

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH DEPARTING SUNDAY (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) 10 Days / 9 nights

Australia's unparalleled grandeur unfolds before your eyes travelling between Sydney and Perth on the Indian Pacific. With fine wine and regionally inspired meals included, this really is a journey for the senses. Start your rail adventure by exploring the harbour city of Sydney, with three nights' accommodation included before crossing Australia from east to west aboard the Indian Pacific, one of the world's great train journeys. Your experience doesn't end when you arrive. Enjoy three nights' accommodation in the Western Australian Capital, Perth, and extend your exploration with a day on fabulous Rottnest Island.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Sydney, including breakfast daily
- Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise
- Transfer from hotel to Sydney Central Station
- 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 Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Sydney Harbour on a 78ft luxury vessel and enjoy a premium lunch on the water
- Sail past Sydney Opera House and the iconic Sydney cityscape, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park and more
- Explore mining and artistic history in Broken Hill
- Visit the foodie capital of South Australia, Adelaide
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Discover the almost-ghost town of Cook
- Explore the vibrant city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital
- Cruise to Rottnest Island, spending the day exploring the island and meeting quokkas

DAY 1 - ARRIVE SYDNEY

Make your way to Sydney, where your holiday experience starts after checking into your accommodation. The rest of the day is at your leisure to discover the many attractions of this buzzing city.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Swissotel Sydney

DAY 2 - SYDNEY

Today is yours to explore the harbour city from the CBD to Chinatown, Manly to Newtown, or Barangaroo to Darling Harbour. There are plenty of diverse sights, flavours and experiences to take in, including museums, galleries, aquariums, gardens and more. (B)

DAY 3 – SYDNEY HARBOUR LUNCH CRUISE

Experience one of the world's most iconic cities on an all-inclusive lunch cruise on an exclusive 78ft luxury vessel, Spirit of Migloo. Enjoy a premium two-course menu featuring regionally sourced ingredients. Departing Darling Harbour, we cruise towards Sydney Harbour Bridge and pass the iconic Sydney cityscape and Sydney Opera House. We believe lunch should be a long, lavish affair, so expect a generous al a carte meal inspired by local and regional produce, paired with a selection of beers, wines from some of the finest wine-producing regions in New South Wales, soft drinks and tea or coffee. (B,L)

DAY 4 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

This morning transfer to Sydney Central Station to begin your epic adventure on board the Indian Pacific. Departing Sydney's Central Station, get acquainted with your cabin and fellow travellers. Take in spectacular views as the Indian Pacific winds through the Blue Mountains. Tonight, you will enjoy your first meal on board – a regionally inspired dinner paired with fine wine and beverages. After dinner, consider a nightcap in the lounge before you retire to your cabin. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific



DAY 5 - INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL AND ADELAIDE

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Experience in Broken Hill, the Silver City. Explore mining heritage through visiting the Broken Hill Trades Hall and the striking Miners Memorial that stands over the town or for a different take on Broken Hill, go on a tour of the main drag with fabulous local Drag Queen sensation, Shelita Buffet. Art aficionados may opt to visit the captivating Living Desert Sculpture site or take in the exhibitions at the oldest regional art gallery in New South Wales. Alternatively, ignite a sense of nostalgia at Bells Milk Bar, an icon of Broken Hill, sipping on malted milk while a performance by Cindy and Johnny takes you back to the 50's.

Lunch is served back on board as the Indian Pacific enters the southern tip of the ancient Flinders Ranges.

Arriving in Adelaide in the late afternoon, you'll have the opportunity for an Off Train Experience, exploring the South Australian Museum or indulging in an epicurean experience. Visit the Barossa Valley or McLaren Vale to sample fine South Australian wines before an indulgent meal, or try a cheese or gin tasting in the charming Adelaide Hills village of Hahndorf before feasting at Haus, a German restaurant showcasing the best in local produce. Alternatively, visit Adelaide Central Markets for a tour and exclusive sit-down dinner.

After dinner, return to the train to continue your journey west. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 - INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Today is all about those amazing outback views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior, the ancient Nullarbor Plain, on the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. En route, the Indian Pacific calls in to Cook, once-bustling, now almost-ghost town that was originally built as a support town for the railway.

Travelling further west, the next stop is at Rawlinna on the fringe of Australia's largest sheep station for a signature dinner under a thousand stars (seasonal). (B,L,D)

DAY 7 - INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Admire the delightful undulations of the Avon Valley and enjoy a final breakfast on board as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth. Transfer to your accommodation, where your Perth discovery begins. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Quay Perth

DAY 8 - ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms offshore. A 90-minute air-conditioned bus tour around 'Rotto' takes you to some spectacular locations, including Wadjemup Lighthouse and the boardwalk lookout at the rugged west end. Feast on 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 - PERTH

It might be the largest state in Australia, but Western Australia's capital city features 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 10 - FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. This signals the end of your epic journey across Australia. (B)