

NORTHERN EXPLORER WITH PERTH STAY

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY

DEPARTURE SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

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. 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 the diversity of Australia's landscapes.

INCLUSIONS

- 17-day Northern Explorer on board Crown Princess® cruise ship from Sydney to Fremantle, including select main meals
- Transfer from Cruise terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full-day Discover Rottneest Tour
- Transfer from hotel to Indian Pacific check-in venue
- 4 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages, and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Cook, the Barossa Valley, Broken Hill, and the Blue Mountains
- 24 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 21 dinners

**A valid passport or government-issued photo identification is required to travel onboard Crown Princess®*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Itinerary: Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Willis Island, Port Douglas, Darwin, Kimberley coast, Broome, Exmouth and Perth (Fremantle), with optional shore excursions[^]
- Choose from a selection of on-board dining options to tempt your tastebuds
- Enjoy a musical production in the Princess Theatre
- Join a cooking demonstration, dance class, trivia contest and more[~]
- Experience outback mining heritage in Kalgoorlie
- Enjoy a signature dining experience at Seppeltsfield Winery
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney

[^] Shore Excursions have fees applied

[~] Charges apply. Specialty Restaurants, pricing, and menu items vary by ship and are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE CROWN PRINCESS® IN SYDNEY

Make your way to the Cruise Terminal and board the Crown Princess®, which will be ready to truly light up the seas, serving up tantalising cuisine, dazzling live entertainment, and enriching experiences. Relax in The Sanctuary, a tranquil haven reserved for adults, or put your feet up at Movies Under the Stars^(TM) - whatever you decide to do, your time on board will be unforgettable. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 17 nights Crown Princess®

DAY 2 – CROWN PRINCESS®, NEWCASTLE

In 1770, Captain James Cook christened Nobbys Headland on his journey north along the Australian coast. European settlement of Newcastle, however, began 17 years later, when Lt. John Shortland sailed up a fine, broad river while searching for escaped convicts. Shortland named the stream the Hunter River after Australia's then Governor-General. During that short voyage, the lieutenant also discovered vast deposits of coal. In 1804, the burgeoning mining settlement and lumber port was christened Newcastle after the famed English coal city. Newcastle, Australia, also served as a gateway to the rich lands of the Hunter Valley - a region producing internationally acclaimed wines by the mid-19th century. Christ Church Cathedral is the symbol of Newcastle. The restored church has survived both devastating earthquake and Japanese attack. In 1942, the Japanese submarine I-21 surfaced to shell the city and its dockyards. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Familiarise yourself with the layout of the ship today. A variety of everyday dining venues are available including The Salty Dog Grill, Horizon Court, International Café, and Slice Pizzeria. Choose from specialty restaurants[~] Sabatini's Italian Trattoria, Crown Grill, the Salty Dog Gastropub and the Chef's Table Experience. (B,L,D)



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DAY 4 – CROWN PRINCESS®, BRISBANE

Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, located in the Sunshine State, boasts over 280 days of sunshine per year. Brisbane is known for its laid back and friendly atmosphere, sophisticated art galleries and museums, beautiful botanic gardens, and Moreton Bay. The Brisbane River, which flows through the city, gives you great access to both north and south via the famous CityCats. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Relax in one of the lounges, read a good book or visit The Sanctuary~, an exclusive adults-only retreat offering a relaxing alternative to the myriad outdoor activities and entertainment available elsewhere on the ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AIRLIE BEACH (SCENIC CRUISING)

Airlie Beach is your gateway to the Whitsunday Archipelago. These 74 islands feature pristine fringing reefs, calm, lagoon-like waters, and superb beaches. The archipelago is one of Australia's premier playgrounds.

The Whitsundays were once mountains. Rising seas at the end of the Ice Age formed the Whitsunday Passage between the islands and the mainland. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – CROWN PRINCESS®, WILLIS ISLAND (SCENIC CRUISING)

Willis Island is one of several tropical islands sitting beyond the Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea Islands Territory and is surrounded by thriving reefs, where numerous creatures make their homes. Willis Island caters to many species of seabirds, numbering into the thousands, including Masked, Brown and Red-footed Boobies that cry out nearly 24 hours a day. It is also an important nesting ground for turtles.

Please note Willis Island is a scenic cruising site. Ships will slowly travel past while a knowledgeable port lecturer points out significant sites you'll be able to see from on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - CROWN PRINCESS®, PORT DOUGLAS (Water Shuttle Required, Wheelchair Access Limited)

Located between the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

and the Great Barrier Reef, Port Douglas provides a perfect gateway to hardy adventurers en route to rainforest and reef. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Enjoy today at your leisure. Perhaps indulge in a decadent afternoon tea in the dining room, where you can enjoy freshly prepared finger sandwiches, cakes and cookies, accompanied by a wide variety of teas or coffee. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Enjoy the many facilities available to you on board the Crown Princess®(B,L,D)

DAY 11 - CROWN PRINCESS®, DARWIN

Closer to Indonesia than to any other Australian city, Darwin is the capital of the Top End and is home to more than half the population of the remote, vast Northern Territory. A popular starting point for journeys through the Top End wilderness regions' many attractions, there's plenty of fascinating history to explore in and around Darwin. B,L,D)

DAY 12 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Today is yours to enjoy. Take some time to relax and revitalise with a dip in one of the freshwater pools or hot tubs. Enjoy the sea breeze as you soak up the sun in a padded lounge with a good book, listen to music, or dream about your next adventure. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 - CROWN PRINCESS®, KIMBERLEY COAST (SCENIC CRUISING)

Renowned as one of the most important and spectacular wilderness regions on Earth, you will get to see the beauty of the Kimberley from the ocean. The dramatic coastline framed by stark red cliffs has been identified as one of the least impacted marine environments in the world. With more than 2,600 islands scattered beyond the reefs, the area is rich in biodiversity and wildlife. Expect to see plenty of exotic birdlife as you cruise past this amazing wonderland. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 – CROWN PRINCESS®, BROOME

Broome was founded as a base for the pearl trade and was soon described as the pearling capital of the world. Japanese, Chinese and Aboriginal divers toiled in arduous, dangerous labour to harvest oysters from the seabed. The legacy of its pearling days can be seen in the town's



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colorful mix of 19th- and early 20th-century buildings. Broome also boasts Cable Beach – a 20-kilometre strand of white sand that stretches along the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Enjoy today at your leisure. Perhaps Attend a Champagne Art Auction, take a stroll through the European-style Piazza, where roving performers will delight you with their skills, or practice your putting in a round of mini-golf. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 – CROWN PRINCESS®, EXMOUTH

(Water Shuttle Required, Wheelchair Access Limited)

Exmouth lies some 780 miles north of Perth on the rugged and stunningly beautiful Northwest Cape. This remote corner of Australia has been of strategic importance since the days of the Second World War. In fact, Exmouth was built in 1964 to support the Harold E. Holt Communications Station. Nearly 45 years later, the base remains a top-secret installation. The North Cape is also an impressive travel destination. Here rugged mountains and stony gorges descend to stunning beaches. Australia's longest fringing reef lies just offshore. Its crystalline waters boast great fishing, and whale sharks are frequently encountered basking on the surface between April and July. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 – CROWN PRINCESS®, AT SEA

Visit the shops of Princess for the last chance to pick up some keepsakes and souvenirs. Enjoy a musical production, dabble in the casino~, or simply relax in a lounge, sipping one last cocktail~ as you enjoy your final full day at sea on board the Crown Princess®. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 – CROWN PRINCESS®, PERTH

Lying at the mouth of the Swan River, historic Fremantle – founded in 1829 – is your gateway to Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Situated on the banks of the Swan River some 15 miles upriver from Fremantle, Perth is a bustling city, where soaring high-rises co-exist with elegant sandstone buildings from the colonial era. Farewell the Crown Princess® this morning as you disembark early morning upon arrival into Fremantle and join a transfer to your accommodation in the city. The remainder of the day and evening is at your leisure.(B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Novotel Perth Murray Street

DAY 19 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Join the scheduled transfer by Rottneest Express or make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottneest Express bound for Rottneest Island, 22kms 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 time to explore the island at your leisure – make sure you meet a quokka. Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B)

DAY 20 – PERTH

Today is a day of relaxation. Take advantage of the hotel facilities or further explore the city of Perth. (B)

DAY 21 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining your afternoon transfer to the Indian Pacific check-in venue. 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 22 – 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 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)



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DAY 23 – 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, wine producing 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 24 – 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 25 – 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), arriving 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. (B,L)