

Optional extensions:

- 5-day pre-tour: Ultra-luxe *Blue Train* from Cape Town to Pretoria
- 3-day post-tour: Western Cape Winelands with winery visits
- Extensions to safari lodges can also be customized to your interests

Note all extensions are offered on an individual basis; touring and transfers will be private.

Pre-Tour: Ultra-luxe *Blue Train* from Cape Town to Pretoria

October 23-27, 2019



The *Blue Train* is one of the world's great luxury trains, running between Cape Town and Pretoria. The route 994-mile journey is done over three days, with two nights on board and a sightseeing stop in Kimberley.

The train, operated by the state-run Spoornet, is gorgeous in every detail, from the golden brown of the walls, to the upholstered closets to the "B" logo just about everywhere. Butlers can be called any time from your in-room phone.

The unfolding journey is shown on a TV screen in the club car and on one of the TV channels in guest suites. Service is professional and experienced.

Meals are served in the 42-seat diner in two seatings and include delicious African and continental cuisine. Meals are multi-course and tasty; the wine list is outstanding. Breakfast or dinner can be served either in your compartment or in the dining car. Snacks and drinks can be served in your compartment at any time.



Accommodations on board the *Blue Train*:

De Luxe suites: DeLuxe Suites are 8 square meters (86 square feet) and feature twin side-by-side beds with shower, sink and toilet. There are a limited number of double-bedded suites which feature a ¾-sized bath tub with handheld shower.

Luxury suites: Luxury Suites are 10.25 square meters (110 square feet) and feature side-by-side twin beds or double bed, as well as bathroom with shower, sink toilet and bathtub.



Itinerary

October 23: On arrival in Cape Town, you will be met plane-side, whisked through Customs & Immigration, and escorted to your private driver, who will transfer you to the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel for a one-night stay.

October 24: After a morning at leisure, you will be transferred to the Pretoria train station to meet the *Blue Train*, one of the **World's Top 25 Trains**. Enjoy afternoon tea and a formal dinner on board. (B, L, D)

October 25: After breakfast and lunch on board, disembark in Kimberley to visit the Open Mine Museum, including the "Big Hole". Return to the train for dinner on board. (B, L, D)

October 26: The Blue Train arrives Pretoria this morning. You will be met and transferred to the Saxon hotel for the night's stay before meeting the group tomorrow. (B)

Train accommodation	Double	Single
DeLuxe Suite	\$3,870	\$6,415
Luxury Suite	\$4,495	\$7,350

All prices are per person.

Package includes: 1 night Belmond Mount Nelson with breakfast; 2 nights on *Blue Train* with all meals and drinks included; 1 night Saxon hotel with breakfast; private transfers.

Post-Tour: Western Cape Winelands

November 12-14, 2019

November 12: Depart Cape Town and head to the scenic Cape Winelands. You will be transferred to the Franschhoek Wine Valley, known for its beautiful vineyards and award-winning wineries. Check in to La Residence for a two-night stay. La Residence is located at the heart of a private 30-acre estate, and is a haven of luxury on every level. Surrounded by vineyards and plum orchards, with a stunning mountain backdrop, La Residence enjoys breathtaking views of the unspoiled rural surrounds and an atmosphere of complete tranquility. Each suite has an elaborate and unique design, with elegant antiques and exquisite flowers.



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November 13: Enjoy this incredible wine country today. With the sheer vastness of wine estates on offer, we are truly spoiled for choice. Enjoy a wine tasting of the day at one of the following estates in Stellenbosch: Waterford, Ernie Els Wines, Delaire Graff Estate. After an included lunch, enjoy a tasting at one of Franschhoek's fine wineries: Graham Beck, L'Ormarin Wine Estate, Babylonstoren or Fairview. Return to the hotel late afternoon.

November 14: You will be transferred to Cape Town Airport to meet your departure flight.

Cost for Cape Winelands Extension:

\$2,720 per person, double occupancy

\$4,469 single occupancy

Package includes: 2 nights' accommodation at La Residence in a Luxury Suite; full day wineries tour with lunch and tastings; private transfers.

Note: Program can be lengthened if desired. Please contact us for details and pricing.

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