Rovos Rail's African Golf Safari

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Overview

The Highlights

- Best of both worlds – world-class golf courses and great leisure activities for non-golfers;

- Incredible array of challenging courses, including Sun City and Champagne Sports Resort;

- Game drives in the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, home to the largest population of white rhino in the world;

- Time to explore the fantastical Sun City Resort;

- Kruger Park game drive;

- Morning at Spionkop Lodge, with fascinating lecture, battlefield visit and game drive;

- Visit to botanical gardens and free time in Durban;

- Incredible food, service, luxuriating aboard one of the world's top trains.

The Tour

Join this delightful ten-day *Rovos Rail* African Golf Safari, designed to entertain the most discerning player with optional excursions for non-playing guests at all venues.

Travel from Pretoria to Sun City* in the hills of the Pilanesberg for game viewing. Cross the spectacular Drakensberg Mountains to Spionkop*, the perfect base for exploring the mountains, bush, birds and battlefields of the region.

Itinerary

Day 1: Pretoria

Board *Rovos Rail* at Rovos Rail's private Capital Park station in Pretoria for a noon departure. Settle in to your comfortable cabin and unpack before a lovely lunch is served in the dining cars.

Enjoy the scenery from the open-air observation platform and afternoon tea as the train heads west toward Sun City. A formal dinner is served this evening.

Day 2: Pilanesberg / Gary Player or Lost City

This morning, leisure guests will transfer to Sun City and embark on a game drive in the Pilanesberg Reserve, followed by lunch. This afternoon will be at leisure at Sun City.

The fantastical Sun City Resort is a luxury theme park for grown-ups, with two championship golf courses, shows, casino and high-end shopping.

Golfers option: Tee off at Sun City's Gary Player Course or Lost City Course. All guests will have lunch together.

Day 3: At leisure on board

Day at leisure on board. The train climbs to Majuba Hill – site of the decisive battle that ended the First Anglo Boer War – then passes Newcastle, which has what is reputed to be the largest cella-dome Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere, and Glencoe, site of the first battle of the Anglo Boer War and now the centre of the province’s coalfields. All meals on board, including special African-themed dinner.

Day 4: Spionkop / Champagne Resort

After lunch, transfer to Spionkop Lodge to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi, followed by lunch at the lodge. This afternoon, take a game drive in the 11,000-acre reserve or relax at the lodge. Return to the train for dinner.

Golfers: Transfer to Champagne Sports Resort for 18 holes at this lovely course with the

Drakensberg Mountains as a backdrop. Lunch at the resort. Return to the train for dinner.

Day 5: Durban

Leisure guests will have a Durban city tour, including a visit to the botanical gardens and lunch at Umhlanga's beachfront, with an afternoon at leisure. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port. Afternoon tea and dinner on board.

Golfers: Tee off and lunch at Durban Country Club or Beachwood. Afternoon tea and dinner on board.

Day 6: Hluhluwe

An early morning wake-up call this morning as we head out to Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park for a game drive. As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe consists of 370 square miles (960km²) of hilly topography in central Zululand. It has all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination. Due to conservation efforts, the park now has the largest population of white rhino in the world.

Return to the train and travel to eSwatini, with border formalities taking place before dinner.

Day 7: eSwatini / Royal Swazi Sun

Morning game drive in Mkhaya Reserve in eSwatini, followed by a stop at Swazi Candles for lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.

The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 6,700 square miles (17,000 km²), most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning "place of the Swazi") and is an absolute monarchy.

Golfers: Transfer to Royal Swazi Sun for a round and lunch.

Day 8: Kruger Park / Leopard Creek

We'll set out for another early-morning game drive in the world-renowned Kruger National Park, with 2 million hectares of unrivaled diversity — and another chance to spot the Big Five. Lunch and time for shopping in the park.

Back on board, afternoon tea is served in the lounge car as the train travels west across the Drakensberg Mountains and climbs the spectacular escarpment.

Golfers: If available, golf at Leopard Creek may be booked for today at your own account.

Day 9: Dullstrom / Highland Gate

Leisure guests set out this morning for a visit to the Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Centre, followed by a flyfishing demonstration and lunch. After lunch, enjoy an introduction to whisky distilling and tour the Arts & Crafts Centre in Dullstrom.

Golfers: Tee off and lunch at Highland Gate. Return to the train for afternoon tea and dinner on board.

Day 10: Pretoria

Enjoy breakfast as the train departs for Pretoria. Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail's Capital Park station late morning.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

January 5 - January 14
January 26 - February 4
March 16 - March 25
September 28 - October 7
October 19 - October 28

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Pullman Gold	ZAR 136,000	ZAR 190,400	25%
Deluxe	ZAR 193,000	ZAR 270,200	25%
Royal Suite	ZAR 256,000	ZAR 512,000	25%

Prices are per person.
Tour priced in South African Rand (ZAR). View approximate exchange rates.

2028 Dates

January 5 - January 14
February 16 - February 25
March 1 - March 10
September 6 - September 15
October 11 - October 20

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Pullman Gold	ZAR 147,500	ZAR 206,500	25%
Deluxe	ZAR 209,500	ZAR 293,300	25%

Royal Suite	ZAR 277,800	ZAR 555,600	25%

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Rates include: Accommodation; all meals; all beverages; room service; limited laundry service; excursions accompanied by a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; green fees, carts and halfway house; government tax.

Golf clubs can be rented at additional cost.