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35

suites for a maximum of 70 guests

1,600 km

between Pretoria and Cape Town over two nights

17

coaches, from club car to observation car

24/7

butler service in every coach

3 journeys in this brochure

1. Pretoria to Cape Town · 3 days
2. Cape Town to Pretoria · 3 days
3. Pretoria to Kruger National Park Return · 3 days

ON BOARD

Cabins and suites



MOST SUITES

De Luxe Suite

4 per coach · 8 m²

- Shower or three-quarter bathtub
- Beds fold out from the daytime seating panel
- Butler on call around the clock
- Lockable door and in-suite safe

MOST SPACIOUS

Luxury Suite

3 per coach · 10.3 m²

- Full-size bathtub in an Italian marble bathroom
- Larger private lounge by day
- Mostly twin beds, a few doubles
- Under-floor heating and individual air conditioning
- Monogrammed bedding, towels and robes

There are far fewer Luxury suites than De Luxe suites, so early booking is recommended; state your bath or shower preference when booking.



Lounge, club and observation cars

The non-smoking Lounge Car is the place for pre-lunch drinks and high tea, while the Club Car at the front of the train is the only area where smoking is permitted, ideal for a post-dinner cognac or cigar. The Observation Car at the rear has comfortable couches and panoramic views of the passing landscape.

The bar opens as soon as the train departs and stays open until the last guest retires. Wi-Fi is available throughout the train, though the signal can drop in remote areas, and room service is complimentary.

Dining on board

The chefs build their menus around fresh South African ingredients, from Knysna oysters to Karoo lamb, ostrich and venison, paired with award-winning Cape wines and served on fine china and crystal. The dining car seats 42, with two sittings for lunch and dinner when needed, or you can dine privately in your suite.

Breakfast is served at leisure each morning. Dinner is an elegant occasion: evening wear for ladies, and a jacket, waistcoat or traditional attire for gentlemen. All dietary needs, including kosher, halal, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free, can be catered for when booked in advance.





JOURNEY 1 OF 3 • THE BLUE TRAIN

Pretoria to Cape Town

3 days 2 nights Pretoria to Cape Town

The classic two-night, 1,600 km crossing of South Africa from Pretoria to Cape Town, with an off-train excursion on the way.

The Blue Train's signature journey crosses the breadth of South Africa over two nights, from the Highveld to the Cape. Schedule and weather permitting, it includes a guided visit to Kimberley's Big Hole and mine museum, or a tour of the Karoo village of Matjiesfontein on a red London double-decker bus.

Route • Pretoria → Kimberley → Matjiesfontein → Cape Town

- Check-in at the Blue Train lounge with live music and pre-departure drinks
- Kimberley's Big Hole and mine museum
- Or a double-decker bus tour of Matjiesfontein and a stop at the Lord Milner Hotel
- High tea in the Lounge Car
- Two sittings of fine dining with Cape wines
- Karoo and Cape mountain scenery

Day by day

Day 1 Pretoria • Night: On board

Check in at the Blue Train lounge in Pretoria about an hour before departure and relax to live music with snacks and drinks. The train leaves in the early afternoon, heading southwest across the Highveld.

Day 2 Kimberley • Night: On board

After breakfast the train pulls into Kimberley, where, weather and time permitting, you tour the open mine museum and the Big Hole, one of the deepest hand-dug excavations in the world. Back on board, lunch is served in two sittings, followed by high tea in the Lounge Car and dinner.

Meals: Breakfast • Lunch • High tea • Dinner

Day 3 Cape Town

Enjoy breakfast and a light lunch in the Lounge and Observation Cars as the train crosses the Karoo and the Cape mountains. On some departures the excursion is a double-decker bus tour of Matjiesfontein instead of Kimberley. The journey ends at Cape Town Station in the early evening.

Meals: Breakfast • Lunch

What is included

- Accommodation in your suite
- All meals and room service
- Drinks on board, except caviar and French Champagne
- Off-train excursion transport, guided tours and entry fees
- Limited laundry and valet service
- Wi-Fi on board

Live dates, fares and online booking: www.luxurytrainvacations.com/train/blue-train/pretoria-to-cape-town/



JOURNEY 2 OF 3 • THE BLUE TRAIN

Cape Town to Pretoria

3 days 2 nights Cape Town to Pretoria

Two nights northbound from Cape Town through the Karoo to Kimberley and on to Pretoria in classic Blue Train style.

Heading north from Cape Town, the Blue Train climbs out of the Cape mountains into the wide spaces of the Karoo. Schedule and weather permitting, the second afternoon brings a guided tour of Kimberley's Big Hole and mine museum before the final run across the Highveld to Pretoria.

Route • Cape Town → Kimberley → Pretoria

- Pre-departure drinks and live music in the Cape Town lounge
- Cape mountains and the Karoo
- Afternoon tour of Kimberley's Big Hole and mine museum
- High tea in the Lounge Car
- Two sittings of fine dining with Cape wines

Day by day

Day 1 Cape Town • Night: On board

Check in at the Blue Train lounge in Cape Town about an hour before departure, with live music, snacks and drinks. The train leaves in the early afternoon and climbs through the Cape mountains towards the Karoo.

Day 2 Kimberley • Night: On board

After breakfast and lunch on board, the train reaches Kimberley in the afternoon. Weather and time permitting, you tour the open mine museum and the Big Hole, then return for high tea in the Lounge Car before the train continues north and dinner is served.

Meals: Breakfast • Lunch • High tea • Dinner

Day 3 Pretoria

Breakfast and a light lunch are served in the Lounge and Observation Cars as the train crosses the Highveld. The journey ends at Pretoria Station in the early evening.

Meals: Breakfast • Lunch

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- All meals and room service

- Drinks on board, except caviar and French Champagne
- Off-train excursion transport, guided tours and entry fees
- Limited laundry and valet service
- Wi-Fi on board

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JOURNEY 3 OF 3 • THE BLUE TRAIN

Pretoria to Kruger National Park Return

3 days 2 nights Pretoria to Pretoria

A rare rail safari from Pretoria to the edge of the Kruger and back, offered only in selected months of the year.

On this three-day return journey the Blue Train travels into Mpumalanga to the doorstep of the Kruger National Park, home of the Big Five. You arrive at Numbi early in the morning for an off-train excursion, return for a five-course lunch, then spend the evening at Nkambeni Safari Camp before the train heads back to Pretoria.

Route • Pretoria → Numbi

- Pre-departure snacks and drinks in the Pretoria lounge
- Five-course lunches in the dining car
- Early arrival at Numbi on the edge of the Kruger
- Off-train excursion in Big Five country
- Evening at Nkambeni Safari Camp
- High tea in the Lounge Car

Day by day

Day 1	Pretoria • Night: On board Register at the Blue Train lounge at Pretoria Station and enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks before boarding. After departure a five-course lunch is served in the dining car, followed by high tea in the Lounge Car and dinner in two sittings. Meals: Lunch • High tea • Dinner
Day 2	Kruger National Park • Night: On board The train arrives at Numbi station early in the morning for an off-train excursion. Return for a five-course lunch on board, then in the late afternoon transfer to the Numbi Gate and, in the evening, to Nkambeni Safari Camp before returning to the train. Meals: Lunch
Day 3	Pretoria Breakfast is served on the way back, and the journey ends at Pretoria Station in the morning. Meals: Breakfast

What is included

- Accommodation in your suite
- All applicable meals and beverages
- Off-train excursion as per itinerary
- Room service and limited laundry

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BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

Reserve your cabin on the The Blue Train

Departure dates, cabin availability and fares change through the season, so we keep them live on our website, where you can book online. Our rail specialists can also hold cabins, arrange hotels and connections, and answer any question.

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