



Rottneest Island quokka

Western Australia wildflowers

14 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

WESTERN AUSTRALIA & THE INDIAN PACIFIC

Wildflowers, Margaret River & The Nullarbor

PHYSICAL RATING



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Economy class flights to Perth ex Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide or Melbourne, and from Sydney to Brisbane, Melbourne or Adelaide
- 3 nights Perth; Kings Park Botanic Gardens
- Rottneest Island
- Koomal Dreaming cultural experience
- Margaret River Chocolate Factory
- 2 nights Margaret River
- Candy Cow Sweetshop
- Eagles Heritage Raptor Wildlife Centre
- Margaret River Dairy Company
- Margaret River Winery Lunch
- Boranup Karri Forest; Leeuwin Lighthouse
- Gloucester Tree; Valley of the Giants treetop walk
- 2 nights Albany
- Desert Mounted Corps Memorial; National ANZAC Centre
- The Gap & Natural Bridge
- Discovery Bay; Australian Wildlife Park and Botanic Gardens
- Stirling Ranges; Lake Grace
- Wave Rock; The Humps
- 2 nights Hyden
- Wandilla Farm Homestead; Tin Horse Highway
- 3 nights Indian Pacific in Gold Class cabins from Perth to Sydney with premium dining and standard beverages included on board, and stops in Kalgoorlie, Nullarbor, Cook, Adelaide and Broken Hill
- 1 night Darling Harbour, Sydney
- Sydney Harbour dinner cruise
- Sydney sights tour
- 38 meals
- Locally operated comfort plus coach travel

DAY 1 Friday (D)

Our flights arrive in **Perth**, where we enjoy a **city orientation tour** of Australia's most western capital, including a stop at picturesque **Kings Park Botanic Gardens**.
2 Night Stay: Crown Promenade Perth ★★★★★

DAY 2 Saturday (B,L,D)

After a relaxing start to the day, we board a ferry bound for **Rottneest Island**. We take in the unique flora and fauna, stunning beaches, woodlands and salt lakes with our **local guide**, and maybe even spot a quokka or two. We see **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 Sunday (B,L,D)

Today we depart for the south west travelling through **Mandurah** towards **Margaret River**. We break at the coastal town of **Busselton**, visiting the **Anniebrook Flower Emporium** for morning tea. In **Yallingup** we take in the **Koomal Dreaming cultural experience**, enjoying a guided bushwalk identifying traditional medicine plants, learning about the region, and venturing into the **Ngilgi Cave** to hear Dreamtime legends and a mesmerizing didgeridoo performance. At **Cape Naturaliste** our highlight is the sight of **Canal Rocks**, before our last visit of the day takes us to the **Margaret River Chocolate Factory**.

2 Night Stay: Stay Margaret River ★★★★★

DAY 4 Monday (B,L,D)

Our first stop this morning is a visit to the **Candy Cow sweet shop** to taste their delectable fudge, honey crunch and nougat. We then visit the **Eagles Heritage Raptor Wildlife Centre**. Set on 20 acres, this is Australia's largest wildlife centre dedicated to birds of prey and owls. Marvel at the **flight display** showcasing the natural behaviours and abilities of these beautiful birds. Later we sample Margaret River's famous wines over lunch at a **local winery**, before stopping in at the **Margaret River Dairy Company**, to taste some of their products.

DAY 5 Tuesday (B,L,D)

Leaving Margaret River, we take a scenic drive through the majestic **Boranup Karri Forest**; here the tall pale-barked karri trees reach heights of 50 metres or more, and dominate the hilly slopes and valleys. The next leg of our journey takes us via **Augusta** to **Leeuwin Lighthouse**, where the **Southern & Indian Oceans** meet. From here we head east to the **Gloucester Tree Lookout**, before stopping for lunch at **Pemberton**. This afternoon we experience the wonderful **tree top walk** in the **Valley of the Giants**. Walk along the tree tops suspended 50 metres above the ground, getting a bird's eye view of the giant trees of the **Tingle Forest** before arriving in **Albany**, the first European settlement in Western Australia.

2 Night Stay: Quality Apartments Banksia Gardens, Albany ★★★★★

DAY 6 Wednesday (B,L,D)

Our **Albany** touring starts with a visit to **The Gap, Natural Bridge** and the **Desert Mounted Corps Memorial** and **National Anzac Centre** at **Mt Clarence**.

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 head to the heritage-listed **Discovery Bay** and explore the **Australian Wildlife Park and Botanic Gardens**. Enjoy some free time in town before returning to our hotel.

DAY 7 Thursday (B,L,D)

This morning sit back and enjoy the scenery as we head north into the wheat belt via the **Stirling Ranges**. Stop at the grain growing town of **Lake Grace** for lunch before heading to **Hyden**, home of **Wave Rock**. This 27 million year old magnificent prehistoric rock formation, is one of Western Australia's most treasured natural attractions.

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

DAY 8 Friday (B,L,D)

We start our day at **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 9 Saturday (B,L,D)

This morning we visit historic **Wandilla Farm Homestead**, built in 1948 with bricks hand-made by Italian prisoners of war, now home to a vintage car collection. Departing **Hyden** we travel via **Kulin** and the unique **Tin Horse Highway**.

This famous drive is quite the laughing matter, showcasing an hilarious collection of clever community art as we make our way back to **Perth**.

1 Night Stay: Crown Promenade Perth ★★★★★

DAY 10 Sunday (B,L,D)

Mid-morning we begin our journey from the **Indian Ocean** to the **Pacific Ocean** by settling into our **Gold Class cabins** aboard the mighty **Indian Pacific**. Over lunch onboard, watch as we glide through the picturesque rolling hills of the **Avon Valley**. After dinner tonight we roll into the Wild West township of **Kalgoorlie** and disembark to discover this remote outpost.

DAY 11 Monday (B,L,D)

Awake to the spectacular expanse of the **Nullarbor Plain** to watch the sunrise, then be captivated by the big blue skies and ancient stillness of the desert landscape, as we traverse this iconic frontier. We break in the once-thriving Nullarbor railway community, now ghost town, of **Cook**, and then continue our trek across the longest single stretch of railway in the world.

DAY 12 Tuesday (B,L,D)

On arrival in elegant **Adelaide**, take your choice of off-train excursions; a walking tour, a behind-the-scenes tour of the world famous **Adelaide Oval**, or a coach tour of the city sights. This evening we cross into New South Wales, stopping at **Broken Hill**, Australia's silver capital and home to a unique artistic community.

DAY 13 Wednesday (B,L,D)

As dawn breaks we wake to the picturesque **Blue Mountains** and the final leg of our epic journey that sees us arrive into **Sydney Central Station** at lunchtime. We transfer to lunch before

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

18 September

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$6760
Sole Use \$7660

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

checking-in, and then tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner cruise on iconic **Sydney Harbour**. Admire the **Opera House** and the **Harbour Bridge** as we cruise this beautiful expanse of water before disembarking at **Darling Harbour**.

1 Night Stay: Park Royal Darling Harbour ★★★★★

DAY 14 Thursday (B)

After breakfast we take a sightseeing tour of **Sydney** travelling through the historic district of **The Rocks**, and the parklands of the **Opera House** and **Harbour Bridge** from **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**, and spot lifesavers on **Bondi Beach** before returning to the city via the **eastern suburbs** of **Rose Bay, Double Bay** and **Rushcutters Bay**. We then transfer to lunch before

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PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

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