

# INDULGE IN THE BEST OF THE WEST

## INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

From the hip capital to hidden gems, savour the very best of the west. Travelling from Sydney to Perth aboard the Indian Pacific, the romance of a rail journey is a perfect primer for this relaxed, luxury tour. Across 9 magical days you'll explore Perth and beyond, meeting quokkas on pristine Rottneest 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.

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 days / 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth, in Platinum Service including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook and Rawlinna
- 3 nights accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Grand Island Tour of Rottneest 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)
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the array of attractions in Perth
- Explore the stunning beauty of Rottneest 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 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

Enjoy breakfast as the delightful Avon Valley passes by your window. Take time out to enjoy the iconic train as the final stage of this transcontinental crossing unfolds as you head into Perth. There, collect your hire car and prepare for a journey in the city and fabulous Margaret River you will never forget.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Crown Towers Perth (B,L)

#### **DAY 5 LEISURE DAY**

Today is yours to explore cosmopolitan Perth at your leisure. Stroll Kings Park, visit Barrack Square, or take in the many museums and galleries. Or, utilise your hire car and venture further afield to the historic port city of Fremantle, or the coastal suburb of Scarborough. (B)

#### **DAY 6 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 7 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 8 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 9 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 arrival in Perth, return your hire car before your indulgent adventure comes to an end.