

ROVOS RAIL

WEDDINGS

The Events Train is a perfect venue for wedding couples looking for something old-world, enchanting and romantic.

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences. With discreet and friendly service, fine cuisine and a selection of South Africa's top wines, Rovos Rail harks back to a simpler, more elegant era encompassing the timeless grace and high romance of African exploration. The Events Train is a great venue for weddings. Depending on the number of guests, it can host – with full bar facilities – a four-course sit-down lunch or dinner for up to 120 guests for the duration of the three-hour journey. Guests are greeted at our private station in Pretoria by a sparkling wine reception before the bride makes a grand entrance in the cab of a steam locomotive. After the ceremony in the charming Edwardian station, guests step on board to enjoy five-star hospitality and the gentle rocking of the train as it winds its way through Jacaranda City.

ELEGANT STATION CEREMONY | THREE-HOUR TRAIN JOURNEY AROUND PRETORIA | SIT-DOWN LUNCH OR DINNER











The Most Luxurious Train in the World

EVENTS TRAIN WEDDINGS

SUGGESTED RUNNING TIME

09.30/16.30 Sparkling wine reception for guests 09.55/16.55 Bride arrives on a steam locomotive

10.00/17.00 Wedding ceremony 10.45/17.45 Signing of the register

11.00/18.00 Photographs while guests enjoy

light canapés and a limited bar

11.45/18.45 Speeches and toasts

12.15/19.15 Board the train and depart on a circular route around Pretoria*

15.30/22.30 Arrive at the station. Disembark and enjoy a limited bar on platform

16.30/23.30 Limited bar service ends 17.00/24.00 Guests depart

SUGGESTED FORMAT

- A string duet is available to play background music for the reception as well as when the bride arrives (e.g. Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March").
- Bride arrives in the cab of a steam locomotive.
- After the ceremony, guests enjoy light canapés and a limited bar while the bride and groom do photographs around the property.
- The locomotive will idle on the platform for photographs before going to collect the train.
- We recommend having speeches at this point as the guests are gathered in one area and the platform/lounge is quiet.
- Guests board the train* with an opportunity to explore before being called to the opulent dining cars for lunch or dinner.
- Disembark the train and enjoy a limited bar on the platform before departing.

EVENT PRICE IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEPARTURE DATE

ROVOS RAIL STATION

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A highlight for guests is a visit to the private station headquarters in Capital Park, Pretoria. The low, red-bricked buildings alongside the 300m platform house gleaming stainless-steel kitchens and well-stocked storerooms. This is the busy hub of a provisioning operation that is world-class hotel in terms of efficiency and attention to detail. As the train is narrow and makes a clickety-clack sound along the tracks, we encourage couples to make use of the spacious station lounge for the wedding ceremony; there is no charge for this and it can be styled as you wish. We suggest you obtain the services of a wedding planner. Site visits are most welcome.

CUISINE

An enthusiastic team of chefs oversees the important task of catering for guests' every need. There is an accent on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes are a specialty. Meals are served in the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines served by the glass. If you would like specialist items, we are happy to provide them for you at an additional charge. We pre-print the menus with our logo on custom recycled paper to fit our presentation covers. If you wish to personalise the menu, we can arrange this with 15 days' notice at an additional charge.

DIETARIES

We cater for food allergies provided a detailed request has been made at that time of your reservation. If a request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.







OPTIONS FOR A 3-HOUR TRIP AROUND PRETORIA		1 JAN 2025- 31 DEC 2025	1 JAN 2026- 31 DEC 2026	EVENTS TRAIN CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING CARS Subject to change; Observation Car seats include balcony *SEATS
Four-course sit-down lunch/dinner OR hot and/or cold canapés served throughout the event – both with full bar facilities	42 or less	R222 000	R253 500	Generator Car + Kitchen/Smoking Bar + Dining 48 * + Bar/Lounge 15 * + Observation 36 *
	72	R278 500	R321 000	Generator Car + Kitchen/Smoking Bar + Dining 48* + Dining 24* + Bar/Lounge 15* + Observation 36*
	120	R369 000	R429 500	Generator Car + Kitchen/Smoking Bar + Dining 48* + Dining 48* + Dining 24* + Bar/Lounge 15* + Lounge 36* + Obs. 36* + Obs. 36*

INCLUDES Reception at Rovos Rail Station (sparkling wine, orange juice, string duet for one hour) · Bride's arrival on the steam loco at the platform (dependent) · Light canapés and a limited bar during photographs

· All meals and all beverages on board the train · Rovos Rail menus · One-hour limited bar on the platform after the train returns · Use of the PA system in the station building · Standard Rovos Rail flowers in the station building and on board the train

· Secure parking for guest vehicles. **EXCLUDES** Gratuities (at own discretion; can be handed to the Train Manager or paid by EFT following day) · Special requests such as international sparkling wine · Additional flowers · Wedding cake · Event planner · Marriage officer · Photographer. Rovos Rail is classified as transport and as such is zero-rated for VAT. Permission will need to be obtained from the railway authorities before we confirm a trip.

WEDDINGS PAYMENT SCHEDULE
AND CANCELLATION POLICY

TO CONFIRM A BOOKING, A % PAYMENT OF TOTAL

181+ DAYS
±6 months
±6 months
±2 months
±2 months
±2 months
±100%

^{*}Train journey is pulled by a diesel/electric loco