

A TASTE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE THURSDAY

Australia's staggering diversity plays out on a grand scale as the Indian Pacific travels coast-to-coast from Perth to Sydney – one of the world's great train journeys. Add fine wine and regionally inspired meals to the mix, and this voyage really is a sensory indulgence. Before you experience the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, get your holiday underway with explorations in Perth, Margaret River and beautiful Rottnest Island not far offshore.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- 1 day Margaret River, Busselton Jetty & Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse tour
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney including all meals, beverages and Off Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, Broken Hill and the Blue Mountains
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the energetic, confident city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital
- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka
- Experience the wineries, coastline and townships of Western Australia's gorgeous Margaret River region
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Experience outback mining heritage in Kalgoorlie and Broken Hill
- Enjoy sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney

DAY 1 PERTH

Make your way to your Perth accommodation and prime yourself for a trip to Rottnest Island, a close encounter with the beautiful Margaret River region and an epic rail journey ahead. The evening is yours to embrace: discover some of the city's atmospheric laneway bars and restaurants, buzzing with live music and street art.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront

DAY 2 ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and 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 before exploring the island at your leisure (make sure you see a quokka). Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 3 MARGARET RIVER

Travel south today and head towards the iconic Busselton Jetty, the world's longest timber jetty (1841m). Indulge in a lunch of local Margaret River produce accompanied by beer and cider tastings at one of Margaret River's oldest breweries. Explore spectacular Mammoth Cave on a guided tour, before a visit to see the enormous karri trees of the Boranup Forest. At the 39m-tall Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, look down at the point where the Southern Ocean and Indian Ocean collide. As you travel back towards Perth, make a brief stop in Margaret River township and stroll the main street, before heading back to Perth. (B,L)

DAY 4 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH, KALGOORLIE

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. Leave Perth behind and journey through the super-scenic Avon Valley over a gourmet lunch. After a three-course dinner, disembark for an evening experience in the outback gold-mining town of Kalgoorlie. Travelling prospector Paddy Hannan struck it rich here 1893, sparking the greatest gold rush in Australian history. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Mine and the amazing Super Pit, where Kalgoorlie's gold rush continues today.

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

DAY 5 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

After travelling through the night, watch the sunrise over tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the southern hemisphere. Across the border in South Australia, Cook is an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers. Your train continues into the night, across the mighty Nullarbor Plain. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE, BROKEN HILL

Get to know Adelaide, a true foodie city and the hub of the world-beating South Australian wine industry. Your choice of breakfast Off Train Excursions takes in the city sights, the Torrens River, the marvellous Adelaide Central Market or the hugely popular Adelaide Oval. Moving into outback New South Wales, venture into the historic mining town of Broken Hill, otherwise known as the 'Silver City'. Connect with the town's world-famous artists, its mining heritage and cinematic legacy with a choice of Off Train Excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS, SYDNEY, FAREWELL

Wake up this morning in the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Disembark the Indian Pacific and explore this magnificent region on an Off Train Experience, taking in ancient forests, sheer cliffs and mesmerising views of Jamison Valley, the Three Sisters and Katoomba Falls. Continue your journey to Sydney Central Station, where your cross-country adventure concludes. (B,L)