



Wildflowers



Karri Forest



Rottneest Island quokka

14 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

BEST OF THE WEST & WILDFLOWERS

PHYSICAL RATING

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ACTIVE/
MODERATE



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class flights to Perth ex Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide
- 3 nights Perth
- Rottneest Island guided tour with train ride
- Lake Thetis
- The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park
- 2 nights Geraldton
- Rainbow Jungle free-flight aviary
- Hawkes Head; West Loop Skywalk
- HMAS Sydney Memorial; Francis Xavier Church
- 1 night Dalwallinu
- York; Tin Horse Highway
- 2 nights Hyden; Wave Rock; The Humps
- Wandilla Farm Homestead
- 2 nights Albany
- The Gap; Natural Bridge
- Desert Mounted Corps Memorial at Mount Clarence
- National Anzac Centre
- Mount Romance Sandalwood Factory
- Discovery Bay; Australian Wildlife and Botanic Gardens
- Avenue of Honour
- Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
- Pemberton Tram tour; 2 nights Pemberton
- Donnelly River cruise; Boranup Karri Forest
- Margaret River Winery
- 1 night Margaret River
- Cape Naturalist; Canal Rocks
- Koomal Dreaming cultural experience with bushwalk and visit to Ngilgi Cave
- Busselton
- Forest of Tuart
- 38 meals
- Locally operated comfort plus coach travel

DAY 1 (D) ✈️

Arrive in **Perth** to meet your coach captain and enjoy a **city orientation tour** of Western Australia's stunning capital.

2 Night Stay: Crown Metropol, Perth ★★★★★

DAY 2 (B,L,D) 🚢 🌿 🏰 🚆

After a relaxing start to the day, we board a ferry bound for **Rottneest Island**. We take in the unique fauna and flora, stunning beaches, woodlands and salt lakes with our local guide, and maybe even spot a quokka or two. We see the **Wadjemup Lighthouse** and **Cathedral Rocks**, ride the **historic train** and enjoy a break at the **Rottneest Quokka Arms Pub** before returning to the mainland.

DAY 3 (B,L,D) 🌿 🏰

We leave Perth for **Geraldton** and our first stop is **New Norcia**, a true escape from the everyday. Soak up the peace and view the magnificent buildings of Australia's only monastic town, established by a Spanish Benedictine Monk. We continue on to **Cervantes** where on arrival we visit **Lake Thetis**. It is estimated that this body of water became isolated from the sea approximately 4800 years ago when sea levels dropped and coastal dunes formed to create the lake. The lake is one of only a few places in the world with living marine stromatolites, or 'living fossils'. We then visit the **Pinnacles** in **Nambung National Park** to walk amongst the weathered rock spires that rise out of the yellow sand dunes.

2 Night Stay: Hospitality Inn, Geraldton or Ibis Styles Geraldton ★★★★★

DAY 4 (B,L,D) 🌿 🌿

Today we travel into the southern edge of the **Murchison Basin** via the historic mining town of **Northampton**, then on through the coastal gorge and **Red Bluff**. Walk on the wild side with a visit to **Rainbow Jungle**, regarded as Australia's most beautiful parrot habitat, and home to one of the largest free flight aviaries in the world. We then move on to **Hawkes Head** to view the river gorges and magnificent wildflowers, and visit the **West Loop Skywalk** lookout before returning to **Geraldton** late afternoon.

DAY 5 (B,L,D) 🌿 🏰

This morning we take a short tour of **Geraldton**, passing the **HMAS Sydney Memorial** and the **Francis Xavier Church**. Some spectacular sighting of the wildflowers will be seen as we travel inland to the wheat growing area of **Dalwallinu**, where, in springtime, coloured orchids and everlastings cover the uncultivated areas.

1 Night Stay: Dalwallinu Wheatland Motel, Dalwallinu ★★★★★

DAY 6 (B,L,D) 🏰

Heading south we discover **York**, the oldest inland town in **Western Australia**, renowned for its opulent Victorian and Federation buildings. From here we hit the road, breaking at **Corrigin** for lunch, then continue on via **Kulin** and the famous **Tin Horse Highway**. This famous drive is definitely a laughing matter and offers some serious entertainment en-route to **Hyden** as it showcases a hilarious collection of clever community art.

2 Night Stay: Wave Rock Motel, Hyden ★★★★★

DAY 7 (B,L,D) 🌿 🌿 🏰 🏰

Our first stop today is the 27 million year old magnificent prehistoric rock formation, **Wave Rock** - one of Western Australia's most treasured natural attractions. Next, we take in **The Humps**, another huge granite outcrop and the site of one of WA's most significant examples of **Aboriginal Rock Art**. Here you can see over 450 separate hand prints and images that have been painted onto the easily accessible **Mulka's Cave**. After lunch at the **Wave Rock Wildflower Shop** spend some time exploring **The Lace Place Museum, Toy Soldier Museum** and **Wave Rock Wildlife Park** before returning to the hotel.

DAY 8 (B,L,D) 🏰

Today we visit historic **Wandilla Farm Homestead** - built in 1948 with bricks handmade by Italian prisoners of war, and now home to a **vintage car collection**. Next we head south through the **Stirling Ranges** before arriving in **Albany**.

2 Night Stay: Banksia Gardens Motel, Albany ★★★★★

DAY 9 (B,L,D) 🌿 🏰 🏰

Our **Albany** touring starts with a visit to **The Gap** and **Natural Bridge**. We visit the **Desert Mounted Corps Memorial** at **Mount Clarence**, a tribute to the **Anzacs**, then the **National Anzac Centre**. Learn stories of those who served our country, many departing from the Port of Albany to conflict in Gallipoli, the Middle East and the Western Front. After lunch at **Mount Romance Sandalwood Factory**, we move on to the heritage-listed **Discovery Bay** and explore the **Australian Wildlife and Botanic Gardens**, then enjoy some free time in town before returning to our hotel.

DAY 10 (B,L,D) 🌿 🌿 🚆

Today experience the wonderful **Tree Top Walk** suspended 50 metres above the ground in the **Valley of the Giants**. We then travel to **Pemberton** for lunch before boarding the **Pemberton Tram** to meander through towering **Karri** and **Marri forests**. We traverse over rivers and streams along one of the most majestic rail lines in Australia, making stops at the **Cascades** and **Warren River**.

2 Night Stay: Pemberton Hotel, Pemberton ★★★★★

DAY 11 (B,MT,L,D) 🚢 🌿 🏰 🏰

Enjoy a relaxed cruise today as we travel from the Karri to the coast on the unique **Donnelly River**. From the lush Jarrah and Marri forests, through the Paperbark and wetlands, to the limestone cliffs and majestic **Southern Ocean**. Learn some of the history of the area and view its beautiful flora and native wildlife.

DAY 12 (B,L,D) 🌿 🏰 🏰

We take a drive this morning to **Cape Leeuwin**, on the South Western tip of Australia, marking the meeting point of the Indian and Southern Oceans. Heading north, we continue on into the heart of Western Australia's wine growing area, with a stop for lunch and a **wine tasting** at one of **Margaret River's famous wineries**.

1 Night Stay: Stay Margaret River, Margaret River ★★★★★

DAY 13 (B,L,D) 🌿 🌿 🏰 🏰

We leave **Margaret River** and drive out to the **Cape Naturalist** area via the stunning **Canal Rocks**. We then take in a **Koomal Dreaming cultural experience** where we enjoy a short guided bushwalk identifying traditional medicine plants and sharing

DEPARTURE DATES 2020

5 September **5 October**

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share **\$5995**
Sole Use **\$7195**

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$1200pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.
N.B. This package is subject to a fuel levy without notice for coach and air components.
Flights are arranged to suit the tour as a group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea **D** = Two Course Dinner

knowledge about the region. Then venture into **Ngilgi Cave** to hear Dreamtime legends and a mesmerising didgeridoo performance. After a BBQ lunch we continue on to the coastal town of **Busselton**, then head north to the **Forest of Tuart** to discover a tree unique to this area. We pass through **Mandurah** and return to **Perth** to celebrate our final night together.

1 Night Stay: Crown Metropol, Perth ★★★★★

DAY 14 (B) ✈️

Enjoy an early breakfast before being transferred to the airport for our respective flights home.

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PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page 3