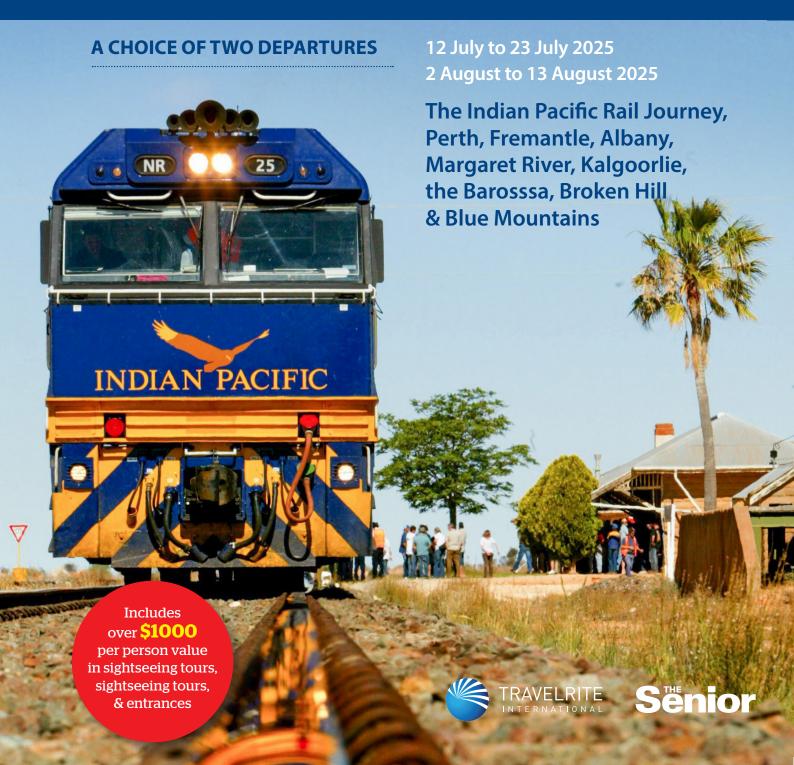
*The Senior* Newspaper and Travelrite International invites you to join us for the 2025 escorted tour

# THE INDIAN PACIFIC -• RAIL JOURNEY •-

# AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA ESCAPE



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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** Fremantle

Arrival day in Fremantle. Please make your own way to the group hotel. Check in is available after 2:00pm (Flight and pre-tour accommodation options are available). This evening join group members for *The Senior* Welcome Dinner.

### **DAY 2** Fremantle

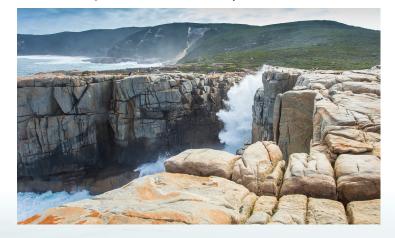
We will be met by our private coach for a panoramic city tour of the sights of Perth, including the Governor's Residence, Parliament House and Perth University. We travel to King's Park, where we are able to admire the spectacular views over the city and the Swan River before returning to Fremantle via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

### **DAY 3** 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.

### **DAY 4** 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 5** 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 6** 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.

### **DAY 7** 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.

### 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 8** Board Indian Pacific

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. We continue to Perth to board the Indian Pacific. Spend a relaxed afternoon as you pull away from Perth, leaving the Indian Ocean behind and cruising toward the Pacific. Tonight, a delectable dinner is served on board, featuring contemporary Australian cuisine with seasonal and regional flavours.

### **DAY 9** Kalgoorlie/Nullarbor Plain

Awake to see the sunrise unfold across Australia's largest outback town, Kalgoorlie. This morning, we'll delve into this mining town's fascinating past and present, with a visit to the region's gold-rush era, now modern-day, Super Pit mine. Decide how you want to explore Kalgoorlie on your choice of Off Train Experience, including morning refreshments. Reboarding the train mid-morning for brunch, the remainder of the day is on board at your leisure. Sit back and enjoy the hospitality as you take in spectacular views of the seemingly endless expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. You'll cross borders and time zones, entering South Australia before dinner. Late evening, the train will pull into the almost-ghost-town of Cook for a nightcap, late-night bonfire and stargazing experience.





### **DAY 10** Flinders Ranges/Barossa

Spend the morning travelling through the pastoral lands and communities of remote South Australia as the Indian Pacific cruises past the Flinders Rangers, Spencer Gulf and the Adelaide Plains. Breakfast and lunch are both served on board. Mid-afternoon, the train pulls into Two Wells, where you'll disembark and transfer in comfortable coaches for a short ride to the world-renowned, wine-producing region of the Barossa Valley. You'll spend the evening at Seppeltsfield Winery, delighting in a signature dining experience in the vintage cellar. A traditional 'Firing of the Barrel' display kicks off the evening, followed by a food and wine pairing curated by Executive Chef Owen Andrews, highlighting regional produce and traditional methods that reflect the story of the Barossa. After dinner, you'll return to the Indian Pacific, continuing your rail journey through the night.



### **DAY 11** Broken Hill

Crossing another border during the night, you'll wake up in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, ready for the day's activities in the Silver City. You'll have a choice of four Off Train Experiences, including guided history, art and cultural experiences that showcase the highlights of Australia's first heritage-listed city. Returning to the train for lunch, admire the scenery as the Indian Pacific travels through regional New South Wales. Tonight, dinner is served on board as you make the most of your final night exploring Australia by train.



### **DAY 12** Blue Mountains/Sydney

The Blue Mountains is known for its soaring sandstone ridges wrapped in native flora. This World Heritage-listed area marks your final stop before arriving in Sydney. Say goodbye to the Indian Pacific after breakfast, to travel deep into the mountains for this afternoon's Off Train Experiences.

Scenic World includes four phenomenal mountain experiences, from the Scenic Skyway, which takes you over ancient ravines, with 360-degree vistas to the Scenic Cableway that glides over the forest to the valley floor and the Scenic Railway, the steepest passenger railway in the world. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk with spectacular views from numerous lookouts along the trail. Both experiences end at Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba, where a light lunch is served. Arrival time into Sydney is approximately 3:15pm.

Complete your journey on our chartered New South Wales rail service (fully hosted by our crew) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, if you do not wish to participate in the Blue Mountains Off Train Experience or prefer to arrive in Sydney earlier, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney Central Station arriving at approximately 12.30pm.

### 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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### A CHOICE OF TWO DEPARTURES

12 July to 23 July 2025 • 2 August to 13 August 2025

### **TOUR PRICES:\***

Gold Service Twin-share (pp) **Gold Service Single Platinum Service** 

\$6,290 \$ 6,590 \$ 6,990 \$6,690 on application \*Includes GST • The price for flights will be additional

12 July 2025

2 August 2025



### CABIN DESCRIPTION:

- Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a threeseater 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

### 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
- 2 nights' accommodation in Margaret River including breakfasts
- Sightseeing tours in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Perth, Fremantle, Albany, Pemberton and Margaret River
- Welcome Dinner in Fremantle
- Escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager

### Not included in the tour price:

- Flights to Perth and from Sydney Please talk to our travel consultant about special deals
- Transfers to group hotel in Fremantle
- 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 2025. 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 1 May 2025. 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 non-refundable 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.

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

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