

## Indian Pacific - Reef to Reef

This is one of the World's most luxurious and fascinating exploration holidays. You start off at the glorious Airlie Beach to explore the world famous Great Barrier Reef before heading down to Sydney to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Then jump on a luxurious cross country train taking you through Adelaide to Perth before driving on to the impeccable beauty spots of Exmouth & the Ningaloo Reef.

Note: This trip can be completed with either Platinum or Gold Service, please enquire for further details.

### **Day 1: Arrive Airlie Beach**

Airlie Beach is the vibrant hub of the Whitsundays. and the ideal mainland base for fun and adventure.  
OVERNIGHT: Mantra Boathouse

### **Day 2: Great Barrier Reef, Reefsleep**

Transfer from Airlie Beach by fast ocean-going vessel and enjoy the day filled with fun activities in Australia's world famous Great Barrier Reef.  
OVERNIGHT: Reefsleep (L, D)

### **Day 3: Great Barrier Reef, Reefsleep**

Enjoy a full day experiencing the location. Swim and see the myriad tropical fish, corals and reef sharks. Non-swimmers can view from the underwater viewing chamber of the semi-submersible vessel.  
OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Mantra Boathouse (B, L)

### **Day 4: Leisure Day**

Enjoy the lovely coastal town of Airlie Beach. Stroll one of the alfresco restaurants for fresh local seafood or handmade tapas.

### **Day 5: Camira Sailing Adventure**

Enjoy a full day sailing around the Whitsundays and take in all the showstoppers Whitsundays has to offer, including the jaw-dropping Whitehaven Beach, interactive shore experiences, swimming spots topped of with a beach barbeque for lunch. (L)

### **Day 6: Airlie Beach to Sydney**

Check out of Mantra Boathouse in the morning for your flight to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, spend the remainder of they day at your leisure. Amble through the city's laneways or enjoy views from Darling Harbour.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Adina Apartment Hotel, Sydney Central

**Day 7: Sydney Harbour, Bridge Climb**

Climb an Australian icon, The Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb is sure to be a highlight and a moment you'll never forget.

**Day 8: Board the Indian Pacific in Sydney**

Depart Sydney's Central Station, settle into your first evening on the Indian Pacific. Enjoy the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this much-loved rail journey.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (D)

**Day 9: Indian Pacific, Broken Hill & Adelaide**

After breakfast, prepare for your first Off Train Excursion in Broken Hill, followed by a day enjoying the outback scenery. Upon arrival in Adelaide, you'll have more Off Train Excursions to choose from before continuing your journey west (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Indian Pacific, Nullarbor Plain**

Today is all about those amazing views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under and outback sky on the edge of the country's largest sheep station at Rawlinna (seasonal) (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Indian Pacific, Perth**

This morning, you will travel through the rolling hills of the Avon Valley, Arriving mid-afternoon to Perth.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Adina Apartment Hotel, Perth (B, L)

**Day 12: Rottnest Island**

Enjoy a ferry trip from Perth to Rottnest Island with Rottnest Express with so much to see and do. Best option is to take a guided tour and explore the island's most spectacular locations, see its unique wildlife and discover its colourful history.

**Day 13: Perth to Exmouth**

After your flight from Perth to Exmouth, pick up your hire car and make your way to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

**Day 14: Whale Shark or Humpback Whale Interaction Tour**

Prepare for a life-changing experience. You have the chance to swim with whale sharks or humpback whales (seasonal) on the world famous Ningaloo Reef. Lunch also included as well as a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature you'll never forget. (L)

NOTE: During NOV-MAR you will enjoy a half-day Marine Life Discover and Lagoon Snorkeling Tour.

**Day 15: Leisure Day**

Why not head to Cape Range National Park with its spectacular gorges in your hire car? Hike through walking trails and gorges offering best views in the west or relax on pristine sandy beaches with crystal clear turquoise water.

**Day 16: Self-Drive to Carnarvon**

Drive to Carnarvon via Goscoyne's picturesque coastline, or the rugged inland locations such as Kennedy Range and Mount Augustus National Park.

OVERNIGHT: Woorame River Retreat

**Day 17: Self-Drive to Shark Bay (Monkey Mia)**

Monkey Mia is famous for its dolphin experience and is surrounded by rusty red sand dunes, white sandy beaches and water teeming with wildlife. You can drive there via Hamelin Pool, a protected marine nature reserve where stromatolites, known as 'living fossils' are the number one attraction.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights RAC Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort

**Day 18: Leisure Day**

Covering an area of more than 2.2 million hectares, Shark Bay is one of the world's greatest wilderness treasures with a unique combination of wildlife, flora and stunning scenery. Enjoy a day at your leisure.

**Day 19: Self-Drive to Coral Bay**

Self-Drive back towards Exmouth. Coral Bay is a small settlement that lies protected from the Indian Ocean by the Ningaloo Reef, where the coral starts right at the water's edge.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Bayview Coral Bay

**Day 20: Marine Eco Safari - Manta Rays**

This marine eco-tour is a full day of fascinating interactions with the ocean. Get up close and personal with manta rays. Your adventure includes wetsuits and snorkelling gear plus morning tea, lunch, and afternoon snacks. (L)

**Day 21: Self-Drive to Exmouth**

Take in any last-minute sights at Coral Bay before making the drive to Exmouth. Spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool as you reflect on the last couple of week's adventure.

OVERNIGHT: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

**Day 22: Exmouth to Perth**

After breakfast, check out of your hotel, return your hire car and board your flight to Perth.