

# **GREAT WESTERN WONDERS**

# **INDIAN PACIFIC**

SYDNEY TO PERTH DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (MAR TO OCT)

As if making an epic transcontinental crossing of Australia isn't enough, the chance to experience another life-long dream awaits at the end of your rail journey. From your eco-resort sitting right on the edge of Ningaloo Reef, you have the chance to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 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
- 2 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Perth Airport
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights' accommodation at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October), including travel onboard a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- Transfer from Perth Airport to hotel
- 1 night's accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore mining history in Broken Hill
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean: whale sharks or humpback whales

#### Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka

# DAY 1 - BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

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, hospitality and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey. (D)

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific** 

### DAY 2 - INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL AND ADELAIDE

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Experience in Broken Hill, the Silver City, with its fascinating blend of mining and artistic heritage, followed by a day enjoying the outback scenery passing by. In the afternoon, arrive in Adelaide, where you'll have more Off Train Experiences to choose from before returning to the train and continuing your journey west. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 - 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. Dinner this evening is under a thousand stars of the outback sky (seasonal). (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4 - INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful undulations of the Avon Valley as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth. Transfer to your accommodation, where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Ritz Carlton Perth** 

#### **DAY 5 – ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board the Rottnest Express to 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. Enjoy a delicious lunch before exploring the island at your leisure – make sure you take a selfie with a quokka. Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B,L)



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#### DAY 6 - PERTH TO EXMOUTH AND NINGALOO REEF

You will be transferred to Perth Airport, where your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxe accommodation for the next three nights, Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents surrounded by the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this amazing location, which teems with native wildlife. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef** 

#### DAY 7 - NINGALOO REEF

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the chance to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on the spectacular Ningaloo Reef. These incredible opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way, travelling aboard a luxury vessel guided from above by a spotter plane. Snorkels and wetsuits are provided. Lunch is also included and even a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature that you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

# DAY 8 - NINGALOO REEF

Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from your Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef base. Go snorkelling along the coral reef on your doorstep and swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc. Alternatively, join a guided walk through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges, go kayaking or go fishing. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9 - NINGALOO REEF AND EXMOUTH TO PERTH

Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to enjoy more of the Western Australian capital, once you are transferred to your hotel from Perth Airport. (B)

**OVERNIGHT: 1 night Ritz Carlton Perth** 

# DAY 10 - FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation with memories made for sharing. (B)