



AUSTRALIA

VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEYS: NORTH COAST RAIL TOUR (TOUR CODE: 14669)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Sydney

TRAVEL PERIODS

07 Jun 27 - 19 Jul 27

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

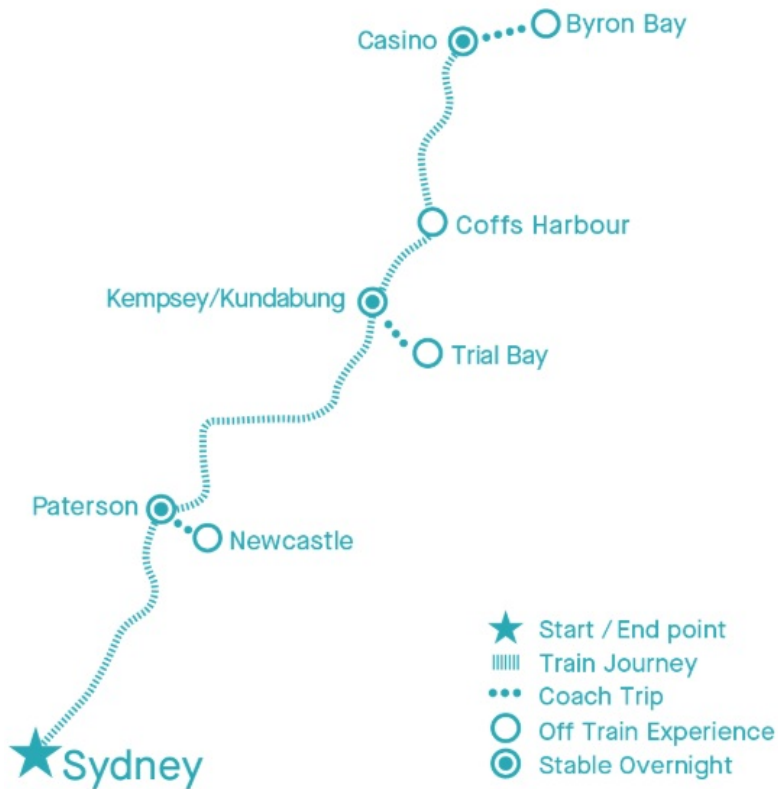
Experience the New South Wales North Coast like never before on this five-day rail adventure.

Highlights

- Explore Coffs Harbour's natural wonders on a day of touring, taking in the dramatic coastline and lush landscapes
- Take in the iconic views from Byron Bay Lighthouse, a perfect spot for photos and coastal panoramas
- Uncover Australia's cultural heritage at the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey
- Discover Newcastle Harbour on a picturesque lunch cruise

From scenic rivers and lush hinterlands to iconic landmarks and coastal gems, each day reveals something new. Travel through the picturesque Hawkesbury region and beyond, with all-inclusive dining and onboard entertainment enhancing the journey. From rainforest to riverbanks, and culture to coastline, discover the very best of the North Coast.

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 Kundabung

Your North Coast 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. Stepping on board, you can relax in the lounge carriage or settle into your cabin as we travel north out of Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard as we continue toward Kundabung.

Enjoy an afternoon of on board trivia and music while taking in the spectacular views of the Hawkesbury River, alongside Mullet Creek, and through the 'Venice of Australia' to Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley, where we turn right to join the meandering North Coast Line. At Gloucester, the North Coast Line begins to follow the Gloucester River, continuing your journey beside the water. Relax and meet your fellow train travellers over dinner onboard as we stable overnight at Kundabung.

Lunch, Dinner



HAWKESBURY RIVER BRIDGE

Day **2**

Kundabung Coffs Harbour Casino

This morning, enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking to explore the picturesque Coffs Harbour, renowned for its stunning beaches, lush rainforests, and vibrant community life. Today, you'll discover the town's natural highlights, including the spectacular Sealy Lookout and the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.

Travel by coach to the Great Dividing Range, the third-longest mountain range in the world at 3,500 km, and take in breathtaking views from Sealy Lookout, home to the dramatic Forest Sky Pier. Back in Coffs Harbour, enjoy lunch at a local venue before embarking on a self-guided tour of the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, meandering along boardwalks and pathways as you explore exotic plants from sub-tropical regions around the world.

After a day of exploration, return to the train to enjoy a delicious dinner onboard and a restful night's sleep as the train stables at Casino.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



COFFS HARBOUR

Day **3**

Casino Byron Bay Kempsey

Enjoy breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis before selecting one of two off-train experiences for the day.

Option 1 – Coffee and Coastlines

Embark on a sensory journey at Zentveld's Coffee Plantation, nestled in the heart of the Byron Bay hinterland. Discover the full 'crop to cup' story as you stroll through the vibrant plantation, learning about the cultivation, harvesting, roasting, and brewing processes. Savour a tasting experience of freshly brewed coffee, made from beans grown mere metres away. After your coffee adventure, enjoy a leisurely all-inclusive lunch at a local Byron Bay venue, before heading to the iconic Cape Byron Lighthouse, perched at Australia's most easterly point. Take in the breathtaking coastal panoramas and, if lucky, spot majestic whales in the pristine waters below.

Option 2 – Byron Bay at Your Own Pace

Spend the day wandering Byron Bay's charming streets and coastline at your own pace. Explore boutique stores, artisan shops, and unique local markets, discovering handcrafted jewellery, stylish clothing, organic produce, and one-of-a-kind souvenirs. Pause for a midday lunch at a designated venue, then continue to uncover hidden gems and popular hotspots throughout the township. Complete the day with a ride on the restored 1949-era Byron Solar Train, powered entirely by the sun, which links Byron Town Centre with the North Beach precinct. Enjoy the short, scenic journey as you pass through littoral rainforest, endangered coastal wetlands, and over the stunning tea tree-lined Belongil Creek of Cape Byron Marine Park.

Following your day of discovery, return to the train to unwind with a gourmet dinner and enjoy a peaceful night onboard as the train rests at Kempsey.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Kempsey Paterson

Begin your morning with breakfast onboard the train before stepping off for your choice of Off Train Experience, enjoying a day of immersive cultural and historical discovery in Kempsey and along the stunning NSW coast.

Option 1 – Slim Dusty Centre

Alternatively, take a stroll around the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey. This is an innovative museum dedicated to Australia's Cultural Icons, Slim Dusty and Joy McKean. The museum honours the positive impact on rural and regional Australia by these two stalwarts of the Australian country music scene.

Option 2 – Trial Bay Gaol

Venture to historic Trial Bay Gaol, dramatically perched within Arakoon National Park. Wander through the impressive ruins and uncover stories of the inmates who once lived behind its walls, as well as the gaol's role in late 19th-century public works. Rich in history and framed by stunning coastal views, it's a memorable glimpse into Australia's past.

The Coaches will return you to the train where both groups will reconvene for lunch and then continue south along the North Coast Railway line to The Rail Motor Society. The rolling hills of this prime dairy country are really shown to best effect as sunset approaches. Dinner will be served on board the train this evening as the train arrives and stables in Paterson.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

5

Paterson Newcastle Sydney

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard the train before stepping off for a Newcastle Scenic Lunch Cruise, a delightful way to experience the sparkling waters and vibrant atmosphere of Newcastle Harbour. Take in panoramic views of the coastline, the renewed foreshore, and iconic city landmarks, all while enjoying a freshly prepared buffet lunch.

As you cruise, explore the mouth of the Kooragang Wetlands, see the port's coal loading facilities, tugboats, and large ships up close, and keep an eye out for local wildlife, including dolphins and seabirds that often grace the harbour waters.

Finally, board the train one last time. As you journey south past Brisbane Water National Park and the Hawkesbury River, savour the final moments of your unforgettable rail adventure before arriving at Central Station, Sydney

Breakfast, Lunch

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

2027 departures dates:

- 07 June
- 21 June
- 05 July
- 19 July

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package