

MARGARET RIVER INDULGENCE

INDIAN PACIFIC

PERTH TO SYDNEY | DEPARTURE TUESDAY

Touring Western Australia's beautiful Margaret River region is the perfect primer for the culinary adventure ahead on the Indian Pacific. Margaret River is an internationally acclaimed producer of not only premium wines and is also home to regional specialty food and artisan providores, along with stunning natural assets. This makes for a wonderfully indulgent start to your journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- 2 nights Margaret River Escape, including accommodation and personalised touring
- 1 day Discover Rottneest 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
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll along Busselton Jetty, the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere
- Delight in the flavours of Margaret River wine, coffee, cheese, olive oil and chocolate
- Go underground at the spectacular Mammoth Cave
- View the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia at Cape Leeuwin
- Meet the quokkas on beautiful Rottneest Island

DAY 1 – ARRIVE PERTH

After making your own way to Perth, settle into your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront

DAY 2 – PERTH TO MARGARET RIVER

Your adventure starts with a picturesque drive south to the fabulous Margaret River region, with several stops along the way. In Mandurah, a coffee break by the foreshore is followed by a visit to the Featured Wood Gallery and Museum in Bunbury. At Busselton, walk off your delicious lunch with a stroll along the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. After free time to browse the shops and galleries in the Margaret River township, it's time to head to your accommodation for the night.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Margaret's Beach Resort (B, L)

DAY 3 – MARGARET RIVER

Today is a sensory overload of wonderful food, culture and scenery as you indulge in regional specialties with various respected local producers. You'll treat your tastebuds to a tasting of locally roasted coffee, visit a local award-winning winery or two, experience the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oils, savour a wine and cheese pairing, and top it all off with a stop at the Margaret River Chocolate Company. (B, L)

DAY 4 – MARGARET RIVER TO PERTH

Today, you'll head to Redgate Beach to hear stories of the shipwrecks that lie offshore, then it's time to dive underground to explore the spectacular Mammoth Cave. The next stop is the majestic Boranup Forest, dominated by 60-metre-tall karri trees. You'll also take a tour of the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, Cape Leeuwin, before stopping for lunch in Augusta. After lunch, it's time to return to your Perth accommodation for some time to relax.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront (B, L)

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DAY 5 – 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 6 – BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

This morning, you will join the Indian Pacific, departing Perth, before heading east through the delightful Avon Valley. Relax into the rhythm of this iconic train in your cabin or the Outback Explorer Lounge, in anticipation of your late-night arrival into Kalgoorlie.

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

DAY 7 – INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the morning, taking in the outback vistas before feasting on a regionally inspired menu of modern Australian cuisine and fine wines for lunch. Then it's time to visit the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving population of four. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE

As the landscape changes again and rich ochre sands make way for forests and farmlands, you will arrive into Adelaide. After a rewarding Off Train Experience in the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue your journey toward Sydney. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY

Wake this morning to take in the full spectacle of the Blue Mountains on Sydney's doorstep. After your arrival into Katoomba, select from a choice of mountain experiences before completing your epic transcontinental crossing at Sydney's Central Station. (B, L)