



AUSTRALIA

VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEYS: RIVERINA RAIL TOUR (TOUR CODE: 14668)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Sydney

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Apr 25 - 30 Jun 25 & 02 Feb
26 - 27 Apr 26

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Travel south from Sydney into the heart of Australia's renowned 'food bowl.' Along the way, enjoy a warm welcome from Riverina communities, discover the region's rich agricultural heritage and learn about its innovative approaches and unique challenges. This journey also includes travel on rail lines without scheduled passenger services, adding a sense of adventure to the experience.

Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the charm of Fairground Follies, the Antique Mechanical Music Museum in Bowral, with its captivating sights and sounds.
- Experience farm-to-table and vine-to-wine delights as you meet some of the Riverina's finest producers.
- Indulge in a guided tour and lunch at an artisan cheese maker in Coolamon.
- Visit Mt Victoria for an unforgettable ride on the historic Zig Zag Railway

Your Riverina adventure begins at Sydney's Central Station aboard the Aurora Australis. Relax in the lounge carriage or settle into your cabin as the train travels south. Along the way, enjoy delicious onboard meals and curated off-train experiences, such as exploring heritage sites, visiting renowned wineries, and discovering local artisans. Travel through breathtaking landscapes, including the Canola Trail, and experience exclusive rail lines. With stargazing, cultural tours, and exceptional hospitality, this journey showcases the charm and rich diversity of the Riverina region.



- ★ Start / End point
- Train
- Stable overnight

INCLUSIONS

- All-inclusive dining with a selection of wines and beverages
- Four nights private ensuite accommodation onboard the train in a Heritage Twin Cabin
- Hospitality Attendant available to assist you, answer your questions, or prepare a comforting cup of tea or coffee
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1 Sydney Bowral

Your Riverina adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once onboard the Aurora Australis, either choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while the train travels south from Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard the train today as you travel to 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 1960s, 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 a stroll around the stunning gardens.

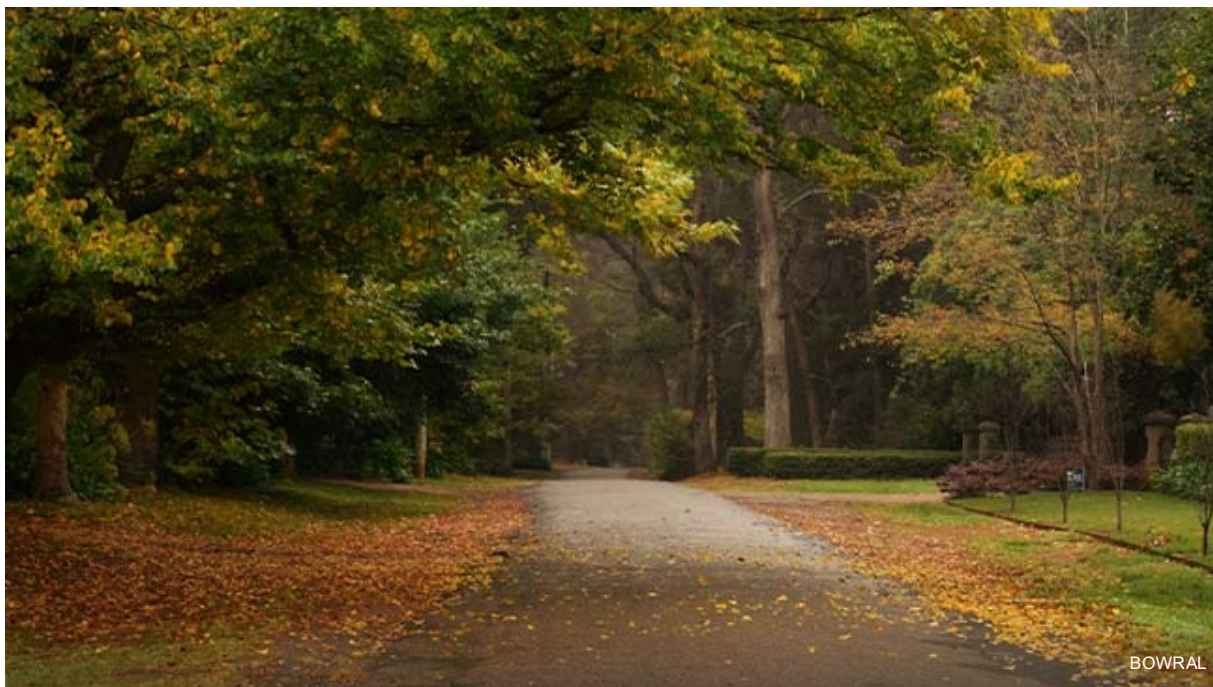
Option 2: Fairground Follies

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.

Following your first day of touring, rejoin the train in Moss Vale and enjoy dinner onboard as you travel to Goulburn and stable for the evening.

Lunch, Dinner



Day 2 Junee Coolamon Murrumbidgee

Start the day with breakfast onboard while travelling along the Main South Line, passing through charming villages and towns along the Canola Trail. Keep an eye out for the many grain silos lining the rail route. Upon arriving in Junee, take the opportunity to witness the Loco Runaround movement.

The first stop is the Historical Railway Museum, home to a rare 100-foot turntable and a collection of steam and diesel locomotives. The Junee Roundhouse, one of the few operational roundhouses in the Southern Hemisphere, remains a working facility for diesel locomotive maintenance.

Next, visit the Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory, where the delightful aroma of licorice and chocolate greets you upon arrival. Learn about the production process from expert chocolatiers and see it in action.

A short drive takes you to Coolamon for a lunch experience with an artisan cheese maker, renowned for crafting innovative, handcrafted cheeses in the heart of the Riverina. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore the town before continuing to Murrumbidgee. End the day with a special stargazing experience after dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Whitton Griffith

Start the day with breakfast onboard before embarking on one of the following off-train experiences.

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

Discover Morella Grove, nestled in the lush Riverina, where sustainability meets award-winning olive oil production. The family-run farm embraces a paddock-to-plate philosophy with minimal intervention to nurture the natural environment. Next, visit Southern Cotton, an independently owned ginning facility in Whitton, renowned as one of Australia's top gins. The tour concludes with a delightful lunch at Whitton Malt House.

Optional Upgrade: Whisky Tasting at Whitton Malt House

Savour a curated selection of fine whiskies (limited availability).

Option 2: Farm and Vines – Murray Cod Farm and Calabria Family Wines

Explore the Murray Cod Farm, dedicated to sustainable practices and premium pond-grown Murray Cod. Continue to Calabria Family Wines, where Italian heritage and hospitality shine. Experience a wine tasting, an Italian shared platter lunch, and explore the café bar, museum, and sensory wall, all showcasing the family's rich traditions and exceptional wines.

After the day's excursions, rejoin the train in Yenda and travel to Temora, where the evening concludes with a delectable onboard dinner as the train stables overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **4**

Temora Bundawarra Orange

Begin the day with breakfast onboard before exploring Temora, with a choice of two fascinating tours.

Option 1: Bundawarra Centre

Discover the Bundawarra Centre, home to the Temora Rural Museum. Step back in time as you explore a hardwood slab cottage 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 tour also includes the Ambulance Museum, showcasing a collection of vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897.

Option 2: Temora Aviation Museum

Alternatively, delve into aviation history at the Temora Aviation Museum, located on the site of the longest-running RAAF Elementary Flying Training School from World War II. The museum features three main exhibits: the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse, the Engineering Hangar where aircraft maintenance can be observed, and the Display Hangar, which houses exhibitions and a stunning collection of aircraft.

Coaches will return you to Temora Station, where lunch will be served in the dining carriage. The journey continues along freight-only lines via Stockinbingal, offering a unique rail experience, though potential delays are possible due to passing freight trains. The day concludes with dinner onboard as the train travels through Parkes and along the Broken Hill line to Orange Rail Yard.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5**

Orange Blue Mountains Sydney

Savour breakfast onboard as the train journeys from Orange towards the majestic Great Dividing Range. Travel through Lithgow and the iconic ten tunnels that replaced the original Lithgow Zig-Zag, before crossing the Darling Causeway en route to Mount Victoria. Here, disembark for an unforgettable experience on the historic Zig Zag Railway. Established in 1869, this nostalgic steam locomotive adventure offers breathtaking sights, sounds, and scenery. Enjoy a grazing boxed lunch before exploring Leura and Katoomba at your leisure. Reboard the train for the final leg of this memorable rail journey, returning to Sydney Central Station.

Breakfast, Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Vintage Rail Journeys

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Vintage Rail Journeys offers a unique and exceptional experience – combining the charm and excitement guests love with a new level of relaxation and care. From the moment you step aboard, every detail is thoughtfully handled, allowing you to unwind completely. Enjoy delicious meals, fine wine, and freshly brewed tea and coffee, along with a selection of expertly curated tours. The only decisions you'll need to make are what to savour and which Off Train Experience to explore.

Whether you're soaking in the ever-changing scenery from the comfort of your private cabin or heading to the lounge and dining carriages to share stories with fellow travellers, every moment is designed for your enjoyment. At night, the train is stabled to ensure you have a peaceful and restful sleep. Each carriage features a dedicated Hospitality Attendant, ready to assist with any needs, answer your questions, or prepare a comforting cup of tea or coffee.

HERITAGE TWIN CABINS

- Heritage Twin cabins accommodate 2 guests.
- By day, you have a 3-seat lounge
- By night, you have upper and lower bunks (one member of your party will need to be able to climb the ladder to the top bunk)
- You have your own ensuite, complete with the original fold down hand basin and fold down toilet



Room Upgrades

Heritage Single Cabin

Welcome to all solo travellers on board, with no single supplement for Heritage Single cabins. Each cabin features a comfortable Day Lounge, footrest, fold-down washbasin, and mirror. By night, it transforms into a cosy bed for a restful sleep. Conveniently, spacious shared bathrooms are located at both ends of the Singles carriage for your comfort.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2025 departure dates:

- 21 April
- 05 May
- 19 May
- 02 June
- 16 June
- 30 June

2026 departure dates:

- 02 February
- 16 February
- 02 March
- 16 March
- 30 March
- 13 April
- 27 April

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package