

Your itinerary

Vintage Rail Journey: Golden West

from \$3,995 per person

Step back in time with the team at Vintage Rail Journeys and travel in style on board a fleet of newly restored 1960s ex-Southern Aurora sleeping carriages. Celebrate Australia's diverse history and rich culture with visits to regional towns, gardens and attractions. You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure. G'day and welcome aboard This exceptional journey through some of Australia's most breathtaking scenery features sandstone cliffs by the Hawkesbury River, the stunning coastline to Newcastle, the far regions of the Central West and the Jurassic rainforest of the Blue Mountains. Stroll around the Hunter Valley wineries, roam the spectacular Mayfield Garden, while sampling the finest produce that the region has to offer.

Unpack only once and enjoy everything that slow rail touring provides. The itinerary is designed so that we only travel during daylight hours. We don't want you to miss any of the spectacular scenery.

Day 1: Sydney - The Hawkesbury - Paterson

Your Golden West adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once on board, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining cars, or your private cabin while we travel to the spectacular Hawkesbury River. We will depart the train for a lunch cruise with the 'Riverboat Postman'. We then rejoin the train and travel right by the water at Mullet Creek and alongside Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley. The train will be stabled for the night at Paterson Rail Motor Museum (Lunch, Dinner)

Day 2: Hunter Valley Gardens & Vineyards – Werris Creek

Today we will enjoy the best that the Hunter Valley region has to offer using our private Aurora Explorer shuttle bus. Our first stop is the spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens featuring 10 amazingly themed gardens with influences from all over the world. Included in the Aurora Explorer shuttle bus circuit will be cellar door wine tastings at selected wine makers. Your explorer circuit will also include the Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village with its unique collection of boutique retailers promoting the best local produce, artistic talent, contemporary cafe dining and cellar door wine tasting. Lunch today is at your own choice and cost. Your Aurora Explorer buses will return you to Maitland Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for a 3pm departure. We will travel the remainder of the Hunter Valley, and on through Ardglen Tunnel to Werris Creek. We will visit the Australian Rail Monument and Railway Journeys Museum. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Werris Creek Station, where we will be stabled for the night. (Breakfast, Dinner)



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Day 3: Werris Creek – Binnaway Junction – Orange

Enjoy breakfast on board the train traveling along the freight only line from Werris Creek, arriving at Binnaway Junction by mid-morning. At Binnaway Junction, you will have the opportunity to quickly stretch your legs while the train changes direction. We will re-board our train and enjoy lunch as we make our way to Orange. Visit the beautiful Cook Park, 4.5 hectares of parkland in the heart of Orange. This is a 145 year old, traditional Victorian style park which embodies the seasonal colours of Orange. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Orange Station, where we will be stabled for the night. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Orange – Mayfield Garden – Bathurst – Kandos

Enjoy Breakfast on board as we head to Bathurst, where we will board buses to transfer to Mayfield Garden, one of the world's largest privately owned cool climate gardens. Covering more than 64 hectares, the scale of the gardens is truly breathtaking. Lunch will be provided for you at the garden where you can enjoy it at your leisure in numerous picnic spots. Our bus will return us to Bathurst, where we can visit the National Racing Museum at Mt Panorama or the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum. We will then have the rare opportunity to ride the closed Gwabegar line from Wallerawang, up the Capertee Valley to Rylstone and then back to Kandos, the town famous for its cement works. We will take a short walk through town for an after hours visit to the Kandos Museum, and learn more about the fascinating industrial history of this town. We will then enjoy a true Aussie dinner at the Kandos Hall, followed by a bush dance! We will stay for the night in the tranquility of Kandos. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5: Kandos – Katoomba – Sydney

Enjoy breakfast as we travel back down the stunning Gwabegar line and cross the Great Dividing Range to Wallerawang. On through Lithgow and through the 10 tunnels that replaced the Lithgow Zig-Zag, then cross the Darling Causeway on the way to Mount Victoria.



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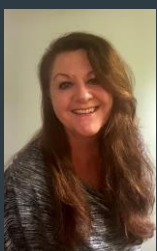
Stopping at Mount Victoria, you will depart the train and board your Blue Mountains Explorer Bus, which gives you access to the 'Hop-on, Hop-Off' service to explore the vibrant Blue Mountains Villages in your own time. Walk out to the edge at Echo Point, see the majestic Three Sisters. Take a 'Scenic World' ride (optional extra – tickets may be bought on the train). Check the waterfalls and the vibrant villages. Visit Everglades Historic House and Gardens. Leuralla Toy and Railway Museum is a must visit! Lunch is at your own arrangements in the picturesque Blue Mountains villages. At 3:00pm we will again board the train for our return to Central Station. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey! (Breakfast)

Inclusions:

- 5 days plus 4 nights experience aboard the newly restored, iconic 1960's ex-Southern Aurora Sleeping Train, travelling along rail lines normally closed to the public,
- Sleep onboard in your own cabin, 10 meals, off-train excursions, 'Aurora Explorer' shuttle bus

Highlights:

- A 'Riverboat Postman' cruise on the Hawkesbury River
- The Hunter Valley
- Werris Creek
- Orange Farmers Market
- Mayfield Garden
- Kandos and the Capertee Valley
- Blue Mountains Villages



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Tour dates:

11-15 November 2020 (Wait list only)

10-14 February 2021

7-11 April 2021 (Clockwise)

8-12 September 2021

10-14 November 2021

Pricing:

Twin share \$3,995 per person

Single \$3,995



* Conditions

Advertised prices are per person twin share, land only. Prices are correct at time of publication and are subject to availability and change at any time without notification.

Other conditions apply. Please contact me for full terms and conditions.



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