

# **GREAT WESTERN WONDERS**

# **INDIAN PACIFIC**

PERTH TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTURE MONDAY (MAR TO OCT)

Timeless travel between two great cities, experience the tremendous beauty of the Nullarbor on this epic rail journey. From your eco-resort sitting right on the edge of Ningaloo Reef, you have the opportunity to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 1 night accommodation in Perth, including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Perth Airport
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights' accommodation at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October), including travel on board a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- Transfer from Perth Airport to hotel
- 2 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full day Discover Rottnest tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna and Cook
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean, whale sharks or humpback whales
- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka
- · Learning about the mining town of Kalgoorlie

### **DAY 1 - ARRIVE PERTH**

Start your journey in the Western Australian capital of Perth. Check in to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the many attractions.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Ritz Carlton Perth

### DAY 2 - PERTH TO EXMOUTH AND NINGALOO REEF

You will be transferred to Perth Airport today, where your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxe accommodation for the next three nights, the Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents surrounding the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this spectacular location, teeming with native wildlife. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef

# **DAY 3 – NINGALOO REEF**

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the chance to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on the spectacular Ningaloo Reef. These incredible opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way, travelling aboard a luxury vessel guided from above by a spotter plane. Snorkels and wetsuits are provided, and lunch is also included. This is truly an encounter with nature that you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

# DAY 4 – NINGALOO REEF

Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from your Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef base. Go snorkelling along the coral reef on your doorstep and swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc.

Alternatively, join a guided walk through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges, go kayaking or go fishing. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5 - NINGALOO REEF AND EXMOUTH TO PERTH

Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to enjoy more of the Western Australian capital after being transferred to your hotel. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Ritz Carlton Perth



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### **DAY 6 - ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board the Rottnest Express to Rottnest Island, 22 km 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 take a selfie with a quokka. Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 7 - BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. This morning, join the Indian Pacific and before long, you'll be heading through the delightful Avon Valley. Take the time to relax into this iconic train journey and its many creature comforts. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the Outback Explorer Lounge with fellow travellers, in anticipation of your late-night arrival into the gold-mining township of Kalgoorlie for an Off Train Experience. (B,L,D)

**OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific** 

# DAY 8 - INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the day, taking in the spectacular outback vistas before visiting the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving population of four. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 9 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE**

As the landscape changes and rich ochre sands make way for forests and farmlands, you will arrive into Adelaide, concluding your epic adventure.