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2027 RAIL JOURNEYS

Delicious dishes, renowned wineries, and captivating art galleries. Charming coastal towns with breathtaking ocean views that stretch for hundreds of kilometres. All on one amazing summer rail adventure between Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane. As you travel up and down Australia's East Coast, you'll stop to connect with country along the way, on adventures that explore the natural beauty of the coastline, the rolling hills, and the big-city buzz.



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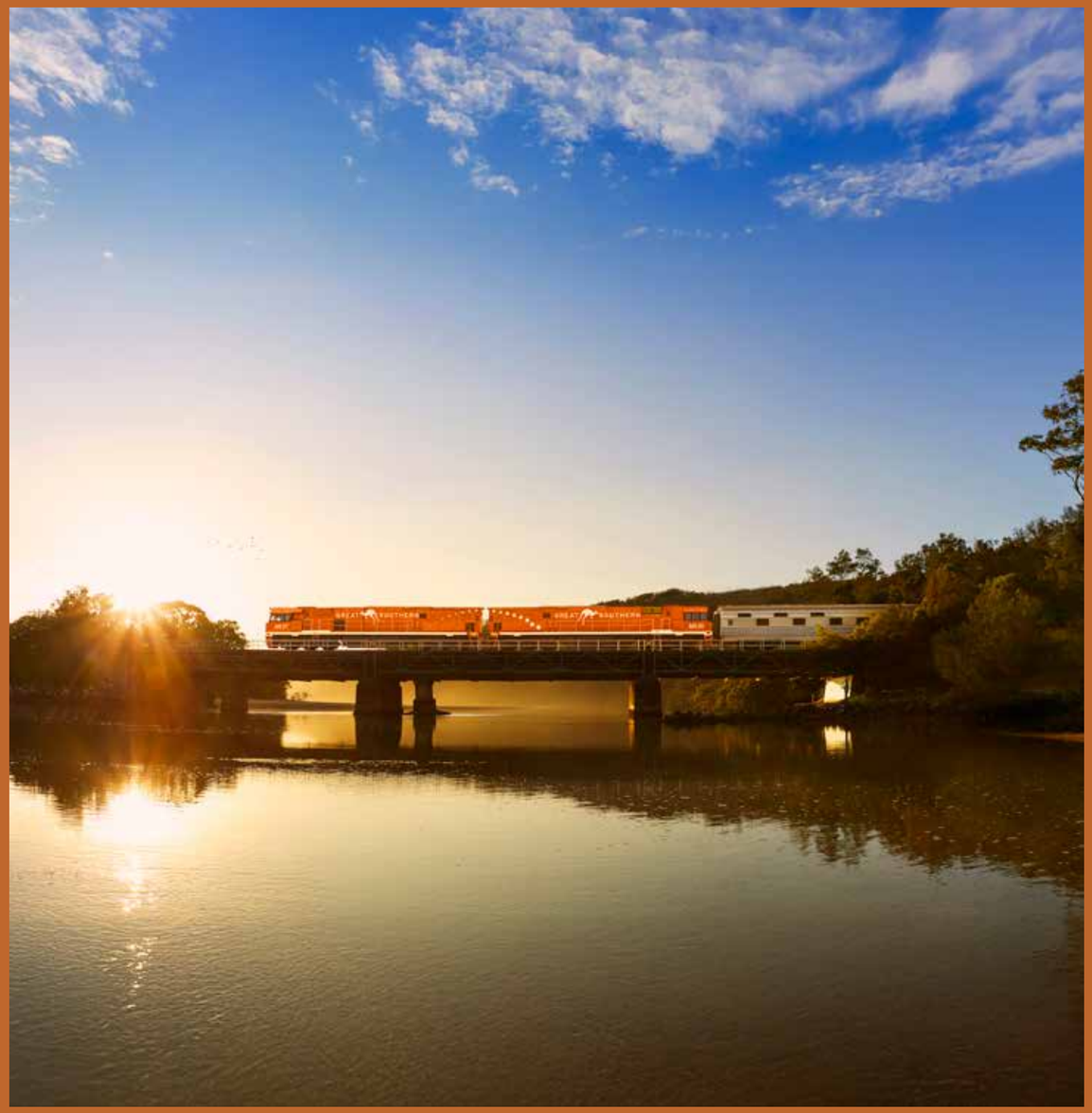

The Great Southern traces the East Coast, wining and dining guests along the way. From December to February, this epicurean summer adventure takes you on a journey of art, history, food, culture, landscapes and wine, with a balanced experience including cosmopolitan cities and quiet coastal towns.

As the Great Southern chases the summer sun between Brisbane and Adelaide, rays of light shine through cabin windows framing the lush, green colour palette passing by. Share days, meals and conversations with strangers who quickly become friends, turning your journey into a summer of fun.

EXPLORE THE JOURNEYS

Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide	4 Days	5
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Your rail journey. Your complete holiday.

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Coastlines & Capital Cities

Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide

Everything is included

4 Days | 9 Meals

Summer deserves to be celebrated – and that's just what a Great Southern journey is all about. Departing Brisbane, this 4-day adventure takes you south into the rolling hills of New South Wales before stopping for an incredible al fresco beachside dining experience in Coffs Harbour that sets the tone for the rest of the journey. Meander through the historic vineyards of the Hunter Valley or explore beautiful Port Stephens by land or sea, before heading towards Melbourne and regional Victoria. Enjoy a mixture of relaxing time on train and immersive Off Train Experiences, as you journey toward your final destination of Adelaide.




Great Southern, Hawkesbury River, NSW


Coffs Harbour, NSW


Port Stephens, NSW

Day 1: Brisbane, Coffs Harbour

Your journey begins with a warm welcome at Hanworth House in East Brisbane, where you'll check in and gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. After setting off from Brisbane on the Great Southern, life on board begins to unfold. Savour lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the Great Southern arrives in the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Here, the evening unfolds in true coastal style. As the sun sinks below the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapés on the sand at Charlesworth Bay before a signature outdoor dinner (weather permitting) showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. The soundtrack is set by a live band and the gentle crashing of waves on the shore. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night on board. (L,D)

Day 2: Hunter Valley, Newcastle or Port Stephens

Start the day with a hearty breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region. Known for Semillon and Shiraz, here you'll spend the day amongst the vines, visiting Tulloch and Brokenwood Wines followed by a platter-style lunch featuring local produce at Twine Restaurant. If you'd prefer to take to the skies, treat yourself to an optional upgrade with a Hunter Valley helicopter flight that soars over the rolling green hills, showcasing the best of the wine region and beyond. Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast Stockton Bight Sand Dunes, the largest mobile dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. Stop to admire your surrounds and drive to the top of a dune to take in the sweeping views - you may even choose to sandboard down. On the water tour, be dazzled by turquoise seas as you soak up the coastline on a relaxed boat cruise, with the chance to spot dolphins along the way. Whether by land or sea, after your Port Stephens adventure you'll enjoy a leisurely lunch at Nelson Bay Golf Club before returning to the train in the afternoon.

Closer to the city, explore Newcastle on a guided walking tour that reveals its coastal charm, capped with lunch at Scratchleys on the Wharf before returning to the train for a regionally inspired dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Melbourne or Regional Victoria

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the Great Southern travels through Victoria's high country before choosing your next Off Train Experience. Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park in the Moorabool Valley. Clyde Park is a beautiful vineyard, cellar door and bistro set among rolling hills. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines while being entertained on the glorious lawns.

Alternatively, spend the day in cosmopolitan Melbourne to discover why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Highlights include the Ian Potter Centre at the National Gallery of Victoria, with its remarkable collection of Australian art, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, guided by a club member. History buffs may prefer the Old Melbourne Gaol, where stories of the past, including those of Ned Kelly, come to life.

To complete your Melbourne experience, take in the sweeping views from Melbourne Skydeck before ascending to Eureka 89 for a curated lunch showcasing seasonal local produce. Afterwards, return to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Adelaide

Catch the morning light over regional South Australia, a final reminder of the landscapes you've travelled through. Sit back and enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, savouring the last moments of life on train. Soon, the Great Southern glides into Adelaide, where your journey concludes - leaving you with memories of extraordinary landscapes, shared stories, and experiences that linger long after the train has stopped. (B)

Book your rail journey

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Monday (Jan, Feb & Dec)

CABIN OPTIONS

Australis, Aurora, Platinum, Gold Premium, Gold Twin and Gold Single

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East Coast Adventure

Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane

Everything is included

3 Days | 7 Meals

Leaving Adelaide behind, relax, unwind, and enjoy world-class service as stunning landscapes glide by. On your 3-day journey, enjoy a mixture of time on train and the opportunity to immerse yourself in Off Train Experiences as you journey towards Brisbane. Be awed by the spectacular scenery passing by your window, beginning in the magical Adelaide Hills and onto the ancient Grampians region in Victoria. Delve into the art, history and culinary culture of Canberra, and discover the nation's Capital. Feel the sand between your toes in the picturesque coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Then, enjoy stunning views of northern New South Wales as you roll into the final destination of Brisbane.




Great Southern, Dalhousie, NSW


Venus Baths, Grampians, VIC


Sealy Lookout, Coffs Harbour, NSW


National War Memorial, Canberra, ACT

Day 1: Adelaide, the Grampians

Your East Coast summer adventure begins the moment the Great Southern's bright orange locomotive leaves Adelaide on its epicurean adventure. Life on board quickly finds its rhythm – settle into your cabin, get acquainted with the lounge, and watch the landscapes shift as you savour morning tea and a long, leisurely lunch. In the afternoon, the train rolls into regional Victoria and your first Off Train Experience awaits in the spectacular Grampians.

Explore at your own pace: join a guided coach tour through the picturesque town of Halls Gap, taking in breathtaking vistas, including the stunning Boroka Lookout, stretch your legs on a guided walk to the serene Venus Baths, or indulge in a cellar door tasting at Pomonal Estate or Fallen Giants, steeped in 50 years of winemaking tradition. For a different kind of immersion, discover the Wama Foundation and the National Centre for Environmental Art, where art and nature meet at the edge of the national park. Return to the train and continue travelling up the east coast, with a delectable dinner on board. (L,D)

Day 2: Canberra

Wake up to breakfast on board, before stepping into the heart of the nation. Today is all about Canberra, Australia's political and cultural capital. Following a coach ride to the city centre, choose from a selection of curated Off Train Experiences, each offering a different perspective on the city - reflect at the Australian War Memorial, explore the halls of Parliament House, or wander through the National Portrait Gallery, where stories of identity and influence come to life. Midday, gather at Old Parliament House for an exclusive lunch in this landmark setting.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train in time for another gourmet dinner on board. Later, unwind with a nightcap in the lounge, or in your cabin, as conversation flows with fellow travellers and the Great Southern carries north underneath the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Coffs Harbour, Brisbane

Linger over breakfast on board as the Great Southern arrives in Coffs Harbour where a day of coastal discovery awaits. Choose from a selection of Off Train Experiences that reveal the charm of this vibrant region. The Coffs Explorer travels up to Sealy Lookout, offering views for miles from the Forest Sky Pier, before heading to the spectacular North Coast Regional Botanical Garden. Soak in the beach side vibe at the boutique Sunday Markets, where you can explore the popular market stalls, take a leisurely walk on the historic jetty, or simply sit back, relax, and enjoy the local music. Alternatively, take a stroll from the Urunga Boardwalk to the Beach with a local Indigenous guide, who will help you spot native wildlife through the walk and teach about the history of the Gumbaynggirr people, with a demonstration of traditional tools and weaponry and the opportunity to see and taste bush tucker. After your Coffs Harbour morning, indulge in a final lunch on board before arriving into Brisbane, completing your coastal train journey. (B,L)

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