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Great Southern Timetable

2019/20 JOURNEYS

GREAT SOUTHERN ADELAIDE – BRISBANE	
OPERATES 6 DECEMBER 2019 – 26 JANUARY 2020	
Fri	9.00 Depart Adelaide The Grampians Afternoon Excursion
Sat	Canberra Morning Excursion
Sun	Morning Beachside Experience 16.20 Arrive Brisbane

GREAT SOUTHERN BRISBANE – ADELAIDE	
OPERATES 9 DECEMBER 2019 – 30 JANUARY 2020	
Mon	10.15 Depart Brisbane Evening Beachside Experience
Tues	Hunter Valley and surrounds Day Excursion
Wed	Western Victoria Delights tour Afternoon Excursion Regional Victoria & 12 Apostles Afternoon Excursion
Thurs	9.30 Arrive Adelaide

Great Southern Itineraries

The Great Southern travels from Adelaide to Brisbane and Brisbane to Adelaide. This journey does not go through Melbourne and passengers cannot start or end the journey anywhere else besides Adelaide & Brisbane.

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE

3 days/2 nights

Departs: Fridays 9:00am

Arrives: Sundays 4.20pm

Day 1: Adelaide and The Grampians

As the train leaves Adelaide, take your time to settle in and get familiar with your cabin. Enjoy morning tea and then savour a relaxed lunch on board while watching the ever-changing landscape glide by. In the late afternoon, the train will arrive in regional Victoria where you'll have a chance to experience the spectacular wilderness of the Grampians region. Enjoy a breathtaking walk in the natural surrounds, take in the panoramic views of the Grampians from a lookout, or sample some of the region's best wines at local wineries.

Your first day culminates with an off train dinner where you'll enjoy local produce and regional wines in a special Grampians setting before returning to the train for the night.

Day 2: Canberra and surrounds

Spend the day exploring your choice of the National War Memorial and Parliament House, the National Gallery of Australia or the National Museum of Australia. Or, discover the delights of the Food and Wine Trail before returning to the train.

Later in the day, relax and enjoy a delicious dinner and drinks in the lounge car before settling down for the night.

Day 3: Coffs Harbour and surrounds

Choose your own adventure today with a variety of options to suit your fitness level and interests. Take in the spectacular coastline views and Great Dividing Range along the the Urunga Boardwalk before travelling to Forest Sky Pier at the Sealy Lookout (310m above Coffs Harbour), which offers views for miles. Then it's back to the beach to relax and enjoy the sand between your toes.

The Coffs Explorer excursion option travels up to the Forest Sky Pier at Sealy Lookout, then the harbourside

markets and historic jetty before enjoying time at the beach. Or, make the most of Coffs Harbour's beautiful beaches with an entire morning spent seaside. Wander along the coast, have a dip in the ocean, play a game of beach cricket or simply relax on the sand.

For the golf enthusiasts, there is also an option to enjoy nine holes at the Bonville Golf Resort*, one of the world's most beautiful golf courses.

After your morning by the ocean, enjoy a final lunch on board with your fellow travellers before arriving into Brisbane.

*Availability and capacity limits apply for Bonville Golf Resort. If interested in participating, please request more information at the time of enquiry. Christmas Day and New Years Day tours will differ.

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

4 days/3 nights

Departs: Mondays 10:15am

Arrives: Thursdays 9.30am

Day 1: Brisbane and Coffs Harbour

After setting off from Brisbane, enjoy lunch on board and a relaxing afternoon settling in to your private cabin before arriving at the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy a unique beachside dinner where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood matched with fine wines, while the waves lap at the shore nearby. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for the night.

Day 2: Hunter Valley, Port Stephens or Newcastle

Start the day with a hearty breakfast on board before setting off for a full day of Off Train Excursions. Today you get to choose your own adventure with your choice of the Hunter Valley, Newcastle or Port Stephens. Hunter Valley Wine Region: Meander through the picturesque and historic vineyards of the Hunter Valley, where you can sample wines from both world-renowned brands and boutique cellar doors. Your day will include cellar door experiences, winery tours and a sumptuous lunch.

Port Stephens by Land and Sea: Experience the Stockton Bight Sand Dunes and beach by 4WD van, stopping to hunt for pippies and driving to the top of a sand dune before travelling to Nelson Bay for a relaxing afternoon cruise and lunch.

Newcastle Explorer: Take in spectacular coastal views and discover Newcastle's unique blend of old and new with a guided walking tour and historical site visit. After lunch, visit Strzelecki Lookout and a stroll along the Newcastle Memorial Walk.

In the evening, return to the train to enjoy a regionally-inspired meal prepared on board before retiring for the night.

Day 3: Melbourne or the Twelve Apostles

After enjoying breakfast on board, you can choose to discover the bustling city of Melbourne or take a road trip to explore the unforgettable Twelve Apostles.

Melbourne Explorer: Take in the breathtaking views of Melbourne from Eureka Skydeck, the highest public observation tower in the Southern Hemisphere, and lunch at Eureka 89. Then get to know Melbourne city with your choice of a laneway walking tour, a tour of the National Gallery of Victoria, or free time to shop and enjoy the city sights. As the day ends, the coach will transport you to the awaiting train at Inverleigh Station stopping along the way for a sumptuous dinner.

Twelve Apostles: After lunch on board, set off on a road trip by coach through regional Victoria to the unforgettable Twelve Apostles, a majestic collection of crumbling pillars rising from the

Southern Ocean. On the return journey to Inverleigh Station, enjoy dinner and drinks in regional Victoria.

Optional upgrade available: Twelve Apostles Scenic Flight.

Note: Travel time to the Twelve Apostles is between 1.5 to 2hrs each way.

Once you're back on board, head to the lounge car to enjoy a nightcap and chat with friends or simply return to your cabin to unwind before heading to bed.

Day 4: Arrive Adelaide

As the train journeys through the charming Adelaide Hills, enjoy your last breakfast on board before arriving into Adelaide and the end of your Great Southern train journey.

Platinum Service on Great Southern

Platinum Service offers guests the most luxurious transcontinental holiday Australia has to offer. [See a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Platinum Service (Twin & Double Share)

Boasting deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, in-cabin breakfasts and access to the Platinum Lounge and Restaurant, Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations. The first thing you'll notice about your Platinum cabin is the abundance of space, almost twice the size of a Gold Twin Cabin. By day your cabin is configured as a private lounge with deluxe lounge seating, a table and two ottomans. By night you'll sleep easy as the lounges convert to a comfortable bedroom with either a double bed or twin beds.



**Features:**

- Full-size en suite equipped with shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and complimentary Australian bathroom amenities
- Lockable door, power outlets and in-cabin safe
- All onboard meals are included in the Platinum Service fare and offer freshly prepared regionalised menus cooked by onboard chefs.
- All inclusive refreshments including soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines, spirits, tea and coffee throughout your journey
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- Picture windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Platinum Service transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60km of the terminal
- Freshly prepared continental in-cabin breakfasts served upon request
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Check in luggage allowance: 90kg check-in luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage: One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.

Dining

Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the Platinum Club Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Platinum Club (Restaurant & Lounge)

Platinum Club, the newest addition to Australia's great rail journeys. An unforgettable dining experience, Platinum Club offers the premium space and privacy of a first-class lounge with the added benefit of a fully flexible dining area.

Request an afternoon refreshment from the all-inclusive beverage list or simply choose from the self-serve range.

Spacious tabletops provide the perfect spot for a friendly game of cards during the day. In the evening, the area can accommodate for small dinners or larger group celebrations. All regional cuisine available in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant is also served in the Platinum Club.





Tell me about Great Southern's 'Gold Service'

Gold Service on Great Southern

With room to stretch out and all the comforts of home, Gold Service is the most popular level of service aboard Great Southern. [Take a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Gold Service (Single & Twin Share)

You'll enjoy private cabin accommodation together with all-inclusive dining, beverages and a range of fascinating Off Train Excursions at key stops. Gold Service accommodation is available in both single and twin-share so you can choose to travel with your partner, friends or roll solo.

During the day, the compact Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins offer a comfortable three seater lounge, converting to an upper and lower sleeping berth at night. And with top notch service from our hospitality attendant, you'll enjoy fresh sheets, bath towels, pillows, doonas and complimentary toiletries. Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins have private en suite facilities with a hide-away compact toilet, wash basin and shower.



Features:

- For Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- For Gold Single, a compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day and shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Excursions and Short Stops
- Checked in luggage allowance: 60kg per guest (2 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage (Gold Twin): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.
- Cabin luggage (Gold Single): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag, cabin bag (105cm/41 inches linear measurement) or briefcase.

Gold Service - Superior Cabin

Gold Superior cabins are spacious, double the size of a Gold Twin cabin, with a lounge area and 3/4 sized double bed. Gold Superior cabins are limited, only 1 or 2 per train.



Features:

- Gold Superior cabins feature a $\frac{3}{4}$ size double bed plus an additional fold down upper berth, lounge area, TV and DVD player, mini-bar and en suite.
- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Excursions and Short Stops
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest

Dining





Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the exclusive, classically styled Queen Adelaide Restaurant Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Outback Explorer Lounge



You never know who you'll meet or where the conversation will lead in the Outback Explorer Lounge - the perfect place for travellers to come together and share stories, all while enjoying a wide range of all-inclusive refreshments.

And as you find yourself deep in conversation, spare a thought for the intrepid explorers to whom the lounge carriage owes its name - brave adventurers who never experienced this level of comfort and style as they ventured beyond the known into the vast Outback wilderness. All day and often late into the night, the Outback Explorer Lounge is the train's centre of activity where long hours can be spent socialising, snacking and catching glimpses of passing wildlife through wide picture windows.

Great Southern Map



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Itinerary

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Which train stations does Great Southern depart from/arrive into?

STATIONS	TRANSFERS
<p>Adelaide Parklands Terminal (also known as Keswick Terminal) Richmond Road, Keswick, South Australia, 5035 Click here for more information on this station</p>	<p>Platinum Service Guests Complimentary transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60km of the terminal. Rail Europe will require addresses for pick up/drop off to pre-book this service.</p>
<p>Meeting point in Brisbane: All guests are required to check in at the following central meeting point, before being transferred to Acacia Ridge Terminal where the train will depart (approx. 30 mins from Brisbane): Meeting point - Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane (the Oaks Aurora Tower is right across the road). Guests arriving into Brisbane on Great Southern will also arrive into Acacia Ridge & be transferred to the</p>	

meeting point
mentioned.

Can I take my car on board Great Southern?

No, Motorail will not operate on Great Southern.

Can I fly out the same day as the train arrives?

We highly recommend that guests do not book flights same day as arrival without allowing for late running trains. This would mean allowing for at least 3-5 hours after the scheduled arrival time, and an overnight stopover especially for international flights.

Can I travel if I am sick or have an illness?

We may refuse to confirm your booking or refuse you boarding if you suffer from any illness, disease or other condition which makes travel unsafe for you or other guests.

You have an obligation to inform us of any illness, disease or medical condition at time of booking.

Please refer to our 'Fitness For Travel Policy'.

Can I travel if I am pregnant?

Yes up to 30 weeks into the pregnancy. If you are greater than 30 weeks pregnant, have a multiple pregnancy or a complicated pregnancy, we do not recommend travel on our services. You may be required to produce a Doctor's letter of consent or an authorised medical certificate within 14 days of travel.

What medical assistance do the on-train staffs provide?

Train staff are able to administer basic first aid, however they are not able to provide routine medical aid during a journey. Guests requiring medical attention or mobility assistance on board any of our trains are required to arrange for their own Carer to travel with them.

Can my necessary medication be refrigerated?

Yes subject to space within our on-board fridge compartments - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Can I take oxygen onboard?

Yes - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Can I take my own food on board the train?

You can bring your own special dietary needs. You cannot bring your own alcohol or hot food. Some food purchased on-train may need to be disposed of prior to leaving the train due to strict state quarantine rulings.

Can I purchase/ request hot (boiling) water?

No - for safety reasons we are unable to serve hot water.

Can I heat baby food/bottle?

Yes this is available on request with on-train staff.

Can I pay for my meals/snacks/beverages with a credit card?

Yes, however a minimum amount applies.

Can I pay for my meals/snacks/beverages with EFTPOS?

Yes.

Are there ATM (Cash out) facilities on-train?

No - you must board the train with sufficient cash on hand for required purchases during the journey ahead.

Can I take any pets or animals with me on-train?

No - you must arrange directly with specialist animal transportation.

The only animals permitted are specially trained dogs for the vision and hearing impaired.

Can I send freight/ other goods with me on the train?

No - you must arrange directly with specialist freight transportation.

Can I travel with an infant?

Yes however only in a Gold Superior or Gold Access cabin.

What age qualifies my child as an infant?

Up to 3 years of age. Infants do not travel free of charge if they are to occupy their own seat/ berth.

What if I am prepared to nurse my infant on my lap/ share my Sleeper berth with my infant?

Infants up to 3 years of age travel free of charge when nursed by a parent. Each fare paying parent is restricted to nursing only one infant free of charge.

What do I pay if I want my infant to occupy their own seat/ Sleeper berth?

Your infant is to be booked as a Child, and the applicable Child fare will be charged.

Can I order a cot for my infant?

Upon request, a cot can be provided by for guests occupying a Gold Service twin-share cabin - PLEASE REQUEST AT TIME OF BOOKING. Due to space restrictions, cots cannot be arranged for Gold Service Single cabins.

Can I take my pram/ push-chair/ booster seat on board the train?

No - these items must be checked-in as stored luggage.

Can I take my walking frame/wheelchair/ scooter on board the train?

No - these items must be checked-in as stored luggage. A specially modified pushchair can be requested for use on train (with the assistance of a Carer or travelling companion) - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Great Southern Conditions

Terms & Conditions

General Conditions

- **Rail Only:** These conditions are for rail only bookings. Bookings for Holiday Packages are subject to different terms & conditions.
- **Rail Sectors:** One rail sector is defined as: Brisbane to Adelaide or vice versa.
- **Travel Insurance:** We recommend that you take out suitable travel insurance to cover (as a minimum) the costs incurred if you cancel your trip.

Fare Type

Payment

Amendments

Cancellations

- **Deposit (current):**

A deposit is required within 7 days of receiving a confirmation

Everyday or Everyday Saver Fare (Rail Only)

- Great Southern

Platinum and Gold Service

invoice:
Gold Service - \$300 per person, per rail sector.
Platinum Service - \$600 per person, per rail sector. If the deposit is not received, Rail Plus holds the right to cancel the booking.

- **Deposit (2020-21 season):**

A deposit is required within 7 days of receiving a confirmation invoice:

Gold Service - \$600 per person, per rail journey.
Platinum Service - \$1100 per person, per rail journey. If the deposit is not received, Rail Europe holds the right to cancel the booking.

- **Balance:** The remainder of the booking balance is due by 50 days prior to the train's departure.

- **Late bookings:** Bookings made within 50 days of the train's departure require full payment at the time of booking.

- Amendments are allowed up to 21 days before the train's departure.

- Amendment fees may apply, please contact us for more information.

Once a deposit has been received, the following cancellation fees apply:

- Cancel 99 days or more prior to the train's departure: \$100 per person, per rail sector cancellation fee
- Cancel 98-51 days prior to the train's departure: Loss of deposit
- Cancel 50 days or less prior to the train's departure: 100% cancellation applies.
- Refunds will incur GST.

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- Amendments cannot be made less

Advance Purchase (Rail Only)

(Advance Purchase fares must be booked at least 6 months prior to the train's departure date and are subject to limited availability per departure)

- Great Southern

Gold Service

- Full payment is required 7 days after receiving a confirmation invoice.

than 21 days prior to the train's departure date and can only be made to travel dates if the change is greater than 190 days prior to the new proposed departure date, subject to Advance Purchase fare type availability.

- Non-refundable (100% cancellation fee)