



CUNARD NORTHERN EXPLORER WITH PERTH STAY

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024

Covering a large swathe of Australia, this incredible rail and sail adventure takes you from coast to coast and back again, through spectacular natural landscapes, where you'll have opportunities for deeper exploration through a range of day-trip activities and Off Train Experiences. This is a journey of contrasts, with spectacular coastlines, pristine beaches, and the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, demonstrating Australia's diverse landscapes.

INCLUSIONS

- 18-night Cruise onboard Queen Elizabeth from Sydney to Fremantle including select meals
- Transfer from Cruise Terminal to hotel
- 5 nights accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full day Discover Rottneest Tour
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Terminal
- 4 days aboard the Indian Pacific, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, and the Blue Mountains
- 26 breakfasts, 21 lunches and 21 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Itinerary: Sydney, Airlie Beach, Cairns, Darwin, Bali – Bena, Broome, Geraldton, Fremantle with optional shore excursions ^
- Choose from a selection of onboard restaurants, from relaxed to grand
- Enjoy the sea air on the games deck, play a game of traditional deck tennis or bowls
- Take a class, relax in the spa, enjoy live entertainment, and more
- Choose from a range of entertainment options, including music, dance and comedy in the Royal Court Theatre
- Meet the Quokkas on beautiful Rottneest Island
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain

- Enjoy sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide

- Savour spectacular views in the Blue Mountains

^Shore excursions have fees applied

**A valid passport is required to travel onboard Queen Elizabeth*

DAY 1 – BOARD THE QUEEN ELIZABETH IN SYDNEY

An art deco vision, Queen Elizabeth evokes the heyday of Hollywood. This stunning Queen exudes style and has an especially refined feel. Her art deco features and gleaming chandeliers blend with contemporary attractions to ensure a remarkable holiday. Whether you relax in the spa, take a lap of the pool, indulge in fine dining, or enjoy a range of live entertainment - your time on board will be unforgettable. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 18 nights Queen Elizabeth

DAY 2 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Familiarise yourself with the ship today. You'll find a tempting array of restaurants, bars and lounges on board, including the relaxed Golden Lion pub, grand dining in the Britannia restaurant, or the more intimate appeal of The Verandah restaurant (charges apply) – and then there's always 24-hour room service. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Continue your exploration of the ship as you discover the facilities available to you on the Queen Elizabeth. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AIRLIE BEACH

Sandwiched between the coast of Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday's beaches rank among the best in the world. In Airlie Beach itself, you'll find a laid-back coastal town with surf boutiques, charming souvenir markets and inviting bistros serving a plethora of seafood. Balancing tradition with modernity, Airlie Beach offers a diverse selection of cultural sites and experiences, both along the beautiful coast and inland.

The Whitsunday Islands can be reached by ferry from Airlie Beach in minutes and offer wonderful opportunities to see tropical fish and coral reefs up close. (B,L,D)



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DAY 5 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, CAIRNS

Laid-back Cairns is located in the tropical Far North of Queensland. It's the remarkable gateway to the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, a spectacular location renowned for snorkelling and diving amongst kaleidoscopic marine life and coral.

A mecca for divers and a haven for lovers of the great outdoors, Cairns is a unique city and home to two World Heritage sites – the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree National Park. A visit to Cairns offers an ultimate tropical discovery.

Cairns' cruise port is situated next to the vibrant city centre. Here you'll find extensive shopping and dining experiences, and direct access to the Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage Tropical Rainforests. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

After the last few busy port days, take some time to relax on the deck with a drink or take a dip in one of the pools or whirlpools. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Make the most of your time at sea. Brush up on your dance skills to show off at a Gala Evening or take an art class. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Devote an indulgent hour to the Queen Elizabeth Signature Afternoon Tea in the Queens Room. Witness the parade of white gloved waiters presenting your table with an array of delectable finger sandwiches, fruit, and elegant patisserie accompanied by several types of loose leaf tea or coffee. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, DARWIN

Situated on the remote northern shores of Australia's 'Top End,' balmy Darwin is the capital of Australia's Northern Territory - one of the most remote and sparsely populated regions in the country. With fascinating museums, illuminating history and expansive parks, there's a wealth to entertain visitors on a port call to this beautiful part of Northern Australia. Find inspiration in the indigenous art at the Museum of Northern Territory or venture into the subterranean WWII Oil Storage Tunnels at Darwin waterfront. The city is also the gateway to some of

Northern Australia's most striking natural scenery and national parks. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Keep up with your exercise routine, or try something new, at fitness classes for all levels. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Enjoy a blockbuster movie or some of the latest cinema releases during your voyage. Take in an afternoon or early evening screening in the spectacular setting of the Royal Court Theatre. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, BALI – BENOA, INDONESIA

The Indonesian island of Bali delights visitors with its white sandy beaches, emerald rice terraces and is where stone-carved temples pierce the landscape and Hindu gods inspire human creativity. Whether you're seeking rest and relaxation, authentic Southeast Asian cuisine or a spiritual adventure, you'll find it in Bali. The temples of Pura Dalem Ning and Pura Taman Beji offer a serene insight into the spiritual side of Balinese culture. Intricate beaded jewellery, colourful Ikat textiles and Bali's famous Kopi Luwack coffee are among the keepsakes you can find in the shops and markets. Perhaps venture to Jimbaran Bay, where fresh catch is cooked up straight from the sea while sparkling sea views are yours to savour as you eat. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Soak up the sun in the conservatory, read a good book in the library, or take part in a lively presentation. The choice is yours. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Do as much or as little as you please as you relax on board the Queen Elizabeth. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, BROOME

Nestled on the north coast of Western Australia is the small but mighty town of Broome, renowned for its striking natural coastline and prosperity in the 20th century pearl trade. It's where the tempting turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean meet vibrant red beaches, and where different cultures live together harmoniously. Discover Broome's indigenous history and culture while exploring the towns' museums and art galleries. Learn about



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Broome's pearl trade with a visit to a pearling farm or The Pearl Luggers Visitor Centre. This charming port town has a rich history, and incredible scenery, and is the gateway to some of Western Australia's extraordinary wilderness. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

After a day of enjoying the facilities onboard, head to the deck at night for some stargazing away from the city lights and marvel at the galaxy of stars with a nightcap. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, AT SEA

Savour your last sea day aboard Queen Elizabeth. Revisit your favourite restaurants, catch that last onboard performance, enjoy just one more cocktail, or perhaps have a flutter in the casino. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, GERALDTON

The largest city north of Perth, Geraldton's ultra-white sands and Mediterranean climate are a magnet for sunseekers, while its coast attracts anglers and water sports enthusiasts from miles around. The city is one of Western Australia's most picturesque; its streets liberally lined with murals, statues, and sculptures. Take a scenic wander along the city's foreshore, savour the sweetness of a freshly caught rock lobster (a Geraldton speciality), or take a step back in time, exploring the relics of shipwrecks past; just one of many insightful displays at Museum of Geraldton. From museums and galleries to stunning beaches, a day out in Geraldton offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in nature or brush-up on Western Australia's WWII story. (B,L,D)

DAY 19 – QUEEN ELIZABETH, FREMANTLE

This morning you'll dock in the port city of Fremantle. Part of the Perth metropolitan area, Fremantle is known for its maritime history and Victorian architecture. Your sea voyage comes to an end when you farewell Queen Elizabeth as you disembark early morning and join a transfer to your accommodation in the city. The remainder of the day and evening is at your leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 5 nights Ritz Carlton Perth

DAY 20 – PERTH AT LEISURE

It might be the largest state in Australia, but Western Australia's capital city is a conveniently compact centre, packed with things to see and do. Enjoy your day at leisure in Perth visiting Kings Park, Barrack Square or some of the many museums and galleries. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

Wave Rock, York, Aboriginal Culture and Seasonal Wildflowers including rustic lunch – From \$252 per person.

Explore Western Australia's wheatbelt, journeying to Hyden's Wave Rock. Meander through Perth Hills and farmlands, visit Hippo's Yawn, enjoy an Aussie lunch at the Wildflower Shop, and discover attractions like the Wildlife Park and Toy Soldier Museum. Don't miss the awe-inspiring Wave Rock and ancient Aboriginal rock art in Mulka's Cave.

DAY 21 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty a short stroll from your hotel and board Rottneest Express, bound for Rottneest Island, 22km offshore. A 90-minute airconditioned bus tour around 'Rotto' takes you to some spectacular locations, including Wadjemup Lighthouse and the boardwalk lookout at the rugged west end of the island. Enjoy time to explore the island at your leisure – make sure you meet a quokka. Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B)

DAY 22 – PERTH AT LEISURE

Stroll along the Swan River, explore the vibrant streets lined with cafes, boutiques and cultural treasures or perhaps consider booking an optional tour (additional cost applies). (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

Taste of Margaret River – From \$995 per person

The Margaret River region is one of Western Australia's premium wine regions and lies a few hours south of Perth. On this tour, maximize your time and enjoy spectacular aerial views as you arrive by seaplane. Take off from the Swan River, glide along the west coast, then touchdown in Margaret River. During your visit, enjoy wine tasting at two boutique wineries and tuck into a delicious lunch at a winery restaurant.



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DAY 23 – PERTH AT LEISURE

Continue your exploration of Perth with another day at leisure to explore the city and surrounds. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

Perth Arcades and Laneways – From \$ 50 per person

Starting at the historic Perth Town Hall the tour winds through the lanes and arcades cutting through the city as you learn about the stories, people and places that make Perth what it is. Explore vibrant street art, the local bar scene and dynamic Northbridge across the train tracks with your knowledgeable local guide. Visit iconic locations including Wolf Lane, London Court and Howard Lane among other pedestrian friendly walkways. No stone goes unturned as you make your way towards a local bar for a refreshing beverage at the end of your tour.

DAY 24 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

After breakfast you'll be transferred from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. Leave Perth behind and journey through the super-scenic Avon Valley over a gourmet lunch. Relax into the rhythm of life onboard and after a three-course dinner, disembark for a late-night experience in the outback goldmining town of Kalgoorlie. Travelling prospector Paddy Hannan struck it rich here 1893, sparking the greatest gold rush in Australian history. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Mine and the amazing Super Pit, where Kalgoorlie's gold rush continues to play out today. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific

DAY 25 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

After travelling through the night, watch the sun rise over tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the Southern Hemisphere. Across the border in South Australia, you'll make a stop in Cook, an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers, before continuing across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. (B,L,D)

DAY 26 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

Get to know Adelaide, a true foodie city and the hub of the world-famous South Australian wine industry. Your choice of Off Train Experiences today includes taking in the city

sights and the Torrens River precinct, a progressive breakfast at the marvellous Adelaide Central Market, visiting Adelaide Oval, or a scenic drive through the Adelaide Hills. After taking in some of the highlights of the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B,L,D)

DAY 27 – INDIAN PACIFIC, SYDNEY

Wake up this morning in the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Disembark and explore this magnificent region on an Off Train Experience, taking in ancient forests, sheer cliffs and mesmerising views of the Jamison Valley, the Three Sisters and Katoomba Falls. Continue your journey to Sydney Central Station, where your cross-country adventure concludes. (B,L)