

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY | DEPARTURE TUESDAY

Touring Western Australia's beautiful Margaret River region is the perfect primer for the culinary adventure ahead on the Indian Pacific. Margaret River is an internationally acclaimed producer of not only premium wines and is also home to regional specialty food and artisan providores, along with stunning natural assets. This makes for a wonderfully indulgent start to your journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast
- 2 Nights Margaret River Escape, including accommodation, personalised touring, breakfast & lunch
- 2 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 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
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll along Busselton Jetty, the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere
- Delight in the flavours of Margaret River wine, coffee, cheese, olive oil and chocolate
- Go underground at the spectacular Mammoth Cave
- View the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia at Cape Leeuwin
- Meet the quokkas on beautiful Rottnest Island

DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH

After making your own way to Perth, settle into your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Parmelia Hilton Perth

DAY 2 – PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Your adventure starts with a picturesque drive to the Margaret River region, with several stops on route. A coffee break by the foreshore in Mandurah is followed by a visit to the Featured Wood Gallery in Bunbury. At Busselton, walk off your delicious lunch with a stroll along the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Next is a visit to the Margaret River Chocolate Company, with its beautiful handmade truffles.

From here, we travel along the coast and visit the quaint coastal town of Prevelly, before continuing along the coast to your overnight accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Margaret's Beach Resort (B, L)

DAY 3 – MARGARET RIVER

Explore the region further, including Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, where the remains of megafauna over 50,000-years-old is found at Mammoth Cave. Take a scenic drive through the majestic Boranup Karri Forest, with towering trees and continue south to Hamelin Bay, known for the friendly stingrays that cruise the shallow waters. Pass through the hilltop town of Augusta on the way to the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, where you will take a guided tour.

Lunch will be at either The Colour Patch, overlooking the Blackwood River, or at Hamelin Bay Wines, with views over the Karridale vineyard. After lunch is a visit a small boutique winery for a wine tasting.

In the afternoon, there is time to explore the town of Margaret River, before returning to your accommodation. (B, L)

DAY 4 – MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today is all about food and wine. Visit the Yahava Koffee Works, who are so passionate about coffee, they travel the world looking for the best coffee beans, which are roasted in house. Indulge in delicious tastings while you learn how to make the perfect cup of coffee from the experts. Margaret River is famous for award winning wineries and cellar doors. Today we visit two different wineries for tastings. At the second winery, your premium wine tasting

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will be accompanied with local cheeses from the Margaret River Dairy Co.

Your gourmet day continues at Olio Bello, an olive oil farm. Experience first-hand the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oil including citrus pressed oils and sensations with a tasting of the incredible range of condiments. The Olio Bello Café has a menu inspired by their award-winning oils and fresh farm produce and is where we sit down for a delicious lunch accompanied by a glass or wine, beer or juice.

After lunch, your Margaret River Escape concludes as you return to your Perth accommodation for some time to relax.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Parmelia Hilton Perth (B, L)

DAY 5 – ROTTNESST 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).

DAY 6 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

This morning, you will join the Indian Pacific, departing Perth, before heading east through the delightful Avon Valley. Relax into the rhythm of this iconic train in your cabin or one of the on-board lounge, in anticipation of your late-night arrival into Kalgoorlie. (B, L, D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific

DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the morning, taking in the outback vistas before feasting on a regionally inspired menu of modern Australian cuisine and fine wines for lunch. Then it's time to visit the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving population of four. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

As the landscape changes again and rich ochre sands make way for forests and farmlands, you will arrive into Adelaide. After a rewarding Off Train Experience in the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY

Wake this morning to take in the full spectacle of the Blue Mountains on Sydney's doorstep. After your arrival into Katoomba, select from a choice of mountain experiences before completing your epic transcontinental crossing at Sydney's Central Station. (B, L)