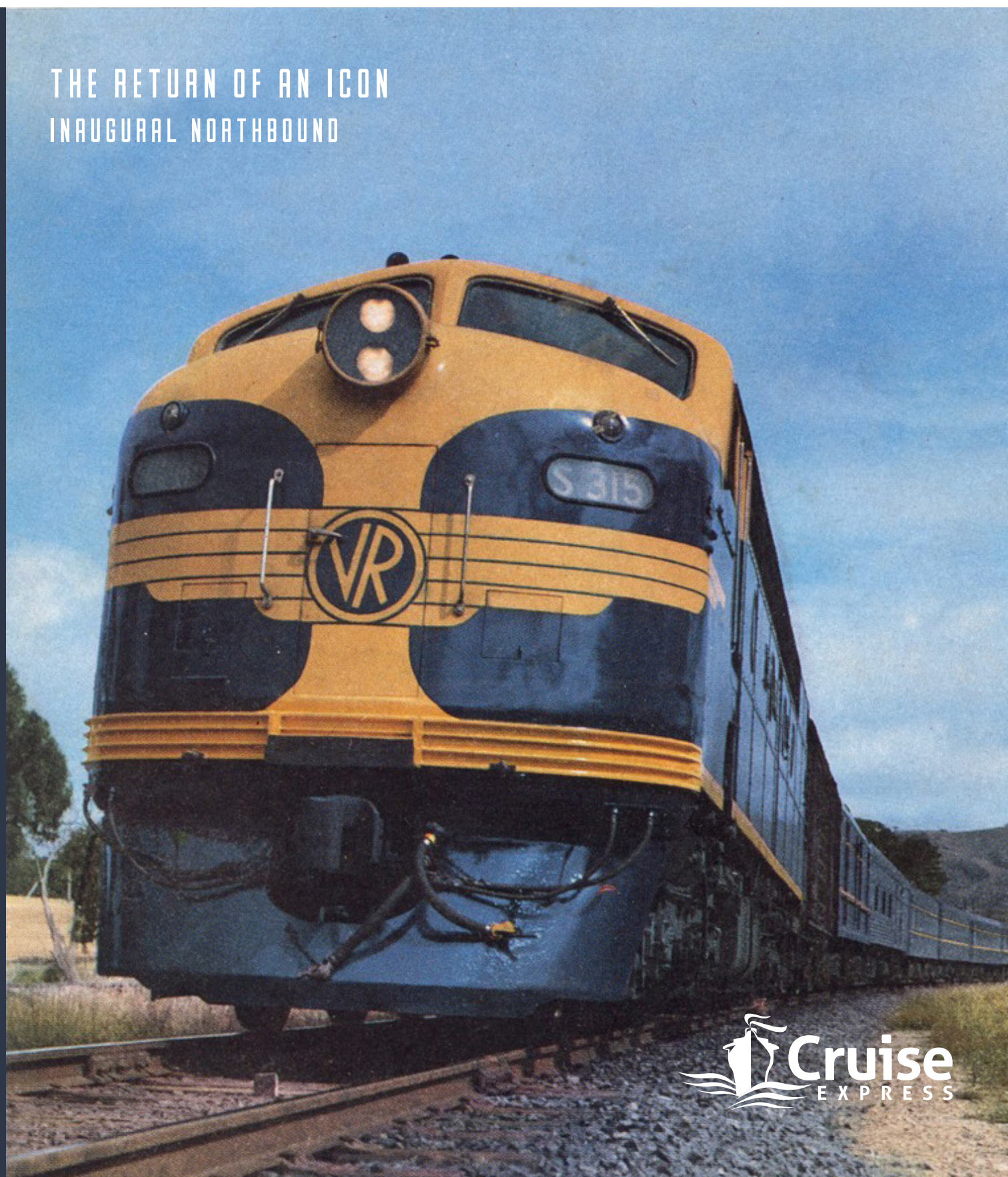


SPIRIT OF PROGRESS

MARCH 2021

Rail
aboard the Spirit of Progress
- the first run from
Melbourne to Sydney
in 34 years

THE RETURN OF AN ICON
INAUGURAL NORTHBOUND



FROM \$990* per person

The legend resumes. Since 1937 one name has been synonymous with the golden age of travel in Australia - **Spirit of Progress**. Join us as the train travels to NSW for the first time in 34 years. A collaboration between Cruise Express and Seymour Railway Heritage Centre, we invite you to be a part of Australian Railway and travel history.

ITINERARY

March 2021

Thursday

18 Today you'll board the Spirit of Progress at Melbourne's Southern Cross Station. Settle into your comfortable compartment seating as we roll through the suburbs of Melbourne. The Kiosk will be open for refreshments or perhaps head to the Observation-Parlor Car for a drink with friends.

At Seymour we will make a short stop to change guards. Soon after departure on your right you will see Seymour Railway Heritage Centre which is the home of the Spirit of Progress.

In the late afternoon we will arrive in Albury. Alight and transfer to your hotel for check in. This evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks at the bar. The rest of your evening is free
Overnight: Atura Albury (or similar)

Friday

19 Today you'll be part of history when the Spirit of Progress leaves Albury station for its first run into NSW in 34 years. Soon you'll arrive in Junee for your lunch at the historic Junee Railway Station Café.

The train will then wind its way up the Bethungra Spiral and through the Cullerin Ranges.

A short stop will be made at Goulburn before the train heads through the Southern Highlands and into Sydney for its historic arrival at Sydney Terminal.



Passengers relax in the First Class Parlor Car on the inaugural run of the Spirit of Progress in November 1937

The Spirit of Progress features original 1937 compartment seating cars, Parlor Car and is hauled by heritage diesel locomotives



Parlor Car aboard the Spirit of Progress - open to all passengers. It is a convivial way to enjoy a drink from the bar and watch the passing countryside



Locomotives 3830 and 3813 haul the inaugural Spirit of Progress into NSW on 15 April, 1962.
Graeme Bedwin Collection



INCLUSIONS

Days

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- Daylight service from Melbourne Southern Cross Station to Albury aboard the **Spirit of Progress**
- Welcome sparkling wine
- Afternoon refreshments
- 1 night Albury accommodation at the ATURA with breakfast
- Welcome drinks at your hotel
- Return coach transfers in Albury
- Inaugural daylight service from Albury to Sydney Terminal aboard the **Spirit of Progress**
- Lunch at the Junee Railway Station Café
- Light dinner served aboard the train
- Kiosk and bar available onboard selling beverages and light snacks
- Complimentary tea, coffee and water throughout your rail journey
- Generous luggage allowance

FARES

Limited space available

\$990* pp twin share
- compartment seating up to 6
- twin / double room

\$1,090* pp solo
- compartment seating up to 6
- single room



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*Fares and inclusions are per person either twin-share or single in AUD. Fares are subject to availability and may change at any time. Train departure and arrival times are subject to change. Heritage rail equipment is subject to change. This tour is subject to minimum group numbers being achieved. Tour is subject to regulatory approval by rail networks and track owners. Ask your Travel Specialist for details. Cruise Express reserves the right to make changes to any details outlined in this brochure, without notice.

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