

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE THURSDAY

Board the Indian Pacific in Adelaide and be prepared for a culinary journey across the Nullarbor to Perth. Once in the Western Australian capital, your epicurean journey will continue in Margaret River – home to some of the state’s best wine and produce.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 days/2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in 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
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 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 ADELAIDE

Start your journey with a delicious welcome dinner before joining the Indian Pacific, where you can settle into your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge for a nightcap.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific (D)

DAY 2 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 3 INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your rail journey 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. (B,L).

DAY 4 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.

After free time to browse the shops and galleries in the Margaret River township, it’s time to head to your accommodation for the night.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Margaret's Beach Resort (B, L)

DAY 5 MARGARET RIVER

Today is a sensory overload of wonderful food, culture and scenery as you 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 6 MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today, you'll 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.

After lunch, it's time to head back to your Perth accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Duxton Hotel Perth (B, L)

DAY 7 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

Discover Rottnest Island with Coach Tour and lunch at Thomsons Rottnest, \$202 per person

Board the Rottnest Express to unique, diverse Rottnest Island, 22km offshore. A 90-minute air-conditioned coach tour around 'Rotto' takes you to some spectacular locations, including Wadjemup Lighthouse and the boardwalk lookout at the rugged West End. Enjoy a delicious lunch at Karma Rottnest Lodge before exploring the island at your leisure (make sure you see a quokka). Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon.

DAY 8 FAREWELL

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