



14 - 18 October 2020

Riverina Rail Tour

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G'day and welcome aboard

Step back in time with the team at Vintage Rail Journeys and travel in style on board a fleet of newly restored 1960s ex-Southern Aurora sleeping carriages.

Experience the heart of Australia's food bowl, stopping at regional towns and attractions throughout the Riverina. You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure.

Discover acclaimed wines, taste gorgeous fresh produce and explore spectacular natural scenery throughout the region.





Train

Unpack only once and enjoy everything that slow rail touring provides. The itinerary is designed so that we only travel during daylight hours. We don't want you to miss any of the spectacular scenery.

Highlights include:

- Stunning sea views from the Illawarra Railway Line
- Historic Goulburn
- Coolamon Cheese Factory
- Piccolo Farm
- Emeri De Bortoli's Private Garden
- Temora Rural Museum and Ambulance Museum
- Blue Mountains Villages

**All inclusive
No hidden
costs**

Sleep on the train in restored ex-Southern Aurora Sleeping carriages. Your private cabin converts to a day travel configuration.

Dining and Lounge carriages are available when travelling.

Meals are as listed in the tour itinerary. Meals served on the train are freshly prepared by our on board chef using local ingredients from each region.

Sightseeing is included in private chartered coaches at each stop for off train excursions, and we also offer the unique 'Aurora Explorer' concept.

5 Days and 4 Nights

Departs: Central Railway Station, Sydney
14 October 2020
9:00am Wednesday

Returns: Central Railway Station, Sydney
18 October 2020
6:30pm Sunday

Pricing (GST inclusive)

Twin Share \$3,495 per person
Single \$3,495



Your carriage awaits you!

You might remember the iconic Southern Aurora running between Sydney and Melbourne from the 1960's and 1980's. The darling of Australian travel, the Southern Aurora was first class in its day.

Vintage Rail Journeys is proud to share with you our passion for Australian railway history. Our heritage partners have lovingly restored these carriages to their original condition and maintained them ever since. This is luxury 1960's style, and we hope you love the experience.



Sleeping arrangements

The Aurora Australis will be stationary each night for sleeping, and you will have the choice of a twinette (2 to a cabin) or a roomette (single use only). The twinette cabin has bunk beds and one member of your party will need to be able to climb a ladder up to and down from the top bunk.



Fully escorted

Your heritage rail tour will be led by a professional, trained Tour Manager, assisted by on board crew to ensure you will enjoy a trouble free adventure.

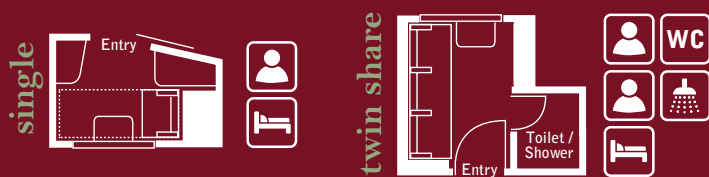
Luggage

Your in-cabin luggage allowance is a 30kg per person suitcase plus a suit bag. There is limited hanging space available in the cabin. If this rail tour is part of a longer tour, you will be able to store larger items in our luggage van.

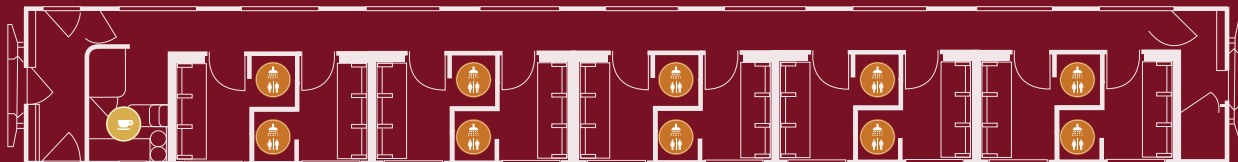
Wine and alcoholic drinks

Water, Soft drinks and Juices are included. The bar on the Aurora Australis is licensed to sell alcoholic drinks. These are at additional cost and can be charged to your cabin for the tour duration. In support of local producers, local wines will be sold on the train at cellar door prices.

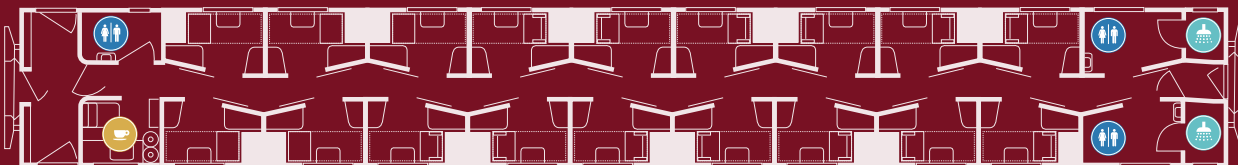
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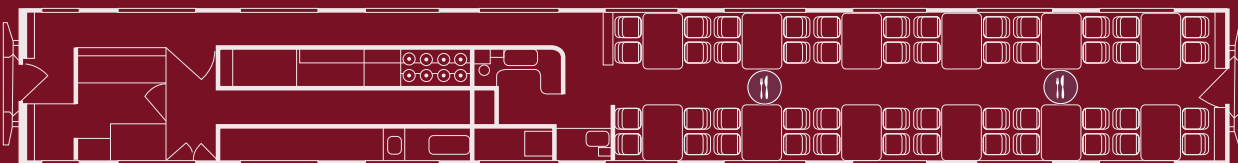
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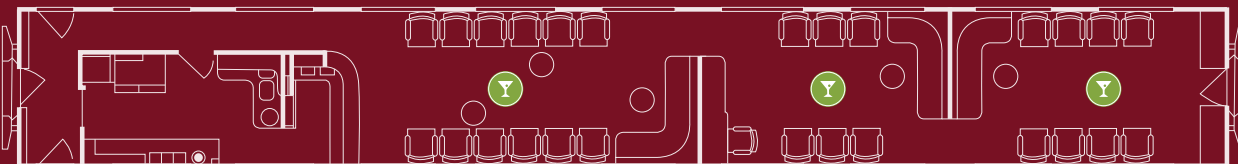
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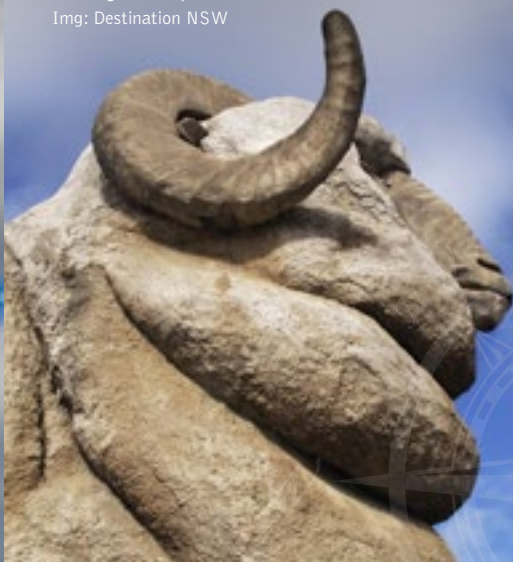
RESTAURANT



LOUNGE CAR







Coolamon Cheese, Coolamon
Img: Destination NSW

Day 2

Day 1

Sydney - Moss Vale - Goulburn

Wednesday 14 October 2020



Your Riverina adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once on board the Aurora Australis, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining cars, or your private cabin while we travel along the Illawarra Railway

Line, through the Royal National Park and offering spectacular views of the South Coast to Wollongong. We then travel on a freight only line up the Illawarra escarpment, pausing at Summit Tank Railway Station, where you are provided with a rare opportunity to take photos of the stunning vista out to sea.

Lunch will be served onboard the train today, so that you can experience all that the Aurora Australis has to offer. We join the Main South Line at Moss Vale and continue to Goulburn where we depart the train and hop onto our private Aurora Explorer shuttle bus to explore the sights and historic offerings of Australia's oldest inland city. The train will be stabled for the night at Goulburn Station.

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Coolamon - Griffith

Thursday 15 October 2020



Enjoy breakfast on board as we leave Goulburn and continue along the Main South Line. We pass many interesting villages and towns today as we travel through the Canola Trail, so keep an eye out for the many grain silos adjacent to the rail

line. Today we spend time in Coolamon, stopping at the Coolamon Railway Station dated 1881. Coolamon is named after the Wiradjuri word for a vessel carrying goods, children and water, "Gullaman" and this little town offers us a warm welcome.

Flanked by the Train Station at one end of the street and the Fire Station at the other, we have developed an afternoon experience of ambling the beautifully preserved heritage main street of Coolamon. A stop at the Coolamon Cheese Factory is a must for anyone who likes cheese or is interested in the cheese making process. The Up-To-Date Store, built in 1909 plays host to a variety of museum displays and collections. A stroll through this heritage listed building will bring back memories for some and offer interesting stories for others. The Coolamon Fire Museum hosts a truly amazing private collection of fire fighting equipment, uniforms and memorabilia. Along with heritage museums and buildings, the main street contains many local shops, restaurants and cafes, making this afternoon an unforgettable experience for all.

We will return to Coolamon Railway Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for a 3pm departure. We will travel along the Yanco to Griffith Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Griffith Station, where we will be stabled for the night.

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Piccolo Family Farm, Wyangan
Img: Destination NSW



Temora Aviation Museum
Img: Destination NSW

Day 4

Day 3

Griffith - Temora



Friday 16 October 2020

The Piccolo Family (owners of Limone Dining Restaurant) is hosting our breakfast this morning on their 20 acre farm just outside of Griffith. Using sustainable farming practices, all of their produce is harvested by hand and free of chemicals and pesticides. This is an excellent way to experience farming in Griffith as well as sample their delicious produce.

After breakfast we will enjoy the best that Griffith has to offer using our private Aurora Explorer shuttle bus. Explorer stops include the Griffith Regional Art Gallery, the Griffith War Memorial Museum, Emeri De Bortoli's Garden Il Compo, various wineries, providores and local shops so that you can experience Griffith's distinctive food and wine culture.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your Aurora Explorer buses will return you to Griffith Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for a 3pm departure, travelling on the freight only Lake Cargellico Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Temora Station, where we will be stabled for the night.

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Temora - Parkes

Saturday 17 October 2020



Breakfast this morning is on board the Aurora Australis before experiencing Temora. Today you choose one of two Temora tours.

1. The Aurora Explorer Bus will take you directly to the Bundawarra Centre which houses the Temora Rural Museum. Spend the morning experiencing the history of the region including a cottage of hardwood slabs that was Sir Donald Bradman's first home, a one room public school, bush church, country dance hall, printery, flour mill and ambulance station. The Ambulance Museum includes ambulance vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897 and originating from throughout Australia, including NSW, ACT and Victoria.
2. The Temora Aviation Museum is hosting Warbirds Downunder, the largest Warbirds airshow in the Southern Hemisphere. Please contact us directly if you would like to discuss this option*.

Your Aurora Explorer buses will return you to Temora Station in preparation for a 12pm departure. Lunch will be served in the Dining Carriages as we travel on freight only lines via Stockinbingal.

Dinner will be served on-board the train at Parkes where we will be stabled for the night.

**The Aurora Explorer Bus will take you to the Temora Aviation Museum in the morning and you will remain at the Temora Aviation Museum for the afternoon and take the bus to Parkes at the end of Warbirds. Lunch will be at your own arrangements. Please contact us directly if you would like to discuss this option.*

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McWilliam's Estate Wine Cellar Doors, Hanwood
 Img: Destination NSW



De Bortoli Wines, Bilbul
 Img: Destination NSW



Leura, Blue Mountains
Img: Destination NSW



Scenic World, Blue Mountains
Img: Destination NSW



Katoomba
Img: Destination NSW

Day 5 Katoomba – Sydney



Sunday 18 October 2020

Enjoy breakfast as we travel along the Broken Hill Line towards Orange and the Great Dividing Range. On through Lithgow and through the 10 tunnels that replaced the Lithgow Zig-Zag, then cross the Darling Causeway on the way to Mount Victoria.

Stopping at Mount Victoria, you will depart the train and board your Blue Mountains Explorer Bus, which gives you access to the 'Hop-on, Hop-off' service to explore the vibrant Blue Mountains Villages in your own time. Walk out to the edge at Echo Point, see the majestic Three Sisters. Take a 'Scenic World' ride (optional extra – tickets may be bought on the train). Check the waterfalls and the vibrant villages. Visit Everglades Historic House and Gardens. Leura Toy and Railway Museum is a must visit!

Lunch is at your own arrangements in the picturesque Blue Mountains villages.

At 4:00pm we will again board the train for our return to Central Station. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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The Three Sisters , Blue Mountains
Img: Destination NSW



Information and Bookings

How to make a reservation

Phone Vintage Rail Journeys on **1300 421 422** to make your reservation. You will be asked to complete and send in a booking form (10% deposit required). Late bookings will be accepted subject to availability.

Full payment is due 65 days prior to tour departure as per the booking form. Cancellation charges are detailed on the booking form.

Joining and departing the tour

All tours commence and terminate at Central Railway Station, Sydney. Approximately 10 days prior to departure you will receive a welcome letter confirming the tour departure time and also any information specific to the tour on which you are travelling.

Fitness & Mobility

Our tour does not require a special level of fitness, however you must have a good level of mobility. Heritage trains are not designed to accommodate wheelchair bound or walker reliant passengers. If booking a twinette room, 1 member of your party will need to be able to climb a ladder up to and down from the top bunk. You will need to be able to embark and disembark trains, coaches and other methods of transportation without assistance, handle your own luggage, walk moderate distances, stand comfortably and climb steps and stairs.

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Legend



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner