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Cruise Details

Name:	Rivers & Rails of Africa 13 Nights
Reference:	AMAZQ270503ZRR
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Zambezi Queen
Regions:	Chobe
Departs On:	30 Apr 27
Departs From:	Cape Town
Arrives On:	13 May 27
Arrives At:	Pretoria
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Cape Town (South Africa)

ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. Situated amidst majestic mountains and lined with pristine beaches, Cape Town has a rich cultural heritage with extraordinary attractions. After being greeted at the airport by an AmaWaterways representative, transfer to your Cape Town hotel. Get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at the Welcome Reception. (WR)

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 2: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN. Embark on a full-day exploration along one of the world’s most stunning routes, taking you past the 12 Apostles, Hout Bay and Chapman’s Peak. Stop at the Cape of Good Hope, first rounded in modern times in 1488 by the Portuguese in their attempt to establish trade in the Far East and still a significant landmark for sailors today. Visit Boulders Beach, home to thousands of African penguins, and then be treated to lunch with drinks overlooking beautiful False Bay.

(B,L)

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 3: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN. Take a cableway up to Table Mountain followed by a trip to the Cape Winelands where you'll visit two of its best vineyards, complete with wine tasting. A delicious lunch will be included along the way. Or choose to explore another side of Cape Town at famous Robben Island, once used as a prison for many political inmates, including Nelson Mandela. Ferry over to the island where you will take a tour led by a former warden. Back in Cape Town, enjoy lunch, and then visit the colorful historic Bo Kaap neighborhood before boarding the cableway to Table Mountain's summit. (B,L)

Arrives On: 02 May 27

Day 4: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN – VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE – ZAMBEZI QUEEN – EMBARKATION. In the morning, transfer to the airport for a flight to Victoria Falls. Here, you will be transferred to the Chobe River that forms the border between Botswana and Namibia. Then board tender boats that will take you to the Zambezi Queen moored on the Namibia side of the river. Settle into your stateroom, enjoy a mid-afternoon snack, and in the evening, be treated to a Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner. (B,D)

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 4: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 5: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Embark on an exhilarating, morning boat safari to explore the Chobe River's diverse game viewing. Afterwards, return to the Zambezi Queen for lunch. As the Zambezi Queen cruises along the Chobe River, relax on board in the afternoon and enjoy what nature has to offer. Be sure to spend time in the splash pool or perhaps catch-up with your favorite book. Later in the day, revel in panoramic view with another thrilling boat safari. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 04 May 27

Day 6: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Join a full-day safari of Chobe National Park in open-top 4x4 vehicles. Be on the lookout for elephants, giraffe, zebra, sable, warthog and cape buffalo. For lunch, take a seat

under the trees and savor a delicious picnic. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 7: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Visit a typical African village where you'll spend time with the village children as well as its elders. Back on board and following lunch, you'll have a choice to take a boat safari, bird watch or fish. Enjoy your last evening aboard with a festive African- themed dinner hosted by your crew. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 06 May 27

Day 8: Kasane (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark your cruise in Kasane. (B)

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 8: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

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Day 9: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS. A local guide will take you on a tour of the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls. You'll learn about its history, and the flora and fauna that make this area so unique. In the evening, embark on a private sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. Relax on board as you observe a variety of game while enjoying a delicious mix of tapas with drinks, followed by a special dinner with live local entertainment at the hotel. (B,D)

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 10: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS – ROVOS RAIL. Enjoy a leisurely morning before touring the town of Victoria Falls and being treated to a home-hosted lunch. Later in the day, head to the Victoria Falls colonial-era rail station where you'll board the Rovos Rail. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 10: Rovos Rail (South Africa)

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Day 11: Rovos Rail (South Africa)

ROVOS RAIL. Start the morning with a safari to the Hwange Game Reserve, Zimbabwe’s largest national park, boasting a tremendous selection of wildlife with over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 different birds. The elephants of Hwange are world famous and the park’s elephant population is one of the largest in the world. After your safari, return to the train for a lovely brunch as you travel through the vast landscapes of central Zimbabwe on the way to the border town of Beitbridge. Take in the southern African landscape from the lounge, observation cars or your deluxe suite. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 12: Rovos Rail (South Africa)

ROVOS RAIL. Stop in the village of Gwanda with time to stroll. Travel through baobab tree country and cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa in the town of Musina for border formalities. (B,LD)

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 13: Rovos Rail (South Africa)

ROVOS RAIL. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn and then visit the Polokwane Nature Reservehome to more than 20 species of wildlife including the white rhino. Continue your journey south through Warmbaths (Bela-Bela) and onto Pyramid. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 14: Pretoria (South Africa)

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA – JOHANNESBURG. Disembark the train in Pretoria where you will be transferred to the airport in Johannesburg for your onward flight home or extend your trip with four nights in Rwanda. (B) Note: Please do not schedule your onward flight before 4:00 p.m.

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Day 14: Johannesburg (South Africa)

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