



Vintage Rail Journeys

2025



JOURNEY BEYOND

WELCOME ABOARD

We hope you'll join us onboard our Aurora Australis train for an adventure throughout regional New South Wales.

The Southern Aurora overnight passenger train, which operated from 1962 to 1986 between Sydney and Melbourne, has seen its original carriages lovingly restored. You can now once again experience the charm and comfort of train travel in our carefully curated rail tours.

Across our three different rail tours, you'll see some of NSW's best scenery. The train travels by day and is stationary overnight, ensuring you'll get a restful sleep ready for tomorrow's adventure. Enjoy meeting the locals on river cruises, at museums and gardens. You'll hear about innovations from farmers and producers.

You'll love the guidance provided by our local guides and coach drivers. New for 2025, our itineraries are now all-inclusive and you'll enjoy hearty meals in our dining carriage prepared by our onboard chef, using fresh local produce along the way.

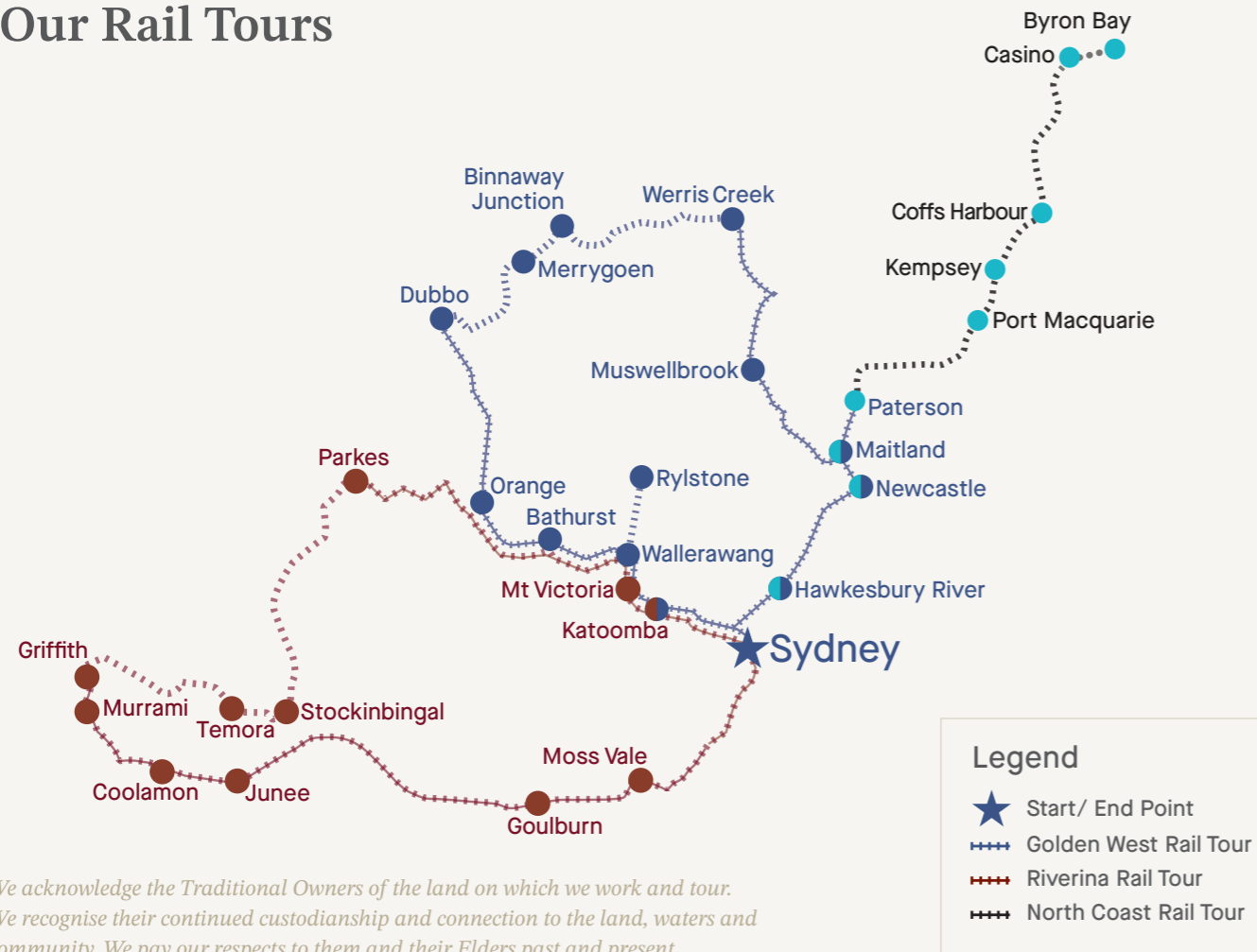
The decor in your cabin is straight out of the 1960's, and you'll experience a warm welcome and outstanding service from your hospitality attendants.

We're sure you'll have a great holiday, all while supporting regional small businesses and we're thrilled to welcome Vintage Rail Journeys into the Journey Beyond family.

Kind regards,

David Donald
Executive General Manager
Journey Beyond – Rail Division

Our Rail Tours



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and tour. We recognise their continued custodianship and connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their Elders past and present.



ALL NEW, ALL-INCLUSIVE

YOUR ONBOARD EXPERIENCE



Lounge Carriage

Lounge Carriage

Join us in the Lounge Carriage, the social heart of the train. With all-inclusive travel enjoy Australian wines and beers, unlimited tea & coffee, soft drinks and juices. Sit back and relax knowing everything is included.

Dining Carriage

Our onboard chef, prepares delicious hearty meals in the original ex-Southern Aurora Dining Carriage.

You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wine and other beverages, all included in your fare.



Lounge Carriage



Dining Carriage

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 heritage twin cabin, one 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.

In 2025, Vintage Rail Journeys has an exciting and important difference, all our journeys will be all-inclusive. From start to finish, each journey will still have the same fun and flare guests have come to expect, but now when you step aboard you can completely relax, knowing everything has been considered. From food, wine, tea & coffee, to a range of curated tours. Let us take care of you during the journey, all you'll need to do is decide what to eat and which Off Train Experience to join.

Unique Tours & Experiences

While the captivating world of vintage train travel is in itself an experience, sometimes it's good to step off the train and stretch your legs as you explore the special places you find yourself in. In between tracing a path through the New South Wales heartland and coastline, each leg of our rail tours are marked with off-train experiences. Included in your journey, each off-train experience tells a story, providing a sense of history, people, and culture which are unique to their part of Australia.



Calabria Wines, Griffith



Dining Carriage

Luggage

Your cabin is compact, so anything bigger than carry-on luggage will be a squeeze. Each guest's suitcase should be 56cm high x 36cm wide x 23cm deep. A garment bag is also a good idea, as there is hanging space in all cabins.

Large luggage can be stored in our luggage van, however you won't be able to access it during your journey.

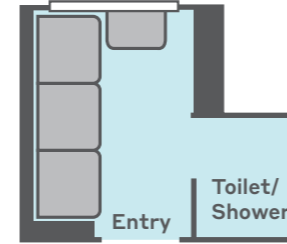
YOUR CABIN AWAITS YOU!



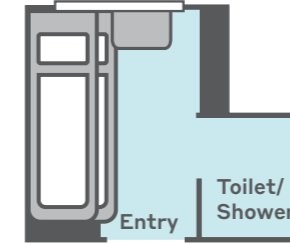
Heritage Twin Cabin by Day

Heritage Twin Cabins

- Heritage Twin cabins accommodate 2 guests
- By day, you have a 3-seat lounge
- By night, you have upper and lower bunks (one member of your party will need to be able to climb the ladder to the top bunk)
- You have your own ensuite, complete with the original fold down hand basin and fold down toilet



Heritage Twin Cabin by Day



Heritage Twin Cabin by Night



Heritage Twin Cabin by Night



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Heritage Single Cabin by Day

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

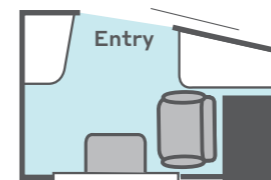
Rail travel really is the most relaxed way to enjoy Australia. Whether you are watching the scenery roll by from the comfort of your private cabin, or taking a short walk to the lounge and dining carriages to enjoy the company of your fellow guests.

Our itineraries are designed so the majority of our travel is during daylight hours. We are stabled for most of the night so you can enjoy a restful sleep. Your carriage will have a dedicated Hospitality Attendant who will be on hand to assist, answer your questions or make you a cuppa.

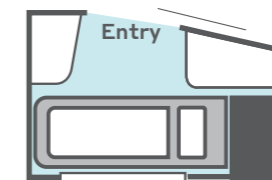


Heritage Single Cabins

- We love to welcome solo guests onboard, and there is no single supplement for our Heritage Single cabin
- Each has a Day Lounge, foot rest, fold down washbasin and mirror
- By night, your cabin converts to a cosy bed
- A large, shared bathroom is available at either end of the Singles carriage



Heritage Single Cabin by Day



Heritage Single Cabin by Night



Heritage Single Cabin by Night

GOLDEN WEST RAIL TOUR

☀ 5 DAYS

📍 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION RETURN



Vintage Rail Journeys original and most popular rail tour - enjoy the dramatic sandstone cliffs of the great dividing range at the beginning and end of your journey. Explore the vineyards of the Hunter Valley and Orange, and the rare opportunity to travel on special access train lines across the Liverpool Plains from Werris Creek on the way to Orange. A real treat is the spectacular scenery in the Capertee Valley on the way to Rylstone.

Highlights & Inclusions

- All-inclusive dining, wines, beverages, tea & coffee throughout your journey
- Take a Riverboat cruise on the Hawkesbury River including lunch
- Enjoy a winery experience in the Hunter Valley
- Visit the quaint heritage village of Quirindi in rural New South Wales
- Discover Bathurst's Abercrombie House or Mayfield Gardens



Day 1

Sydney – The Hawkesbury

Your Golden West adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once onboard you can choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while we travel to the spectacular Hawkesbury River. Here you step off for your first off-train experience, joining the famous 'Riverboat Postman' for a lunch cruise. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as we deliver the mail and other essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn.

When you rejoin our train, you'll enjoy views from the train which we think are some of the best in Australia. You'll see the whole length of the train as we round curves and the line traces the waters edge at Mullet Creek. The waterside theme is continued after we go through Woy Woy Tunnel and alongside Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and onto Maitland in the Hunter Valley. The train will be stabled for the night at Paterson.



Riverboat Postman



Twine Restaurant



Hunter Valley Helicopter Experience (optional upgrade)

Day 2

Hunter Valley Vineyards

Today you will be visiting the Hunter Valley, and we have three off-train experiences for you to choose from.

Option 1: Lunch at Twine Restaurant Hunter Valley

Established in 2013, Twine Hunter Valley celebrates seasonal local produce and delectable dining options, paired with quality wines, picturesque views & impeccable service. Overlooking some of the oldest vineyards in the region, Twine is home to a wonderful restaurant, also the perfect spot for our Muscat tasting experience.

Optional Upgrade: Hunter Valley Helicopter Experience (limited capacity)

Soar to new heights with a breathtaking helicopter flight at additional cost. Experience unforgettable aerial views of the Hunter region, before joining lunch.

Option 2: Margan Wines

Travelling by coach to Broke, you'll walk down the garden path through the kitchen garden, then past the olives and vineyards into the winery for a guided, behind the scenes tour. Learn how the single vineyard and sustainably farmed wines are made from vine to glass in this award-winning winery. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at this family owned winery and restaurant.

Following your tour, board the coach for the return journey to Branxton Station where you'll board the train, travelling the remainder of the Hunter Valley, and on through Ardglun Tunnel to Werris Creek. Dinner will be served onboard the train at Werris Creek, where it will be stabled for the night.



Riverboat Postman

Day 3

Werris Creek

This morning enjoy breakfast onboard the train, before another day of discovering the charms of the Golden West.

Your adventure begins with a visit to the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village. The village has been designed to collect, preserve, restore, interpret and exhibit artefacts that relate to the history, heritage and culture of the region. From here we head to Werris Creek, the first and last railway town in NSW, located on a major railway junction. The Werris Creek railway station is the third largest in NSW. It houses the Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum, which brings this town's railway past back to life.

Your afternoon is then spent travelling along the freight only line from Werris Creek, headed for Orange. Dinner will be served onboard as your train makes its way for a late arrival into Orange for the evening.

Day 4

Bathurst

Waking up in Orange this morning, your adventure continues as we're soon departing for Bathurst, where you will again have the choice of two off-train experiences.

Option 1: Abercrombie House

It wouldn't be a visit to Bathurst without first taking on the mountain – Mt Panorama. You'll then head onto Abercrombie House, a heritage treasure of NSW set in stunning grounds at Stewarts Mount just west of Bathurst. A grand country home, and a 1870s cultural gem, the home of the Morgan Family for half a century, see gardens, paths and outbuildings, explore the reception rooms, grand staircase, ballroom, first floor bedrooms and more, before enjoying lunch.

Option 2: Mayfield Gardens

A spectacular 65-hectare private garden that delivers not only a significant horticultural experience but also a day out that is both magical and unexpected. Mayfield Gardens is considered to be one of the largest and most spectacular cool climate gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. Here a self-guided tour awaits, with a delicious boxed lunch which can be enjoyed in your own quiet spot of the gardens.

Following your tour, return to Bathurst Station where you may like to visit the Railway Museum prior to the train departing again and stabling at Rylstone for the night.



Day 5

Mudgee – Sydney

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard the train. We'll then board coaches traveling from Rylstone, a beautiful district settled in the 1820's, making it one of the oldest settlements west of the Great Dividing Range. Rylstone's streetscape features 19th century sandstone public houses, cottages and government buildings.

From here we are welcomed to the Lowe Family Wine Co in Mudgee. Based around certified organic & biodynamic farm, vineyard, winery and food garden, enjoy a spectacular last lunch in the cellar door before returning to Rylstone Station and your return journey arriving late into Sydney Central station.

Departures & Pricing

2025 DEPARTURES*

Mon, 22 September	Mon, 3 November
Sun, 5 October	Mon, 17 November
Mon, 20 October	

2025 PRICING*

		Nov	Sep-Oct
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RIVERINA RAIL TOUR



5 DAYS



SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION RETURN



Day 1

Sydney – Bowral

Your Riverina adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once onboard the Aurora Australis, and either choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while we travel south from Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard the train today as we travel to Goulburn, where you will have the choice of two off-train experiences.

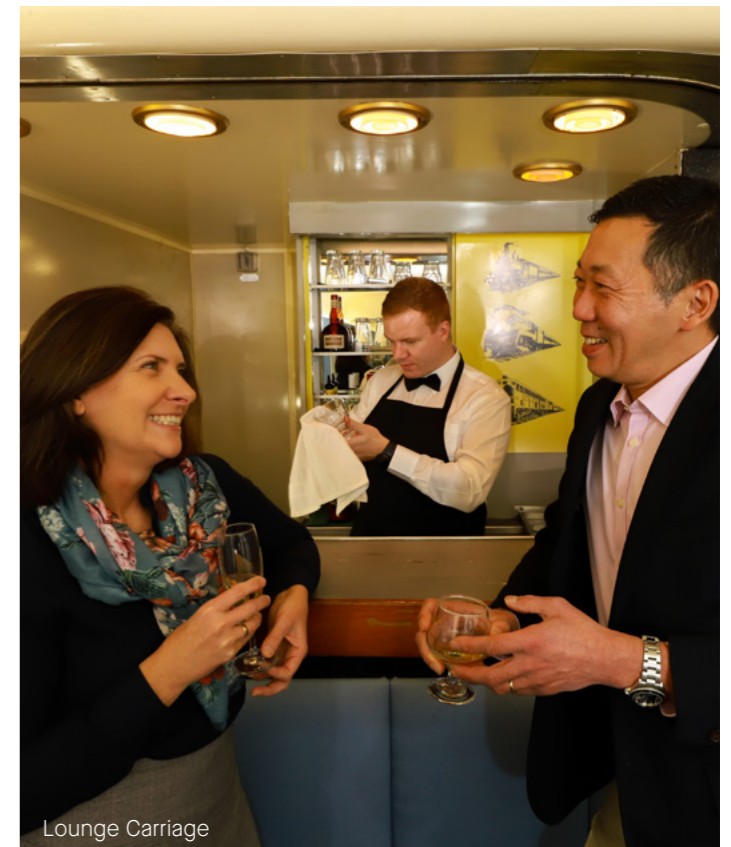
Option 1: Retford Park National Trust

Built in 1887 by the Hordern family and lavishly redesigned by James Fairfax in the 1960s, Retford Park is a place of great heritage significance located in the heart of Bowral, Gundungurra Country. Be amazed by the 'Portuguese Pink' mansion while wandering the pristine gardens dotted with sculptures and artworks. With 60,000 artefacts, textiles, and furniture within its collection, here enjoy a guided house tour, and a stroll around the stunning gardens.

Option 2: Fairground Follies

The Fairground Follies at the Antique Mechanical Music Museum features a most exciting and unique collection of fairground and mechanical music. "Where good times of the past, make great times for today". An interactive experience featuring cultural music, folk art, a 100-year-old carousel and much more. This is an enchanting attraction, a magical place filled with music, entertainment and history of antique mechanical music. Enjoy a guided tour and afternoon-tea.

Following your first day of touring, rejoin your train in Moss Vale and enjoy dinner onboard as we travel to Goulburn and stable for the evening.



Lounge Carriage

Day 2

Junee – Coolamon – Murrami

Enjoy breakfast onboard 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. Our train then arrives into Junee, and there is an opportunity to watch the Loco Runaround movement.

Our first stop for the day is the Historical Railway Museum featuring a 100-foot turntable, showcasing steam and diesel locomotives. The Junee Roundhouse is one of just a few surviving, working, railway Roundhouses in the Southern Hemisphere. It is uniquely Australian as its size, being fully circular and having a long, '100 foot', turntable. While the Museum is part of the Roundhouse, the other part, including the turntable, is still used as a diesel locomotive servicing facility by Junee Railway Workshop.

Have you ever wanted to see what happens at a licorice factory? Your next stop is the Junee Licorice & Chocolate factory. As soon as you step foot in the front door you'll be immersed in the delicious aroma of licorice and chocolate, one of chocolatiers will talk you through the process of licorice and chocolate production and you'll witness it being made before your eyes.

We then have a short drive to Coolamon where our lunch spot awaits. Enjoy a tour with an artisan cheese maker located in the heart of the Riverina, known for creating an innovative range of handcrafted cheese, followed by lunch.

There is free time to wander about Coolamon town before we rejoin the train and head onto Murrami. After dinner onboard, enjoy a special stargazing experience in Murrami.

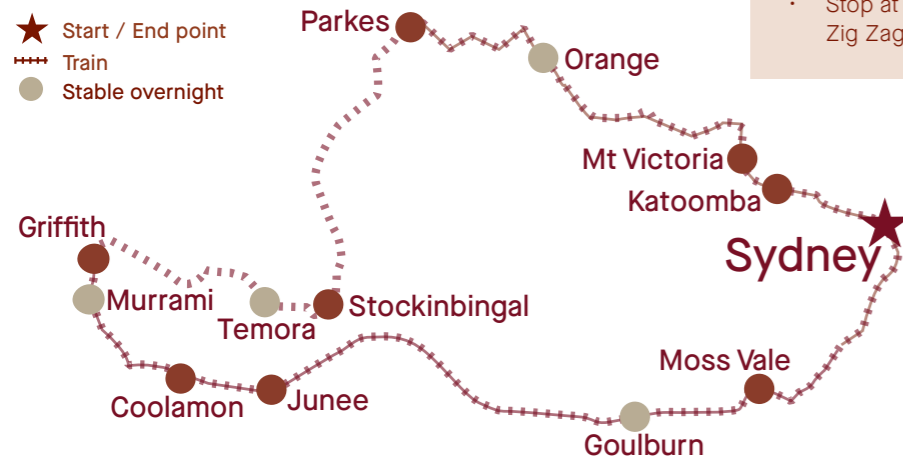


The Junee Roundhouse

Our Riverina Rail Tour heads south from Sydney into the heart of Australia's 'food bowl'. You'll receive a warm welcome from the communities of the Riverina, learn about the produce that they grow and the challenges and innovations in the region. You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure.

Highlights & Inclusions

- All-inclusive dining, wines, beverages, tea & coffee throughout your journey
- Delight in the sights and sounds of Fairground Follies, the Antique Mechanical Music Museum in Bowral
- Enjoy a tour and lunch experience at a Coolamon artisan cheese maker
- From farm to fork & vine to wine, meet a collection of some of the best producers in the Riverina
- Stop at Mt Victoria, for an adventure on the Zig Zag Railway



Day 3

Whitton – Griffith

Today you will enjoy breakfast onboard before departing on one of the below off-train experiences.

Option 1: Meet The Producers - Morella Grove Farm, Southern Cotton Gin and Whitton Malt House

Nestled in the lush Riverina region of New South Wales, Morella Grove is where the essence of nature meets Frank and his family's passion for excellence. This award winning producer of olive oil, following a paddock to plate philosophy is your first stop of the day. Morella Grove is a beacon of sustainability, in the Riverina's arid beauty, they practise minimal intervention, respecting and nurturing the natural environment. Next is a visit to Southern Cotton, an independently owned ginning facility located in Whitton. Consistently ranked as one of the best gins in Australia, the privately-owned Southern Cotton provides fast, timely ginning for local growers. Your tour concludes with lunch at Whitton Malt House.

Optional Upgrade: Whisky Tasting at Whitton Malt House (limited capacity)

Try a curated selection of fine whiskies.

Option 2: Farm & Vines – Murray Cod Farm And Calabria Wines

Specialising in producing premium pond grown Murray Cod, join a guided tour of Murray Cod Farm, which is committed to sustainability and operates with a focus on improving the natural environment. From here, journey onto Calabria Family Wines, where you're invited to savour the essence of the families' wines and the warmth of their traditions. Renowned for Italian hospitality, at Calabria Family Wines you will experience a fusion of flavours and aromas through the café bar menu, new museum and sensory wall, plus explore exquisite wines and discover new favourites. Enjoy a wine-tasting and Italian shared platter style lunch.

Following your tour, rejoin the train in Yenda and travel onto Temora where we stable overnight, enjoying another delicious dinner onboard.



Whitton Malt House

Day 4

Temora – Bundawarra – Orange

Breakfast this morning is onboard before experiencing Temora. Today you can choose one of two Temora tours:

Option 1: Bundawarra Centre

Visit 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. Next is the Ambulance Museum which includes ambulance vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897.

Option 2: Temora Aviation Museum

Alternatively spend the morning exploring 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. There are three main exhibit buildings to discover, 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.

Coaches will return you to Temora Station where lunch will be served in the dining carriage as we travel on freight only lines via Stockinbingal. There are many freight trains to pass on this single track line, and we are likely to experience delays. Dinner will be served onboard the train as we travel through Parkes and onto the Broken Hill line to Orange Rail Yard.



Temora Aviation Museum



Three Sisters, Blue Mountains

Day 5

Orange – Blue Mountains – Sydney

Enjoy breakfast as we travel from Orange and towards 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, we disembark for a fun adventure on Lithgow's Zig Zag Railway. Soak up the sights, smells and scenery on Australia's historic rail adventure – the Zig Zag Railway. Established in 1869, you'll enjoy a relaxing ride on the romantic, nostalgic, impressive steam locomotive as it hauls you over the Great Lithgow Zig Zag. With a grazing boxed lunch provided, you'll then have free time in Leura and Katoomba before reboarding the train for the last leg of your Vintage Rail Journey as we arrive back into Sydney Central Station.

Departures & Pricing

2025 DEPARTURES*

Mon, 21 April	Mon, 2 June
Mon, 5 May	Mon, 16 June
Mon, 19 May	Mon, 30 June

2025 PRICING*

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NORTH COAST RAIL TOUR

☀ 5 DAYS

📍 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION RETURN



Hawkesbury River

Day 1

Central Station, Sydney – McLeay Valley

Your North Coast adventure starts at Sydney Central Station, aboard the Aurora Australis. Stepping onboard you may either choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while we travel north out of Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard the train today as we travel north headed for Kundabung.

Enjoy an afternoon of onboard trivia and music as you take in the spectacular views of the 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, where we turn right to join the meandering North Coast Line. At Gloucester, the North Coast Line starts to follow the Gloucester River, continuing the enjoyment of travelling beside the water. Relax and meet your fellow train travellers over dinner onboard as we stable overnight at Kundabung.

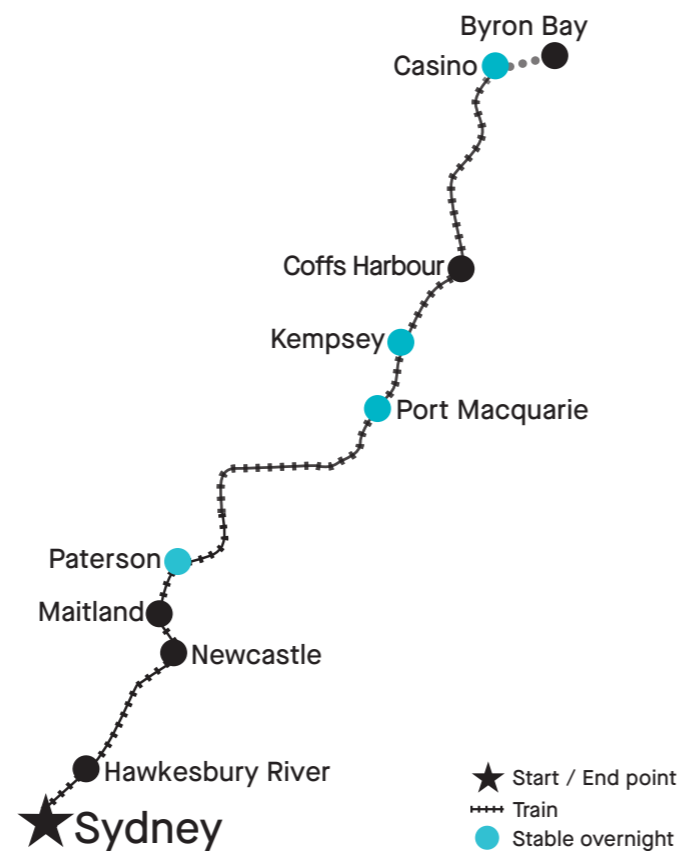
Day 2

Port Macquarie

Enjoy breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis before boarding coaches to explore Port Macquarie.

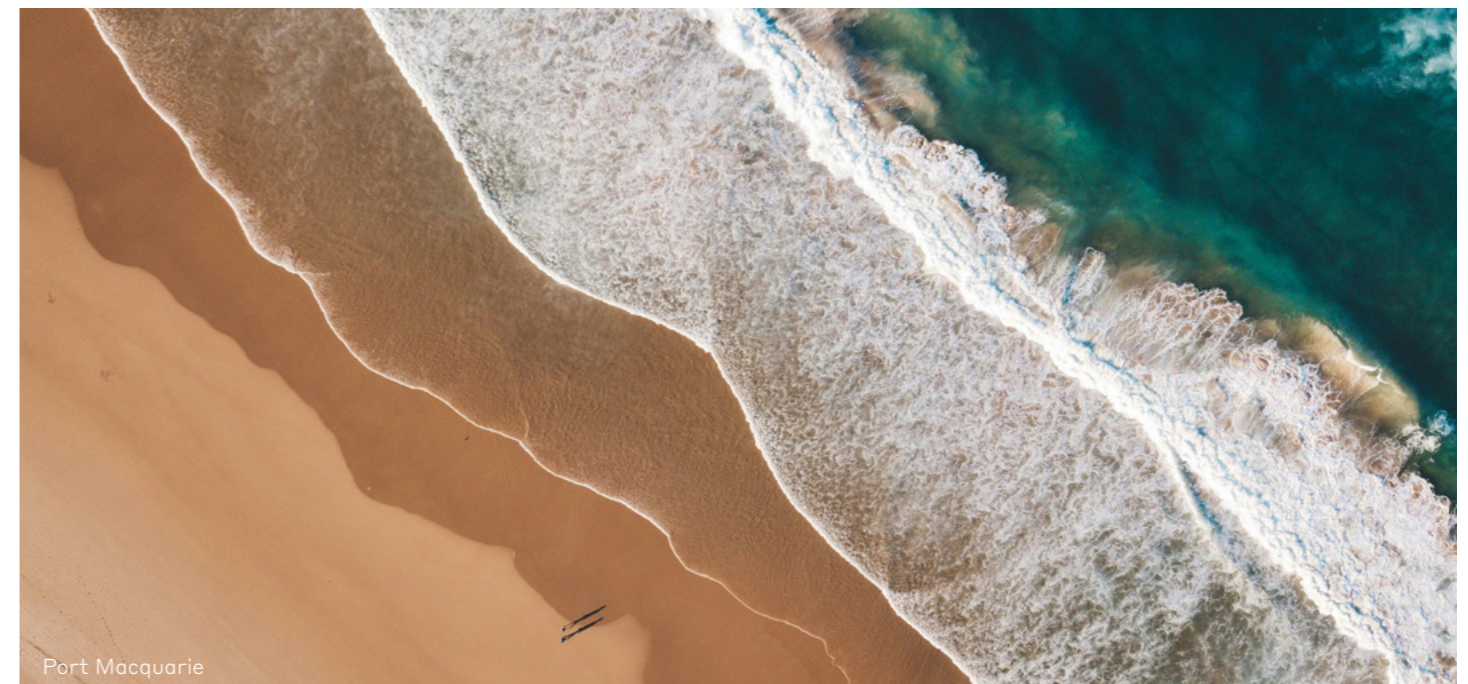
We'll take a scenic lunch cruise of the tranquil waters of Port Macquarie, with the possibility of seeing dolphins, turtles, osprey and sea eagles. Enjoy the peaceful rural landscapes and abundant wildlife on the Hastings River. Enjoy lunch onboard your cruise, before travelling via coach to Kempsey Station and rejoining the train. This afternoon you'll experience more beautiful scenery, travelling inland before turning towards the coast again travelling along the water, past Sawtell and through Coffs Harbour. This evening the train stables at Narmoon.

Our North Coast Rail Tour is fast becoming one of our favourites. Every day there is a different view of the NSW coastline and you'll see the North Coast like never before. Discover the beautiful Hastings River at Port Macquarie, the breathtaking hinterland rainforest and eclectic community of the Northern Rivers region, the crystal clear creeks and uncrowded surf beaches of the Macleay Valley Coast.



Highlights & Inclusions

- All-inclusive dining, wines, beverages, tea & coffee throughout your journey
- Explore Port Macquarie on a scenic lunch cruise
- Take in the sights & surrounds of the Byron Bay Lighthouse
- Discover some of Australia's cultural icons at the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey
- Enjoy some of Maitland's historical and cultural icons with a day of touring



Port Macquarie



Cape Byron Lighthouse, Byron Bay

From here we visit the Byron Solar Train. A world first, step aboard the immaculately restored 1949 era two carriage heritage train. All thanks to a 4.6 billion year old power source. The three kilometre coastal track links the Byron Town Centre with the burgeoning North Beach precinct and Byron Arts Estate. The journey takes ten minutes one way or 25 return from North Beach Station. Relax as you pass through littoral rainforest, endangered coastal wetlands and over the stunning tea tree Belongil Creek, part of Cape Byron Marine Park.

Following your morning touring, we enjoy lunch at the North Byron Hotel. We step away from the centre of town & into a shimmering oasis away from the crowds. Like a tucked away treasure, the North Byron Hotel is a thriving mecca of good food, great music, laughter and the "Byron Bay chill seeker" vibe. Our coaches then take us to The Farm, before returning us to our waiting train in Casino. Tonight enjoy another delicious dinner onboard, as we begin our return journey south, and stable for the evening in Kundabung.

Day 3

Byron Bay

Enjoy breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis before choosing one of two off-train experiences for the day.

Option 1 – Byron Bay Lighthouse

From Nampoona, we travel via coach into Byron Bay, and visit the Byron Bay Lighthouse. Built at the turn of the 19th century to protect ships passing along the coast, Cape Byron Lighthouse stands resolute on the most easterly point of the Australian mainland. Operated by resident keepers until 1989, its now automated light is clearly visible from Byron Bay township.

Option 2 – Zentvelds Coffee Plantation

Alternatively visit Zentvelds Coffee Farm & Roastery, nestled in the heart of the Ballina-Byron Hinterland. Zentveld's Coffee offers more than just a daily cup; they offer a unique 'crop to cup' experience. The coffee beans are cultivated, processed, roasted, packed, served, and supplied right here in the beautiful Northern Rivers on their family farm.



Zentvelds Coffee Plantation



Zentvelds Coffee Plantation



Trial Bay Gaol, South West Rocks

Day 4

Kempsey

Enjoy breakfast onboard the train before boarding coaches to enjoy a scenic drive to the Trial Bay Gaol. The gaol opened in 1886 after 13 years of construction. It must have been a strange feeling building a prison in such a beautiful setting. Today, this picturesque historic ruin stands as a testament to those who lived and died here, with a museum and memorial for visitors to get a better idea of life in those days.

It's then onto the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey. An innovative museum dedicated to Australia's Cultural Icons, Slim Dusty and Joy McKean. The museum honours the positive impact on rural and regional Australia by these two stalwarts of the Australian country music scene. You will also enjoy lunch at the Slim Dusty Centre. Coaches will return you to our train where we will continue south along the North Coast Railway line to The Rail Motor Society, Paterson where we will be stabling for the night. The rolling hills of this prime dairy country are really shown to best effect as sunset approaches. Dinner will be served onboard the train this evening as we arrive and stable in Paterson.



Slim Dusty

Day 5

Maitland – Sydney

Enjoy your last breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis at The Rail Motor Society, Paterson. Today we will discover Maitland where you'll spend time at the 1870 built Grossmann House, restored by the National Trust in the 1960's and the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. At Maitland you'll board the train for the last time and enjoy lunch onboard. As you travel back past Brisbane Water and the Hawkesbury River, enjoy one more dinner onboard before concluding your rail journey at Central Station, Sydney.

Departures & Pricing

2025 DEPARTURES*

Mon, 14 July	Mon, 25 August
Mon, 28 July	Mon, 8 September
Mon, 11 August	

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		Jul-Aug	Sep
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BATHURST RACE'N RAIL



4 DAYS



SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION RETURN



What better way to enjoy the Repco Bathurst 1000 than to travel on the Aurora Australis train to the Great Race! Travel on the 1960's ex-Southern Aurora train for the most convenient and stylish way to enjoy Australia's greatest touring car race. Enjoy the convenience of staying onboard the train on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Buses will take you to and from the circuit from the nearby Bathurst Railway Station.

Highlights

- Accommodation onboard the train
- Friday lunch served in our onboard restaurant
- Coach transfers from the train to the race
- General Admission to the race
- Breakfast on Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Departures & Pricing

DEPARTING IN OCTOBER 2025*

2025 PRICING*

Heritage Twin Cabin	Advance Purchase	\$2,995
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Contact us to register your interest.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE AND APPLY TO ALL BOOKINGS MADE FROM 22 AUGUST 2024.

BOOKING CONDITIONS – JOURNEY BEYOND

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for your Journey. By making a Booking, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you making a Booking. Capitalised terms are defined at the rear of these Booking Conditions.

"You" and "your" means all persons named in a booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us", "our" and "Journey Beyond" means Experience Australia Group Pty Ltd (ACN 614 713 003)

1. BOOKINGS

A booking is confirmed (and a contract between you and us comes into effect) when:

- You have made a Booking and have provided us with all necessary information to process your request;
- You have paid us the Deposit (and any other amounts payable at the time of making the Booking) in accordance with these Booking Conditions; and
- We have sent you a Booking Confirmation.

We reserve the right to decline a Booking at our discretion. If we decline your Booking and you have made any payments to us on account of that request, then we will promptly refund amounts received by us.

We require names to be given exactly as stated in your passport or on your driver's licence (as applicable). If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged by suppliers (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

2. OUR SERVICES

We commence providing services to you as soon as we confirm your booking. This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your Journey. You also receive the benefit of work we undertake in anticipation of bookings.

Our operated Journeys

For Rail Journeys and Rail Holiday Packages, our services are limited to: (a) the arrangement and coordination of the Journey Services; and (b) the delivery of Journey Services which we directly control, operate or own.

Additional Services

For any Additional Services you book through us, we act as booking agent for the Additional Services Principal only. The services we provide to you are limited to arranging for you to contract with the Additional Services Principal for the supply of the Additional Services.

3. PRICES

Journey Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD), are inclusive of GST and are subject to change prior to you making a Booking. Your Booking Confirmation will confirm your Journey Price. Payments by debit or credit card are subject to a surcharge equal to the costs we incur to process the payment.

If you book any Additional Services through us, you acknowledge that we will not confirm these Additional Services until we receive payment of your Deposit. If the price for any Additional Services increases prior to us receiving your Deposit, then you must pay the increased price otherwise we will not confirm the Additional Services and we will refund you that part of the Deposit attributable to those Additional Services.

International and domestic airfares and airport/hotel transfers are not included in a Journey unless specifically stated. Costs associated with passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities (unless otherwise stated), and all items of a personal nature are not included and are your responsibility. If we incur any of these costs on your behalf, then you agree to reimburse us for them on demand.

4. PAYMENT, AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATION BY YOU

The table below outlines the following dependent on the Fare Class you have booked: (a) when you are required to pay your Deposit and Final Payment; (b) terms on which you may request amendments; and (c) cancellation fees payable if you give notice or are deemed to have cancelled your booking.

If your Booking is for any special or promotional offer, the payment, amendment and cancellation terms will be specified in that offer. The below table will not apply to any special or promotional offers unless the offer explicitly says so.

If you fail to make payment of the Final Payment by the due date, we will remind you to make payment. In addition to the payment, you will also be responsible for any costs imposed on us by suppliers resulting from late payment. If we do not receive payment within 7 days after the reminder, you will be deemed to have cancelled your booking.

Cancellations and requests to amend the dates of travel must be made by contacting us. If you have booked through a travel agent, please contact them to make the request. You acknowledge that you have been given the option to book a Flexible Fare which is fully refundable if you give notice to cancel at least 24 hours prior to commencement of your Journey, and that cancellation fees of up to 100% of the Journey Price are payable if you book for other Fare Classes dependent on the notice period for cancellations applicable to that Fare Class.

Amendment requests are subject to availability for the Fare Class booked. If an alternative date within 12 months of the original commencement date is unavailable or unsuitable for you and you notify us that you cannot travel on the original dates for your Journey then you will be deemed to have cancelled your booking and cancellation fees may apply depending on your Fare Class.

If we are able to confirm a request to amend the dates of travel for your Journey, then other than with respect to the Flexible Fare Class: (a) you are not permitted to make further amendments; and (b) cancellation of the amended Journey will be subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the Journey Price irrespective of when notice to cancel is received. For the avoidance of doubt, multiple amendments are permitted for the Flexible Fare Class.

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	EVERYDAY	ADVANCE PURCHASE
DEPOSIT	25% of the Journey Price due upon Booking.	100% of the Journey Price due upon Booking.
FINAL PAYMENT	Due 45 days prior to commencement of the Journey.	–
GUEST AMENDMENTS¹	Change requests permitted up to 45 days prior to commencement of the Journey.	Change requests permitted up to 90 days prior to commencement of the Journey.
AMENDMENT FEE¹	Change Fee: \$100.00 per guest.	Change Fee: \$250.00 per guest.
14 DAY CHANGE OF MIND POLICY	If booked more than 60 days prior to commencement of the Journey, eligible for a full refund provided cancellation is received within 14 days of us issuing your Booking Confirmation.	If booked more than 60 days prior to commencement of the Journey, eligible for a full refund provided cancellation is received within 14 days of us issuing your Booking Confirmation.
GUEST CANCELLATIONS	Cancellations received more than 45 days prior to commencement of the Journey: cancellation fee is 25% of the Journey Price. Cancellations received 45 days or less prior to commencement of the Journey: cancellation fee is 100% of the Journey Price.	100% cancellation fees apply if cancelled more than 14 days after we have issued your Booking Confirmation.

¹ Amendments are subject to (a) the Journey Price for the amended date; (b) payment of the amendment fee where specified in the above table, and (c) any amendment or cancellation fees charged by Independent Suppliers (for example hotels or attractions). Any Journey Price difference, amendment fees (as specified in the above table) and/or fees charged by Independent Suppliers must be paid by you prior to us confirming amended travel dates for your Journey.

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5. CANCELLATIONS BY US

If we cancel your Journey for reasons other than Force Majeure (see below), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds received, the offer of an alternative Journey of comparable quality if appropriate or a Credit Note.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any other loss or costs you incur (for example, airfares not included in your Journey, insurance and visa expenses) if your Journey or particular Journey Services are cancelled for any reason.

6. AMENDMENTS BY US

Prior to travel

Due to the dynamic nature of the travel industry, we may occasionally need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary of your Journey and its inclusions (including Off Train Excursions) and you acknowledge our right to do this. Most changes will not be significant. If we become aware of any significant changes to your Journey's itinerary or its inclusions that materially detract from the overall characteristics or value of the Journey (where we determine it can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time and you may elect to:

- proceed with the Journey, in which case we will refund you an amount attributable to the reduction in value determined by us acting reasonably; or
- cancel your Journey, in which case we will refund the Journey Price received by us at that time.

If you do not contact us to make an election within 7 days of us notifying you of the significant change (or within a reasonable shorter timeframe where the change is notified nearer to your Journey's commencement), then you will be deemed to have elected to proceed with the Journey.

During travel

You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the Journey's inclusions (including Off Train Experiences) may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including but not limited to road or rail track conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, cultural considerations and/or vehicle or train breakdowns.

Service Disruption

In the event of a Service Disruption, we will use reasonable endeavours to re-route you to the next destination by any form of transport.

General

To the fullest extent permitted by law:

- we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary of your Journey or its inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have confirmed your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications;
- if you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept; and
- we will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary of your Journey or its inclusions.

7. FORCE MAJEURE

Prior to travel

If: (a) in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents) determine that your Journey cannot safely, lawfully or reasonably proceed due to a Force Majeure event; or (b) you give us notice no more than 14 days prior to commencement of your Journey that you cannot reasonably participate in it due to Government Restrictions, then we may:

- reschedule your Journey, but only if you are agreeable to the rescheduled arrangements; or
- cancel your Journey, in which case our contract with you will terminate.

If we cancel your Journey, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will issue you with a Credit Note equal to the Journey Price received by us. Please note that our ability to issue you with a Credit Note may be dependent on our suppliers issuing corresponding credits to us. We cannot guarantee that our suppliers will issue corresponding credits. In such circumstances we may instead pay you a cash refund of the Journey Price received by us less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses that remain payable by us for your Journey Services; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the Journey Price; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the Journey until the time of cancellation.

For the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, an illness, the development of a medical condition or the failure of any commercial transportation not included in your Journey is not considered a Force Majeure event.

During Journey

If we cancel Journey Services (including if there is a Service Disruption) due to Force Majeure during your Journey, we will provide you at your election with either a refund of recovered third party costs plus any third party costs we don't incur for the cancelled Journey Services or a Credit Note of the same value.

General

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where Journey Services are cancelled due to Force Majeure which you accept, then you agree that any amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and that assistance.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, our liability to you for cancellations due to Force Majeure is limited to your rights under this clause.

8. PRIOR TO YOUR JOURNEY

Cabin Allocations

We will endeavour to allocate your cabin according to the Cabin Class you booked. In the unlikely event we cannot accommodate your Cabin Class we may upgrade or downgrade your Cabin Class. If we downgrade your Cabin Class during your Journey, we will pay you a refund of the fare difference for the period of the downgrade. If we downgrade your Cabin Class prior to your Journey, we will give you notice and you may elect to (a) accept the downgraded Cabin Class with a refund of the fare difference; or (b) cancel your booking and you may elect to receive a refund of all funds paid or an alternative Journey of comparable quality if appropriate.

We will endeavour to accommodate requests for a particular cabin within your Cabin Class, subject to availability. If we are unable to accommodate that request (but we still allocate you a cabin or seat within your Cabin Class) and you choose to cancel your booking, this will be considered a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

Off-Train Experiences Preferences

You will be asked to nominate your preferred Off-Train Experiences. We will endeavour to accommodate your preferences, but please note that due to capacity restraints for Off-Train Experiences, we cannot guarantee that you will be allocated your first preferences. If we cannot allocate your first preferences, then you will be allocated alternative Off-Train Experiences and no refund will be provided in these circumstances.

Travel Insurance

It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your Journey. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, medical evacuation, luggage and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your Deposit. This is because cancellation fees may be payable from that time.

Passports, Visas & Vaccinations

If you are not an Australian citizen it is your responsibility to ensure you hold a valid passport with sufficient validity and any required visas for your Journey. It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the trip. For Rail Cruise Holiday bookings, please refer to the Rail Cruise Holiday Specific Conditions for additional requirements.

Health & Fitness

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the Journey. For all Rail Journeys, you must complete our Fitness to Travel Form accessible here (<https://www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au/terms-conditions/>) within a reasonable time after we issue your Booking Confirmation and in any event prior to travel. We may cancel your booking or refuse to board you without any right of refund if you fail to complete the Fitness to Travel Form within a reasonable time after we have reminded you to do so.

Some Off Train Experiences occur in locations with extreme temperatures (heat), or require walking on uneven, rocky ground that may be slippery or involve steep inclines. You are required to have a reasonable level of mobility and to be able to board and alight the train using steps and other vehicles unaided by our personnel.

Due to the architecture of our rail carriages, mobility aids such as wheelchairs and walkers are unable to be used onboard. We can on request provide you with a specialised onboard pushchair which can be pushed by your travelling companion (with the exception of Vintage Rail Rail Journeys, for which the rail carriage architecture does not enable pushchairs).

Our personnel will be pleased to provide general assistance throughout your Rail Journey, however our personnel are unable to meet the needs of guests requiring regular medical attention, personal care or special assistance, and are not able to act as carers. If you require regular medical attention, personal care or special assistance, you must be accompanied by a person who is able to provide such assistance.

Existing Medical Conditions

If you have a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention or special assistance, or which may materially affect the usual conduct of the Journey, then you must advise us prior to or at the time you make your Booking.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you are not fit to travel or will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition prior to or at the time you made your Booking, we will provide you with a full refund of payments received.

If you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees will apply.

New Medical Conditions

You must advise us of any new or changed medical conditions which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention or special assistance, or which may materially affect the usual conduct of the Journey.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you are not fit to travel or will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide, or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees will apply.

General

If you have any illness, injury, disease or other medical condition which makes travel unsafe for you, other guests or our employees, we may refuse to confirm your Booking or board you, and we may remove you from the train or Journey, without any liability on our part and without an obligation to provide you with a refund.

If you are suffering from or showing symptoms of or have had known exposure to a communicable or infectious disease, the Journey Manager may in their discretion require you to isolate within your cabin or such other quarantine facility onboard. You agree to comply with such directions.

Dietary Requirements

Special dietary requests are required to be notified to us within 7 days after we issue your Booking Confirmation. We will endeavour to communicate your requirements to relevant suppliers. However, we cannot guarantee requests will be met by suppliers. It is your responsibility to check that meals and beverages do not contain any allergens. We expressly disclaim any liability for meals or beverages that contain allergens other than in circumstances where we have been negligent.

Risk Acceptances & Waivers

You acknowledge that your Journey may expose you to inherent personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be due to general travel by train (for example shifting carriages), travelling through and visiting remote destinations or interactions with wildlife. You travel on the basis that you accept these inherent risks and that to the fullest extent permitted by law we will not be responsible for any personal injury or death resulting from the materialisation of an inherent risk.

You acknowledge and agree that your participation in Off Train Experiences may be subject to you agreeing to a form of risk acceptance and waiver of liability for participation in the activity. Independent Suppliers and Additional Services Principals may also require you to agree to such forms.

9. DURING YOUR JOURNEY

Check-in

You must check in with our representative at the location stated on your Final Travel Documents within the following timeframes:

- for The Ghan, Indian Pacific, Great Southern and Vintage Rail: no more than 2.5 hours and no later than 1 hour prior to the scheduled departure; and
- You must show suitable photo identification to the representative when checking in.

Luggage

Guests must comply with the relevant luggage requirements specified on our website and/or on your Booking Confirmation. You must not bring onboard any goods or objects of a flammable or dangerous nature or which we reasonably consider could harm or significantly detract from the enjoyment of other guest including: (i) firearms, knives, weapons or sharp objects; (ii) alcohol for consumption onboard or illegal drugs of any kind; (iii) items that may become or are dangerous, such as seal batteries, explosives, poisons (such as pesticides and herbicides); (iii) items prohibited by law; (iv) drones or (v) animals (with the exception of guide / assistance dogs).

Luggage limits are enforced. You will be required to leave any excess luggage at the point of embarkation for the duration of the Journey, which will be stored at your risk.

Searches

If we have reasonable cause to believe that you are carrying a prohibited item, an authorised representative of us may, subject to applicable laws, search or inspect you and your luggage. We have the right to detain, confiscate or destroy without incurring any liability to you or any other person any items carried by you which we, acting reasonably, consider dangerous or which pose a risk or inconvenience to the security of the train or other persons onboard.

Smoking

All Journey Beyond trains are entirely smoke free in accordance with relevant state government regulations. You must not smoke (including e-cigarettes) on the train.

Alcohol & Illicit Drugs

Our trains are licensed premises. You are not permitted to bring onboard any containers of alcohol for consumption onboard or any illicit drugs (other than as may be prescribed by a prescribing physician). We may refuse the service of alcohol to you and may disembark you from the train or remove you from the Journey if you are intoxicated or acquire alcohol for a minor. You must not under any circumstances use any illicit drugs (other than as may be prescribed by a prescribing physician). We may disembark you or remove you from the Journey if you become under the influence of illicit drugs at any time whilst onboard.

Behaviour

You must follow the reasonable directions of our (and our suppliers') personnel. If you act in a manner that threatens the safety of yourself or others (including our (or our suppliers') personnel, other guests on the Journey, or third parties) or significantly disrupts their enjoyment, our representatives may, acting reasonably, prohibit you from embarking on the Journey or require that you leave the Journey. The Journey Manager may in their discretion direct you to isolate in your cabin or such other isolation facility (subject to the right to use bathroom facilities) until you are alighted from the train. You must comply with this requirement. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused Journey Services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

Seatbelts

Where a vehicle, vessel or aircraft is equipped with seatbelts, you must always wear your seatbelt when onboard. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our liability to you for any personal injury, death or other damages or claims arising from an accident or incident involving a vehicle, vessel or aircraft you are travelling on as part of the Journey will be limited or excluded to the extent your failure to wear a supplied seatbelt contributed to or caused your injury or death.

10. UNUSED & DENIED SERVICES

No refunds will be made for of any Journey Services not utilised, whether by choice or because of late arrival or early departure. This includes the failure of commercial transport to operate according to schedule, which we disclaim responsibility for. This does not apply if the reason for your late arrival or early departure was due to our negligence.

11. REFUNDS

Any refunds payable by us under these Booking Conditions will be made as follows: (a) if you paid us directly with a credit or debit card, we will credit the same card with the refund unless you advise us that the card has expired or is no longer active; (b) if you paid us by direct bank transfer, we will pay the refund to a bank account notified by you; and (c) if you booked your Journey through a travel agent, then we will pay the refund to the travel agent.

12. DEEMED ACCEPTANCE

If you place a booking on behalf of another party, you represent and promise us that you are duly authorised to provide the agreement and consent of the other party to be bound by these Booking Conditions. You agree that you will be responsible for any loss or damage we incur but would not have incurred had this been the case.

13. IMAGE RELEASE

We and our suppliers may take photographs or make recordings of you and your activities that identify you during the Journey. We reserve the right to use any images and/or recordings for promotional and marketing purposes. You consent to this use and acknowledge you will not be entitled to any payment or other compensation. If you do not consent to the use of your image or likeness, please advise us as least 21 days prior to the commencement of your Journey.

14. GENERAL

The contract between us and you is governed by the laws of the State of South Australia, provided that if the civil liability legislation of South Australia does not apply because a cause of action arose outside South Australia, then the contract (to the extent it relates to that cause of action) shall be governed by the State or Territory in which the cause of action arose. Any disputes shall be dealt with by a court with the appropriate jurisdiction in the State or Territory of the governing law.

If any provision of these Booking Conditions is found to be unenforceable, then to the extent possible it will be severed without affecting the remaining provisions.

Any personal information you provide to us will be collected, stored, used, protected and shared in accordance with Australian Privacy Principles (and any foreign privacy laws, if applicable), and our Privacy Policy, which is published at www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au/privacy-policy/

If these Booking Conditions are published in a brochure, you acknowledge that information within the brochure is correct at the time of publication. However, some details may change including, but not limited to Journey Prices, Journey Services and the associated itinerary.

You may check Journey information, including Journey Pricing, Journey Services and the associated itinerary, prior to making a Booking by calling Journey Beyond on 1300 421 422.

You acknowledge that photos we publish are representative of the Journey but may not reflect that exact experience.

The terms and conditions provided in this brochure are a summary of the full conditions. The complete set of terms and conditions is available online at www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au/terms-conditions. Please refer to the online version for the comprehensive details.



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or see your local travel agent.

Your Travel Agent

