

Classic Rovos Rail & Cape Town

Step aboard the lavish Rovos Rail in Pretoria and journey along Africa's classic, luxurious railway to reach Cape Town. Slip gently through the South African scenery, watching golden grasslands, picturesque wine regions and vast stretches of the Great Karoo glide past your window and stop to discover traditional rail and mining towns before enjoying four days in the shadow of Table Mountain in Cape Town.

Day 1 Fly to Johannesburg

Travel overnight to Johannesburg.

Day 2 Pretoria

Upon arrival at Johannesburg airport, you will be picked up and chauffeured to Pretoria station to meet the train. Set off in the afternoon, heading south for a two night journey to Cape Town. (D)

Day 3 Kimberley

Disembark at Kimberley to explore the famous diamond mining town and visit the world's largest man-made mine, the Big Hole. Continue on the rails, clattering through the rugged Great Karoo landscape and small towns through South Africa's Northern and West Cape regions. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Cape Town

Recapture the romance of a bygone era at Matjesfontein, a perfectly preserved historic Victorian railway village and outpost of the Empire before rolling on to Cape Town through the scenic mountain passes, Touws River and Worcester. Spend four nights in the Cape Grace Hotel. (B,L)

Day 5 Robben Island

Spend four days discovering Cape Town at leisure. Choose to catch a ferry to UNESCO World Heritage site, Robben Island and wander the prison that once housed Nelson Mandela. (B)

Day 6 Table Mountain

Opt to hike or catch a cable car ride to the summit of South Africa's iconic Table Mountain for stunning views across Cape Town and coast before discovering the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens nestled in its foothills and listed as some of the world's greatest botanical gardens. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Winelands

Opt to take a tour of the world famous, award winning Stellenbosch wine region with a local specialist wine expert. (B)

Day 8 Cape Town to UK

Spend your final morning shopping and exploring the V&A Waterfront. Transfer to Cape Town Airport, travel overnight to London. (B)

2016 prices from
per person sharing

Luxury 2-berth	£2439
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Price based on sharing a luxury room at the Cape Grace for four nights. Includes international flights, transfers, two nights aboard Rovos Rail on the Pretoria Cape Town Route, all meals and drinks while on board (excludes champagne and premium brands) and four nights in a luxury room at the Cape Grace with breakfast included.

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Ride the Rails Through Peru

Trade a strenuous trek for a ride on the rails and discover the iconic South American capital of Inca culture, Machu Picchu in style, travelling through the Andes aboard the luxurious, 1920's reminiscent Belmond Hiram Bingham from Cuzco. But just one epic train journey was not enough for Peru. Clatter along some of the most beautiful railway tracks to reach Puno and Lake Titicaca, taking in the panoramas from the elegant Andean Explorer train's open air observation deck as you pass through Peru's breathtaking natural landscapes.

Peru Express Tour – 10 days from £2625pp

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BAM Railway, Russia

The Baikal-Amur Mainline branches off from the main Trans-Siberian line at Taishet in eastern Siberia and continues towards the Pacific through Russia's last frontier – an area of hidden Soviet secrets and vast endless landscapes. Stop in Komsomolsk-on-Amur to see space race artefacts at the Museum of Yuri Gagarin Aircraft Factory, disembark at Severobaikalsk to walk on the shores of great Lake Baikal and travel through Russia's longest tunnel under the Severomuisk Mountains on this alternative Trans-Siberian adventure.

BAM Group Tour, 10 Oct '16 – 16 days from £3460pp

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Norway Fjords aboard the Flåm

Hand over a fistful of Krone and you'll receive far more than a flimsy ticket in return. A journey aboard the Flåm Railway crams the best of Norway's astounding, varied natural scenery into one smooth expedition, starting at sea level on the banks of Sognefjord to reach the mountain station, Myrdal, 876 metres above in elevation. Sit in nostalgic, wood-panelled carriages to chug through craggy and dramatic mountains, follow winding tracks through steep valleys and glide past the thundering Kjosfossen waterfall close enough to feel the icy spray.

Flåm & Fjords Fly-Drive – 8 days from £1049pp

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Moscow to Vladivostok Trans-Siberian

The world's greatest train journey stretches 9,258km and has been attracting ambitious adventurers for over a century. Take on the iconic Trans-Siberian Railway and clatter along the tracks on a working train through deepest Siberia on an authentic, epic journey from Moscow to Vladivostok. Stop at Irkutsk to explore the stunning shores of Lake Baikal, a UNESCO listed lake set amidst forbidding cliffs and ancient forest, and delve into the history of Yekaterinburg, the pretty city founded by Peter the Great at the foot of the Ural Mountains.

Moscow to Vladivostok Trans-Siberian – 12 days from £1365pp

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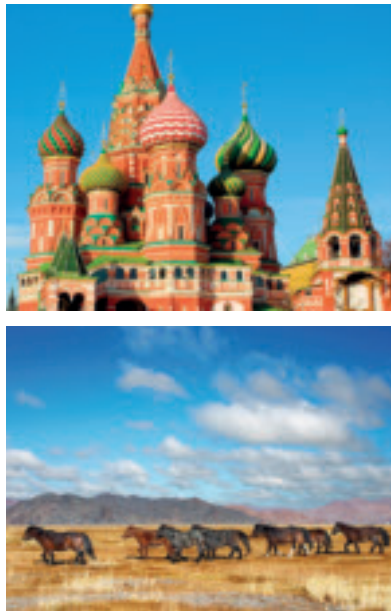
Top 10 Alternative Railway Journeys



From Iran to Ecuador, take the track less travelled on one of the world's greatest alternative railway journeys.

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Tsar's Gold Trans-Siberian

One of the most iconic railway journeys in the world, travel from Moscow to Beijing in style aboard the luxury Tsar's Gold private train. As the ever-changing landscapes of Russia, Mongolia and China pass by, the train makes regular stops for sightseeing including Irkutsk for incredible Lake Baikal, the world's deepest freshwater lake which stretches for nearly 400 miles through south-eastern Siberia.

Days 1 & 2 Fly to Moscow

Arrive in Moscow and discover the iconic sights including Red Square and the glorious cathedrals of the Kremlin before boarding the Tsar's Gold. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Kazan

Arrive in the capital of the Tatars and visit the city's magnificent Kremlin. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Yekaterinburg

Stop to visit the Cathedral on the Blood where Tsar Nicholas II was executed by revolutionaries. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Novosibirsk

Reach the heart of Siberia and enjoy a traditional Russian welcome with bread and salt. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Krasnoyarsk

Stop for a walking tour on the banks of the Yenisei before re-boarding the train for vodka and caviar tasting. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Irkutsk

Overnight in Irkutsk and take a city tour to learn about the ornate Decembrist cabins and colourful Orthodox cathedrals. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Lake Baikal

Take a boat across the world's deepest freshwater lake to re-board the train and resume the journey along the picturesque lakeside tracks. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Ulan Ude

Disembark in the former Cossack garrison of Ulan Ude before travelling across the Mongolian border. (B,L,D)

Days 10 & 11 Ulaanbaatar

Arrive in the Mongolian capital and discover the city's highlights including Gandan Monastery and the nomadic herders of the surrounding mountains. (B,L,D)

Day 12 Gobi Desert

Travel through the vast Gobi Desert before crossing the Chinese border for the last part of the journey aboard a modern local train. (B,L,D)

Days 13-16 Beijing

Travel through rural China to Beijing where sightseeing includes the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and a day trip to the incredible Great Wall. (B,L,D)

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Moscow-Beijing (16 days)	£3175
Beijing-Moscow (15 days)	£3240

Price based on standard 4-berth compartment - ask a Regent Russia Specialist about upgrading to Classic, Superior, Nostalgic, Bolshoi or Bolshoi Platinum.

Price excludes international flights and visas. Single supp applies.

Departs
Mos-Bej 2016: 14 May, 11 Jun, 9 Jul, 10 Aug, 10 Sep
Bej-Mos 2016: 22 May, 19 Jun, 17 Jul, 21 Aug, 18 Sep

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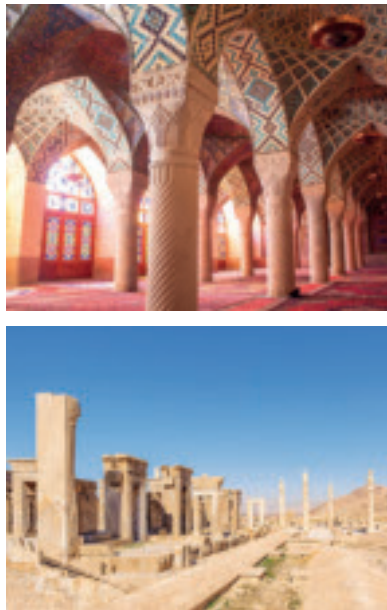
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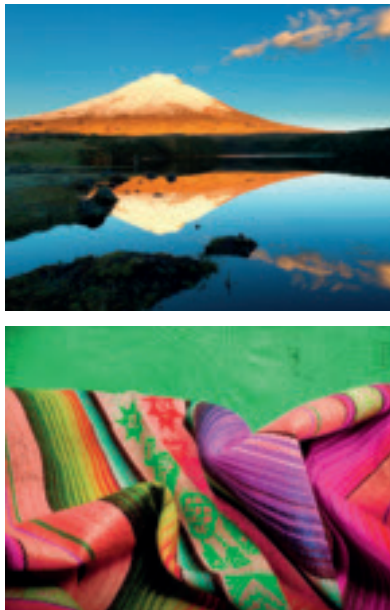
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The Silk Road by Private Train

Discover the ancient towns of the Silk Road crossing Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan by comfortable, private train on this incredible journey which follows in the footsteps of the early Silk Road traders. Endless desert and steppe gently roll by as the train travels between the Central Asian republics where shimmering desert towns, ornate Islamic palaces and bizarre soviet structures vie for attention.

Days 1 & 2 Fly to Ashgabat

Arrive in Turkmenistan's eccentric capital. Visit Tolkuchka Bazaar, one of the largest markets in Central Asia and discover the old Parthian city of Nisa. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Merv

Disembark in the UNESCO-protected city of Merv, with its impressive ruins including the Mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar and Virgin Fortress. (B,L,D)

Days 4-6 Bukhara

Journey into Uzbekistan's Kyzyl-Kum desert and arrive in the ancient city of Bukhara. Enjoy a full sightseeing programme including the magnificent Mire-e-Arab Madrasah, the Samanid Mausoleum and the fortress Ark. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Khiva

Arrive in Khiva and enter through its imposing city walls. On a tour of the museum city discover palaces, mosques and mausoleums and enjoy lunch at the former Summer Palace of the Emir. (B,L,D)

Days 8 & 9 Samarkand

Explore ancient Samarkand, the 14th

century Timur capital. A city tour including remarkable Registan Square reveals some of Central Asia's most impressive architecture. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Shakhrisabz

Continue along the Great Silk Road to the green city of Shakhrisabz, dotted with ruins from its Timur heyday. Enjoy Uzbek wine tasting back on board the train. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Tashkent

On a sightseeing tour of Tashkent discover the Madrasah Kukeldash and Amir Timur monument before attending the famous Tashkent Navoy Opera (depending on schedule). (B,L,D)

Day 12 Turkistan

Arrive in Kazakhstan and the pilgrimage city of Turkistan. Visit the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L,D)

Days 13 & 14 Almaty

Reach Kazakhstan's former capital and visit the Zenkov Russian Cathedral. Enjoy a farewell dinner in a Kazakh yurt to round off your journey along the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

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A Journey through Persia by Train

This journey takes in ancient citadels and Persian palaces, travelling across lands where some of the world's greatest kingdoms once rose and fell. You'll voyage through the ancient desert trading city of Kerman and the Persian paradise gardens of Shiraz to return to Tehran. Stop to explore the UNESCO World Heritage crumbling palaces, Pasargadae and Persepolis and the stunning blue domed Shah Mosque.

Day 1 Fly to Tehran

Fly overnight to Tehran.

Day 2 Tehran

Arrive in the morning to meet your guide and transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 Tehran to the Caspian Sea

Board your private train and depart Tehran for the Caspian Sea. Journey through the Alborz Mountains before sampling regional caviar in Sari. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Mashhad

Mashhad city is the only holy Shiite Islam site in Iran. Visit the Ali ibn Musa ar-Reza mausoleum and its extensive art collection. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Kerman

Traverse the barren Iranian plateau moonscape to reach desert trading city Kerman. Stroll through lavish carpet bazaars and visit the Friday Mosque and the Mosque Ganj Ali Khan. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Bam

Roam the UNESCO World Heritage fortress, Arg-e Bam and at sunset, listen

to local Bedouin's tell the story of 1001 Nights around a bonfire. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Yazd

Discover the domes and Zoroastrian fire temples that make up Yazd, the 'City of Fire Worshipers' founded by Alexander the Great. (B,L,D)

Days 8 & 9 Isfahan

Explore Isfahan's historic sites, including the marble column-lined Imam Square, Ali-qapu Palace and the bridges crossing the Zayandehrud River. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Pasargadae & Persepolis

Tour the impressive archaeological sites of Pasargadae & Persepolis. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Shiraz

The Persian city of paradise gardens boasts bustling bazaars, gleaming domes and the Nasir-al-Molk Mosque. (B,L,D)

Day 12 Tehran

Disembark to marvel at the splendour of the Golestan Palace. (B)

Day 13 Tehran

Enjoy a last day in Tehran.

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Scenic Ecuador by Tren Crucero

Take a spectacular Andean journey by vintage train from the colonial treasures of Quito, through the mountain highlands, along the Avenue of Volcanoes and onwards to the coast. Travel along the Devil's Nose where the track descends 1,000 metres with an incredible series of switchbacks, walk in the foothills of snow-capped Cotopaxi and discover local life in Ecuador's indigenous markets and haciendas.

Day 1 Fly to Quito

Arrive in Ecuador's capital and spend a night at La Casona de la Ronda in the heart of the old city.

Day 2 Otavalo

Travel through rolling valleys to Otavalo and visit the indigenous market where stalls are piled high with ponchos, Panama hats and local handicrafts before continuing to Hacienda Piman. (B)

Days 3-5 Ecuadorian Andes

Return to Quito via the picturesque crater lake of Cuicocha. Back in the capital, spend two days exploring the city including the World Heritage colonial district. (B)

Days 4-6 Quito

Board the Tren de la Libertad for a journey through the northern highlands. Arrive in Salinas where the Afro-Ecuadorian community is renowned for its vibrant culture. (B)

Day 7 Tren Crucero to Lasso

Step aboard the Tren Crucero for a spectacular Andean journey, voyaging

from the highlands to the coast. Travel south to El Boliche to hike through the volcanic slopes of the Cotopaxi National Park. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Tren Crucero to Riobamba

Visit a rose plantation in Ambato before the train climbs to higher altitude. Take in views of Chimborazo volcano, once thought to be the highest mountain in the world. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Tren Crucero to Bucay

Journey from the mountain highlands, through cloud forest and on to the steamy coast. Admire incredible scenery as the train chugs along the dramatic switchbacks of the Devil's Nose. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Tren Crucero to Duran

Visit the local Shuar forest community who still retain their Amazonian customs before completing the railway adventure in Duran. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Guayaquil to UK

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the UK. (B)

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Namibia & South Africa Explorer

Slip away from Windhoek, in the heart of Namibia, on a journey clattering along the rails to South Africa. Spot wildlife from your window before disembarking to set off on safari in search of elephant, lion and hyena through the Etosha National Park, and traverse the sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Peer over the edge of the gaping Fish River Canyon before setting course for Stellenbosch and Cape Town.

Day 1 Fly to Windhoek

Leave the UK on an overnight flight to Windhoek, via Johannesburg.

Day 2 Windhoek

Arrive in Namibia's capital and enjoy a night in a hotel. (D)

Day 3 Windhoek - Etosha

Tour Windhoek city, visiting the neo-Gothic Christ church and the Tintenpalast before boarding the train to head north, watching for wildlife as you travel through private game reserves. (B,D)

Days 4 & 5 Etosha National Park

Drive through Etosha National Park and take a safari visiting the vast salt pan and wildlife sanctuary in search of lion prides, and zebra, giraffe and elephant congregating around waterholes before meeting your train in Otjiwarongo. (B,D)

Day 6 Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund

Set off early to Spitzkoppe - home of the 'Matterhorn of Namibia', where endless dry plains give rise to a vast island of granite peaks. Explore the rock formations and visit a local Damara school. (B,D)

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Day 7 Walvis Bay - Namib Desert

Drive along the ocean road to reach Walvis Bay, a wide open lagoon home to flamingo and pelican populations, before spending a night in a lodge in Naukluft National Park. (B,D)

Days 8 & 9 Namib Desert

Summit Dune 45 for sweeping panoramas of the red sand dunes at first light and travel through the desert. (B,D)

Day 10 Aus

Discover abandoned diamond mining town, Kolmanskop, and historic coastal town, Luderitz. (B,D)

Day 11 Fish River Canyon

Take in astounding views at the edge of the world's second largest canyon. (B,D)

Days 12-14 South Africa

Sample local wines in the Stellenbosch region before discovering stylish Cape Town and Table Mountain. (B,D)

Day 15 Cape Town to UK

Transfer to the airport for the flight to the UK.

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Luxury 2-berth £5750

Price based on sharing a luxury 2-berth compartment. Includes return flights from London. Excludes visas.

Departs
2016: 6 Mar, 20 Nov

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