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Australia's Deep South

INDEPENDENT TOUR — PERTH TO MELBOURNE

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Explore the wonders of Australia's deep south – travel through lush green hills to desert plains, discover dramatic coastline and temperate rainforest, see emus, koalas, kangaroos and echidnas and explore Australia's finest wine regions.

This independent tour takes in the sunny city of Perth and the charms of the Margaret River before an epic rail-journey on *The Indian Pacific* to Adelaide. Here you'll join a small group tour to Melbourne, via the dramatic coastal scenery of the Great Ocean Road.

What's Included?

Hotels as shown, or similar on a room only basis unless otherwise stated

Meals as shown

Private arrival transfer in Perth

3 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental

Transfer from Perth hotel to railway station

Gold Service aboard *The Indian Pacific* including all meals

Small Group 3-day/2-night Tour between Adelaide and Melbourne





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Days 1–3 Perth

On arrival in Perth you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for a 3-night stay.

Perth offers an enticing start to any Australian holiday. Enjoy the sunny outdoor lifestyle with cruises along the Swan River, lazy brunches on gleaming white sand beaches or hop over to Rottnest Island, an idyllic spot that is home to the quokka, a marsupial unique to the island.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific Perth (4.5 Star Hotel)

Days 4–5 Margaret River

Depart Perth for the south west. You'll have 2 nights to explore one of Australia's finest wine regions, which is home to a plethora of award-winning wineries and craft breweries plus spectacular beaches, a thriving arts scene and some of the world's tallest hardwood trees.

Accommodation: Margaret River Guest House (4 Star B&B)
Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

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Day 6 Perth

Return to Perth for one last night.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific Perth (4.5 Star Hotel)

Days 7–8 *The Indian Pacific*

Board *The Indian Pacific* train for a mid-morning departure from Perth. Enjoy a regionally-inspired lunch as the train heads through the soft green hills of the Avon Valley before the landscape flattens into desert plains. Your second day aboard is spent crossing the mighty Nullabor Plain with arrival in Adelaide the following morning. Off train experiences are included in Kalgoorlie and Rawlinna.

Accommodation: *The Indian Pacific* (Gold Service, Twin)
Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Days 9–10 Adelaide

On arrival in Adelaide make your way to your hotel. Your time here is free to explore; perhaps join a tour to the Barossa Valley or Kangaroo Island.

Accommodation: Majestic Roof Garden (4 Star Hotel)

Day 11 Mount Gambier

You'll be collected for the start of your small group journey to Melbourne. Travelling with no more than eight other guests you'll explore the Adelaide Hills and Hahndorf before heading into wine country where you'll have chance to sample some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon around.

Accommodation: The Commodore (4 Star Hotel)
Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner



Day 12 Great Ocean Road

Cross the state border into Victoria towards the Shipwreck Coast. Visit Port Fairy before calling into the Tower Hill Reserve, where hopefully you'll get to see emus, koalas, kangaroos and echidnas. The Great Ocean Road starts with the impressive stacks of Bay of Martyrs and Bay of Islands, and you'll also visit London Bridge and Loch Ard Gorge. At the Twelve Apostles there's opportunity to take a scenic helicopter flight (own expense) over the coastline.

Accommodation: Beacon Point Villas (4 Star Hotel)
Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 13 Melbourne

After breakfast visit the Otway National Park and follow the easy trail through cool, temperate rainforest past trees and ferns dating back millions of years. Then it's on to Kennett River for the chance to spot koalas, there are plenty of photo stops along the way. The afternoon is spent following the surf coast to Geelong before arriving in Melbourne late afternoon.

Accommodation: Hotel Lindrum (4.5 Star Hotel)

Day 14 Departure

Today your tour comes to an end.

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.