5 Days Golden West Vintage Rail

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
5 Days	**$3,790**	**Coach Tours**	**Vintage Rail Journeys**

Overview

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Itinerary

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Sydney – The Hawkesbury

Meals: Lunch, Two Course Dinner

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2

Hunter Valley Vineyards

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Today you will be visiting the Hunter Valley, and we have three offtrain experiences for you to choose from. _Option 1: Lunch at Twine Restaurant Hunter Valley_ Established in 2013, Twine Hunter Valley celebrates seasonal local produce and delectable dining options, paired with quality wines, picturesque views & impeccable service. Overlooking some of the oldest vineyards in the region, Twine is home to a wonderful restaurant, also the perfect spot for our Muscat tasting experience. _Optional Upgrade: Hunter Valley Helicopter Experience (limited capacity)_ Soar to new heights with a breathtaking helicopter flight at additional cost. Experience unforgettable aerial views of the Hunter region, before joining lunch. _Option 2: Margan Wines_ Travelling by coach to Broke, you'll walk down the garden path through the kitchen garden, then past the olives and vineyards into the winery for a guided, behind the scenes tour. Learn how the single vineyard and sustainably farmed wines are made from vine to glass in this award-winning winery. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at this family owned winery and restaurant.

3

Werris Creek

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning enjoy breakfast onboard the train, before another day of discovering the charms of the Golden West. Your adventure begins with a visit to the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village. The village has been designed to collect, preserve, restore, interpret and exhibit artefacts that relate to the history, heritage and culture of the region. From here we head to Werris Creek, the first and last railway town in NSW, located on a major railway junction. The Werris Creek railway station is the third largest in NSW. It houses the Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum, which brings this town's railway past back to life. Your afternoon is then spent travelling along the freight only line from Werris Creek, headed for Orange. Dinner will be served onboard as your train makes its way for a late arrival into Orange for the evening.

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Orange - Bathurst

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Waking up in Orange this morning, your adventure continues as we're soon departing for Bathurst, where you will again have the choice of two off train experiences. _Option 1: Abercrombie House_ It wouldn't be a visit to Bathurst without first taking on the mountain Mt Panorama. You'll then head onto Abercrombie House, a heritage treasure of NSW set in stunning grounds at Stewarts Mount just west of Bathurst. A grand country home, and a 1870s cultural gem, the home of the Morgan Family for half a century, see gardens, paths and outbuildings, explore the reception rooms, grand staircase, ballroom, first floor bedrooms and more, before enjoying lunch. _Option 2: Mayfield Gardens_ A spectacular 65-hectare private garden that delivers not only a significant horticultural experience but also a day out that is both magical and unexpected. Mayfield Gardens is considered to be one of the largest and most spectacular cool climate gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. Here a self-guided tour awaits, with a delicious boxed lunch which can be enjoyed in your own quiet spot of the gardens.

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Mudgee - Sydney

Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Two Course Dinner

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard the train. We'll then board coaches traveling from Rylstone, a beautiful district settled in the 1820's, making it one of the oldest settlements west of the Great Dividing Range. Rylstone's streetscape features 19th century sandstone public houses, cottages and government buildings. From here we are welcomed to the Lowe Family Wine Co in Mudgee. Based around certified organic & biodynamic farm, vineyard, winery and food garden, enjoy a spectacular last lunch in the cellar door before returning to Rylstone Station and your return journey arriving late into Sydney Central station. Concludes: Central Station, Sydney 8:00pm. B - Full Breakfast MT - Morning Tea L - Lunch AT - Afternoon Tea D - Two Course Dinner

Inclusions

• All-inclusive dining, wines, beverages, tea & coffee throughout your journey • Take a Riverboat cruise on the Hawkesbury River including lunch • Enjoy a winery experience in the Hunter Valley • Visit the quaint heritage village of Quirindi in rural New South Wales • Discover Bathurst's Abercrombie House

Ready to Book?

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