


# PERTH & NINGALOO REEF ESCAPE

## INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY
DEPARTING SUNDAY (MARCH TO OCTOBER)
11 Days / 10 Nights

Start your epic journey in an eco-resort sitting right on the edge of Ningaloo Reef. Here, you have the opportunity to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales. Step aboard the Indian Pacific and experience the tremendous beauty of the Nullarbor on this timeless rail journey between two great cities.

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Perth Airport
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights' accommodation at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October), including travel on board a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- Transfer from Perth Airport to hotel
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 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
- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka
- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean, whale sharks or humpback whales
- 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

*Please note itineraries are subject change.*

### DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH

Start your journey in the Western Australian capital of Perth. Check in to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the many attractions.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pan Pacific Perth

### DAY 2 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express, bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms offshore. On arrival, 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. Feast on a delicious lunch before exploring the island at your leisure – make sure you meet a quokka. Return to Perth by ferry in the afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 3 – PERTH TO EXMOUTH AND NINGALOO REEF

You will be transferred to Perth Airport, where your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxury accommodation for the next three nights, Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents, surrounded by the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this beautiful location, which teems with native wildlife. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef

### DAY 4 – NINGALOO REEF

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the opportunity to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on spectacular Ningaloo Reef. These opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way, travelling aboard a luxury vessel guided from above by a spotter plane. Snorkels and




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wetsuits are provided, and lunch is included. This is an encounter with nature that you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 – NINGALOO REEF**
Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from your Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef base. Go snorkelling along the coral reef on your doorstep and swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc.

Alternatively, join a guided walk-through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges or try your hand at kayaking. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6 – NINGALOO REEF AND EXMOUTH TO PERTH**
Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to take in more of the Western Australian Capital once you are transferred to your hotel from Perth Airport. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Pan Pacific Perth

**DAY 7 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH**
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out and being transferred to the Indian Pacific.

Your transcontinental adventure begins in Perth, where you'll gather with fellow travellers for a warm welcome and a celebratory start to your journey. As the Indian Pacific departs and the sun dips low over the west, settle into your cabin or meet new friends in the lounge before savouring your first chef-prepared dinner on board. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Indian Pacific

**DAY 8 – INDIAN PACIFIC, KALGOORLIE AND COOK**
Rise to see the sunrise across the vast Nullarbor before arriving in Kalgoorlie, Australia's largest outback town. This morning, delve into the region's fascinating past and present with a visit to its gold-rush heritage and the modern-day Super Pit mine. Choose your Off Train Experience and explore Kalgoorlie your way, with morning refreshments included.

After brunch on board, spend the afternoon at your leisure with fine hospitality as the Nullarbor passes by. Along the way, you'll cross state borders and time zones before settling in for a regionally inspired dinner on board. Later, arrive into Cook, South Australia. Once a bustling town and today only a handful of residents remain. Step off into this outback outpost where its stories endure and, as evening falls, look skyward. With little light pollution, Cook offers an extraordinary view of the night sky, including the Southern Cross and other constellations when conditions are right. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BAROSSA VALLEY**
Spend the morning travelling through the pastoral heart of South Australia, with sweeping views of the Flinders Ranges, Spencer Gulf, and the Adelaide Plains unfolding beyond your window. A leisurely breakfast and lunch are served on board, inviting you to savour the relaxed rhythm of train travel.

In the afternoon, disembark at Long Plains and transfer by coach to the world-renowned Barossa Valley. Here, at the historic Seppeltsfield Estate, an evening of fine wine and dining awaits. Begin with a wine and canapé tasting before heading into the vintage cellar for a signature culinary experience created exclusively for Indian Pacific guests. Witness the spectacular 'Firing of the Barrel' before enjoying a food and wine pairing designed by Executive Chef Owen Andrews. Platinum guests are also invited to taste a rare 100-year-old tawny, a true highlight of the region.

After dinner return to the train at Adelaide Parklands Terminal, where the Indian Pacific rolls eastward into the night. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BROKEN HILL**
Overnight the Indian Pacific crosses another border, arriving in Broken Hill, New South Wales – the famed Silver City. After a hearty breakfast, set out to explore this legendary outback town.

Choose an experience that brings the character of Broken Hill to life, from exploring its rich mining heritage and early outback history to delving into its vibrant artistic culture. Food lovers can enjoy an experience celebrating the region's native ingredients, while other experiences offer a chance to meet local characters and gain a deeper connection to this remarkable outback community.

Return to the train for lunch and admire the changing landscapes of regional New South Wales. In the evening,




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savour your final dinner on board and raise a glass to an unforgettable journey exploring Australia by train. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND ARRIVE SYDNEY**

Your final day begins in the majestic Blue Mountains, where soaring sandstone cliffs and eucalypt valleys create a World Heritage–listed landscape unlike any other. After breakfast, farewell the Indian Pacific and step into this extraordinary bushland for your Off Train Experience.

At Scenic World, choose from four iconic adventures. Glide above ravines on the Scenic Skyway, descend into the forest aboard the Scenic Cableway, or ride the world's steepest passenger railway. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk to soak up the views, or savour a decadent high tea at the historic Hydro Majestic Hotel, framed by sweeping mountain panoramas.

To complete your journey, board our chartered New South Wales rail service, fully hosted by your Indian Pacific crew, into Sydney's Central Station. For those preferring an earlier arrival, the option to remain on the Indian Pacific and reach Sydney before lunch is also available. (B,L) (B)