

ANZAC RIVERINA SOUTHERN AURORA

Sydney to Temora – Naradhan — Temora – Griffith –
Narrandera – Coolamon – Griffith - Sydney

Friday 22 April – Tuesday 26 April 2016



Highlights include:

- Daylight rail travel on the Southern Aurora
- Breakfasts, lunches and 'Dinner in the Diner'
- Southern Aurora Lounge Cars with bar service
- Five day / four night rail cruise to the Riverina
- Explore southern NSW aboard your private train
- Two nights in motels in Temora and Griffith
- Sunset drinks in the lounge cars in the Riverina
- Heritage First Class sitting carriages
- Observation coach with lounge and open deck
- Griffith winery and Vineyards
- Temora Aviation Museum
- Anzac Day with the community of Coolamon
- Visit Naradhan on the 'grain only' branch line
- Local community engagement with our train

The 'Southern Aurora' – a 1960's icon of the nation— the gleaming, stainless steel 'Southern Aurora' pioneered luxury overnight rail travel on the Sydney – Melbourne standard gauge rail line in the 1960's. Now, over fifty years since it began, the 'Southern Aurora's' elegant and comfortable lounge / bar and restaurant cars are reawakening the romance of rail.

'Dinner in the Diner' - aboard the 'Southern Aurora' fine food will be served. Meals in the two stylish air-conditioned restaurant cars are a journey highlight, providing a unique and civilised culinary experience, accompanied by panoramic views. Quality table d' hote modern Australian meals are prepared by experienced chefs and served by friendly, efficient waiters. Breakfasts feature fresh fruits, bircher muesli, cereals, juices, a hot savoury course, toast and preserves. Luncheon and Dinner are fine two course meals, freshly cooked on board – superb main courses, with tempting desserts, tea/coffee and chocolates. Enjoy a range of premium Australian wines with your meal, and relax in the lounge car with a glass of port or freshly made coffee from Café Aurora.

Relax in the lounge / bar cars - the two licensed 'Southern Aurora' lounge / bar cars provide a pleasant, spacious and social environment to relax in comfort and enjoy the views with a wide range of alcoholic and soft drinks. Enjoy your favourite drink with friends as the afternoon light illuminates colours and silhouettes of the Australian landscape.

Heritage first class sitting carriages and observation lounge car – during our journey you'll also have the opportunity to travel in the first class heritage compartment cars, and the observation car with lounge and open deck. Enjoy the fresh air of opening windows, and stand on the observation deck at the back of the train and watch the world go past with a glass of champagne.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN NSW

FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2016 (MT/L/D) – from Sydney via the Main South to Temora. A mid morning departure with welcome aboard drinks, via the scenic Southern Highlands, and then through the south western slopes to Cootamundra. Enjoy luncheon in the dining car as we roll through southern NSW. At Cootamundra we head to Temora for our overnight stay for two nights. Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight Temora.

SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016 - (B/L/D) – Temora Aviation Museum and to Naradhan – Temora has a rich and noteworthy aviation history, having been home to the No. 10 Elementary Flying Training School (10 EFTS) set up by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in May 1941. No 10 EFTS was the largest and longest lived of the flying schools established under the Empire Air Training Scheme during World War Two (WWII). Throughout WWII more than 10,000 personnel were involved at the school with upwards of 2,400 pilots being trained. At its peak the unit contained a total of 97 de Havilland Tiger Moth aircraft. Four satellite airfields were set up around the Temora district to cope with the demand to train RAAF pilots. No 10 EFTS ceased operation on 12 March 1946 making it the last WWII flying school to close. Since then, Temora has continued its aviation heritage becoming the preferred airfield for a growing number of sport aviation activities including gliding, parachuting, aerobatics, ultra-light aircraft operations and model aircraft. The Museum was incorporated in late 1999, construction of the facilities then commenced and a Governing Committee made up of a group of experienced and diverse people was formed. The Museum contains displays, a theatrette, and a 1980 sq m. display hangar. We visit the Museum this morning, then board the Southern Aurora for luncheon.

Enjoy luncheon in the dining cars as we journey along the grain only rail line to Naradhan – the railway line in south-western New South Wales branches from Ungarie on the Lake Cargelligo line and heads in a westerly direction, passing through Youngareen and Kikoira, to the small town of Naradhan. We enjoy a short time to explore the village, then reboard our train for the journey at sunset back to Naradhan. Enjoy 'Dinner in the Diner' and back to Temora for our overnight accommodation in motels.

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016 (B/L/D) – Griffith Vineyards and 'Narrandera dinner Aurora' – enjoy breakfast in the dining cars of the Southern Aurora as we head west to Griffith. On arrival late morning we enjoy a visit to one of Griffith's wineries and a winetasting and luncheon. Settle in to your motel for the next two nights, and then we reboard the Southern Aurora in the mid afternoon for a run across to Narrandera in the afternoon light. After a short stop in Narrandera to stretch your legs, we reboard the Southern Aurora and enjoy dinner in the restaurant cars as we head back to Griffith. Transfer to our motel for the first of our two nights in Griffith.

MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016 (ANZAC DAY) (B/L/D) – Coolamon and Junee – transfer to Griffith Station and board the Southern Aurora and enjoy breakfast as the sun rises over the Riverina. We arrive in Coolamon to join their Anzac Day March and Remembrance Service. Join with the local Coolamon residents who have prepared Coolamon Station so many times before for the arrival of our Southern Aurora train. Join in the Anzac Day March or watch as it processes to the Remembrance Service. Then we've invited the local Coolamon residents to join the Southern Aurora for luncheon as we head to Junee.

Enjoy your first course as we travel across to the Main Southern Line at Junee, where you can inspect the heritage precinct – the old Refreshment Room, now a café, and the fine historic buildings around the railway precinct. In Junee we'll prepare our train for the return journey. Dessert and tea/coffee will be served on our return to Coolamon, where we farewell the local people. We return across through Leeton and to Griffith and enjoy a light dinner in town, before overnight at our motel.

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016 (B/L/AR) – Griffith to Sydney – transfer to the Southern Aurora, and then enjoy breakfast as we head north east towards Sydney. Enjoy our daylight travel as we pass through Riverina towns still dependent on agriculture, and through the Southern Tablelands of Harden and Yass Junction to Goulburn. Luncheon is served in the dining cars, and light afternoon refreshments as we head through the Southern Highlands to Sydney. Enjoy a farewell champagne with friends old and new as we arrive in Sydney late afternoon. The end of our spectacular rail cruise to the Riverina over the Anzac Weekend in 2016, aboard the Southern Aurora.

FARES* (inclusive of all sightseeing, accommodation, rail/coach travel and meals as indicated)

Adult	\$2,785
Concessions	\$2,585
Supplement for single room in hotels in Temora and Griffith	\$ 240

* Fares and the itinerary are based on current information and expectations of costs. Whilst it is not anticipated there will be changes in fares or itinerary, SJR reserves the right to amend the itinerary and prices as necessary. Any change to fares or itinerary will be advised, and if you wish to withdraw from the tour due to an increase in the total fare of more than 10%, payments made will be fully refunded.

SEATING ABOARD THE SOUTHERN AURORA

All passengers will be allocated either a window or aisle seat in the first class, six seater compartment cars, or a seat in the Observation / Lounge Car. There is also the opportunity to experience different seating locations on the forward and return journeys to Temora and from Griffith. We will also have the two Southern Aurora Lounge cars available for seating throughout the journey, allowing you plenty of room to move around and enjoy both the Southern Aurora lounge cars, the first class heritage sitting compartments, and the non-air conditioned lounge/observation carriage.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, please complete the attached booking form and send to: SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220 with deposit cheque payable to St James Rail. You can also pay by EFT (BSB: 033 364 Account: 488909)

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place. The balance is payable by 31 January 2016. If the tour does not proceed your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellation charges apply as follows: Cancellation before 31 December 2015, loss of deposit. Cancellation from 31 December 2015 and before 1 February 2016, fifty percent cancellation fee of total fare. Cancellation after 1 February 2016, no refund. An insurance policy is available from our travel agent at Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington – please advise if you would like us to forward a policy to you.

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**THE ANZAC RIVERINA AURORA
RAIL CRUISE BOOKING FORM
Friday 22 – Tuesday 26 April 2016**

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:
Address: Suburb: Postcode:
Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:
Email:

BOOKING DETAILS (Passenger names and fare type eg. Adult, Senior or Concession, Child)

Passenger 1 Name: Fare type:
Passenger 2 Name: Fare type:
Passenger 3 Name: Fare type:
Passenger 4 Name: Fare type:

PAYMENT

I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$1,000 per person) for the above booking and agree to pay the balance by 31 January 2016. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail. A letter acknowledging receipt of your deposit will be forwarded.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Double bedded room
Twin bedded room
Single room

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request :
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YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement. I understand cancellation fees may apply. I have enclosed my deposit payment and agree to pay the balance as indicated above.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Payment by cheque payable to St James Rail, or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to:

Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account: 612826
Reference: Anzac 2016 (and your surname) – some bank transfers cannot accept this, so please email your reference.

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