

## **SCENIC SIP AND SAIL**

### **INDIAN PACIFIC**

ADELAIDE TO PERTH | DEPARTURE THURSDAY

Travelling across Australia from Adelaide to Perth aboard the Indian Pacific takes in part of one of the world's greatest rail journeys. But your adventure doesn't have to end in Perth. Explore fabulous Rottnest Island when you reach the Western Australian capital.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Cook and Rawlinna
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Return flights to Margaret River, touring, wine tastings and lunch
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour including lunch
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Sense the isolation in the remote desert outposts of Cook and Rawlinna
- 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 ADELAIDE

Start your journey with a delectable welcome dinner before joining the Indian Pacific, where you can settle into your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge over a nightcap. (D)

**OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific** 

#### DAY 2 - 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 3 - INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your rail journey unfolds, heading into Perth where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins. Check in to your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (B, L)

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Ritz Carlton Perth** 

#### **DAY 4 – 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 3.5hour 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)



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#### DAY 5 - 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 6 - FAREWELL

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