

THE SPIRIT SOUTHBOUND

MARCH 2021

Rail

A once in a lifetime journey
aboard the Spirit of Progress
from Sydney to Melbourne for
the first time in 34 years

THE LEGEND RESUMES



 **Cruise**
EXPRESS

from \$2,490* per person

The legend resumes. Since 1937 one name has been synonymous with the golden age of travel in Australia - the **'Spirit of Progress'**. Join us as the train travels from Sydney to Melbourne 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.

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Sunday

21 Check in late afternoon to your Sydney Hotel for your pre-departure overnight stay. Join us this evening for a pre-departure celebration drink.

Monday

22 Today you'll board the Spirit of Progress at Sydney Terminal for an early morning departure. Settle into your comfortable compartment seating as we roll through the suburbs of Sydney. The Kiosk will be open for refreshments or perhaps head to the Observation-Parlor Car for a drink with friends.

Soon we will be travelling through the Southern Highlands to our first stop at Goulburn. The train will then head through the Cullerin Ranges, the highest point on the line to Junee where we will make our lunch stop at the historic Junee Railway Station Café.

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) - B,L

Tuesday

23 Re-embark at Albury Station after breakfast. The train will soon be speeding south. Just before Seymour on your left, you will see Seymour Railway Heritage Centre which is the home of the Spirit of Progress. Our arrival into Melbourne's Southern Cross Station brings an end to our thrilling rail journey. Take a short walk to your hotel for check in. The rest of your day is at leisure
Overnight: Savoy on Little Collins - B,L

Wednesday

24 full day at leisure to explore Melbourne as you please. Tonight join us for a gala dinner at your hotel to celebrate the return of the Spirit of Progress to NSW
Overnight: Savoy on Little Collins - B,D

Thursday

25 Transfer to the airport for your flight home - B



Hotel SAVOY on Little Collins is a stylish and convenient base for exploring Melbourne



Parlor Car aboard the Spirit of Progress is open to all passengers. It is a convivial place to enjoy the passing countryside



Locomotives 42104 and 4204 haul the 'S4' Spirit of Progress around the Maldon curves on the morning of 24 August 1978
Bob Richardson collection



The Spirit of Progress features comfortable original 1937 compartment seating cars

INCLUSIONS

4 Days

- 1 night Sydney accommodation at conveniently located hotel
- Welcome drinks function
- Inaugural daylight service from Sydney Terminal to Albury aboard the **Spirit of Progress**
- Complimentary tea, coffee and water throughout your rail journey
- Welcome sparkling wine
- Kiosk and bar available onboard selling beverages and light snacks
- Lunch at Junee Railway Station Café
- 1 night Albury accommodation with breakfast
- Welcome drinks
- Daylight service from Albury to Melbourne aboard the **Spirit of Progress**
- 2 nights Melbourne accommodation at the Savoy on Little Collins including breakfast daily
- Celebration dinner in Melbourne
- One-way Economy Class airfare from Melbourne to Sydney including all taxes and fees
- Group coach transfers from the hotel to the airport
- Generous luggage allowance
- Cruise Express Tour Managers

FARES

Limited space available

\$2,490* pp twin share

- compartment seating up to 6
- twin / double room

\$2,990* pp solo

- compartment seating up to 6
- single room



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