

## NORTHERN EXPLORER CONCLUDING BRISBANE WITH PERTH STAY

### INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH

DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2027

21 Days / 20 Nights

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

- 4 days aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook and Rawlinna
- Transfer from East Perth Rail terminal to hotel
- 2 night's accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full-day Discover Rottneest tour
- Transfer from hotel to Fremantle Cruise Terminal
- 15-day Northern Explorer from Fremantle to Brisbane on board Grand Princess® cruise ship, including select main meals
- 20 breakfasts, 17 lunches, 19 dinners

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the mining heritage of the Silver City, Broken Hill
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Enjoy sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide
- Meet the quokkas on beautiful Rottneest Island
- Join a cooking demonstration, dance class, trivia contest and more~
- Enjoy a musical production in the Princess Theatre

- Cruise Itinerary: Perth, Exmouth, Broome, Yampi Sound, Kimberley Coast, Darwin, Cairns, Willis Island, Brisbane with optional shore excursions^

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*^ Shore Excursions have fees applied*

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Feel the excitement build as you arrive at Central Station to begin your epic adventure on board the Indian Pacific. Departing Sydney's Central Station mid-afternoon, leave city skylines and the fast-paced urban lifestyle behind. Get acquainted with your cabin and fellow travellers as the Indian Pacific heads west winding through the Blue Mountains. Relax in your cabin or socialise in the lounge, enjoying an afternoon tippie on request. 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

Your morning begins in Broken Hill, the fabled Silver City. Step off the train for your first Off Train Experience – explore the outback towns mining legacy, taking time to reflect at the Miners' Memorial, or for those interested in the curiosities of Broken Hill, join Shelita Buffet, Broken Hill's famous Drag Queen for a morning of fun, creativity and food. Refreshments are included before reboarding the Indian Pacific.

Breakfast is served back on board as the Indian Pacific departs the Silver City. Travel south west through Ngadjuri country for lunch onboard as the Indian Pacific enters the southern tips of the ancient Flinders Ranges.

Arriving in Adelaide in the late afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to explore Adelaide and its surroundings. Opt for 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. Immerse



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yourself in the heart of the city with Icons of Adelaide, featuring a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting at Coopers Brewery, a scenic city drive, and a teppanyaki dinner at Shiki followed by a twilight stroll to Adelaide Oval. Alternatively, visit the Adelaide Central Market 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 (weather permitting) (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 – INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Wake to the soft light over Western Australia's Avon Valley, its rolling green hills a fitting finale to your transcontinental adventure. Savour a leisurely brunch on board as the train makes its final approach into Perth.

After being transferred to your hotel, relax and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Duxton Hotel Perth

### DAY 5 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Join the transfer by Rottnest Express or make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express bound for Rottnest 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 6 – BOARD THE GRAND PRINCESS® IN FREMANTLE

You will be transferred to the Cruise Terminal and board the Grand Princess®, 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 (™) – whatever you decide to do, your time onboard will be unforgettable.

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. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 15 nights Grand Princess®

### DAY 7 – GRAND 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, Vines Wine Bar and the Chef's Table Experience. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8 – GRAND 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. 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)



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### **DAY 9 – GRAND 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 10 – GRAND PRINCESS®, BROOME**

Built on the back of the pearl trade, Broome is a wonderfully multicultural town on the rugged North West coast of Western Australia. This fascinating and diverse remote outpost boasts one of the country's premier beaches – stunning Cable Beach stretches more than 20 kilometres along the coastline of the Indian Ocean. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 11 – GRAND PRINCESS®, YAMPI SOUND (SCENIC CRUISING)**

Yampi Sound is a part of the Indian Ocean off the coast of north-western Australia, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. It is located between King Sound and Collier Bay. The Traditional Owners of the areas around the Sound are the Umiida people. The Sound contains many islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago, the largest being Koolan Island; others include Cockatoo Island, Irvine Island, Bathurst Island, Finch Islands, Hidden Island, Baylis Islands and Iron Islands. The rich fish life is an attraction for bottlenose dolphins that come to feed in the early mornings. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 12 – GRAND 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 13 – GRAND 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 14 – GRAND 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 region's many attractions, there's plenty of fascinating history to explore in and around Darwin. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 15, 16 & 17 – GRAND PRINCESS®, AT SEA**

Plan your onboard activities for the next three days whilst at sea using the Medallion app.

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.

Throughout the day and night, Movies under the Stars is an exclusive open-air poolside amphitheatre and is the go-to destination for feature films, thrilling concerts and exciting sporting events. Cozy up under a fleece blanket in the comfortable lounge and feast on complimentary fresh-popped popcorn in the evening or delicious cookies and milk during the day and enjoy that exciting car chase or mystery thriller on the giant screen.

Don't forget to peruse the daily newsletter 'Princess Patter' for the day's events. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 18 – GRAND PRINCESS®, CAIRNS**

Cairns is one of Australia's hottest vacation destinations. Cairns boasts three of Australia's great natural wonders. Just offshore, immense bastions of living coral form the Great Barrier Reef. Sixteen miles of superb beaches stretch to the north of the city - the famed Marlin Coast. And inland lays the immense Daintree National Park. Cairns itself basks in tropical sunshine, balmy breezes waft in from Trinity Bay. The city's graceful, tree-lined esplanade was once the gateway to the gold fields of North Queensland. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 19 – GRAND PRINCESS®, WILLIS ISLAND (SCENIC CRUISING)**

Willis Island is one of several tropical islands sitting beyond the Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea Islands



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Territory and is surrounded by thriving reefs where many creatures make their homes. Numbering into the thousands, Willis Island itself caters to many species of seabirds, including Masked, Brown and Red-footed Boobies that cry out nearly 24 hours a day. It is also an important nesting ground for turtles. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 20 – GRAND 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. Don't forget to peruse the daily newsletter 'Princess Patter' or use the medallion app for the day's events. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 21 – GRAND PRINCESS®, BRISBANE**

Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, located in the Sunshine State, boasts of having 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.

Farewell the Grand Princess® this morning as you disembark upon arrival into Brisbane where your incredible rail and ocean journey comes to an end. (B)

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