

A TASTE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

Australia's staggering diversity plays out on a grand scale as the Indian Pacific travels coast-to-coast from Sydney to Perth – 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. After you experience the Blue Mountains, Adelaide and the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, further enhance your holiday with explorations in Perth, Margaret River and beautiful Rottnest Island.

INCLUSIONS

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- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour inc. lunch
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DAY 1 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Make your way to Sydney Central Station and board the Indian Pacific mid-afternoon. Your journey to Perth begins with a steady climb into the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. A landscape of ancient forests, sheer cliffs and mesmerising views passes by your window. Settle in, open a book or enjoy a pre-dinner drink with your fellow travellers.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

DAY 2 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL, ADELAIDE

Wake up deep in the Australian outback, where the historic mining hub of Broken Hill is waiting for you to explore. Connect with the town's world-famous artists and mining heritage with a choice of Off Train Excursions. Your journey continues through the southern Flinders Ranges and into cosmopolitan Adelaide, the South Australian capital. Embark on a history tour of the South Australian Museum, or journey beyond to the legendary Barossa Valley or McLaren Vale wine regions. A visit to the historic stone village of Hahndorf in the photogenic Adelaide Hills is another option. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Enjoy breakfast as you begin your crossing of the Nullarbor Plain, taking its name from the Latin word meaning 'no trees'. Part way along the world's longest stretch of straight railway track (478km), have a wander around Cook, an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers. Next stop is tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the southern hemisphere. Here you'll enjoy an outback dinner under a glorious spread of stars (seasonal). (B,L,D)

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DAY 4 – INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass, whilst the final stage of this transcontinental crossing unfolds. Enjoy a delightful lunch as you head to your destination of Perth, arriving mid-afternoon and transfer to your accommodation. 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 (B,L)

DAY 5 – ROTTNESST 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 6 – 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 7 – FAREWELL

Check out of your hotel after breakfast: one last chance to explore Perth before your journey home. (B)