



Rovos Rail to Victoria Falls

Worldwide Tour | 14 Days | Moderate

Cape Town – Kimberley – Pretoria – Victoria Falls

- Explore the spectacular Cape Peninsula
- Revel in luxury on the beautiful Rovos steam train
- Marvel at the 'Big Hole'
- Take a game drive in Hwange
- Gaze on the thundering Victoria Falls



Worldwide Tours

These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites from far and wide on an inclusive private tour.

Rovos Rail to Victoria Falls inclusions

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges
- All accommodation including Rovos Rail
- Meals stated in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking local guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, visas, any meals not included, discretionary tipping and early check in or late checkout.



Itinerary – Rovos Rail to Victoria Falls

Days 1-2: Fly to Cape Town

Fly overnight to Cape Town. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day will be at leisure.



Destination Information

Cape Town – Thanks to its naturally spectacular setting, Cape Town is one of Africa's most beautiful cities. Backed by Table Mountain and flanked by the Twelve Apostles, Cape Town has much to offer, from its beautiful beaches to the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, unique heritage and cosmopolitan inclinations.

Day 3: Cape Point and Table Mountain

Start your day off with breath taking views atop Table Mountain. You will take an aerial cable car up to the top of the mountain and witness a bird's eye view of Cape Town (Weather permitting). Proceed onto Cape Point which sits on the northern end of the Cape Peninsula, a rocky promontory that is home to pristine beaches, old coastal villages and an incredible biodiversity. You will spend the rest of the day exploring this magnificent area, visiting the wild colony of African penguins at the sheltered Boulders Beach and capped off with a stop at Cape Point. From this towering headland, you'll have a spectacular view out over the dramatic ocean battered rocks to where the Indian and Atlantic oceans collide. You will begin touring today at approx. 08:30 and the tour will end at 17:30. Touring will be at a comfortable pace. (B)



Destination Information

Table Mountain – Perhaps the most remarkable attraction to be seen here, flanked as it is by the landmarks of Devils Peak, Lions Head and Signal Hill. There are few better ways to start your visit to Cape Town than with a trip in the revolving cable car up to the 1,086-metre summit of Table Mountain. The breathtaking views from here are a superb way to get your bearings.

Day 4: Cape Winelands Tour

Today is dedicated to the Cape Winelands. Here you'll find yourself amongst landscapes of manicured grape vines, their uniform rows stretching towards their spectacular mountainous backdrop, occasionally broken by the quaint whitewash of the distinctive Cape Dutch homesteads. During the day, you'll also be able to taste the famous fruits of the region at one of the many wine estates.

This all-day tour will last from around 08:30 to 17:30 and involves walking of a comfortable pace. (B)



Day 5: The Rovos Train

This morning transfer to Cape Town's railway station to board the legendary Rovos Rail. Settle into your luxurious suite, a wood-panelled, Edwardian-featured affair with en suite bathroom, mini bar and 24-hour room service. Take lunch in one of the dining cars, and later tea in the lounge and observation car. Disembark for a visit to the historical village of Matjiesfontein, an intriguing step back into a Victorian colonial past. Spend approximately one hour here, before returning to the train to enjoy dinner. (B,L,D)



Day 6: Kimberley

Spend the morning watching the world go by as you pass into the Northern Cape and approach Kimberley. Tour the city, famous as a centre for diamond mining, with stops at the Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole, an incredibly deep open-pit and underground mine that is now filled with water of an astonishing blue. Upon arrival at Modder River Station near Kimberley, we transfer to the historic Kimberly Club for lunch, before taking an electric tram from the city centre to the Diamond Mine Museum, where you will begin your tour. Touring here will last approximately 4 hours. (B,L,D)



Destination Information

The Big Hole at Kimberley – The famous five-hundred metre wide cavity that sits at a depth of around 240m was dug manually by pick and shovel by diamond miners, and is known to be the largest man-made excavation site in the world. This hole remains the major attraction for visitors to this part of the world.

Day 7: Arrive in Pretoria

Spend the morning admiring the spectacular cityscapes of Krugersdorp and Johannesburg as you approach Pretoria. At approximately 12:00, arrive into Rovos Rail Capital Park Station, Pretoria. This afternoon you can take an optional tour of Pretoria, in which you can enjoy the beautiful old houses and leafy areas of this sedate city, or spend the afternoon at leisure at your hotel. (B)



Destination Information

Pretoria – is a handsome city, with a number of gracious old houses in the city centre; large, leafy suburbs; and wide streets that are lined with a purple haze of jacarandas in October and November.

Day 8: Into Botswana

Check out of your hotel, return to the Rovos Rail Station and sip on a glass of champagne in the luxurious lounge before rolling out of the city and into the goldfields of Gauteng. Spend the day leisurely wandering between the large windows and open-air balconies of the observation car, interspersed with visits to the dining car where you will enjoy delicious cuisine as the train heads towards Mafikeng. After dinner is served, you will pass over the border into Botswana. (B,L,D)



Day 9: Traverse Botswana

Enjoy breakfast as the train passes through Botswana's capital, Gaborone, before steaming across Botswana's wide open plains and dry veld, spying the occasional small village that appears on the horizon. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn before, later in the afternoon, reaching the border in Zimbabwe. Stop overnight in Mpopoma. (B,L,D)



Day 10: Game Drive

After breakfast, spend the morning and early afternoon at leisure on the train. Pass along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park on one of Africa's longest stretches of railway – 114 kilometres. At approximately 15:00, arrive into Kennedy Siding and transfer to The Hide, a safari camp in the wilds of the Hwange. Venture out on a late afternoon game drive to spot the incredible range of wildlife that calls the park home. You may get to see elephants, giraffe, zebra, lions and impala amongst many other creatures. Continue to Thompsons Junction for an overnight stop. (B,L,D)



Destination Information

Hwange National Park – Formerly Wankie Game Reserve, the park is the largest game reserve in Zimbabwe. The park hosts over 100 mammal and 400 bird species, including 19 large herbivores and 8 large carnivores. All Zimbabwe's specially protected animals are to be found in Hwange and, it is the only protected area where gemsbok and brown hyena occur in reasonable numbers. The elephants of Hwange are world famous and the Park's elephant population is one of the largest in the world.

Day 11: Arrive at Victoria Falls

Enjoy breakfast as the train takes the final stretch of the journey towards the Zambezi River. Arrive at the town of Victoria Falls at approximately 10:00 and disembark the train. This evening is free to explore the town and relax. (B)



Destination Information

Victoria Falls – Everything about Victoria Falls is on a grand scale. They are 1,708 metres wide, the largest curtain of water in the world. Known to the local people as “Mosi-oa-Tunya” (the smoke that thunders), they are without doubt one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. Facing the Falls is another sheer wall of basalt, rising to the same height and capped by mist-soaked rain forest. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor who is prepared to brave the tremendous spray with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls.

Day 12: Victoria Falls and the Zambezi

Rise early this morning and visit one of the world's largest waterfalls, Victoria Falls. Located on the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, Victoria Falls is one of the planet's most spectacular sites. Spend the morning soaking up the panoramic views of the falls and exploring the local flora, fauna, birds, wildlife and other points of interest as you trek through the rainforest. Spend approximately two hours at the falls before embarking on a cruise on a calmer section of the Zambezi, viewing the islands, abundant wildlife and lush foliage on its banks. Disembark your cruise and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B)



Destination Information

Zambezi - Enormous herds of elephant, some up to 100 strong, are often seen at the river's edge. 'Island hopping' buffalo and waterbuck are also common. Zambia's newest Park, the Lower Zambezi National Park, lies opposite to the famous Mana Pools Reserve in Zimbabwe, meaning the whole area on both sides of the river is a massive wildlife sanctuary. The park also hosts good populations of lion and leopard, and listen too for the ubiquitous cry of the fish eagle.

Days 13-14: Fly from Victoria Falls to UK

Transfer approximately 30 minutes to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)



Rovos Rail to Victoria Falls Travel Information

Visas

Zimbabwe: For UK citizens entry visas for Zimbabwe are required and available on entry into the country at a cost of approximately \$50 US dollars.

South Africa: Visas are not required for UK citizens travelling to South Africa.

Botswana: Visas are not required for UK citizens travelling to Botswana for under 90 days.

Please note that visa costs are not included in this tour and you will have to arrange this yourself on arrival into Zimbabwe.

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Accommodation

Much of the tour will be onboard the Rovos Rail where you will be staying in a Pullman Suite. The Pullman Suites are equipped with a comfortable sofa-seat during the day with a conversion to double or twin beds for the evening, and have an en-suite bathroom with shower. Accommodation excluding the Rovos Rail is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character. Hotels are rated as four-star standard and all have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your local guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Transport

Coaches with air conditioning are used on our private tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary.

Transport

Please refer to your itinerary to see what meals are included during your tour. Our schedule of meals is designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

After your booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard and further destination information along with your final itinerary and international e-tickets.