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4 Departures in 2018

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| 02 February – 08 February 2018 | Cape Town Garden Route Cape Town |
| 23 March – 29 March 2018 | Cape Town Garden Route Cape Town |
| 12 November – 18 November 2018 | Cape Town Garden Route Cape Town |
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FOLLOW AN EXTRAORDINARY RAILWAY ROUTE FOR SUPREME GOLFING AND SAFARI EXPERIENCES,
INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS AT 5-STAR SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE.

Introducing the Blue Train – A Window to the Soul of Africa

Surrender your senses to seamless luxury on a delightful journey fit for royalty. Graced by kings, presidents and other notable dignitaries from the world over, **the Blue Train** is considered the **ultimate in luxury rail travel**.

FROM THE MOMENT YOU ENTER THE PRE-DEPARTURE LOUNGES TO YOUR FINAL FAREWELL, GUESTS WILL **EXPERIENCE A TIMELESS WORLD OF GRACE, ELEGANCE AND ROMANCE ENHANCED BY LUXURIOUS COMFORT TO GENTLY ENCOURAGE SHEER RELAXATION THROUGHOUT.**

Souvenirs in the form of marvelous memories will enchant you for years to come as you recall colourful landscapes and lush green golf courses; spectacular **wildlife encounters at Shamwari Game Reserve**; sensational culinary aromas and the laughter of new lifelong friends.

Every moment spent between stops is as important as the destinations en route.

Relish every second on this luxurious journey that is truly beyond expectations; a journey conceived to satisfy guests' every desire.

AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY IN THE TWO GREAT PURSUITS OF GOLF AND GAME.

Only for the lucky few

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Your Adventure of a Lifetime Begins

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THE BLUE TRAIN, in its charisma and majesty, has been synonymous with the ultimate in luxury travel since 1946.

It offers a unique way of traversing some of Southern Africa's magnificent landscapes and landmarks.

Guests will revel in exceptional golf courses and inspiring scenery when not relishing Shamwari Big Five wildlife adventures and exceptional culinary experiences throughout.

Perhaps you will glimpse the elusive leopard, dozing in the bough of a tree;
spot a beautiful black rhino with its magnificent horns and bad temper, half-hidden in thick shrubs;
come across a pride of lions stalking their prey; or a large herd of elephants silently crossing the road.

That is, when you are not discovering a new favourite vintage while exploring wine farms.

THE BLUE TRAIN ACCOLADES

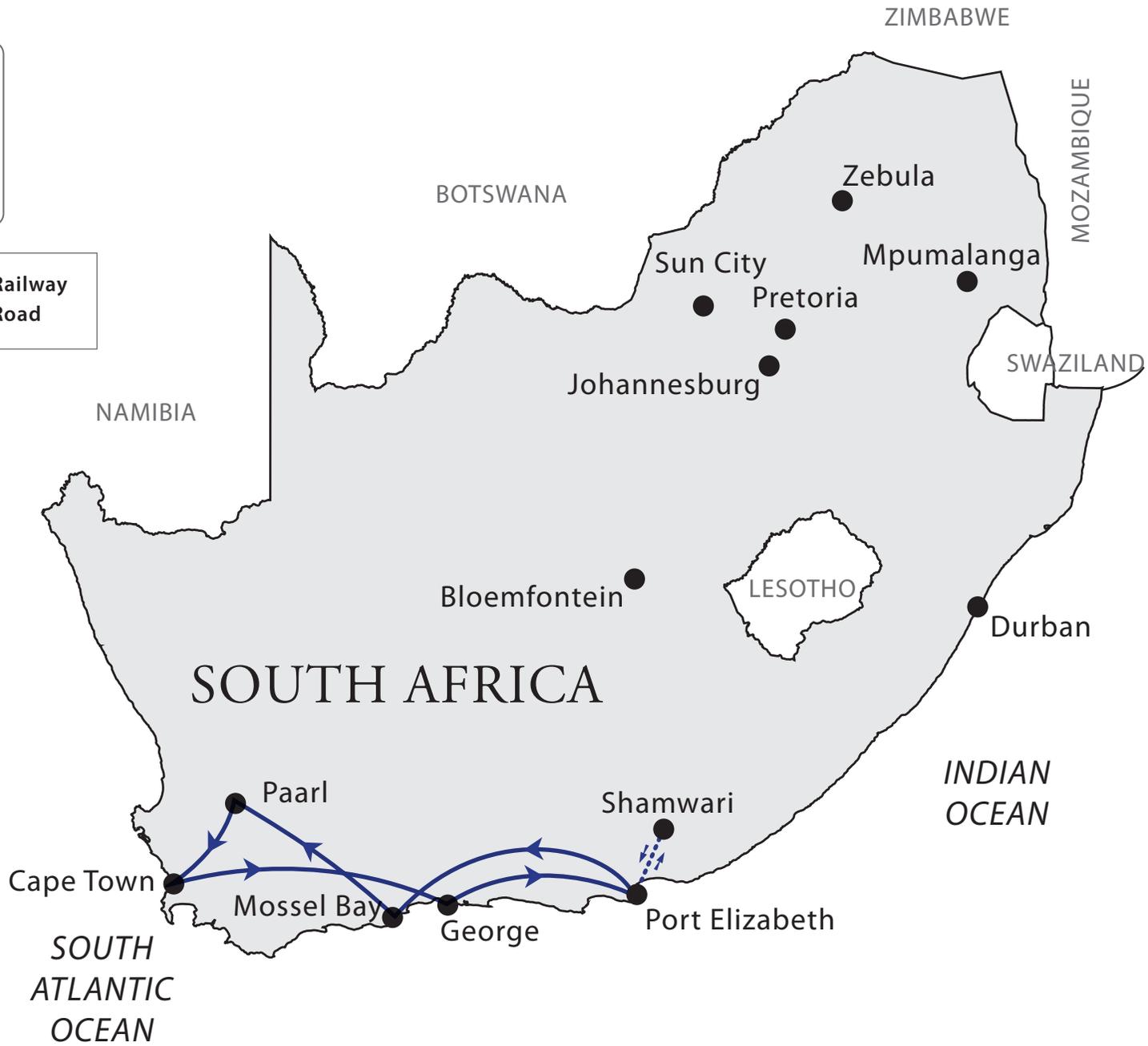
*Voted the **World's Leading Luxury Train** for three consecutive years: 2009, 2010 and 2011*

***Africa's Leading Luxury Train** for eight consecutive years: 2009 – 2016*



**GOLF SAFARI
ROUTE**

- by Railway
- by Road



One Spectacular Journey

TO REMARKABLE DESTINATIONS

THE ULTIMATE IN LUXURY TRAIN TRAVEL

With personal butlers at guests' beck-and-call, fine cuisine and some of the best wines South Africa, if not the world, has to offer, the word "luxury" is redefined aboard THE BLUE TRAIN.

THE BLUE TRAIN also offers guests breathtaking views of the countryside – which allow you to experience parts of the landscape you would not necessarily appreciate and experience when you fly.

Upon arrival your luggage will be tagged and whisked away as you board the train for a brief orientation, welcoming snacks and drinks. You will also meet your personal butler who will see to your every need throughout your journey, whether it be in the comfort of your private suite or at any one of the exquisite lounges.

THE ROUTE

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HIGHLIGHTS

PLAY SPECTACULAR GOLF COURSES AND RELISH UNFORGETTABLE GAME VIEWING EXPERIENCES IN BETWEEN LUXURY TRAIN TRAVEL AND 5-STAR GAME RESERVE RELAXATION AT SHAMWARI.

- **MONTAGU GOLF COURSE** AT FANCOURT
- **BELMONT GOLF COURSE** IN GRAHAMSTOWN
- TWO LUXURIOUS NIGHTS AT **SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE**
- SHAMWARI **MORNING & AFTERNOON BIG FIVE SAFARIS**
- BIG FIVE SHAMWARI **GUIDED GAME WALK**
- **HUMEWOOD GOLF COURSE** IN PORT ELIZABETH
- **PINNACLE POINT GOLF COURSE** IN MOSSEL BAY
- **PEARL VALLEY GOLF COURSE** IN PAARL

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PACKAGE INCLUDES

- **4 NIGHTS 5-STAR ACCOMMODATION** ABOARD THE BLUE TRAIN
- **2 NIGHTS 5-STAR ACCOMMODATION AT SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE, ALL-INCLUSIVE**
- **UNLIMITED:** SNACKS, GOURMET MEALS, ALL DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC, ALCOHOLIC, INCL. FINE WINES SOURCED FROM TOP SA WINEMAKERS AS WELL AS PREMIUM ALCOHOLIC BRANDS) AND HAND-MADE CUBAN CIGARS ON BOARD THE BLUE TRAIN
- SUITE ORIENTATION BY **PERSONAL BUTLER PLUS PRE-DEPARTURE SNACKS & DRINKS**
- UNLIMITED ROOM SERVICE, MINIMUM LAUNDRY SERVICE AND PORTAGE
- **PRIVATE TRANSFERS** TO GOLF COURSES
- 18 HOLES GOLF AT:
 - **FANCOURT | MONTAGU GOLF COURSE** *(green fees, halfway house and shared cart included)*
 - **BELMONT GOLF COURSE** *(green fees, halfway house and shared cart included)*
 - **HUMWOOD GOLF COURSE** *(green fees, halfway house and shared cart included)*
 - **PINNACLE POINT GOLF COURSE** *(green fees, halfway house and shared cart included)*
 - **PEARL VALLEY GOLF COURSE** *(green fees, halfway house and shared cart included)*
- **SHAMWARI BIG FIVE SAFARI ADVENTURES**
- **WALKING SAFARI WITH RANGER AT SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE**

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DAY 1

This wonderful journey starts in **Cape Town**. Once the train is on its way to George, a leisurely lunch will be served in the Dining Car.

Take your time to settle in, explore the train or simply relax and enjoy the splendid views before a spectacular dinner.

A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AWAITS

An exclusive, one of a kind journey featuring top golfing, legendary safari adventures and luxury train travel is about to unfold.

Relish every second as you encounter **famous top golf courses**, explore an **award-winning game reserve** and indulge in **spectacular wining and dining**, complemented with unsurpassed service, every step of the way.

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DAY 2

Indulge in a brilliant breakfast before the train arrives in George.

Transfer to FANCOURT to tee off on the magnificent **Montagu Golf Course**.

Originally designed by Gary Player, FANCOURT's Montagu course has developed into one of the finest 18-hole parkland layouts, earning it the number 6 position on Golf Digest SA's list of top golf courses in the country. Exquisitely conditioned to provide a riveting golfing experience, this tree-lined course covers large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. A detailed stroke saver takes golfers through the course, providing distance measurements and images that assist players with navigating the course.

Train departs via *Oudtshoorn* and *Uitenhage* to **Port Elizabeth**.

Dinner is always a highlight of this journey with highly polished gleaming décor, exceptional service and **award-winning wines paired with delectable dishes**.

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DAY 3

Yet another delightful breakfast will be served before The Blue Train arrives at **Port Elizabeth**.

Guests will be transferred to **Belmont Golf Course**.

This incredible course in the **Belmont Valley**, just south-east of **Grahamstown**, straddles the gravel road that runs from Grahamstown down the Belmont Valley. There are 12 holes on the western side of this road and 6 on the eastern side, with the *Kowie river* running through the course, adjacent to the road in the main.

The course was built on a farm and there is a distinct difference between the course on the eastern side of the road, on the upper slopes of the valley, from the western side in terms of the undergrowth. The eastern side provides some panoramic views both north and south. The western part boasts many beautiful old oak trees, amongst others, which provide a home for over 100 different bird species.

This evening, following a road transfer from the golf course, we check in at the luxurious, 5-star **SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE*** for an **all-inclusive two nights' stay**.

Enjoy a splendid dinner at this award-winning African paradise.

**A variety of lodges will be available at SHAMWARI and passengers will be allocated rooms as they book.
Specific lodges can be requested and guests will be accommodated based on availability.*

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DAY 4

Today the group departs for a **morning safari adventure in open-aired Land Rovers** at **SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE**.

Guests are in for a **thrilling game drive** in search of the **Big Five**.

Following breakfast, every guest has the option to either go on a **walking safari with a guide, relax or enjoy spa treatments*** before lunch is served.

After lunch, guests can enjoy an **afternoon game drive**, quite different from morning safari experiences, before dinner and another evening as a guest at SHAMWARI**.

Situated in the **Eastern Cape, South Africa**, SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE offers the **malaria-free, safari holiday you've been searching for**.

This reserve is one of the most successful private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa coupled with responsible tourism and the most luxurious means of experiencing your African safari adventure. The facilities, coupled with the spectacular location and the reserve's passion for the environment, make this an unforgettable destination.

All 6 luxury lodges are 5-star graded and have their own unique energy and essence, designed in harmony with their surroundings, where guests can experience nature in supreme comfort.

SHAMWARI ACTIVITIES

GAME DRIVES | SAFARI SPA | BIRDING | IAN PLAYER RHINO AWARENESS CENTRE | BORN FREE BIG CAT SANCTUARIES
WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE | PRO PHOTO SAFARIS

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DAY 5

Delight in a leisurely breakfast before being transferred in luxury vehicles to **Humewood Golf Course** for a day of magnificent golf.

Home to one of the world's most challenging links courses, Humewood is ranked 11th among South Africa's Top golf courses. Found in the coastal city of **Port Elizabeth**, the golf course is a **genuine seaside links, with wide and undulating fairways, fast greens and thick coastal bush**. It also boasts a variety of animal life with an abundance of plovers, otherwise known as "*kiewietjies*", one of which makes up the club's emblem. Humewood plays host to prestigious tournaments, including the **SA Open and SA Amateur**.

Another exceptional dinner is set to captivate the senses on your way to **Mossel Bay**.

In the evenings, with the formality of fine china, crisp linen and silver adding to the charm and romance, guests typically enjoy dressing up for the sumptuous creations prepared on The Blue Train.

After dinner, join your new friends in one of the lounges for a nightcap as the train continues to your next incredible stop.

Delight in free-flowing premium spirits and splendid stories shared by fellow travellers, all contributing to a magical ambience beneath the starlit African sky.

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DAY 6

Breakfast is served in the dining car before the train arrives in **Mossel Bay**.

Golfers will be transferred to tee off on **Pinnacle Point Golf Course**.

The Pinnacle Point Golf Course is something truly unique for the discerning golfer. This 18-hole championship golf course was designed by well-known South African golf course architect *Peter Matkovich* who opened the course together with *top Irish Tour Golf Professional, Darren Clarke*, in November 2006. In 2016, it secured the prize for **South Africa's Best Golf Course at the World Golf Awards**. It has also been awarded the **Compleat Golfer 5-Star Experience Award**, the 'Oscar' of the industry, for its outstanding service standards in 2008, 2012 and 2013.

This *Clifftop Fynbos Golf Course* inspires the golfer to play this challenging layout with a level of respect due to its dramatic views and breathtaking terrain. The 72-par layout is characterised by **7 majestic holes that line the Indian Ocean rock cliffs**, four of which are played over ocean and cliff.

In the late afternoon, the train departs for **Paarl** and guests are invited to their final dinner aboard The Blue Train.

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DAY 7

Your last day of this remarkable journey may well usher in some sadness. But, like all good things that must come to an end, so too must the **Blue Train Golf Safari**.

Guests will enjoy a final fantastic breakfast before the train arrives in **Paarl** where golfers will be transferred to **Pearl Valley Golf Course**.

Awarded the **5-Star Experience Award by Compleat Golfer for six consecutive years**, the iconic **Pearl Valley** Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course is a masterpiece that was shaped by the vision of golf legend **Jack Nicklaus**. Jack's unique touch is evident throughout the course that is characterised by lush green-all-season fairways, exceptional bunkering and the clever use of beautiful water features.

Opened in 2003 by Nicklaus and **South African great, Gary Player**, the championship course was named the **Best New Golf Course 2005** by Golf Digest magazine and has received accolades from the magazine every year up to and including 2015. It has two signature holes, 4th and 13th, both offering majestic views of the surrounding mountains and lakes.

Prepare for *an award-winning combination of golfing luxury and natural beauty* from the time you arrive. Your unforgettable experience begins with a **professional welcome at The Golf Shop** followed by the opportunity to change in the luxury locker rooms whilst your clubs are taken to your cart. Enjoy a gentle warm-up on some of the best practice facilities in the country before your lifelong memorable experience commences.

Soon after the train leaves for **Cape Town**, a *prizegiving* will commence.

Early evening the train will arrive in Cape Town.

Bid farewell to your new mates and the wonderful staff who have made the past week a dream vacation.

Have a safe trip and see you soon!

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Why Choose The Blue Train Golf Safari?

THE BLUE TRAIN IS AN EXPERIENCE ON ITS OWN, ASIDE FROM GUESTS' ITINERARY

For well-travelled individuals who have been there, done that and are hoping to tick The Blue Train off their bucket list.

- **STRONG HERITAGE**
 - **24-HOUR PERSONALISED BUTLER SERVICE**
 - **MEMORABLE OFF-THE-TRAIN EXCURSIONS**
 - **IDEAL CELEBRATION JOURNEY** FOR HONEYMOON, SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY
 - **ONE OF THE SMOOTHEST RIDES IN TRAIN TRAVEL:** TRAVEL THROUGHOUT DAY AND NIGHT
 - **TV MONITORS IN SUITES, IMPROVED AUTOMATED ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM, GPS AND WIFI**
 - **ELEGANT AND CHIC WITH EVERY DETAIL TAKEN CARE OF,** INCLUDING FULLY EN-SUITE BATHROOMS
 - **ALL-INCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATION ON A FIVE-STAR “HOTEL ON WHEELS”** THAT INCLUDES BRUNCH, HIGH TEA AND ALL BEVERAGES (EXCL. FRENCH CHAMPAGNE), DINNER AND BREAKFAST
 - **EVER-CHANGING VIEW OF KILOMETRES OF SOUTH AFRICA'S VARIED AND STUNNING SCENERY** THROUGH THE PANORAMIC WINDOWS OF THE MOST LAVISH TRAIN ON THE PLANET
 - **ON BOARD BOUTIQUE SELLING EXQUISITE JEWELLERY PIECES AND BLUE TRAIN BRANDED MEMENTOS**
 - **UNIQUE CONFERENCE FACILITY**
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UNSURPASSED, WORLD-RENOWNED, LUXURY TRAVEL

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The Blue Train's Luxury Accommodation & Lounge

Enjoy your first-class seat to ever-changing vistas of the countryside in a spectacular suite.

Your suite aboard THE BLUETRAIN offers a home-away-from-home lounge with **WiFi, free of charge**, as well as a phone for **complimentary on-train calls** and **local or international calls at a minimal fee.**

At night, your sitting area is transformed into a restful night-time sanctuary. **Goose down duvets and pillows** are enveloped in 100% percale cotton bedding ready to welcome you after a **soothing, scented soak or shower** in your **marble and gold-appointed bathroom.**

All that is left is to drift away as you are lulled by the rhythm of the whispering wheels.

DE LUXE SUITE | 19 suites with Twin beds | 5 suites with Double beds *

Your **De Luxe Suite** will forever alter your definition of what style and class entail. From your elegant and relaxing lounge during the day, it transforms into a subtly-lit bedroom of indulgence during the night with electronic entertainment options on offer. The De Luxe coaches each have **four suites** that measure 4 by 2 metres.

One of these contains a **double bed and a ¾ size bathtub with handheld shower**, while the others have **twin beds with showers.**

LUXURY SUITE | 2 suites with Twin beds | 1 suite with a Double bed *

Your **Luxury Suite** will enchant you from the moment your personal butler ushers you aboard. It extends the offering from a De Luxe suite even further; by an extra metre of your domain, with a **luxurious bathtub and a private digital interactive entertainment system**, with an inviting selection of music CDs and big-screen movies on Blu-Ray DVD. Luxury coaches have three Luxury Suites that each measure 5.13 by 2 metres.

All this, of course, is accompanied by the ever-changing vistas of the countryside...

ALL SUITES FEATURE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

- Fully soundproofed
- Underfloor heating
- Twin or double beds
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Personal butler offering 24-hour room service
- Fully remote controlled facilities, including blinds
- Opulent marble and gold-fitted en-suite bathroom
- Scented bath salts and plush monogrammed towels
- GPS system and TV monitor to track the train's progress and share the driver's view

** please note that the train is configured as above and we cannot convert the twin beds into doubles.*

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More About The Blue Train

THE CLUB CAR LOUNGE

This is the only area where smoking is permitted.

Seek a cognac and hand-made cigar after dinner in this popular lounge boasting a *well-stocked bar, coffee table books, magazines and board games.*

Non-smokers do not have to go through this lounge to access the other areas of the train as it is situated at the front of the train.

THE LOUNGE CAR

A non-smoking lounge where guests may relax and enjoy Afternoon High Tea as well as snacks.

DINING CAR

Delight in the very finest dining on board with an excellent choice of both local and international dishes. The Dining Car seats 42 people and serves meals in two sessions when trains are at full capacities. Guests are able to select their seating time upon reservation or on arrival once on board.

The wine list has for a number of years secured the Annual Diner's Club Award of Approval, plus many other accolades.

DRESS CODE

Smart-casual during the day, but a jacket and tie are compulsory for gentlemen in the evening. Ladies to dress elegantly for dinner.

LUGGAGE

Small cases or overnight bags are recommended. Larger luggage will be stored in the luggage carriage.

Rates exclude gratuities, imported French Champagne, caviar and telephone calls outside the train.