

PERTH & NINGALOO REEF ESCAPE

INDIAN PACIFIC

SYDNEY TO PERTH
DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (MARCH TO OCTOBER)
10 Days / 9 Nights

As if making an epic transcontinental crossing of Australia isn't enough, the chance to experience another life-long dream awaits at the end of your rail journey. From your eco-resort sitting right on the edge of Ningaloo Reef, you have the chance to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights 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
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- Full 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 onboard a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- Transfer from Perth Airport to hotel
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore mining and artistic history in Broken Hill
- Visit the foodie capital of South Australia, Adelaide
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- Discover the almost-ghost town of Cook
- 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

Please note itineraries are subject to change.

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 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)



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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.

Transfer to your accommodation, where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pan Pacific Perth

DAY 5 – 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 6 – 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 7 – 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 wetsuits are provided, and lunch is included. This is an encounter with nature that you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – FAREWELL
After breakfast, check out of your accommodation with memories made for sharing. (B)