

S O U T H E R N
FOOD AND WINE RAIL ADVENTURE

OCTOBER 2026

RAIL
aboard a NSW heritage train and the
former 'Spirit of Progress'

FOOD & WINE
exclusive and bespoke experiences in
the Riverina and Goulburn Valley



from \$4,990* per person



ITINERARY

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SATURDAY 10TH

This morning board our heritage rail carriages, settle back and enjoy the scenery as we head south through ever changing countryside. Upon arrival we make the short walk to our hotel for a relaxed evening at leisure for you to explore the many local restaurants..

Overnight: GEM Hotel (or similar) - **B,L**

SUNDAY 11TH

After breakfast at our hotel, we enjoy morning tea in the spectacular private gardens of Mick & Marj Careri. Next we enjoy a town tour including a stop at Hermit's Cave before heading to the glorious De Bertoli Gardens for wine tastings and lunch. This afternoon take the opportunity to view the local citrus sculptures in Griffith before you join your fellow travellers for dinner at the spectacular Zecca Handmade.

Overnight: GEM Hotel (or similar) - **B,L,D**

MONDAY 12TH

After breakfast we make the journey south to Tocumwal for a classic Aussie pub lunch at the Tattersalls Hotel. We then travel to the unique Cactus Country at Strathmerton that showcases Australia's largest and most spectacular cactus collection. This afternoon we check into the Sebel at Yarrowonga on Lake Mulwala and enjoy dinner.

Overnight: Sebel Yarrowonga (or similar) - **B,L,D**

TUESDAY 13TH

After breakfast we travel to visit historic Byramine Homestead for morning tea. Continue to Rutherglen for tastings and lunch at De Bortoli Wines. This afternoon board the historic paddle steamer Cumberoona at Yarrowonga for a cruise on Lake Mulwala with refreshments. This evening is at leisure.

Overnight: Sebel Yarrowonga (or similar) - **B,L**

WEDNESDAY 14TH

This morning we board the former 'Spirit of Progress' and journey on the rarely travelled Yarrowonga Branch where we stop to view the silo art at St James and Devenish. Disembark at Benalla and transfer to Dookie for lunch at Tallis Winery with spectacular views over the surrounding farmlands. Continue on to Shepparton to check in to our hotel. Evening at leisure.

Overnight: Quality Parklake (or similar) - **B,L**

THURSDAY 15TH

After breakfast we visit the fascinating Museum of Vehicle Evolution. Continue on to Avenel for an exclusive lunch at the delightful Rabbit Hole Hotel. Board our heritage train at Seymour for an express run to Albury. After checking in to our hotel, enjoy farewell dinner and drinks at the acclaimed Miss Amelie Restaurant, housed in the former Wodonga Railway Station.

Overnight: Atura Albury (or similar) - **B,L,D**

FRIDAY 16TH

After a leisurely morning we return to the station to reboard our private heritage train back to Sydney where we will travel up the unique Bethungra Spiral - one of only two formations in NSW where

the line winds up and over itself. Lunch and dinner will be served onboard as we head north through the Southern Highlands to Sydney and the end of our food and wine adventure - **B,L,D**



Spend two nights at the spectacular Sebel at Yarrowonga on the shores of Lake Mulwala



Enjoy a farewell dinner and drinks at the divine Miss Amelie restaurant in Wodonga



Explore aboard a NSW heritage train and the former 'Spirit of Progress'

Visit De Bortoli at Rutherglen and enjoy lunch with matched in house varietals



INCLUSIONS

7 DAYS

- Daylight heritage rail journey from Sydney terminal to Griffith with East Coast Heritage Rail
- 2 nights Griffith accommodation at the GEM Hotel (or similar) with breakfast daily
- Exclusive morning tea in the garden of Mick & Marj Careri
- Griffith town tour including Hermit's Cave
- Visit De Bortoli gardens for wine tastings and lunch
- Exclusive dinner at Zecca Handmade Italian
- Lunch at Tattersalls Hotel Tocumwal
- Visit Cactus Country at Strathmerton
- 2 nights Yarrowonga accommodation at the Sebel Hotel (or similar) with dinner on the first night and breakfast daily
- Visit Byramine Homestead with morning tea
- Exclusive tour, tastings and lunch at De Bortoli Wines Rutherglen
- Lake Mulwala cruise aboard ps Cumberoona with refreshments
- Daylight heritage rail journey aboard the former 'Spirit of Progress' from Yarrowonga to Benalla with refreshments
- View the silo art at St James and Devenish
- Exclusive lunch at Rye at Tallis Winery
- 1 night Shepparton accommodation at Quality Parklake (or similar) with breakfast
- Visit Museum of Vehicle Evolution
- Lunch at Rabbit Hole Inn at Avenel
- Daylight heritage rail journey aboard the former 'Spirit of Progress' from Avenel to Albury with refreshments
- Farewell dinner and drinks at Miss Amelie Restaurant, Wodonga
- 1 night Albury accommodation at the Atura Hotel (or similar) with breakfast
- Daylight heritage rail journey from Albury to Sydney Terminal with East Coast Heritage Rail
- Group transfers throughout
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Cruise Express Tour Managers & Escorts

FARES

TWIN from \$4,990* pp

SOLO from \$5,490* pp

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