

Black Tie and No TVs: Rovos Rail's Pride of Africa Opens 2027 US Booking

Rebuilt vintage carriages, no televisions by design, and formal dinners en route: the Pride of Africa's classic journeys, priced in US dollars for Americans.

FRUITA, CO, UNITED STATES, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- While most of travel has grown faster and brighter, one train has spent more than three decades moving deliberately in the other direction. Aboard Rovos Rail's Pride of Africa, there are no televisions and no radios by design, dinner calls for jacket and tie, and the carriages are rebuilt vintage stock. [Luxury Rail Safaris](https://luxuryrailsafaris.com/rovos-rail-train), an official US agent for Rovos Rail, publishes the full program for American travelers, with a guide to the train itself at <https://luxuryrailsafaris.com/rovos-rail-train>.



A rebuilt vintage carriage of the Pride of Africa. The lettering is hand-painted; the stock is classic.

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Rovos Rail was founded in 1989 by Rohan Vos, who rebuilt classic carriages into what the company runs today from its private station at Capital Park, Pretoria. Suites come in three classes, from the Pullman at about 76 square feet to the Royal at about 172 — half a carriage, with a private lounge and a Victorian bathtub. The train carries candlelit dining cars, a lounge car, and an observation car with an open-air balcony at the rear.

The classic journeys range from two to sixteen nights across Southern and East Africa. The best known is the run

between Pretoria and Cape Town, crossing the Great Karoo and descending the Hex River Valley, with a stop at Kimberley's diamond diggings, described at <https://luxuryrailsafaris.com/rovos-cape-town>. Longer itineraries include Victoria Falls, Namibia, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Evenings aboard are formal, and several itineraries carry a 1920s-themed dinner, a nod to the

era the train is built to recall. The absence of screens is a stated design decision rather than an omission: passengers are pointed instead to the landscape, the dining car, and one another.

For American travelers, the company publishes pricing in US dollars for every journey and suite class, with Pullman suites priced at roughly \$900 to \$1,500 per person per night across the fleet. Departure dates and dollar pricing for the 2027 season are now published across the classic journeys, opening the year to American booking. Figures are converted from Rovos Rail's published rand rates and confirmed at booking.

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About Luxury Rail Safaris: Luxury Rail Safaris, an RNE, LLC company based in Fruita, Colorado, is an official US agent for Rovos Rail and one of the oldest official Rovos Rail agents in the USA, arranging journeys since 2003. Its consultants have personally traveled aboard the Pride of Africa. Journeys, dates and US-dollar pricing are published at <https://luxuryrailsafaris.com>.

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Dinner aboard is formal — jacket and tie — in candlelit dining cars with no screens in sight.



A wood-paneled suite aboard the Pride of Africa; three classes range from 76 to 172 square feet.

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