

THE BLUE TRAIN

A Window to The Soul of Africa



The Magnificent Blue Train, is a five-star moving hotel on wheels which dates to 1920's. The journey takes you through some of the most breathtaking scenery in South Africa between Cape Town and Pretoria.

Two luxurious trains accommodate 82 guests and 41 suites. Each suite has its own bathroom with either shower or bath. The dining car provides seating for 42 guests. There are two sittings for lunch and dinner. Attire at breakfast is casual, lunch is smart casual, and dinner is jacket and tie for men and elegant wear for ladies.

SCHEDULE 2020

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*Departing 1630 hrs
Arriving 1030 hrs + 2 days*

Pretoria to Cape Town

January 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27
February 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
March 2, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
April 1, 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18, 25
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20, 27
August 17, 24, 31
September 7, 14, 21, 23, 28
October 5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
November 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
December 7, 14, 16

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November 5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
December 3, 10, 17, 19

ITINERARIES

PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN

Day 1 Depart Pretoria

14:00 Register and check-in at The Pretoria Station Lounge. Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks.

15:15 Boarding commences. Butlers usher guests to their suites. Suite orientation done by butlers.

16:00 The Blue Train departs from Pretoria Station (Will depart earlier once all guests have checked-in)

16:30 High Tea is served in the Lounge Car

18:30 - 20:00 First sitting for Dinner

20:30 - 22:00 Second sitting for Dinner
(Please Note: Dinner is an elegant affair (gentlemen are requested to at least wear a jacket / waistcoat). Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

Day 2 Kimberley Excursion

06:00 - 09:00 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis.

09:30 The Blue Train arrives at Kimberley Station. Guests disembark and gather at the railway museum, from where they will be ushered to a bus, which transfers them to the Kimberley Open Mine Museum.

10:00 Guests arrive at the Open Mine Museum for a tour of the mine. Guests are first taken to view interesting and historical sites. Guests are also taken onto an enclosed ramp on the edge of the Big Hole.

12:30 Guests depart from the Open Mine Museum for Kimberley Station. At Kimberley Station guests are greeted with a glass of sherry. The sherry glass engraved with The Blue Train logo is a memento for guests to keep.

13:00 The Blue Train departs Kimberley Station for the Southbound journey to Cape Town. After this exciting tour, guests are welcome to refresh themselves and enjoy aperitifs served at any one of our lounges.

13:00 - 14:15 First sitting for Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 Second sitting for Lunch

16:30 High Tea is served in the non-smoking Lounge Car

18:30 - 20:30 First sitting for Dinner

20:30 - 22:00 Second sitting for Dinner

Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

Day 3 Arrive in Cape Town

06:00 - 09:00 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis

10:30 The Blue Train arrives at Cape Town Station. Butlers usher guests to The Blue Train Lounge

CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA

Day 1 Depart Cape Town

14:30 Register and check-in at The Cape Town Station Blue Train Lounge. Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks.

15:30 Boarding commences. Butlers usher guests to their suites. Suite orientation done by butlers.

16:00 The Blue Train departs from Cape Town Station (Will depart earlier once all guests have checked-in)

16:30 High Tea is served in the Lounge Car

18:30 - 20:00 First sitting for Dinner

20:15 - 22:00 Second sitting for Dinner
(Please Note: Dinner is an elegant affair (gentlemen are requested to at least wear a jacket / waistcoat). Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

Day 2 Kimberley Excursion

06:00 - 09:00 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis.

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15:00 Guests arrive at the Open Mine Museum for a tour of the mine. Guests are first taken to view interesting and historical sites. Guests are also taken onto an enclosed ramp on the edge of the Big Hole.

17:00 Guests depart from the Open Mine Museum for Kimberley Station. At Kimberley Station guests are greeted with a glass of sherry.

The sherry glass engraved with The Blue Train logo is a memento for guests to keep. After this exciting tour, guests are welcome to refresh themselves and enjoy aperitifs before dinner.

18:30 The Blue Train departs from Kimberley Station

18:30 - 20:00 First sitting for Dinner

20:30 - 22:00 Second sitting for Dinner

Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

Day 3 Arrive in Pretoria

06:00 - 09:00 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis

10:30 The Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station. Butlers usher guests to The Blue Train Lounge

2 NIGHTS PRETORIA - KRUGER PARK - PRETORIA

The Blue Train route between Pretoria and Hoedspruit runs only few times a year. On this journey you will traverse beautiful landscape and spectacular scenery on the way to the Kruger National Park and back. Guests can experience sunrise and sunset game drives, finishing the day with dinner and a cultural experience at Nkambeni Safari Camp.

2020 - DEPARTURE DATES

18 JUN & 30 JUL

Departing Pretoria at 1300 hrs (Registration starts at 1000 hrs)
Arriving Pretoria 1000 hrs two days later

ITINERARIES -2020

18 June / 30 July

DAY 1 - Depart Pretoria

- 1000 hrs** Blue Train Station Lounge - Registration and Check-in. Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks & drinks at Pretoria Station.
- 1215 hrs** Boarding commences which take 15 mins.
- 1300 hrs** The Blue Train departs from Pretoria Station. (If all guests have checked in the train will depart earlier)
- 1330 - 1530** Gourmet lunch is served in the Dining Car.
- 1600 hrs** Guests enjoy High Tea in the Non-Smoking Lounge Car. Guests enjoy pre-dinner drinks served at any of the lounges. They are also welcomed to refresh themselves prior to dinner.
- 1800 - 2000** First sitting for Dinner Guests.
- 2030 – 2230** Second sitting for Dinner. Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and cigars in the Club Car before retiring for the night.
- Attire for the duration of the trip is smart casual or safari wear.



DAY 2 - Safari Kruger Park Region, Boma Dinner at Nkambeni Safari Camp

- 0500 hrs** The Train arrives at Numbi Station. Guests disembark and are transferred in open safari vehicles to a sunrise game drive run by professional tour

guides. After the sunrise game drive, guests will enjoy a bush breakfast inside the Kruger National Park. After breakfast, guests return to Numbi Gate using an alternative route back, so the guests can experience more of the Kruger area.

1200 - 1545

A delicious five course lunch is served in the Dining Car.

1600 hrs

Guests transfer to Numbi Gate. Guests are taken for a sunset game drive where guests are met by professional tour guides. The sunset game drive will take place on the Nkambeni concession.

1930 hrs

Guests transferred to Nkambeni Safari Camp. Guests enjoy an amazing boma dinner. A local group with international accolades provides an interactive cultural experience to guests.

2200 hrs

Guests transferred back to The Blue Train. Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

DAY 3 - Return to Pretoria

0630 – 0930

Breakfast is served in the Dining Car on a first-come-first-served basis.

1000 hrs

The Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station.

COMBINE THE BLUE TRAIN WITH A PACKAGE

Ask us for your own tailor-made options and various packages combining the Blue Train with Cape Town, Kruger Park Safari and Victoria Falls.



WINTER SPECIAL

During Winter 2020, travel between May-July 2020 and get a 50% Discount for your partners on some departures

Booking Period: October – 31 December 2019

Payment to be received by 31 December 19.

Terms & Conditions apply

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