

## Rovos Rail gets on the Shongololo Express

[Rovos Rail](#) purchased the [Shongololo Express](#) train of 19 coaches early in January 2016. They agreed to employ all existing personnel. Rohan Vos, owner and CEO of the Rovos Rail Group says "Operating a three-star train had always been at the back of my mind. When I learned that the Shongololo Express was on offer the timing seemed serendipitous and so an opportunity not to be missed."







The train has been repainted in green and cream and an additional dining car plus an observation car have been added. The accommodation of six [Emerald suites](#) ( $\pm$  10sqm) and 30 [Gold cabins](#) ( $\pm$  7sqm) will remain as is.

## Changes in itineraries

The three itineraries, [Southern Cross](#) - Pretoria to Victoria Falls (12 days), [Dune Express](#) - Pretoria to Swakopmund (12 days) and [Good-Hope](#) - Pretoria to Cape Town (15 days); have been rebuilt with more stationary time at night and less road time spent on the excursions.

Golf has been introduced to the Good-Hope trip, renamed Good Hope-Golf, with courses such as the Arabella Golf Estate, Ernie Els Oubaai, Fancourt, Champagne Sports Resort, Durban Country Club, Zimbali, Royal Swazi and Leopard Creek being available to guests.

All journeys are available in reverse and, as before, guests can purchase optional extras that include visits to cultural, historical or heritage sites and overnight stays at safari lodges. The rates do not include most lunches, beverages and laundry.

"A three-star product offering will be different for us and I'm sure there will be a few initial teething problems but we've been doing this for 28 years so I think we will be able to manage this exciting new adventure", comments Vos.

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