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ULTIMATE GOURMET DISCOVERY

featuring the Indian Pacific

14 days / 13 nights

Experience a Journey for the Senses

Day 1 Thu Arrive Perth

Arrive in Perth today and make your way to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Stay: 3 nights at the Pan Pacific Perth, Deluxe room

Day 2 Fri Rottnest Island

Today explore the beauty and tranquillity of Rottnest Island, located just 19 kilometres off the coast. Tour the island in the comfort of an air-conditioned coach to some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations, providing you with an insight into the island's cultural and historical and social heritage and diverse wildlife. Your day includes cruising on the Swan River, lunch, and return transfers from your hotel. (B,L)

Day 3 Sat Perth

Today enjoy a leisurely tour of Perth on foot. Explore the Heritage Precinct of Perth, the old theatre district as well as former educational precincts. Enjoy a coffee/tea at popular local cafe (included) and enjoy a wonderfully re-purposed heritage space in a forgotten area. Visit secret gardens, discover hidden art and visit a fine art gallery while learning some of the more interesting anecdotes about the city. Your guide will then escort you to one of the most significant and newly refurbished buildings in Perth, the State Buildings. Formerly home to the General Post Office, Land Titles Office, Treasury and Parliament, this complex contains 120 years of stories to share. These days, the State Buildings are home to a hotel and many food and beverage outlets. After the tour you are free to explore the new public spaces of the historic Cathedral Square and the brand new Elizabeth Quay. (B)

Day 4 Sun Board the Indian Pacific

This morning you will be transferred from your hotel to East Perth Rail Terminal, to board the Indian Pacific train and your Gold Service cabin. Departing at 10.00am, enjoy a superb modern Australian lunch as you glide through the picturesque rolling hills of the Avon Valley. Take in the views and perhaps a glass of wine before indulging in a three course dinner before arriving in Kalgoorlie.

Day 4 (cont.)

Enjoy a night Off Train Excursion in this Wild West township and gain an insight into the town's history before returning to the comfort of your cabin. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Mon Nullarbor Plain

Awake to the spectacular expanse of the Nullarbor Plain before enjoying a breakfast off the train. A selection of regionally inspired meals from the lunch menu is yours to choose as an ever-changing landscape passes by your window before experiencing the once thriving and now ghost town of Cook. Another mouth-watering dinner is followed by relaxed conversation in the Lounge before a restful night's sleep and arrival into Adelaide. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Tue Adelaide

On arrival at Adelaide's Parklands Terminal you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure.

Stay: 7 nights at Hilton Adelaide, Guest room

Day 7 Wed Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf

This morning head toward the Adelaide Hills to Mt Lofty lookout to see the amazing vistas of the city of Adelaide. Visit Woodside's Cheese Cellar to taste award winning cheeses and if you have a sweet tooth, Melba's Chocolate Factory is sure to please. Taste delicious wines at three of Adelaide Hills wineries whilst learning about the region and its history. Enjoy a hearty lunch at a German Pub in Hahndorf, Australia's oldest German town. There will be ample time to explore many boutique shops, galleries, museums, cafes in Hahndorf before delighting in the extensive range of jams, chutneys and sauces at Beerenberg Strawberry Farm. Enjoy the journey back to Adelaide via some of the picturesque villages of the Adelaide Hills. (B,L)

Day 8 Thu Adelaide

Today's delightful tour starts at Adelaide's Central Markets to savour the vibe and culture of Adelaide Foodies Heaven. There is plenty of time to try some of the gourmet delights including some chocolate stops before heading to Rundle Mall. Put your walking shoes on to discover the chocolate and coffee trail. Learn how chocolate is made from the raw bean to the addictive final product. Enjoy chocolates and coffees from purveyors and baristas that will leave you bursting for more. This is the perfect way to explore Adelaide City and the Adelaide Central Markets. (B)

Day 9 Fri McLaren Vale

Enjoy the beautiful coastline of the Fleurieu Peninsular with its glistening vistas of the Gulf St Vincent and pristine beaches on the way to the McLaren Vale wine region. McLaren Vale is best known for Shiraz, however the region excels with Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay as well as Spanish and Italian varieties such as Fiano, Vermentino, Tempranillo, Mourvèdre, Nero d'Avola & Sangiovese. Pass through rolling vistas of vineyards to visit up to five beautiful wineries in the 'Vale'. Each one is steeped in history with friendly knowledgeable staff, happy to guide you through each wine tasting experience. A delicious restaurant lunch with a glass of wine is included. (B,L)

Day 10 Sat Adelaide

Today enjoy a sensory interactive gourmet experience as you tour Adelaide Central Market, giving you an opportunity to eat delicious tastings that represent the premium food grown and produced in South Australia. Tours are designed by one of South Australia's noted food experts, Mark Gleeson. With over 30 years' experience in the food tourism and hospitality industries, Gleeson's knowledge of South Australia's finest produce market is second to none. Meet some locals, enjoy their hospitality and discover the true South Australia. (B)

Day 11 Sun The Barossa

The world renowned Barossa wine region is a must see for wine lovers visiting Adelaide. Full of history, this region is home to over 80 Cellar Doors. Visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, with Shiraz vines planted in 1843 (that's over 170 years old). Enjoy up to five wineries / Cellar Doors and be guided through the wine tasting experience by passionate vignerons. Two wine regions combined make up the Barossa Valley; Eden Valley for amazing Riesling and cool climate wines and Barossa Valley, home to some of the world's best Shiraz as well as Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mataro, Semillon and Chardonnay. The Barossa also has a long relationship with fortified wines with many Cellar Doors offering outstanding tawny port! A delicious 2 course lunch with choice of meal and a glass of wine is included. (B,L)

Day 12 Mon Adelaide

Today is at your leisure to explore Adelaide. (B)

Day 13 Tue Board the Indian Pacific

Today you will be transferred to Adelaide's Parklands Terminal to board the Indian Pacific for your mid-morning departure. You'll soon find yourself gazing at the world's oldest rock formations, the Flinders Ranges. As you enjoy the rich ochre, golden and blue-green dotted landscape you will be served a delightful, regionally inspired luncheon, accompanied by fine wines and an array of other beverages of course. The rocky scenery gives way to outback scrub as the train approaches Broken Hill in the early evening. Here in the historic mining town you have a choice of Off Train Excursions that take in Broken Hill's quintessentially Australian and surprisingly artistic side. Enjoy dinner aboard the train and some post-meal socialising in the Lounge before heading off to bed. (B,L,D)

Day 14 Wed Blue Mountains, Sydney

Arrive this morning at Mount Victoria where you disembark for a guided discovery of the picturesque Blue Mountains, known for the rugged landscape and dramatic scenery. Lunch is included on the excursion, after which you continue to Sydney Central by NSW TrainLink regional passenger service, arriving in Sydney at 3.15pm. Alternatively, if you do not wish to take the Blue Mountains Excursion you can advise the train staff and remain on the Indian Pacific, which arrives at Sydney Central Station at 11.30am. (B,L^)

Meals: B- Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

^ Lunch is included on the Blue Mountains Excursion

Tour code: UGEPTSVD