

A TASTE OF MARGARET RIVER AND ROTTNEST ISLAND

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO ADELAIDE DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY TO APRIL AND OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER) 6 Days / 5 Nights

Explore the Western Australian capital with a seaplane flight to Margaret River and a fabulous day on Rottnest Island before crossing the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain from Perth to Adelaide aboard the Indian Pacific, one of the world's great rail journeys.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Return Seaplane flight to Margaret River including touring, wine tastings and lunch
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie and Cook
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic seaplane flight to and from Margaret River
- Experience delicious fine wines with food pairings in the heart of Margaret River
- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Experience outback mining heritage in Kalgoorlie

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH

Make your way to your Perth accommodation and prime yourself for a fantastic few days of exploration 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 The Ritz-Carlton, Perth

DAY 2 - ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express, bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms offshore. A 90minute 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 3 – TASTE OF MARGARET RIVER FLIGHT

Start your day by being collected from your CBD hotel or arrive at Queen Street Jetty on the South Perth Esplanade, where you check in for your seaplane flight. After departing the Swan River, you will experience a 45-minute scenic flight with low-level aerial views of Perth, Fremantle, Carnac and Garden Island, Mandurah and the famous Busselton Jetty.

Upon arrival into the Margaret River wine region, your 3.5hour adventure begins with a stop at Aravina Estate, a stunning cellar door and state-of-the-art winemaking facility, for a guided tasting and lunch overlooking the vines. After lunch, make a leisurely visit to the on-site Surf and Sportscars Museum.

Next is Windows Estate, a boutique winery known for its minimalistic approach to winemaking. Here, you will sample their best wines, along with cheese pairings, before returning to Busselton Airport for the low-altitude return flight, arriving on the calm waters of Perth in just 45 minutes. (B,L)

DAY 4 - BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

After breakfast, take in any last minute sights before transferring to the Rail Terminal.

Your afternoon begins with a welcome gathering, in celebration of the start of your journey across the country and along the world's longest stretch of straight railway track. Spend a relaxed afternoon getting to know your fellow travellers after you board the Indian Pacific and pull away from Perth, leaving the Indian Ocean behind and cruising toward the Pacific. Tonight, a delectable dinner is served on board, featuring contemporary Australian cuisine with seasonal and regional flavours. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific



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DAY 5 - INDIAN PACIFIC, KALGOORLIE AND COOK

Awake to see the sunrise unfold across Australia's largest outback town, Kalgoorlie. This morning, we'll delve into this mining town's fascinating past and present, with a visit to the region's gold-rush era, now modern-day, Super Pit mine. Decide how you want to explore Kalgoorlie on your choice of Off Train Experience, including morning refreshments. Reboarding the train mid-morning for brunch, the remainder of the day is on board at your leisure. Sit back and enjoy the hospitality as you take in spectacular views of the seemingly endless expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. You'll cross borders and time zones, entering South Australia before dinner. Late evening, the train will pull into the almost-ghost-town of Cook for a nightcap, late-night bonfire and stargazing experience. (B,D)

DAY 6 - INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

Spend the morning travelling through the pastoral lands and communities of remote South Australia as the Indian Pacific cruises past the Flinders Rangers, Spencer Gulf and the Adelaide Plains. Breakfast and lunch are both served on board. Mid-afternoon, the train arrives in Adelaide where your epic journey comes to an end. (B,L)