

# Victoria Falls to Dar es Salaam: Rovos Rail Luxury Train Trip

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## Overview

### The Highlights

- Six nights on board one of world's top luxury trains, with all meals and drinks included;
- One-night stay at famed Victoria Falls Hotel;
- Sunset river cruise on Zambezi River;
- Chisimba Falls excursion;
- Travel through isolated and stunning Great Rift Valley;
- Makambako-Kiduna Tanzania rail descent into pass;
- Selous Game Reserve Game drive (time permitting);

- Fabulous meals and service on board *Pride of Africa*.

## The Tour

Victoria Falls to Dar es Salaam is an exclusive 8-day private rail tour on [Rovos Rail's Pride of Africa](#) that will be offered just once in January 2022. Begin at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe before crossing Zambia and ending in Tanzania.

## Itinerary

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### Day 1: Victoria Falls

Check in to Victoria Falls Hotel, Zimbabwe, at your leisure.

Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, followed by dinner with your fellow travelers in the Livingstone Room at the hotel. Dress is smart-casual.

Activities available in Victoria Falls (at additional cost): Tour of Victoria Falls; helicopter over Victoria Falls; whitewater rafting; bungee-jumping; zip-lining; game walks; golf etc.

Plunging over the lip of the Victoria Falls is the largest body of falling water on earth. The mighty Zambezi, the fourth longest river in Africa, is about 1.24 miles (2 km) wide above the falls and cascades dramatically over a precipice a mile in length and 250 feet at its deepest, compressing the vast volume of water into a wide chasm. The sound can be deafening, the aspect magnificent and the memory indelible.

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### Day 2: Victoria Falls

Enjoy breakfast in the Jungle Junction Restaurant before spending a day at leisure in Victoria Falls.

After lunch, there will be a reception for Rovos Rail travelers, after which the train will depart Victoria Falls Station.

Freshen up in your suite before joining fellow travelers in the lounge car and observation car for afternoon tea.

The train crosses the Victoria Falls Bridge. Border formalities take place.

Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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## Day 3: At leisure on board

Lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon. Please consult the Lecture Sheet in your suite for details.

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10 AM. After breakfast, the train travels across the Kafue Railway Bridge, a 1,600 ft (477m) long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans, each supported on concrete piers.

Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train passes through Zambia's capital, Lusaka. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kapiri Mposhi. Dress: Formal

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## Day 4: At leisure on board

Enjoy breakfast, and another relaxing day on the train as it travels the Tazara line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kasama. Dress: Formal

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## Day 5: Chisimba Falls

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to Chisimba Falls where guests can take a pleasant walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints.

Afterwards, back on board, the train climbs to the border between Zambia and Tanzania — almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes.

Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities take place.

Dinner is served as the train passes Baobab forests and descends the Rift Valley towards Mbeya. Dress: Formal

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## Day 6: Makambako

After breakfast, arrive at Makambako and enjoy a stroll through the town (optional and time

permitting).

Next, the train travels towards the jungled Udzungwa Mountains and negotiates the dramatic switchbacks, viaducts and tunnels of the escarpment.

Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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## Day 7: Selous Game Reserve

Continental breakfast is served in the dining cars until 8 AM.

The train descends into the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards the Selous.

Brunch is served in the dining cars until 11:45.

If time permits, enjoy a game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 35,000 sq. miles (55,000 sq. km)

Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Gwata. Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

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## Day 8: Dar es Salaam

Enjoy a final breakfast in the dining cards before arriving at journey's end: Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

*Please note: Due to rough track and delays, the train can arrive late into Dar es Salaam. It is best to schedule an overnight in Dar es Salaam before flying out.*

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## Dates & Prices

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**Please note that this trip is not for everybody; this is an adventure experience.**

The track is very rough, especially in Tanzania. This contributes to delays and can mean missed or truncated outings off the train.

Medical/evacuation insurance is required for this journey. Several visas, yellow fever inoculation, and malaria prevention may be required and/or recommended. Passport should have seven months' validity beyond travel dates.

**Pre and Post-Tours available:**

Extend your journey in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and beyond. We can customize pre- or post-tour extensions based on your specific interests, such as:

- Experience safari in Botswana's stunning and unique Okavango Delta;
- Hop over to the island of Zanzibar and relax at a beach resort after arriving in Dar es Salaam;
- Go on safari in Tanzania, with game drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater;
- Fly to South Africa to experience another luxury rail experience — the [Blue Train](#) — from Pretoria to Cape Town.

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We work with the best hotels, lodges, tour and safari operators in the region. [Contact us](#) for more information about adding on to your Rovos Rail journey.

In Victoria Falls, there are several options for your free time which are additional cost: some require cash payments. IRT travelers recommend the flight sightseeing over Victoria Falls.

**Royal Livingstone Dinner Train:** Optional excursion available on steam-hauled, dinner train across border from Victoria Falls Hotel in Zambia. [More info.](#)

**Inside Track:** IRT's Angela Walker and Rachel Hardy loved their time on Rovos Rail's *Pride of Africa*. [Click here for part one of their report on the train](#), [here for part two](#).