

PERTH WITH ROTTNEST ESCAPE

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) 8 Days / 7 Nights

Start your journey in Sydney, crossing Australia from east to west aboard the Indian Pacific, one of the world's great train journeys. Your experience doesn't end when you arrive in the West Australian capital. Enjoy 3 nights' accommodation in Perth and travel to Rottnest Island for an additional overnight luxury stay.

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 Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Ferry ride to and from Rottnest Island
- 1 night's accommodation in Rottnest Island, including breakfast daily
- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore mining and artistic history in Broken Hill
- Visit the foodie capital of South Australia, Adelaide
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Discover the almost-ghost town of Cook
- Explore the vibrant city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital

DAY 1 - BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Departing Sydney's Central Station, get acquainted with your cabin and fellow travellers. Take in spectacular views as the Indian Pacific winds through the Blue Mountains. Tonight, you will enjoy your first meal on board – a regionally inspired dinner paired with fine wine and beverages. After dinner, consider a nightcap in the lounge before you retire to your cabin. (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. Explore mining heritage through visiting the Broken Hill Trades Hall and the striking Miners Memorial that stands over the town or for a different take on Broken Hill, go on a tour of the main drag with fabulous local Drag Queen sensation, Shelita Buffet.

Art aficionados may opt to visit the captivating Living Desert Sculpture site or take in the exhibitions at the oldest regional art gallery in New South. Alternatively, ignite a sense of nostalgia at Bells Milk Bar, an icon of Broken Hill, sipping on malted milk while a performance by Cindy and Johnny takes you back to the 50's.

Lunch is served back on board as the Indian Pacific enters the southern tip of the ancient Flinders Ranges.

Arriving in Adelaide in the late afternoon, you'll have the opportunity for an Off Train Experience, exploring the South Australian Museum or indulging in an epicurean experience. Visit the Barossa Valley or McLaren Vale to sample fine South Australian wines before an indulgent meal, or try a cheese or gin tasting in the charming Adelaide Hills village of Hahndorf before feasting at Haus – a German restaurant showcasing the best in local produce. Alternatively, visit Adelaide Central Markets for a tour and exclusive sit-down dinner.

After dinner, return to the train to continue 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, on the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. En route, the Indian Pacific calls in to Cook, once-bustling, now almost-ghost town that was originally built as a support town for the railway.

Travelling further west, the next stop is at Rawlinna on the fringe of Australia's largest sheep station for a signature dinner under a thousand stars (seasonal). (B,L,D)



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DAY 4 - INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Admire the delightful undulations of the Avon Valley and enjoy a final breakfast on board as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth. Transfer to your accommodation, where your Perth discovery begins. The remainder of the day is yours to discover the highlights of this river city at your leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ritz Carlton Perth

DAY 5 - PERTH, ROTTNEST ISLAND

Check out of your accommodation in Perth and embark on a captivating island escape to Rottnest Island. Begin by boarding the Rottnest Express ferry from Barrack Street Jetty on Elizabeth Quay for a leisurely cruise along the Swan River before crossing the Indian Ocean.

Upon arrival on the island, check into your luxury beachfront accommodation, Samphire Rottnest. Spend the rest of the day, exploring the island and meeting some of its unique inhabitants. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Samphire Rottnest

DAY 6 - ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH

Wake up to the soothing sound of waves. Today, continue to discover the charms of Rotto's pristine beaches, hidden coves and historical landmarks at your own pace.

In the evening, the ferry will take you from Rottnest Island back to Perth for a further two-night stay. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ritz Carlton Perth

DAY 7 - 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 8 - FAREWELL

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