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AUSTRALIA

# INDIAN PACIFIC: SOUTHWEST ESCAPE (TOUR CODE: 14944)

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| Sydney to Perth | Departing Wednesday (Jan - Dec) | Rail | Rail Journeys |

Cross Australia east to west by rail, then explore Margaret River's world-class wineries, gourmet produce and stunning landscapes.

## Highlights

- Delight in the flavours of Margaret River wine, coffee, cheese, olive oil and chocolate
- Go underground at the spectacular Mammoth Cave
- Stroll along Busselton Jetty, the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere
- Explore mining and artistic history in Broken Hill
- Visit the foodie capital of South Australia, Adelaide
- Witness the barren beauty of the Nullarbor Plain
- View the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
- Discover the almost-ghost town of Cook

Travel coast to coast on an unforgettable four-day Indian Pacific rail journey, enjoying gourmet cuisine and unique Off Train Experiences. Arriving in Perth, continue your adventure into Western Australia's acclaimed Margaret River region, renowned for its premium wineries, artisanal produce, and breathtaking scenery. This 9-day, 8-night experience combines luxury rail travel with the very best of the South West.




## 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
- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 3 day Margaret River Escape, including accommodation and personalised touring
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour - including lunch
- Transfer from East Perth Rail Terminal to hotel
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 3 dinners

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Board the Indian Pacific in Sydney

Your journey begins at Sydney's Central Station as you board the iconic Indian Pacific for an unforgettable transcontinental adventure. Settle into your cabin and watch the city gradually give way to the dramatic sandstone cliffs and valleys of the Blue Mountains. Relax in the lounge with fellow travellers and enjoy a drink as the landscape unfolds. This evening, savour your first regionally inspired dinner in the dining car, complemented by fine Australian wines and beverages. Afterwards, unwind with a nightcap in the lounge or retreat to your cabin as the Indian Pacific continues west.

Overnight stay aboard **Indian Pacific.**

Dinner



THREE SISTERS, BLUE MOUNTAINS

## Day 2 Broken Hill Adelaide

Your day begins in Broken Hill, the legendary Silver City, where you'll step off the Indian Pacific for your first Off Train Experience. Discover the town's rich mining heritage with a visit to the Miners' Memorial, or take a more colourful journey through Broken Hill with local drag queen Shelita Buffet, combining stories, creativity, food and plenty of fun. Enjoy refreshments before returning to the train.

Back on board, breakfast and lunch are served as the Indian Pacific travels through South Australia, passing the southern reaches of the Flinders Ranges. Arrive in Adelaide during the late afternoon and choose from a selection of memorable experiences.

Indulge in McLaren Vale wines followed by dinner at the clifftop Star of Greece, or enjoy a gin and cheese tasting in the Adelaide Hills before dining at Haus, a German restaurant showcasing exceptional local produce. Alternatively, discover Adelaide's highlights with a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting at Coopers Brewery, a scenic drive, teppanyaki dinner at Shiki and a twilight stroll to Adelaide Oval. Or explore Adelaide Central Market on a guided tour before enjoying an exclusive sit-down dinner within the market.

After an evening filled with exceptional food, wine and experiences, return to the Indian Pacific and continue your journey west.

Overnight stay aboard the **Indian Pacific.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



INDIAN PACIFIC IN BROKEN HILL

Day 3

## Nullarbor Plain

Today, immerse yourself in the extraordinary landscapes of the Nullarbor Plain as the Indian Pacific crosses this vast and remote region. Follow the world's longest straight stretch of railway, with seemingly endless horizons stretching beyond your window. Along the way, stop at Cook, a former railway town now standing as a remote outpost, offering a glimpse into its fascinating history.

By evening, arrive at Rawlinna, on the edge of Australia's largest sheep station. From September to May, enjoy a memorable long-table dinner beneath a canopy of stars. During the cooler months, gather around a roaring bonfire with drinks and canapés, taking in the atmosphere of this remarkable outback setting.

Overnight stay aboard the **Indian Pacific.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


NULLARBOR PLAIN

Day 4

## Perth

Admire the delightful undulations of the Avon Valley and enjoy a final breakfast on board as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds, heading into Perth. Transfer to your accommodation, with the remainder of the day free to start exploring.

Overnight stay in Perth at **DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront** (or similar).

Breakfast



VIEW OF PERTH

## Day 5 Perth Margaret River

Your day starts with a picturesque drive south to the fabulous Margaret River region, with several stops along the way. In Mandurah, a coffee break by the foreshore is followed by a visit to the Featured Wood Gallery in Bunbury. At Busselton, walk off your delicious lunch with a stroll along the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.

Next is a visit to everyone's favourite, the Margaret River Chocolate Company, with its beautiful handmade chocolate truffles and more.

From here, travel along the coast and see the action at Surfers Point, where the world's best surfers come to compete. You'll also see where the Margaret River meets the Indian ocean.

Visiting the quaint coastal town of Prevelly, learn of the fascinating wartime connection with Crete and see Prevelly's charming Greek memorial chapel. (Please note: sometimes, there might be a need to switch this around and include this on Day 6 or 7).

Continuing along the coast, to arrive at your overnight accommodation. The evening is at leisure. Your guide will suggest options for dinner, which is at your own expense.

Overnight stay at **Margaret's Beach Resort or Margaret In Town.**

Breakfast, Lunch




Day **6**

## Margaret River

Today is all about exploring the region's stunning scenery and fantastic natural and cultural attractions. You'll start by visiting Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and see remainsof megafauna over 50,000 years old found at Mammoth Cave, a gigantic, underground limestone cave.

Next is a scenic drive through the majestic Boranup Karri Forest, where awe-inspiring trees tower over 65m tall. This forest is a feast for the senses, with the forest floor carpeted with wildflowers, orchids and fungi (in season), together with the sounds of native birds and the fresh smell of eucalyptus.

Continue south to picturesque Hamelin Bay, where a jetty once stood. Built for exporting timber, this old jetty has been in ruins for many years. The bay is now known for the friendly stingrays that cruise the shallow waters.

Passing through the hilltop coastal town of Augusta, you'll have views of the Blackwood River on the way to the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, Australia's tallest mainland lighthouse. Here, you will be able to see the Southern Ocean meeting the Indian Ocean. Learn what life was like for the lighthouse keepers and their families on a guided tour.

Lunch will be at either The Colour Patch, overlooking the beautiful Blackwood River, or at Hamelin Bay Wines, with magnificent views over there Karridale vineyard. Both have delicious options for lunch to match with a glass of wine or beer.

This afternoon, there is time to explore the town of Margaret River before returning to your accommodation. Your evening is at leisure, with dinner at your own arrangements.

Overnight stay at **Margaret's Beach Resort** or **Margaret In Town.**

Breakfast, Lunch



SUNSET AT MARGARET RIVER REGION

## Day 7 Margaret River Perth

Today is all about food and wine. Visit Yahava Koffee Works, where the proprietors are so passionate about coffee that they travel the world looking for the best coffee beans, which are then roasted in house. Indulge in tastings while you learn how to make the perfect cup of coffee.

Margaret River is famous for award-winning wineries and cellar doors. Today, visit two wineries for tastings. At the second winery, your premium wine tasting will be paired with local cheeses from the Margaret River Dairy Co.

Your gourmet day continues at Olio Bello, an olive oil farm. Experience first-hand the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oil, including citrus pressed oils and enjoy a tasing ofthe incredible range of condiments. The Olio Bello Café has a menu inspired by their award-winning oils and fresh farm produce and this is where you will sit down for a delicious lunch accompanied by a glass of wine, beer or juice.

After lunch, your Margaret River Escape concludes as you return to your Perth accommodation.

Overnight stay at **DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch



MARGARET RIVER

## Day 8 Rottnest Island

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board Rottnest Express, bound for Rottnest Island, 22kms offshore. 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.

Overnight stay at **DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch



A QUOKKA

## Day 9 Farewell

It's time to check out of your accommodation concluding, your rich and rewarding discovery of the south west of Western Australia.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

## Indian Pacific

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

**GOLD**

Immerse yourself in the world of romance that epitomises rail travel with Gold Service.

Choose between **Gold Twin** or **Single cabins**, both of which provide the perfect place to relax and recharge after a day's journey. Spend hours deep in conversation with new friends in the shared Outback Explorer Lounge, sipping on barista made coffee, or a glass of white wine. Later make your way to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant to dine.

Gold includes hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and three-course dinners. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of premium wines and beverages, all included in your fare.

**Gold Twin Cabins**

Gold Twin offers a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private ensuite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day.



- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Excursions
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest
- Complimentary Shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin to selected hotels in the city centre

## Room Upgrades

**Gold Single Cabin**

Your stylish and ultra-modern cabin cleverly accommodates your belongings with a series of compartments and shelving options incorporated into the compact design. Your comfortable seat with full leg extension bench seat by day converts to a cosy bed by night.

The soulful, reflective and contemplative nature of moving across the continent by train is ideally suited to travelling solo but you can be as quiet or as social as you wish and with your included choice of Off Train Experiences allows you to join fellow guests as you experience the amazing places you visit together.

Inside your cabin, choose from six music and journey commentary channels to add background ambience to your travels, and you have numerous power supply outlets to keep your devices charged.  Complimentary shuttle bus transfers are available between Darwin Terminal and the city centre, with a checked luggage allowance of 60 kg per guest (2 pieces at 30 kg each).



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

**Gold Premium**

For travellers who want that little bit more, Gold Premium delivers an enhanced journey experience. Accommodated in newly designed, contemporary cabins, guests have exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Restaurant for meals and socialising. Enjoy delicious breakfasts, two-course, regionally inspired lunches and delectable four-course dinners in beautiful surrounds, accompanied by a selection of premium beverages.

Gold Premium offers some special touches to make the journey special, like priority check-in and an increased luggage allowance, a private ensuite, LaGaia amenities, tour preferencing and more.

Choose between a **Gold Premium Twin cabin** or **Gold Premium Suite**, which has a little more space. Whichever cabin you choose, Gold Premium offers a step up to a whole new style of train travel.

**Gold Premium Twin cabin**

A newly designed, contemporary cabin that converts from a lounge by day into sleeping berths at night.

**Gold Premium Suite**

The Gold Premium Suite has a three-quarter-size double bed plus a fold-down upper berth and a lounge area, with extra room to relax.

**Gold Premium (Twin & Suite) service includes:**

- Private en suite with LaGaia amenities, luxuriously soft linen and satin eye masks
- Exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Dining carriage
- Two-course, regionally inspired lunches and four-course dinners
- All-inclusive premium Australian wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Experiences and preferences on tour selections
- 75kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 25 kg each)
- Priority luggage check-in
- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- Complimentary shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin and Brisbane to selected hotels in the city centre



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**Platinum**

Tailored for the discerning traveller, Platinum sets a refined and elegant tone throughout your journey. Stylishly appointed and spacious cabins provide comfort after a day's exploring, while the Platinum Club carriage offers a sophisticated setting for meals, relaxation and socialising. As you'd expect, the food and wine is of the highest standard. Enjoy hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and five-course dinners, all regionally inspired and paired with champagne and premium wines.

And it all begins before you've even stepped aboard. Platinum guests receive private transfers before and after your journey, beginning the adventure in style. Platinum cabins offer luxe extras, such as a full-size ensuite, expansive window views from the train. Add to that the luxurious linen, Champagne Bollinger, premium Jurlique amenities, Bracegirdle's chocolates, a nightcap at turndown and more, and you're in for an exceptional experience.

**Platinum service includes:**

- Spacious Double or Twin cabin almost twice the size of a Gold Premium Twin or Gold Twin cabin
- All-inclusive dining, beverages and Off Train Experiences
- By day, cabins are set up lounge-style with a moveable table and two ottomans
- By night, lounges are converted to double or twin beds
- Luxuriously soft linen and satin eye masks
- Ensuite equipped with separate shower, vanity with cupboard space, and toilet
- Premium Jurlique amenities
- Power outlets and in-cabin safe
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- Panoramic windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Access to the exclusive Platinum Club for dining and socialising
- Freshly prepared continental breakfasts served upon request in-cabin
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60 km of the terminal (Platinum transfers in Alice Springs, Darwin and Brisbane are provided in shared vehicles)
- 90 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30 kg each)
- Priority luggage check-in



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 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.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included or mentioned in our holiday package