

# ERA OF OPULENCE

## INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE SATURDAY

Delight in this enriching holiday experience when you arrive in Sydney with more indulgent adventures. Add fine wine and regionally inspired meals, and this really is a journey of the senses. The breadth of Australia's staggering diversity and unparalleled grandeur provides an epic conclusion as it unfolds before your eyes travelling between Sydney and Perth on the Indian Pacific.

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation in Sydney including breakfast daily
- Sydney Harbour Tall Ships Lunch
- 1 day Hunter Valley Wine tour
- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook and Rawlinna
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Sydney Harbour on an 1850's style cruise ship, with the opportunity to help hoist and set the sails
- Sail past Sydney Opera House, Fort Denison, Garden Island, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park and Admiralty House
- Meet the wine growers behind the Hunter Valley's boutique wines
- Indulge in wine tasting, cheese, chocolates and explore the shops and galleries

### DAY 1 ARRIVE SYDNEY

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

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Rydges Sydney Central

### DAY 2 SYDNEY HARBOUR

What better way to enjoy the magnificence of Sydney Harbour than the rush of experiencing it in a tall ship as the first European settlers did? The *Southern Swan* and the *Soren Larsen* offer the thrill and spectacle of 1850s sailing but have all the creature comforts of 21st century vessels. Sail past icons like the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, Fort Denison and more. Enjoy a three-course lunch on board and, if you're keen, you can even join in the hoisting of the sail! (B,L)

### DAY 3 LEISURE DAY

Today is yours to explore the Harbour City from the CBD to Chinatown, Manly to Newtown, museums, aquariums, Barangaroo or Darling Harbour ... there are plenty of diverse sights, flavours and experiences to enjoy. (B)

#### WE RECOMMEND

Eat, Drink, Walk Sydney \$99 per person.

You could spend weeks covering Sydney and still not see all its charms and hidden gems. This evening, you will discover a world of tucked away bars and eateries, historic places and hideaways only the locals know about.

### DAY 4 HUNTER VALLEY

Today you get to savour the best of the region's wines with a tour to the Hunter Valley. Away from the tourist trails, enjoy this tailored journey taking in three wineries with the hassle taken out of having to do your own research of this popular day-trip destination. (B,L)

**DAY 5**                                    **BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY**

Take in any last minute sights before departing Sydney's Central Station. The anticipation builds for the trip ahead as you settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific enjoying the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

**DAY 6**                                    **INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL AND ADELAIDE**

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Excursion in Broken Hill exploring the beauty of this Silver City, and discover the history of mining that makes the town what it is today and the artistic culture that also abounds in the area. As you approach the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges, the train weaves its way into Adelaide, and you'll have more afternoon Off Train Excursions to choose from before returning to the train. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7**                                    **INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN**

Today, wake up and marvel at the raw beauty of the Nullarbor. Taking its name from the Latin meaning 'no trees', the ancient Nullarbor conjures the sense of limitless space and time, making this journey all about those amazing outback views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under an outback sky on the edge of the country's largest sheep station at Rawlinna (seasonal). (B,L,D)

**DAY 8**                                    **INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH**

Your breakfast treat this morning is watching the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds. (B)