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*Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*

# AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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JOURNEY BEYOND  
INDIAN PACIFIC



# Take a journey Beyond Expectation

Experience a transcontinental rail journey like no other. There are endless reasons to combine your coach holiday with an iconic Indian Pacific rail journey.

**The iconic Indian Pacific rail journey combined with AAT Kings' flagship Western Wonderland Guided Holiday is a monumental adventure across this great Southern land.**

You will get a sense for the true Australia; venturing through the vast landscapes with the potential to travel coast to coast, while stopping to experience the local communities along the way. You will experience the romance and refinement of a rail journey as you travel in Gold Service style, while benefiting from the versatility of a guided holiday, allowing access to remote and rugged areas.

Prepare to discover landscapes of every kind, as you traverse mountain ranges, arid deserts and subtropical savannahs on board the Indian Pacific; a true journey of contrasts.

Be treated like royalty on the iconic coast-to-coast train journey connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans; experience the Indian Pacific's famous Gold Service, indulge in all-inclusive food and beverages, and relax in comfort in your private cabin as you watch the ever changing landscapes pass you by.

When you arrive in Perth, it is time to truly connect with the destinations that make Western Australia so spectacular; experience the very heart and soul of the local communities with AAT Kings, the Guided Holiday experts.

Reap the benefits of almost 200 years of experience combined, in sharing the very best of Australia with travellers from across the globe.

See the **Western Wonderland Holiday** on pages 64-65

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Ask us about upgrading to Platinum Service on the Indian Pacific

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## Departure Dates

2023

May 17, 31

Aug 02, 16, 23, 30

Sep 06, 13, 20, 27

Oct 04, 11, 18

Single traveller must pay the single price on the Indian Pacific. See available prices at [aatkings.com](http://aatkings.com). Or contact your local travel agent.

## Dining

14 Full breakfasts B                      11 Dinners D  
3 À la carte breakfasts AB              1 Farewell Dinner FD  
4 Lunches L

## Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 9.00am into Sydney Airport  
Day 2 – flights to arrive prior to 5.00pm into Adelaide Airport  
Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport  
**Flights are not included in the holiday price**

The rail portion is operated by Third Party partners at Journey Beyond Rail Expeditions. Visit [aatkings.com](http://aatkings.com) for details.

Ask us about adding the Indian Pacific Rail Journey from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your Western Wonderland Holiday (Code: WEMPRW).

## WESTERN WONDERLAND + RAIL

3/4 days rail journey and 15 days Western Wonderland

Experience the Indian Pacific from Sydney or Adelaide to Perth to join the Western Wonderland holiday. See pages 64-65 for the rest of the itinerary.

### 1 Indian Pacific Gold Service Sydney – Broken Hill

As the gleaming Indian Pacific pulls out of Sydney, the towers of Australia's largest city soon fade into the silvery gums and serrated rock formations of the Blue Mountains. Talk about starting on a high. All you have to do is become acquainted with your cabin and staff, meet fellow guests over a cocktail or two in the Outback Explorer Lounge, and enjoy the scenery. Because boy does it dazzle. **Private cabin: Indian Pacific, 3 nights. D**

### 2 Broken Hill – Adelaide

Just about as far west as you can travel in NSW, Broken Hill is your backdrop when you wake to the smell of freshly brewed coffee. This frontier mining town enjoys a colourful creative scene and cast of quirky characters, not to mention galleries and museums that re-tell the region's heritage. Back onboard the Indian Pacific, breakfast is served as you pull out of the station and ease into South Australia. The state dials up the natural drama as you chug through the Flinders Ranges, all rocky peaks and weathered gorges. It's a fitting entrée to lunch and then Adelaide, where

yet more indulgences await. Scour the city's Central Market for tasty treats, or sip your way around the Barossa, McLaren Vale or Adelaide Hills. The choice is yours. **Guests beginning their journey in Adelaide will start with a Welcome Dinner at the Adelaide Parklands Terminal. AB L D**

### 3 The Nullarbor

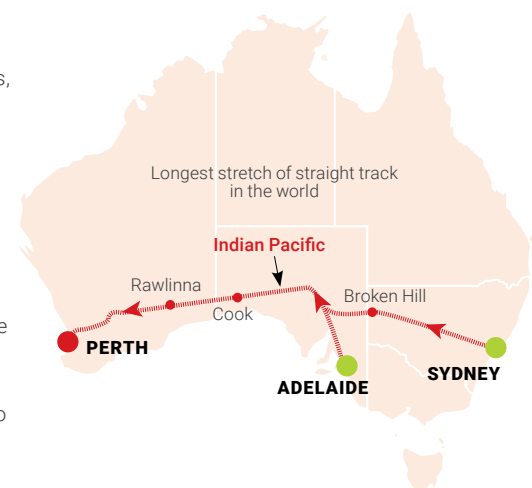
The Nullarbor Plain breaks records. For starters, it's enormous – around four times the size of Belgium. It's also home to the longest strait stretch of rail in the world, as you discover as you make your way west. It's hauntingly beautiful, in a way that only deserts are. Quiet, endless, meditative. The tiny town of Rawlinna is in the middle of nowhere. Free from light pollution, the stars here appear like glitter dousing the sky, as you'll discover when you step of the train for an alfresco dinner under the Milky Way. **AB L D**

### 4 Arrive Perth

Your rail journey comes to an end on arrival into the Western Australian capital of Perth after lunch. Make your own way to the Rendezvous Hotel, where tonight's accommodation and breakfast tomorrow morning is included. Meet your Travel Director tomorrow afternoon for the start of your Western Wonderland tour. **AB L**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



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