

ROTTNEST DISCOVERY

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. Before you experience the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, get your adventure underway with explorations in Perth and on beautiful Rottne Island, just offshore.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottne tour including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide and the Blue Mountains
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the vibrant city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital
- Cruise to Rottne Island and meet a quokka
- 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 Rottne Island and an epic rail journey ahead. The evening is yours to discover some of the city's atmospheric laneway bars and restaurants, buzzing with live music and surrounded by street art.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights DoubleTree by Hilton Perth

DAY 2 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty a short stroll from your hotel and board the Rottne Express bound for Rottne 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 3 – PERTH AT LEISURE

It might be the largest state in Australia, but Western Australia's capital city is a conveniently compact centre, packed with things to see and do. Enjoy your day at leisure in Perth visiting Kings Park, Barrack Square or some of the many museums and galleries. (B)

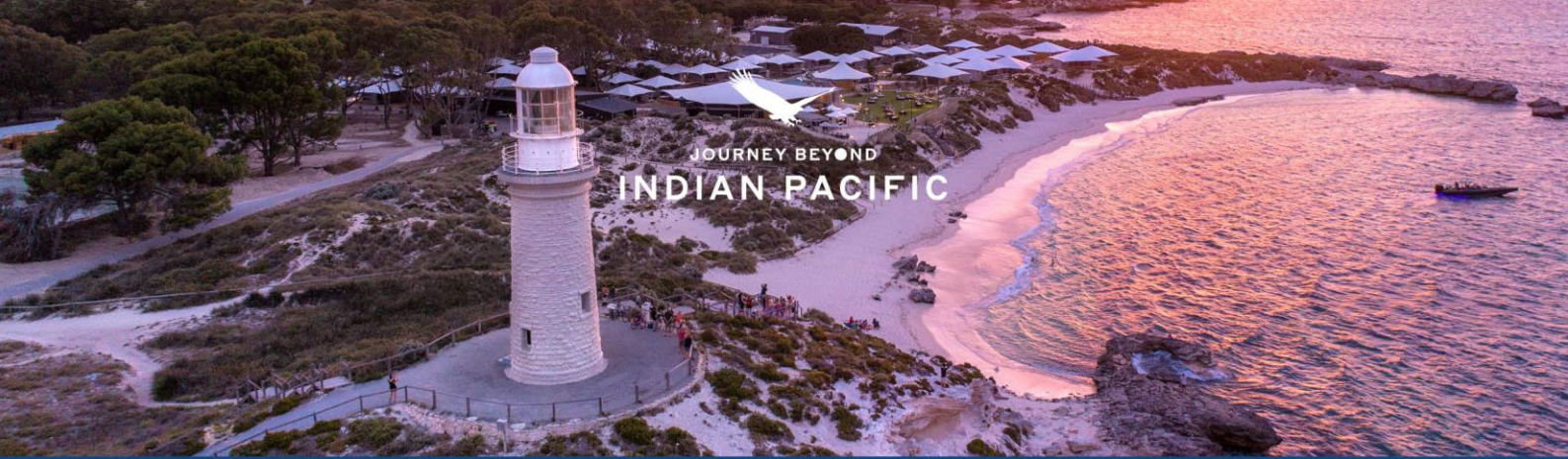
DAY 4 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH, KALGOORLIE

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. Relax into the rhythm of life onboard and 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 to play out today.

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

DAY 5 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

After travelling through the night, watch the sun rise over tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the Southern Hemisphere. Across the border in South Australia, you'll make a stop in Cook, an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers, before continuing across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. (B,L,D)



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DAY 6 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

Get to know Adelaide, a true foodie city and the hub of the world-famous South Australian wine industry. Your choice of Off Train Experiences today includes taking in the city sights, the Torrens River, the marvellous Adelaide Central Market or the hugely popular Adelaide Oval. After taking in some of the highlights of the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS, SYDNEY, FAREWELL

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