

AFRICAN EXPEDITION BY PRIVATE TRAIN | PLANNING GUIDE

Comprehensive information will be sent to all confirmed guests approximately 5 months prior to their scheduled departure, as well as approximately 1 month prior to departure. The information provided here is only a summary of key information that prospective guests may sometimes consider before registering for this iconic experience. For additional information, be sure to review the [FAQ section](#) of the African Expedition by Train website.



PASSPORTS & VISAS

A valid U.S. passport is required for entry into all countries on this program. Additionally, Mozambique and Zimbabwe require securing a visa. As visa requirements continually evolve, rest assured that Orbridge will provide you with the most current information well in advance of your departure about how to secure these and the information provided here is intended to only serve as a guide for what you may expect to need. As of November 2025, the requirements are as below:

- South Africa: no visa is required for US Citizens
- Eswatini: no visa is required, but you may need to fill out a short form on the train for customs declarations
- Mozambique: visa processing will be facilitated by train staff onboard during the program and is generally about \$10USD.
- Zimbabwe: an e-visa must be acquired before your arrival. Further details, including when and how to file, will be sent approximately 45 days prior to your arrival at the time when the application must be filed. This visa is generally about \$30USD.

Ensure that your passport expiration date is at least six months after your return from this program and that you have sufficient space for entry and exit stamps. Also, you must have two blank passport pages available for entry and exit visas for each of the following destinations: South Africa (pages must be consecutive), Eswatini, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe. The blank pages must be labeled "Visas" at the top (blank "Amendments and Endorsements" pages are not acceptable). If both requirements are not met, you may be denied boarding, refused admittance into the country, and required to return to the U.S.

NOTE: *Visa and entry requirements may vary for those traveling with non-U.S. passports. As such, it is important to review information related to your place of issuance.*



HEALTH & WELLNESS

A summary of immunization recommendations for travel to South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe may be found at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/>. While Guest Services is unable to provide additional information about vaccines and immunizations, we suggest that you share your travel plans with your medical team so that they can provide you with personalized suggestions based on your unique health circumstances.



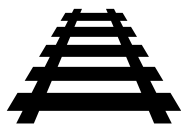
LUGGAGE & PACKING

Packing light is recommended. Train cabins are compact spaces, and storage for luggage is very limited. Try limiting yourself to one bag with a maximum weight of 50 pounds and a carry-on. We recommend soft-shell luggage. Each cabin has limited storage cabinets/drawers and 12.5 inches of clearance space under the bed(s). Bring an overnight bag or use your carry-on bag for the overnight stay at the hotel in Kruger National Park. Your luggage and other belongings will be stored safely onboard the train overnight. Luggage will be loaded on board by porters at the station prior to your departure, and overnight bags will be taken from the train to your hotel room and back by the train staff. A packing list will be included separately with your Program and Final Documents that you can use as a checklist template to personalize for your own needs.



CLOTHING & ATTIRE

The recommended attire on tour is functional, casual, and comfortable. While on safari experiences, earth tones such as khaki, brown, and beige are recommended as they reflect heat. It is recommended to avoid wearing black, navy blue, and other dark hues while on safari as these dark colors trap heat and may attract insects such as tsetse flies and mosquitoes. These insects are also attracted to bright colors and metallic fabrics. During the day, most travelers wear light pants or light jeans with T-shirts or long-sleeved shirts and comfortable, closed-toe footwear. You can expect cooler temperatures in the mornings, so a warm jacket is recommended. At dinner, whether dining aboard the train or at a hotel, we recommend dressing "smart casual." This can include skirts, cotton or linen pants or slacks, dressy blouses, polo shirts, button-down and collared long-sleeve shirts, light sweaters, and a comfortable pair of walking shoes or flats instead of tennis shoes. A jacket is not required for gentlemen.



LIFE ON BOARD THE RAILS

Experience the immense beauty of Southern Africa on an epic railroad journey. You will have the opportunity to read and enjoy beverages in the bar car, savor four-course dinners of African and European cuisines in the two restaurant cars (alcohol not included), and delight in uninterrupted views of wilderness from the observation platform while engaging in casual conversation with your tour leaders. Cozy sleeping compartments provide elevated standards of safety, service and comfort. Sleeping compartment amenities include individual climate control, windows (equipped with blinds and sunshades) that open, 220/230V electrical outlets, safe, closet, bedside cabinets, complimentary bottled water, bathrobes and slippers, and private en suite bathroom with shower, towels, sundries and hair dryer.

