



JOURNEY BEYOND
INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH & SYDNEY LUXURY STAY

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

Start your rail adventure ensconced in luxury with three nights at InterContinental Sydney and VIP guided touring at Sydney Opera House. Then, cross Australia from east to west aboard the Indian Pacific, one of the world's great train rail journeys. Your experience doesn't end when you arrive. Enjoy three nights' accommodation at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton, Perth, and try your hand at harvesting your very own pearl at Willie Creek Pearls.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Sydney, including breakfast daily
- Sydney Opera House Bennelong Experience including guided tour and dinner
- 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 East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Willie Creek Pearls, Harvest Your Own Pearl experience
- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the history of the Sydney Opera House with a VIP guided tour
- Delight in a culturally significant and inspiring menu at Bennelong
- 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
- Harvest your own Australian South Sea Pearl straight from a *Pinctada maxima* oyster
- Taste the rare and expensive delicacy of pearl meat

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE SYDNEY

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

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights InterContinental Sydney

DAY 2 – SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, BENNELONG EXPERIENCE

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the many comforts of InterContinental Sydney or perhaps head out for some self guided exploration.

Later today, make your own way to the Sydney Opera House to meet your guide. Your VIP tour will take you on a journey to uncover the untold stories and history. Learn about the magnificent Concert Hall and gain specific access to areas that are usually off limits to the public.

Conclude your tour at Bennelong restaurant where you will indulge in a culturally significant and inspiring 2-course dinner showcasing a most magnificent production of Australian food and wine. (B,D)

DAY 3 – 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 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



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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 with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ritz-Carlton, Perth

DAY 8 – WILLIE CREEK PEARLS, PERTH

Enjoy a unique, once in a lifetime experience of harvesting your own Australian South Sea Pearl straight from a *Pinctada maxima* oyster. The pearls are produced at the Willie Creek Pearl Farm in Broome and brought to Perth for this exclusive experience. The value of the pearl inside remains unknown until the breathtaking moment the oyster is opened. After the pearl has been harvested, you will be taken through the grading process and explore the five key virtues that influence its value. If the pearl is valued between \$500 and \$3,000 AUD, it is yours to keep.

As part of your tour experience, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a taste of the rare and expensive delicacy of pearl meat with a glass of Margaret River sparkling wine.

Conclude your tour with a guided introduction to the Willie Creek Pearls showroom and marvel at the stunning range of pearl jewellery. (B)

DAY 9 – PERTH

Today is a day of relaxation, take advantage of the hotel facilities or explore the city of Perth. (B)

DAY 10 – FAREWELL

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