
12h30	Lunch is served in the dining cars.					
14h00	Arrive in Kimberley and proceed via coach for a tour of the Diamond Museum and the Big Hole.					
17h00	Rejoin the train at Kimberley Station and depart.					
17h00 17h10	Ten minutes after departing Kimberley a shallow lake appears on the left-hand side of the train where,					
171110	on most occasions, there are spectacular flocks of Lesser Flamingos (approximately 23 000).					
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp.					
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	DAY 3					
07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09h45 as the train continues northeast through the goldfields.					
10h00						
	workshops (weather permitting) followed by lunch on the platform and a city tour of Pretoria at 14h15.					
18h00	Depart for Zeerust in the North West Province.					
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. Overnight at Zeerust.					
	DAY 4					
	Please pack a small overnight bag for the two-night stay at the game lodge. For your convenience we					
	have placed bags in your suite. Please note that beverages, phone calls and laundry are for your own					
	account. Bottled water and a limited wine selection will be available during lunch and dinner					
	compliments of Rovos Rail. Internet/WiFi is available in the main house. There are spa facilities.					
	Time of game drives will be confirmed on arrival.					
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07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.					
11h00	Disembark at Zeerust and transfer by coach to Madikwe Game Reserve for a two-night stay.					
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	Lunch is served upon arrival at the lodge.					
10500	Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).					
19h00	Dinner at the lodge.					
	DAY 5					
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	Early morning game drive (approximately 3 hours).					
07h00	Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09h30.					
12h30	Lunch at the lodge.					
22.133	Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).					
19h00	Dinner at the lodge.					
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Please dress accordingly for game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available if required.

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	DAY 6					
07h00	Early morning game drive (approximately 2 hours). Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09h30. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection at 10h00					
10h30	and proceed to check-out. Depart the lodge and transfer to the train at Gaborone in Botswana. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to the border officials. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Depart Gaborone at 13h30.					
13h00						
	Please ensure that the Train Manager/Gift Shop is in possession of your passports and ALL completed forms.					
	Victoria Falls: It would be a good idea to familiarise yourself with the list of activities available • Tour of Falls • Helicopter over Falls • Elephant-back safari • A walk with lions • Whitewater rafting • Bungee-jumping • Golf. You may book these excursions yourself at the hotel OR beforehand on the train through the on-board lecturer – today between 17h00 and 18h30. Cash accepted.					
16h30 19h30	Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Dinner is served in the dining cars as the train travels to Plumtree for border formalities and overnight.					
	DAY 7					
	<u>Victoria Falls:</u> If you have decided to book activities through the on-board lecturer, please ensure you have done so before lunch. Cash accepted.					
	Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon in the midway lounge car. Please consult your Lecture Sheet for details.					
07h00 13h00 16h30 18h15	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00 as the train departs Plumtree. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Pass Gwaai and Dete along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – and along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park where occasional sightings of animals can occur. Dinner is served in the dining cars as the train heads for Thompson's Junction for the overnight stop.					
	Please pack a small overnight bag for your stay at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Currency exchange is available at the hotel (passports not required); an ATM is within walking distance; there is a business centre and WiFi is available throughout. Lunch and dinner today and breakfast and lunch tomorrow are taken at the Jungle Junction Restaurant; these meals are included in the overall journey price. All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, or any meals taken in other venues, are for your own account. If you are crossing the border into Zambia during your stay, please obtain your passport from the Train Manager/Gift Shop.					
07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.					
12h00	Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome speech on the lawn followed by lunch. Luggage will be delivered to the rooms.					
15h45 19h30	Guests to meet in the hotel foyer before departure for the Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River. Please bring warm clothing. Light snacks and drinks are included in the cruise. Buffet dinner at the hotel's Jungle Junction Restaurant. Seating is reserved for Rovos Rail guests.					
06h30	DAY 9 Breakfast is served at the Jungle Junction Restaurant until 10h00. Day at leisure in the Victoria Falls.					
	Check-out time is normally at 10h00 (to be advised). If you have organised morning activities, please ensure you have checked out. Reception has a storage room for luggage. Please call the Front Desk and they will send a porter to collect your luggage for storage at Reception until afternoon departure.					
13h00 15h00	Lunch at the hotel. Meet on station platform for departure to Zambia.					
	Please ensure the Train Manager/Gift Shop has your passport for border formalities.					
16h00 19h30	Depart Victoria Falls and cross the bridge to Livingstone. Tea in the lounge car or observation car. Dinner is served in the dining cars.					

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	DAY 10			
	Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon in the midway lounge car. Please consult your Lecture Sheet for details.			
07h00 13h00 16h30 19h30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00. After breakfast, the train travels across the Kafue railway bridge – a 477-metre long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 metres supported on concrete piers. Enjoy a day at leisure on the train as it travels through Zambia. Lunch is served in the dining cars as the train passes through the country's capital, Lusaka. Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Dinner is served as the train travels towards Kapiri Mposhi and the start of the TAZARA railway line.			
	DAY 11 Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon in the midway lounge car. Please consult your Lecture Sheet for details.			
07h00 13h00 16h30 19h30 22h15	Breakfast is served until 10h00 as the train passes through Serenje. Enjoy a day at leisure on the train. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Dinner is served in the dining cars as the travels through Mpika. Overnight at Kasama.			
	DAY 12			
06h00 08h00 11h00 13h00 16h30 17h40 19h30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure at 08h00. Disembark the train at Kasama for a morning excursion to Chisimba Falls. Depart from Kasama and travel towards the border. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car as the train passes Chozi. Arrive in Nakonde for Zambian border formalities. Continue to Tunduma on the Tanzanian border. Dinner is served in the dining cars as the train heads for Mbeya.			
	PLEASE PUT YOUR WATCHES FORWARD AN HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE EVENING.			
	DAY 13			
	Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon in the midway lounge car. Please consult your Lecture Sheet for details.			
07h00 09h00 Arrive at Makambako where guests may enjoy a stroll through the town – time permitting. 10h30 Depart and travel towards Mlimba. The train descends into the Rift Valley and through the Udzu Mountains as it negotiates the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the escarpment towards the Lunch is served in the dining cars. 16h30 Tea is served in the midway lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.				
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining cars as the train travels towards Kisaki.			
07h00 12h00 14h00 18h00 19h30	DAY 14 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00 as the train descends into the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards Dar es Salaam. Early lunch is served in the dining cars. Game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 55 000km² (time permitting). Return to the train. Dinner is served in the dining cars as the train travels towards Gwata.			
	DAY 15			
	Please ensure that you have obtained your passport from the Train Manager/Gift Shop.			
05h45 07h00 10h00	Depart Gwata in and travel in an easterly direction towards the coast. Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09h30. Arrive at journey's end in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.			

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Thank you for travelling with us across Southern Africa. We look forward to hosting you again in the not too distant future.



CAPE TOWN TO DAR ES SALAAM DISTANCE CHART

DISTANCE BETWEEN	STATIONS		(KMS) TOTAL DISTANCE	EXCURSIONS
0	CAPE TOWN - SOUTH AFRICA	•	0	Depart Cape Town Station
175	Worcester	•	175	
82	Touws River	•	257	
57	Matjiesfontein	•	314	Town Tour/Museum
229	Beaufort West	•	543	
259	De Aar	•	802	
234	Kimberley	•	1036	City Tour/Big Hole/Diamond Museum
306	Klerksdorp	•	1342	
206	Germiston	•	1548	
66	Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria	•	1614	City Tour/Lunch
122	Krugersdorp	•	1736	
173	Groot Marico	•	1909	
38	Zeerust	•	1947	Transfer for two nights at game lodge
50	Mafikeng	•	1997	Train only
25	Ramatlabama	•	2022	Train only: border formalities SA
10	Rahkuna	•	2032	Train only: border formalities BOT
110	Gaborone	•	2142	Border formalities en route to train
193	Mahalapye	•	2335	
228	Francistown	•	2563	
94	Plumtree	•	2657	Border formalities Zimbabwe
101	Bulawayo	•	2758	
265	Dete	•	3023	
204	Victoria Falls	•	3227	Overnight at Victoria Falls Hotel
10	Livingstone	•	3237	Border formalities ZAM/Bridge
417	Kafue	•	3654	
47	Lusaka	•	3701	
183	Kapiri Mposhi	•	3884	TAZARA Terminus
199	Serenje	•	4083	
240	Mpika	•	4323	
191	Kasama	•	4514	Chisimba Falls
252	Nakonde	•	4766	Border formalities ZAM
1	Tunduma	•	4767	Border formalities TNZ
121	Mbeya	•	4888	
197	Makambako	•	5085	Walk through town, time permitting
156	Mlimba	•	5241	
163	Kiberege	•	5404	
115	Kisaki	•	5519	Selous Reserve, time permitting
26	Fuga Halt	•	5545	
59	Kidunda	•	5606	
28	Gwata	•	5634	
32	Mzenga	•	5666	
76	DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA	•	5742	Arrive TAZARA Station

TOTAL DISTANCES TRAVELLED - 5742 KILOMETRES - 3568 MILES						
SOUTH AFRICA	•	2022km - 1256mi				
BOTSWANA	•	635km - 395mi				
ZIMBABWE	•	570km - 354mi				
ZAMBIA	•	1539km - 956mi				
TANZANIA	•	976km - 607mi				



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