



RAILWAY ADVENTURES IN 2022

WINGS AND WHEELS BY PRIVATE TRAIN

**AN ESCAPE TO THE TEMORA AIRSHOW
AND SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL NSW**



With Scott McGregor and friends

4 - 7 MARCH 2022

• SYDNEY • COOTAMUNDRA • PARKES • BATHURST •

Aircraft photos courtesy of Col Brennan

INTRODUCTION

The 20th century saw the creation of some classic planes, trains and automobiles, many of which are still in fine working order and on occasion are rolled out for all to enjoy. In the case of our special private train tour around south and central NSW we will have front row seats at the flying display of some of the most iconic vintage aircraft to fly in Australian skies. Travel in style to Temora on our very own heritage train complete with streamlined diesel locos and retro restored carriages. Embark at Central Station on this special journey that will take you over 1000 kms around the state dropping in on all manner of busy towns, sleepy villages, country pubs, gardens, and museums.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive use of the retro-restored Blue Zephyr, made up of carriages and the dining and bar cars from the Newcastle Flyer
- Train Travel down the Illawarra line and into the Southern Highlands to Moss Vale
- A day at the iconic Temora Aircraft Showcase
- Experience spectacular scenery along the line
- Stroll through the national trust listed town of Millthorpe
- Enjoy the award-winning museums in Temora and Bathurst
- Guided tours of Parkes and Bathurst, and commentary on board your train
- Be enchanted by Abercrombie House, a veritable baronial castle in the Aussie bush
- Services of your tour leaders and train managers throughout

Temora Aircraft Showcase by Col Brennan



MEET YOUR TOUR LEADER

SCOTT MCGREGOR



Scott McGregor has been involved in the media for over 30 years as an actor, presenter, writer and producer and over the last decade has extended his many interests into the world of travel. Inspired by his experiences hosting tours for the Powerhouse Museum and others he decided to establish Railway Adventures in 2012. Since then he has led more than 40 tours to almost 40 countries. Graduating from NIDA in 1979, he appeared in a wide range of stage, film and TV roles including the lead role in the ABC's epic mini-series *1915* and the *Coral Island*. He has presented and hosted numerous prime-time ratings winners including many years as the handyman on *Better Homes and Gardens* and the host of *Room For Improvement*. He presented two series of his own *Railway Adventures* for Channels 10 and 7 and a number of programs for The History Channel. He also owns and operates RUWENZORI which he built in the 1980's from vintage railway carriages on top of the Great Dividing Range near Mudgee in central NSW. Restored in an opulent Orient Express style it is now a popular tourist retreat for up to 13 people. Check it out at www.stayinatrain.com

TOUR MAP



Day 1 • Friday 04 March: SYDNEY - COOTAMUNDRA

Your tour begins with a welcome briefing at Central Station prior to boarding our privately chartered train complete with lounge, dining and bar cars, departing around 9:00am. We head south along the Illawarra line hugging the scenic escarpment to Wollongong. Our train branches off at Unanderra to begin the steep climb up the range to the Southern Highlands. This spectacular run offers sweeping views up and down the South Coast as the train battles to get up the razorback. Passing through Robertson we join the Main Southern Line at Moss Vale and then continue to Goulburn where we pause before we progress down the line. Lunch is served in the dining cars along the way after which you can enjoy the afternoon reclining in the lounge or sitting cars. We pull into Cootamundra in the afternoon and transfer to your motel for some down time before re-grouping for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Cootamundra Heritage Motel, Cootamundra (L, D)

Day 2 • Saturday 05 March: COOTAMUNDRA - TEMORA - PARKES

After breakfast we board our train for the journey west through the junction of Stockinbingal to Temora. Here we transfer to the Temora Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest collections of vintage aircraft in the country, many of which are in working order. Your day at the 'Showcase' will include fly pasts of a variety of rare and iconic warbirds and operational historic flying machines. You have time at the air showcase to explore the excellent museum and have lunch either at the show or in town. We will have our coaches on hand to take you on a shuttle to the CBD and the Rural Museum which has a great collection of historic artefacts.

We re-board our train in the mid afternoon and progress back to Stockinbingal Junction where we shunt our train onto the 'Inland Rail' line and begin our trek north to Parkes. As the sun dips in the west we'll enjoy dinner in the Dining Cars and relax in the lounge before arriving in Parkes in the early evening.

Overnight: Parkview Motel or North Parkes Motel, Parkes (B, D)

Day 3 • Sunday 06 March: PARKES - BATHURST

Breakfast this morning will be served on board as we depart Parkes heading east and up the steep slopes to the tablelands. The journey takes us along the western line through Manildra and Orange stopping at the heritage village of Millthorpe for time to graze and browse in the excellent array of shops, galleries and cafes in this charming place.

We continue onto Bathurst where we take the short walk across to the newly opened Bathurst Railway Museum to have a light lunch and where we learn of the impact of the railway on the culture of the city and marvel at the extraordinary working model of the western line on show. You then have the option to explore more of Bathurst and its world class Fossil, Mineral and Motor museums. You may also wish to take a tour out to the spectacular Mayfield Gardens, one of the country's most extensive private high-country gardens in the English style.

This evening you will be hosted to a grand dinner in the old ballroom of Abercrombie House.

Overnight: Rydges, Bathurst (B, L, D)

Day 4 • Monday 07 March: BATHURST - SYDNEY

This morning is at leisure before we pack up and head down to the railway station for our run back to Sydney. Lunch will be served along the way and our arrival is expected in the mid-afternoon, completing a great escape on the Wings and Wheels adventure. (B, L)


WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights' accommodation in quality hotels
- Breakfast daily, three lunches and three dinners
- Drinks with farewell dinner at Abercrombie House
- Comfortable chartered coaches
- Attendance at the Temora Showcase
- Entrances to museums as mentioned in the itinerary
- Specially chartered retro-restored Blue Zephyr for rail travel throughout including meals on board.

WHAT WE DON'T INCLUDE

- Transfers to and from Central Station in Sydney
- Meals and services not mentioned in itinerary
- All other personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, laundry services, etc.

FITNESS RATING

 One 'Loco' - Reasonable Fitness

PRICE GUIDE

Per person, twin share.....	\$2,985
Single supplement.....	\$295
Deposit (Per Person)	\$250 at time of booking
Final payment due by.....	18 January 2022



Abercrombie House

HOW TO BOOK

Download a booking form from our website and follow the easy steps to getting on board. If you'd prefer a form be sent to you or make a booking over the phone please call 1300 800 977. Complete the form and submit it, along with your \$250 pp deposit to secure your place on the tour.

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We endeavour to have all the details of our tours correct at the time of printing. However, sometimes factors beyond our control may affect the final inclusions and prices. These factors may include, but not be limited to; significant fluctuations in currency exchange rates, individual hotel/restaurant decisions that may affect bookings; weather events forcing a change of itinerary; unexpected trackwork on rail lines, unexpected closure of site attractions and so forth. Therefore, items mentioned in the brochure such as quoted prices, hotels and inclusions are subject to change. If a change is imposed on us, we will endeavour to ensure the substitute is of the same quality that you've paid for.

TOUR PACE / LEVEL OF FITNESS:

While you don't need to be a 'gym junky', a reasonable level of fitness is required for most of our tours. The ability to manage your own luggage, get on and off the train and coaches, walk for extended periods, stand comfortably, and climb steps and stairs will ensure you get the maximum enjoyment from your adventure.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For more information on factors such as travel insurance requirements, fitness levels, fees and charges, tour cancellations, payment schedules and so on, please refer to our Terms and Conditions, which accompany the booking form. They can also be found on our website or by calling 1300 800 977.

THE RAILWAY ADVENTURES STORY

Railway Adventures was launched in 2012 by well-known Australian TV personality and self-confessed rail fan, Scott McGregor. A lifelong passion for travel has taken Scott to scores of countries and his preference for rail has seen him exploring many of the world's great train journeys, confirming his belief that the most relaxing, romantic and engaging way to see a country is by rail. He even has his own life-sized, fully-restored opulent train accommodation atop the Great Dividing Range near Mudgee, offering guests a rare and special bush retreat experience.

Since 2012 Railway Adventures has thrilled and delighted more than 1200 travellers on over 100 tours from Sweden to Sri Lanka, Tasmania to Transylvania, Britain to Burma, Venice to Vietnam and all manner of shorter adventures in our own wonderful country. Scott's numerous rail-themed TV documentaries, his ongoing involvement in rail heritage and his extensive connections with private train owners around the world, guarantee that every Railway Adventures tour is exclusive, entertaining and authentic. 13 October 2022.



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