

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

As the perfect primer for the relaxed luxury adventure and gourmet experience, touring the beautiful Margaret River is ideal. An internationally acclaimed producer of premium wines, regional food specialties and artisan providores have been added to its menu of attractions. Combined with some stunning natural assets, exploring Margaret River is a wonderfully indulgent start to your journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook and Rawlinna
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 3 nights accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 3 days/2 nights Margaret River Escape including accommodation and personalised touring
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll the longest timber jetty in the southern hemisphere, Busselton Jetty
- See mobs of western grey kangaroos in their natural environment
- Delight in the tastes of Margaret River's wine, beer, coffee, cheese, olive oil and chocolate
- Go underground at the spectacular Mammoth Cave
- View the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

DAY 1 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Departing Sydney's Central Station, the anticipation builds for the trip ahead as you settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific enjoying the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

DAY 2 INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL AND ADELAIDE

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Excursion in Broken Hill exploring the beauty of this Silver City, and discover the history of mining that makes the town what it is today and the artistic culture that also abounds in the area. As you approach the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges, the train weaves its way into Adelaide, and you'll have more afternoon Off Train Excursions to choose from before returning to the train. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Today, wake up and marvel at the raw beauty of the Nullarbor. Taking its name from the Latin meaning 'no trees', the ancient Nullarbor conjures the sense of limitless space and time, making this journey all about those amazing outback views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under an outback sky on the edge of the country's largest sheep station at Rawlinna (seasonal). (B,L,D)

DAY 4 INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Your breakfast treat this morning is watching the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins. Check in to your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Perth (B,L)

DAY 5 PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Your journey starts with a picturesque drive south to the fabulous Margaret River region enjoying several stops along the way.

In Mandurah, a coffee break by the foreshore is followed by a visit to the Featured Wood Gallery and Museum in Bunbury. At Busselton, walk off your delicious lunch with a stroll along the longest timber jetty in the southern hemisphere.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Margarets Beach Resort (B,L)

DAY 6 MARGARET RIVER

Today is a sensory overload of wonderful food, wine, culture and scenery as we indulge in regional specialties, including wine, as well as craft beer, coffee, cheeses, olive oil and chocolate with various esteemed local producers. (B,L)

DAY 7 MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today, we head to Redgate Beach to hear stories of the shipwrecks that lie offshore, then head underground to explore the spectacular Mammoth Cave. Next stop, majestic Boranup Forest dominated by 60-metre tall karri trees, and a tour of the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin, before stopping for lunch in Augusta.

After free time to browse the shops and galleries in the Margaret River township, it's time to head back to your Perth accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mercure Perth (B,L)

DAY 8 LEISURE DAY

Today is yours to explore cosmopolitan Perth at your leisure. Take a walk to the new Elizabeth Quay, cruise the Swan River, stroll Kings Park, see the quokkas of Rottnest Island with Rottnest Express, or simply relax in the comfort of your accommodation. (B)

WE RECOMMEND

Morning Coffee, Culture and Art tour \$45 per person.

Uncover secret gardens, hidden art and colourful history as you roam the city streets. You'll comb the Heritage Precinct and the old theatre districts before heading to the refurbished State Buildings that house 120 years of stories to share.

DAY 9 FAREWELL

It's time to check out of your accommodation after a rich and rewarding discovery of south west Western Australia. (B)