

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH | DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

This epic journey will take you across Australia from east to west over four days of sensational food and wine and unforgettable Off Train Experiences. Upon arrival in Perth, the adventure continues, taking you to the world-renowned Margaret River, home to some of the Western Australia's finest wineries and providores.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook and Rawlinna
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 1 day Discover Rottne tour including lunch
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 3 days/2 nights Margaret River Escape including accommodation and personalised touring
- 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 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Departing Sydney's Central Station, the anticipation builds for the trip ahead as you settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific enjoying the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

DAY 2 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL AND ADELAIDE

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Experience in Broken Hill exploring the beauty of this Silver City and discover its mining history or artistic culture that also abounds in the area. As you approach the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges, the train weaves its way into Adelaide, and you'll have more afternoon Off Train Experiences to choose from before returning to the train. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 – 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 4 – INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing 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.

OVERNIGHT: QT Perth (B, L)

DAY 5 – PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Your journey starts with a picturesque drive south to the fabulous Margaret River region, with 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 some 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 6 – MARGARET RIVER

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

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DAY 7 – MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today, you'll head to Redgate Beach to hear stories of the shipwrecks that lie offshore before heading 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 QT Perth (B,L)

DAY 8 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty a short stroll from your hotel 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 9 – FAREWELL

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