

# **DISCOVER PERTH AND SYDNEY**

# **INDIAN PACIFIC**

PERTH TO SYDNEY DEPARTING THURSDAY (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) 11 Days / 10 Nights

Enjoy three nights' accommodation in the Western Australian Capital, Perth, and extend your exploration with a day on fabulous Rottnest Island. Finish your Perth discovery by crossing Australia from Perth to Sydney aboard the Indian Pacific, one of the world's great train journeys. With fine wine and regionally inspired meals included, this really is a journey for the senses. Cap off your rail adventure by exploring the harbour city of Sydney, with three nights' accommodation included.

# INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full day Discover Rottnest tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Rail Terminal
- 4 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Cook, Barossa Valley, Broken Hill, and the Blue Mountains
- Transfer from Sydney Central Station to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Sydney, including breakfast daily
- Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise
- 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the vibrant city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital
- Cruise to Rottnest Island, spending the day exploring the island and meeting quokkas
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Enjoy a signature dining experience at Seppeltsfield Winery
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney
- Cruise Sydney Harbour on a 78ft luxury vessel and enjoy a premium lunch
- Sail past Sydney Opera House and the Iconic Sydney cityscape, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park and more

#### **DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH**

Make your way to your Perth accommodation and prime yourself for a trip to Rottnest Island and an epic rail journey ahead. The evening is yours to discover some of the city's atmospheric laneway bars and restaurants, buzzing with live music and surrounded by street art.

# **OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Quay Perth**

### **DAY 2 – ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms offshore. A 90minute 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 3 - PERTH

It might be the largest state in Australia, but Western Australia's capital city features 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)

#### DAY 4 - BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

After breakfast, take in any last minute sights before transferring to the Rail Terminal.

Your afternoon begins with a welcome gathering, in celebration of the start of your journey across the country and along the world's longest stretch of straight railway track. Spend a relaxed afternoon getting to know your fellow travellers after you board the Indian Pacific and pull away from Perth, leaving the Indian Ocean behind and cruising toward the Pacific. Tonight, a delectable dinner is served on board, featuring contemporary Australian cuisine with seasonal and regional flavours. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Indian Pacific** 

#### DAY 5 - INDIAN PACIFIC, KALGOORLIE AND COOK

Awake to see the sunrise unfold across Australia's largest outback town, Kalgoorlie. This morning, we'll delve into this mining town's fascinating past and present, with a visit to the region's gold-rush era, now modern-day, Super Pit mine. Decide how you want to explore Kalgoorlie on your choice of Off Train Experience, including morning refreshments. Reboarding the train mid-morning for brunch, the remainder of the day is on board at your



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leisure. Sit back and enjoy the hospitality as you take in spectacular views of the seemingly endless expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. You'll cross borders and time zones, entering South Australia before dinner. Late evening, the train will pull into the almost-ghost-town of Cook for a nightcap, late-night bonfire and stargazing experience. (B,D)

# DAY 6 - INDIAN PACIFIC, BAROSSA VALLEY

Spend the morning travelling through the pastoral lands and communities of remote South Australia as the Indian Pacific cruises past the Flinders Rangers, Spencer Gulf and the Adelaide Plains. Breakfast and lunch are both served on board. Mid-afternoon, the train pulls into Two Wells, where you'll disembark and transfer in comfortable coaches for a short ride to the world-renowned, wineproducing region of the Barossa Valley. You'll spend the evening at Seppeltsfield Winery, delighting in a signature dining experience in the vintage cellar.

A traditional 'Firing of the Barrel' display kicks off the evening, followed by a food and wine pairing curated by Executive Chef Owen Andrews, highlighting regional produce and traditional methods that reflect the story of the Barossa. Here, Platinum guests are also treated to a special 100-year-old wine tasting experience.

After dinner, you'll return to the Indian Pacific, continuing your rail journey through the night. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7 - INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL

Crossing another border during the night, you'll wake up in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, ready for the day's activities in the Silver City. You'll have a choice of four Off Train Experiences, including guided history, art and cultural experiences that showcase the highlights of Australia's first heritage-listed city.

Returning to the train for lunch, admire the scenery as the Indian Pacific travels through regional New South Wales. Tonight, dinner is served on board as you make the most of your final night exploring Australia by train. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8 - INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY

The Blue Mountains is known for its soaring sandstone ridges wrapped in native flora. This World Heritage-listed area marks your final stop before arriving in Sydney. Say goodbye to the Indian Pacific after breakfast, to travel deep into the mountains for this afternoon's Off Train Experiences. Scenic World includes four phenomenal mountain experiences, from the Scenic Skyway, which takes you over ancient ravines, with 360-degree vistas to the Scenic Cableway that glides over the forest to the valley floor and the Scenic Railway, the steepest passenger railway in the world. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk with spectacular views from numerous lookouts along the trail. Both experiences end at Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba, where a light lunch is served.

Complete your journey on our chartered New South Wales rail service (fully hosted by our crew) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, if you prefer to arrive in Sydney earlier, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney Central Station, arriving before lunch. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel to check in and make the most of being in this beautiful harbourside city. (B,L) (B)

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Swissotel Sydney** 

# DAY 9 – SYDNEY HARBOUR LUNCH CRUISE

Experience one of the world's most iconic cities on an allinclusive 2.5-hour lunch cruise on an exclusive 78ft luxury vessel, Spirit of Migloo. Enjoy a premium two-course menu featuring regionally sourced ingredients. Departing Darling Harbour, we cruise towards Sydney Harbour Bridge and pass the iconic Sydney cityscape and Sydney Opera House. We believe lunch should be a long, lavish affair, so expect a generous al a carte meal inspired by local and regional produce, paired with a selection of beers, wines from some of the finest wine-producing regions in New South Wales, soft drinks and tea or coffee. (B,L)

#### DAY 10 - SYDNEY

Today is yours to explore the harbour city from the CBD to Chinatown, Manly to Newtown, or Barangaroo to Darling Harbour. There are plenty of diverse sights, flavours and experiences to take in, including museums, galleries, aquariums, gardens and more. (B)

# DAY 11 - FAREWELL

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