



SPARK TRAVEL



| 6 Day

VIVID SYDNEY & INDIAN PACIFIC TRAIN

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide

Return Home Transfers

Indian Pacific Train From Adelaide To Sydney

Magnificent Archibald Exhibition

Captain Cook 'Vivid Sydney' Dinner Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area only).
- Escorted by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- 2 nights' Adelaide to Sydney on board the Indian Pacific Train in Gold Class sleepers including a superb "Flavours of South Australia Welcome Dinner."
- Fly Sydney to Adelaide with Virgin Australia.
- Stay 3 nights at the centrally located Vibe Sydney Hotel.
- Dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour and spectacular 'Vivid Sydney' light installations.
- View the 2025 Archibald Exhibition at the art Gallery of New South Wales.
- Sydney familiarisation sights tour – see Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, visit beautiful and historic La Perouse.
- Enjoy a delightful lunch cruise along the magnificent Hawkesbury River on board the 'Riverboat Postman.'
- Free time to explore The Rocks Saturday Markets.



INDIAN PACIFIC:

Accommodation on board the train is in comfortable Gold Service in twin cabins with upper and lower berth or single roomettes, which during the day convert into conventional seating. Twin cabins have their own refurbished private shower, toilet and washbasin, whilst the singles have refurbished washbasin facilities with toilets and showers being available at the end of each carriage.

Stylish dining in the famed Queen Adelaide Restaurant with complimentary soft drinks, beer, wines, base spirits and tea/coffee included in the Outback Explorer Lounge and Queen Adelaide Restaurant, complimentary off train excursions in Broken Hill and the Blue Mountains. **Upgrade to Platinum Class or Gold Premium subject to additional cost and availability.**

'VIVID SYDNEY':

'Vivid Sydney' is the Southern Hemisphere's most spectacular outdoor festival. From 6pm each night, mesmerising art installations and 3D projections transform Sydney's architecture and open spaces along the foreshore including Darling Harbour, The Rocks, Circular Quay, Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Garden. We will have a very special viewing of the stunning Sydney harbour light displays from our Captain Cook vessel whilst enjoying a sumptuous 4 course a la carte dinner.

ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION AT THE ART GALLERY OF NSW:

The Archibald Prize for portrait painting is the country's favourite and most significant art award. Since 1921 it has highlighted figures from all walks of life, from famous faces to local heroes, reflecting back to us the stories of our time.

NOTES:

****Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

****Tour extensions subject to availability and extension booking criteria.**

****It should be noted that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved.**

****Please note that on tours where flight/rail are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines/rail concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.**

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - MONDAY, 09 JUNE - JOIN THE INDIAN PACIFIC TRAIN, WELCOME DINNER
5.30pm Check in at Adelaide Parklands Terminal, (formerly Keswick Station), where you will be met by your Spark Travel Tour Manager. Passengers joining the train in Adelaide will enjoy a superb 'Flavours of South Australia Welcome Dinner' including world-class wines in the Adelaide Parklands Terminal prior to boarding the train.

Depart Adelaide at 10.40pm on board the Indian Pacific and travel through the wide open spaces of the South Australian mid-north, arriving early tomorrow morning into the mining town of Broken Hill.

OVERNIGHT: ON BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC. (D)

DAY 02 - TUESDAY, 10 JUNE - ON BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC - BROKEN HILL

This morning, we disembark from the train in the mining town of Broken Hill where a selection of complimentary tours off the train are on offer. (Ask your Spark Travel Consultant for the choices available so you can select your preferred choice of tour which will be confirmed on the train). Later, re-board the Indian Pacific and continue our journey to the Blue Mountains and Sydney.

OVERNIGHT: ON BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC. (B,L,D)

DAY 03 - WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE - INDIAN PACIFIC & MAGNIFICENT BLUE MOUNTAINS - SYDNEY

This morning, wake up and enjoy breakfast as we wind our way into the heart of the magnificent Blue Mountains. Disembark from the Indian Pacific at Mt Victoria Station to explore the world-heritage listed national park. First stop is a complimentary visit to Scenic World - maybe ride the steepest incline railway in the world or try the cable car ride, the choice is yours. Enjoy panoramic views of the Three Sisters and the scenic Jamison Valley. Later, drive to the Lookout Restaurant for a light lunch including award-winning wines and beer, not to mention the picturesque views. From Katoomba board a privately chartered train and be whisked away to Sydney Central Station, arriving at 3.15pm.

After collecting our luggage, the Spark Travel private charter coach will transfer the group to the nearby Vibe Sydney Hotel, our home for the next 3 nights.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (B,L,D)

DAY 04 - THURSDAY, 12 JUNE - IN SYDNEY - SYDNEY SIGHTS, ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION, CAPTAIN COOK 'VIVID SYDNEY' DINNER CRUISE

This morning, join our coach for an interesting familiarisation sights tour of Sydney. After a refreshment break at Bondi, we begin our tour - see Hyde Park, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Opera House and spectacular views of Sydney and the Harbour from Mrs Macquarie's Chair. This afternoon, visit the Art Gallery of NSW for an opportunity to view the exciting 2025 Archibald Exhibition. Refreshments are available for purchase from The Gallery Cafe.

This evening transfer down to Darling Harbour to join our Captain Cook Starlight Dinner Cruise. As we cruise Sydney Harbour, see the mesmerising 'Vivid Sydney' light art installations and 3D projections transform Sydney's architecture and open spaces along the harbour foreshore.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (B,D)

DAY 05 - FRIDAY, 13 JUNE - IN SYDNEY - THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN, MANLY

This morning after breakfast, we head an hour north of Sydney to Brooklyn on the mighty Hawkesbury River where we board The Riverboat Postman. Morning tea is served on arrival with percolated coffee, hot tea and delicious home-made ANZAC biscuits. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as the boat delivers the mail and other essentials to the river-accessible only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. Be entertained by stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort up this spectacular waterway, and before disembarking, enjoy a delightful Aussie Plowmans lunch. The boat is fully licensed for those who would like to purchase a glass of wine, beer or soft drink with lunch. Complimentary water is available from the bar.

At the conclusion of our cruise, we rejoin our coach and head back to Sydney, en route making a leisure stop at the seaside suburb of Manly.

Dinner this evening will be at our hotel.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (B,M,L,D)

DAY 06 - FRIDAY, 14 JUNE - SYDNEY/ADELAIDE - THE ROCKS SATURDAY MARKETS, LA PEROUSE, LUNCH AT BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS RSL

After loading the coach our first stop today will be at **The Rocks** for a chance to explore the iconic **Rocks Saturday Markets**. See the original Rocks houses, and don't forget to walk down Playfair Street to view the delightful **statue of 'Biggles' the Schnauzer**, a much-loved former member of The Rocks community. Also look up behind the buildings towards the cliffs where remnants of some of the original settlement houses can be seen. Our next stop will be at **La Perouse** on the northern headland of Botany Bay where there will be time to explore the fascinating historic precinct. Our final stop will be at Brighton-Le-Sands, Lady Robinson's Beach. At 7kms in length, it is the longest beach in Sydney in 1874, named after Governor Sir Hercules Robinson's wife. Perhaps take a stroll along the Grand Parade overlooking the bay, view the Bicentennial Monument which commemorates the First Fleet Landing in 1788 or see the statue of 1896 Olympian Spyros Louis. Enjoy **lunch** at the **Brighton-Le-Sands RSL**, after which we transfer to Sydney Airport for the flight home.

Please ensure you have **photo ID** ready for presentation in order to receive your boarding pass. **5.45pm** Depart **Sydney Airport** on **Virgin Australia** flight **VA434**, arriving **Adelaide Airport** at **7.25pm**. (B,L)

AFTER YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU BACK HOME

Off Train Experiences Option:

Broken Hill

Option 1: UNITED WE STAND AND MINERS MEMORIAL

Broken Hill was born off the richness that lies beneath it and, in this far-flung region of Australia, mining was a tough and often dangerous business. Visit the Broken Hill Trades Hall, a heritage-listed building home to the city's first labour movement. Enjoy a live performance by local actors showcasing the early mining story and life in Broken Hill. Under the 'United we stand' banner, the Union successfully championed the 35-hour working week and created safer and fairer working conditions that Australian workers enjoy today.

The striking Miners Memorial that stands over the town is a constant and powerful salute to the more than 800 miners who've lost their lives working here.

Fittingly, the towering 54 metre structure dominates the city's highest point on the Line of Lode remnant mullock dumps that traverse the city, and its east-west axis track the path of the rising and setting sun.

From your vantage on the lookout above the city, you'll also enjoy the sweeping outback vistas and a unique view of the Indian Pacific stretched out below you.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low – coach tour with short walks required. No wheelchair access.

Option 2: THE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery is the oldest regional art gallery in New South Wales holding an important cultural position and role in the broader western New South Wales region.

The Emporium was associated with two well-known Broken Hill families, the Sullys (1885-1925) and the Sweetapples (1924-1985), and had its own livery stable and blacksmiths in the yard at the rear of the buildings. In 1998 the Broken Hill City Council purchased the building to provide a permanent home for the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery and the city's art collection.

The Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery provides an annual program of locally curated exhibitions along with touring exhibitions from major cultural institutions. A selection of works from the collection is on permanent display in the upstairs gallery whilst the touring exhibitions fill the lower floor.

On display is an extensive collection of Australian colonial works including James Coutts Michie and James Ashton along with several important Victorian painters such as Arthur Hacker RA.

The gallery also has a nationally recognised collection of early 20th century Australian paintings including works by Margaret Preston and Arthur Streeton through to contemporary works by Rick Amor, Charles Blackman, Arthur Boyd, Lloyd Rees, Barbara Hanrahan, Mandy Martin, Clifton Pugh, Tim Storrier, Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, Emily Kane Kngwarreye, David Malangi and many other fine Australian artists including Pro Hart.

Enjoy strolling the gallery and immersing yourself in this historic building and cultural art works.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low mobility – short walks are required to view artwork throughout the Gallery.

Option 3: BELLS MILK BAR

Ignite your sense of nostalgia and take a step back in time to Bells Milk Bar, an icon of Broken Hill. The neighbourhood corner store was once a colourful and vibrant hallmark of Australian life. Bells began as a confectioner in 1892 but was established as Bells Milk Bar in the late 1930s and is one of the last and longest-running milk bars around.

As you cross the threshold, the clock winds back to the 1950s, when vanilla malt and lime green soda were regular requests. Don't have a sweet tooth? Don't worry. Bells also serves organic single origin espresso coffee and a range of herbal teas. While enjoying your beverage, sit back and relax to a fantastic performance by Cindy and Johnny, taking you back to the 50's before returning to the Indian Pacific.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low – Coach with short walks at Bells.

Option 4: MAIN DRAG WALKING TOUR WITH SHELITA BUFFET

When the world fell in love with the blockbuster movie *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, Broken Hill suddenly had more than mining and famous painters to put it on the map – it had a faceful of fluttering fake lashes and pouting lips coated in lurid lipstick to back it up. Join the fun with a tour of the main drag with fabulous local Drag Queen sensation, Shelita Buffet.

This is a town tour with a difference, as Shelita educates and entertains on the mining history, iconic buildings, and art installations that represent the fascinating interfusion that makes up contemporary Broken Hill. From the Town Hall to the Police Station and the Palace Hotel to the Giant Ant Sculpture, you'll catch all the highlights, presented with Shelita's inimitable flair.

Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – walking tour of approx 2 km.

Blue Mountains

Option 1: BLUE MOUNTAINS DISCOVERY TRAIL

Join your local expert guide and take in spectacular views of the World Heritage-listed area from numerous lookouts along the trail.

Delight your senses as you connect with the serenity, witnessing towering eucalypts and ancient tree ferns before getting a glimpse of the famous Three Sisters.

Don't forget to take your camera to capture the expansive views, rugged cliffs, local fauna, forests and formations.

End the trek with a light lunch at the Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba. Take in more amazing views with an award-winning wine or beer. Recommended Fitness Level: High – Approx. 3km walk with varying elevations and uneven ground; enclosed shoes suitable for walking required.

Option 2: JOURNEY THROUGH THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

The Blue Mountains is a World Heritage-listed area that is bound to delight your senses with its rugged cliffs, forests and formations.

After disembarking, it's onwards to Scenic World for four phenomenal mountain experiences. The Scenic Skyway takes you above ancient ravines, visible 270 metres below through the glass cabin floor.

Your vista is 360 degrees and features the Three Sisters, the Jamison Valley and Katoomba Falls. Join the Scenic Cableway and glide over the forest as you descend more than 500 metres to the valley floor, before boarding the Scenic Railway, the steepest passenger railway in the world. Next, travel to the Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba to enjoy a light lunch paired with award-winning wine and beer to complement more amazing views. After lunch, you'll board a private charter train which will take you through to Sydney Central Station concluding your epic journey

Recommended Fitness Level: Low to medium mobility – short walks and climbing stairs required. Wheelchair access available. Speak with your guide for low-mobility options.

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double:

\$3998.00 per person

Single supplement:

\$478.00 per person

MEAL CODINGS: (B) - Breakfast (M) - Morning tea (L) - Lunch (D) - Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Travel Adelaide to Sydney on board the iconic Indian Pacific Train.
- Fly Sydney/Adelaide with Virgin Australia.
- Luxury air-conditioned touring coach.
- Hotel accommodation with private facilities.
- Cooked breakfast each morning, 5 dinners, 1 morning tea, 4 lunches.
- Captain Cook Starlight Dinner Cruise to view 'Vivid Sydney.'
- Entry to the Archibald Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.
- Riverboat Postman lunch cruise.
- Touring as detailed in the itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Portage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small overnight bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will **not** be carried by Hughes, airlines, rail or our coach company.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis', at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$1000.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance is due on Thursday, 14 November 2024, or in the case of bookings made after 14 November 2024, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled prior to 14 November 2024, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled on or after 15 November 2024 will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

Accreditation

