

MAIN INTERSTATE TRAIN SERVICES
SUMMARY TIMETABLES
(24 CLOCK USED)
SYDNEY – CANBERRA

NSW Trainlink operates three trains a day, every day, both ways.
 The times of some trains on weekends differ from the times on weekdays by a few minutes.

FROM SYDNEY

WEEKDAYS

SYDNEY depart	704	1212	1812
CANBERRA arrive	1122	1623	2232

WEEKENDS

SYDNEY depart	657	1208	1812
CANBERRA arrive	1107	1622	2232

FROM CANBERRA

WEEKDAYS

CANBERRA depart	650	1153	1725
SYDNEY arrive	1056	1559	2137

WEEKENDS

CANBERRA depart	650	1140	1720
SYDNEY arrive	1056	1556	2125

CANBERRA – MELBOURNE

NSW Trainlink and V/Line both operate services every day, combining train and bus travel. On NSW Trainlink change from bus to train or v.v. at either Yass or Cootamundra (your choice when you make your booking – the Yass option gives a higher proportion of comfortable train travel).
On V/Line change from bus to train and v.v. at Albury.

FROM CANBERRA EVERYDAY

	V/LINE	NSW TRAINLINK
CANBERRA CIVIC depart	815	937
MELBOURNE arrive	1635	1830

FROM MELBOURNE EVERYDAY

	NSW TRAINLINK	V/LINE
MELBOURNE depart	830	1200
CANBERRA CIVIC arrive	1722	2015

SYDNEY – MELBOURNE

NSW Trainlink operates two trains every day – one daylight and one overnight. Sleeping berths are available on the overnight train for First class passengers at a supplementary charge.

FROM SYDNEY EVERYDAY

	Day XPT train	Overnight XPT train
SYDNEY depart	732	2032
MELBOURNE arrive	1830	725 next morning

FROM MELBOURNE EVERYDAY

	Day XPT train	Overnight XPT train
MELBOURNE depart	830	1950
SYDNEY arrive	1953	653 next morning

SYDNEY – BRISBANE

NSW Trainlink provides two services every day. One service is a direct train service, without change – but this arrives and departs Brisbane at ghastly times. The other service is a train Sydney to Casino or v.v., and connecting bus Casino-Brisbane or v.v. Sleeping berths are available on the overnight trains for First class passengers for a supplementary charge.

FROM SYDNEY

	Day	Overnight
SYDNEY depart	711 Train	1411 Train
CASINO arrive	1841 change	
CASINO depart	1908 Bus	
BRISBANE arrive Standard Time	2234	453 next morning
BRISBANE arrive Daylight Saving Time	2134	353 next morning

FROM BRISBANE

	Day	Overnight
BRISBANE depart Standard Time	555 Train	1510 Bus
BRISBANE depart Daylight Saving Time	455	1410 Bus
CASINO arrive		1836 change
CASINO depart		1930 Train
SYDNEY arrive	2012	659 next morning

BRISBANE – TOWNSVILLE – CAIRNS

Queensland Rail Travel provides five overnight trains each week. Sleeping berths are offered for a supplementary charge.

FROM BRISBANE

	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat
BRISBANE depart	1545
	Tue, Wed, Thur. Sat, Sun
TOWNSVILLE arrive	902
TOWNSVILLE depart	912
CAIRNS arrive	1545

FROM CAIRNS & TOWNSVILLE

	Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sun
CAIRNS depart	900
TOWNSVILLE arrive	1509
TOWNSVILLE depart	1519
	Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat, Mon
BRISBANE arrive	920

SYDNEY – ADELAIDE – PERTH “INDIAN PACIFIC” EAST – WEST LUXURY TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAIN

Great Southern Rail operates the “Indian Pacific” transcontinental train once a week – the classic journey across Australia. Off-train excursions are offered en route.

FROM SYDNEY

	Wednesdays
SYDNEY depart	1503
	Thursdays
ADELAIDE arrive	1515
ADELAIDE depart	2125
	Saturdays
PERTH arrive	1457

FROM PERTH

	Sundays
PERTH depart	1000
	Tuesdays
ADELAIDE arrive	720
ADELAIDE depart	1015
	Wednesdays
SYDNEY arrive	1107

ADELAIDE – ALICE SPRINGS – DARWIN “GHAN” NORTH – SOUTH LUXURY TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAIN

Great Southern Rail operates the “Ghan” train once a week – the only north-south transcontinental train in the world. Off-train excursions are offered en route. On the Southbound journey, in the peak tourist season August to October, additional off-train excursions are offered. Hence the overall journey is almost one day longer. The “Ghan” does not operate from mid-December to mid-January.

FROM ADELAIDE

	Sundays
ADELAIDE depart	1215
	Mondays
ALICE SPRINGS arrive	1345
ALICE SPRINGS depart	1800
	Tuesdays
DARWIN arrive	1730

FROM DARWIN

	Except August to October. Wednesdays	August to October. Wednesdays
DARWIN depart	1000	1000
	Thursdays	Thursdays
ALICE SPRINGS arrive	910	1000
ALICE SPRINGS depart	1245	2145
	Fridays	Saturdays
ADELAIDE arrive	1130	1045

SYDNEY – ADELAIDE

1. **Great Southern Rail** offers a direct train via Broken Hill, but only once a week.
2. **NSW Trainlink** and **V/Line** offer a service every day. This is an overnight train Sydney-Albury (NSW Trainlink) and a connecting bus Albury-Adelaide (V/Line) and v.v. Sleeping berths are available on the overnight train for First class passengers for a supplementary charge.
3. Other options are to travel Sydney-Melbourne (see timetable above), then Melbourne-Adelaide (see timetable below).

1. **Great Southern Rail** direct train via Broken Hill

FROM SYDNEY

	Wednesdays
SYDNEY depart	1503
	Thursdays
ADELAIDE arrive	1515

2. **NSW Trainlink** and **V/Line** train/bus combination

FROM SYDNEY

	Daily
SYDNEY depart	2032 NSW Trainlink train
	Next day
ALBURY arrive	403 change
ALBURY depart	430 V/Line bus
ADELAIDE arrive	1755

1. **Great Southern Rail** direct train via Broken Hill

FROM ADELAIDE

	Tuesdays
ADELAIDE depart	1015
	Wednesdays
SYDNEY arrive	1107

2. **V/Line** and **NSW Trainlink** bus/train combination

FROM ADELAIDE

	Daily
ADELAIDE depart	800 V/Line bus
ALBURY arrive	2215 change
ALBURY depart	2309 NSW Trainlink train
	Next day
SYDNEY arrive	653

MELBOURNE – ADELAIDE

1. **Great Southern Rail** direct train, but only twice a week.
2. **V/Line** train Melbourne-Bendigo, then connecting V/Line bus Bendigo-Adelaide and v.v.

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FROM MELBOURNE

	Tuesdays & Saturdays
MELBOURNE depart	805
ADELAIDE arrive	1753

2. **V/Line** train Melbourne-Bendigo, then connecting V/Line bus Bendigo-Adelaide.

FROM MELBOURNE

	Weekdays	Weekends
MELBOURNE depart	742 Train	836 Train
BENDIGO arrive	954 change	1040 change
BENDIGO depart	1050 Bus	1050 Bus
ADELAIDE arrive	1950	1950

ADELAIDE – MELBOURNE

1. **Great Southern Rail** direct train.

FROM ADELAIDE

	Mondays & Fridays
ADELAIDE depart	745
MELBOURNE arrive	1850

2. **V/Line** bus Adelaide-Bendigo, then connecting V/Line train Bendigo-Melbourne.

FROM ADELAIDE

	Weekdays	Weekends
ADELAIDE depart	820 Bus	820 Bus
BENDIGO arrive	1825 change	1825 change
BENDIGO depart	1847 Train	1840 Train
MELBOURNE arrive	2043	2032 Saturdays 2047 Sundays