

Great Western Wonders itinerary

(10 Days/9 Nights)

Make your epic Australian transcontinental adventure even more memorable by journeying north after arriving in Perth to the pristine Ningaloo Reef to swim with the giants of the ocean: whale sharks or humpback whales.

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Alternative itineraries available: Perth to Sydney, Adelaide to Perth, Perth to Adelaide

Day 1: (Wednesday) Board the Indian Pacific in Sydney

Departing Sydney's Central Station, the anticipation builds for the trip ahead as you settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific enjoying the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey. (D)

Day 2: (Thursday) Indian Pacific, Broken Hill and Adelaide

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Excursion in Broken Hill followed by a day enjoying the outback scenery. In the afternoon, arrive in Adelaide where you'll have more Off Train Excursions to choose from before returning to the train and continuing your journey west. (B,L,D)

Day 3: (Friday) Indian Pacific, Nullarbor Plain

Today is all about those amazing outback views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under an outback sky (seasonal). (B,L,D)

Day 4: (Saturday) Indian Pacific, Perth

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds heading into Perth, where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins. (B,L)

Day 5: (Sunday) Leisure Day

Today is yours to explore cosmopolitan Perth and surrounds at your leisure. Why not take a stroll to the new Elizabeth Quay or cruise the Swan River. If you're feeling a little more adventurous, then take a journey to the Pinnacles, a limestone formation within the Nambung National Park and one of many Western Australian natural wonders. (B)

Day 6: (Monday) Perth to Exmouth and Ningaloo Reef

Today your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxe accommodation for the next three nights, the Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents surrounding the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this amazing location teeming with native wildlife. OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef (B,D)



Day 7: (Tuesday) Ningaloo Reef

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the chance to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on the world famous Ningaloo Reef! These incredible opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way travelling aboard a luxury vessel guided by a spotter plane from above. Snorkels and wetsuits are provided. Lunch is also included and even a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

Day 8: (Wednesday) Ningaloo Reef

Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef. Go snorkelling along the coral reef literally on your doorstep to swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc. Join a guided walk through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges, go kayaking or fishing. (B,L,D)

Day 9: (Thursday) Ningaloo Reef and Exmouth to Perth

Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to enjoy more of the Western Australian capital. (B)

Day 10: (Friday) Farewell

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. (B)

Inclusions

- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill, Cook and Rawlinna
- 3 nights accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights accommodation at Sal Sallis Ningaloo Reef including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October) including travel onboard a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

Highlights

- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean, whale sharks or humpback whales

Platinum Service on The Indian Pacific

Platinum Service offers guests the most luxurious transcontinental holiday Australia has to offer.

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
 - 90kg check-in luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30kg each)
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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.



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 ¾ 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.