

MARGARET RIVER & ROTTNEST DISCOVERY

INDIAN PACIFIC

ADELAIDE TO PERTH
DEPARTING THURSDAY (SET DEPARTURES IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER)
8 Days / 7 Nights

Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard the Indian Pacific, crossing the vast Nullarbor Plain. Then, immerse yourself in the beauty of Western Australia's South West, exploring the majestic Karri forests and the renowned Margaret River region, where you'll enjoy exceptional food and wine tastings. Discover the natural wonders of the area before relaxing on the sun-drenched shores of idyllic Rottnest Island, home to friendly quokkas.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Cook and Rawlinna
- Transfer from Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 6-day Margaret River and Rottnest Island Explorer intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit, including accommodation, meals, and guided touring
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Discover the almost-ghost town of Cook
- Walk through the Perth Botanical Gardens
- Experience lunch, fine wines, art and music at Leeuwin Estate winery
- Margaret River Boranyup Karri forest
- Indulge in delicious Gabriel Chocolates
- Marvel at the ancient Mammoth Caves
- Enjoy the far-reaching Yallingup coastal views
- Visit the longest jetty in Australia in Busselton
- Take a sightseeing tour of Fremantle
- Idyllic Rottnest Island stay in search of sun, sand and quokkas

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN ADELAIDE

Celebrate the beginning of your journey with the 'Flavours of South Australia' welcome dinner at the Adelaide Parklands Terminal. Enjoy an evening showcasing the state's exceptional produce and world-class wine, with regional flavours from land and sea paired with a selection of South Australian wines.

Later in the evening, make your way aboard the Indian Pacific and settle into your cabin for your first night on board. As the train departs Adelaide and begins its journey west, relax into the rhythm of the journey ahead. (D)

PLEASE NOTE: The welcome dinner is occasionally held offsite at other restaurants. Guests will be notified in advance if there is a change in the dinner venue.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific

DAY 2 – 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 3 – INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Wake to the soft light over Western Australia's Avon Valley, its rolling green hills a fitting finale to your journey west. 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 before transferring to your accommodation, where your 6 Day Margaret River and Rottnest Island Explorer tour begins.



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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. This evening, share a special welcome dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night InterContinental Perth

DAY 4 – PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

This morning, we leave the city and head south to the picturesque Margaret River Region. Renowned for its world class wines and unspoilt coastline, stunning inland rivers, tall timber forests and ancient underground caves, making it one of the most unique destinations on earth. With a short stop enroute, we head to Leeuwin Estate winery for lunch, where we experience a combination of fine wines, food, art and music.

Later we head to the tall timber Karri forests of Boranyup and marvel at the sight of these enormous trees, some over 60 metres in height. After a feast of the senses with the forest floor tumbling with wildflowers and ferns, together with the sounds of native birds and the fresh smell of eucalypt, we head to our hotel. Dine tonight at the Margaret River Brewhouse. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Margarets in Town

DAY 5 – MARGARET RIVER

We spend some free time this morning enjoying the Margaret River township before heading to Gabriel Chocolate, Western Australia's first bean to bar chocolate maker. Taste the latest range of chocolate bars being made, hear the techniques used to create this delicious chocolate and take a sample with you.

Next, we head to Mammoth Cave for a self-guided tour that offers a unique window into the past, over 10,000 fossils once accumulated inside the cave. When exploring this incredible cave system, you will come face to face with a 50,000-year-old "zygomaturus" jawbone Embedded in the cave wall. From here, we make our way to Yallingup and take in the majestic coastal views out to the Indian Ocean. There is time to wander along the sandy beach and take in the breathtaking scenery. Tonight, dine at a local Margaret River restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – MARGARET RIVER, BUSSELTON, FREMANTLE, ROTTNEST ISLAND

Leaving the Margaret River Region, we travel to Busselton on Geographe Bay and walk the famous 1.7-kilometre jetty – the longest in Australia. We travel north passing the port city of Bunbury, Australind to Mandurah. Enjoy a fish and chip lunch on the beach at Mandurah before heading to Fremantle. Undertake a sights tour before joining the Rottnest Express ferry to Wadjemup, Rottnest Island. Here, we experience and learn all that Rottnest Island has to offer from ancient history, nature and wildlife, spectacular scenery, walking trails and around 10,000 adorable quokkas. We check-in to our hotel for a 2-night stay.(B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Rottnest Island

DAY 7 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Today we spend the day exploring Rottnest Island, renowned for its 63 stunning beaches and home to the ever-smiling quokka. After a leisurely start, we'll take an informative bus tour around the island's most spectacular locations, with insightful commentary. You might even meet a quokka or two along the way. Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch (with bubbles!), before spending the afternoon at your leisure back at the resort. Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel with fellow travellers and reminisce about your amazing trip. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – ROTTNEST ISLAND TO PERTH

This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we board the Rottnest Express ferry back to Fremantle. Rejoin our coach before being transferred to Perth where you exploration of Perth, Margaret River and Rottnest Island comes to an end. (B)