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VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEYS: GOLDEN WEST RAIL TOUR (TOUR CODE: 14667)

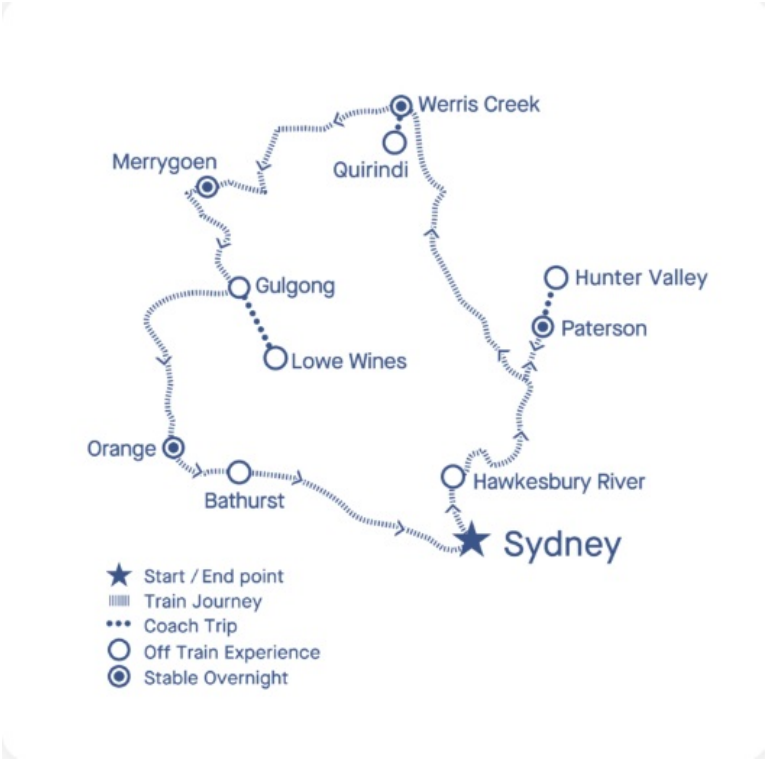
STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Sydney	31 Aug 26 - 29 Nov 27	Cultural Rail	Rail Journeys

Discover the charm of regional New South Wales on this all-inclusive five-day Golden West Rail Tour.

Highlights

- Discover the historic Abercrombie House or the serene Mayfield Gardens in Bathurst
- Embark on a scenic riverboat cruise along the Hawkesbury River, complete with a delightful lunch
- Explore the charming heritage village of Quirindi, nestled in the heart of rural New South Wales
- Indulge in a winery experience in the picturesque Hunter Valley

From vibrant urban skylines and sweeping rural plains to cool-climate vineyards and heritage-rich towns, every stop reveals a new facet of the state's storied interior. Journey along rarely travelled rail lines across the Liverpool Plains and discover the natural beauty of the Capertee Valley, Hunter Region, Orange, Bathurst and Mudgee. Enjoy curated Off Train Experiences, all-inclusive dining and the timeless nostalgia of slow rail travel.



INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights private ensuite accommodation onboard the train in a Heritage Twin Cabin
- All-inclusive dining with a selection of wines and beverages
- 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 The Hawkesbury Paterson

Your Golden West adventure begins at Sydney's Central Station. After check-in, enjoy a short coach transfer to Darling Harbour to board a Morning Discovery Cruise* with Journey Beyond Cruise Sydney. Aboard the Spirit of Migloo, take in uninterrupted 360-degree views of Sydney Harbour with a light breakfast served on board.

**This experience is included for guests travelling in 2027, and available as an optional upgrade on 2026 departures ($60 per person).*

Return to Sydney Central Station to board your Vintage Rail Journey. Once on board, relax in the lounge carriage or settle into your cabin as we travel towards the spectacular Hawkesbury River. Here, you'll step off for your first Off Train Experience, joining the famous 'Riverboat Postman' for a lunch cruise. Take in the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury as we follow the postal route to the river-access-only settlements upstream from Brooklyn.

Back on board, take in some of Australia's finest rail views. As the train rounds the curves at Mullet Creek, you'll see its full length tracing the water's edge. The scenic journey continues through Woy Woy Tunnel and alongside Brisbane Water National Park before skirting Newcastle and travelling on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley. Enjoy your first dinner on board as the train makes its way to Paterson, where it will be stabled for the night.

Lunch, Dinner



HAWKESBURY RIVER BRIDGE

Day 2 Paterson Hunter Valley Werris Creek

Today you will explore the renowned Hunter Valley, with a choice of Off Train Experiences showcasing the region's celebrated food, wine and landscapes.

Option 1: Lunch at Twine Restaurant Hunter Valley
Established in 2013, Twine Hunter Valley celebrates seasonal local produce, exceptional dining and quality wines, complemented by picturesque vineyard views and warm hospitality. Overlooking some of the region's oldest vineyards, enjoy a relaxed lunch in this beautiful setting.

Optional Upgrade: Hunter Valley Helicopter Experience
(limited capacity)
Take to the skies on a spectacular helicopter flight at additional cost. Soar above the Hunter Valley's rolling vineyards and countryside, enjoying unforgettable aerial views before joining your lunch at Twine.

Option 2: Margan Wines

Travel by coach to Broke, where you'll stroll through the kitchen garden, past the olive groves and vineyards, and into the winery for a guided behind-the-scenes tour. Discover how Margan's single-vineyard, sustainably farmed wines are crafted from vine to glass at this award-winning family-owned winery. Enjoy a wine tasting followed by a leisurely lunch in the restaurant.

Following your chosen experience, return to Lochinvar Station and reboard the train. Relax as you travel through the remainder of the Hunter Valley before passing through the Ardglen Tunnel and continuing to Werris Creek. Dinner will be served on board before the train is stabled overnight at Werris Creek.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



HUNTER VALLEY

Day 3 Werris Creek Quirindi Merrygoen

This morning, enjoy breakfast on board as another day of discovery unfolds across the Golden West. Your first stop is Quirindi, nestled in the heart of the Liverpool Plains and known for its rich agricultural heritage. Here, you'll visit the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village, a fascinating collection of restored buildings, machinery and artefacts that bring the region's pioneering past to life. Wander through the village and gain insight into the people, industries and stories that helped shape rural New South Wales.

Returning to the train, settle into the lounge or relax in your cabin as the journey continues along the freight-only rail line from Werris Creek towards Merrygoen. This lesser-travelled route offers a unique perspective on the working landscapes of regional Australia, passing through vast farmland and quiet country communities rarely seen by most travellers.

As evening approaches, enjoy another memorable dinner on board while watching the changing scenery roll by. Later, arrive in Merrygoen, where the train will be stabled overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DINING CARRIAGE | CREDITS: VINTAGE RAIL JOURNEY

Day 4 Merrygoen Gulgong Orange

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Wake to another delicious breakfast onboard the train before stepping off at Gulgong. You'll then board coaches travelling to Mudgee where you'll be welcomed to the Lowe Family Wine Co. Based around certified organic & biodynamic farm, vineyard, winery and food garden, enjoy a spectacular lunch in the cellar door before returning to the train.

As evening falls, enjoy another indulgent three-course dinner on board as the train continues to Orange, where it will be stabled overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



VINEYARD EXPERIENCE

Day 5 Orange Bathurst Sydney

Wake up in Orange and enjoy your final breakfast on board before arriving in Bathurst. Travel by coach via the iconic Mount Panorama circuit to the magnificent Abercrombie House.

Set on the rolling grounds of Stewarts Mount, this grand 1870s estate features beautifully restored rooms, sweeping gardens and stunning views. Explore the house with insights from the family who call it home, then enjoy a sit-down lunch. Later, return to the train and relax as you pass through Wallerawang, Clandulla and the region's national parks before arriving at Sydney's Central Station in the evening.

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

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

2026 departure dates:

- 31 August
- 14 September
- 28 September
- 26 October
- 09 November
- 23 November

2027 departure dates:

- 02 August
- 16 August
- 30 August
- 13 September
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 01 November
- 15 November
- 29 November