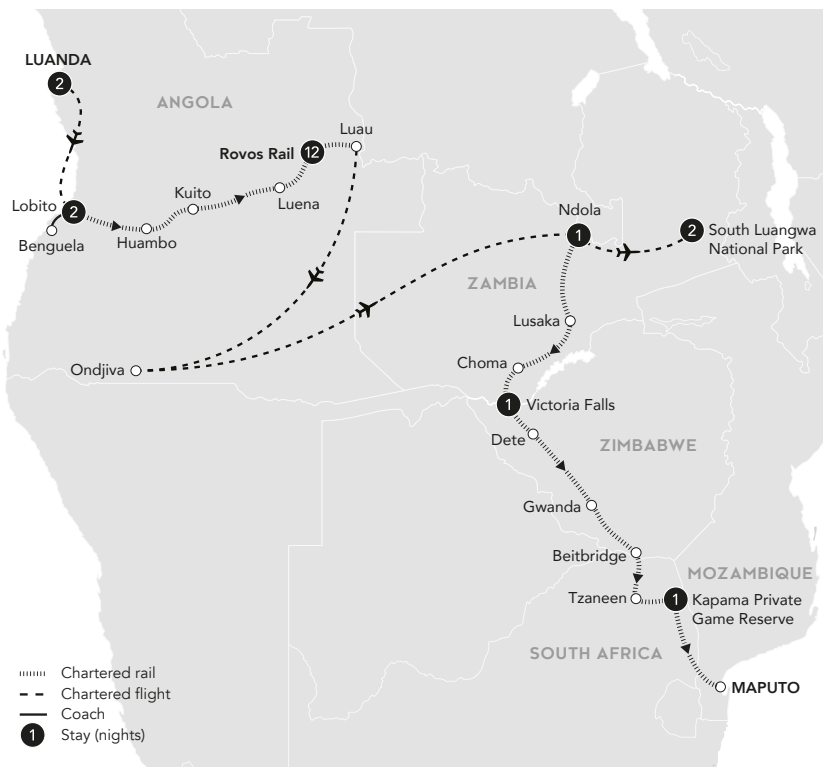


# ANGOLA TO MOZAMBIQUE ABOARD ROVOS RAIL

Traverse Africa from west to east aboard the privately chartered Rovos Rail. Following a custom-designed route, exclusive to Captain's Choice, we absorb the history and culture of countries rarely visited by other travellers. Of course, no trip to Africa can be considered complete without a safari, so we also enjoy stays in South Luangwa National Park and Kapama Private Game Reserve. Everything has been considered and included throughout this inspired journey.



## A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Luanda - Lobito - South Luangwa National Park - Lusaka - Victoria Falls - Matobo National Park - Kapama Private Game Reserve - Maputo

23 Day Exploration  
 Departing 20 July 2026

### **Day 1 Luanda (Angola)**

Beginning in Luanda, we are transferred to the InterContinental Luanda Miramar. Relax and acclimatise during an afternoon at leisure before dining at our hotel this evening.

### **Day 2 Luanda**

During a morning tour of Luanda, we see the sights of the capital, including the striking 19th-century Iron Palace. At the National Anthropology Museum, we discover Angola's rich cultural heritage during an exhibition of traditional artefacts, clothing and sculptures. A visit to the National Museum of Slavery offers a decidedly sobering contrast. Our tour concludes at the bustling Benfica Market. Following lunch, we drive to São Miguel Fort, built to defend the coastline from marauding pirates. This evening's Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers better.

### **Day 3 Catumbela, Lobito**

Take your morning at leisure, before we reconvene for lunch at a local restaurant. We then make our way to the airport for our flight to Catumbela. From here, we take the road to Lobito, where we check in to the Hotel Terminus, situated along a narrow point known as Myrtle Beach. Select your choice of restaurant this evening.

### **Day 4 Lobito, Benguela**

Today's explorations centre on the coastal city Benguela. Stop at the beach of Praia Morena, where we visit the Archaeology Museum, which occupies the site of a former slave warehouse. Back in Lobito, the Caxaramba Distillery introduces us to its locally produced brandy and gin during lunch. This is followed by a walk along the narrow peninsula of Restinga. Our travels also take us to see the famous Zaire boat, which transported President José Eduardo dos Santos along the Congo River to Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and his eventual exile. Following the day's touring, we return to Hotel Terminus.

### **Day 5 Embark Rovos Rail**

We farewell Lobito, boarding Rovos Rail for our journey across the continent. Along iron tracks, we cross the Huambo province. Gather in the dining car and raise a glass to the adventures that lie ahead.

### **Day 6 Huambo**

The central plateau of Angola is built upon crystalline rock and granite from the Paleozoic era. Huambo, one of the plateau's old kingdoms, is our first stop. As the second largest city in Angola, there are many sites to see; we indulge our curiosity during a leisurely walk.

### **Day 7 Kuito**

Our train pulls into Kuito this morning, and we enjoy a stroll through the town. We learn about the area's Ovimbundu families, which consist of a male head who typically has several wives. Here, land is passed down through the family for agricultural purposes, upon which the local economy remains heavily reliant.

### **Day 8 Luena**

The steel wheels of our train set the morning's pace. Breakfast is served in the dining cars as we take in the sights gradually passing before us. Alight in Luena for a discovery of Angola's more-recent history. Enjoy lunch aboard the train while heading further east. As we roll alongside the Cassai River, we may catch a glimpse of local fishermen plying their trade. Afternoon tea is served in the lounge and observation cars this afternoon. Continuing toward the border town of Luau, we sit down to dinner in the train's dining cars.

### **Day 9 Luau**

Continuing toward the border town of Luau, we enjoy breakfast aboard the train before alighting for a walking tour. Back aboard Rovos Rail, lunch and dinner are served as we navigate our approach to the border.

### **Day 10 Disembark Rovos Rail, Luau, Ndola (Zambia)**

From Luau, we board a charter flight to the Zambian city of Ndola, via Ondjiva. Tonight we rest at the Protea Hotel.

### **Day 11 South Luangwa National Park**

A further charter flight sees us arriving on the edge of South Luangwa National Park. Waiting vehicles guide us further across the savanna to each of the several lodges that our group will occupy here. Upon our arrival, we enjoy a lunch of delicious local specialties. With our binoculars at the ready, we set off on a game drive across the Luangwa Valley. With our journey timed for Zambia's dry season, sightings are assured, as a variety of species flock to the park's scarce water supplies.

### **Day 12 South Luangwa National Park**

A collective birdsong serves as our alarm clock this morning. After an early breakfast, we join a game drive, watching the resident animals in the light of dawn. The late afternoon is then dedicated to a second game drive. Our expert guide scours the dirt for animal tracks, in the hope they may lead to a candid display of daily life from the park's lions, leopards, impalas or zebras. Winding down from the excitement of the day, we enjoy dinner and a nightcap back at our lodge.

### **Day 13 Ndola, Embark Rovos Rail, Lusaka, Ngwerere**

Having flown back to Ndola, we board Rovos Rail once again and continue our rail journey. Our train heads south to Lusaka, Zambia's capital. Along the way, we pass through Kapiri Mposhi, known as the 'Hills of Refuge'. During the height of the slave trade, local lore told of a huge bird that lived in hills to the north of the town, offering refuge to the Swaka people. As is custom, we take afternoon tea in the lounge and observation cars, followed by dinner in the dining cars.

### **Day 14 Lusaka**

Today, we are bound for Lusaka Elephant Sanctuary within Kafue National Park. The role of this important non-profit is the rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing of these majestic animals into the wild. We return to the train for lunch, before alighting once more to embark upon a sunset cruise along the Kafue River. Enjoy an afternoon with sundowners as we drift peacefully down this largest tributary of the Zambezi. Rovos Rail's expert chefs serve another delicious meal in the dining car this evening.

### Day 15 Choma

Continuing in a southerly direction, our train soon traverses the Kafue Railway Bridge. The impressive steel truss bridge spans the Kafue River supported by concrete pillars. Breakfast and lunch are served on the train before we alight in the city of Choma. At Choma Museum and Crafts Centre, the cultural heritage of the local Batonga people is revealed. Preserved in its art gallery are a range of graphic arts, crafts, and sculptures that chronicle the lives and stories of local artists. Our train rolls on this evening toward Zimbabwe.

### Day 16 Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

This morning, we prepare a bag for our overnight stay at Victoria Falls. Following breakfast, border formalities take place in Livingstone. Named for the famous explorer, the city welcomes us as we continue our own grand adventure. Soon we are crossing the imposing Victoria Falls Bridge, the Zambezi River below us, with the gushing Victoria Falls just beyond our window. Formally welcomed into Zimbabwe, we alight the train and walk directly to our hotel. We are received along the lawn of this regal property, before being shown inside. Lunch takes place today at Jungle Junction within the grounds of our hotel.

Afternoon Your World experiences allow us to soak up the blissful surrounds of the falls in our own way:

- ★ Board a helicopter for bird's-eye views of Victoria Falls, the Zambezi River and Batoka Gorge. The helicopter's specially designed bubble-shaped windows provide perfect panoramas for your photo opportunities.
- ★ Stand before a gargantuan baobab tree, known locally as 'The Big Tree'. From here, take a walk through the rainforest, accompanied by a local guide, who will give you a brief history of the falls while pointing out the local flora and fauna.

Late this afternoon, embark a boat for a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. As the sun's orange glow is reflected across shimmering waters, make a toast to our time in this glorious setting. Enjoy dinner while gliding further along the river before returning to our hotel.

### Day 17 Day Aboard Rovos Rail

After breakfast, we reboard Rovos Rail for a day of crossing the vast landscapes of Zimbabwe. We pass through the small town of Dete during this south-easterly leg of our journey. Mesmerising plains and vast skies converge at the horizon, easily enjoyed from the train's observation cars. The team of culinary experts on board pleasantly punctuate our travels with lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner as we near the city of Bulawayo.

### Day 18 Matobo National Park

Alighting the train in Bulawayo this morning, we board a coach for our transfer to Matobo National Park. Explore the expansive grounds of the park, discovering the caves of the San people, Zimbabwe's earliest inhabitants. The walls of the caves are adorned with ancient rock art, depicting scenes involving elongated figures engaged in hunting and dancing. Nearby, atop a hill considered sacred to many Zimbabweans, we also see the grave of Cecil John Rhodes, a site of much contention among locals. Back aboard the train, we pass through baobab country, the

colossal drought-tolerant trees making for a grand spectacle. Further south, we approach the town of Gwanda, a gold-mining town and capital of the province of Matabeleland South. With our arrival at Beitbridge this evening, border formalities are taken care of and we proceed into South Africa.

#### **Day 19 Day Aboard Rovos Rail (South Africa)**

Track the sun's arc across the sky as we enjoy a full day travelling aboard Rovos Rail. Towering hills and sweeping savannas also vie for our attention, which we see unfold from the observation lounge or our comfortable cabins. Enjoy gourmet three-course dining during lunch and dinner, accompanied perhaps by some of South Africa's finest wines. The 'fruit basket of South Africa' awaits us in Tzaneen. The important agricultural area serves as the gateway to Kruger National Park, which we will explore tomorrow.

#### **Day 20 Kapama Private Game Reserve, Disembark Rovos Rail**

We alight the train early this morning, taking advantage of a full day of discoveries. At the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, we learn about the vital conservation work being undertaken for cheetahs and rhinos. From here, we transfer to Kapama River Lodge for an overnight stay. After lunch, we head into Kapama Private Game Reserve; a game drive taking us in search of lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalo. Returning to our lodge, dinner is served before we retreat to our comfortable suites.

#### **Day 21 Kapama Private Game Reserve, Embark Rovos Rail**

During an early morning game drive, we keep watch for antelopes and hyenas, as the sun's orange rays creates silhouettes of the park's trees. We compare notes regarding our respective sightings over breakfast back at the lodge. We then farewell Kapama Private Game Reserve to meet back up with our waiting train. Our bespoke rail journey then sees us heading toward Mozambique and the Indian Ocean coast.

#### **Day 22 Maputo (Mozambique), Disembark Rovos Rail**

Shortly after breakfast, Rovos Rail pulls into the station at Maputo, in Mozambique. Having enjoyed life aboard our refined rolling home over the past three weeks, we now say farewell. We waste no time in setting off on a discovery of this coastal city. Stand before the imposing red stone structure of Maputo Fortress. From here, we stroll the aisles of Maputo Central Market. Close by, the white spire of Maputo Cathedral can be seen gleaming against the blue sky. Then a pathway through Tunduru Botanical Gardens leads us to the Iron House, whose design has been attributed to Gustave Eiffel. We retreat to a local restaurant for lunch, before checking in to the renowned Polana Serena Hotel.

Explore further with a Your World experience:

- ★ Take a walking tour through the neighbourhood of Mafalala. Get acquainted with the delicious local food, traditional dancing and sports. The relatively small town has produced many well-known locals, from footballers to journalists and singers, and even a former president.

- ★ Immerse yourself in the local culture during a guided tour. Visit some of Maputo's artistic, historical and cultural sites. Then take a drive out to a few of the city's colourful nearby neighbourhoods.

We celebrate our extraordinary journey during a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Day 23 Maputo

After a final breakfast in Africa, we transfer to the airport, where our most memorable journey concludes.