

Top tracks

All aboard the opulent express, just in time to witness the real-life magic of travelling through frozen rivers or arid desert, from panoramic observatory carriages

From the Rocky Mountains to the lush forests surrounding Machu Picchu, three different rail adventures cover the Americas in lavish style. Embark on an African adventure with abundant routes to choose from where Victoria Falls, dazzling desert plains and wild game reserves remain signature elements of any selection. Delve into the vibrant hues and rich aromas of India's famous cities and world heritage listed sites from the comfort of the world's

largest private suits onboard a locomotive. Enjoy an intoxicating day trip through the Swiss Alps from first-class comfort with a glass domed roof to enhance the shimmering outlooks.

THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

Embark on a once in a lifetime journey across the African continent with 11 signature routes to choose from. Planning the journey of a lifetime requires patience for perfection

as the Rovos Pride of Africa exclusive journeys require advanced bookings.

Maintaining the spirit of a bygone era there are no radios or televisions onboard, ensuring total immersion in the exquisite Africa landscape, discover the scenic tapestry of African wilderness through untouched desert and game reserves towards the mighty Zambezi and breathtaking Victoria Falls. Reserved for the most exclusive experience, the Royal Suites each occupy half a carriage furnished with rich timber panelling, Victorian clawfoot bathtubs and lounge area/writing desk. Emphasising local produce, traditional dishes remain a speciality onboard where the dining car seats approximately 40 guests for casual daytime dining and formal evening meals. rovos.com

CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR

Stretching from Chicago, Illinois to Emeryville, San Francisco, The California Zephyr climbs through the snow-capped Sierra Nevada journeying passengers through Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake City. Operated by Amtrak and totalling just over 51 hours the journey is made all the more comfortable with a Bedroom Suite comprising two adjacent bedrooms, complimentary meals and lounge access alongside a dedicated First Class attendant. Intentionally visiting historical towns, the California Zephyr encourages passengers to connect with American history through exciting regional offerings. Balancing history with high-octane adventure Denver is the perfect destination to explore the origins of a local gold rush before exploring the endless outdoor adventures from

mountain biking to downhill skiing. Finish the day with your own pot of gold at one of Denver's 50 microbreweries dotted throughout the mountain town. amtrak.com/california-zephyr-train

MAHARAJAS EXPRESS

Serving four regional Indian routes the Maharajas express is a luxury tourist train, hosting an indulgent style of exploring North-West and Central India. Three immersive seven-day experiences include the Heritage of India journey where passengers enhance their Indian travel experience through The City of Lakes, The Blue City, The Pink City, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Fatehpur Sikri Palace Town ending their expedition at the Taj Mahal. For guests seeking a three-night stay, the Treasures of India Journey allows for an awe-inspiring round trip departing from New Delhi. Expertly balancing the rejuvenation of carriage time with opulent day trips, travellers may opt for a wander through UNESCO world heritage listed sites and personal encounters with exotic wildlife. Fourteen luxury carriages boast an array of cabins and suites each adorned with rich tapestry, semi-precious stones and antique

furnishings, achieving a total accommodation capacity of 88 guests. Dedicated to international clientele, dining options onboard the Maharajas Express include vegan and kosher considerations within two fine dining restaurants. themaharajatrains.com

THE CANADIAN

Providing a spectacular rail connection from the gorgeous city of Vancouver through the majesty of the Rockies and serene West Coast, The Canadian rail allows passengers to experience the vast national landscape in a single journey. Wine and dine in a luxury Rainforest to Goldrush adventure where world-class

amenities are bolstered by exquisite service. The Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf promises an inspired luxury service with panoramic windows capturing every angle of wonder. Enjoy the most exclusive amenities with onboard hosts catering to your every need from concierge service to gourmet meals. Settle into the magic of a Canadian winter from the comfort of a GoldLeaf carriage where snow-capped Rockies bite into the horizon as the train travels through Jasper National Park. The ever-changing landscape ensures no two journeys are the same, as boreal forest blends into golden

Above: On board The Canadian Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf
Left: The Pride of Africa Rovos Rail takes in the continent's rich and varied landscapes
Below: The Maharajas Express covers the great nation of India

grasslands and prairie country, this historic endeavour remains a global classic.

BERNINA EXPRESS

Iconic red carriages dashing past feather white snow, the Bernina Express connects the Swiss Alps with their Italian neighbours. Travelling through the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rhaetian Railway, the journey indulges passengers in glacier views, atop breathtaking viaducts and through 55 tunnels from Chur to Tirano. Truly enchanting, the Rhaetian Railway celebrates the craftsmanship of historical engineering with arched bridges soaring above emerald valleys, and tracks traversing the slopes to greet lazuli lakes. A wonderful way to experience the entire landscape in an afternoon, the 4-hour service can be extended with connecting rail and coach journeys. Maximise the magnificent views with ▶





a return journey enjoying a lunch in the Italian border town of Tirano where an amalgamation of art and culture take on a distinctly alpine character. Extend the journey with a night or two in Saint Moritz Alpine resort, a wonderland for winter sports, gourmet dining and opulent accommodation. myswitzerland.com/en-au/experiences/bernina-express

Above: A Bernina Express travels through Montebello Curve with Switzerland's Morteratsch Glacier lying below Piz Bernina in the background
Above Right: The Landwasser Viaduct is a single-track six arched curved limestone railway viaduct spanning the Landwasser between Schmiten and Filisur, in Graubünden, Switzerland
Right: Aguas Calientes Peru Rail train arrives to UNESCO World Heritage Site Machu Picchu at the Pueblo train station

HIRAM BINGHAM

Eponymous with the first explorer to discover the Inca citadel, The Hiram Bingham invites travellers to retrace those daring steps with an unforgettable journey to Machu Picchu. Departing Cusco, the Sacred Valley the Hiram Bingham operates in suave fashion, with Pullmanstyle carriages from the 1920's embellished boasting polished timber and brass. Before setting foot in the carriages enjoy the splendour of a traditional Peruvian welcome with cultural music, dancing and local liquor. Each designed to enrich your journey, the Dining, Bar and Observatory cars allow seamless movement between carriages. An enclave of elegance the Observatory Car offers exceptional comfort with panoramic windows and an open-air balcony to view the awe-inspiring Peruvian landscape. A ticket aboard the Hiram Bingham includes a Machu

Picchu entrance ticket, private bus to and from the citadel as well as a dedicated guide to enhance your experience of the remarkable cultural wonder preserved in time. perurail.com/train-services/belmond-hiram-bingham ■

