

NORTHERN EXPLORER CONCLUDING BRISBANE WITH PERTH

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH
DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY 06 OCTOBER 2027
18 Days / 17 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
- 1 night's accommodation in Perth, including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Fremantle Cruise Terminal
- 13-day Northern Explorer cruise from Fremantle to Brisbane on board Sapphire Princess® cruise ship, including main meals
- 17 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 16 dinners

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the mining heritage of the Silver City, Broken Hill
- Enjoy sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Cruise Itinerary: Perth, Broome, Kimberley Coast, Darwin, Cairns, Willis Island, Brisbane with optional shore excursions^
- Join a cooking demonstration, dance class, trivia contest and more~
- Enjoy a musical production in the Princess Theatre

^ Shore Excursions have fees applied
~ Cruise itineraries and onboard offerings are not guaranteed. Charges apply to some activities, venues and menu items.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN SYDNEY

Your adventure begins at Sydney's Central Station, where the Indian Pacific waits to carry you across the continent. As the train eases away from the platform and city skylines fall away, you'll soon be surrounded by the soaring sandstone cliffs and deep valleys of the Blue Mountains. Settle into your cabin or join fellow travellers in the lounge for a drink as the journey unfolds.

This evening, take your seat in the dining carriage for your first regionally-inspired dinner, thoughtfully paired with fine Australian wines and beverages. Afterward, return to the lounge carriage for a nightcap or retreat to your cabin as the train rolls westward. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific

DAY 2 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL, MCLAREN VALE, ADELAIDE AND SURROUNDS

Your morning begins in Broken Hill, the fabled Silver City. After a hearty breakfast, step off the train for your first Off Train Experience and discover the town's rich mining history and enduring character on a guided walking tour. Alternatively, explore its creative spirit with a lively morning of entertainment, local flavours, and stories that reveal a different side of Broken Hill.

Back on board, enjoy breakfast and lunch as the Indian Pacific sweeps past the southern tip of the Flinders Ranges, South Australia, and arrives into Adelaide by late afternoon for a choice of curated food and wine experiences. Savour the flavours of the Fleurieu Peninsula with a tasting of regional wines, local produce, and South Australian spirits, followed by dinner showcasing the region's seasonal character. Alternatively, discover the Adelaide Hills with a wine tasting among the vines before dinner inspired by the region's German heritage and local produce. In the city, explore Adelaide's brewing heritage with a behind-the-scenes Coopers brewery experience, followed by a teppanyaki dinner and evening stroll to Adelaide Oval (seasonal). Or discover the historic Adelaide Central Market



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after hours with curated tastings, a hands-on culinary experience, and a produce-led dinner accompanied by regional wines and live music.

After a memorable evening, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your westward journey. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN
Today is all about the vast, unforgettable views of the Nullarbor Plain. Awaken to the rolling dunes of Ooldea and spend the morning watching from your window as the landscape morphs into iconic arid country. You'll journey across the legendary expanse on the world's longest stretch of straight railway track, before pausing at Cook, a once-bustling railway town and now a near-empty outpost with stories etched into its weathered buildings.

By evening the train will roll into Rawlinna, on the edge of Australia's largest sheep station. Here, the outback comes alive as you dine beneath a canopy of stars at a spectacular signature long-table dinner (seasonal/weather permitting). Alternatively, gather around a roaring bonfire with drinks and canapés to soak up the atmosphere of this remarkable setting. (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. Soon, you'll step off the Indian Pacific, farewelling fellow travellers and crew after sharing 4,352 unforgettable kilometres between Australia's coastlines.

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

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Novotel Perth Murray Street

DAY 5 – BOARD SAPPHIRE PRINCESS® IN FREMANTLE
After breakfast and check out, you will be transferred to the Cruise Terminal and board Sapphire Princess®, ready to truly light up the seas, serving up tantalising cuisine, dazzling live entertainment, and enriching experiences.

Discover upcoming events and activities onboard using the Medallion app. Live music, games, Stargazing, dance classes and more – create your own itinerary so you don't miss a thing - whatever you decide to do, your time onboard will be unforgettable. (B,D)

Lying at the mouth of the Swan River, historic Fremantle - founded in 1829 - is the cruise gateway to Perth, the capital of Western Australia.

OVERNIGHT: 13 nights Sapphire Princess®

DAY 6 – SAPPHIRE PRINCESS®, AT SEA
Familiarise yourself with the layout of the ship today. A variety of everyday dining venues are available including Trident Grill, International Café, and Prego Pizzeria, or choose from specialty restaurants~ such as Sabatini's Italian Trattoria, Churrascaria Brazilian Grill, Crown Grill, or the Salty Dog Gastropub. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – SAPPHIRE 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 8 – SAPPHIRE 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 9 – SAPPHIRE 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)



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DAY 10 – SAPPHIRE 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 lounger with a good book, listen to music, or dream about your next adventure. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – SAPPHIRE 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 12, 13 & 14 – SAPPHIRE PRINCESS®, AT SEA
Discover upcoming events and activities onboard using the Princess® Cruises app and plan your onboard activities for the next three days whilst at sea.

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 lounger 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – SAPPHIRE PRINCESS®, CAIRNS
Cairns is one of Australia's hottest vacation destinations and 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 enjoys tropical sunshine and cooling breezes from Trinity Bay. Its graceful, tree-lined esplanade was once the gateway to North Queensland's goldfields. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 – SAPPHIRE PRINCESS®, WILLIS ISLAND
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 many creatures make their homes. Willis Island is home to thousands of seabirds, including Masked, Brown and Red-footed Boobies, which call almost nonstop. It is also an important turtle nesting site. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 – SAPPHIRE 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 a delicious cocktail~ as you enjoy your final two evenings on board the Sapphire Princess®. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 – SAPPHIRE 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.

Farewell Sapphire 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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