



Women's Tours by **EMBARK**

9 DAY HOSTED TOUR
COMMENCE 19 AUGUST 2026
CONCLUDE 27 AUGUST 2026

INDIAN PACIFIC TO PERTH





Let's travel on Australia's Iconic Rail Journey

Embark on the Indian Pacific, which has been making its epic transcontinental crossing between the two oceans (that lend it its name) for more than half a century. Departing Sydney you'll journey west, passing through the Blue Mountains, and stopping in Broken Hill and Adelaide along the way. Cross the incredible Nullarbor Plain and pause at Rawlinna, a little outpost in the outback where you'll dine under a blanket of stars (seasonal). There's no better way to experience the spectacular interior landscape of Australia.

Arrive in Perth, where you'll enjoy a 5-night stay in premium, centrally located accommodation – the perfect base for discovering the region's diverse beauty and culture. Marvel at the otherworldly landscape of The Pinnacles Desert, where ancient limestone formations rise from golden sands in a surreal and stunning display. Hop on a ferry to Rottnest Island, a car-free paradise famed for its crystal-clear waters, white sandy beaches, and friendly quokkas – the world's happiest animals. Cruise along the picturesque Swan River, taking in panoramic views of Perth's skyline and lush riverbanks. Discover the bohemian charm of Fremantle, known for its vibrant markets, historic buildings, and eclectic arts scene. And don't miss exploring Perth's lively City Centre, where modern culture meets laid-back Aussie vibes with boutique shopping, fine dining, and expansive green spaces like Kings Park. This short-break is designed for women who want to travel at a relaxed pace - which still embarking on a voyage of discovery and adventure!

Inclusions That Set Us Apart

We believe in offering a seamless, stress-free adventure. Here's what's included:

- Small group sizes (maximum 12 travelers) for a more personal experience.
- Inclusive! At least 2 meals a day and all your sightseeing included. There is no need to pay for extras along the way.
- Transfers from your home address in Newcastle, no need to even make your way to the airport/train station.
- Pre-tour group lunch to meet you fellow travel companions

If you can't take a long holiday this year, this trip is the perfect way to recharge and enjoy an unforgettable adventure in a shorter time! It's an ideal choice for first-time travelers with us—you'll get a taste of how we do things, and we promise you'll love every moment. But honestly, who needs an excuse to indulge in an incredible experience like this? Treat yourself, dive into the adventure, and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Important: Train Accommodations

Please take note of the accommodation on the train, as outlined on page 7



19th August 2026 (D)

Today you will be transferred from your front door (Newcastle/Hunter/Lake Macquarie) to Central Train Station in Sydney. Here you will check in for one of Australia's most iconic train journeys - the Indian Pacific. Follow the path of bush pioneers, gold rush prospectors, and legendary adventurers as you make an epic transcontinental crossing aboard the Indian Pacific!



You will be spending three nights' onboard, with all your meals, beverages and off train excursions included.

Departing Sydney's Central Station mid-afternoon, leave city skylines and the fast-paced city life behind. Get acquainted with your cabin and fellow travellers as the Indian Pacific heads west winding through the Blue Mountains. Relax in your cabin or socialise in the lounge, enjoying an afternoon tippie if you wish! Tonight, you will enjoy your first meal on board - a regionally inspired dinner paired with fine wine and beverages. After dinner, consider a nightcap in the lounge before you retire to your cabin.



20th August 2026 (B, L, D)

This morning prepare for your first Off-Train Experience in Broken Hill, the Silver City. Enjoy light refreshments on your tour as you explore the rich mining heritage of the Historic Broken Hill Trades Hall and the striking Miners Memorial overlooking the town. For a different perspective, join Shelita Buffet, Queen of the Outback, for a lively tour along the main drag.



Arriving in Adelaide in the late afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to explore Adelaide and its surroundings. Choose to enjoy a taste of McLaren Vale with a guided wine tasting and indulgent meal at the iconic Star of Greece restaurant overlooking Gulf St Vincent. Opt for a cheese or gin tasting in the charming Adelaide Hills village of Hahndorf before feasting at Haus, a German restaurant showcasing the best in local produce. Immerse yourself in the heart of the city with the alternative option, Icons of Adelaide. This features a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting at Coopers Brewery, a scenic city drive and a teppanyaki dinner at Shiki followed by a twilight stroll to Adelaide Oval. Alternatively you can visit the Adelaide Central Market for a tour and exclusive sit-down dinner!

After your chosen Adelaide dinner experience, return to the train to continue your journey west.



21st August 2026 (B, L, D)

Today is all about those amazing outback views as you cross the famous stretch of the Australian interior, the Nullarbor Plain, on the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. En route, the Indian Pacific calls in to Cook, once-bustling, now almost-ghost town that was originally built as a support town for the railway.

Travelling further west, the stop is at Rawlinna, on the fringe of Australia's largest sheep station. You'll arrive at sunset, where the quiet outpost of Rawlinne comes to life with drinks and canapes, service around a bonfire under the evening sky.

22nd August 2026 (B, D)

Admire the delightful undulations of the Avon Valley and enjoy a final breakfast on board as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds. On arrival in Perth, take the opportunity to say goodbye to fellow travellers and the crew. You've just crossed 4,352 kilometres together on the Indian Pacific.

We'll be transferred to our centrally located, premium accommodation where you will check in for a FIVE night stay! Tonight, we'll have a sunset beverage and dinner at our hotel.

23rd August 2026 (B,L)

Step into the heart of Perth and experience a journey through its most iconic laneways, arcades, and cultural highlights. Begin at the historic Perth Town Hall, where your guide will introduce you to the city's rich past, from its colonial foundations to the vibrant, creative hub it is today. Stroll through ornate arcades and narrow alleys while discovering captivating street art, murals, and sculptures that add a splash of modern culture to this historical setting.

Learn about Perth's origins and how it was shaped by French, Dutch, and British explorers, with tales of pioneers and Indigenous figures like Yagan who defined the region. Marvel at hidden gems such as The State Buildings, London Court, and Wolf Lane as your guide shares quirky anecdotes and deep insights into the architecture, public art, and local legends.

Lunch will be included in a local restaurant, before we make our way (walk approx 15min) to Perth Mint. The 'Perth Mint Gold Tour' includes a fascinating live gold pour, the world's largest gold coin and a guided walk through the world-class exhibition. Did you know over 80,000 people took a tour of the Perth Mint in 2024! The mesmerising mix of stories, interactive displays and challenges will leave you with lasting memories and in no doubt why The Perth Mint is a premier tourist attraction in Western Australia.

Please note that this is a tour operated by the Mint and is *not a private tour exclusively for our group*. You will join a larger guide for your afternoon experience.

24th August 2026 (B, L, D)

Uncover the magic of Rottnest Island —a perfect blend of natural beauty, rich heritage, and effortless comfort.





Our day begins with a scenic ferry ride to the island paradise, where you'll step into a world of stunning coastlines, unique wildlife, and fascinating stories. From here, climb aboard a historic train journey that winds through time—delving into Rottnest's captivating maritime and military history, cultural heritage, and visions for the future.



Travel in air-conditioned comfort as your expert guide takes you on a 4-hour immersive tour through the island's most iconic landmarks:

- Wadjemup Lighthouse – Soak in panoramic views from this island sentinel.
- Henrietta Rocks – Discover the beauty and shipwreck tales of this dramatic coastline.
- Oliver Hill Gun Fortification & Tunnels – Step into WWII history deep within the island's core.
- Mabel Cove – A hidden gem with serene turquoise waters.
- West End – Where salt lakes meet rugged cliffs and the scenery will steal your breath.

Along the way, keep your camera ready—you might meet the island's most famous and photogenic locals: the quokkas. These adorable marsupials are known for their cheeky grins and friendly nature, and spotting one is a true Rottnest highlight!



From the island's unique flora and fauna to its spectacular beaches and tranquil woodlands, this tour is Rottnest's most comprehensive experience. Please note that this is not a private experience for our group only. *Because of the limited infrastructure on the island, we will join other travellers for our day out on Rottnest Island.*

Return to Perth for a light dinner at a local restaurant.

25th August 2026 (B, L)



Nowhere else in Australia can you depart from a capital city by boat and arrive in an award-winning wine region on the same day. Relax and enjoy the iconic city skyline and beautiful picturesque landscape as we escape the city and cruise leisurely into the upper regions of the Swan Valley.

You'll be treated to a delicious share platter lunch on board with wine, followed by a wine and macaron pairing experience at Mandoon Estate! All of this is capped off with live entertainment and tantalizing desserts on board your return cruise. Our day onboard the Swan Valley wine cruise is a fantastic way to spend the day with friends and family as you cruise along the river and get to know the Swan Valley a different way! Please note that there will be other passengers onboard the cruise, this isn't a private boat just for our group.

26th August 2026 (B, D)



Enjoy a leisurely morning at your own pace. Sleep in, book a massage, hit the shops - whatever you choose! Early afternoon, we'll depart the hotel to visit the Pinnacles for an evening of natural wonder and celestial beauty!

Step into the surreal landscapes of Western Australia's Pinnacles Desert on an unforgettable evening tour that blends nature, culture, and the cosmos. As the sun begins its descent, the golden light dances across thousands of ancient limestone spires, casting long, dramatic shadows that transform the desert into a living work of art. This is one of the most magical times to experience the Pinnacles—a sight that's both haunting and breathtaking.

Your journey begins with a scenic drive through the coastal countryside, with a stop at Nilgen Nature Reserve, where wildflowers bloom in vibrant color during the season. Depending on the day's conditions, you may also visit Hangover Bay for a peaceful stroll along its pristine beach, where you'll learn about the traditional uses of local bush foods and medicines from Indigenous culture.

As twilight deepens, you'll gather for a gourmet barbecue dinner served in the heart of the desert, paired with a crisp glass of wine. With the last hues of sunset fading over the Pinnacles, the stars begin to emerge—first one, then hundreds, then thousands. Far from city lights, this remote location offers an exceptional opportunity for guided stargazing under some of the clearest skies in the Southern Hemisphere. Your guide will point out constellations, planets, and stories from the stars, bringing the night sky to life.

This immersive experience captures the essence of Western Australia's wild beauty, from vibrant coastlines and cultural stories to ancient desert formations and the awe of the universe above. The Pinnacles Sunset, Dinner, and Stargazing Tour is more than a day trip—it's a journey into the extraordinary.

27th August (B, refreshments in flight)

Sadly, it's time for our adventure across to the Indian Ocean to come to an end. You'll be transferred to the airport for your journey home, carrying memories to last a lifetime. And, as with all our tours, guests from the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, and Hunter regions will enjoy a transfer right to their front door.



Indian Pacific Train Accommodations

We are offering two styles of accommodation onboard the Indian Pacific.

Solo Cabin - with shared bathroom

Your stylish and ultra-modern cabin cleverly accommodates your belongings with a series of compartments and shelving options incorporated into the compact design. Your comfortable seat with full leg extension bench seat by day converts to a cosy bed by night.

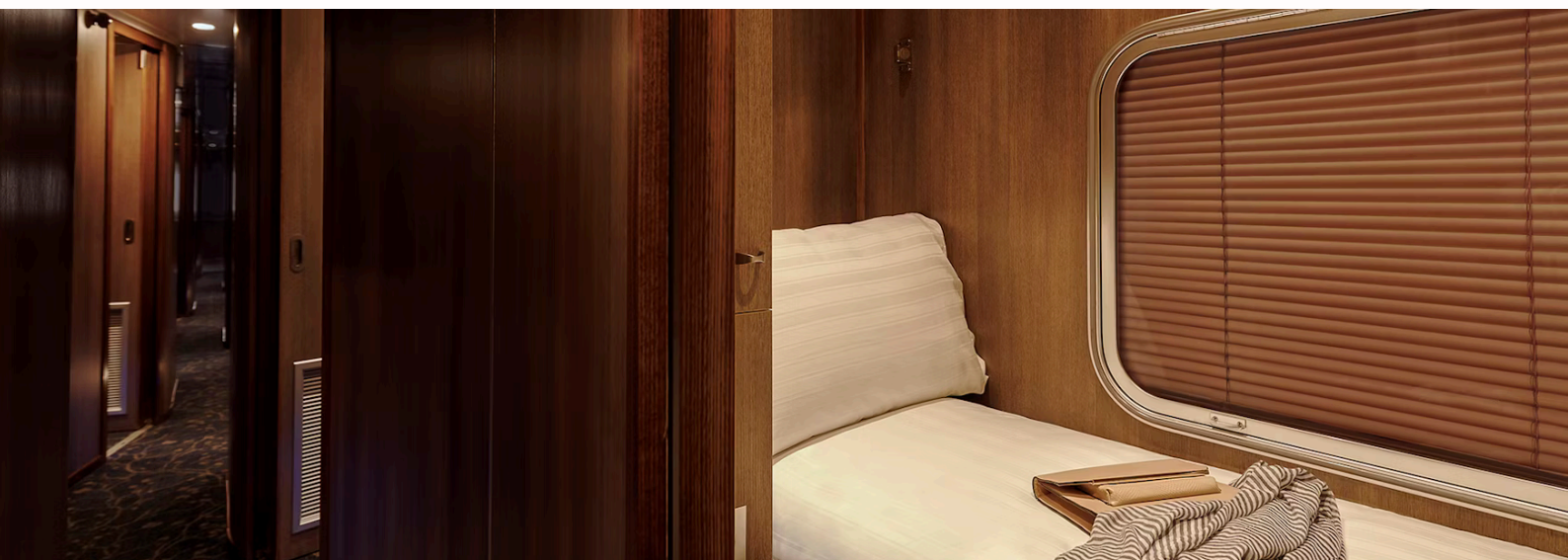
This cabin is a single bed configuration. The bathroom is only shared with the persons in your train carriage. The bathroom for the solo cabins is much larger than the private ensuites in the higher category

Solo Cabin - with private ensuite

This is your private oasis, a superbly comfortable overnight room to recline and let the rhythm of the tracks sway you to sleep ahead of your next adventure. During the day, relax on the three-seater lounge that converts to your upper and lower sleeping berth at night. Enjoy the high quality linen, pillows, doonas and complimentary Australian-made toiletries. Gold Twin cabins have a compact en suite with toilet, washbasin and shower giving you all the comfort, privacy and amenities you require.

Please note that while the Solo Cabin with ensuite has an upper and lower berth, we will not be offering twin share on the rail. This would require one person to be on the upper berth/bunk bed and use a ladder to get up/down.

I (Michelle) have travelled in the Gold Solo Cabins onboard the Indian Pacific. I'd be more than happy to share my experience on the cabins/facilities onboard, and provide further imagery.





Your 2026 Embark Womens Tour includes

INCLUDES

- Return Transfers from your home address* to Sydney airport
- Gold Single Cabins included on the Indian Pacific Rail Journey (shared bathroom)
- Economy Class Flights with a full-service airline (upgrade to premium economy/business class available)
- All accommodation, Sightseeing and transport as per the itinerary
- Meals: Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) where indication - minimum of 2 meals per day
- Small Group of only 12 women (plus guides and Jayes Travel representatives)
- Jayes Travel tour manager, travelling with you
- Local sightseeing experts throughout
- Pre-tour get together meal
- Departure Pack (luggage tags, luggage straps, ticket wallet etc)
- Welcome Home Pack

PACKAGE COST \$7,560 per person twin share

Upgrade to a Gold Twin Cabin for Solo Use on the Indian Pacific - additional \$3430

This option includes your private toilet/shower in your cabin

Update to Solo Accommodation for your stay in Perth - additional \$950 per person

On this journey you can elect to upgrade only the train or only the

First deposit due within 7 days of booking - \$1,500

Part payment due 31st October 2025 - \$1,000

Balance Due 15th May 2026

Please note that the day-to-day itinerary is based on the current Journey Beyond Indian Pacific current schedule. This is subject to change at any time, at the train's discretion.

Ready to secure your place? Have questions about the tour?

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