

# the *Capitol Limited*

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*Spirit*  
OF PROGRESS  
& 621/721  
RAIL MOTOR

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Two heritage trains, the 621/721 rail motor and the famous Spirit of Progress, will unite on this exciting and historic journey by rail and sea between Melbourne and Sydney. First you'll board your modern, floating resort, the deluxe Golden Princess, for a relaxing cruise to Sydney. Enjoy a night in the harbour city at the historic Grace Hotel right in the CBD. Aboard gleaming carriages, you'll travel almost 1,000kms through NSW and Victoria in style - a unique and authentic adventure for cruise and rail lovers. All you have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy. All aboard!

FROM \$2,190 PP

A UNIQUE HERITAGE RAIL AND SAIL JOURNEY FEATURING GOLDEN PRINCESS



Your 6-day adventure begins in Melbourne when you board the stylish Golden Princess for a 3-night cruise north to Sydney. Enjoy fine cuisine, multiple pools, expansive decks and fabulous entertainment before sailing into spectacular Sydney Harbour.

On arrival you'll transfer to the elegant and historic Grace Hotel - conveniently situated in the heart of Sydney's CBD for your 1-night stay. You'll have half a day to explore the nearby shops, galleries and Darling Harbour - all within strolling distance.



After a good night's rest, the next morning you'll transfer to Sydney Terminal where the privately chartered 621/721 rail motor awaits. This rare survivor is much loved among Cruise Express passengers for its convivial atmosphere and amazing volunteers who work tirelessly to keep this 1962 built train in such beautiful condition.



As you roll through Sydney and the Southern Highlands of NSW, the friendly crew will be on-hand to serve refreshments. Unlike the trains of today, the windows open offering both fresh air and the chance to better take in the sights and sounds of your surroundings. You might even wish to visit the drivers cab where you can speak to the driver and see just how it all works.

A short stop will be made at Goulburn for you to stretch your legs and to have lunch. Continue on through the ever changing countryside with another stop at the 139-year-old Junee Railway Station for dinner. From here, race across the flat farmlands of the Riverina towards the border. An evening arrival into Albury is anticipated where you will be transferred to your hotel - the über modern ATURA.



After breakfast on your sixth and final day you will head back to the station where the gleaming 'Spirit of Progress' awaits. This national treasure, with its gleaming compartment cars, connected Melbourne and Sydney from 1937 to 1986, carrying almost a quarter of a million passengers a year and revolutionising domestic travel. Newly converted back to standard gauge after decades on Victoria's broad gauge, you'll cross the Murray River into Victoria.

Locomotives P22 and T357 will haul original 1937-built compartment seating cars. Morning tea will be served as your train speeds towards the Victorian capital, with the kiosk open to purchase snacks and beverages. A lunch-time arrival at Southern Cross Station in Melbourne is anticipated.



APR 2019	<b>YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY</b>	<b>ARR</b>	<b>DEP</b>
FRI 05	<b>Melbourne</b> - Embark Golden Princess at Station Pier (L,D)		6pm
SAT 06	At sea - welcome aboard function (B,L,D)		
SUN 07	At sea (B,L,D)		
MON 08	<b>Sydney</b> - Disembark Golden Princess and join a scenic transfer to your hotel. Overnight: Grace Hotel (or similar) (B)	6am	
TUE 09	<b>Sydney</b> - transfer to Sydney Terminal to board the '621/721' rail motor <b>Goulburn</b> - lunch stop <b>Junee</b> - dinner stop <b>Albury</b> - disembark the 621/721 rail motor and transfer to your hotel. Overnight: ATURA Albury (or similar) (B,L,D)		morning    evening
WED 10	<b>Albury</b> - Transfer to the station to board the 'Spirit of Progress' for your daylight service to Melbourne Southern Cross Station. (B)		morning lunchtime

Timings are approximate and for guidance only.  
B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

### YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- 3-night voyage on **Golden Princess** including all meals and entertainment
- Welcome aboard function
- 1-night Sydney accommodation at the Grace Hotel (or similar) with breakfast
- Daylight service from Sydney Terminal to Albury aboard the **621/721 rail motor** including lunch, dinner, refreshments and complimentary tea and coffee
- 1-night Albury accommodation at the ATURA (or similar) with breakfast
- Daylight service from Albury to Melbourne aboard the **Spirit of Progress** including morning tea
- Group transfers throughout
- Professional Cruise Express Tour Managers

### YOUR HOLIDAY FARES

GOLDEN PRINCESS	TWIN	SINGLE
Inside	\$2,190	\$2,990
Oceanview	\$2,390	\$3,390
Balcony	\$2,490	\$3,590
Mini Suite	\$2,590	\$3,790

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