

# **SCENIC SIP AND SAIL**

# **INDIAN PACIFIC**

SYDNEY TO PERTH | DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

Crossing Australia from Sydney to Perth aboard the Indian Pacific is one of the world's great rail journeys and your experience doesn't have to end in Perth. Extend your explorations with a day on fabulous Rottnest Island after you reach the Western Australian capital.

#### **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
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Flight to Margaret River, touring, wine tastings and lunch
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Engage with Broken Hill's booming arts scene and mining heritage
- Taste the local product in the world-famous wine regions around Adelaide
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- 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

#### 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 sumptuous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

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

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Experience in Broken Hill, exploring the charm of the Silver City and discovering its mining history and the artistic culture that abounds in the area. Onboard, approaching the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia, the train weaves its way into Adelaide, and you'll have a range of afternoon Off Train Experiences to choose from before returning to the train. (B, L, D)

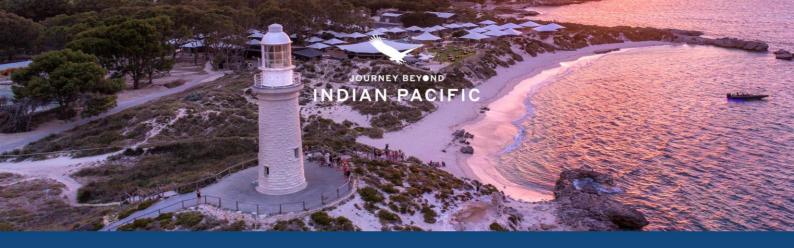
#### **DAY 3 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN**

Today, wake up and marvel at the barren beauty of the Nullarbor. Taking its name from the Latin meaning 'no trees', the ancient plain conjures a sense of limitless space and time. This journey is all about amazing outback views, as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Finish the day with an unforgettable experience, dining under an outback sky on the edge of the country's largest sheep station at Rawlinna (seasonal). (B, L, D)

# **DAY 4 - INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH**

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ritz Carlton Perth (B, L)



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## **DAY 5 – 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 6 - ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty 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. Feast on 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 7 - FAREWELL

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