



GEMS OF THE SOUTH WEST & INDIAN PACIFIC

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH
DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

Travel aboard the Indian Pacific across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain from east to west. Explore the best of the South West. Travelling through the Karri Valley and Margaret River Regions to indulge in food and wine tastings and to experience nature at its best. Visit the famous Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet and tour Rottnest Island in search of sun, sand, and quokkas.

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
- 9 day Gems of the South West intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit Tours, travelling onboard a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, meals, and guided touring
- All attractions, entry fees and cruises
- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore mining history in Broken Hill
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Walk through the Perth Botanical Gardens
- High tea at Blackwood Emporium 1864 in the picturesque town of Mullalyup
- Climb the famous Gloucester Tree in Pemberton, once the second-highest fire lookout tree in the world
- Enjoy An afternoon at Silkwood Estate
- Visit Cape Leeuwin to view the changing colours of the meeting point between the Indian and Southern Oceans
- Indulge in local food and wine at Margaret River
- Visit the longest Jetty in Australia in Busselton
- Enjoy a Harbour Cruise at Mandjar Bay
- Full Day trip to Rottnest Island with touring and lunch

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 9 Day Gems of the South West tour begins with a pre night in Perth.

On arrival at The Westin Perth, please check in to your accommodation for the next two nights.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city of Perth or simply relax in the comfort of your accommodation. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Westin Perth

DAY 5 – PERTH

This morning is free for you to enjoy at leisure. Take a stroll along Riverside Drive and soak up the beauty of Perth city, perhaps visit The Perth Mint or do a spot of shopping in Hay Street Mall.

There are many little cafes and restaurants for you to find a bite to eat for lunch (own expense).



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This afternoon your touring commences at 2.30pm when you will meet your Outback Spirit Tour Director. Please be waiting in the hotel lobby 15 minutes prior to this time.

Enjoy an introduction to the city of Perth as we take an informative tour of the city including Kings Park with the opportunity to take a walk through the Botanical Gardens. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – PERTH TO KARRI VALLEY

This morning we travel south following the Darling Escarpment, heading to the Northern Jarrah Forest where we visit the Forest Discovery Centre in Dwellingup for a history lesson on the industry in Western Australia.

Continue south passing Collie and onto Harvey, a large dairy and fruit growing area. From here we explore deeper into the orchard country, onto Donnybrook and into the vast Karri and Marri Forests of the Manjimup region where we visit the stunning Blackwood Emporium 1864 for a delicious high tea style lunch.

Later this afternoon we arrive at Karri Valley Resort on Lake Beedelup where we will stay for the next two nights. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Karri Valley Resort

DAY 7 – GLOUCESTER TREE AND PEMBERTON

This morning we take a trip to the Cascades in Gloucester National Park. The Lefroy Brook is an impressive sight as it tumbles over the Cascades. We carry on through the National Park to the Gloucester Tree with an opportunity for the energetic to climb to the top for a view of the surrounding region. This was once the second highest fire lookout tree in the world; however, it is no longer used for this purpose.

After some free time in Pemberton, we head to Silkwood Estate. Perched lakeside with panoramic views of the Karri Forest, this is the perfect place to enjoy award winning wines and lunch.

Head back to Karri Valley Resort to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the property; a canoe trip on the lake or a walk to the falls (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – KARRI VALLEY TO CAPE LEEUWIN AND BUNKER BAY

We farewell Karri Valley and head to the most south-westerly point of the Australian mainland, Cape Leeuwin. Here we will take a guided tour of the historic lighthouse and view the changing colours of the meeting point of the Indian and Southern Oceans – where the Leeuwin Current flows.

We travel via Caves Road and take in several of the famous surfing beaches of this region, including Prevelly Beach and Gracetown before arriving into Yallingup where we visit the Caves House Hotel for lunch.

Later this afternoon, we arrive at Bunker Bay Resort on the Naturaliste Peninsula, our home for the next two nights. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Bunker Bay Resort

DAY 9 – MARGARET RIVER REGION

Margaret River is Western Australia's premium wine growing region which boasts over 40 world-class wineries. First up we visit Margaret River Dairy Company followed by the Margaret River Chocolate Company for self-guided tours.

For lunch experience the combination of fine wine, food, art, and music at Leeuwin Estate Winery.

This afternoon enjoy some free time in the Margaret River township before returning to Bunker Bay for our second night. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – BUNKER BAY TO PERTH

Today we travel to Busselton on Geographe Bay and take time to visit and walk the famous 1.7 kilometre jetty – the longest in Australia.

We travel north through to the port city of Bunbury where we take in the impressive views over the harbour and city, through Australind and onto Mandurah. Here we stop at the Redmanna Restaurant for lunch and take in the beautiful views of Mandjar Bay.



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This afternoon we head out on the water with Mandurah Cruises for a unique experience with dolphin spotting a possibility! We continue north along the coastal highway towards our hotel in preparation for our Rottnest Island adventure the following day.(B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Perth or Fremantle Hotel

DAY 11 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Early this morning we depart Perth and take a Rottnest Express ferry to Rottnest Island. Here we experience all that Rottnest has to offer, this pocket-sized paradise has something for everyone! We take an informative coach tour around the island's most spectacular locations with insightful commentary, and you might even meet a quokka or two along the way.

After lunch, enjoy some free time before heading back to our hotel.

Enjoy a late dinner with your fellow travellers and reminisce about your amazing trip.(B,L,D)

DAY 12 – PERTH

Your 9 Day Gems of the South West tour comes to an end this morning after breakfast. (B)