

# 11 DAY INDIAN PACIFIC & MARGARET RIVER

## DESTINATIONS

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SYDNEY  
BAROSSA VALLEY,SA  
NULLARBOR,SA  
PERTH  
ROTTNEST ISLAND,WA  
MARGARET RIVER,WA  
BUSSELTON  
BUNBURY  
FREMANTLE



## TOUR ITINERARY

### 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 🚗 Barossa Valley 🚗 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. Upon arrival make your way to your hotel. A taxi or Uber ride will cost you between \$10-15.

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### DAY 6

Destination	Perth 🚢 Rottnest Island 🚢 Perth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Travelodge Perth, or similar

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 🚗 Margaret River
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Stay Margaret River, or similar

Today collect your vehicle from Hertz Downtown Depot and drive to Margaret River- one of Australia's largest wine regions. With more than 200 vineyards, Margaret River produces more than 25% of Australia's premium wine.

Approximate distance driven: 270km, 3.5hrs

### DAY 8

Destination	Margaret River
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Stay Margaret River, or similar

Today enjoy a guided Margaret River wine experiencing the region's amazing food, wine and culture. You will be collected from your accommodation at approximately 9.30am and get the day started with a coffee tasting at a local roaster before heading to your first boutique winery experience for the day. Experience first hand the subtle flavours of extra virgin olive oils before enjoying a relaxing lunch and cleansing ale at a local brewery. The afternoon will see you two cellar doors including a cheese & wine pairing. Finish off the day with a visit to a chocolate factory to indulge in all things cocoa.

### DAY 9

Destination	Margaret River
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Stay Margaret River, or similar

Today is free for you to continue exploring the area. If wine is the name of the game, take your time to explore some of the 90 cellar doors in the region.

Alternatively, exploring the caving system is also a popular activity in Margaret River. It is difficult to choose the best cave. You can marvel at the reflections on Lake Cave's permanent lake, be dwarfed in Jewel Cave's enormous chambers and take it easy on the Mammoth Cave self- guided tour. At Yallingup's Ngilgi Cave, you will learn the

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Aboriginal legend as you look up at limestone shawl formations– or delve deeper into the cave on an adventure tour. Cave opening hours and tours start from 9am and finish between 4pm and 5pm. Entry fee is approximately \$22.50 per adult.

If travelling between late July and August, you want to consider a cruise to witness the mighty Humpback on their migration path. This tour departs from Augusta, 50km south of Margaret River

### MARGARET RIVER WHALE WATCHING

Today you will make your way to Augusta, approx 50kms from your accommodation. Your tour will start on an amazing luxury catamaran to take you out to the magnificent Western Australia Whales. The vessel has 5 viewing decks over three levels from which you can sight the magnificent Humpback, Southern Right and occasionally, the very rare Blue Whale along with Seals, Dolphins and migratory bird life from all over the world.

**Season runs from May to August**

**Duration approx 2 hours**

### DAY 10

Destination	Margaret River 🚗 Busselton 🚗 Bunbury 🚗 Fremantle
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hougoumont Fremantle, or similar

Start the last driving leg of your trip.

On the way north, you may want to stop at Busselton Jetty. This 150+ year old timber jetty stretches 1.84km into the Geographe Bay - making it the longest timber jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Whether you walk to the end or take the jetty train, make sure to check out the Underwater Observatory for a glimpse of the sea life that inhabits this artificial environment.

Further north, you may want to pay a visit to the Dolphin Discovery Centre, in Bunbury. Walk down to the “interaction zone” for an opportunity to say to the many dolphins that visit this bay all year round. There is no entrance fee but please make sure you follow the instructions of dolphin volunteers

If you're feeling peckish, you may want to explore Bunbury Farmers market, which opens daily from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

*Approximate driving distance: 278 km - 4hrs*

### DAY 11

Destination	Fremantle
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today your Indian Pacific adventure comes to an end in Fremantle. Return your car at Hertz Fremantle depot at the same time as (or before than) you picked it up from Perth (Dropping off any later may result in Hertz additional fees)

Make your way to Perth airport. A taxi or Uber ride will cost you between \$30 and \$35.

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### Inclusions

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Sydney, unwind and enjoy a free day in town
- 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
- Take on a full day culinary guided tour of the Margaret River region and treat your tastebuds to some of the best products from this region, from coffee and chocolate to beer and wine (of course!)
- Make the most of free time in Margaret River, perhaps explore ancient caves or go whale watching
- Enjoy a final night in Fremantle, where soft-sand beaches and scenic parks meet a thriving metropolis of small bars and creative restaurants.

#### 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 unique flora, fauna & culture and
- 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
- 4 days Hertz car hire group H, Toyota Corolla or similar. Includes unlimited kilometers & Hertz Maximum Coverage (NIL damage excess including glass & tyres and waives liability for theft or loss to vehicle)
- 7 nights' accommodation in 4 star hotels
- 17 meals throughout
- Day cruise & tour to Rottnest Island
- Full day guided culinary tour of Margaret River

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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 \$2,684 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 \$2,684 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)



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### CAR HIRE INFORMATION

All Renters and any additional drivers must present a full, valid national Drivers License that meets the following requirements:

1. The Drivers License for all drivers must be presented at the time of rental
2. Drivers License must be in English
3. If not in English, it must be accompanied by an International Drivers License or Permit by a certified English translation
4. Chinese Driver's Licenses are acceptable, but they must have a China Notarial Certificate (CNC):
  - a. Is valid for driving the vehicle;
  - b. Is not a learner's permit;
  - c. The driver has held for at least twelve consecutive months; and
  - d. Satisfies any other conditions on the Rental Agreement or in any additional terms

#### **Digital Drivers License**

A Digital Drivers License is not accepted. Drivers require a hard copy license until further notice.

#### **Deposit**

All rentals are subject to a deposit to cover additional costs. A min of AU\$200 applies for Metro Locations, \$200 for Remote Locations, \$200 for Licensee locations and \$400 for 4WD locations in Sydney and Melbourne if using a credit card in the name of the renter. A cash deposit is not accepted.

#### **Rates Include**

Unlimited Kilometres, Maximum Cover (MAX), Admin Fee Recovery (AFR), 24Hr Breakdown Roadside Assistance, Goods & Service Tax (GST)

#### **Rates Exclude**

Airport/Ferry Concession Fee Recovery (ACFR), Fuel, One Way Fees, Optional Extras (baby seats, snow chains etc), applicable Locations Fees.

#### **Damage Excess for Cars**

NIL

#### **Young Renters Fee**

Where a renter is aged between 21-24 a young driver fee of \$16.50 inclusive of GST (Capped at \$115.50 in each 30 day period) will apply for Standard passenger vehicles.

Hertz Standard Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#)

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### 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 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

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terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto: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 \$3,500 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.
- 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

#### 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

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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: \$362 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation in Fremantle: \$242 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

### CAR HIRE OPTIONS

#### **Upgrade to a Hertz Group G vehicle**

You may want to upgrade your car hire to a Hertz Group G, Medium AWD, 5 Doors, Nissan Qashquai or Similar for an extra \$110 per person, or \$220 for solo travellers.

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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:

- Day 1, Sydney: Hunter Valley Food and Wine Day Tour - \$218 per person
- Day 1, Sydney: Full Day Harbour Luxury Sailing - \$320 per person
- Day 9, Margaret River: Margaret River Whale Watching - 98 per person

Due to both 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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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 maybe 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 \$1227. 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.

### **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:

- 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.

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- 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