

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE TUESDAY

As the perfect primer for the luxurious and culinary adventure ahead on the Indian Pacific, touring Western Australia's beautiful Margaret River is ideal. An internationally acclaimed producer of premium wines, regional food specialties and artisan providores, Margaret River is also home to stunning natural assets making it a wonderfully indulgent start to your journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 3 days/2 nights Margaret River Escape including accommodation and personalised touring
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, Broken Hill and Blue Mountains
- 8 breakfasts, 7 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 ARRIVE PERTH

After making your own way to Perth, settle into your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: Duxton Hotel Perth

DAY 2 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 3 MARGARET RIVER

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

DAY 4 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 in Augusta.

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

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

DAY 5 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, 22 kilometres 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 6 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

This morning you will join the Indian Pacific, departing Perth, before heading east through the delightful Avon Valley. Take time out to enjoy this iconic train and relax in the Outback Explorer Lounge in anticipation of your late-night arrival into the Golden Outback region.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (B, L, D)

DAY 7 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the morning taking in the outback vistas before a regionally inspired menu of modern Australian cuisine and fine wines awaits you for lunch.

Today, you'll visit the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving 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'll 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 before completing your epic transcontinental crossing at Sydney's Central Station. (B, L)