

# INDULGE IN THE BEST OF THE WEST

## INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTING TUESDAY

From the hip capital to hidden gems, savour the very best of the west. Across 9 magical days you'll explore Perth and beyond, meeting quokkas on pristine Rottnest Island, sampling world-famous wines in beautiful Margaret River, and taking in the rich diversity of the region in absolute style, for a wonderfully indulgent journey you'll never forget. Travelling from Perth to Sydney aboard the Indian Pacific, the romance of a rail journey is a perfect finish for this relaxed, luxury tour.

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Grand Island Tour of Rottnest Island
- 3 nights accommodation in Margaret River including breakfast daily
- 1 day Eat, Drink and Explore Margaret River private tour
- 6 days car hire (full size car)
- 4 days / 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, in Platinum Service including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, Broken Hill and Blue Mountains
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the array of attractions in Perth
- Explore the stunning beauty of Rottnest Island
- Meet the 'world's happiest animal', the quokka
- Discover Western Australia's South West at your own pace
- Stroll the longest wooden jetty in the world, Busselton Jetty
- Delight in the tastes of Margaret River
- Indulge the senses with a variety of wine, beer, coffee, cheese, and chocolate tastings

### DAY 1 ARRIVE PERTH

Start your relaxed holiday by collecting your hire car. Prepare for a journey in the city and fabulous Margaret River you will never forget.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Crown Towers Perth (B,L)

### DAY 2 ROTTNEST ISLAND

Enjoy your ferry trip from Perth to wonderful Rottnest Island. The Grand Island Tour is the most comprehensive guided tour of the Island, allowing you to explore the beauty of the natural reserve, taking in the fauna and flora – including those adorable quokkas – the stunning beaches, woodlands and salt lakes, starting with a historic train ride. You'll be able to take in all of Rottnest Island's most spectacular locations, including Wadjemup Lighthouse, Henrietta Rocks, Oliver Hill Gun Fortification and Tunnels. Cap off the day of discovery with a drink at the Rottnest Quokka Arms Pub, before returning to Perth aboard the ferry. (B, L)

### DAY 3 PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Begin your scenic self-drive to fabulous Margaret River along the Kwinana Freeway and Forrest Highway this morning. It takes approximately four hours, with plenty of places to visit along the way. Take a rest stop at the port town of Bunbury, the gateway to the South West and home to bottlenose dolphins that swim close to the beach at Koombana Bay. Nearby is the Dolphin Discovery Centre and the Leschenault Inlet, with calm waters and parklands rich with mangroves and birdlife. Next, head south to Busselton with its 19<sup>th</sup> Century Busselton Jetty. This wooden pier stretches

nearly 2km to an Underwater Observatory, where you descend 8 metres beneath the water's surface to view the life of a coral reef. From here, continue your journey south to Margaret River and your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pullman Bunker Bay Resort Margaret River Region (B)

#### **DAY 4 MARGARET RIVER**

Today is a sensory overload of wonderful food, wine, and scenery. Leave the hire car behind and join your private tour of Margaret River, where an expert local guide takes you through this flavour-filled region. Kick start the day at Yahava Koffee Works before indulging in incredible wines from Margaret River's award-winning wineries. Go behind the scenes for exclusive tastings, relax in the scenic vineyards, and enjoy fantastic hospitality. To balance your day, sample the sensational local produce with cheese tastings at Margaret River Dairy Company, olive oil and condiments at Olio Bello, and of course, chocolate from the much-loved Margaret River Chocolate Company. Throughout the day, you will appreciate the natural beauty of Margaret River's lush forests and rolling vineyards. As you drive through natural Australian bush, spy karri trees and kangaroos. (B,L)

#### **DAY 5 MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH**

Make the journey back to Perth today, stopping to enjoy the many highlights you may have missed on your way to Margaret River. On return to Perth, check in to your accommodation and reflect on the last couple of days in the beautiful south west of Western Australia.

OVERNIGHT: Crown Towers Perth (B)

#### **DAY 6 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH**

Return your hire car before joining the Indian Pacific to depart Perth and head east through the delightful Avon Valley. Settle in to the comforts of this world-class train, relax in the Platinum Club or Outback Explorer Lounge in anticipation of your late-night arrival into the gold mining township of Kalgoorlie.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (L,D)

#### **DAY 7 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLABOR PLAIN**

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Spend a leisurely morning taking in outback vistas, before a regionally-inspired menu of modern Australian cuisine and fine wines awaits you for lunch.

Today we visit the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, a once thriving railway town now home to a population of four. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8 INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE AND BROKEN HILL**

As the landscape changes again and rich ochre sands make way for forests and farmlands, you will arrive into Adelaide. After a rewarding Off Train Excursion in the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney.

Your next stop is Broken Hill where you will again have a choice of excursions that showcase the rich mining, artistic and cinematic legacy of this frontier outback town. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 9 INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY**

Wake this morning to take in the full spectacle of the Blue Mountains on Sydney's doorstep. After your arrival into Katoomba, select from numerous mountain experiences.

See the majestic Three Sisters at Echo Point and the views at Jamison Valley before indulgent adventure comes to an end. (B,L)