Indian Pacific

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Overview

New for 2026: Two extra-luxurious new suites, Australis and Aurora, will be available to book on *Indian Pacific* — beginning now for travel in 2026.

Australis, the larger of the two, will be three times the size of a Platinum cabin. Aurora will be twice the size of a Platinum cabin. Both suites will feature large queen beds, separate sitting areas, expansive wardrobes, and stunning ensuite bathrooms with Jurlique toiletries. Design elements will include decorative timber accents, stone masonry, iron filigree, and coved ceilings.

The suites will also include exclusive off-train experiences, Champagne Bollinger La Grande Année, personalized in-suite bars, the option to dine in your suite, an exclusive unpacking service, and more luxurious amenities. Ask us about booking one of these two new suites for

travel in 2026 and beyond on our Australia Luxury Rail Extravaganza.

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Australia's transcontinental *Indian Pacific* offers a twice-weekly service in both directions between Perth and Sydney, via Adelaide, across more than 2,704 miles (4,352 km) during peak seasons, and once a week in less busy times.

Almost 300 miles (482 km) of it is across the longest straight track in the world, the Nullarbor Plain.

The journey takes three nights, and our travelers report it's frequently a very jolly departure, with many Aussies traveling the route, especially around holiday periods.

In 1849, Australia's first railway lines were built—but on three different rail gauges. The beginnings of the modern-day *Indian Pacific* can be traced to 1917, but the first unbroken journey of the new *Indian Pacific* departed Sydney Central Station on Feb. 20, 1970, arriving at Perth five days later to a welcoming crowd of 10,000.

Accommodations

Both service levels include dining, beverages and off-train excursions.

Australis & Aurora Suites: New for 2026

Two extra-luxurious new suites, Australis and Aurora, are now available to book on every departure of the *Indian Pacific*.

Australis, the larger of the two, is three times the size of a Platinum cabin. Aurora is twice the size of a Platinum cabin. Both suites feature large queen beds, separate sitting areas, expansive wardrobes, and stunning ensuite bathrooms with Jurlique toiletries. Australis even has a coveted double sink in the bathroom, making getting ready even breezier for couples. Design elements include decorative timber accents, stone masonry, iron filigree, and coved ceilings.

The suites also include exclusive off-train experiences, Champagne Bollinger La Grande Année, personalized in-suite bars, the option to dine in your suite, an exclusive unpacking service, private transfers to and from the station, and more luxurious amenities.

Platinum Service

In September 2008, the *Ghan* kicked off a new luxury service, limited to 24 Platinum class cabins. The same service is now being offered on *Indian Pacific* departures.

Each Platinum class cabin is 82.5 square feet, including private, en-suite shower, sink and toilet, which is almost twice the size of Gold Service. The cabin is converted to lounge area by day, with

a moveable table and two ottomans. At night, it converts to a double (6 ft. 4 in. long by 4 ft. 7 in. wide) or twin beds (6 ft. 4 in. long by 2 ft. 3 in. wide); the interior is finished in Tasmanian Myrtle wood. Each compartment has full-size shower, vanity with storage space, mirror and oversized panoramic window.

Additional amenities for Platinum Service guests include: included transfers at the beginning and end of your journey; access to the exclusive Platinum Club for dining and socializing; option to have continental breakfast served in your room.

Gold Service

Note that we do not currently book Gold Service because of the superiority and comfort of Platinum service.

Gold Service offers three cabin options: Gold Suite, Gold Twin & Gold Single.

Gold Suite cabins feature a 3/4 size double bed (6 ft. 3 in. long by 3 ft. 3 in. wide) plus a fold-down upper berth (5 ft. 10 in. long by 2 ft. 6 in. wide), lounge area, minibar and full en-suite bathroom. There are a very limited number of Gold Suite cabins on each departure.

The Gold Twin cabin is a three-seater lounge area by day, converting to upper and lower sleeping berths (6 ft. 6 in. long by 2 ft. 2 in. wide) at night. These cabins also have a compact en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and toilet.

The Gold Single cabin features a twin bed (5 ft. 10 in. long by 2 ft. 2 in. wide) that converts to a seat by day. Shower/toilet facilities are shared and located at the end of each carriage.

Another great benefit: complimentary off-train excursions in Alice and other stops.

Dining

All passengers have their all-inclusive meals in the Queen Adelaide restaurant cars: breakfast, two-course lunch and three-course dinner. Seasonal, local ingredients are featured.

Lounges

The Outback Explorer Lounge is the social hub of the train - with wide picture windows, bar service and snacks served throughout the day.

The Platinum Club is exclusive for Platinum Service guests. A Platinum Host serves cocktails, barista coffee and snacks. Dinner can also be taken in the Platinum Club.

IRT Insights

The last guests we had on this train felt that the dining service was rushed, with all courses served at once. Hopefully, this criticism has been addressed and service has improved.

If you want to go all out, book exclusive use of The Chairman’s Carriage, which accommodates up to eight people. It has three Platinum Service double cabins and one Platinum Service twin cabin, as well as a private dining/lounge area and attendant. Contact us for availability and pricing.