

SCENIC SIP AND SAIL

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY | DEPARTURE THURSDAY

Australia's staggering diversity plays out on a grand scale as the Indian Pacific travels coast-to-coast from Perth to Sydney – one of the world's great train journeys. Before you experience the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, get your adventure underway with explorations in Perth and Rottnest Island, just offshore, as well spending a day taking in the highlights of Margaret River.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Flight to Margaret River, touring, wine tastings and lunch
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide and the Blue Mountains
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 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 sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney

DAY 1 – PERTH

Make your way to your Perth accommodation and prime yourself for a trip to Rottnest Island 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 – TASTE OF MARGARET RIVER FLIGHT

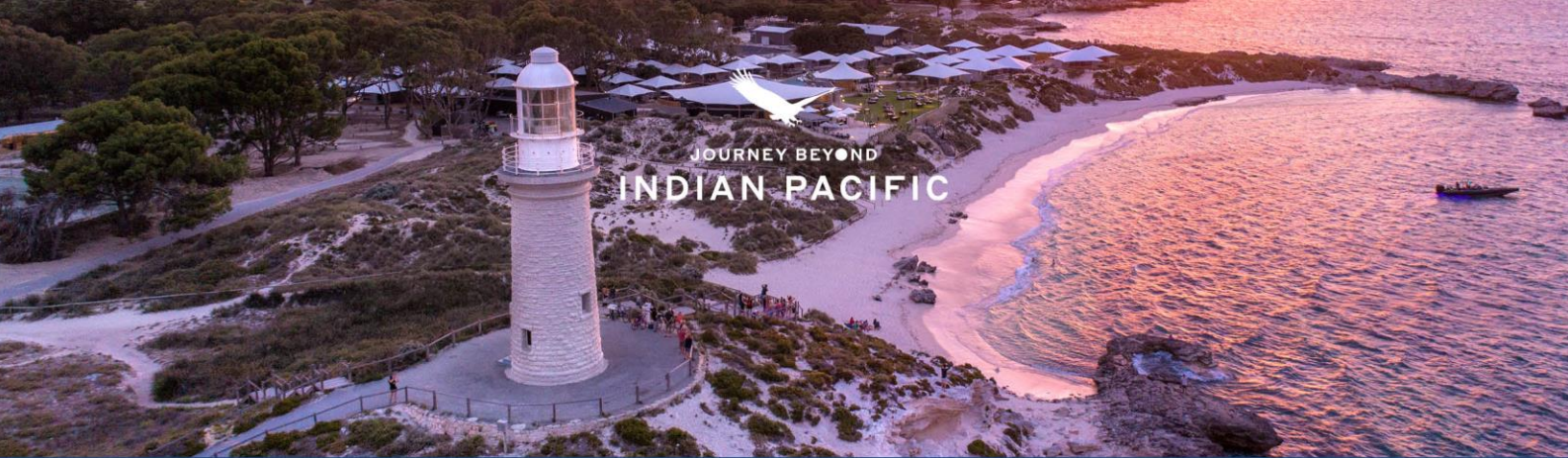
Start your day by being collected from your CBD hotel or arrive at Queen Street Jetty on the South Perth Esplanade, where you check-in for your seaplane flight. After departing the Swan River, you will experience a 45-minute scenic flight with low-level aerial views of Perth City, Fremantle, Carnac and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

DAY 3 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty a short stroll from your hotel and board the 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. Enjoy 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)



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DAY 4 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH, KALGOORLIE

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. Leave Perth behind and journey through the super-scenic Avon Valley over a gourmet lunch. Relax into the rhythm of life onboard and after a three-course dinner, disembark for an evening experience in the outback gold-mining town of Kalgoorlie. Travelling prospector Paddy Hannan struck it rich here 1893, sparking the greatest gold rush in Australian history. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Mine and the amazing Super Pit, where Kalgoorlie's gold rush continues to play out today.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

After travelling through the night, watch the sun rise over tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the Southern Hemisphere. Across the border in South Australia, you'll make a stop in Cook, an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers, before continuing across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

Get to know Adelaide, a true foodie city and the hub of the world-famous South Australian wine industry. Your choice of Off Train Experiences today includes taking in the city sights, the Torrens River, the marvellous Adelaide Central Market or the hugely popular Adelaide Oval. After taking in some of the highlights of the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS, SYDNEY, FAREWELL

Wake up this morning in the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Disembark and explore this magnificent region on an Off Train Experience, taking in ancient forests, sheer cliffs and mesmerising views of the Jamison Valley, the Three Sisters and Katoomba Falls. Continue your journey to Sydney Central Station, where your cross-country adventure concludes. (B,L)