

Interacting with **dolphins**, exploring pristine **islands**, sleeping under the **stars on the Great Barrier Reef**, swimming with **whale sharks**, and **travelling across the country by a train** connecting two oceans - it's the **ultimate Australian coastal adventure.**

NEW for 2019

22 Days/21 Nights

Airlie Beach - Sydney - Adelaide - Perth - Rottnest Island - Perth - Exmouth - Perth

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**AIRLIE BEACH - SYDNEY - ADELAIDE - PERTH - ROTTHEST ISLAND - PERTH
- EXMOUTH - PERTH**

Day 1: Arrive Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach is the vibrant hub of the Whitsundays. and the ideal mainland base for fun and adventure.

OVERNIGHT: Mantra Boathouse

Day 12: Rottnest Island

Enjoy a ferry trip from Perth to Rottnest Island with Rottnest Express with so much to see and do. Best option is to take a guided tour and explore the island's most spectacular locations, see its unique wildlife and discover its colourful history.

Day 2: Great Barrier Reef, Reefsleeper

Transfer from Airlie Beach by fast ocean-going vessel and enjoy the day filled with fun activities in Australia's world famous Great Barrier Reef.

OVERNIGHT: Reefsleeper (L, D)

Day 13: Perth to Exmouth

After your flight from Perth to Exmouth, pick up your hire car and make your way to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

Day 3: Great Barrier Reef, Reefsleeper

Enjoy a full day experiencing the location. Swim and see the myriad tropical fish, corals and reef sharks. Non-swimmers can view from the underwater viewing chamber of the semi-submersible vessel.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Mantra Boathouse (B, L)

Day 14: Whale Shark or Humpback Whale Interaction Tour

Prepare for a life-changing experience. You have the chance to swim with whale sharks or humpback whales **(seasonal)** on the world famous Ningaloo Reef. Lunch also included as well as a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature you'll never forget. **(L)**

NOTE: During NOV-MAR you will enjoy a half-day Marine Life Discover and Lagoon Snorkeling Tour.

Day 4: Leisure Day

Enjoy the lovely coastal town of Airlie Beach. Stroll one of the alfresco restaurants for fresh local seafood or handmade tapas.

Day 15: Leisure Day

Why not head to Cape Range National Park with its spectacular gorges in your hire car? Hike through walking trails and gorges offering best views in the west or relax on pristine sandy beaches with crystal clear turquoise water.

Day 5: Camira Sailing Adventure
Enjoy a full day sailing around the Whitsundays and take in all the showstoppers Whitsundays has to offer, including the jaw-dropping Whitehaven Beach, interactive shore experiences, swimming spots topped of with a beach barbeque for lunch. **(L)**

Day 6: Airlie Beach to Sydney
Check out of Mantra Boathouse in the morning for your flight to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, spend the remainder of the day at your leisure. Amble through the city's laneways or enjoy views from Darling Harbour.
OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Adina Apartment Hotel, Sydney Central

Day 7: Sydney Harbour, Bridge Climb
Climb an Australian icon, The Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb is sure to be a highlight and a moment you'll never forget.

Day 8: Board the Indian Pacific in Sydney
Depart Sydney's Central Station, settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific. Enjoy the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.
OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

Day 9: Indian Pacific, Broken Hill & Adelaide
After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Excursion in Broken Hill, followed by a day enjoying the outback scenery. Upon arrival in Adelaide, you'll have more Off Train Excursions to choose from before continuing your journey west **(B, L, D)**

Day 10: Indian Pacific, Nullarbor Plain
Today is all about those amazing views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under and outback sky on the edge of the country's largest sheep station at Rawlinna **(seasonal) (B, L, D)**

Day 11: Indian Pacific, Perth
This morning, you will travel through the rolling hills of the Avon Valley, Arriving mid-afternoon to Perth.

Day 16: Self-Drive to Carnarvon
Drive to Carnarvon via Goscoyne's picturesque coastline, or the rugged inland locations such as Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Park.
OVERNIGHT: Woorame River Retreat

Day 17: Self-Drive to Shark Bay (Monkey Mia)
Monkey Mia is famous for its dolphin experience and is surrounded by rusty red sand dunes, white sandy beaches and water teeming with wildlife. You can drive there via Hamelin Pool, a protected marine nature reserve where stromatolites, known as 'living fossils' are the number one attraction.
OVERNIGHT: 2 nights RAC Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort

Day 18: Leisure Day
Covering an area of more than 2.2 million hectares, Shark Bay is one of the world's greatest wilderness treasures with a unique combination of wildlife, flora and stunning scenery. Enjoy a day at your leisure.

Day 19: Self-Drive to Coral Bay
Self-Drive back towards Exmouth. Coral Bay is a small settlement that lies protected from the Indian Ocean by the Ningaloo Reef, where the coral starts right at the water's edge.
OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Bayview Coral Bay

Day 20: Marine Eco Safari - Manta Rays
This marine eco-tour is a full day of fascinating interactions with the ocean. Get up close and personal with manta rays. Your adventure includes wetsuits and snorkelling gear plus morning tea, lunch, and afternoon snacks. **(L)**

Day 21: Self-Drive to Exmouth
Take in any last-minute sights at Coral Bay before making the drive to Exmouth. Spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool as you reflect on the last couple of week's adventure.
OVERNIGHT: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

Day 22: Exmouth to Perth
After breakfast, check out of your hotel, return your hire car and board your flight to Perth.

**OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Adina Apartment Hotel,
Perth (B, L)**

Inclusions:

- 4 nights accommodation in Airlie Beach
- 2 days/1 night Reefsleeper including swag accommodation and water activities
- 1 day Camira Sailing Adventure
- Economy class flight from Proserpine or Hamilton Island to Sydney
- 2 nights accommodation in Sydney
- Sydney Harbour BridgeClimb
- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences
- 2 nights accommodation in Perth
- 1 day Discover Rottnest tour
- Return economy class flight from Perth to Exmouth
- 10 days car hire (compact size)
- 4 nights accommodation in Exmouth
- Whale Shark (April to July) or Humpback Whale (August to October) Interaction tour
- 1 night accommodation in Carnarvon
- 2 nights accommodation in Monkey Mia
- 2 nights accommodation in Coral Bay
- Marine Eco Safari featuring manta rays
- 4 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners

Highlights:

- Sleep next to the Great Barrier Reef under the open sky
- Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef
- Walk along the white sands of Whitehaven Beach
- Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Tour Rottnest Island and meet the friendly quokkas
- Swim with whale sharks or humpback whales and awe-inspiring manta rays
- Try dolphin feeding
- Explore the wilderness treasures of Shark Bay

Platinum Service on Indian Pacific

Platinum Service offers guests the most luxurious transcontinental holiday Australia has to offer. [Take a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Platinum Service (Twin & Double Share)

Boasting deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, in-cabin breakfasts and access to the Platinum Lounge and Restaurant, Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations. The first thing you'll notice about your Platinum cabin is the abundance of space, almost twice the size of a Gold Twin Cabin. By day your cabin is configured as a private lounge with deluxe lounge seating, a table and two ottomans. By night you'll sleep easy as the lounges convert to a comfortable bedroom with either a double bed or twin beds.



**Features:**

- Full-size en suite equipped with shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and complimentary Australian bathroom amenities
- Lockable door, power outlets and in-cabin safe
- All onboard meals are included in the Platinum Service fare and offer freshly prepared regionalised menus cooked by onboard chefs.
- All inclusive refreshments including soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines, spirits, tea and coffee throughout your journey
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- Picture windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Platinum Service transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60km of the terminal
- Freshly prepared continental in-cabin breakfasts served upon request
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Check in luggage allowance: 90kg check-in luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage: One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.

Dining

Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the Platinum Club Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Platinum Club (Restaurant & Lounge)

Platinum Club, the newest addition to Australia's great rail journeys. An unforgettable dining experience, Platinum Club offers the premium space and privacy of a first-class lounge with the added benefit of a fully flexible dining area.

Request an afternoon refreshment from the all-inclusive beverage list or simply choose from the self-serve range.

Spacious tabletops provide the perfect spot for a friendly game of cards during the day. In the evening, the area can accommodate for small dinners or larger group celebrations. All regional cuisine available in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant is also served in the Platinum Club.





Tell me about The Ghan's 'Gold Service'

Gold Service on The Indian Pacific

With room to stretch out and all the comforts of home, Gold Service is the most popular level of service aboard The Indian Pacific. [Take a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Gold Service (Single & Twin Share)

You'll enjoy private cabin accommodation together with all-inclusive dining, beverages and a range of fascinating Off Train Excursions at key stops. Gold Service accommodation is available in both single and twin-share so you can choose to travel with your partner, friends or roll solo. During the day, the compact Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins offer a comfortable three seater lounge, converting to an upper and lower sleeping berth at night. And with top notch service from our hospitality attendant, you'll enjoy fresh sheets, bath towels, pillows, doonas and complimentary toiletries. Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins have private en suite facilities with a hide-away compact toilet, wash basin and shower.



Features:

- For Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- For Gold Single, a compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day and shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- 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 and Short Stops
- Checked in luggage allowance: 60kg per guest (2 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage (Gold Twin): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.
- Cabin luggage (Gold Single): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag, cabin bag (105cm/41 inches linear measurement) or briefcase.

Gold Service - Superior Cabin

Gold Superior cabins are spacious, double the size of a Gold Twin cabin, with a lounge area and 3/4 sized double bed. Gold Superior cabins are limited, only 1 or 2 per train.



Features:

- Gold Superior cabins feature a $\frac{3}{4}$ size double bed plus an additional fold down upper berth, lounge area, TV and DVD player, mini-bar and en suite.
- 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 and Short Stops
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest

Dining





Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the exclusive, classically styled Queen Adelaide Restaurant Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Outback Explorer Lounge



You never know who you'll meet or where the conversation will lead in the Outback Explorer Lounge - the perfect place for travellers to come together and share stories, all while enjoying a wide range of all-inclusive refreshments.

And as you find yourself deep in conversation, spare a thought for the intrepid explorers to whom the lounge carriage owes its name - brave adventurers who never experienced this level of comfort and style as they ventured beyond the known into the vast Outback wilderness. All day and often late into the night, the Outback Explorer Lounge is the train's centre of activity where long hours can be spent socialising, snacking and catching glimpses of passing wildlife through wide picture windows.

Terms & Conditions

General Conditions

- **Holiday Packages:** These conditions are for Holiday Package bookings. Bookings for rail only are subject to different terms & conditions.
- **Seasons:** High, Shoulder and Low Seasons apply.
- **Rail Sectors:** One rail sector is defined as: The Ghan - Adelaide to Alice Springs (or vice versa), Alice Springs to Darwin (or vice versa), Indian Pacific: Sydney to Adelaide (or vice versa), Adelaide to Perth (or vice versa). As an example, Sydney to Perth counts as two rail sectors. The Ghan Expedition counts as 2 sectors - Darwin to Alice Springs to Adelaide.
- **Travel Insurance:** We recommend that you take out suitable travel insurance to cover (as a minimum) the costs incurred if you cancel your trip.

Fare Type	Payment	Amendments	Cancellations
<p>Everyday or Everyday Saver Fares (Holiday Packages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ghan • The Ghan Expedition • Indian Pacific <p>Platinum and Gold</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deposit: A deposit is required within 7 days of receiving a confirmation invoice: <i>Gold Service</i> - \$300 per person, per rail sector. <i>Platinum Service</i> - \$600 per person, per rail sector. If the deposit is not received, Rail Plus holds the right to cancel the booking. • Balance: The remainder of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments are allowed up to 21 days before the train's departure. • Amendment fees may apply, please contact us for more information. 	<p>Once a deposit has been received, the following cancellation fees apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel 99 days or more prior to the train's departure: \$100 per person, per rail sector cancellation fee • Cancel 98-51 days prior to the train's departure:

Service	<p>the booking balance is due by 50 days prior to the train's departure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late bookings: Bookings made within 50 days of the train's departure require full payment at the time of booking. 	<p>Loss of deposit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel 50 days or less prior to the train's departure: 100% cancellation fee applies. • Refunds will incur GST.
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<p>Advance Purchase Fares (Holiday Packages) (Advance Purchase fares must be booked at least 6 months prior to the train's departure date and are subject to limited availability per departure).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ghan • The Ghan Expedition • Indian Pacific <p>Gold Service</p>	<p>April 2018 - March 2019 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full payment is required 7 days after receiving a confirmation invoice. <p>April 2019 - March 2020 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A \$600 per person, per rail sector non-refundable deposit is required 7 days of receiving a confirmation invoice. Full balance payable 190 days prior to departure. • For bookings made within 190 days prior to departure, full payment is 	<p>Apr 2018 - March 2019 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments cannot be made less than 50 days prior to the train's departure date and can only be made to travel dates if the change is greater than 190 days prior to the new proposed departure date, subject to Advance Purchase fare type availability. Guests may have to pay the difference between the Advance Purchase fare and the higher fare. <p>Apr 2019 - March 2020 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment of a confirmed Holiday Package booking (including rail and accommodation/touring together) will result in you incurring an amendment fee of \$100 per person, per travel sector, in addition to any cost charged by operators, and cannot be made less than 21 days prior to the date of travel. 	<p>April 2018 - March 2019 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable (100% cancellation fee) <p>April 2019 - March 2020 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel more than 190 days prior to the train's departure: \$600 per person, per rail sector cancellation fee. • Cancel 190 days or less prior to the train's departure: 100% cancellation fees apply.
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- An amendment to a confirmed booking cannot extend the date of travel beyond 12 months from the original travel date.
- Refunds will incur GST.

NEW - The Indian Pacific - Reef to Reef Fact Sheet

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