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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 our fleet of newly restored 1960s ex-Southern Aurora sleeping carriages.

Vintage Rail Journeys has developed a series of iconic rail tours travelling through some of Australia's most breathtaking scenery in regional NSW. Our aim is to celebrate Australia's diverse history and rich culture with visits to regional towns, gardens and attractions.

You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure.

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

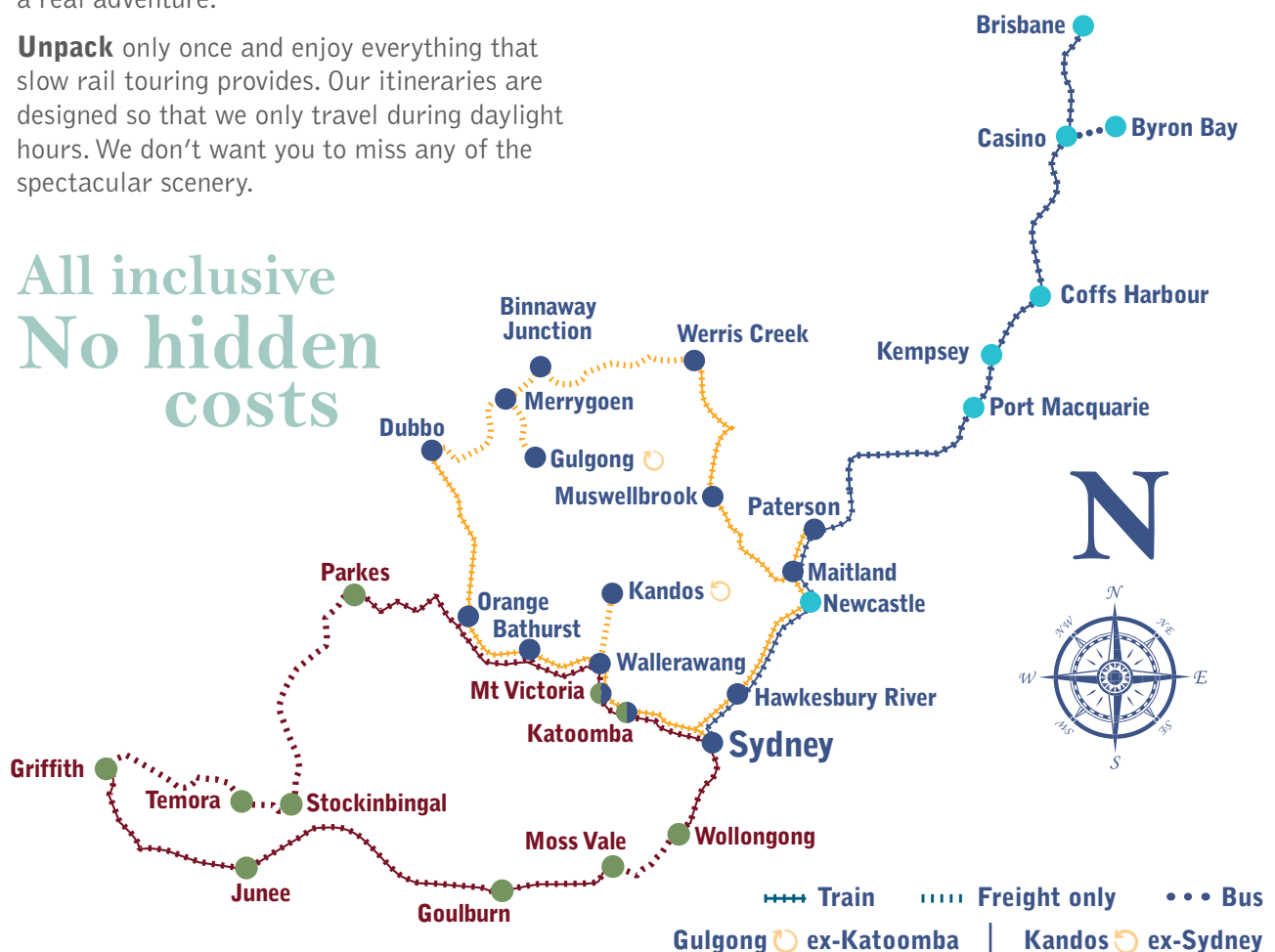
Sleep on the train in restored ex-Southern Aurora Sleeping carriages. Your private cabin converts to a day travel configuration.

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 at each stop for off-train experiences on our 'Aurora Explorer' fleet of coaches.

All inclusive
No hidden costs



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Your carriage awaits you!

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

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



Sleeping Arrangements

The *Aurora Australis* will be stabled overnight for sleeping, and you may elect to sleep on the train in a twinette (2 to a cabin) or a roomette (solo 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 Vintage Rail Journey will be led by a professional, trained Tour Manager, assisted by on board crew to ensure you will enjoy a trouble free adventure.

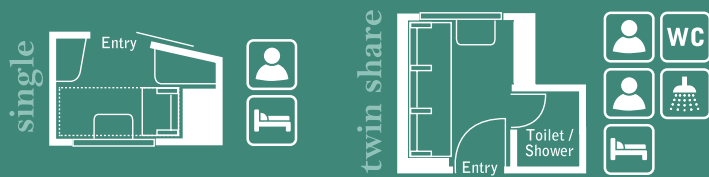
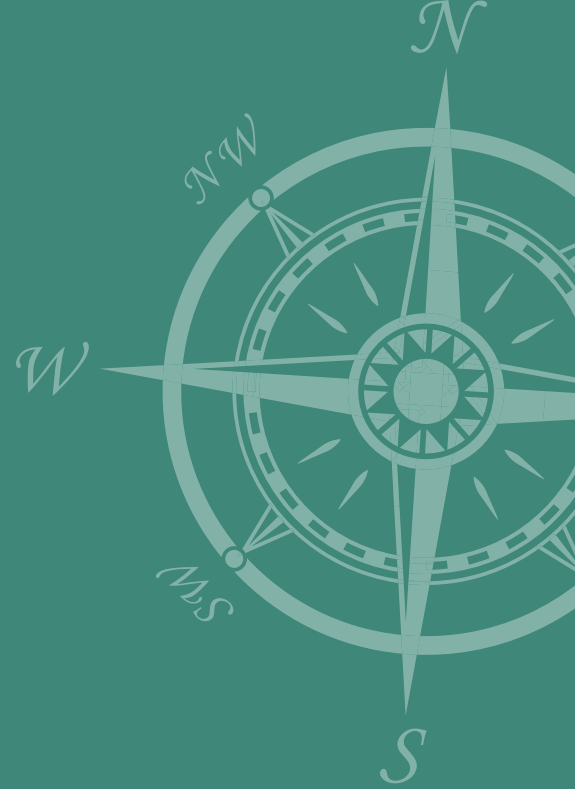
Luggage

As a guide, the space for luggage in the Twinette cabins is 98cm length x 24cm width x 59cm height. There is also hanging space available in the cabin. In the Roomette cabins, the luggage can be placed on the luggage racks above your footrest. Slim or soft luggage can be stowed under your seat. If this rail tour is part of a longer tour, you will be able to store larger items in our luggage van.

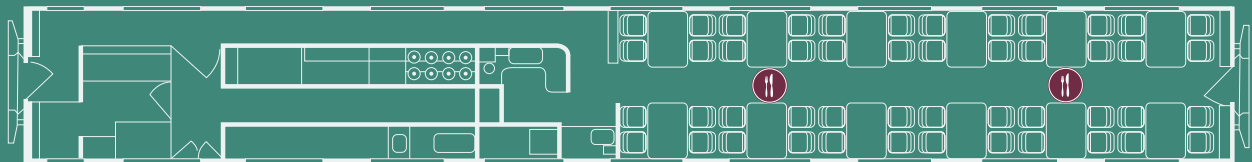
Wine and alcoholic drinks

Water, Soft drinks and Juices are included. The *Aurora Australis* is licensed to sell alcoholic drinks which are at an additional cost.

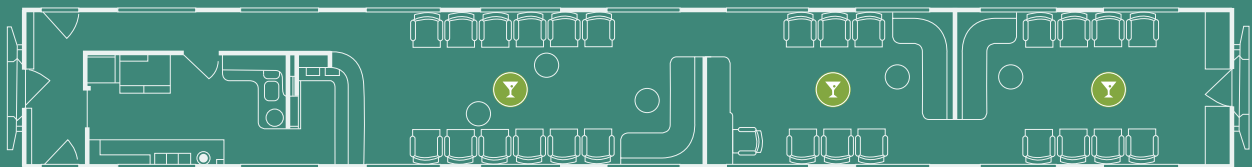
Carriage plans



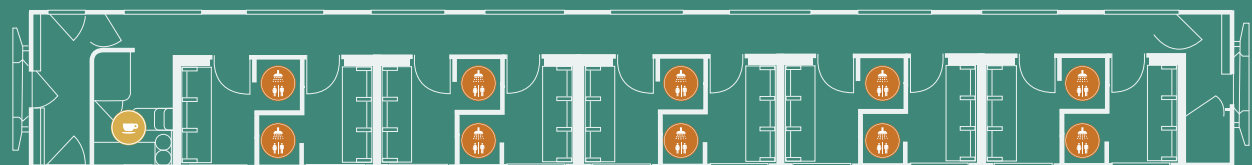
RESTAURANT



LOUNGE CAR



TWIN-COMPARTMENT



SINGLE COMPARTMENT





Golden West Rail Tour

Celebrate Australia's diverse history and rich culture with visits to regional towns, gardens and attractions. You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure.

This exceptional journey through some of Australia's most breathtaking scenery features sandstone cliffs by the Hawkesbury River, the stunning coastline to Newcastle, the far regions of the Central West and the Jurassic rainforest of the Blue Mountains.

Stroll around the Hunter Valley wineries, roam the spectacular Mayfield Garden, while sampling the finest produce that the region has to offer.

5 Days and 4 Nights

Commences: Sydney Central*
9:30am Wednesday

Concludes: Sydney Central
6:30pm Sunday

*May depart from Katoomba.

Pricing (GST inclusive)

Twin Share: \$3,995 per person

Single: \$3,995 per person

Please contact us on **1300 421 422**; visit www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au; or contact your travel agent for available dates.

Highlights include:

- A 'Riverboat Postman' cruise on the Hawkesbury River;
- The Hunter Valley;
- Werris Creek;
- Mayfield Garden;
- Kandos and the Capertee Valley;
- Blue Mountains Villages.

B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner



During the Golden West Rail Tour we spend time in the ancestral lands of the Darkinjung; Darug; Eora; Kuringgai; Wonmarua; Wiradjuri and Gundungurra people.

Gulgong ex-Katoomba | Kandos ex-Sydney
 +++ Main train line Freight line ● Stable overnight

Day 1

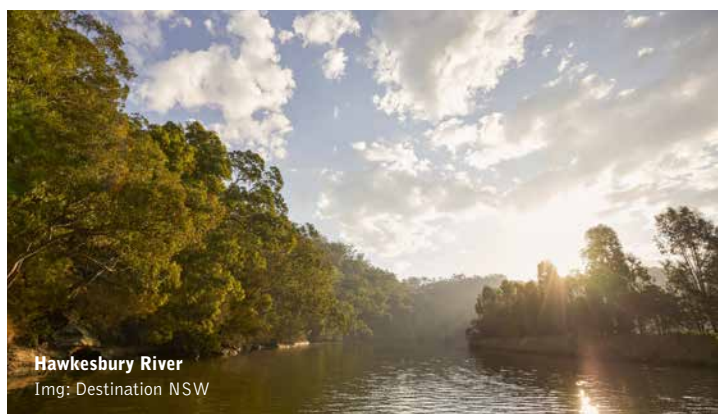
Sydney - The Hawkesbury - Paterson

Wednesday

L Your Golden West adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once on board, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining cars, or your private cabin while we travel to the spectacular Hawkesbury River. We will depart the train for a lunch cruise with the 'Riverboat Postman'.

We then rejoin the train and travel right by the river at Mullet Creek and alongside Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley. The train will be stabled for the night at The Rail Motor Society, Paterson.

Subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.



Day 2

Hunter Valley Gardens & Vineyards – Werris Creek

Thursday

B Today we will enjoy the best that the Hunter Valley region has to offer using our private **D** 'Aurora Explorer' shuttle bus. Our first stop is the spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens featuring 10 amazingly themed gardens with influences from all over the world. Included in the 'Aurora Explorer' shuttle bus circuit will be cellar door wine tastings at selected wine makers.

Your Explorer circuit will also include the Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village with its unique collection of boutique retailers promoting the best local produce, artistic talent, contemporary cafe dining and cellar door wine tasting.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your 'Aurora Explorer' buses will return you to Maitland Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for departure. We will travel the remainder of the Hunter Valley, and on through Ardglen Tunnel to Werris Creek. We will visit the Australian Rail Monument and Railway Journeys Museum. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Werris Creek Station, where we will be stabled for the night.

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Day 3

Werris Creek – Binnaway Junction – Orange

Friday

B Enjoy breakfast on board the train traveling along the freight only line from Werris **L** Creek, arriving at Binnaway Junction by **D** mid-morning.

We will continue our journey and enjoy lunch on the train as we make our way to Orange. Visit the beautiful Cook Park, 4.5 hectares of parkland in the heart of Orange.

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

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Day 4

Orange – Mayfield Garden – Bathurst – Kandos

Saturday

B Enjoy Breakfast on board as we head to Bathurst, where we will board buses to transfer to Mayfield Garden, one of the world's largest privately owned cool climate gardens. Covering more than 64 hectares, the scale of the gardens is truly breathtaking.

At the garden, lunch will be provided for you to enjoy at your leisure in numerous picnic spots.

Our bus will return us to Bathurst, where we can visit the National Racing Museum at Mt Panorama; the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum; or the Bathurst Rail Museum. We will then have the rare opportunity to ride the closed Gwabegar line from Wallerawang, up the Capertee Valley.

We will take a short walk through town for an after hours visit to the Kandos Museum, and learn more about the fascinating industrial history of this town. We will then enjoy a true Aussie dinner at the Kandos Hall, followed by a bush dance! We will stay for the night in the tranquility of Kandos.

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Mayfield Garden
Img: Destination NSW



The Three Sisters, Blue Mountains
Img: Destination NSW

Day 5

Kandos – Katoomba – Sydney

Sunday

B Enjoy breakfast as we travel back down the stunning Gwabegar line and cross the Great Dividing Range to Wallerawang. 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.

In the afternoon the bus will return you to Katoomba Station where we will board the train for our return to Central Station. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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Riverina Rail Tour

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. Come with us to discover acclaimed wines, taste gorgeous fresh produce and explore the natural scenery throughout the region.

5 Days and 4 Nights

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9:00am Wednesday

Concludes: Sydney Central
6:30pm Sunday

Pricing (GST inclusive)

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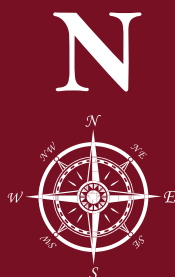
Highlights include:

- Spectacular 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.

B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner



During the Riverina Rail Tour we spend time in the ancestral lands of the Gundangara; Wiradjuri; Darug; and Gundungurra people.

==== Main train line ---- Freight line ● Stable overnight

Day 1

Sydney - Moss Vale - Goulburn



The Big Merino
Img: Destination NSW

Wednesday

L 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 Cheese Factory
Img: Destination NSW



The Piccolo Family Farm, Griffith
Img: Destination NSW

Day 2

Coolamon – Griffith

Thursday

B Enjoy breakfast on board as we leave
D Goulburn and continue along the Main South Line. We pass many interesting villages and towns today as well as travel through the Canola Trail, keeping 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 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 the Coolamon Railway Station for an afternoon 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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Day 3

Griffith – Temora

Friday

B The Piccolo Family (owners of Limone
D 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. 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 Campo', 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. We will then be 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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Day 4

Temora – Parkes

B Saturday

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

1. The 'Aurora Explorer' Bus takes 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 'Aurora Explorer' Bus will take you directly to the Temora Aviation Museum which was built on the site of the biggest and longest lasting RAAF Elementary Flying Training School during World War II. Spend the morning in the three main exhibit buildings, the Museum which is in the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse; the second exhibition area, located in the Engineering Hangar overlooking the aircraft which are currently in maintenance; and the Display Hangar which houses the new exhibitions area along with the aircraft.

Your 'Aurora Explorer' buses will return you to Temora Station and 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 Station, where we will be stabled for the night.

Subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Day 5

Parkes – Katoomba – Sydney

Sunday

B 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. Leuralla Toy and Railway Museum is a must visit!

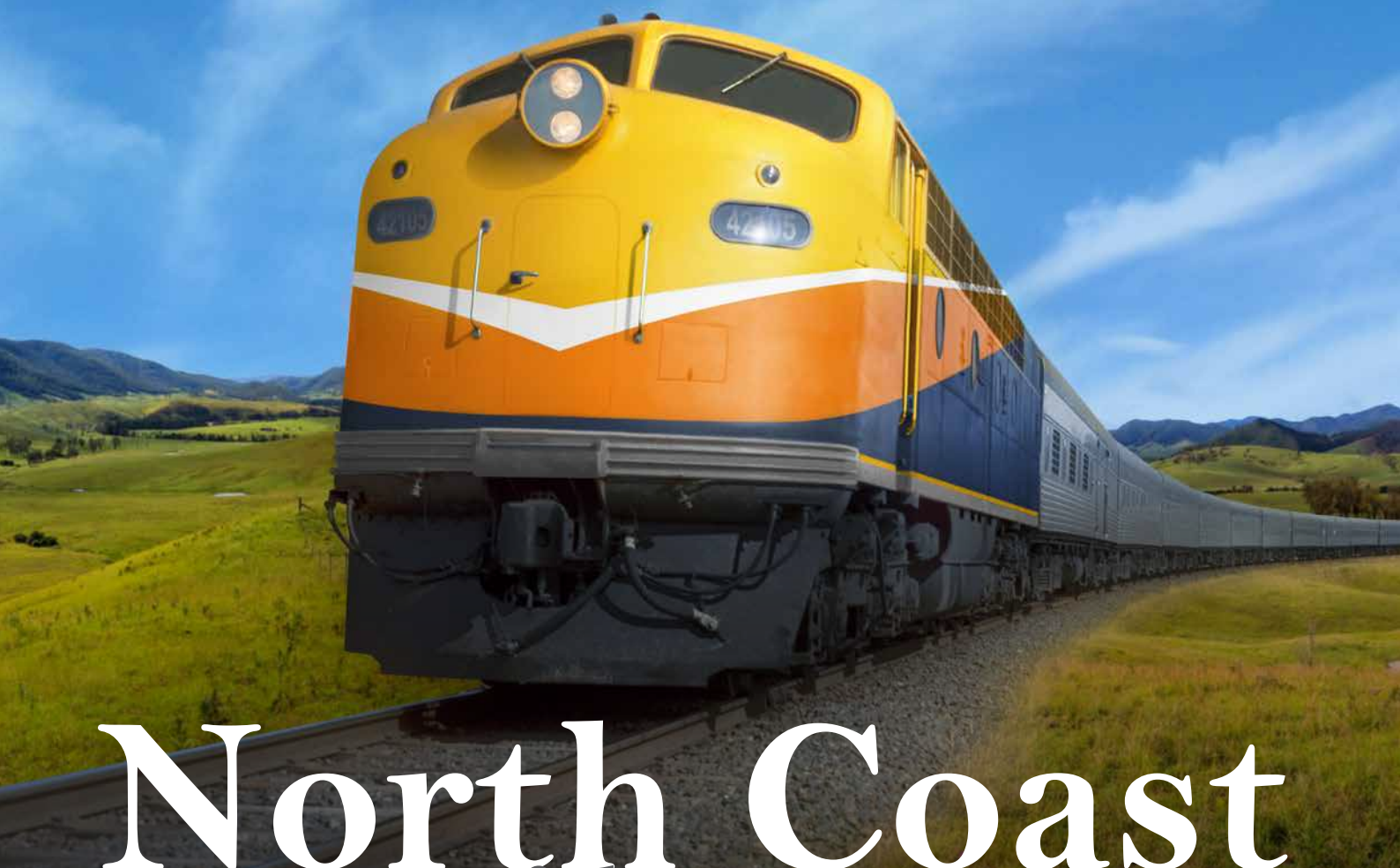
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In the afternoon the bus will return you to Katoomba Station where we will board the train for our return to Central Station. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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Katoomba
Img: Destination NSW



North Coast Rail Tour

This journey takes you along the scenic North Coast Line through the Central Coast, the Mid-North Coast and Northern Rivers regions of New South Wales. You'll discover the crystal clear creeks and uncrowded surf beaches of the Macleay Valley Coast, the breathtaking hinterland rainforest and eclectic community of Byron Bay, before crossing the border to the Queensland capital of Brisbane.

Highlights include:

- Historic Maitland & Morpeth;
- North Coast Rail Line;
- Arakoon National Park;
- Kempsey Museum;
- Byron Bay Solar Train;
- Food and shopping Byron Bay style;
- Heritage Railmotors.

4 Days and 3 Nights

ex-Sydney

Commences: Sydney Central
9:30am Wednesday

Concludes: Roma Street
4:30pm Saturday

ex-Brisbane

Commences: Roma Street
9:30am Saturday

Concludes: Sydney Central
4:30pm Tuesday

Pricing (GST inclusive)

Twin Share: \$2,795 per person

Single: \$2,795 per person

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B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner



During the North Coast Rail Tour we spend time in the ancestral lands of the Wonnarua; Bunghutti and Bundjalung people.

Day 1

Sydney – Maitland – Paterson

Wednesday

D Your North Coast adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Welcome aboard the *Aurora Australis* where you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining cars, or your private cabin while we travel over the spectacular Hawkesbury River, alongside Mullet Creek and through the 'Venice of Australia' to Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley.

At Maitland we disembark and have two options for you: Discover Maitland where you will spend time at the Visitor Information Centre, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, and take a walk along the Levee, a shopping precinct running parallel to the Hunter River.

Or, Discover Morpeth, an historic inland river port alongside the Hunter River. A visit to Morpeth is a real journey through time.

Visit the narrow laneways, walk along sandstone footpaths and into heritage buildings



where you'll discover unique shopping, artisan treasures and delightful treats.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your 'Aurora Explorer' buses will return you to Paterson throughout the afternoon where we will be stabling at the Rail Motor Society, Paterson.

Dinner will be served on-board the train this evening.

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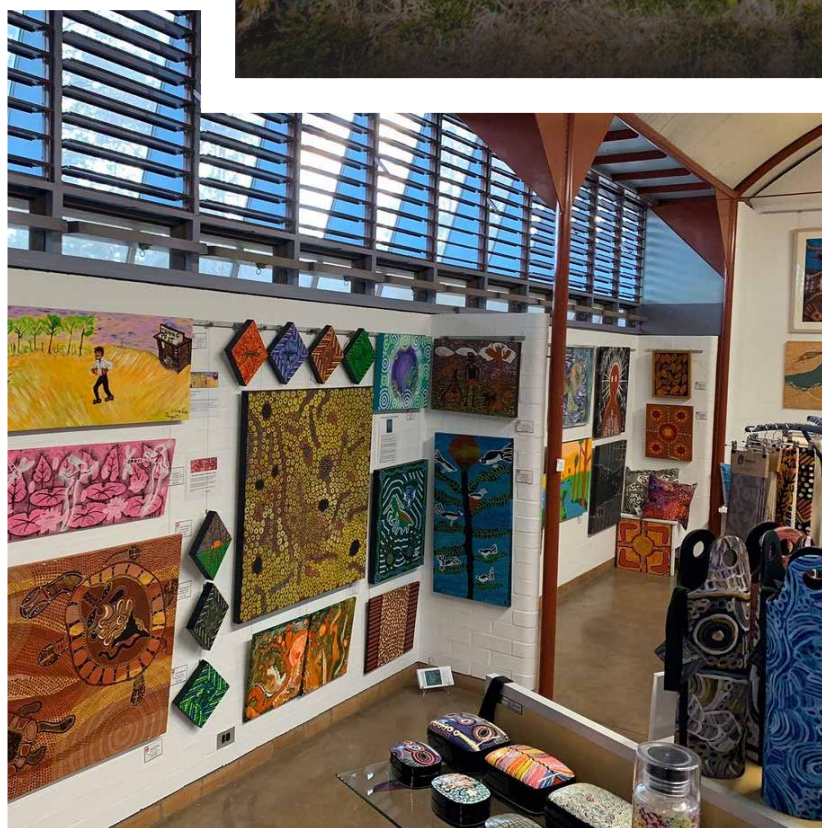
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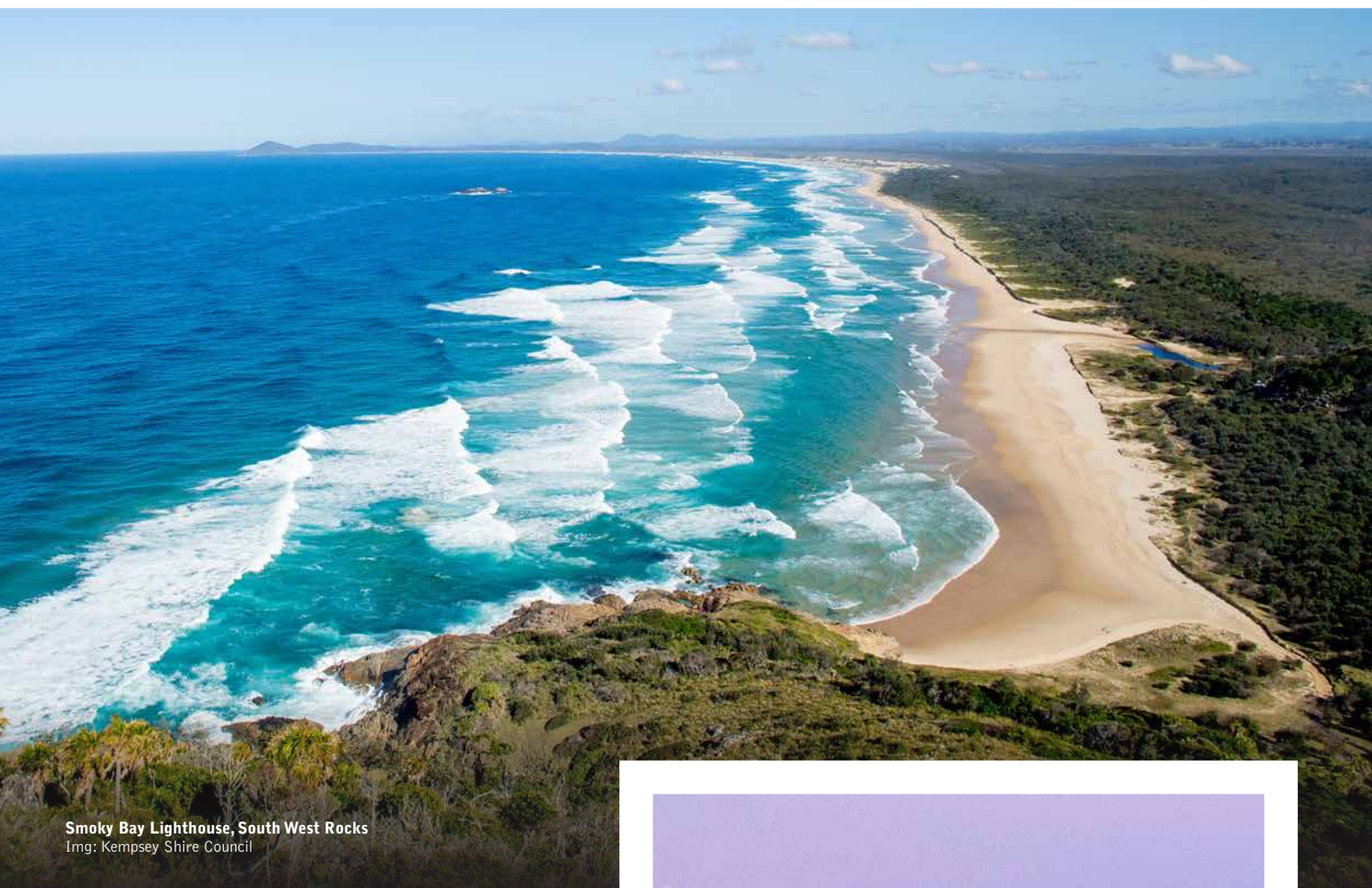
Paterson – Kempsey

Thursday

B Enjoy breakfast on board as we travel along the
D North Coast Railway line to Kempsey. The 'Aurora Explorer' bus will take you into this mid-north coast town sitting by the Macleay River. We will visit the Slim Dusty Centre, an innovative museum dedicated to Australia's iconic legend Slim Dusty where you will experience a wealth of music history and Australian culture and art. We will also visit the Kempsey Museum, where you can experience Aboriginal history, boot making, timber industry, military history, natural history, dairy industry, shipping, historical vehicles to name just a few subjects touched on in the collections, displays and historic artifacts.

You can also spend time in the Dunghutti-Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery, the gallery showcases and markets works of prominent, established and emerging Aboriginal artists of the Dunghutti region and Mid North Coast area.





Weather permitting we will also spend time in the Arakoon National Park and the South West Rocks area. National Parks in this area have the best vantage points to see whales during their annual migration (from May to November). Guests will walk through the Trial Bay Gaol, an open air museum which captures the history of the gaol.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your 'Aurora Explorer' buses will return you to Kempsey station throughout the afternoon where we will be stabling for the night.

Dinner will be served on-board the train this evening.

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The Farm, Byron Bay
 Img: Destination NSW



The Stone and Wood Brewery, Byron Bay
 Img: Destination NSW

Day 3

Kempsey – Byron Bay – Casino

Friday

- B** Enjoy breakfast on board as we keep travelling towards the
- D** Northern Rivers Region and today stop at the Casino Railway Station. The 'Aurora Explorer' buses will once again meet us to take you to Byron Bay, a place known for its natural attractions and eclectic community. You will have the opportunity to ride the Byron Bay Solar Train, the world's first solar train.

While at Byron Bay, guests will have the opportunity to join the 'Aurora Explorer' bus with stops including The Farm, an 86-acre working biological farm in Ewingsdale; Stone and Wood Brewery who are local, independent and inspired by the idea of the 'village brewery'.



Lovers of shopping and fashion are in for a treat today in Byron Bay. The 'Aurora Explorer' bus will take you to Habitat North Beach which is nestled in the heart of the Arts and Industry Estate, and is Byron Bay's latest community and lifestyle hub. Of course no trip to Byron Bay is complete without a walk along Fletcher Street in the CBD. Dotted with all the best Byron Bay shops including charming boutiques, stocking luxuriant fashion labels and one-of-a-kind homeware pieces. You can also go to the beach, visit the many cafes, restaurants and bars or just wander through Byron Bay today.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your 'Aurora Explorer' buses will return you to the heritage listed Old Casino Railway Station throughout the afternoon where we will be stabling for the night.

Dinner will be served on-board the train this evening.

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Day 4

Casino - Roma Street Station

Saturday

B Enjoy your last Breakfast on board with us this morning at the Old Casino Railway Station. Today you leave the *Aurora Australis* and board Heritage Railmotors heading towards the border and into Queensland. Similar to the Railmotors you travelled on yesterday in Byron Bay, these self propelled vintage trains are as cute as a button! As part of your journey today you will traverse the Border Loop Spiral and tunnels, where the railway climbs 30 metres without making any forward progress. We hope you enjoy spending time on these Railmotors today as you take the last leg of your North Coast Rail Tour with us.

Due to the limited capacity of the Heritage Railmotors, there will be an early and late departure from Casino.

The early departure from Casino will enjoy an afternoon guided tour in the Queensland Capital, Brisbane.

The late departure from Casino will spend the morning exploring the vibrant regional centre of Lismore, home to one of NSW's most artistic communities, full of performers, painters, poets and musicians.

Concluding at Roma Street Station at 4:30pm, it's time to say goodbye to your Vintage Rail Journeys crew as you either head home or to your next adventure in sunny Queensland.

We hope you have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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Information and Bookings

How to make a reservation

Visit www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au to complete our online booking form. You will be asked to provide a 10% deposit by credit card or direct deposit.

Full payment is due 90 days prior to tour departure as per the booking form. Cancellation charges are detailed on the booking form.

Joining and departing the tour

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 requires a reasonable level of fitness and 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.

Tours are planned by G'Day Rail (Australia) Pty Ltd trading as Vintage Rail Journeys

Legend



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner