



## HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES



**2 Nights Rovos Rail Experience, Pretoria to Durban**  
**6 Nights at Fordoun Hotel & Spa, Natal Midland, KwaZulu Natal**

## UBIQUITOUS LUMINOSITY

28 December 2027 - 05 January 2028 (Single or sharing)

# 9 Days of Frolicking Escapades



Fordoun Hotel and Spa is an award-winning luxury boutique hotel and spa, with an up market fine dining a la carte restaurant called Skye Bistro, all located near Nottingham Road in the scenic KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. It is a family owned and managed destination with a history dating back to the 1800's. Fordoun has a strong ethos on personalised hospitality and authenticity. The hotel comprises 22 luxurious, comfortable individually styled rooms and the relatively new addition self-catering farm village offering 11 fully equipped cottages, a chapel and a wedding/conference venue. Our fine dining restaurant, Skye Bistro, uses only the freshest local produce available and is open seven days a week for hotel guests and day visitors in search of luxurious country cuisine with some modern infusions in a tranquil setting. .

Rovos Rail is a luxury train service offering bespoke train safaris through Africa, known for its elegant, vintage-style carriages, luxurious suites, and fine dining experience. Rovos Rail emphasises a golden age of travel with a variety of itineraries, including Cape Town and Durban safari. The dining experience on Rovos Rail is renowned for its formal dining setting, featuring fresh local ingredients, traditional dishes, and a selection of fine South African wines. Rovos Rail incorporates off-train excursions into its itineraries, allowing passengers to explore destinations and attractions along the route. Its success is attributed to a dedicated team of skilled professionals. Dress code is smart casual attire, typically worn during the day, while formal evening attire is expected for dinner.

## Days 1 and 2: Rovos Rail Experience En Route To Pretoria

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to Pretoria to board the Rovos Rail for our journey to KwaZulu Natal. For the next three days, while on board this iconic 5-star hotel on wheels, we experience 5-star luxury, magic and mystery, in a relaxed and elegant fashion. We receive a discreet 24-hour service from an enthusiastic team of chefs who ensure that our every needs are catered for. Every morning there is a full Continental breakfast, followed by a five-course lunch in the afternoon, gourmet supper in the evening. Meals are complemented by South Africa's finest wines.



## Day 3: Disembark the Rovos Rail



Rovos Rail arrives at Stamford Hill, Durban.

After disembarking the train, we are chauffeur driven to the Natal Midlands for our stay at Fordoun Hotel & Spa.

In Natal Midlands we take a pit-stop at The Midlands Kitchen for lunch before checking in at Fordoun Hotel.

Afternoon at leisure to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the facilities.

Supper at Skye Bistro at the hotel.

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## Day 4: Adrenalin Adventure and New Year's Eve Party



This morning we head out to Karkloof Canopy Tours for some adrenaline laced escape to nature. After a short briefing and a 4x4 excursion, we start our adventure at the top of Karkloof Valley. Here we enjoy ziplining across the slides with twelve platforms.

As you zip keep an eye for the many birds, mammals and natural attractions, including a 200m waterfall found with this gorgeous reserve.

Lunch at Home Slice Cafe.

After lunch we visit Epic Karting Midlands for some adrenaline-charged experience as we race against each other with accurate lap times to ensure bragging rights for winning each event.

We return to the hotel to get ourselves ready for New Year's Eve Party.



After supper at Skye Bistro at the hotel it's time for the New Year's Eve Party with fully stocked bar, hosted by Paul Mtirara of The Chill Factor on Metro FM.

## **Day 5: Pampering and Relaxation**



Today we unwind, relax and be pampered with a full day spa treatment at Fordoun Spa. Spa treatments include full body massages, facials, hand and feet treatments including manicures and pedicures.

Lunch and supper at the hotel.

## **Day 6: Easy Like Sunday Morning**



Today is Sunday and we spend the morning at leisure at the hotel.

In the afternoon we head out to Brahman Hills. Our afternoon at Brahman Hills includes a la carte lunch, afternoon high tea with sweet and savoury treats along with coffee, tea and juice.

Later in the evening we enjoy a private three course supper with wine pairing.

## **Day 7: Long Walk to Freedom**

Today we wake up to a sunrise hot air balloon experience. Our hot air balloon experience starts with a hot cup of tea/coffee and biscuits as the crew prepare the balloon. We then go up in the air on a one-hour flight and see the world from the perspective of the birds. This is an experience to remember. After landing we are treated to a sparkling wine and full Continental breakfast.



Later, after breakfast we follow the route that Nelson Mandela used leading to his arrest in the Howick area and his imprisonment for 27 years in Robben Island. The Mandela Capture was created as a remembrance to that fateful arrest.

We then visit the Howick Falls, a waterfall which is approximately 95m in height and lies in the Umgeni River. The AmaZulu called the falls "KwaNogqaza" which means a place of the Tall One. Howick Falls are simply breathtaking and the deafening rush of the water from the viewing deck is incredibly relaxing and mystifying at the same time. Several arts and craft stalls are found on the viewing platform with a small coffee shop along the way.

Lunch at Village at Yard 41.

We return to the hotel for afternoon relaxation and supper.



## Day 8: Bucket List Experience

Today we experience one of the world's most extreme mountain passes. This one is not for the faint-hearted as we take a precariously spectacular, scenic, and winding, bending turns on a 4x4 Sani Pass experience. We travel through this World Heritage Site to an altitude of 2 876m above sea level to reach the Eastern Highlands of Lesotho via the Drakensberg mountain range. We stop in Lesotho at a local village followed by a relaxed lunch and drinks at the Highest Pub in Africa.

Later in the evening we return to the hotel for supper.



## Day 9: Home Sweet Home

Today after breakfast we say goodbye to the Fordoun and are chauffeur driven to King Shaka International Airport for our flight back home.

At OR Tambo International Airport we are chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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### Travel Bucks™

You have a choice of three (3) accommodation types when making your booking:

Accommodate Type	Travel Bucks™	
	Single	Sharing
Fordoun Luxury Room and Rovos Rail	314 864TB	532 277TB
Fordoun Deluxe Room and Rovos Rail	322 589TB	525 977TB
Fordoun Superior Room and Rovos Rail	320 089TB	537 977TB

### Booking Terms and Conditions:

#### Very Important:

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The following is a summary of the salient components of the terms and conditions. Visit our website for full and detailed Terms and Conditions.

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- a) Bookings are confirmed on condition that at the time when a booking is made, there is a minimum balance of 70% in the Travel Bucks™ Account.
- b) Travel Companions will be advised at the time of booking as to the Travel Bucks™ required for the said booking.
- c) The balance in respect of Travel Bucks™ in the Travel Bucks™ Account must be accumulated no less than eight weeks prior to departure.

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- b) All means of transportation are subject to weather conditions, the need for constant maintenance, and the ability of passengers to check-in on time.