

Riverina Rail Journey

A nostalgic journey through New South Wales' hidden gems

7 Days | Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 March 2026

Step aboard a journey of elegance and nostalgia as you experience New South Wales like never before aboard the restored heritage train of Vintage Rail Journeys. Travel through the heart of the Riverina, explore charming regional towns and enjoy exclusive access to rare freight lines. Sample local produce, meet passionate producers and uncover the beauty of the Capertee Valley and Canola Trail. Ride the historic Zig Zag Railway through the western escarpment of the Blue Mountains and finish your adventure with an indulgent harbour lunch cruise and a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. This is a truly immersive escape into Australia's golden rail past.

Highlights

- Travel aboard the restored heritage train with Vintage Rail Journeys
- Enjoy exclusive rail access through the scenic Canola Trail and Capertee Valley
- Visit Retford Park or explore the whimsical Fairground Follies in Bowral
- Step inside a working roundhouse at Junee's Historical Railway Museum
- Sample handmade treats at Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory
- Meet Riverina producers including olive oil, cotton, whisky and wine makers
- Discover Temora's rural heritage or the renowned Aviation Museum
- Ride the Zig Zag Railway through the western escarpment of the Blue Mountains
- Stay in Sydney's vibrant Darling Harbour precinct
- Tour the iconic Sydney Opera House with a guided experience
- Enjoy a spectacular Sydney Harbour lunch cruise
- Step back in time at the historic Hyde Park Barracks





Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares & taxes
- 18 meals 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- All-inclusive dining with Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic drinks (on the Vintage Rail Journey)
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Tours & attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Sydney (D)

We collect you from home and transfer you to Perth Airport for your direct flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, your coach will transfer you to your accommodation in the heart of Darling Harbour. After check-in, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel and settle in for the night. Overnight: Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour, Sydney

Day 2. Sydney to Goulburn (BLD)

Your Riverina adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once aboard the Aurora Australis, relax in the lounge carriage or settle into your cabin. Enjoy lunch on board as we travel south. Stop for your first off-train experience at either Retford Park National Trust or Fairground Follies before rejoining the train at Moss Vale. Dinner is served on board as we continue to Goulburn, where we stable for the night.

4 Nights: Onboard Aurora Australis train

Day 3. Junee to Coolamon and Murrami (BLD)

After breakfast, enjoy views of the Canola Trail en route to Junee. Visit the Junee Roundhouse and Historical Railway Museum, followed by a tour and tasting at Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. Continue to Coolamon for lunch and artisan cheese tasting before travelling on to Murrami, where you will enjoy a special stargazing experience after dinner on board.

Day 4. Whitton to Griffith (BLD)

Today's off-train experiences include two options. Choose to meet producers at Morella Grove, Southern Cotton Gin and Whitton Malt House or explore Murray Cod Farm and Calabria Family Wines. Both options include tastings and regional insight before rejoining the train at Yenda and continuing to Temora where we stable overnight, enjoying another delicious dinner onboard.

Day 5. Temora to Bundawarrah and Orange (BLD)

Start the day with a visit to either the Temora Rural History Museum and Bundawarrah Centre or the Temora Aviation Museum. Lunch is served on board as we travel on freight-only lines through Parkes and onward to Orange. Enjoy another delightful dinner aboard the train before we stable overnight.

Day 6. Mount Victoria to Katoomba and Sydney (BLD)

Travel through the Great Dividing Range to Mount Victoria and disembark for a nostalgic steam ride aboard the Zig Zag Railway. Afterward, explore Leura and Katoomba before returning to the train for a final light supper. Upon arrival at Sydney's Central Station, transfer back to your Darling Harbour hotel.

Overnight: Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour, Sydney

Day 7. Sydney to Perth (BL)

This morning, visit Mrs Macquarie's Chair before joining a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. A relaxing harbour lunch cruise offers stunning views of the city before your final visit to Hyde Park Barracks. Later, we transfer you to the airport for your return flight to Perth, where a courtesy transfer will take you home.

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walking for extended periods of time and nature-based activities. You will be required to walk confidently over uneven ground and surfaces at a timely pace. Additionally, you are required to safely embark and disembark plane and train as well as get on and off the train at each remote stop for your off-train excursions.



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