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AUSTRALIA

# VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEYS: RIVERINA RAIL TOUR (TOUR CODE: 14668)

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| in Sydney | 01 Feb 27 - 24 May 27 | Cultural<br>Rail | Rail Journeys |

Explore the flavours of regional New South Wales on this all-inclusive five-day Riverina Rail Tour.

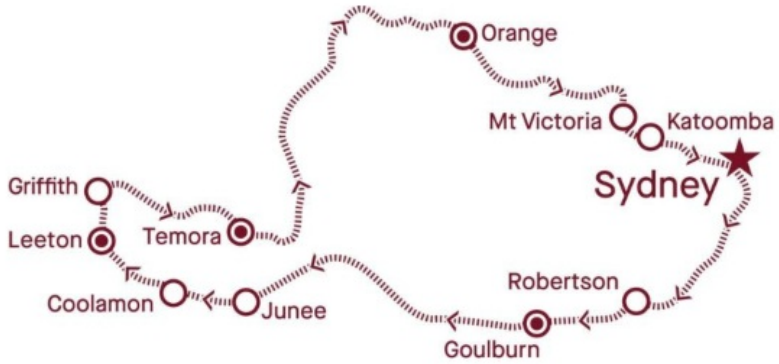
## Highlights

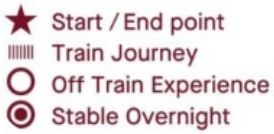
- Immerse yourself in the charm of Fairground Follies, the Antique Mechanical Music Museum in Bowral, with its captivating sights and sounds
- Indulge in a guided tour and lunch at an artisan cheese maker in Coolamon
- Experience farm-to-table and vine-to-wine delights as you meet some of the Riverina's finest producers
- Visit Mt Victoria for an unforgettable ride on the historic Zig Zag Railway

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Renowned as Australia's abundant 'food bowl', the Riverina is rich in agricultural heritage, passionate producers and country charm. Travel along rarely accessed rail lines from Sydney and discover a region defined by its flavours. With curated Off Train experiences — from licorice making in Junee and olive oil tastings at Morella Grove, to regional museum visits and a ride on the historic Zig Zag Railway.

## Map




## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights private ensuite accommodation onboard the train in a Heritage Twin Cabin
- All-inclusive dining with a selection of wines and beverages
- Hospitality Attendant available to assist you, answer your questions, or prepare a comforting cup of tea or coffee
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Sydney Goulburn

Your Riverina adventure begins at Sydney's Central Station. After check-in, enjoy a short coach transfer to Darling Harbour to board a Morning Discovery Cruise* with Journey Beyond Cruise Sydney. Aboard the Spirit of Migloo, take in uninterrupted 360-degree views of Sydney Harbour with a light breakfast served on board.

Return to Sydney's Central Station to board your Vintage Rail Journey. Once onboard the train, either choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while we travel south from Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard the train today as it travels to Goulburn, where you will have the choice of two Off Train Experiences.

**Option 1: Retford Park**
Discover the charm of this exceptional heritage property in Bowral, which boasts the captivating "Portuguese Pink" mansion, extensive well-kept gardens and sculptures, as well as stunning art collections. Enjoy a tour of the mansion where the passionate volunteers recount the fascinating history while guiding you through the property. Upon entrance into the mansion, shoe covers will be provided to protect the interior of the property and lockers are available to store large bags, coats and backpacks for the duration of the tour.

*Please note, while photography is allowed, videos are not permitted.*

***Recommended Fitness Level:*** *Moderate – The house is accessed via steps. Two flights of stairs lead to the first floor; no lift or ramps are available.*

**Option 2: Fairground Follies**

Step back in time and immerse yourself in one of the world's finest collections of vintage folk art, mechanical music, and 100-year-old carousels, spanning from the 1840s to the 1950s. It was a passion for "The Happiest Music on Earth" which led

to the collection, restoration and exhibiting of these historic pieces. Enjoy a guided tour of the collection by, Craig Crobson, the very man who curated it all, with key highlights including the incredible 8-metre-high pipe organ with 101 keys – The Mortier “Taj Mahal”; and a stunning Century-old English Carousel featuring 30 ornately hand carved timber horses and cockerels.

***Recommended Fitness level:*** *Low – guests are required to climb coach stairs with walking and standing for short periods.*

Following your first day of touring, rejoin the train in Moss Vale and enjoy dinner onboard as the train travels to Goulburn and stables for the evening.

Lunch, Dinner




## Day 2 Junee Coolamon Leeton

Enjoy breakfast onboard as you leave Goulburn and continue along the Main South Line. Pass many interesting villages and towns today as you travel through the Canola Trail, so keep an eye out for the many grain silos adjacent to the rail line. The train then arrives into Junee, and there is an opportunity to watch the loco runaround movement.

**Option 1: The Junee Roundhouse Museum**

Step into the Junee Roundhouse Museum for an exciting insight into Australia’s railway heritage. This impressive working railway museum features one of the few surviving roundhouses in the Southern Hemisphere and showcases an impressive collection of vintage locomotives – steam as well as diesel, and many passenger carriages which include a beautiful sleeping car and a mail van where letters were sorted as the train travelled between Sydney and country stations. Many of these carriages are available to step inside of and fully explore their fascinating history. The museum building adjacent to the roundhouse also displays a collection historical railway equipment, photos, documents, and a large working model railway. A team of passionate volunteers will be present to provide a guided tour of the venue. Whether you’re a railway buff or just looking for a delightful day out, the Junee Roundhouse Museum has something for everyone.

***Recommended Fitness level:*** *Low – guests are required to climb coach stairs with walking and standing for short periods.*

**Option 2: The Junee Liquorice & Chocolate Factory**

Delight your senses at the Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory, where you will experience the magic of artisanal confectionery and the traditional methods used to create delicious liquorice and creamy chocolates. Join a guided tour where one of their passionate chocolatiers will talk you through the process of liquorice and chocolate production and witness it being made before your eyes. Don’t miss the chance to explore the charming on-site shop, where you can stock up on your favourite sweat treat to take home.

***Recommended Fitness level:*** *Low – guests are required to climb coach stairs with walking and standing for short periods.*

**Coolamon Cheese and the Township of Coolamon**

Enjoy a delicious self-served lunch at the Coolamon Cheese Factory, featuring various artisan cheeses, beautifully light sandwiches, various cakes, scones, fruit and seasonal hot treats. If you wish to learn more about the traditional methods of cheese-making, the passionate staff are more than happy to answer any and all questions.

Following lunch, you may choose to return to the train or take the time to explore the township of Coolamon, with its interesting shops and quirky museums, at your own pace before making your way back to nearby Coolamon Station to reboard the train. Vintage Rail Journeys has created a walking map to assist you with your exploration of Coolamon, pointing out key locations and areas of interest. At the conclusion of your exploration, you will reboard the train at Coolamon Station.

Breakfast, Dinner



CHEESE TASTING

## Day 3 Griffith Temora

Start the day with breakfast onboard before embarking on one of the following off-train experiences.

**Option 1: Meet the Producers**

Explore two closely linked and well-known agricultural partners of the Riverina Region, starting at Southern Cotton where you will learn about the intricate process of cotton farming and production, and discover the significance to the local economy and environment through knowledgeable guides. With a unique view from observation walkways of the factory floor, immerse yourself in the rich history and innovation behind one of Australia's vital agricultural sectors.

You'll then be taken next-door to Whitton Malt House, which you will learn has a very fascinating relationship with Southern Cotton. Whitton Malt House has been recognised as an iconic destination for food, drinks, and events, all rooted in the region's agricultural production. Set among the venue's manicured grounds by Lake Hulong, relax with a delicious meal of local deep-fried Murray cod and chips (alternate meals are provided for pre-advised dietary needs).

***Recommended Fitness Level:*** *Moderate – Tour includes steps, stairs, uneven ground and various surfaces. Please note, enclosed shoes are required for this tour.*

**Optional Upgrade: Whisky Tasting at Whitton Malt House**
Savour a curated selection of fine whiskies (limited availability).

**Option 2: Farm and Vines**

Start your day at Morella Olive Grove Farm, where you will step away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and immerse yourself in the captivating charm of a working farm. Frank DalBon, a second-generation farmer, is the driving force behind Morella Grove's success, which has garnered acclaim both locally and internationally for their high-quality Extra

Virgin Olive Oil, condiments, and vinegars.

As your host, Frank will take you on a journey through the olive trees and fields, sharing his expertise and passion for farming, offering intimate insights into the art of cultivating the land and crafting premium products. To make your visit even more memorable, you'll have the opportunity to both taste and purchase your favourite Morella Grove products during your visit.

Afterward, head to Yarran Wines to enjoy a tasting of their various wines on offer, paired with a charcuterie style grazing lunch.

***Recommended Fitness Level:*** *Moderate – Tour includes steps, stairs, uneven ground and various surfaces.*

Following your tour, rejoin the train in Yenda and travel on to Temora, where the train stables overnight, enjoying another delicious dinner onboard.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


WINE TASTING

## Day 4 Temora Bundawarrah Orange

Begin the day with breakfast onboard before exploring Temora, with a choice of two fascinating tours.

**Option 1: Bundawarrah Centre**
Discover the Bundawarrah Centre, home to the Temora Rural Museum. Step back in time as you explore a hardwood slab cottage that was Sir Donald Bradman's first home, a one-room public school, bush church, country dance hall, printery, flour mill and ambulance station. The tour also includes the Ambulance Museum, showcasing a collection of vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897.

**Option 2: Temora Aviation Museum**
Alternatively, delve into aviation history at the Temora Aviation Museum, located on the site of the longest-running RAAF Elementary Flying Training School from World War II. The museum features three main exhibits: the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse, the Engineering Hangar where aircraft maintenance can be observed, and the Display Hangar, which houses exhibitions and a stunning collection of aircraft.

Coaches will return you to Temora Station, where lunch will be served in the dining carriage. The journey continues along freight-only lines via Stockinbingal, offering a unique rail experience, though potential delays are possible due to passing freight trains. The day concludes with dinner onboard as the train travels through Parkes and along the Broken Hill line to Orange Rail Yard.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DINING CARRIAGE | CREDITS: VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEY

Day **5** Orange Blue Mountains Sydney

Savour breakfast onboard as the train journeys from Orange towards the majestic Great Dividing Range. Travel through Lithgow and the iconic ten tunnels that replaced the original Lithgow Zig-Zag, before crossing the Darling Causeway en route to Mount Victoria. Here, disembark for an unforgettable experience on the historic Zig Zag Railway. Established in 1869, this nostalgic steam locomotive adventure offers breathtaking sights, sounds, and scenery. A grazing boxed lunch will be provided, and afterward, you'll have free time to explore the charming town of Katoomba. Once you've enjoyed your time in the Blue Mountains, reboard the train for the final leg of your Vintage Rail Journey. A light supper will be served before arriving back at Sydney's Central Station.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## ACCOMMODATION

# Vintage Rail Journeys

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Vintage Rail Journeys offers a unique and exceptional experience – combining the charm and excitement guests love with a new level of relaxation and care. From the moment you step aboard, every detail is thoughtfully handled, allowing you to unwind completely. Enjoy delicious meals, fine wine, and freshly brewed tea and coffee, along with a selection of expertly curated tours. The only decisions you'll need to make are what to savour and which Off Train Experience to explore.

Whether you're soaking in the ever-changing scenery from the comfort of your private cabin or heading to the lounge and dining carriages to share stories with fellow travellers, every moment is designed for your enjoyment. At night, the train is stabled to ensure you have a peaceful and restful sleep. Each carriage features a dedicated Hospitality Attendant, ready to assist with any needs, answer your questions, or prepare a comforting cup of tea or coffee.

**HERITAGE TWIN CABINS**

- Heritage Twin cabins accommodate 2 guests.
- By day, you have a 3-seat lounge
- By night, you have upper and lower bunks (one member of your party will need to be able to climb the ladder to the top bunk)
- You have your own ensuite, complete with the original fold down hand basin and fold down toilet



## Room Upgrades

**Heritage Single Cabin**

Welcome to all solo travellers on board, with no single supplement for Heritage Single cabins. Each cabin features a comfortable Day Lounge, footrest, fold-down washbasin, and mirror. By night, it transforms into a cosy bed for a restful sleep. Conveniently, spacious shared bathrooms are located at both ends of the Singles carriage for your comfort.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

**2027 departure dates:**

- 01 February
- 15 February
- 01 March
- 15 March
- 29 March
- 12 April
- 26 April
- 10 May
- 24 May