



## **Day 1**

### **Fremantle**

Welcome to Fremantle! On arrival, make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Fremantle.

#### ***Check in and arrival information***

A taxi or Uber from Perth airport to your accommodation in Fremantle costs approximately \$55 per car and takes about 35 minutes. Hotel check in is at 2pm. Should you arrive earlier than this, hotel staff will do all possible to check you in as soon as possible. If your room is not available before check-in time, you are welcome to leave your luggage in storage and explore the surrounding area.

Hotel: 4★ Hougoumont Hotel

Meals: None

## **Day 2**

### **Fremantle - Bunbury - Busselton - Margaret River**

Today collect your vehicle from Hertz Melville Depot (5 mins from hotel) and drive to Margaret River - one of Australia's largest wine regions. With more than 200 vineyards, Margaret River produces more than 25% of Australia's premium wine.

Approximate distance driven: 265km / 3 hours

Hotel: 4★ Stay Margaret River

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 3**

### **Margaret River**

Today, enjoy a guided tour of Margaret River, experiencing the region's amazing food, wine and culture. You will be collected from your accommodation at approximately 9.30am and get the day started with a coffee tasting at a local roaster before heading to your first boutique winery experience for the day. Experience first hand the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oils before enjoying a relaxing lunch and cleansing ale at a local brewery. The afternoon will see you two

cellar doors including a cheese & wine pairing. Finish off the day with a visit to a chocolate factory to indulge in all things cocoa.

Hotel: 4★ Stay Margaret River

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Day 4**

### **Margaret River**

Today is free for you to continue exploring the area. If wine is the name of the game, take your time to explore some of the 90 cellar doors in the region.

Alternatively, exploring the caving system is also a popular activity in Margaret River. It is difficult to choose the best cave. You can marvel at the reflections on Lake Cave's permanent lake, be dwarfed in Jewel Cave's enormous chambers and take it easy on the Mammoth Cave self-guided tour. At Yallingup's Ngilgi Cave, you will learn the Aboriginal legend as you look up at limestone shawl formations– or delve deeper into the cave on an adventure tour. Cave opening hours and tours start from 9am and finish between 4pm and 5pm. Entry fee is approximately \$22.50 per adult.

If travelling between late July and August, you may want to consider a cruise to witness the mighty Humpback on their migration path. This tour departs from Augusta, 50km south of Margaret River

### **OPTIONAL TOUR - WHALE WATCHING EXPERIENCE - FROM AUGUSTA**

Today you will make your way to Augusta, approx 50kms from your accommodation. Your tour will start on an amazing luxury catamaran to take you out to the magnificent Western Australia Whales. The vessel has 5 viewing decks over three levels from which you can sight the magnificent Humpback, Southern Right and occasionally, the very rare Blue Whale along with Seals, Dolphins and migratory bird life from all over the world.

Season runs from May to August

Duration approx 2 hours

Hotel: 4★ Stay Margaret River

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 5**

### **Margaret River - Perth**

After breakfast today, jump in your car and start the journey north to Perth.

On the way north, you may want to stop at Busselton Jetty. This 150+ year old timber jetty stretches 1.84km into Geographe Bay - making it the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Whether you walk to the end or take the jetty train, make sure to check out the Underwater Observatory for a glimpse of the sea life that inhabits this artificial environment.

Further north, you may want to pay a visit to the Dolphin Discovery Centre, in Bunbury. Walk down to the "interaction zone" for an opportunity to see the many dolphins that visit this bay all year round. There is no entrance fee but please make sure you follow the instructions of dolphin volunteers

If you're feeling peckish, you may want to explore Bunbury Farmers market, which opens daily from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

Hotel: 4★ Travelodge Perth

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 6**

### **Perth - Rottnest Island - Perth**

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board the Rottnest Express ferry to Rottnest Island, located 22km offshore. Then explore the beauty and tranquility of Rottnest as you sit back and relax in the comfort of an air conditioned coach. This 90-minute circumnavigation of the island takes you out to some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations including the Wadjemup Lighthouse and the rugged West End and provides you with a complete interpretation of the island through a passionate and knowledgeable crew. This tour will provide you with an insight into Rottnest's cultural and historical heritage, diverse wildlife and fauna and social heritage. You will also have a chance to step outside and have a stroll along the boardwalk at the majestic look-out point at West End.

Hotel: 4★ Travelodge Perth

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 7**

### **Indian Pacific Train - Kalgoorlie**

Your journey from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean begins as you pull away from the platform in Perth mid-morning. Settle into your comfortable cabin and get to know the creature comforts of life onboard. Enjoy a modern Australian lunch as you glide through the picturesque rolling hills of the Avon Valley. After a relaxing afternoon onboard, enjoy a three-course dinner prior to your late evening arrival in the wild west township of Kalgoorlie.

Hotel: Indian Pacific

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 8**

### **Indian Pacific Train - Nullarbor Plain**

Awake to the spectacular expanse of the Nullarbor Plain to watch the sunrise. Be captivated by the big blue skies and ancient stillness of the desert landscape, broken only by a mob of friendly kangaroos. Waiting ahead is the charm of the once-thriving Nullarbor railway community – now a ghost town – of Cook. Sit back and relax as the train continues its trek across the longest single stretch of railway in the world. Another mouth-watering dinner is followed by relaxed conversation in the lounge before a restful night's sleep.

Hotel: Indian Pacific

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 9**

### **Indian Pacific Train - Adelaide - Train - Broken Hill**

On arrival in elegant Adelaide, you have the choice of a walking tour (seasonal), a behind-the-scenes tour of the world famous Adelaide Oval, or a coach tour of the city sights. This evening you'll enjoy a stop at Broken Hill, Australia's silver capital and home to a unique artistic community.

Hotel: Indian Pacific

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 10**

### **Indian Pacific Train - Blue Mountains - Sydney**

Wake in the picturesque Blue Mountains. See the majestic Three Sisters at Echo Point and the views at Jamison Valley before completing your journey on our chartered NSW rail service (fully hosted by our staff) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Sydney Central

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Day 11**

### **Sydney**

Today your Indian Pacific adventure comes to an end. At the appropriate time, make your way to the airport for your onward journey. Alternatively, You may want to consider taking one of the below optional activities. These are full day tours and you will need to allow for an extra day per activity. We can assist you arrange this extra night of accommodation if required.

#### **Optional Activity - Hunter Valley Food and Wine Day Tour**

The Hunter is famous for its wineries and variety of cuisines cooked from fresh local produce. Our food and wine tours take you on a journey from the vine to the glass as you enjoy delicious, Australian made wines coupled with menus designed to complement every drop.

We have a motto when it comes to our Hunter Valley food and wine tours, “our wine is our canvass, and our food is our paint”. Let us help you appreciate the art of perfectly matched wine and food at the region's most renowned wineries.

Our mission is to make your day not just an outing, but an expedition, exploring vineyards, and experiencing first class cooking in idyllic surrounds.

**Departs:** 06.20am

**Includes:** Pick up and drop from your hotel, breakfast, lunch, 3 boutique winery tastings

**Arrives:** 06.30pm

#### **Optional Activity - Full Day Harbour Luxury Sailing Small Group**

Board your luxury yacht and cruise up Darling Harbour at a relaxed pace to the main body of Sydney Harbour. After clearing the commuter traffic, hoist the sails and cut the engines for the sail out to the harbour heads. Drop anchor in a peaceful bay for a gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks. There is plenty of time to try your hand at fishing, go for a swim or just relax on the yacht.

**Departs:** 10.00am

**Includes:** Pick up from your hotel, fully qualified skipper, gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks, all gear for fishing & snorkelling, towels.

**Arrives:** 03.00pm. Tour ends at Aquarium Pontoon Darling Harbour

***Check out & departure information***

From your hotel to Sydney Airport there are a few options. The quickest way is by train. The Sydney airport link runs frequently, costs \$19.40 per person from the city to the Airport terminal and costs approx \$16 per person and it takes under 15 minutes. Alternatively, an Uber ride costs around \$35 to the airport. Hotel check out is at 10am.

Meals: Breakfast