



INDIAN PACIFIC



Outback Spirit



GEMS OF THE SOUTH WEST

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PERTH TO SYDNEY

DEPARTING SATURDAY

(NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER)

12 Days / 11 Nights

Explore the best of the South West. Travel through the Karri Valley and Margaret River regions, indulging in food and wine tastings and experiencing nature at its best. Visit the famous Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. Tour Rottneest Island in search of sun, sand and quokkas before travelling aboard the Indian Pacific across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain from west to east.

INCLUSIONS

- 8-day Gems of the South West intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit, travelling onboard a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, meals, and guided touring
- 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
- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through the Perth Botanical Gardens
- High tea at Blackwood Emporium 1864 in the picturesque town of Mullalyup
- Climb the famous Gloucester Tree in Pemberton, once the second-highest fire lookout tree in the world
- Enjoy an afternoon at Silkwood Estate
- Visit Cape Leeuwin to view the changing colours of the meeting point between the Indian and Southern Oceans
- Indulge in local food and wine at Margaret River
- Visit the longest Jetty in Australia in Busselton
- Enjoy a Harbour Cruise at Mandjar Bay
- Full day trip to Rottneest Island with touring and lunch
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Experience outback mining heritage in Kalgoorlie
- Enjoy a signature dining experience at Seppeltsfield Winery
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney

DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH

You've arrived in Perth. Check in to your accommodation where your 8 Day Gems of the South West tour begins. This afternoon, enjoy an introduction to the city of Perth as we take an informative tour of the city, including Kings Park, with the opportunity to take a walk through the Botanical Gardens. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Westin Perth

DAY 2 – PERTH TO KARRI VALLEY

This morning, we travel south following the Darling Escarpment, heading to the Northern Jarrah Forest, where we visit the Forest Discovery Centre in Dwellingup for a history lesson on the industry in Western Australia. Then, we continue south, passing Collie and onto Harvey, a large dairy and fruit-growing area. From here, we explore deeper into orchard country, on to Donnybrook and into the vast Karri and Marri Forests of the Manjimup region, where we stop at the stunning Blackwood Emporium 1864 for a delicious high-tea-style lunch.

Later in the afternoon, we arrive at Karri Valley Resort on Lake Beedelup, where we will stay in lakeside rooms for the next two nights. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Karri Valley Resort

DAY 3 – GLOUCESTER TREE AND PEMBERTON

This morning, we take a trip to the Cascades in Gloucester National Park. The Lefroy Brook is an impressive sight as it tumbles over the Cascades. We carry on through the National Park to the Gloucester Tree, with an opportunity for the energetic to climb to the top for a view of the surrounding region. This was once the second-highest fire lookout tree in the world, however, it is no longer used for this purpose.

After some free time in Pemberton, we head to Silkwood Estate. Perched lakeside with panoramic views of the Karri Forest, this is the perfect place to enjoy award-winning wines and lunch.

In the afternoon, we head back to Karri Valley Resort to enjoy the facilities, perhaps enjoying a canoe trip on the lake or a walk to the falls. (B,L,D)



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DAY 4 – KARRI VALLEY TO CAPE LEEUWIN AND BUNKER BAY

We farewell the Karri Valley this morning and head to the most south-westerly point of the Australian mainland, Cape Leeuwin. Here we will take a guided tour of the historic lighthouse and view the changing colours of the meeting point of the Indian and Southern Oceans – where the Leeuwin Current flows.

We travel via Caves Road and take in several of the famous surfing beaches of this region, including Prevelly Beach and Gracetown, before arriving at Yallingup where we visit the Caves House Hotel for lunch.

Later this afternoon, we arrive at Bunker Bay Resort on the Naturaliste Peninsula, our home for the next two nights. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Bunker Bay Resort

DAY 5 – MARGARET RIVER REGION

Today is a day to experience the fare from the South West.

Margaret River is Western Australia's premium wine-growing region and the area boasts more than 40 world-class wineries. First up, we visit Margaret River Dairy Company, followed by the Margaret River Chocolate Company for self-guided tours.

For lunch, experience a combination of fine wine, food, art, and music at Leeuwin Estate Winery.

This afternoon, enjoy some free time in the Margaret River township before returning to Bunker Bay. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – BUNKER BAY TO PERTH

Today, we travel to Busselton on Geographe Bay, where we will walk the famous 1.7-kilometre jetty – the longest in Australia.

We travel north through to the port city of Bunbury, where we take in the impressive views over the harbour and city, through Australind and onto Mandurah. Here, we stop at the Redmanna Restaurant for lunch and take in beautiful views of Mandjar Bay.

This afternoon, we head out on the water with Mandurah Cruises, with dolphin spotting a possibility. After the cruise, we continue north along the coastal highway, before checking in to the centrally located Esplanade Hotel for the next two nights. Dinner is on the wharf at the award-winning Char Char Restaurant. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Esplanade Hotel

DAY 7 – ROTTNESST ISLAND

Early this morning, we depart Fremantle and take a Rottnest Express ferry to Rottnest Island. Here, we experience all that Rottnest has to offer. This pocket-sized paradise has something for everyone. We take an informative coach tour around the island's most spectacular locations with insightful commentary, and you'll likely meet a quokka or two along the way.

After lunch, enjoy some free time before setting sail back to Fremantle to enjoy dinner at the hotel with your fellow travellers. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

Your 8-day Gems of the South West tour comes to an end this morning. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out and being transferred to the Indian Pacific.

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



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DAY 9 – 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,L,D)

DAY 10 – 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 11 – 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 12 – 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. (B,L) (B)