



**RAILWAY ADVENTURES IN 2022**

# RIVERINA RAIL TOUR

CLASSIC 1960'S SLEEPING CAR TRAIN TRAVEL  
TO THE MOST APPEALING DESTINATIONS IN NSW



**In conjunction with Vintage Rail Journeys**

**27 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH**

**27 - 31 MARCH**

**28 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER**

**25 - 29 SEPTEMBER**

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• GOULBURN • COOLAMON • GRIFFITH • TEMORA • KATOOMBA •

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# THE EXPERIENCE

Experience the heart of Australia's food bowl, stopping at regional towns and attractions throughout the Riverina. You will also travel on rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure. Come with us to discover acclaimed wines, taste gorgeous fresh produce and explore the natural scenery throughout the region.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Spectacular sea views from the Illawarra Railway Line
- Historic Goulburn
- Coolamon Cheese Factory
- Piccolo Farm
- Emeri De Bortoli's Private Garden
- Temora Rural Museum and Ambulance Museum
- Blue Mountains Villages

### Day 1 • Sunday: SYDNEY – MOSS VALE – GOULBURN (L, D)

Your Riverina adventure starts at Central Station, Sydney. Once on board the Aurora Australis, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining cars, or your private cabin while we travel along the Illawarra Railway Line, through the Royal National Park and offering spectacular views of the South Coast to Wollongong. We then travel on a freight only line up the Illawarra escarpment, pausing at Summit Tank Railway Station, where you are provided with a rare opportunity to take photos of the stunning vista out to sea.

Lunch will be served onboard the train today, so that you can experience all that the Aurora Australis has to offer. We join the Main South Line at Moss Vale and continue to Goulburn where we depart the train and hop onto our private Aurora Explorer buses to explore the sights and historic offerings of Australia's oldest inland city. The train will be stabled for the night at Goulburn Station.

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### Day 2 • Monday: COOLAMON – GRIFFITH (B, D)

Enjoy breakfast on board as we leave Goulburn and continue along the Main South Line. We pass many interesting villages and towns today as well as travel through the Canola Trail, keeping an eye out for the many grain silos adjacent to the rail line. Today we spend time in Coolamon, stopping at the Coolamon Railway Station dated 1881. Coolamon is named after the Wiradjuri word for a vessel carrying goods, children and water, "Gullaman" and this little town offers us a warm welcome.

Flanked by the Train Station at one end of the street and the Fire Station at the other, we have developed an afternoon of ambling the beautifully preserved heritage main street of Coolamon. A stop at the Coolamon Cheese Factory is a must for anyone who likes cheese or is interested in the cheese making process. The Up-To-Date Store, built in 1909 plays host to a variety of museum displays and collections, a stroll through this heritage listed building will bring back memories for some and offer interesting stories for others. The Coolamon Fire Museum hosts a truly amazing private collection of fire fighting equipment, uniforms and memorabilia. Along with heritage museums and buildings, the main street contains many local shops, restaurants and cafes, making this afternoon an unforgettable experience for all.

We will return to Coolamon Railway Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for an afternoon departure. We will travel along the Yanco to Griffith Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Murrumbidgee Grain Siding, where we will be stabled for the night in the serenity of the Australian bush.

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### Day 3 • Tuesday: GRIFFITH – TEMORA (B, D)

This morning, we'll board coaches to join the Piccolo Family (owners of Limone Dining Restaurant) who are hosting our breakfast this morning on their 20 acre farm just outside of Griffith. Using sustainable farming practices, all of their produce is harvested by hand and free of chemicals and pesticides. An excellent way to experience farming in Griffith as well as sample their delicious produce.

After breakfast we will enjoy the best that Griffith has to offer using our private Aurora Explorer shuttle bus. Explorer stops include the Griffith Regional Art Gallery, the Griffith War Memorial Museum, Emeri De Bortoli's Garden 'Il Campo', various wineries, providores and local shops so that you can experience Griffith's distinctive food and wine culture.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your Aurora Explorer buses will return you to Griffith Station throughout the afternoon in preparation for an afternoon departure, travelling on the freight only Lake Cargellico Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at Temora Rail Yard, where we will be stabled for the night.

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### Day 4 • Wednesday: TEMORA – ORANGE (B,L,D)

Breakfast this morning is on board the Aurora Australis before experiencing Temora. Today you can choose one of two Temora tours.

1. The Aurora Explorer Bus takes you directly to 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. The Ambulance Museum includes ambulance vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897 and originating from throughout Australia, including NSW, ACT and Victoria.
2. The Aurora Explorer Bus will take you directly to the Temora Aviation Museum which was built on the site of the biggest and longest lasting RAAF Elementary Flying Training School during World War II. Spend the morning in the three main exhibit buildings, the Museum which is in the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse; the second exhibition area, located in the Engineering Hangar overlooking the aircraft which are currently in maintenance; and the Display Hangar which houses the new exhibitions area along with the aircraft.

Your Aurora Explorer buses will return you to Temora Station in preparation for a lunchtime departure. Lunch will be served in the Dining Carriages 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 substantial delays. Dinner will be served on-board the train as we travel through Parkes and onto the Broken Hill Line to Orange Rail Yard at an unknown time(!) where we will be stabled for the night.

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### Day 5 • Thursday: ORANGE – KATOOMBA – SYDNEY (B)

Enjoy breakfast as we travel from Orange 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, you will depart the train and board your Blue Mountains Explorer Bus, which gives you access to the 'Hop-on, Hop-Off' service to explore the vibrant Blue Mountains Villages in your own time. Walk out to the edge at Echo Point, see the majestic Three Sisters. Take a 'Scenic World' ride (optional extra – tickets may be bought on the train). Check the waterfalls and the vibrant villages. Visit Everglades Historic House and Gardens. Leuralla Toy and Railway Museum is a must visit!

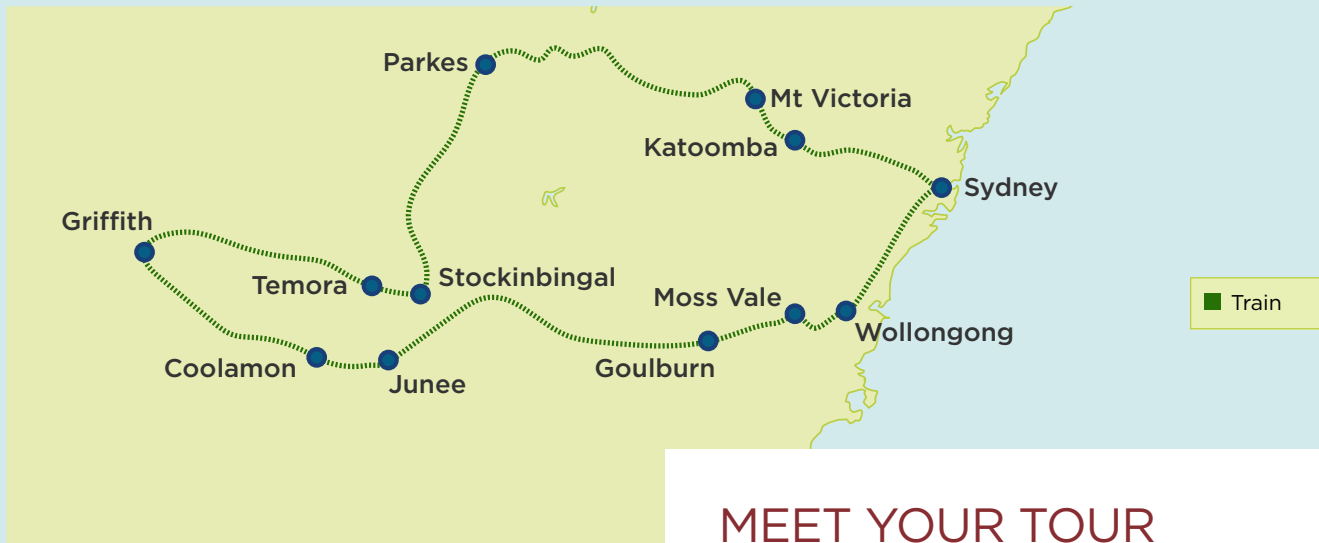
Lunch is at your own arrangements in the picturesque Blue Mountains villages.

In the afternoon we will again board the train for our return to Central Station, Sydney.

You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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# TOUR MAP

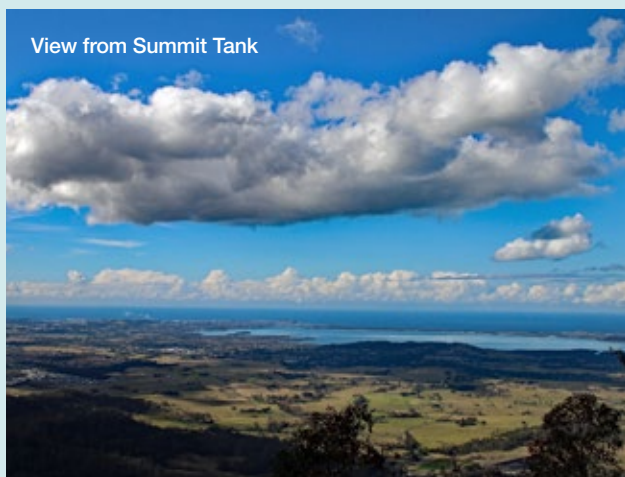
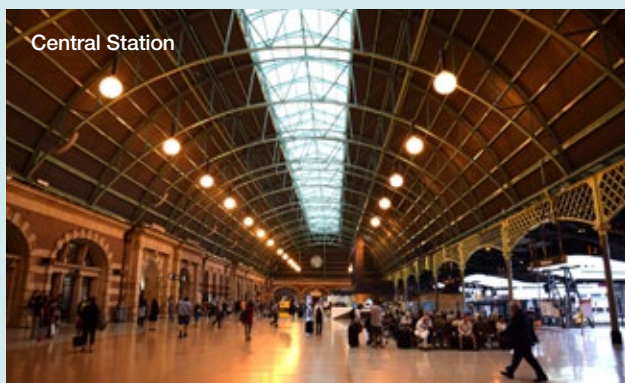


## MEET YOUR TOUR OPERATOR

Vintage Rail Journeys is a new, Australian Owned, rail tourism business focused on providing customers with experiences throughout regional and rural NSW aboard vintage sleeping trains.

Our fleet of carriages were initially designed for the Southern Aurora overnight express passenger service between Australia's two largest cities – Sydney and Melbourne. We have painstakingly restored these ex-Southern Aurora carriages back to their original luxury 1960's styling and re-named it the 'Aurora Australis'.

We look forward to you joining us on this adventure to continue the legacy of the Southern Aurora!



## ALL INCLUSIVE - NO HIDDEN COSTS

- Sleep on the train in restored ex-Southern Aurora Sleeping carriages. Your private cabin converts to a day travel configuration.
- Dining and Lounge carriages are available when travelling,
- Meals are as listed in the tour itinerary. Meals served on the train are freshly prepared by our on board chef using local ingredients from each region,
- Sightseeing is included at each stop for off-train experiences on our 'Aurora Explorer' fleet of coaches,
- Water, Soft drinks, Juices, Tea and coffee are included. The Aurora Australis is licensed to sell alcoholic drinks which are at an additional cost. As our train is a licensed premises you cannot consume your own alcohol on board.

## FITNESS & MOBILITY

Our Tour requires a reasonable level of fitness and a good level of mobility. Heritage Trains are not designed to accommodate wheelchair bound or walker reliant passengers. If booking a twinette room, 1 member of your party will need to be able to climb a ladder up to and down from the top bunk. You will need to be able to embark and disembark trains, coaches and other methods of transportation without assistance, handle your own luggage, walk moderate distances, stand comfortably and climb steps and stairs.

## PRICE (GST inclusive)\*

Twinette .....	<b>\$4,250 per person</b>
Roomette (solo) .....	<b>\$4,250 per person</b>
Deposit (per person).....	<b>\$500 at time of booking</b>
Final payment due by .....	<b>90 days before departure</b>

Note that our deposit terms are 10% deposit and you are asking for a \$500 deposit per person. This is not an issue as we require a \$425pp deposit.

\*2022 season prices ex-Central Station, Sydney. Cancellation Policy – If we are unable to run the tour due to COVID-19, we will provide a full credit for payment made by you, for one of our later tours

### SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

We have suggested flights for this itinerary depending on your departure point from Australia, any preferred stopovers en route and/or your planned pre- and post-tour activities. We can also investigate your preferred airline and offer you a solution based on connection times and prices. Contact 1300 800 977 to discuss your options.

### HOW TO BOOK

Download a booking form from our website and follow the easy steps to getting on board. Alternatively, contact us on 1300 800 977 or [info@railwayadventures.com](mailto:info@railwayadventures.com) if you'd prefer a form be sent to you. Complete the form and submit it, along with your \$500pp 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:

Our itineraries are designed to make the most of each destination, so a reasonable amount of activity is built into most days, which is why we call them adventures. Our philosophy is to offer you the best experience possible, while leaving you, our guest, the flexibility to pace yourself and choose how much or how little you want to do. Each Railway Adventures tour incorporates periods of free time for your own exploration and relaxation.

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

### ADDITIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to assisting with flight suggestions and bookings, we can also give you some ideas of what you could do before and after your Railway Adventure.

We can also organise your all-important Travel Insurance for you. Call our office on 1300 800 977 if you would like to discuss options.

### 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.

## 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. 09 September 2021.



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