

Sri Lanka on the Viceroy Special

A CULTURE, HISTORY AND ART ADVENTURE BY PRIVATE TRAIN

4 – 18 November 2019

With Scott McGregor, Chan Dissanayake and Bernadette Eichner

• Colombo • Trincomalee • Batticaloa • Dambulla • Nuwara Eliya • Badulla • Kandy • Galle •
Private luxury train through the mountains, coast, and Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka



Scott McGregor's

RAILWAY ADVENTURES

OVERVIEW

Step aboard the famous Viceroy Special for a unique rail adventure through the mountains, coast and Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka. On this unique tour exploring the history, art and culture of this stunning country, you'll have the option to ride the extraordinary Sri Lankan rail network in grand style, explore the wonders of the island up close and personal and even create your own art by taking part in private watercolour workshops on location with acclaimed Sri Lankan-born Australian artist and tutor, Chan Dissanayake. Off-limits for decades, Sri Lanka is again open for business. With its reputation as a destination bursting with colour and variety, it's back on the radar of discerning travellers. The country's remarkable combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, misty mountains and captivating cultural heritage is made all the more accessible by its compact size. Thanks to its colonial history of settlement by the Portuguese, Dutch and British, and centuries of trade with Arab, Chinese and Malay merchants, overlaid by its main religions of Buddhism and Hinduism, Sri Lanka boasts eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, rich traditions, colourful festivals and exotic cuisine. The British-built broad gauge railway network reaches all main regions of the island and is itself a living museum. It incorporates some of the most scenic and dramatic sections of railway to be found anywhere in the world. Cultural wonders, natural beauty and the fascinating life of Sri Lankan people are all on show from the window of your private, first-class train, the iconic Viceroy Special. Staying and dining in the best of Sri Lanka's hotels and resorts with plenty of time for relaxation, shopping, exploring and painting, you are in for a rare treat on this all-inclusive luxury guided adventure.

THE ART WORKSHOPS AND CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

Chan will host no less than five half-day group workshops and these are noted in the following itinerary. In addition, there will also be many other occasions during the course of the tour where you will have some time to sketch and do shorter sessions with Chan and the group or on your own. Museum and gallery visits with added lectures and discussions will compliment the practical work. There are also many opportunities to swap a suggested excursion for some time to go off on your own and paint. All this can be discussed and suggestions will be made along the way for more personal creative time. Chan will also host occasional evening sessions for discussion and critical appraisal of our work in a relaxed, informal setting over drinks in the hotel.

We will circulate a list of suggested 'portable' materials that can be pre purchased before arrival in Sri Lanka at your favourite art suppliers and offer a list of the ideal equipment to pack for the tour. There is also an excellent outlet in Colombo that we can access if needed. While you will need to carry your own kit to and from the coach and the workshop location, there will be people on hand to assist and to load and un-load from our coach and train.

MEET YOUR TOUR LEADERS

Bernadette Eichner is a trained actor, psychologist, successful businesswoman and writer. She is also a skilled conference presenter and a sought-after business coach and facilitator. Passionate about the arts, culture and how others live, Bernadette's travel experiences are many and varied, from the wilds of the Kimberly to the port caves of Portugal, the treasures of Angkor Wat, cultural meccas in Europe, the souks of Morocco and the bright lights of Broadway. Bernadette has navigated groups of kids through Eisteddfod competitions, teens through personal development programs and adults across countries. She's been a big part of our inspection team and has co-hosted tours with Scott McGregor, so a love of train travel is now coursing through her veins.

Scott McGregor has been involved in the media for over 30 years as an actor, presenter, writer and producer. But it's now sharing his love of travel, and particularly railway travel, where Scott's passion lies. Graduating from NIDA in 1979, he appeared in a wide range of stage, film and TV roles, including the lead in the ABC's epic mini-series 1915. He has presented and hosted numerous prime-time ratings winners, including many years as the handyman on Better Homes and Gardens and Room For Improvement. He presented two series of his own Railway Adventures for Channels 10 and 7 and a number of programs for The History Channel. After more than a decade leading tours he decided to establish Railway Adventures in 2012. He also owns and operates RUWENZORI—an Orient Express style tourist retreat on the Great Dividing Range near Mudgee. Scott has recently reconnected with a passion for painting and has been attending numerous workshops and sessions to re-ignite the craft. He loves nothing better than some quality 'en-plein air' with like-minded enthusiasts and a talented tutor.

ART TUTOR - Chan Dissanayake was born in Sri Lanka to an artistic family, his father an internationally acclaimed film director and his mother an art teacher. He migrated with his family to Australia in 1985.

A talent for drawing was recognised in his pre-school days and a passion for art, especially for watercolour, has kept him actively on the creative path ever since. Upon completing a degree in computer science at Macquarie University, and following a successful IT career, he has returned to his creative roots in becoming a professional artist.

Achieving rapid success and winning many major awards, he has gained a considerable reputation as an outstanding watercolour artist. In 2017, Chan received the ultimate accolade for an Australian watercolourist when he was elected to the elite Australian Watercolour Institute. Known for his innovative approach to teaching and generosity in sharing his knowledge, Chan has gained a well-deserved reputation as an outstanding tutor. He conducts workshops throughout the country and leads international painting tours. Currently, he teaches watercolour at the Australian National University. He has contributed many articles to leading art publications, including International Artist,

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Chan Dissanayake



Scott McGregor



Bernadette Eichner

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven scenic train trips through Sri Lanka's most captivating regions, on the spectacular mountain, jungle and coastal railways of the island nation
- Exclusive charter of the spacious and regal Viceroy Special steam train, including restaurant car and bar
- Accommodation in iconic hotels, such as the Geoffrey Bawa-designed Heritage Kandalama and Lighthouse Hotels. Most hotels are 5-star.
- Visits to eight World Heritage sites, including: Polonnaruwa; Dambulla; Sigiriya; Kandy; and Galle
- All meals included, as well as drinks at the welcome and farewell dinners
- Costs of transfers, tipping, visas and luggage handling are all included
- Exclusive private art tutoring with our on-board guest artist Chan Dissanayake

TOUR MAP

- Train
- Coach



Beira Lake, Colombo



SOME WAYS YOU'LL TRAVEL

We have selected the highly acclaimed steam train, the Viceroy Special, for the rail component of the tour, complemented by private luxury coaches for off-train travel.



The Viceroy Special



Mountain Railway



The Coast Line

THE TRAIN

The Viceroy Special is a private luxury train, pioneered and managed by JF Tours & Travels in collaboration with Sri Lanka Railways. Made up of two air-conditioned observation coaches and a restaurant car, the train has been meticulously restored with a High Colonial theme, including nineteenth-century period fittings and complimented by all modern conveniences behind the scenes.

Cars feature comfortable reclining chairs, individual adjustable tables, a smoking compartment with opening windows, and modern Western amenities. Observation windows allow views forward and down the line. A teak-paneled restaurant car is elegantly furnished with adjustable seating, opening windows, Edwardian ribbed fans, and a fully equipped kitchen and bar.

Throughout each journey, experienced guides are on hand to provide expert commentary and background on the sites visited, while the attentive stewards provide excellent service. Tea and coffee are available at all times during each journey; complementary bottled water, soft drinks, beer and wine are also available.

For most of the journey the train is hauled by one of Sri Lankan Railways' fleet of diesel locomotives.

There are currently two operating steam locomotives in Sri Lanka. We have booked the 4-6-0 1928 vintage Sir Thomas Maitland to haul the train from Colombo to Galle on the last day.

Day 1 • Monday 4th November 2019: Australia – Colombo, Sri Lanka

If you are traveling on our suggested flights, morning departures from Australia on Singapore Airlines via Singapore will see you arriving in Colombo at midnight. You will be met at the airport and driven to your hotel, located in the heart of the vibrant city of Colombo, Sri Lanka's biggest city.

Overnight: Mövenpick Hotel, Colombo

Day 2 • Tuesday 5th November 2019: Colombo

Our first morning is at leisure, to enjoy the location and facilities of the hotel. Later in the morning, join your tour leaders for a welcome briefing and lunch at the hotel. This is followed by an afternoon city tour of Colombo, visiting its commercial and cultural centres and main seaport. The city boasts many fine colonial-era buildings, reminding us of its rich colonial past. Bustling bazaars, Buddhist and Hindu temples, and Muslim mosques are in dramatic contrast to modern Colombo with its high-rise buildings, smart modern shopping malls, and international hotels. Highlights of the tour include the old parliament houses, Buddhist temples, the Town Hall, and the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. We also visit Sri Lanka's National Museum, which houses a valuable collection of art and sculpture from the many great eras in the nation's history, an inspiration for the journey ahead. We return to our hotel for some leisure time and later gather together to travel the short distance to the historic Galle Face Hotel for a lavish buffet dinner.

Overnight: Mövenpick Hotel, Colombo (B, L, D)

Day 3 • Wednesday 6th November 2019: Colombo - Avukana - Trincomalee

After breakfast we board our private train, the splendid Viceroy Special, for our first great train journey. The route takes us via two main junctions into the heart of the Cultural Triangle, and on to the east coast. While enjoying morning tea in the restaurant car, watch the bustle of rural life passing by the windows, and notice how the landscape changes as we progress into the dry climate of the region. We stop at Avukana to see the magnificent 12-metre-high Buddha believed to have been carved in the 5th century AD, and the adjacent Kala Wewa tank built in 400 AD. Lunch is served onboard. In late afternoon, the train pulls into the historic port city of Trincomalee. We transfer to the hotel for dinner in the hotel's fine restaurant.

Overnight: Jungle Beach Resort, Trincomalee (B, L, D)

Typical view along the mountain line



Day 4 • Thursday 7th November 2019: Trincomalee - Batticaloa

After a leisurely breakfast we embark on a city tour of Trincomalee, visiting the old Fort Fredrick and stopping at Swami Rock – also known as Lover's Leap – and said to be one of the best vantage points for blue whale spotting. The Maritime and Naval History Museum and the ancient Hindu temple, Koneswaram, are on our agenda, before a break for lunch at one of the city's popular venues.

Travelling down the coast by coach we arrive at Pasikuda, a resort town near the city of Batticaloa, the bustling coastal resort, fishing and commercial centre a bit further down the highway. We check into our hotel and relax with a sumptuous dinner provided in the hotel's signature tropical restaurant.

Overnight: Uga Bay Hotel, Pasikuda (B, L, D)

Day 5 • Friday 8th November 2019: Batticaloa

This morning we enjoy a tour of the city of Batticaloa, visiting historical sites such as the old Dutch fort and the impressive Hindu and Buddhist temples. We also make time for a spot of shopping and visit a traditional market. The afternoon will be free for you to hit the beach, take a spa or enjoy the many other facilities of our charming seafront hotel.

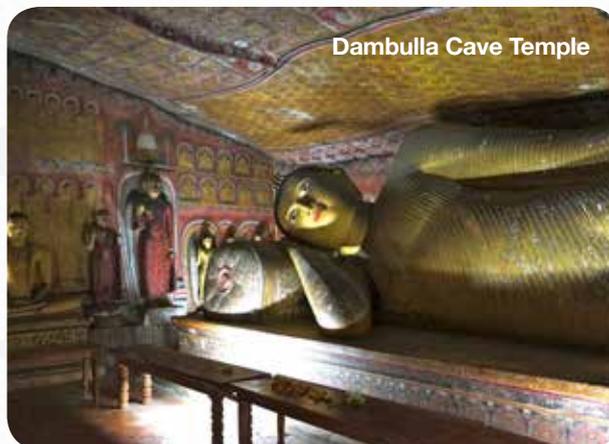
**Join Scott and Chan at an introductory outdoor watercolour workshop on the bottom lawn of the hotel, right on the edge of the beach overlooking a wide-open stretch of coastline. Beach huts and fishing boats, coconut trees and the distant towns pepper the view. Chan, who has a particular flair for seascapes will illuminate the techniques of capturing the sea and coastal atmosphere of this scenic setting.*

Overnight: Uga Bay Hotel, Pasikuda (B, L, D)

Day 6 • Saturday 9th November 2019: Batticaloa – Dambulla

Today we re-board the Viceroy Special for a journey on the unique Batticaloa branch line, heading northwest into the heart of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. Here we visit a number of outstanding World Heritage sites. You could fill your sketchpad at this inspiring ancient complex alone. The first site we visit is Polonnaruwa, located in the North Central province. Formerly the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to 13th centuries, it was the favourite country retreat of royalty and a key settlement due to its strategic location near the crossing of the Mahaweli River. This ancient city marks one corner of the Cultural Triangle and contains a wealth of remarkable sites and monuments. UNESCO inscribed the site in 1982 and described it as a 'fabulous garden-city'. After exploring the remains of a royal palace, the Buddhist Quadrangle, the Bodhi Tree shrine and massive dagobah (stupa) we relax for lunch at a restaurant in Polonnaruwa. Further down the line is Dambulla. Here we check into our hotel – a wonderful structure designed by Geoffrey Bawa, set amongst dense jungle on the edge of Kandalama Lake.

Overnight: Heritance Kandalama, Dambulla (B, L, D)



Day 7 - Sunday 10th November 2019: Dambulla

This morning we visit the legendary Sigiriya (Lion Rock), a massive stone monolith rising 183 metres (600 feet) from the surrounding jungle. We explore the remains of a vast fortress and royal palace complex that was built on top of the rock by an obsessed monarch 1,500 years ago – an extraordinary feat of engineering and construction. Remnants of moats, ramparts and water gardens spread out on two sides of the rock, with the remains of a pair of giant stone lion's paws still guarding the staircase that leads to the summit once occupied by the royal palace. At the height of its brief glory of only 18 years in the late 5th century, Sigiriya was described as one of the loveliest royal cities that ever graced the earth.

Artists can set up with Chan at the base of the rock in a nice cool place under the trees to capture the extraordinary setting and ruins at this famous location. The giant rock and surrounding structures, the spreading vegetation and the ever-changing light will be an inspiration to paint with your ever-present tutor.



We return to our hotel for lunch. After a brief rest, we visit Dambulla cave temple, another fascinating World Heritage site. Dambulla is a main centre for Buddhist pilgrimage, as well as one of the largest cave temple complexes in south Asia. The caves are adorned with numerous ancient and dazzling rock and wall paintings of Lord Buddha that showcase the exquisite colour and technique employed by the artisans of the ancient kingdom. The monastery was built in the 1st century AD, and of numerous chambers found in the shelter only five are in use today. The best known is the Maharaja Vihara. Dinner and the evening are at leisure for you to enjoy the facilities of the resort.

Overnight: Heritance Kandalama, Dambulla (B, L, D)

Day 8 • Monday 11th November 2019: Dambulla – Nuwara Eliya

We travel south this morning by coach to the busy town of Matale, to re-board the Viceroy Special waiting at the old 1880 vintage terminus station. Lunch is served on board, as we make our way along a branch line to the junction of the main line near Kandy. From here the train begins its ascent to the famous hill country. Running along the escarpment with views across Adam's Peak, the coastal plain and tea plantation-clad hills, this is one of the most spectacular sections of our entire journey. We arrive in the late afternoon at Nanu Oya, the garden station for nearby Nuwara Eliya. We then travel the short distance to our hotel in the heart of this old British Hill Station, where we'll be based for the next three nights. Dinner is at the hotel.

Overnight: Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya (B, L, D)

Day 9 • Tuesday 12th November 2019: Nuwara Eliya – Badulla – Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya is a cool green mountain valley in the heart of Sri Lanka's hill country, and was a favourite retreat for colonial Europeans in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The rolling hills are laced with tea plantations and interspersed with gushing streams and tumbling waterfalls. The spectacular railways we'll be riding have been serving the community since 1885.

After breakfast we transfer by coach to the railway station for a one-day excursion on the Viceroy Special along the highlands railway to the mountain terminus station of Badulla. On this scenic journey, we descend from the heights of Nuwara Eliya at nearly 2,000 metres high to Badulla at 680 metres high on the banks of the Badulu Oya (river). The railway features numerous spirals, loops, spectacular viaducts, waterfalls and quaint colonial stations. Badulla marks the southeast extremity of the hill country and is one of Sri Lanka's oldest towns. The Portuguese briefly occupied it, and then in the dying days of the British Empire the railway from Nuwara Eliya was constructed at great expense in 1924. Lunch is hosted on board after which we take a short tour of Badulla town and later return by your choice of either train or private coach.

Overnight: Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya (B, L, D)

Day 10 • Wednesday 13th November 2019: Nuwara Eliya

A morning departure from the hotel takes us on a tour of the district. First stop is Victoria Park and Hakgala Botanical Gardens. Established in 1861 for the purpose of experimentation and promotion of the medicinal Cinchona tree, it now houses over 10,000 species of plants. After lunch at a local restaurant we tour through one of the famous tea factories that dot the district around Nuwara Eliya, and watch how freshly picked tea leaves are processed in these cavernous facilities. Tea is one of Sri Lanka's biggest exports and it's fascinating to see how the leaves from this humble Camellia plant are treated and blended to obtain the teas for which the country is renowned. Sampling the product is encouraged, of course. Dinner this evening is hosted by the historic Hill Club. Founded in 1876 by a British coffee planter as a home away from home, today it's a privately operated club and hotel.

For our creative bunch, this afternoon is devoted to capturing the character of this quaint hill station setting. Colonial era buildings, gigantic exotic trees and manicured gardens are all part of the scene for this afternoon's workshop with Chan.

Overnight: Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya (B, L, D)

Day 11 • Thursday 14th November 2019: Nuwara Eliya—Kandy

Today the Viceroy Special descends from the high country to our next World Heritage site – the city of Kandy. This journey is our second opportunity to enjoy the spectacular views across the deep valleys to the sacred conical summit of Adam’s Peak. The spectacular engineering of the line and the beauty of the numerous colonial-era stations we’ll pass through en route, only enhance the view. Lunch is served on board prior to our early afternoon arrival in Kandy. A city tour introduces us to many historic sites as we make our way to the hotel, including the lake, the Temple of the Tooth and the Kandy Town bazaar. After dinner the evening is yours to relax at the hotel, or to take a stroll around the vibrant heart of the old town centre.
Overnight: The Grand Kandyan Hotel, Kandy (B, L, D)

Day 12 • Friday 15th November 2019: Kandy

After a leisurely breakfast we travel by coach to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, and nearby temples. The gardens, six kilometres out of Kandy, were the pleasure gardens of the Sinhala king well before British colonisation. The 60 hectares of gardens contain a staggering array of plants, including many ancient figs, teaks and even some massive Queensland and New Zealand kauri pines. After lunch at the hotel, the afternoon is at leisure. In the evening we enjoy the rich culture of Kandy brought alive at a colourful cultural show.

The heart of Kandy offers a great venue to capture the vast complex that was the old royal palace and the sacred Temple of the Tooth. The human element adds another dimension to this setting, with pilgrims coming from everywhere, praying and reflecting in amongst the myriad of smaller temples and shrines around this vast area.
Overnight: The Grand Kandyan Hotel, Kandy (B, L, D)

Day 13 • Saturday 16th November 2019: Kandy—Colombo

The Viceroy Special departs in the morning, descending through plantations, jungle, villages and towns on its way to Colombo. En route, the train stops at Rambukkana for an excursion to the world-renowned Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Here elephants of all ages are looked after with loving care until such time as they are ready to be released back into the wild. Feeding time is a treat as visitors are encouraged to feed the baby elephants with huge bottles of milk. Lunch is served back on board the Viceroy Special, as our journey continues through rich agricultural plains and into the metropolis of Colombo, arriving mid-afternoon. We are then taken to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities of our centrally located hotel. Enjoy a gourmet dinner in the hotel in the evening.
Overnight: Mövenpick Hotel, Colombo (B, L, D)

Day 14 • Sunday 17th November 2019: Colombo—Galle

Today we embark on the last leg of our journey aboard the Viceroy Special, this time hauled by one of Sri Lanka’s two remaining steam locomotives – the vintage 4-6-0 BIA Class, built by Beyer Peacock in 1928. The train departs from Colombo’s main station at Fort in a flurry of activity, and steams south through the outer suburbs and along the coast. The line frequently runs parallel to the beach allowing great views out to sea. Opportunities for photo stops are provided and lunch is served on board before we arrive in Galle in the early afternoon. After disembarking we enjoy a tour of Galle, finishing at the World Heritage-listed old fort complex known as the ‘Ramparts of Galle’. Annexed by the Portuguese in the 16th century and extensively fortified by subsequent Dutch and British custodians, the fort has a remarkable old-world atmosphere after 500 years of occupation. The minimalistic, stately and elegant Lighthouse Hotel is another Sri Lankan gem designed by the famous Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa. The farewell dinner tonight is at the hotel overlooking the bay and the Indian Ocean with drinks included.
Overnight: Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel, Galle (B, L, D)

Day 15 • Monday 18th November 2019: Galle—Colombo—Departure

Today you are offered a late check out and a day at leisure. Feel free to enjoy the beautiful coastal location of the hotel and its many facilities, including a famous spa. Tours of the region around Galle or to the many museums can be arranged. Lunch and dinner is offered at the hotel, and in the early evening, for those who are heading home, we depart together by coach for Colombo airport for the return flight home. Unless, of course, you are lucky enough to be lingering in this wonderful country and have other plans to extend your adventure on the magical island of Sri Lanka.

Today provides not only the last chance to paint together but presents a location bursting with fabulous and atmospheric locations to inspire us. We will set up our workshop in the heart of the old fort to capture the essence of the place where Dutch-era colonial buildings co-habit with rambling figs and Banyan trees. The ramparts, lighthouse, churches, ancient warehouses and narrow streets full of shops and galleries provide an interesting mix of subject matter for us to explore with our tutor, Chan.

(B, L, D)

PRICE	Per person twin share.....	\$10,475	Deposit (per person)	\$1000 at time of booking
	Single supplement.....	\$1,845	Final payment due by	12 September 2019

- INCLUSIONS**
- Transfers on arrival and departure if travelling on the suggested group flight
 - 14 nights’ accommodation in centrally located 4-5 star hotels with daily breakfast
 - All meals (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
 - Special welcome and farewell lunch and dinner with drinks
 - Exclusive train travel throughout, aboard the beautifully appointed Viceroy Special
 - Comfortable air-conditioned coaches for road travel
 - Comprehensive sightseeing as shown on the itinerary, including local guides and entrance fees
 - Gratuities for local guides, drivers and train staff
 - Porterage at hotels and railway stations, and separate luggage handling
 - Visa for Sri Lanka

- EXCLUSIONS**
- Transfers on arrival and departure if not travelling on group flights
 - Items of a personal nature (eg. telephone, laundry, mini-bar)
 - Travel insurance
 - Excursions mentioned as optional in the itinerary





SOME PLACES YOU'LL STAY

We hand pick hotels and resorts based on their location, previous customer feedback, value and atmosphere.



Movenpick Hotel, Colombo



Heritage Kandalama Hotel, Dambulla



Jetwing Lighthouse, Galle



Grand Hotel Nura Elliya

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We endeavour to have all the details of our tours correct at the time of printing. However, sometimes factors beyond our control may affect the final inclusions and prices. These factors may include, but not be limited to; significant fluctuations in currency exchange rates, individual hotel/restaurant decisions that may affect bookings; weather events forcing a change of itinerary; unexpected trackwork on rail lines, unexpected closure of site attractions and so forth. Therefore, items mentioned in the brochure such as quoted prices, hotels and inclusions are subject to change. If a change is imposed on us, we will endeavour to ensure the substitute is of the same quality that you've paid for.

TOUR PACE / LEVEL OF FITNESS:

Our itineraries are designed to make the most of each destination, so a reasonable amount of activity is built into most days, which is why we call them adventures. Our philosophy is to offer you the best experience possible, while leaving you, our guest, the flexibility to pace yourself and choose how much or how little you want to do. Each Railway Adventures tour incorporates periods of free time for your own exploration and relaxation.

While you don't need to be a 'gym junky', a reasonable level of fitness is required for most of our tours. The ability to manage your own luggage, get on and off all manner of trains and coaches, walk for extended periods, stand comfortably, and climb steps and stairs will ensure you get the maximum enjoyment from your adventure.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to assisting with flight suggestions and bookings, our travel partners can also give you some ideas of what you could do before and after your Railway Adventure. We can also organise your all-important travel insurance for you. Don't hesitate to call us on 1300 800 977.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For more information on factors such as travel insurance requirements, fitness levels, fees and charges, tour cancellations, payment schedules and so on, please refer to our Terms and Conditions, which accompany the booking form.

THE RAILWAY ADVENTURES STORY

Railway Adventures was launched in 2012 by well-known Australian TV personality and self-confessed rail fan, Scott McGregor. A lifelong passion for travel has taken Scott to scores of countries and his preference for rail has seen him exploring many of the world's great train journeys, confirming his belief that the most relaxing, romantic and engaging way to see a country is by rail. He even has his own life-sized, fully-restored opulent train accommodation atop the Great Dividing Range near Mudgee, offering guests a rare and special bush retreat experience. Since 2012 Railway Adventures has thrilled and delighted more than 1200 travellers on over 100 tours from Sweden to Sri Lanka, Tasmania to Transylvania, Britain to Burma, Venice to Vietnam and all manner of shorter adventures in our own wonderful country. Scott's numerous rail-themed TV documentaries, his ongoing involvement in rail heritage and his extensive connections with private train owners around the world, guarantee that every Railway Adventures tour is exclusive, entertaining and authentic.

