

# GREAT WESTERN WONDERS

## INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE MONDAY (MAR TO OCT)

From your eco resort sitting right on Ningaloo Reef, you have the chance to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales. As if living this lifelong dream wasn't enough, making an epic transcontinental crossing of Australia awaits at the end of your journey.

### INCLUSIONS

- 1 night accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Transfer from hotel to Perth Airport
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights' accommodation at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October) including travel onboard a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- Transfer from Perth Airport to hotel
- 2 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour inc. lunch
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 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
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean, whale sharks or humpback whales
- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE PERTH

Start your lifelong dream in the Western Australian capital of Perth. Check in to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the many attractions.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Ritz Carlton Perth

#### DAY 2 PERTH TO EXMOUTH AND NINGALOO REEF

Today you will be transferred to Perth Airport where your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxe accommodation for the next three nights, the Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents surrounding the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this amazing location teeming with native wildlife.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef (B,D)

#### DAY 3 NINGALOO REEF

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the chance to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on the world famous Ningaloo Reef! These incredible opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way travelling aboard a luxury vessel

guided by a spotter plane from above. Snorkels and wetsuits are provided. Lunch is also included and even a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4 NINGALOO REEF**

Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef. Go snorkelling along the coral reef literally on your doorstep to swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc. Join a guided walk through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges, go kayaking or fishing. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 NINGALOO REEF AND EXMOUTH TO PERTH**

Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to enjoy more of the Western Australian capital once you are transferred to your hotel from the Perth Airport.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Ritz Carlton Perth (B)

**DAY 6 ROTTNESST ISLAND**

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

**DAY 7 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH**

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. This morning join the Indian Pacific and, before long, you'll be heading through the delightful Avon Valley. Take time out to enjoy this iconic train and its many creature comforts. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the Outback Explorer Lounge with fellow travellers in anticipation of your late-night arrival into the gold-mining township of Kalgoorlie where you'll enjoy an Off Train Excursion.

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

**DAY 8 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN**

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the day taking in the outback vistas before visiting the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving population of four. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9 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 in the morning where a range of Off Train Experiences are on offer.

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Adelaide Oval or see the highlights of the city on foot or by coach. After a rewarding experience in the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue the journey toward Sydney. Your next stop is Broken Hill where you'll have a choice of experiences that showcase the rich mining, artistic and cinematic legacy of this frontier outback town. Re-join the train for dinner and the continuation of your journey. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10 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 the culmination of your epic transcontinental crossing. (B,L)