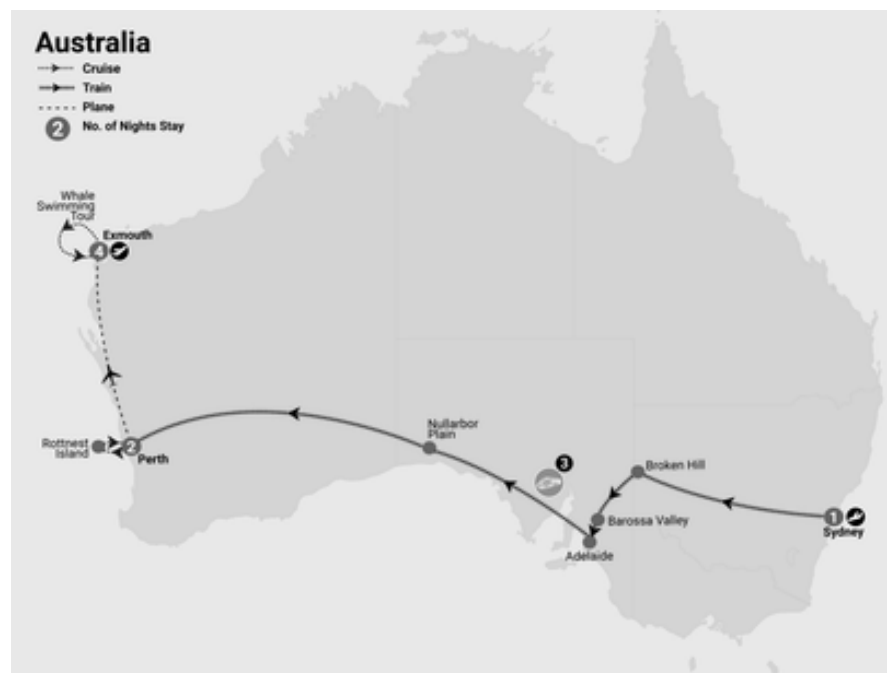


11 DAY INDIAN PACIFIC & NINGALOO COAST

DESTINATIONS

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SYDNEY
BROKEN HILL
NULLARBOR,SA
PERTH
ROTTNEST ISLAND,WA
EXMOUTH,WA



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DAY 1

Destination	Sydney
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Sydney Central, or similar

Welcome to Sydney! On arrival, make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Sydney.

You may want to consider taking one of the below optional activities. These are full day tours and you will need to allow for an extra day per activity. We can assist you arrange this extra night of accommodation if required.

Check in & arrival information.

From Sydney airport to the city there are a few options. The quickest way is by train. The Sydney airport link runs frequently, costs \$19.40 per person from the Airport to the city terminal and costs approx \$16 per person and it takes under 15' (to Central Station). Alternatively, an Uber ride costs around \$35 to the CBD. Hotel check in is at 2pm. Should you arrive earlier than this, hotel staff will do all possible to check you in as soon as possible. If your room is not available before check-in time, you are welcome to leave your luggage in storage and explore the surrounding area.

HUNTER VALLEY FOOD AND WINE DAY TOUR

The Hunter is famous for its wineries and variety of cuisines cooked from fresh local produce. Our food and wine tours take you on a journey from the vine to the glass as you enjoy delicious, Australian made wines coupled with menus designed to complement every drop.

We have a motto when it comes to our Hunter Valley food and wine tours, "our wine is our canvass, and our food is our paint". Let us help you appreciate the art of perfectly matched wine and food at the region's most renowned wineries.

Our mission is to make your day not just an outing, but an expedition, exploring vineyards, and experiencing first class cooking in idyllic surrounds.

Departs: 06.20am

Includes: Pick up and drop from your hotel, breakfast, lunch, 3 boutique winery tastings

Arrives: 06.30pm

FULL DAY SYDNEY HARBOUR LUXURY SAILING

Board your luxury yacht and cruise up Darling Harbour at a relaxed pace to the main body of Sydney Harbour. After clearing the commuter traffic, hoist the sails and cut the engines for the sail out to the harbour heads. Drop anchor in a peaceful bay for a gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks. There is plenty of time to try your hand at fishing, go for a swim or just relax on the yacht.

Departs: 10.00am

Includes: Pick up from your hotel, fully qualified skipper, gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks, all gear for fishing & snorkelling, towels.

Arrives: 03.00pm. Tour ends at Aquarium Pontoon Darling Harbour

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DAY 2

Destination	Sydney 🚂 Blue Mountains (viewing)
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Indian Pacific Train, or similar

Your transcontinental adventure begins in Sydney where you board the Indian Pacific. Prepare for a journey of contrasts, from lush vineyards to vast goldmines, majestic mountains to the barren expanse of the Nullarbor, from cities of four million to ghost towns of four. As the train winds through the breathtaking Blue Mountains, explore the comforts of life onboard, get acquainted with your cabin and fellow travellers. After settling in, savour your first meal – a regionally-inspired dinner paired with all-inclusive fine wines and beverages. After dinner, join fellow guests for a late night drink or head back to your cabin for your first night onboard.

DAY 3

Destination	🚂 Broken Hill 🚂 Adelaide, Barossa Valley or Adelaide Surrounds 🚂
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Indian Pacific Train, or similar

You arrive in the 'Silver City' of Broken Hill as the day begins, where you embark on a morning of Off Train Excursions to discover the mining history and artistic culture of this unique town where the streets are wide and there's a pub on every corner. Lunch is served onboard as the Indian Pacific enters the southern tip of the spectacular and ancient Flinders Ranges. Arriving in the city of Adelaide in the afternoon, you have the choice of a tour of the city, a visit to the world famous Barossa Valley or McLaren Vale wine regions (seasonal), or a trip to the beautiful Adelaide Hills featuring the culinary delights of Hahndorf.

DAY 4

Destination	🚂 Nullarbor 🚂
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Indian Pacific Train, or similar

You'll awake to the seemingly endless expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. Breakfast is served as you travel along the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. This evening, your sense of wonder will be ignited as you enjoy the tranquillity of dinner under the brilliant desert stars in the remote and beautiful Rawlinna (seasonal).

DAY 5

Destination	🚂 Perth
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Travelodge Perth, or similar

Breakfast is served as you glide through the mild skies and cool green vales of the Avon Valley on your way to Perth, arriving after an onboard lunch.

DAY 6

Destination	Perth 🚂 Rottne Island 🚂 Perth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Travelodge Perth, or similar

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Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board the Rottnest Express ferry to Rottnest Island, located 22km offshore. Then explore the beauty and tranquility of Rottnest as you sit back and relax in the comfort of an air conditioned coach. This 90-minute circumnavigation of the island takes you out to some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations including the Wadjemup Lighthouse and the rugged West End and provides you with a complete interpretation of the island through a passionate and knowledgeable crew. This tour will provide you with an insight into Rottnest's cultural and historical heritage, diverse wildlife and fauna and social heritage. You will also have a chance to step outside and have a stroll along the boardwalk at the majestic look-out point at West End.

DAY 7

Destination	Perth ➔ Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, or similar

Today your Indian Pacific adventure comes to an end. At the appropriate time, make your way to Perth airport to board your flight to the Ningaloo Coast. A taxi or Uber ride will cost you between \$30 and \$35 from Perth City to Perth Airport.

On arrival in Exmouth please join your shared transfer from Learmonth Airport to your accommodation.

DAY 8

Destination	Exmouth 🐋 Ningaloo Reef Whale Swim 🐋 Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, or similar

Today is a full day to relax and settle into your idyllic surroundings. Enjoy the day exploring Exmouth and the turquoise coast at your own pace or simply relax around the pool at your resort.

Whale Shark Swim - This itinerary applies when this activity takes place from 15th March to 31st July

Departing at 7:45AM, spend an unforgettable day with the whales. Each year between mid-March and July these slow-moving, gentle, filter-feeding giants migrate past Ningaloo Reef. The world's biggest fish can grow to lengths of 12 metres or more and has a healthy appetite in order to sustain its immense size. Fortunately for most sea-dwellers (and for us) they feed primarily on plankton and krill, taking in huge gulps of water and filtering out their microscopic meal.

Whale sharks are found in tropical and warm oceans world-wide and can live to almost 70 years. Snorkelling alongside their huge 1.5 metre-diameter mouths is a once in a lifetime experience! Ningaloo is one of the only places in the world where whale sharks appear regularly in large numbers, with over 235 individuals recorded. Each year scientists photograph the whale sharks as they pass through our area and some have been identified as having visited Ningaloo for 17 years and counting.

Includes hotel transfers, morning tea, snorkelling gear, wetsuit and lunch.

Humpback Whale Swim - This itinerary applies when this activity takes place from 1st August to 31st October

Departing at 7:45AM spend an unforgettable day with the whales. Every year between August and October, the magnificent humpback whales swim through the waters of the Ningaloo Marine Park. We used to revel in seeing

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these creatures in the ocean from our camp, but since 2016 you can now experience a swim right alongside them. We can report it as being a truly 'transformative' experience ... for all nature lovers, this is 'bucket-list-stuff' at its very best!

Humpback whales are one of the larger baleen whale species and adults' range in length from 12 to 16 mtrs. The humpback has a distinctive body shape, with long pectoral fins and a knobbly head. It is well known for breaching and other surface behaviours. Males produce a complex song lasting 10 to 20 minutes, which they repeat for hours at a time; parts of this song are audible to human ears in the water.

Includes hotel transfers, morning tea, snorkelling gear, wetsuit and lunch.

DAY 9

Destination	Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, or similar

The next two days are free for you to explore this region at your own leisure and have been built as insurance days. Should swimming with whales (on day 8) need to be cancelled due to bad weather, you will have two days to reschedule that activity

LAGOON EXPLORER - SEA KAYAKING

Today you will be collected from your hotel at approximately 7:45AM to travel into Cape Range National Park on a full day sea kayak tour and to snorkel in the beautiful turquoise lagoons of Ningaloo Reef.

Sea kayaking is a fantastic way to explore the sheltered lagoons and beautiful beaches of Ningaloo; paddle into paradise and leave the crowds behind. Along the way you'll look for turtles, rays, schools of fish, and coral life from your kayak. You may even see dugong and dolphins. Enjoy the contrasting scenery of reef and range that this UNESCO World Heritage-listed area offers - all from the best seat in the house.

Travel in your quality double sit-inside sea kayak, and get up close and personal with the amazing wildlife of Ningaloo. Turtles, rays, and schools of jumping fish are often spotted from the kayaks. You may also see dolphins or dugong (in season).

Solo travellers are welcome. Since double kayaks are used, you may end up paddling with another compatible participant, or the guide.

This activity requires a minimum of 3 travellers and usually has no more than 8 participants.

This activity is suitable for novice to advanced sea kayakers. Guides will help you with the skills and information you need to safely enjoy the tour, and be on the water with you at all times. An average level of fitness, and a sense of adventure are all you need to participate in this activity. The tour does involve snorkelling from the kayaks (don't worry, getting back in is easier than you think - we'll show you how). Our sea kayaks have a weight limit of 110kg per person, due to the inherent limitations in size and design.

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DAY 10

Destination	Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, or similar

Today is another free for you to explore this region at your own leisure or relax at your resort

DAY 11

Destination	Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your incredible Indian Pacific and Ningaloo Coast experience comes to an end today. At the appropriate time you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Sydney and enjoy the harbour city and surrounds
- Departing from Sydney, follow the path of bush pioneers, gold rush prospectors, and legendary adventurers as you make an epic transcontinental crossing aboard the Indian Pacific
- Make stops at Broken Hill, Barossa Valley, Adelaide and surrounds, Cook and Rawlinna as you make your way through to Perth
- Take a day tour to Rottnest Island and keep an eye out for its friendly population of quokkas
- Enjoy a final night in Perth, where soft-sand beaches and scenic parks meet a thriving metropolis of small bars and creative restaurants.
- Fly north to Exmouth, gateway to the Coral Coast
- Go swimming with either Whale Sharks or Humpback Whales (depending on the season)
- Make the most of your free time in Exmouth to swim, snorkel or dive in this turquoise coastal setting

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, travel on the Indian Pacific on a transcontinental journey following the footsteps of legendary adventurers, gold rush prospectors and bush pioneers, explore Rottnest Island's and travel to the Ningaloo Coast
- 3 nights on board the Indian Pacific on a Gold Twin cabin (upgrades available). All-inclusive meals, fine wines, and beverages. A regionally-inspired menu paired with a selection of local wines
- 7 nights' accommodation in 4 star hotels
- 17 meals throughout
- Day cruise & tour to Rottnest Island
- Ningaloo whale swimming & snorkelling day tour
- Transportation included as per the itinerary
- In depth sightseeing as per itinerary

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INDIAN PACIFIC CABINS & UPGRADES

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Indian Pacific train

Gold Service (Included)

- Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- Gold Single, a compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day and shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest
- Power outlets in cabin

Platinum Service - From \$2,440 per person additional

Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations, it includes deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, access to the Platinum Club plus a superior food and wine offering.

- Spacious Double or Twin cabin almost twice the size of a Gold Service Twin cabin
- By day, cabins are set up lounge-style with a moveable table and two ottomans
- By night, lounges are converted to double or twin beds
- En suite equipped with separate shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and Australian bathroom amenities
- Panoramic windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Access to the exclusive Platinum Club for dining and socialising
- Freshly prepared continental breakfasts served upon request in-cabin
- Transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60 km of the terminal
- 90 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30 kg each)

Platinum cabins are almost twice the size of Gold Twin Cabins in both your room and private en suite. By day your cabin is configured as a private lounge with deluxe lounge seating, a table and two ottomans, by night the lounges convert into two comfortable twin beds.

From an additional \$2,440 per person and is subject to availability upon booking.

Please note, there are no single rooms in the Platinum category

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INDIAN PACIFIC OFF TRAIN EXPERIENCES

The Indian Pacific offers a range of included off train experiences which can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Off Train Experiences are included in your fare and can be booked on boarding the train (no pre-booking available).

Optional tours offered are paid. These optional activities are paid directly to The Indian Pacific on board (no pre-booking available)

Fine Print

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change Option

INCLUDED - Date change may be requested prior to 65 days* before your original selected departure date ONLY IF due to government imposed restrictions only ie. Border closures.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Airfare Inclusive packages - The Flexible Date Change option applies to the tour portion of your package. Airfare flexibility will be subject to the airline's fare rules and a change fee plus any fare difference may be

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applicable.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$3,300 per person within 7 days. This is a requirement of The Indian Pacific to secure your cabin.
- *Note: If upgrading to Platinum, the upgrade cost will be added to your 2nd instalment.*
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
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- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

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Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

PRE & POST HOTEL INFORMATION

You can enhance your holiday by arriving early or staying longer upon conclusion of the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation in Sydney: \$329 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation in Exmouth: \$422 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering the following optional tours that you can participate in on your free days:

- Sydney (Day 1): Hunter Valley Food and Wine Day Tour - \$198 per person
- Sydney (Day 1): Full Day Harbour Luxury Sailing - \$291 per person
- Exmouth (Day 9): Lagoon Explorer - \$242 per person

Due to two tours operating on Day 1, please note you can only select one option in Sydney.

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may

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kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only.

Please note:

Gold Service - Available in twin configuration only. If selecting double upon check out, this configuration will only apply to your hotel accommodation.

Platinum Service - Available in double or twin configuration

Covid Itinerary Changes

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure

Single Supplement on the Indian Pacific

There is no single supplement for the Indian Pacific if utilising a Single Room. Single Rooms on the Indian Pacific are very limited and pricing is subject to availability. If the single cabins are not available at the time of booking, you will need to pay for a twin cabin at an additional cost of approx \$2,700 for a Gold Twin in addition to the package price. This price is subject to change and as such, cannot be confirmed until after a booking has been made. If you are not happy with the price of the single supplement provided, you can request to cancel and receive a refund of your deposit. If the single supplement cost is suitable, this will be added to your invoice and part of the final balance payable. For an indicative cost prior to purchase, you are welcome to contact our Customer Service team.

Please note: Single rooms have shared bathroom facilities. There are no single Platinum Rooms available on board the Indian Pacific

Single Supplement for the hotels

The single supplement for this portion of the trip is \$1317. Please see above regarding The Indian Pacific

Triple Share

Not available.

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Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Group Size

This package is made up of multiple components which will be provided by different operators throughout your trip. As such, group size will differ between operators and can be as intimate as 2 people or as lively as up to 60 people, depending on the activity and advertised inclusions. There may be unique cases where your selected travel date exceeds the expected group size for special events or types of activities,

particularly during popular times of travel. For packages that include a train or cruise, you will be travelling with other passengers up to the capacity of this component.

When travelling with a group, no matter the size, we ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

Bedding requests

We do our best to meet your bedding preference, however, bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. All efforts will be made to meet your preference, however, any changes are beyond our control and limited by the hotel facilities and availability.

Tour Styles - This package is an Independent style.

To meet the needs of various types of travellers, we choose to operate various types of tours and depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip. The following descriptions of each tour style we hope will ensure that each traveller has appropriate expectations before they start their travels:

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- Independent - On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible.
- Partially Escorted - A portion of these packages runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by an expert tour leader. Another portion is independent, whether conducted by rail, cruise or land, and you will travel between destinations on your own, with free time to explore at your own pace.
- Fully Escorted - This tour is fully escorted by an expert English-speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Who is operating this package

We have partnered with a wide range of third party operators who assist in fulfilling your booking and delivering an enjoyable on-tour experience. Each package will consist of multiple operators meaning both guides and fellow travellers may change day to day. But don't worry, regardless of the operator, you'll be in good hands to experience the most out of each destination.

EXCLUSIONS

- International or domestic airfares not mentioned on the itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses