



Oh Travel Tours



SUNDAY 15 JUNE to SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025
OH TRAVEL TOURS



Step back in time and travel in style with Vintage Rail and Journey Beyond aboard their restored 1960's 'Aurora Australis' sleeping train. A very different rail tour travelling only during the day. Sleep on the train at night while the train is stationary.

Day 1 – Sunday 15 June 2025



This morning you will be picked up from your home address and driven to Brisbane Domestic Airport where you will meet your fellow passengers before flying to Sydney. After checking into your hotel, free time to enjoy the Sydney Rocks markets and explore this scenic area of Sydney.

Day 1 – No Meals

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Day 2 - Monday 16 June 2025

Your Riverina Rail Tour adventure starts at Sydney Central Station at 9-30 a.m. Once on board the Aurora Australis, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining carriages, or your private compartment while we travel along the main South Line to Goulburn. Lunch will be served onboard the train before arriving in Goulburn, where you will have the choice from two off-train experiences.

Option 1 – Retford Park National Trust

Built in 1887 by the Hordern family and lavishly redesigned by James Fairfax in the 1960's Retford Park is a place of great heritage significance located in the heart of Bowral, Gundungurra Country. Be amazed by the 'Portuguese Pink' mansion while wandering the pristine gardens dotted with sculptures and artworks. With 60,000 artefacts, textiles and furniture within its collection, here enjoy a guided house tour, and stroll around the stunning gardens.



Option 2 – Fairground Follies



The Fairground Follies at the Antique Mechanical Music Museum features a most exciting and unique collection of fairground and mechanical music. "Where good times of the past, make great times for today". An interactive experience featuring cultural music, folk art, a 100-year-old carousel and much more. This is an enchanting attraction, a magical place filled with music, entertainment and history of antique mechanical music. Enjoy a guided tour and afternoon tea.

Day 2 – Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Train - All inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non alcoholic beverages
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Day 3 – Tuesday 17 June 2025

Enjoy breakfast on board as we leave Goulburn and continue along the Main South Line. We pass many interesting villages and towns as we travel through the Canola Trail. Keep an eye out for the many grain silos adjacent to the rail line. Our train then arrives at Junee and there is an opportunity to watch the Loco Runaround movement. Our first stop for the day is the Historical Railway Museum featuring a 100-foot turntable showcasing steam and diesel locomotives. The Junee Roundhouse is one of just a few surviving, working railway Roundhouses in the Southern Hemisphere. It is uniquely Australian in its size being fully circular and having a long, '100-foot' turntable. While the museum is part of the Roundhouse, the other part, including the turntable, is still used as a diesel locomotive servicing facility by Junee Railway Workshop. Have you ever wanted to see what happens at a licorice factory? Your next stop is the Junee Licorice and Chocolate factory. As soon as you step foot in the front door you will be immersed in the delicious aroma of licorice and chocolate and one of the chocolatiers will talk you through the process of licorice and chocolate production. We will then have a short drive to Coolamorn where you lunch spot awaits. Enjoy a tour with an artisan cheese maker located in the heart of the Riverina, known for creating an innovative range of handcrafted cheese followed by lunch. There is free time to wander about Coolamon town before we rejoin the train and head onto Murrumbidgee. After dinner onboard, enjoy a special stargazing experience in Murrumbidgee.



Day 3 – Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Train - All inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non alcoholic beverages

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Day 4 – Wednesday 18 June 2025

Today you will enjoy breakfast onboard before departing on one of the below off-train experiences.

Option 1 – Meet the Producers – Morella Grove Farm, Southern Cotton Gin & Whitton Malt House

Nestled in the lush Riverina region of New South Wales, Morella Grove is where the essence of nature meets Frank and his family's passion for excellence. This award winning producer of olive oil, following a paddock to plate philosophy, is your first stop of the day. Morella Grove is a beacon of sustainability, in the Riverina's arid beauty, practising minimal intervention, respecting and nurturing the natural environment. Next is a visit to Southern Cotton, an independently owned ginning facility location in Whitton. Consistently ranked as one of the best gins in Australia, the privately owned Southern Cotton provides fast, timely ginning for local growers. Your tour concludes with lunch at Whitton Malt House.



OPTIONAL UPGRADE – Whisky Tasting at Whitton Malt House (limited capacity)

Option 2 - Farm & Vines - Murray Cod Farm and Calabria Wines

Specialising in producing premium pond grown Murray Cod, join a guided tour of Murray Cod Farm, which is committed to sustainability and operates with focus on improving the natural environment. From here, journey onto Calabria Family Wines, where you're invited to savour the essence of the family wines and the

warmth of their traditions. Renowned for Italian hospitality, at Calabria Family Wines you will experience a fusion of flavours and aromas through the café bar menu, new museum and sensory wall, plus explore exquisite wines and discover new favourites. Enjoy a wine-tasting and Italian shared platter style lunch.

Following your tour, rejoin the train in Yenda and travel onto Temora where we stable overnight, enjoying another delicious dinner onboard.



Day 4 – Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Train - All inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages

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Day 5 – Thursday 19 June 2025

Breakfast this morning is onboard before experiencing Temora. Today you choose one of two Temora Tours.

Option 1 – Bundawarra Centre

Visit the Bundawarra Centre which houses the Temora Rural Museum. Spend the morning experiencing the history of the region including a cottage of hardwood slabs that was Sir Donald Bradman's first home, a one room public school, bush church, country dance hall, printery, flour mill and ambulance station. Next is the Ambulance Museum which includes ambulance vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897.

Option 2 – Temora Aviation Centre



Alternatively spend the morning exploring the Temora Aviation Museum which was built on the site of the biggest and longest lasting RAAF Elementary Flying Training School during WW2. There are three main exhibit buildings to discover, the Museum which is in the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse; the second exhibition area, located in the engineering Hangar overlooking the aircraft which is currently in maintenance; and the Display Hangar which houses the new exhibitions area along with the aircraft.

Coaches will return you to Temora Station where lunch will be served in the dining carriage as we travel on freight only lines via Stockinbingal. There are many freight trains to pass on this single track line, and we are likely to experience delays. Dinner will be served onboard the train as we travel through Parkes and onto the Broken Hill line to Orange Rail Yard.

Day 5 – Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner - Train – All inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non- alcoholic beverages

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Day 6 - Friday 20 June 2025

Enjoy breakfast as we travel from Orange and towards the Great Dividing Range. On through Lithgow and through the 10 tunnels that replaced the Lithgow Zig Zag, then cross the Darling Causeway on the way to Mount Victoria. Stopping at Mount Victoria, we disembark for a fun adventure on Lithgow's Zig Zag Railway. Soak up the sights, smells and scenery on Australia's historic rail adventure – the Zig Zag Railway.

Established in 1969, you will enjoy a relaxing ride on the romantic, nostalgic, impressive

steam locomotive as it hauls you over the Great Lithgow Zig Zag. With a grazing boxed lunch provided, you will then have free time in Leura and Katoomba before reboarding the train for the last leg of your Vintage Rail Journey as we arrive back into Sydney Central Station.



For the last day of your Riverina Rail Tour, we will stop at Lithgow and board coaches to the recently re-opened Zig Zag Railway. Arriving at Clarence Station, guests will board the historic steam train and traverse the Zig Zag, experiencing 3 viaducts and 2 tunnels on the scenic route to Bottom Points. Take the opportunity to watch the locomotive change ends while experiencing the nostalgia of heritage train travel. Once back at Clarence, guests will enjoy lunch, eating either in the historic carriages or at picnic tables. Guests may also like to take the opportunity to visit the gift shop for souvenirs of their fantastic day. After lunch you will once again board coaches to see the vibrant Blue Mountains villages on a guided coach tour. This afternoon board the train for our return to Central Station where a light dinner will be provided on our way down the mountains. Arrive Sydney Central Station approximately 8 p.m.

Day 6 – Breakfast / Lunch / Light Dinner

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Day 7 – Saturday 21 June 2025 – Brisbane

After breakfast take a stroll around Sydney before it's time to transfer to the airport for your flight home. After collecting your luggage, transfer to home address.

Day 7 – Breakfast Today's itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the control of Oh Travel Tour and Journey Beyond.

Helpful Information – Train Travel

- By day, compartments feature lounge chairs for your comfort
- By evening, beds (double bunk or single bed) hinge down over the lounge chairs as your sleeping accommodation
- Twinette compartments include an ensuite complete with the original fold down hand basin and fold down toilet
- Roomette (solo) compartments include a vanity & mirror. Two managed ensuite/showers are at one end of the carriage and a shared conventional toilet at the other end of the carriage
- High quality linen, towels (including face washers)
- All carriages are Air-conditioned
- 240V power outlet (CPAP suitable) in every compartment
- USB adapter power outlets in some compartments
- Drinking water in every compartment
- Shelving and hanging closet
- There is limited room in compartments so please bring aircraft 'carry on' luggage and a garment bag

Due to confined space aboard the train wheelchairs and walker reliant guests cannot be accommodated. On board train, Journey Beyond Rail communicates with guest via mobile phone.

TICKETS

Tour Price - Twin Share \$6229 per person - Single \$6492

Includes – Return Home Transfers (Brisbane Metro Area) – Return Economy Class Airfare Brisbane / Sydney /Brisbane – 2 Nights 4 Star Sydney Accommodation – Meals as shown on Itinerary – Drinks as shown on itinerary – Oh Travel Tours host – based on minimum numbers

Initial Deposit (within 7 days of booking) \$1000 per person. 2nd Deposit \$550 per person due 14 February 2025. Balance Due 25 April 2025.

Book & Pay initial deposit (\$1000) by 30 October 2024 & SAVE \$110 per person.
Travel Insurance is highly recommended.

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