

## HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES



2 Nights Blue Train  
Experience, Pretoria to  
Hoedspruit, Mpumalanga  
6 Nights at Kruger Shalati  
Hotel, Skukuza,  
Mpumalanga

## PIECE DE RESISTANCE

31 December 2027 - 8 January 2028 (Couples)

# 9 Days of Elevated Personal Sanctuary



The Blue Train offers a unique way of traversing some of South Africa's magnificent landscapes and landmarks. The word "luxury" is often inaccurately tossed around. However, on this train luxury assumes a new direction. On board, we indulge in fine cuisine accompanied by some of the best wines South Africa, if not the world, has to offer. Personal butlers are at back-and-call, to see to our every need, be it in the comfort of our private suites or at any one of the exquisite lounges. The strap line, "A window to the soul of South Africa", says it all.

Permanently stationed on the historically rich Shalati Bridge above the Sabie River, Kruger Shalati Hotel offers unique luxury accommodation in a re-envisioned train that pays homage to the guests who explored the

nearly 100 years ago while welcoming new explorers from near and far. The train marks where the first visits to the iconic park were allowed in the early 1920s, when the train would park overnight in the exact spot where Kruger Shalati is positioned.

## Day 1: New Year's Eve on the Blue Train

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to Pretoria.

Our New Year's Eve celebration begins with a 5-course breakfast on-board the Blue Train.

In the afternoon as we journey to Kruger National Park we enjoy a Black Tie, 5-course New Year's Eve lunch with a fully stocked bar.

Later in the afternoon High Tea is served.

In the evening we enjoy pre-and-post-dinner drinks.

Supper is a five-course gourmet meal.



## Day 2: Off-the-train Excursion

This morning the Blue Train arrives at Numbi Train Station.

We disembark and are transferred through Numbi Gate in open safari vehicles to a sunrise game drive conducted by professional tour guides.





After the sunrise game drive, we enjoy a bush breakfast at an exclusive unfenced location inside the Kruger National Park.

After breakfast we return to Numbi Gate using an alternative route back so that we see more of the Kruger area as we return to the Blue Train.

Later 5-course gourmet lunch is served in the Blue Train.

In the late afternoon we are transferred to Numbi Gate for a sunset game drive. The sunset game drive takes place on the Nkambeni concession. The Nkambeni concession represents an area of approximately 11 400 hectares and lies between the main entrance gates of Numbi and Phabeni and stretches past Shabeni Kopie near Pretoriuskop camp.

After the sunrise game drive, we enjoy a spectacular boma dinner at Nkambeni Safari Camp before we are transferred back to The Blue Train and for post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars before retiring to bed.

### **Day 3: Disembark the Blue Train**

Today we spend the morning at leisure on the Blue Train with 5-course breakfast and lunch.

After lunch we disembark the Blue Train and are transferred to Kruger Shalati in the Skukuza Camp.

Check in at Kruger Shalati Hotel.

Afternoon relaxation at the hotel to soak in the atmosphere and get acquainted with the hotel's facilities.

Our stay at Kruger Shalati includes all meals, teas and coffees, daily soft drinks, house wines and local brand spirits and beers

Supper at the hotel.





## Day 4: Sunday Chillas



Today we spend the morning at leisure at the hotel which includes breakfast and lunch.

Later we head out to Hotel Numbi for supper and Sunday Chillas with full premium bar.

## Day 5: For the Adrenalin Rush





Today after breakfast we head out to Graskop Gorge Lift Company for a full day of adventure, entertainment and fun. Activities here include:

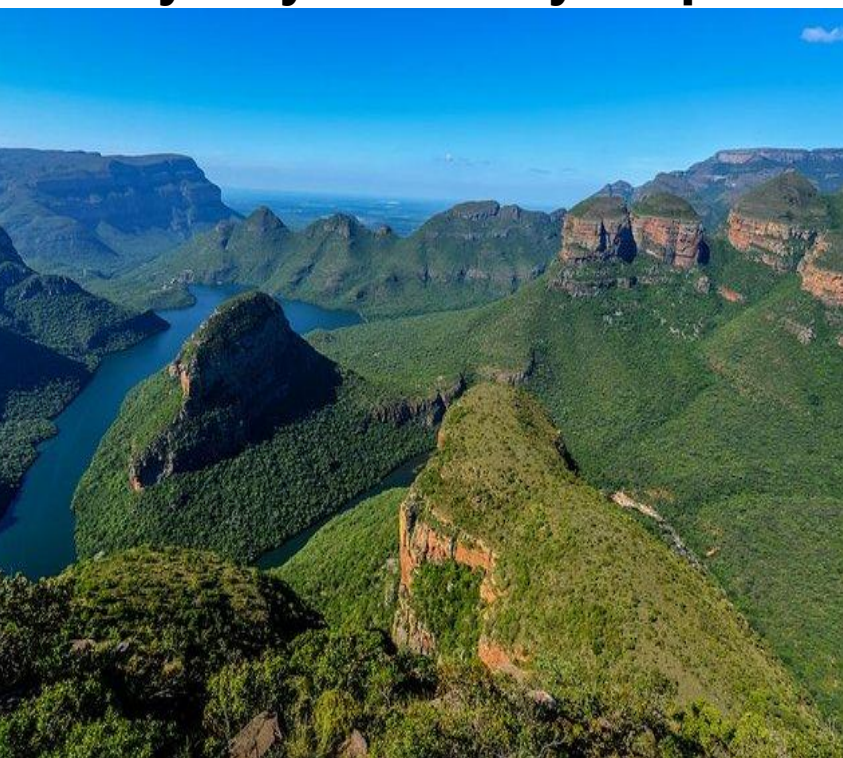
- The Lift which takes us 51m down the face of the gorge into the indigenous forest below. At the forest we enjoy a walk in the Afromontane Forest, where a trail of elevated walkways and suspension bridge awaits.
- The Zipline gives a bird's eye view of the gorge.
- The Big Swing is all about the adrenaline rush. Freefall 70m into the forest under 3 seconds.
- The Suspension Bridge requires one to hold one's breath and venture across a 52m suspension bridge, 70m above the gorge.

For lunch (own account) there is a choice of two cafés: Swing Café – a laid-back chill zone that invites one to Get Delicious, Real Quick!

Enjoy flame grilled chicken and more at the Lift Café which is a spacious and inviting restaurant and bar with the most spectacular views.

Later we return to the hotel for supper.

## **Day 6: Blyde River Canyon Experience**



This morning after breakfast we hit the road and go to the Blyde River Canyon, the world's famous for its natural beauty, breathtaking viewpoints and magnificent waterfalls.

During this tour we visit spectacular attractions along the way, including the Lisbon Falls just outside the tourist town of Graskop. From there we catch the first glimpse of the 2km Blyde River Canyon as we travel alongside it to the Three Rondavels which provides breathtaking panoramic views of the Canyon and the Lowveld from a high vantage point.

We then make our way back along the Canyon to Bourke's Luck Potholes where the Canyon starts at the confluence of the Treur and Blyde Rivers.

From there we head off to the legendary God's Window. Just one look down and one understands why it's called God's Window. With magnificent views canyons, rock formations, waterfalls, God's Window is truly an area of breathtaking scenic splendour.

Lunch at Blue Mountain Retreat.

After lunch we continue our Blyde River experience, this time from the river, by taking a scenic boat ride, and see the canyon from the angle it's supposed to be seen at the base of towering mountains that form breathtaking views.

Later we return to the hotel for supper.



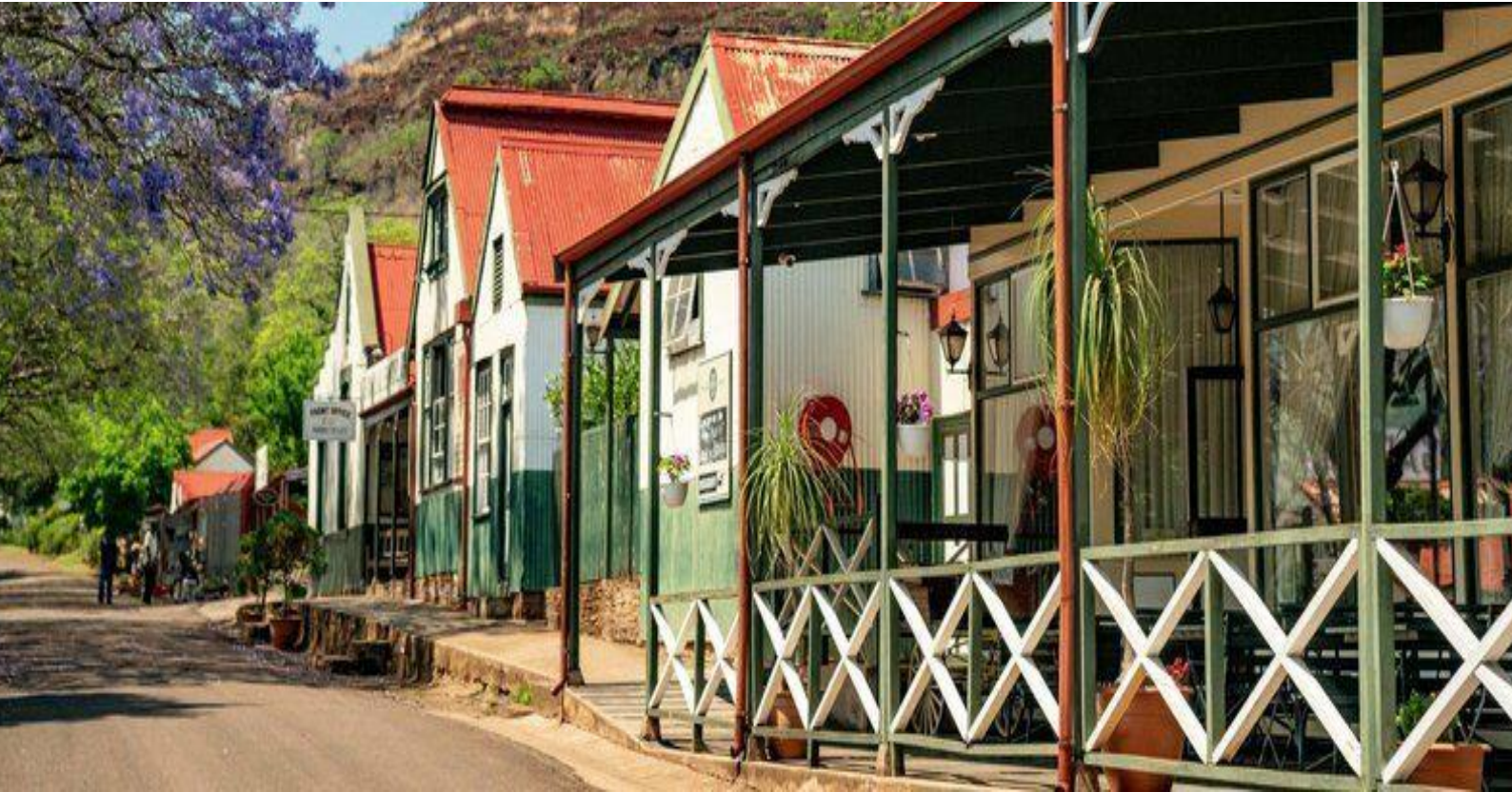


## Day 7: Gold Rush

### Breakfast

This morning after breakfast we visit the historic mining village of Pilgrim's Rest.

Pilgrims Rest is a living museum - the entire town has been declared a national Monument - taking the visitors to the day of old Transvaal Gold Rush.



Today we journey back to the days of the gold rush with a visit to the old mining town of Pilgrim's Rest. We tour museums and historic sites to learn about the quest for gold in this part of South Africa during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The town's origins dates back to 1873 when gold was discovered by a miner. Following an additional discovery by a second prospector, hordes of people flocked to the area and the town quickly grew.

Pilgrim's Rest extends along one main road and is lined with shops, restaurants, museums and hotels.

We make your way to Alanglade House Museum, the former residence of the mine manager. We walk through rooms that have been furnished with period items from the early 20th century. We also visit the Old Cemetery and look for the tombstone that face in a different direction to all the others. This is the grave of an unnamed robber who was chased out of town after being caught stealing. His body was found a few days later. Just outside of town is Diggings Site Museum, where we witness gold-panning demonstrations and see machinery from the early mining days.

We stop by the neo-gothic Methodist church and the Anglican church, which were built in 1884. There is also a Catholic church with a German organ from 1846.

There are plenty of places to eat and drink at Pilgrim's Rest, we have a drink in the Royal Hotel. Its bar which was once a Roman Catholic chapel of a school in Cape Town.

Lunch at Graden Shed Restaurant

Supper at the hotel

## Day 8: Pampering and Rejuvenation



Today we go on a journey of pampering and rejuvenation at Dee's African Spa at Kruger Gate Hotel. Treatments include full body massages, hands and feet care plus pedicure and manicure, for him too, and facial care.

We round off the day with a private 5-course New Year's Day lunch, afternoon relaxation and supper at Kruger Gate Hotel.

## Day 9: Home Sweet Home

After breakfast we are chauffeur driven to Skukuza Airport for a flight to OR Tambo International Airport..

On arrival at OR Tambo Airport, we are chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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## Travel Bucks™

You have a choice of two (2) accommodation types when making your booking:

Accommodate Type	Travel Bucks™ Sharing
Blue Train and Kruger Shalati Bridge Double Suite	655 195TB
Blue Train and Kruger Shalati Carriage Sunset Suite	727 195TB

## Booking Terms and Conditions:

Very Important:

David Saint cannot guarantee that the information relating to pricing, itineraries and availability will remain unchanged after publication on this website.

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

### 1. Bookings:

- 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.
- Travel Companions will be advised at the time of booking as to the Travel Bucks™ required for the said booking.
- The balance in respect of Travel Bucks™ in the Travel Bucks™ Account must be accumulated no less than eight weeks prior to departure.

2. Price fluctuations:

- a) The cost associated with the travel arrangements are not always stable, and currency movements can fluctuate. It is therefore impossible to predict these movements in advance. David Saint therefore reserves the right to pass on any fluctuations and surcharges to Travel Companions until the full value of the booking is covered by Travel Bucks™ in the Travel Bucks™ Account.
- b) Airfares are subject to the prices and conditions quoted by the particular airlines and cannot be guaranteed by David Saint.

3. Flight and Other Travel Timings:

- a) Flight timings are provided by airlines and are subject to Air Traffic Control restrictions.
- 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.