

Capital Connection

Departing from Melbourne

Discover Canberra, Sydney and Adelaide on this great rail holiday incorporating the Southern Xplorer, Indian Pacific and the Overland. Enjoy free time in Canberra, a Sydney Harbour dinner cruise, and visit Kangaroo Island and the Barossa during your stay in Adelaide.

DEPARTS EVERY THURSDAY – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Thursday: This morning board the XPT and travel first class, arriving into Cootamundra after lunch. Transfer to the Queanbeyan Coach Service for the last leg, arriving into Civic late this afternoon. *Overnight: Novotel Canberra or similar, 3 nights*

Friday & Saturday: Over the next two days, perhaps visit the National Museum of Australia, and join a guided tour or wander on your own through the many exhibitions. Or head to the Australian War Memorial, with its range of galleries and exhibitions detailing the Australian experience of war. Maybe take a guided tour of Parliament House and see Australia's democracy in action, or visit the National Gallery of Australia and see the art and world class exhibitions on show, including "Blue Poles" by Jackson Pollock and the Ned Kelly series by Sidney Nolan.

Sunday: Mid morning, make your way to Canberra Station to board the Southern Xplorer. Watch the scenery change as you travel through the picturesque Highlands region, arriving into Sydney late this afternoon. *Overnight: Rendezvous Hotel Sydney Central or similar, 3 nights*

Monday: Today use your Hop On Hop Off Explorer pass, and visit such places as Taronga Zoo, Manly, Watsons Bay, Luna Park, Shark Island or Barangaroo. Entry fees may be an additional cost.

Tuesday: This evening enjoy Sydney Harbour's signature dinner cruise aboard the MV Sydney 2000. With guaranteed window seating, feast from an a la carte menu, with

the lights of Sydney as your spectacular backdrop. Live music will keep you entertained as you cruise the Harbour. *(D)*

Wednesday: This afternoon make your way to Central Station to board the Indian Pacific. Settle into your Gold Service cabin, and enjoy the meals, beverages and facilities available to you. *Overnight: Indian Pacific (D)*

Thursday: This morning enjoy an off train excursion in Broken Hill, and visit Pro Hart's gallery, or head to the Miner's Memorial. On arrival in Adelaide, make your own way to your accommodation. *Overnight: Majestic Roof Garden Hotel or similar, 4 nights (BL)*

Friday: Early transfer this morning to Cape Jervis and the ferry to Kangaroo Island. Walk amongst wild Australian sea lions, enjoy a delicious lunch, and visit the Flinders Chase National Park, home to the iconic Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch. *(BL)*

Saturday: Today is a free day in Adelaide to explore at leisure. *(B)*

Sunday: Today travel into the Barossa. Taste wines at Pindarie, followed by a talk and samples at Maggie Beer's Farm Shop. At Lambert Estate feast upon a gourmet lunch, before finishing the day at Barossa Valley Chocolate Company, where you will pair their wine with their chocolate. *(BL)*

Monday: This morning depart on the Overland, and travel in Red Premium Service to Melbourne. Early evening you will arrive at Southern Cross Station. *(B)*

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Inclusions

- > First Class Seat on the XPT, Melbourne to Canberra (via Cootamundra)
- > 3 nights in Canberra
- > First Class Seat on the Southern Xplorer, Canberra to Sydney
- > 3 nights in Sydney
- > Hop On Hop Off Explorer Pass
- > Sydney Harbour Captain's Dinner Cruise
- > Gold Service on the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and an off train excursion in Broken Hill
- > 4 nights in Adelaide
- > Full day Kangaroo Island Experience
- > Full day Barossa Food & Wine Experience
- > Red Premium Seat on the Overland, Adelaide to Melbourne*
- > Transfers & Meals as stated - 5 x breakfast / 3 x lunch / 2 x dinner

\$3350^{pp}
Twin Share
Low Season

\$3620^{pp}
Twin Share
High Season

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