

**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   | 712  | 1201 | 1742 |
| CANBERRA arrive | 1120 | 1608 | 2203 |

**WEEKENDS**

|                 |      |      |      |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| SYDNEY depart   | 705  | 1206 | 1736 |
| CANBERRA arrive | 1116 | 1613 | 2143 |

**FROM CANBERRA**

**WEEKDAYS**

|                 |      |      |      |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| CANBERRA depart | 645  | 1200 | 1729 |
| SYDNEY arrive   | 1101 | 1614 | 2132 |

**WEEKENDS**

|                 |      |                 |      |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| CANBERRA depart | 645  | 1150Sun/1200Sat | 1715 |
| SYDNEY arrive   | 1056 | 1615            | 2131 |

## 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 | 800    | 937           |
| MELBOURNE arrive      | 1640   | 1830          |

### FROM MELBOURNE EVERYDAY

|                       | V/LINE | NSW TRAINLINK |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------|
| MELBOURNE depart      | 705    | 830           |
| CANBERRA CIVIC arrive | 1535   | 1722          |

## 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

|   | <b>Day</b>  | <b>Overnight</b> |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| SYDNEY depart                           | 711 Train   | 1411 Train       |
| CASINO arrive                           | 1841 change |                  |
| CASINO depart                           | 1908 Bus    |                  |
| BRISBANE arrive<br>Standard Time        | 2234        | 453 next morning |
| BRISBANE arrive<br>Daylight Saving Time | 2134        | 353 next morning |

### FROM BRISBANE

|   | <b>Day</b> | <b>Overnight</b> |
|---|------------|------------------|
| BRISBANE depart<br>Standard Time        | 555 Train  | 1510 Bus         |
| BRISBANE depart<br>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

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                   | <b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat</b>  |
| BRISBANE depart   | 1545                            |
|                   | <b>Tue, Wed, Thur. Sat, Sun</b> |
| TOWNSVILLE arrive | 902                             |
| TOWNSVILLE depart | 912                             |
| CAIRNS arrive     | 1545                            |

### FROM CAIRNS & TOWNSVILLE

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                   | <b>Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sun</b> |
| CAIRNS depart     | 900                             |
| TOWNSVILLE arrive | 1509                            |
| TOWNSVILLE depart | 1519                            |
|                   | <b>Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat, Mon</b> |
| 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

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>Wednesdays</b> |
| SYDNEY depart   | 1503              |
|                 | <b>Thursdays</b>  |
| ADELAIDE arrive | 1515              |
| ADELAIDE depart | 2125              |
|                 | <b>Saturdays</b>  |
| PERTH arrive    | 1457              |

### FROM PERTH

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>Sundays</b>    |
| PERTH depart    | 1000              |
|                 | <b>Tuesdays</b>   |
| ADELAIDE arrive | 720               |
| ADELAIDE depart | 1015              |
|                 | <b>Wednesdays</b> |
| 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

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
|                      | <b>Sundays</b>  |
| ADELAIDE depart      | 1215            |
|                      | <b>Mondays</b>  |
| ALICE SPRINGS arrive | 1345            |
| ALICE SPRINGS depart | 1800            |
|                      | <b>Tuesdays</b> |
| DARWIN arrive        | 1730            |

## FROM DARWIN

|                      |   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
|                      | <b>Except August to<br/>October.<br/>Wednesdays</b> | <b>August to October.<br/>Wednesdays</b> |
| DARWIN depart        | 1000  | 1000                                     |
|                      | <b>Thursdays</b>                                    | <b>Thursdays</b>                         |
| ALICE SPRINGS arrive | 910   | 1000                                     |
| ALICE SPRINGS depart | 1245  | 2145                                     |
|                      | <b>Fridays</b>                                      | <b>Saturdays</b>                         |
| 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

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>Wednesdays</b> |
| SYDNEY depart   | 1503              |
|                 | <b>Thursdays</b>  |
| ADELAIDE arrive | 1515              |

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

## FROM SYDNEY

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

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

## FROM ADELAIDE

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>Tuesdays</b>   |
| ADELAIDE depart | 1015              |
|                 | <b>Wednesdays</b> |
| SYDNEY arrive   | 1107              |

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

## FROM ADELAIDE

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                 | <b>Daily</b>             |
| ADELAIDE depart | 800 V/Line bus           |
| ALBURY arrive   | 2215 change              |
| ALBURY depart   | 2309 NSW Trainlink train |
|                 | <b>Next day</b>          |
| 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.

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

### 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<br>2047 Sundays |