

Fully Escorted Gippsland Departure

# Golden West Rail Tour

19th October – 25th October 2025

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- All-inclusive dining, wines, beverages, tea & coffee throughout your journey
- Take a Riverboat cruise on the Hawkesbury River including lunch
- Enjoy a winery experience in the Hunter Valley
- Visit the quaint heritage village of Quirindi in rural New South Wales
- Discover Bathurst's Abercrombie House or Mayfield Gardens
- Sydney Accommodation
- Return airport transfers to Melbourne Airport from East Gippsland
- Coopers Travel Escort
- Return flights MEL/SYD/MEL
- Breakfast Daily, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- 5 Days/4 nights onboard the Vintage Rail Journey

## PACKAGE PRICE

**TWIN/DOUBLE \$6,750.00  
PER PERSON**

\*HERITAGE TWIN CABIN ONBOARD VINTAGE RAIL

**SINGLE \$7,050.00  
PER PERSON**

Pricing is based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is due within 7 days of booking. For full Terms & Conditions, please contact Coopers Travel at time of booking.

### **DAY 1: BAIRNSDALE – MELBOURNE – SYDNEY (D) SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2025**

Meet your transfer from Bairnsdale to Melbourne airport in time for your flight to Sydney. On arrival into Sydney you will be transferred to our overnight accommodation at Rydges Sydney Central. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before joining the group for a 2 course welcome dinner at our accommodation.

**Overnight: Rydges Sydney Central**

### **DAY 2: SYDNEY – THE HAWKESBURY (BLD) MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2025**

Your Golden West adventure starts at Sydney's Central Station. Once onboard you can choose to relax in the lounge carriage, or settle into your cabin while we travel to the spectacular Hawkesbury River. Here you step off for your first off-train experience, joining the famous 'Riverboat Postman' for a lunch cruise. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as we deliver the mail and other essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. When you rejoin our train, you'll enjoy views from the train which we think are some of the best in Australia. You'll see the whole length of the train as we round curves and the line traces the waters edge at Mullet Creek. The waterside theme is continued after we go through Woy Woy Tunnel and alongside Brisbane Water. We skirt around Newcastle and onto Maitland in the Hunter Valley. The train will be stabled for the night at Paterson.

**Overnight: Heritage Train**

### **DAY 3: HUNTER VALLEY VINEYARDS (BLD) TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2025**

Today you will be visiting the Hunter Valley, and we have three offtrain experiences for you to choose from.

#### **Option 1: Lunch at Twine Restaurant Hunter Valley**

Established in 2013, Twine Hunter Valley celebrates seasonal local produce and delectable dining options, paired with quality wines, picturesque views & impeccable service. Overlooking some of the oldest vineyards in the region, Twine is home to a wonderful restaurant, also the perfect spot for our Muscat tasting experience.

#### **Optional Upgrade: Hunter Valley Helicopter Experience (limited capacity) \*at an additional cost**

Soar to new heights with a breathtaking helicopter flight at additional cost. Experience unforgettable aerial views of the Hunter region, before joining lunch.

#### **Option 2: Margan Wines**

Travelling by coach to Broke, you'll walk down the garden path through the kitchen garden, then past the olives and vineyards into the winery for a guided, behind the scenes tour. Learn how the single vineyard and sustainably farmed wines are made from vine to glass in this award-winning winery. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at this family owned winery and restaurant.

Following your tour, board the coach for the return journey to Branxton Station where you'll board the train, travelling the remainder of the Hunter Valley, and on through Ardglen Tunnel to Werris Creek. Dinner will be served onboard the train at Werris Creek, where it will be stabled for the night.

**Overnight: Heritage Train**

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#### DAY 4: WERRIS CREEK (BLD)

##### WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 2025

This morning enjoy breakfast onboard the train, before another day of discovering the charms of the Golden West.

Your adventure begins with a visit to the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village. The village has been designed to collect, preserve, restore, interpret and exhibit artefacts that relate to the history, heritage and culture of the region. From here we head to Werris Creek, the first and last railway town in NSW, located on a major railway junction. The Werris Creek railway station is the third largest in NSW.

It houses the Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum, which brings this town's railway past back to life.

Your afternoon is then spent travelling along the freight only line from Werris Creek, headed for Orange. Dinner will be served onboard as your train makes its way for a late arrival into Orange for the evening.

**Overnight: Heritage Train**

#### DAY 5: BATHURST (BLD)

##### THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2025

Waking up in Orange this morning, your adventure continues as we're soon departing for Bathurst, where you will again have the choice of two off-train experiences.

##### Option 1: Abercrombie House

It wouldn't be a visit to Bathurst without first taking on the mountain Mt Panorama. You'll then head onto Abercrombie House, a heritage treasure of NSW set in stunning grounds at Stewarts Mount just west of Bathurst. A grand country home, and a 1870s cultural gem, the home of the Morgan Family for half a century, see gardens, paths and outbuildings, explore the reception rooms, grand staircase, ballroom, first floor bedrooms and more, before enjoying lunch.

#### Option 2: Mayfield Gardens

A spectacular 65-hectare private garden that delivers not only a significant horticultural experience but also a day out that is both magical and unexpected. Mayfield Gardens is considered to be one of the largest and most spectacular cool climate gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. Here a self-guided tour awaits, with a delicious boxed lunch which can be enjoyed in your own quiet spot of the gardens.

**Overnight: Heritage Train**

#### DAY 6: MUDGEES – SYDNEY (BLD)

##### FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2025

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard the train. We'll then board coaches traveling from Rylstone, a beautiful district settled in the 1820's, making it one of the oldest settlements west of the Great Dividing Range.

Rylstone's streetscape features 19th century sandstone public houses, cottages and government buildings. From here we are welcomed to the Lowe Family Wine Co in Mudgee. Based around certified organic & biodynamic farm, vineyard, winery and food garden, enjoy a spectacular last lunch in the cellar door before returning to Rylstone Station and your return journey arriving late into Sydney Central station.

**Overnight: Rydges Sydney Central**

#### DAY 7: SYDNEY – MELBOURNE – BAIRNSDALE

##### SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2025

After breakfast, you will check out of our accommodation and meet our departure coach transfer to Sydney Airport to meet our flight home. Our transfer will greet us on arrival into Melbourne airport and transfer us back to Bairnsdale.

