

# Travel & Fun

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Vintage Rail Journeys takes you on a unique rail tour on a privately owned, newly restored 1960s ex-Southern Aurora sleeping train.

Vintage Rail Journeys Owner, Danielle Smith said they offer a boutique experience and with only 136 guests on board you won't get lost in a crowd.

"We have great stops and off-train excursions every day... all of our off-train experiences aim at showcasing the best of regional NSW," Ms Smith said.

"We have three exciting tours available covering over 1,500 kilometres each to provide a different way to see regional NSW."

The Golden West Rail Tour takes you on a cruise up the Hawkesbury River, the spectacular Hunter Valley and Mayfield Gardens and allows you to experience Railway History at Werris Creek and Industrial History at Kandos.

Lastly, you visit the gorgeous Blue Mountains Villages on a guided tour hosted by the Blue Mountains Explorer Bus.

The Riverina Rail Tour heads south, starting the tour along the spectacular

Illawarra Line along the water and then up the escarpment to Moss Vale and on to Goulburn where you spend the first night.

Co-owner Simon Mitchell said the tour is designed to showcase the 'food bowl' of NSW as you spend time in Coolamon and Griffith.

"We also have as much regional produce on board the train as we can" Mr Mitchell said.

"We love stopping in towns, and where we remain on the train, our guests don't miss out as our chefs have sourced produce and wine from the regions we travel through".

If you want to holiday during winter, the North Coast Rail Tour travels from Sydney to Casino.

You then wind your way back down the coast, stopping at The MacLeay Valley and Paterson before returning to Sydney along the same rail line but experiencing different towns each day.

With only 12 tours in 2022, make sure to satisfy your appetite for travel and snap up a trip now.

Visit [vintagerailjourneys.com.au](http://vintagerailjourneys.com.au) for more details about the 2022 events and to book your place.

You can also speak with your travel agent about booking.

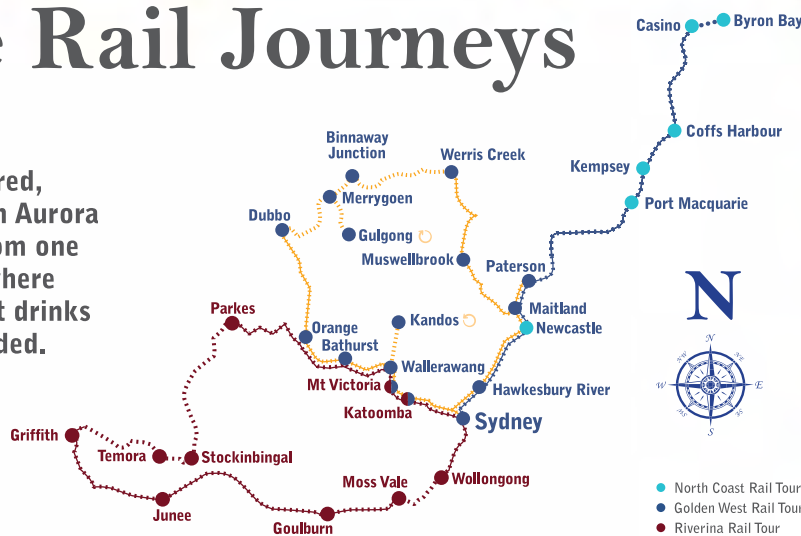



**Golden West Rail Tour**

13 February 2022, 13 March 2022, 10 April 2022, 11 September 2022, 9 October 2022, 6 November 2022

## Vintage Rail Journeys

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**Riverina Rail Tour**

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**North Coast Rail Tour**

19 June 2022, 23 October 2022



For more information and a full copy of the itinerary, please visit [vintagerailjourneys.com.au](http://vintagerailjourneys.com.au)

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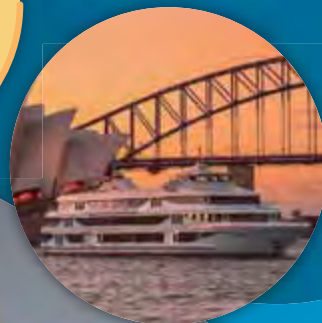
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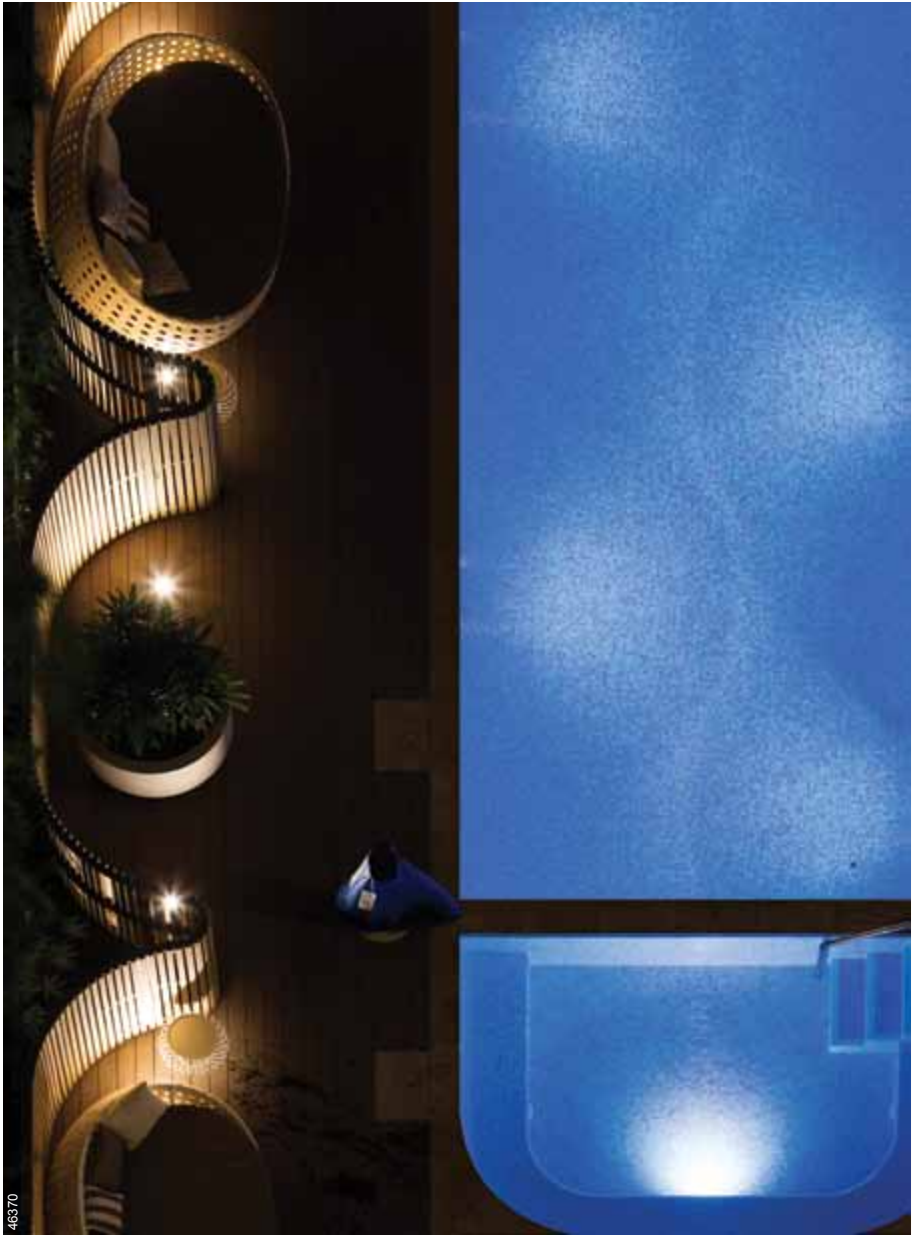
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Located in the nation's capital, Jamala Wildlife Lodge offers guests the opportunity of experiencing close encounters with some of the world's most exotic and endangered animals, as well as relaxing in the atmosphere of its three individually designed five star accommodation hubs: Giraffe Treehouses, Jungle Bungalows and uShaka Lodge.

These African-inspired luxury suites lie in the heart of Canberra's National Zoo and Aquarium and are the epitome of style and comfort.

The cornerstone of Jamala Wildlife Lodge is uShaka Lodge, decorated with stylish and luxurious furniture and African artefacts and artworks.

While you are there, you can enjoy the company of the curious and captivating Colobus Monkeys and the graceful inhabitants of the 200,000-litre shark tank.

Jamala Wildlife Lodge also offers five-star dining included in the price.

You can start your evening with pre-dinner drinks and canapes, where you will be joined by some special guests, including white lions and hyenas.



To continue the African theme, you will be joined by other guests at large tables for a delectable, fun four-course African gourmet dinner coupled with a selection of some of the best wines.

The menu changes regularly and depends on the availability of fresh food at the time.

Dinner is generally served in the Rainforest Cave or at times, guests who stay at the uShaka Lodge will dine upstairs alongside sharks. These offerings perfectly complement this once in a lifetime accommodation adventure.

At Jamala Wildlife Lodge, guests can immerse themselves in one of the most unique experiences in the world and take a thrill of a wild African safari, making it a truly remarkable accommodation experience.

The programs at Jamala have been designed to maximise the opportunity to subtly impress its guests and make sure the best conditions are provided for the animals.

To book or for more information on all that is to offer at Jamala Wildlife Lodge, visit [jamalawildlifelodge.com.au](http://jamalawildlifelodge.com.au) or phone 6287 8444.

## ROOMS WITH A WILD TWIST...



Jamala Wildlife Lodge is an all-inclusive and interactive overnight experience where guests are treated to an exclusive behind the scenes zoo tour. They encounter some of its most popular residents, such as rhinos, lions, tigers, giraffes, monkeys and meerkats for an unprecedented opportunity to connect with and learn about these incredible animals. Truly fine dining with a gourmet African styled dinner and a freshly prepared breakfast completes your stay. During these, you may be visited by some very special visitors which are the perfect complement to this once in a lifetime accommodation adventure.

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# READY FOR A ROAD TRIP?

Is it finally time to pack the car up and go on an adventure? Canberra is filled with events and activities the whole family will love and Crowne Plaza Canberra is the perfect base to explore from.

Approximately a 3-hour drive from Western Sydney, the hotel is located in the heart of the city with everything at your finger tips.

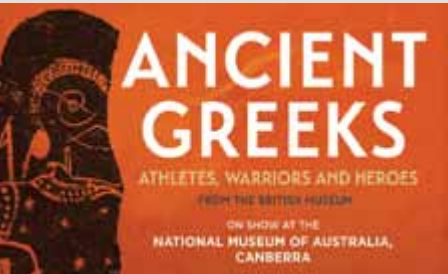
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Ancient Greeks Exhibition**  
Opens 17 December at NMA



**Jeffrey Smart Exhibition**  
Opens 11 December at NGA  
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**Summernats**  
From 6 to 8 January at EPIC



## IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FAMILY HOLIDAY THAT OFFERS IT ALL, YOU'LL FIND IT AT THE AWARD-WINNING PARADISE RESORT AND HERE'S WHY!

Paradise Resort Gold Coast was recently voted Australia's Best Family Resort for the 10th year in a row. Yes, you heard that right - 10 years. And if you've never been, then now is the time to book. Paradise Resort is celebrating 40 years this month and no matter if you've been once, twice or your first time, this is a must-visit place for every family, regardless of how old the kiddies.

Renowned as a 'cruise ship on land', Paradise Resort is a mecca of holiday fun and with endless kids club adventures, an ice-skating rink, two giant water parks, a lagoon pool, large heated spa and a daily entertainment program, you'll be lucky if you even see the kids. Not to mention it's located just 250 meters from the iconic Surfer's Paradise beach.

"There is no one size fits all, and every family loves us for a different reason" said General Manager Mr David Brook. "Whether it's because of the quality time spent with the kids riding our waterslides, or the precious time enjoyed alone while the kids are amused at the kids club or teen club. Sometimes it's our unforgettable live shows or just the fact that they can holiday somewhere that has something for everyone. We know that Paradise Resort is and will be at the centre of many family memories for years to come. And we don't think this will ever change, these memories will just keep getting better."

Having recently undergone a major renovation as part of its post-COVID-glow up, they have added a new bar and dining outlets as well as an online ordering system so you can even order your meals and cocktails from your poolside lounge. There are also heaps of amazing activities, including a miniature train ride, live shows, teddy bear workshops, hair braiding and opening in 2022, is an adults-only pool and lounge bar. Take my money now!

The resort offers a range of hotel style accommodation throughout its 360 guest rooms catering for families as large as up to eight, including the popular themed Junior and King Bunkhouse rooms which feature brightly painted bunk beds and family rooms with a second smaller bedroom. If your style is a little more luxe then check out the brand-new deluxe accommodation wing 'Dusty's Digs', a tribute to the iconic Aussie adventurer and one of four resort mascots, Dusty. The new rooms have all been fitted with thoughtful little extras such as a microwave and toaster, USB charging points, a 55inch Smart TV to keep you connected to your favourite Netflix series and complimentary WiFi throughout your stay. No matter your mood, personal style or family size, one thing is for sure, the whole family is going to love the new look Paradise Resort!

Paradise Resort is proving one thing that we're sure you can all relate to - even in your forties, you can still have fun! To celebrate the big occasion, you can take advantage of this incredible package where the whole family will eat FREE when you book now and travel in 2022\* For more information, visit [paradiseresort.com.au](https://paradiseresort.com.au)



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