



CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA

SATURDAY/MONDAY

- 11h00 The Pride of Africa departs from Platform 23 at Cape Town Station. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
- 13h00 Lunch is served in the dining car/s.
- 15h00 The train reaches Worcester (223ms/732ft) in the Hex River Valley before climbing up the face of the escarpment to Touws River (959m/3146ft). The broad valley hosts hundreds of grape-producing farms – which yield most of South Africa’s export grape harvest – and accounts for a quarter of the national wine production with close to 20 wine cooperatives and several brandy distilleries.
- 15h30 The train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The third tunnel is 13.5 kilometres long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.
- 16h00 High tea in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
- 17h45 Disembark at the quaint little village of Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through this historic settlement; of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.
- 19h00 The train departs Matjiesfontein and continues on overnight through the Karoo via Beaufort West and De Aar towards Kimberley.
- 19h30 Dinner is served in the dining car/s. Overnight on the train.

SUNDAY/TUESDAY

- 07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining car/s until 10h00.
- 12h30 Lunch is served in the dining car/s.
- 14h30 Arrive at the atmospheric railway station of Kimberley. Disembark and proceed via coach/combi for a tour of the renowned city, the Diamond Mine Museum and the extraordinary Big Hole.
- 16h00 Rejoin the train at Kimberley Station and continue the journey via Warrenton and Bloemhof. High tea in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
- 16h10 Ten minutes after departing Kimberley a shallow lake appears on the left-hand side of the train where, on most occasions, there are spectacular flocks of Lesser Flamingos (approximately 23 000).
- 19h30 Dinner is served in the dining car/s en route to Klerksdorp. Overnight on the train.

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

- 07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining car/s until 10h00 as the train continues to travel northeast through the goldfields of the Witwatersrand via Krugersdorp, Germiston and Johannesburg.
- 12h00 The train arrives at journey’s end at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria.



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PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN

	WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY
15h00	The Pride of Africa departs from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria and travels south via Johannesburg and Germiston towards the goldfields of the Witwatersrand. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining car/s. Overnight on the train.
	THURSDAY/SATURDAY
07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining car/s until 09h45.
09h30	Ten minutes before arriving in Kimberley a shallow lake appears on the right-hand side of the train where, on most occasions, there are spectacular flocks of Lesser Flamingos (approximately 23 000).
09h45	Arrive at the atmospheric railway station of Kimberley. Disembark and proceed via coach/combi for a tour of the renowned city, the Diamond Mine Museum and the extraordinary Big Hole.
12h30	Depart Kimberley and continue on overnight through the Karoo via Beaufort West to Matjiesfontein.
13h00	Lunch is served in the dining car/s.
16h00	High tea in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
19h30	Dinner is served in the dining car/s. Overnight on the train.
	FRIDAY/SUNDAY
07h00	Breakfast is served in the dining car/s until 10h00.
08h00	There is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the five kilometres into Matjiesfontein. A member of staff will accompany the group. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.
08h25	Disembark at the quaint little village of Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through this historic settlement; of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of vintage cars and classic railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.
10h30	The Pride of Africa departs Matjiesfontein and passes through Tweedside and Touws River (959m/3146ft) before reaching the Hex River Pass.
12h00	The train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The second tunnel is 13.5 kilometres long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.
13h00	Lunch is served in the dining car/s as the train climbs down the face of the escarpment through the Hex River Valley and the town of Worcester (223m/732ft). The broad valley hosts hundreds of grape-producing farms – which yield most of South Africa’s export grape harvest – and accounts for a quarter of the national wine production with close to 20 wine cooperatives and several brandy distilleries.
16h00	High tea in the midway lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.
18h00	The train arrives at journey’s end: Platform 24 at Cape Town Station.