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Travel

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We offer a magnificent fully escorted trip exploring the beautiful South Western corner of Australia by coach, Adelaide and the surrounds of South Australia and crossing the mighty Nullarbor Plain on the iconic Indian Pacific train.

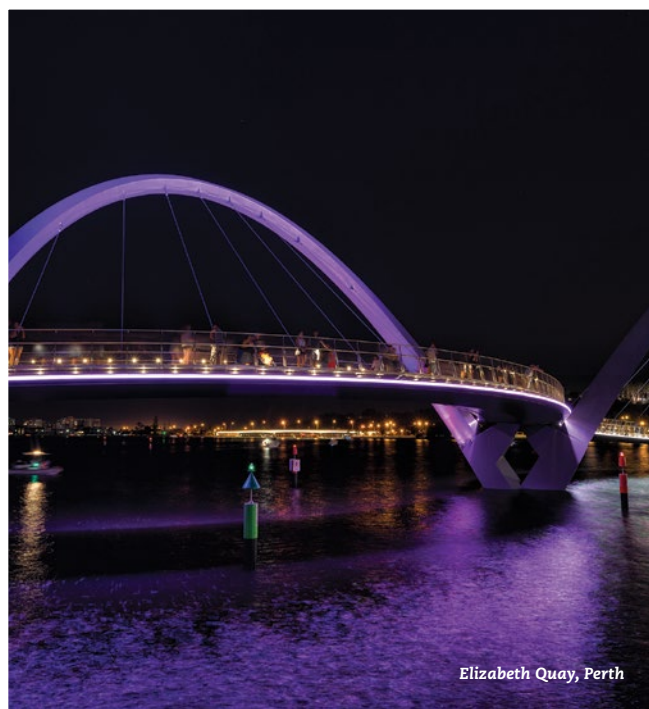
One of the most famous train journeys in the world, we experience the Indian Pacific Railway from Perth to Adelaide, which covers the barren expanse of the Nullarbor and every goldmine, ghost town and grapevine in between. Outside our window, the landscape shifts over and over, revealing hidden secrets, from long abandoned homesteads of the Nullarbor to the marvellously resilient wildflowers of Western Australia. Inside we enjoy the hospitality which makes the Indian Pacific one of the world's greatest train journeys.

We experience Western Australia's sunniest capital city Perth plus we get out of the city into the core of this beautiful state, with the whitest of beaches, largest expanse of outback, one of the oldest known living cultures on Earth, UNESCO World Heritage reef and rock formations, premium wines, magnificent gardens and forests.

And we arrive in Adelaide, a vibrant city of churches, stone buildings and gardens, history and great shopping. Again we journey out of the city to enjoy the Fleurieu Peninsula, a region south of Adelaide famous for its wine, produce and quaint country towns.

All this with music and the special brand of care and camaraderie that makes Operatunity trips so enjoyable and famous.

Escorted by Sonja and Lynette.



PLACES WE STAY

Duxton Hotel is a 5 star hotel which offers its guests luxury accommodation in the heart of the Perth CBD, close to shops, the Swan River and tranquil central parklands.

The Quality Inn Margaret River provides spacious guest rooms in a quiet garden setting. This 4-star hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Margaret River region.

Dog Rock Motel is a 3 1/2 star motel, 7 minutes' walk from Albany's town centre and 7 minutes' drive from the beautiful Lake Seppings, also located close to Middleton Beach.

The Indian Pacific train is an iconic historic journey and considered one of the best train journeys in the world. With room to stretch out and all the comforts of home, Gold Service is the most popular level of service aboard Indian Pacific. We 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 friends or roll solo.

The Playford Adelaide MGallery by Sofitel is a 5-star boutique hotel in the heart of Adelaide, offering the perfect blend of classical style and contemporary luxury.



Day 1: Saturday 24 June 2017 (D)

Auckland - Perth

Duxton Hotel, Perth (3 nights)

Today we fly direct from Auckland to Perth with time this evening to settle in.

Western Australia is the country's largest state making up one-third of its land mass. It has a huge 2400 km's of coast line and wide diversity of flora, fauna and landscapes.

Day 2: Sunday 25 June 2017 (B, D)

Perth City

Perth, capital of Western Australia, sits where the Swan River meets the southwest coast. Its suburbs lie along sandy beaches, and the huge, riverside Kings Park and Botanic Garden on Mt Eliza offer sweeping views of the city.

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Morning is free to relax at the hotel and recover from the long flight.
- ☞ In the afternoon we visit the beautiful Kings Park which is one of the largest inner city parks in the world. Visited by over 6 million people each year, the stunning location overlooks the city and the silken blue waters of the Swan River.
- ☞ Visit the historic Port Fremantle, explore the fascinating Maritime Museum and spend time in the markets.
- ☞ Gala welcome dinner with music at the hotel.

Day 3: Monday 26 June 2017 (B, D)

Perth City

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Today we have a free day to enjoy Perth at our leisure, which may include a scenic cruise, a visit to the Bell Tower, and a wander with time for lunch at one of the fabulous Cafes or restaurants in the area.
- ☞ Following dinner subject to availability we will enjoy a show or concert. Perth Cultural Centre houses the state ballet and opera companies, and occupies its own central precinct, including a theatre, art galleries and the Western Australian Museum.



19th century architecture, Fremantle



Perth, viewed at night reflected in the Swan River

Day 4: Tuesday 27 June 2017 (B, D)

Harvey ~ Bunbury ~ Busselton Quality Inn Margaret River (2 nights)

We travel south today towards the area of Margaret River which is famous for its wine, delicious produce, surf and a laid back life style.

HIGHLIGHTS include:

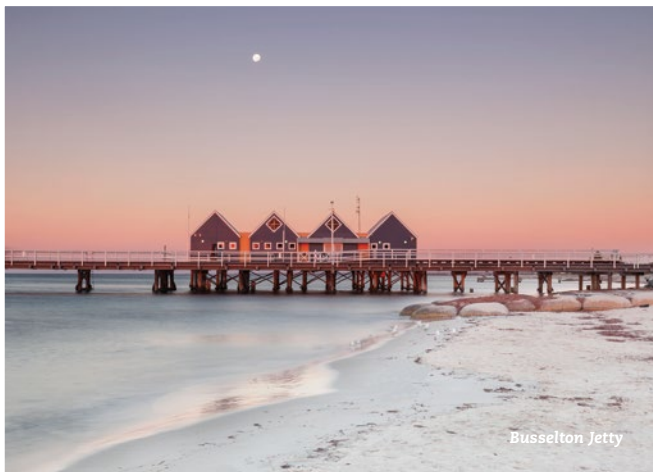
- ☞ Time at Bunbury to visit Taffy's where we can enjoy watching Salt Water Taffy, that American seaside sweet sensation, being pulled and wrapped the old fashioned way!
- ☞ Visit the Busselton Jetty extending 1.8 kilometres across stunning Geographe Bay, the heritage listed jetty is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ☞ Jump on board the famous Jetty Train to reach the spectacular Underwater Observatory. Descend 8 metres below the water's surface to discover some of the 300 different marine species below the jetty.

Day 5: Wednesday 28 June 2017 (B, L, D)

Margaret River

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Today we explore the beautiful region in and around Margaret River.
- ☞ Spend the day exploring the region, with a sumptuous long lunch at the beautiful vineyard, Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River.
- ☞ Time to wander through the township of Margaret River discovering the galleries, arts and craft returning at leisure to our accommodation.



Busselton Jetty

Day 6: Thursday 29 June 2017 (B, D)

Walpole ~ Valley of the Giants ~ Denmark ~ Albany Dog Rock Motel (2 nights)

Albany boasts a number of natural wonders and history as Western Australia's oldest city with a rich whaling history. On 1 November 1914, the first convoy of Australian and New Zealand troops departed for the First World War from King George Sound, Albany.

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Travel south today taking in the beautiful scenery through the giant Karri forest and rich farm land of the South West.
- ☞ Explore the timber town of Pemberton before continuing on to Walpole for lunch.
- ☞ Visit the Valley of the Giants to gain a bird's eye view from the Tree Top Walk through the 400 year old giant forest.
- ☞ Later this afternoon travel through Denmark before arriving at Albany.



Lake Cave, Margaret River



Old lighthouse keeper's house, King Point, Albany

Day 7: Friday 30 June 2017 (B, D)

Albany

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ We take in the sights of the oldest city in W.A including the Gap, Natural Bridge and Discovery Bay.
- ☞ From Mount Clarence overlooking Albany, we marvel at the spectacular views of Princess Royal Harbour and King George Sound.
- ☞ Visit the newly established National ANZAC Centre to experience an emotional connection with the men and women who were involved in the First World War.

Day 8: Saturday 1 July 2017 (B)

Albany ~ Perth

Duxton Hotel (1 night)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Today we return to Perth along the Albany Highway.
- ☞ Visits to The Sandalwood Factory, the Kojonup Visitor Centre and the beautiful Rose Maze.
- ☞ Stop for shopping at Williams Woolshed, featuring an extensive range of clothing, produce and history!

Day 9: Sunday 2 July 2017 (B, L, D)

Perth ~ Kalgoorlie

Indian Pacific – Gold Class (2 nights)

We transfer to the iconic Indian Pacific Railway Station, steeped in history and embark on our adventure from Perth to Adelaide. The diversity of the Australian landscape that can be viewed on this remarkable journey and the wonderful hospitality afforded to guests aboard the train, makes the Indian Pacific one of the world's greatest train journeys.



Day 10: Monday 3 July 2017 (B, L, D)

Cook ~ Adelaide

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Time to reflect on the changing landscapes on our journey and enjoy the hospitality of the Outback Explorer Lounge as we travel across Australia's longest single stretch of railway.
- ☞ Marvel at the raw beauty of the Nullarbor which conjures the sense of limitless space and time.
- ☞ Early afternoon arrive at Cook, a town created in 1917 when the railway was built. The town is on the longest stretch of straight railway in the world, at 478 kilometres which stretches from Ooldea to beyond Loongana.
- ☞ We continue overnight to Adelaide.



Day 11: Tuesday 4 July 2017 (B, D)

Adelaide

The Playford by Sofitel (2 nights)

We arrive by train into Adelaide.

Adelaide is South Australia's capital, situated on the coast and surrounded by parkland on the River Torrens. It is home to renowned museums such as the Art Gallery and is known as the city of churches.

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ City tour which includes a drive around the "city of churches".
- ☞ Visit the Adelaide Royal Botanical Garden that features an exceptional Victorian garden landscape complemented by outstanding plant collections, cultural collections and garden buildings.
- ☞ Head to the picturesque seaside suburb of Glenelg before returning to our accommodation.
- ☞ Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the vibrant city centre.
- ☞ A free evening to explore the great restaurants of Adelaide for dinner.



Day 12: Wednesday 5 July 2017 (B, L, D)

Fleurieu Peninsula ~ Victor Harbour ~ Strathalbyn

Today we spend time exploring the Fleurieu Peninsula, a region south of Adelaide famous for its wine, produce and quaint country towns.

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- ☞ Visit Bracegirdles House of Fine Chocolate for morning tea.
- ☞ Learn how to make cheese at Producers of McLaren Vale.
- ☞ After lunch we travel to the seaside village of Victor Harbour with time also to explore the antique shops of Strathalbyn.
- ☞ A fun final evening commemorating 4th of July, Independence Day in the States. (It's still 4th of July in the States, their time!) We celebrate with dinner and concert entitled Stars and Stripes, and include famous songs from shows and the 50s.!

Day 13: Thursday 6 July 2017 (B)

Today we transfer to the airport for our flights home filled with the wonder of magnificent scenery and new friendships.





Two Rocks Sunset, Perth

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 👁 For further information please ring our office or visit our website.
- 👁 All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- 👁 All deposits are refundable up until final payment date minus any costs that the company has incurred.
- 👁 Please refer to our terms and conditions on our booking form.
- 👁 While we carefully plan our trips to be well paced, all travellers need to possess a certain level of fitness. Some trips are more arduous and carry an advisory note in the itinerary that a specific level of fitness is required.
- 👁 Operatunity Travel requires all travellers to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. Please be sure to ring our office if you require any information or clarification about insurance or any questions regarding travelling with Operatunity Travel.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

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\$9,125 per person
twin share

Single Room in HOTELS & SINGLE small cabin on TRAIN
- supplement add \$1,252

Single Room in HOTELS & SINGLE USE of a TWIN cabin on TRAIN
- supplement add \$2,933

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Initial Deposit on booking **\$900**
Second Deposit due 26 January 2017 **\$1,500**
Final Balance due 22 March 2017
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Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return airfares Air Zealand: Auckland - Perth, Adelaide - Auckland with all taxes included.
- 12 nights accommodation as follows: 4 nights Perth, 2 nights Margaret River, 2 nights Albany, 2 nights Adelaide.
- 2 nights/2 days Gold Service iconic train journey with exceptional food and service on Indian Pacific between Perth and Adelaide with stops in Kalgoorlie and Cook, and time to lose yourself as the scenery unfolds through the big screen windows.
- Discover Perth for 4 nights including Kings Garden, maritime museum, historic Fremantle and Swan River.
- Special experiences including show or concert in Perth (subject to availability), 3 music concerts with dinner given by Operatunity, long lunch at vineyard at Margaret River, award winning meals at numerous restaurants, Bracegirdles House, cheese producers, drive through spectacular scenery including in and around Margaret River, McLaren Vale and the beautiful scenery through the giant Karri forest and rich farm land of the South West.
- 10 days coach exclusive charter with bus driver/guide with numerous tours as listed in itinerary, including city tour of Perth, Adelaide and Albany, visits to Adelaide Royal Botanical Garden, Sandalwood Factory, Rose Maze, the Valley of the Giants and newly established National ANZAC Centre.
- Note that nearly all food is included on this trip : All breakfasts, 6 lunches and 9 dinners plus all taxes, tips and transfers within Australia.
- Escorted by Sonja and Lynette.



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