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invites you to join us for the 2024 escorted tour

# THE INDIAN PACIFIC RAIL JOURNEY

## AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA ESCAPE

A CHOICE OF TWO DEPARTURES

22 May to 2 June 2024

21 August to 1 September 2024

The Indian Pacific Rail Journey,  
Fremantle, Perth, Albany  
& Margaret River



Includes  
over **\$500**  
per person value  
in sightseeing tours,  
entrances, transfers,  
and gratuities



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This will be a wonderful experience travelling on the Indian Pacific. The tour is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in each city and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us.

### DAY 1 Sydney/Indian Pacific

This afternoon we board the Indian Pacific. Travelling between the Indian and Pacific oceans for over 40 years, this truly is one of the world's great train journeys. More than three million guests have already enjoyed this epic journey, which spans a continent, travelling the whole distance in three days and three nights. Setting off from Sydney, your train will climb to the heights of the majestic Blue Mountains as you sate your appetite with one of the Indian Pacific's signature dining experiences. This evening we will enjoy a welcome drinks party to commence our spectacular tour.

### DAY 2 Broken Hill & Adelaide

This morning we arrive in Broken Hill, a classic mining town where the streets are wide and there's a cosy country pub on every corner. On your included Off Train Excursion, explore the rustic beauty of this Silver City and all the artistic culture that abounds in the area. Step back on board, head straight to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant for a traditionally cooked Australian breakfast that is sure to delight. By the time your next meal is served, you'll be well into South Australia and coasting across the tip of the Flinders Ranges. Upon arrival in Adelaide, you'll have your choice of whiling away the afternoon and evening in the picturesque city itself, or historic Barossa Valley.



### DAY 3 Cook & Nullarbor

Wake up to the raw beauty of the Nullarbor Plains. Take some time to reflect on the changing landscape on Australia's longest single stretch of railway as you dig into a delicious breakfast. Your sense of wonder will be ignited anew when you step off the train in Rawlinna in the evening for drinks under the stars.



### DAY 4 Fremantle

This afternoon we arrive in Perth. We will be transferred to our hotel in Fremantle, our base for the next three nights. There will be free time to explore the historic dockside city of Fremantle.

### DAY 5 Fremantle

We will be met by our private coach for a panoramic city tour of the sights of Perth, including the Governor's Residence, Parliament House and Perth University. We travel to King's Park, where we are able to admire the spectacular views over the city and the Swan River before returning to Fremantle via the famous Cottesloe Beach.

### DAY 6 Fremantle

This morning we will learn about the pioneering history of Western Australia during a sightseeing tour of Fremantle. We visit the Fremantle Prison, built in the 1850s by convicts; it was used as a place of incarceration and punishment for nearly 140 years. We will then visit The Round House, the first permanent building in Western Australia.

## THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN GOLD SERVICE

The Indian Pacific is one of the great railway journeys of the world, travelling across the continent from Sydney to Perth or reverse. On the way, see the desert wilderness of the Nullarbor Plain, the mining town of Broken Hill and the fine city of Adelaide. Gold Service offers you a sleeper cabin that is a three-seater lounge during the day, which converts to two beds during the evening. The restaurant car serves fine food carefully prepared. The Gold Kangaroo lounge offers an ideal place to socialise with other travellers. The Gold Service includes all meals and beverages along with a fantastic selection of Off Train Experiences showcasing the highlights along the rail route. Your train journey through Australia will be made even more comfortable with service from the hospitality attendant including fresh sheets, bath towels, pillows, doonas and complimentary toiletries.





### DAY 7 Albany

Our journey today is along the Albany Highway from Fremantle to Albany, on the shores of the Southern Ocean. Albany is the oldest European settlement in Western Australia and was a major whaling station. Upon arrival you will have the chance to explore the main town of Albany.

### DAY 8 Albany

This morning we will have a tour of historic Albany including the Mt Clarence Desert Corp Memorial and Padre White Lookout, for amazing views of Albany. We will visit the National ANZAC Centre, which honours the ANZACS of the First World War. It overlooks the actual harbour from which over 41,000 men and women departed Australia for the First World War. We'll also view the impressive granite formations of The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park.



### DAY 9 Margaret River

We depart Albany for Margaret River and travel through the Valley of the Giants, where karri and jarrah trees tower majestically over the countryside and red tingle trees can have a base circumference of 16m. We'll take the tree-top walk through the canopy of the trees, 40m above the forest floor. We will see the enormous Gloucester Tree towering 72m above the ground. Used as a fire lookout tree, it has a cabin built 58m up the tree, accessed by 153 spikes that spiral the trunk. There will be time for lunch in the town of Pemberton before we continue to our hotel in Margaret River.

#### CABIN DESCRIPTION:

- Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- 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



### DAY 10 Margaret River

Today we travel to Augusta and then Cape Leeuwin, where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet. We then visit Boranup Forest with its views of the prettiest karri forest in Western Australia. We return to Margaret River late afternoon.

### DAY 11 Margaret River

This morning we will enjoy a morning tour of Margaret River township, gardens and nature. We continue on for a special The Senior Farewell Lunch at Aravina Estate. Aravina Estate is a 180-acre wine growing property situated in the Margaret River viticulture region. The restaurant's team of chefs source the finest ingredients from local growers and producers to develop a range of uniquely flavoursome dishes that showcase the quality range of meats, seafood, vegetables, fruits, cheeses and produce available in the Margaret River region. We will finish the day with a wine tasting before returning to our hotel.

### DAY 12 Depart

Heading back to Perth we first stop at Busselton, to see the largest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere, and then continue to Bunbury, Western Australia's second largest city. If we're lucky we will get a glimpse of the dolphins along the coastline. On arrival at Perth airport we'll catch our return flights home.

#### *Don't worry about coming alone*

About a third of people on the tour travel alone. Single cabins are available! You won't be left alone; the Travelrite International tour manager will be there to guide you. There will be group activities almost every day.

#### *The advantages of The Senior escorted tour*

The tour is fully escorted and will be a great, fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will dine with the group at our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.



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### TOUR PRICES:\*

	TOUR 1 22 May 2024	TOUR 2 21 Aug 2024
Gold Service Twin-share (pp)	\$ 5,990	\$ 6,190
Gold Service Single	\$ 6,190	\$ 6,790
Platinum Service	on application	

\*Includes GST • The price for flights will be additional

### Included in The Senior's Tour:

- Travel on The Indian Pacific in Gold Class Standard
- All meals, drinks, entertainment and service charges on The Indian Pacific
- 3 nights' accommodation in Fremantle including breakfast
- 2 nights' accommodation in Albany including breakfasts
- 3 nights' accommodation in Margaret River including breakfasts
- Sightseeing tours in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Perth, Fremantle, Albany, Pemberton and Margaret River
- Welcome Drinks on the Indian Pacific
- Farewell Lunch in Margaret River
- Escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Transfers to Perth Airport
- Private on-train activities including Bingo

### Not included in the tour price:

- Flights to Sydney and from Perth  
**Please talk to our travel consultant about special deals**
- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Drinks when not on the train
- Lunches and dinners not listed when not on the train



## GENERAL INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. The Indian Pacific is operated by Journey Beyond and the train arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Indian Pacific brochure 2024. All passengers must complete and sign the Travelrite International booking form and agree to the Indian Pacific terms and conditions.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on train, general transport and accommodation costs at 8 March 2023. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$750 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a tour confirmation advice will be emailed to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:**

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	\$750
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**BAGGAGE:** There is limited baggage storage available in cabin on the Indian Pacific. Day bags should be packed for your cabin and suitcases stored in the baggage compartment. Full details will be provided prior to departure.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The tour arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure,

Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS No. A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these tours, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by train, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in tours, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tours. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the Indian Pacific passage contract with Journeys Beyond, detailed on the Indian Pacific website. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

**DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS:** You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for

any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

**TRAVEL VACCINATION POLICY:** While highly recommended, COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are no longer required for guests traveling with us. It is your responsibility to comply with specific vaccine and/or booster requirements imposed by airlines, cruise lines and/or authorities in the destinations visited, as well as requirements for accessing restaurants and venues, which may be more restrictive than the above. No refunds will be given if you are unable to undertake some or all of their vacation due to failure to comply with these requirements.

**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$750 per person to:

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