

BROKEN HILL WANDERER RAIL PACKAGE 14 – 22 OCTOBER 2019

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



We will be travelling to Broken Hill and return by the Outback Explorer train and bookings will open on 2 January 2019. The deposit of \$200 is non-refundable (unless we are able to fill the vacancy) and must be sent in by the end of March so that our rooms can be allocated. If you wish to book after that date, Elizabeth would first need to confirm availability.

PRICES:

- Adult (no concession) \$2,425 pp Could be cheaper if tour date is set as Shoulder. This won't be known until April.
- Senior/Pensioner \$2,233
- NSW Pensioner Travel Voucher \$2,098
- Single Supplement \$ 620
- We have booked to stay at the Ibis Styles in Broken Hill which is included in the price
- Final payment 4 September 2019 meeting

TRAVEL VOUCHERS: If you hold a NSW/ACT pensioner concession card or a NSW War Widow/er transport concession card, you are entitled to two return or four single trip Pensioner Travel Vouchers each calendar year. For those of us who are eligible and have not used their vouchers in the last two years, please phone NSW TrainLink on 13 22 32 and ask the operator to register you for your Travel Vouchers. Once approval is given, please circle YES on your Rail Extended Tour Application and Travel Club Extended Tour Application forms.

DEPARTURE & LUGGAGE: On 14 October, we will make our own way to Central Station. The train departs Central at 6.19 am and arrives Broken Hill at 7.10 pm. Our luggage is to be no heavier than 20 kg (plus one small carry-on bag) and must be booked through to Broken Hill. Normally baggage is booked in 60 minutes prior to departure but, at such an early time, checking in 30 minutes beforehand is expected to be sufficient. This is yet to be confirmed and members advised. If you are concerned about sleeping-in and therefore missing the train, Elizabeth may be able to organise a night's accommodation for you at the nearby four-star Great Southern Hotel at a good contract price (to be advised). Please let us know if you are interested in this option. On the 22 October, the return train departs Broken Hill at 7.45 am, arrives at Central Station at 9.38 pm and we will make our own way home.

As part of our tour, there will be one night at White Cliffs Underground Motel. We will retain our rooms in Broken Hill, meaning that we will leave our large luggage behind and take an overnight bag only to White Cliffs. Please do take a suitable small bag on tour.

MEALS & ALCOHOL: Please ensure that you have read the itinerary which is available on our website: <https://pentravelclub.weebly.com/> or ask us for a copy. You will see that there is a LIGHT breakfast only supplied in hotels and some other meals are not provided. On the train, food is available to purchase in the buffet car, as are alcoholic beverages which are served from midday until 11 pm only, with a max of two alcoholic drinks per customer/per hour. No BYO permitted and customers will be asked to take beverages back to their seat to enjoy. Please see the following train menu which may vary and prices may change: <https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/regional-booking-travel-information/onboard-menu>

The train also offers a range of vegetarian and gluten-free snacks and meals. If these are unsuitable, guests are welcome to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages on-board. They recommend guests who suffer from allergies (such as peanut) bring their own snacks or meals as they are unable to guarantee that their meals are completely allergen free. EFTPOS mobile reception can be patchy on the train, so it is advisable to carry some cash. There is also no WiFi and it is not recommended to use power outlets to recharge electrical devices, as the power supply is subject to surges. Toilets are located at the end of each carriage.

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ACCOMMODATION: We will be staying for seven nights at the centrally-located Ibis Styles in Argent Street, Broken Hill, a friendly 42 room boutique-style two-storey hotel conveniently located in the CBD. It is within walking distance to many amenities and attractions such as Broken Hill Entertainment Centre, restaurants, clubs, shopping centres and most of Broken Hill's exciting sightseeing locations such as the Silver City Mint and Art Centre, Geo Centre which houses the famous Silver Tree, and the Railway and Mineral Train Museum. Hotel rooms have WiFi (unsure if it is free) and an outdoor, non-heated pool. There is a bar and restaurant and room service is available. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property!

If you are unable to manage a second-floor room, please circle "NO" on our Extended Tour Application Form.

There will be one night at the White Cliffs Underground Motel which has shared facilities. For those who've not stayed there previously, it is an amazing and unforgettable experience!

HEALTH & FITNESS: A good level of health and fitness is required. There is sightseeing on foot and stair climbing, and good mobility is needed getting on/off coaches.

CLOTHING: Casual and comfortable, hat, swimming costume, sensible walking shoes and a jacket for cooler nights. Insect repellent and sunscreen is highly recommended. As well, there will be our usual "reminder" list of things to take to be put on our website/given to members closer to departure.

**Just to repeat, if you would like to go on this tour,
your non-refundable deposit and booking
must be received by no later
than Bistro night on 18 March (subject to availability).
Then you will have until 4 September to pay in full.**

