

SLOW RAIL JOURNEYS

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SLOW RAIL JOURNEYS ANNOUNCES ITS INAUGURAL TOUR TO MILDURA OPERATING ON 6-11 JUNE 2024

THE VINELANDER HERITAGE TRAIN WILL BE THE FIRST
STANDARD GAUGE PASSENGER TRAIN TO MILDURA AS IT
MAKES ITS TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO THE SUNRAYSA

Slow Rail Journeys is delighted to announce that it will operate the Vinelander to Mildura over the 2024 King's Birthday weekend. The epic six-day Slow Rail Journey will visit Mildura and the Sunraysia with guests having the privilege of being **a part of history travelling on the first Standard Gauge passenger train to Mildura as the Vinelander makes its proud return to the Sunraysia on this six-day not-to-be-missed Slow Rail Journey.**

The Vinelander will journey from Melbourne through the green plains of southwestern Victoria, skirt the Grampians and explore the goldfields before striking north across the flat plains of the Mallee to the vast arid expanses of Outback Victoria.

Guests will spend two days immersing themselves in this spectacular region including enjoying Slow Rail Journeys' signature Outback Explorer tour featuring a number of bespoke activities.

The train will travel between Melbourne and Mildura over two days. On the first day, it will depart Melbourne passing the port city of Geelong before crossing the Southwestern plains to Ararat and then continuing through the scenic Pyrenees region to Maryborough.

Upon arrival in Maryborough guests will be transferred to the luxurious RACV Goldfields Resort. Day two sees the train run north through Donald to Woomelang where a lunch stop will be made at the historic Woomelang Hotel before continuing to Ouyen and Mildura. Guests will spend three nights at the upscale Mercure Hotel in Mildura before retracing their steps onboard the Vinelander to Maryborough and Melbourne.

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About Slow Rail Journeys

Slow Rail Journeys, operated by Seven-O-Seven Operations, offers up-scale rail adventures across Regional Victoria. Seven-O-Seven Operations is an all-volunteer non-profit organisation dedicated to the restoration and sharing of Victoria's rail heritage and to the development of regional economies.

Slow Rail Journeys has a strong commitment to regional Victoria. We substitute supply to regional vendors, use regional coach companies, cater locally and hand-pick our bespoke itineraries to ensure guests have the best local experience possible.

Slow Rail Journeys operates a Broad Gauge sleeping car train, where guests are accommodated in fully restored Overland and Southern Aurora sleeping carriages to destinations across Regional Victoria including Sea Lake and the Mallee Silo Art Trail, the Quambatook Silo Cinema, Manangatang, Deniliquin (NSW) and Echuca and to many acclaimed cultural festivals across the state.

On Standard Gauge we operate seating cars with Platinum and Gold Class. All fares are fully inclusive of all meals, accommodation, touring and transport.

Mildura Local Train Rides

Slow Rail Journeys has a strong commitment to sharing Victoria's rail history with the regions we visit. As such there will be opportunities over the King's Birthday weekend for local guests to board the train for a short ride from Mildura Station to either Yelta or Carwarp.

Fares

Fully inclusive fares start from \$400 per person per day depending on the class of travel.

Media, Industry and VIP Travel Opportunities

Slow Rail Journeys welcomes journalists, VIPs and special travel industry guests on many of our journeys. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available on this train and on all of the trains we operate across the state. Please email matt@slowrailjourneys.com.au or call 0420 806 875 if you are interested in travelling with us.

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