

WEAVING A DISTINCTIVE THREAD OF BLUE ACROSS THE TAPESTRY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPTIVATING LANDSCAPE.

The **Blue Train** has become synonymous with the ultimate in **luxury** and personal service.

Luxury takes on a new dimension with The Blue Train on a journey that is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail. Relax as you depart on a journey between **Cape Town's** monolithic Table Mountain and the jacaranda-lined streets of **Pretoria**. Southbound, off-the train excursions include the diamond town of **Kimberley** where one can explore the Big Hole and the Diamond Museum.

**The Blue Train named Africa's Leading Luxury Train in 2017 by the World Travel Awards - for the 8th consecutive year since 2009!**

WHAT'S NEW IN 2019?

As the Blue Train continues to re-invent itself and improve on the already spectacular service they offer their guests, there are some exciting changes for 2019:

- 2 luxurious nights instead of 1
- Both guests travelling from Pretoria or Cape Town will now experience a uniform, guaranteed 2 ½ hour off-the-train excursion in Kimberley.
- Extra meals served with a wide variety of menus to choose from
- Dress code: Smart casual during the day and formal for dinner (gentlemen are requested to at least wear a jacket or waistcoat / ladies elegant).
- Late afternoon/evening departures, allowing guests to land in South Africa on the same day of departure or enjoy a day tour, or if arriving the evening before guests can sleep in
- Limited delays with off peak departures/arrivals. Allows for guests to book flights or other forward arrangements on the day of Blue Train's arrival. Guests can also book flights or other forward arrangements on the day of the Blue Train's arrival without the possible anxiety of missing these due to train delays

The Blue Train Information

**Inclusions**

- Travel and overnight twin share or double accommodation on-board the train.  
Bed preference (double or single) to be specified when booking as double beds are limited.
- All meals, high tea, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) excluding French champagne, caviar
- Off-the train excursions
- Gratuities are not included and are optional. If guests wish to give gratuities, a gratuity box is located at the entrance of the Club Car which is shared equally amongst all the staff at the end of the trip. Guests are encouraged not to give gratuities to individuals.

**Accommodation Types**

There are 2 grades of compartments:

**De Luxe suite coach**



The De Luxe coaches each have four suites that measure 4 by 2 metres. The suites have a relaxing lounge that transforms into a luxurious bedroom at night. One of these contains a double bed and a ¾ size bath tub with handheld shower, while the others have twin beds with showers. De Luxe Suites also feature:

- Bedecked with goose-down and 100 per cent percale-cotton bedding
- Individually-controlled air-conditioning system
- Under-floor heating
- Opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom
- Electronic entertainment options on offer
- Bottled mineral water
- Individual Butler per coach, available 24 hours a day
- Bathroom amenities
- Personal safe
- Wardrobe

**Luxury suite coach**



Luxury coaches have three Luxury Suites that each measure 5,13 by 2 metres and gives you the option of twin beds or a double bedded suites which offers you long and

luxurious bath tubs. It is your home away from home and includes:

- Private digital interactive entertainment system, with an inviting selection of music CDs and big-screen movies on Blue-Ray DVD
- All suites are fitted with WI-FI service that is complimentary to all our guests
- Use the telephone system in each suite to dial your butler
- Bedecked with goose-down and 100 per cent percale-cotton bedding
- Individually-controlled air-conditioning system
- Under-floor heating
- Opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom
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## ITINERARIES

2019

- [Pretoria to Cape Town Route \(3 days/2 nights\)](#) 
- [Cape Town to Pretoria Route \(3 days/2 nights\)](#)

## DEPARTURE DATES

### PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN Selected weekdays

### CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA Selected weekdays

2019		2020		2019		2020	
<b>January</b>	7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28	8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27	<b>January</b>	10, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31	11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30		
<b>February</b>	4, 13, 18, 25, 27	3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26	<b>February</b>	7, 16, 21, 28	6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29		
<b>March</b>	4, 11, 13, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	<b>March</b>	2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 28	5, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28		
<b>April</b>	1, 8, 12, 22, 29	1, 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>April</b>	4, 11, 15, 25	2, 4, 9, 16, 23, 30		
<b>May</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25	<b>May</b>	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28		
<b>June</b>	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>June</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25		
<b>July</b>	3, 10, 22, 24, 29	6, 13, 20, 27	<b>July</b>	6, 13, 25, 27	2, 9, 16, 23, 30		
<b>August</b>	5, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28	17, 24, 31	<b>August</b>	1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29, 31	20, 27		
<b>September</b>	2, 9, 11, 18, 23	7, 14, 21, 23, 28	<b>September</b>	5, 12, 14, 21, 26	3, 10, 17, 24, 26		
<b>October</b>	7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28	<b>October</b>	10, 12, 19, 24, 26, 31	1, 8, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31		
<b>November</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	<b>November</b>	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28		
<b>December</b>	4, 11, 16, 18	7, 14, 16	<b>December</b>	7, 14, 19, 21	3, 10, 17, 19		

## Payment & Ticketing

### Conditions:

- A 25% non-refundable deposit is required within 5 days of confirmation. Full balance payable 70 days prior to departure date.
- Bookings made within 70 days require full payment within 48 hours of confirmation.
- Rail Europe reserves the right to cancel any reservation for which the total fare has not been paid by the due date.
- The Blue Train urges clients not to book any flights and / or excursions following their Blue Train trip as arrival times cannot be guaranteed.
- [Click here for Rail Europe terms & conditions](#)

Travel insurance providing appropriate cover is strongly recommended.

## Cancellation & Amendments

### Conditions:

Written notice received	Cancellation fee
70 days or more	Loss of deposit
69 days or less prior to train departure	100%