TALE OF TWO CITIES

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY | DEPARTURE THURSDAY

Australia's staggering diversity plays out on a grand scale as the Indian Pacific travels coast-to-coast from Perth to Sydney – one of the world's great train journeys. Before you experience the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain, get your holiday underway with explorations in Perth and on beautiful Rottnest Island, not far offshore.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, and the Blue Mountains
- Transfer from Sydney Central Station to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Sydney, including breakfast daily
- Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise
- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the vibrant city of Perth, Australia's sunniest capital
- Cruise to Rottnest Island and meet a quokka
- Ponder the vastness of the Australian continent as you cross the Nullarbor Plain
- Enjoy sightseeing and fine food and wine around cosmopolitan Adelaide
- Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney
- Cruise Sydney Harbour on a 78ft luxury vessel and enjoy a premium lunch
- Sail past Sydney Opera House and the Iconic Sydney cityscape, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park and more

DAY 1 – PERTH

Make your way to your Perth accommodation and prepare for a trip to Rottnest Island and an epic rail journey ahead. The evening is yours to discover some of the city's atmospheric laneway bars and restaurants, buzzing with live music and surrounded by colourful street art.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights DoubleTree by Hilton Perth

DAY 2 – ROTTNEST ISLAND

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty, a short stroll from your hotel, and board the 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. Enjoy 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 AT LEISURE

It might be the largest state in Australia, but Western Australia's capital city is a conveniently compact centre, packed with things to see and do. Enjoy your day at leisure in Perth visiting Kings Park, Barrack Square or some of the many museums and galleries. (B)

DAY 4 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH, KALGOORLIE

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal. Leave the city behind and journey though the super-scenic Avon Valley while savouring a gourmet lunch. Relax into the rhythm of the train and after a three-course dinner, disembark for an evening experience in the outback gold-mining town of Kalgoorlie. Travelling prospector Paddy Hannan struck it rich here 1893, sparking the greatest gold rush in Australian history. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Mine and the amazing Super Pit, where Kalgoorlie's gold rush continues to play out today.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (B,L,D)

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DAY 5 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN
After travelling through the night, watch the sun rise over tiny Rawlinna, a remote outpost bordering the largest sheep station in the Southern Hemisphere. Across the border in South Australia, you'll make a stop in Cook, an abandoned railway town that was once home to a bush hospital and more than 50 railway workers, before continuing across the vast expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE
Get to know Adelaide, a true foodie city and the hub of the world-famous South Australian wine industry. Your choice of Off Train Experiences today includes taking in the city sights, the Torrens River, the marvellous Adelaide Central Market or the hugely popular Adelaide Oval. After taking in some of the highlights of the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS, SYDNEY
Wake up this morning in the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Disembark and explore this magnificent region on an Off Train Experience, taking in ancient forests, sheer cliffs and mesmerising views of the Jamison Valley, the Three Sisters and Katoomba Falls. Continue your journey to Sydney Central Station, where you will be transferred to your hotel to check in and start the next leg of your journey. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Hilton Sydney

DAY 8 – LEISURE DAY
Today is yours to explore the Harbour City from the CBD to Chinatown, Manly to Newtown, or Barangaroo to Darling Harbour. There are plenty of diverse sights, flavours and experiences to enjoy, including museums, galleries, aquariums, gardens and more. (B)

DAY 9 – SYDNEY HARBOUR LUNCH CRUISE
Experience one of the world's most iconic cities on an all-inclusive 2.5-hour lunch cruise on our exclusive 78ft luxury vessel. Enjoy a premium two-course menu featuring regionally sourced ingredients. Departing Darling Harbour, we cruise towards Sydney Harbour Bridge and pass the iconic Sydney cityscape and Sydney Opera House. We believe lunch should be a long, lavish affair, so we serve generous al la carte meals inspired by local and regional produce, paired with a selection of beers, wines from some of the finest wine-producing regions in NSW, soft drinks and tea or coffee. (B, L)

DAY 10 – FAREWELL
After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. This signals the end of your epic journey across Australia. (B)