



JOURNEY BEYOND  
INDIAN PACIFIC

## A TASTE OF MARGARET RIVER & ROTTNESST ISLAND

### INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

(FEBRUARY TO APRIL AND OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER)

8 Days / 7 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 Sydney 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
- 4 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Cook, Barossa Valley, Broken Hill, and the Blue Mountains
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 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
- Enjoy a signature dining experience at Seppeltsfield Winery
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney

*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 – ROTTNESST 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 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 3.5-hour 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: 4 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,L,D)

### DAY 6 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BAROSSA VALLEY

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 pulls into Two Wells, where you'll disembark and transfer in comfortable coaches for a short ride to the world-renowned, wine-producing region of the Barossa Valley. You'll spend the evening at Seppeltsfield Winery, delighting in a signature dining experience in the vintage cellar.

A traditional 'Firing of the Barrel' display kicks off the evening, followed by a food and wine pairing curated by Executive Chef Owen Andrews, highlighting regional produce and traditional methods that reflect the story of the Barossa. Here, Platinum guests are also treated to a special 100-year-old wine tasting experience.

After dinner, you'll return to the Indian Pacific, continuing your rail journey through the night. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL

Crossing another border during the night, you'll wake up in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, ready for the day's activities in the Silver City. You'll have a choice of four Off Train Experiences, including guided history, art and cultural experiences that showcase the highlights of Australia's first heritage-listed city.

Returning to the train for lunch, admire the scenery as the Indian Pacific travels through regional New South Wales. Tonight, dinner is served on board as you make the most of your final night exploring Australia by train. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY

The Blue Mountains is known for its soaring sandstone ridges wrapped in native flora. This World Heritage-listed area marks your final stop before arriving in Sydney. Say goodbye to the Indian Pacific after breakfast, to travel deep into the mountains for this afternoon's Off Train Experiences.

Scenic World includes four phenomenal mountain experiences, from the Scenic Skyway, which takes you over ancient ravines, with 360-degree vistas to the Scenic Cableway that glides over the forest to the valley floor and the Scenic Railway, the steepest passenger railway in the world. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk with spectacular views from numerous lookouts along the trail. Both experiences end at Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba, where a light lunch is served.

Complete your journey on our chartered New South Wales rail service (fully hosted by our crew) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, if you prefer to arrive in Sydney earlier, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney Central Station. (B,L) (B)