

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

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 region, home to some of 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 Rottnest tour, including lunch
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 2 nights Margaret River Escape, including accommodation and personalised touring
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll along Busselton Jetty, the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere
- See mobs of western grey kangaroos in their natural environment
- Delight in the flavours of Margaret River wine, coffee, cheese, olive oil and chocolate
- Go underground at the spectacular Mammoth Cave
- View the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
- Meet the quokkas on beautiful Rottnest Island

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 and service and the 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 the Silver City and discovering its mining history or the artistic culture that abounds in the area. Back on board, after approaching the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges, the train weaves its way into Adelaide. 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 barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain. Taking its name from the Latin meaning 'no trees', the ancient plain conjures a 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: 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront (B, L)

DAY 5 – PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Your adventure 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 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)

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DAY 6 – MARGARET RIVER

Today is a sensory overload of wonderful food, culture and scenery as you indulge in regional specialties with various respected local producers. You'll treat your tastebuds to a tasting of locally roasted coffee, visit a local award-winning winery or two, experience the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oils, savour a wine and cheese pairing, and top it all off with a stop at the Margaret River Chocolate Company. (B, L)

DAY 7 – MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today, you'll head to Redgate Beach to hear stories of the shipwrecks that lie offshore, then it's time to dive underground to explore the spectacular Mammoth Cave. The next stop is the majestic Boranup Forest, dominated by 60-metre-tall karri trees. You'll also take a tour of the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin, before stopping for lunch in Augusta. After lunch, it's time to return to your Perth accommodation for some time to relax.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront (B, L)

DAY 8 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty, a short stroll from your hotel, and board the Rottnest Express bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms 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 meet 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 the south west of Western Australia. (B)