

2024 PROGRAM

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We Are Excited For 2024



Travelling through regional Australia allows for a deeper understanding of the country's diverse landscapes, cultures, and histories. It's an opportunity to escape the familiar and embrace the lesser explored, discovering the true essence of this vast and charming continent. Tourism in regional Australia is a force that significantly benefits remote towns. Beyond the economic advantages, it contributes to the cultural energy, environmental consciousness, and overall well-being of these communities, creating a positive impact for both residents and guests alike.

This year, Australia has experienced a series of weather events that have left an enduring mark on our communities. As the sun rose on the new year, we were met with heatwaves that swept across the continent, breaking records and challenging our resilience. Farmers faced the daunting challenge of protecting their crops and livestock, while communities grappled with the implications of extended periods of extreme heat.

In contrast, major parts of the north experienced intense rainfall, leading to extensive flooding, starting in December in Cairns and the Cape York Peninsula, across the Top, through to the Pilbara and all the Channel Country in-between. The resilience of affected communities has been nothing short of inspiring, as neighbours and strangers came together to support one another.

When the heat subsides and the flood waters recede the flora and fauna bound into life. This is the time to visit the bush. Some tours that are going to be amazing this year;

20 Day Western Half;

Starting off by crossing the new bridge on the Fitzroy River (legacy of last years floods) through to the Ord River, which is overflowing strongly. Up into Litchfield and Kakadu full of crocs and birds. Down the Stuart Highway running south through Alice Springs, Uluru and Coober Pedy.

15 Day Iconic Towns;

These towns west of the divide represent the epitome of boom and bust, for generations they have looked to the skies in hope. This year Ex Cyclone Kiriilly has delivered through the QLD Chanel Country and brought the rivers to life.

14 Day Top End Tour;

Windjana Gorge is open again this year, the Timber Creek Museum went under water and some areas of the Douglas-Daly received 330mm of rain in a day. This year marks 50 years on from Cyclone Tracy, today, Darwin thrives—more vibrant, alive, and flourishing than ever.

15 Day Australia's Longest Shortcut;

Perth to Cairns, transects more than just the country, this tour is always a kaleidoscope of states, years, landscapes and people. Across the three biggest states, through 150 of Latitude and 300 of Longitude.

Whether you're a long-time passenger or joining us for the first time, our team look forward to connecting you to the people and places of the Australian Outback.



General Information For All Tours

1. Departure Points

- Tours with air travel depart from capital city airports, our team will meet you at the baggage collection area of the destination airport.
- Perth land based tours depart from and return to the Public Transport Centre, 116 West Pde, East Perth.
- Passengers on tours departing from Perth can board from the Novotel Perth Langley, Crn Hill St & Adelaide Tce, Perth.
- Passengers may also depart from Casey Australia Tours depot by arrangement. 16 Murphy St O'Connor (WA).
- On route pick up and drop off are available by arrangement.

2. Bookings & Payment - Bookings can be made with a \$200 per person deposit by contacting us by phone, mail or email.

Full fare is payable two months prior to departure. Bookings within the full fare payable period require full payment.

We accept payments by cash, cheque, bank transfer, Visa or MasterCard. (Payments by credit card over \$200 pp are not accepted unless a 1.5% of value service fee is included.)

3. Cancellation Policy - If a passenger wishes to cancel their booking, the fare will be refunded as follows;

- (a) 28 days or more prior to designated departure date 100%*
- (b) 27 to 16 days prior to designated departure date 85% *
- (c) 15 to 6 days prior to designated departure date 70% *
- (d) 5 to 1 days prior to designated departure date 0%
- (e) Day of departure or during tour 0%.

*Less monies held by any third parties for cancellation.

Third parties include but are not limited to; airlines, boat cruises, wholesalers, attractions and motels.

We recommend Travel Insurance or Fare Protection Plan as protection against this risk.

4. Fare Protection - For extended tours a Fare Protection Plan is available which is designed to protect your fare should you become ill or a member of your family become life threateningly ill before or whilst on tour. Details are available when booking.

5. Pricing - All prices are based on twin share accommodation. Single Supplements are available. Inclusions are stated at the beginning of each tour description and in the day by day itinerary.

6. Coaches - Casey Australia Tours operate a modern fleet of Luxury Coaches and Luxury Safari Coaches with; onboard toilets, seat belts, air conditioning, tinted windows, comfortable suspension, satellite phone, PA and entertainment systems. Please see tour itinerary pages for specific coach details. For the enjoyment of all travellers Casey Australia Tours operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.



Luxury Coach



Safari Coach

7. Your Health - We have no age limit or fitness standard. We do however trust your good sense. We ask that if you do have a condition which may affect you while on tour to inform our staff on booking. We suggest, if you are elderly or have recently had a serious illness, to consult your doctor to see if you are fit to travel.

8. Tour Viability - We require a minimum number of passengers to guarantee a tour departure. When booking any tour we suggest making contact with our office to confirm the tour departure before booking flights or any other planned activities in connection with your tour. We will not be held liable for any fees or losses associated with the cancellation or modification of any tour.

9. Airfares - We use air services of Virgin, Qantas and Jetstar. Quoted flight costings are guaranteed up to 8 weeks prior to departure, after this time there may be a flight surcharge on some flight components.

Flight times are provided four weeks prior to departure. Names as per photo ID must be provided otherwise Airline name change fees will be applicable.

10. Alteration of Flights - If you wish to have a different departure or return flight from the scheduled flight this can be arranged for but must be stated in writing 60 days before departure. Any increase in the cost of the new flight from the scheduled flight will need to be paid.

For full booking conditions please visit; caseytours.com.au/booking-conditions/

Types of Accommodation

Meal Codes and Descriptions

On the day by day descriptions in this brochure you will find codes relating to meals and accommodation – these codes are explained below.

Motels

Generally 3-4 star. All rooms are ensuite. Most will have TV, Air-Con, Tea and Coffee Facilities. Rooms will be allocated on a twin share basis. Optional Single Supplement available, please see individual tour details for costing.

Safari Tent with ensuite – Fitzroy Crossing – Bungle Bungles

Are sometimes used in remote areas and have most of the facilities of a motel room.

Cue – Mt Augustus – Warburton – Leonora – Curtin Springs – Laverton – Boulia

In remote areas the only accommodation available is sometimes basic. Rooms may be a simple room with ensuite, equivalent of a budget motel.

Camping

Some camping is in the beauty of National Parks and on other nights we use the facilities of caravan parks or stations. All nights do have access to toilets. Passengers are asked to assist to their capacity in teams to erect the camp. Tents will be allocated on a twin share basis. Tents are 180cm high 270cm square at the base, fully floored, and very simple to erect; four pegs a pole in the middle and the tent is up. Inside the tent sleeping is on a camp stretcher with a thin foam mattress. It is recommended passengers bring a pillow and warm bottom sheet and sleeping bag or warm rug to sleep in. Sleeping bags can be hired when booking for \$80 per tour per person. There is LED electric floodlighting of the area until after dinner is finished and packed away, we then enjoy the peace of the night bush. A torch is recommended.

Breakfast

CAB – Camp Breakfast; cereal, toast, tea & coffee.
CB – Continental Breakfast; provided at motel or at attraction.
FB – Fully Cooked Breakfast; provided by motel or attraction.

Lunch

L – Supplied by cafe, restaurant, hotel or similar.
PL – Picnic Lunch; meat & salad, sausage sizzle, hot dogs, rolls, salad packs.

Dinner

CAD – Camp Dinner; supplied by Casey Tours staff, usually includes, BBQ, or camp oven, vegetables or salads and dessert.
PD – Picnic Dinner; examples include fish & chips or a sausage sizzle.
RD – Restaurant Dinner; provided at a club, bistro or other establishment.
MD – Motel Dinner; two or three course meal provided at the motel.

Dietary Requests: Casey Australia Tours limit special dietary requests to Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant. These will be requested to the accommodation providers. Whilst travelling on camping tours our staff will do their best to accommodate these requirements but there may be some cross contamination, when travelling through remote areas the range of produce may be limited. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the traveller.

Breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day of all tours is not included. Generally lunches are not included, unless noted. All meals on planes are not included (some will be offered).

1 Day Tours from Perth

Giants of Mandurah & The Cut Tavern

Fri 17 May

Sat 8 Jun

Wed 26 Jun

Thu 18 Jul

Embark on an enchanting journey to Mandurah, where nature and art intertwine to create a magical experience like no other. Join us to witness the enchanting presence of these majestic sculptures that breathe life into the heart of the Peel Region. Share that spirit and join us exploring the Peel Region visiting a few Giants before Morning Tea in the bushland. Build up an appetite chasing more Giants then enjoy Lunch at the Cut Tavern in Dawesville. As we meander back home, the adventure continues with a visit to additional giants. Each sculpture tells a unique story, adding to the enchantment of your day. Including Morning Tea and Lunch.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Dwellingup Forest Train

Sat 13 Apr

Sat 18 May

Sat 15 Jun

Up to Dwellingup for morning tea before we board the historic Dwellingup Forest Train that will take you 8 kilometres eastward from Dwellingup to Etmilyn Siding. Hauled by historic Diesel Locomotives along the state's last surviving lightly built developmental railway. At the end of the line there is a 20 minute walk trail through the beautiful plant life and rare Jarrah Forest. On return to town with free time to enjoy lunch at the Hotel or one of the cafes (or BYO). North along Del Park Road over North Dandalup Dam with our final stop overlooking the dam. Including Morning Tea & Train Ticket.



\$140 Senior
\$145 Adult

Collie River Cruise & Farmers Market

Sat 23 Mar

Sat 27 Apr

Thu 6 Jun

Fri 19 Jul

Down to Eaton to board the "Elandra". Cruise the Collie River where dolphins, birdlife and many forms of wildlife unique to South Western Australia are abundant. Elandra explores many hidden spots, that other vessels cannot reach, taking passengers drifting by modern day mansions, then back through time. After the cruise enjoy lunch and free time in Bunbury, WA's third largest city with almost 70,000 people. On the way home we drop into the Bunbury Farmers Market to pick up some local produce. Including River Cruise and Morning Tea.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Tastes of the Southern Valleys & Wellington Dam

Fri 15 Mar

Wed 10 Apr

Down the Forrest Highway for morning tea on the Leschenault Inlet at Australind. Winding through the green pastures of the Darling Scarp to Wellington Dam to view artist Guido Van Helten's 8000 square metre mural spanning the downstream side of the dam wall. Over for a wander around the sprawling village of Gnomesville with thousands of Garden Gnomes taking over the bushland, (bring your own to add to the village). Settling into lunch at the Dardanup Tavern before a visit to one of the stunning wineries of the Ferguson Valley. On our way home visit the Harvey Cheese Factory to purchase some of the delicacies grown on the irrigated farmlands. Including Morning Tea, Lunch and wine tasting.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Western Rock Lobster & Pinnacles Day Tour

Fri 22 Mar

Sun 14 Apr

Thu 27 Jun

Morning tea in Nambung National Park while you explore the Pinnacle Desert. Further north experience the regions multimillion dollar lobster industry first hand at the Lobster Shack in Cervantes. Here the marine crustacean is captured, brought onto shore, sorted, and then live packed in preparation of being dispatched world wide. In the afternoon enjoy a lunch of fresh crayfish and chips before taking a leisurely stroll along the shore of the Indian Ocean. Including Morning Tea, Pinnacles National Park Entry, Factory Tour and Half Crayfish Lunch.



\$140 Senior
\$145 Adult

Tastes of the Northern Valleys

Fri 26 Apr

Thu 16 May

Sun 9 Jun

Travel north up Tonkin Highway to Berry Sweet Strawberry Farm before a visit to the Local Goat Dairy for handcrafted goats cheese and morning tea. Through Gingin on the picturesque loop in Gingin Brook before we head through the ranges to Toodyay. Enjoy Roast Lunch at a classic country character establishment, then off to Coorinja Winery to sample and purchase produce. Into the Swan Valley for honey related products and our last stop at the Whistler Chocolate Company on the way home. Including Morning Tea & Hotel Roast lunch.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

1 Day Tours from Perth

Indian Ocean Sunset & Stargazing Evening

Sun 10 Mar

Thu 11 Apr

An Evening beneath the cosmos! Travel north the Indian Ocean Drive up to Nambung National Park and the afternoon dropping light over the stark Pinnacle Desert, where the limestone pillars rise from the shifting yellow sands. Stopping at the beach for al fresco pre-dinner drinks and nibbles as the sun lowers into the Indian Ocean. After enjoying dinner at the Cervantes Bar & Bistro, we return to the Nambung National Park to watch stars and constellations twinkle over the nightscape of the Pinnacle Desert. Returning to Perth late evening. Including Nibbles, Dinner & National Park Entry.



\$140 Senior
\$145 Adult

Christmas in July Mystery Hotel Roast Lunch

Sat 20 Jul

Sun 21 Jul

In Australia, Christmas day is in the peak of summer and typically a day spent outdoors. Many Australians miss out on the Christmas atmosphere that is enjoyed in the Northern hemisphere during winter. This includes winter fireplaces, traditional roast lunches and rich Christmas puddings. Christmas in July is the perfect opportunity to indulge and experience the wonderful aspects of a Northern hemisphere Christmas. Travel out into the lush green countryside for a charming festive lunch. Including Morning Tea and Hotel Lunch.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Nannup Flower & Garden Festival

Sat 17 Aug

Through the South West to beautiful Nannup on the Blackwood River. Enjoy Nannup and the Nannup Flower & Garden Festival, stunning stalls, gardens, displays, information and sales. This show has grown in variety and size in the last few years to now be one of our most popular regional events. In the afternoon we take one of the most delightful drives in Western Australia to quaint little town of Balingup. Including Afternoon Tea.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Balingup Medieval Carnivale

Sat 24 Aug

Once again the small country village will explode into colour as the Balingup Medieval Carnivale relives times well gone but not forgotten. Chat with the King, sample some of the local wines, ciders and meads, purchase from the many market stalls, tuck into the tasty food available, ride a Camel or a Clydesdale Wagon. This is one of the biggest and well managed events on the WA Medieval calendar so dress in costume to get into the medieval theme. Including Afternoon Tea & Entry to Carnivale.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Spring Wildflower Day Tour

Fri 13 Sep

Sat 14 Sep

Sun 6 Oct

The Perth floristic region offers the interested, inquisitive wildflower hunter many delights throughout Spring, 220km long and 50km wide the area contains over 2100 species of native plants, with 53 endemic to the region and 50% endemic to the South West, (this is a similar number to the whole of the UK). Come out for an interesting and colourful day with our Botanical Guide looking through the array of wildflowers just out of Perth. Including Morning Tea, Lunch and Botanical Guide.



\$125 Senior
\$129 Adult

Wreath Lechenaultia Day Tour

Sun 22 Sep

North onto the Midlands Road for our first wildflower stop and Morning Tea at the old Wannamal School Site. From here it's out to find Lechenaultia macrantha, the Wreath Lechenaultia. One of the world's unique, rare and odd flowers, wreath flowers are not endangered but limited to small areas of the wheatbelt. After lunch we stop at another wildflower location with our Botanical Guide on the way back to Perth. Including Morning Tea, Picnic Lunch & Botanical Guide.



\$140 Senior
\$145 Adult

8 Day Albany, Esperance & Historic Goldfields



Inclusions:

- Lake Ballard Art Installation
- Esperance Boat Cruise
- Super Pit in Kalgoorlie
- National ANZAC Centre
- Torndirrup National Park
- Historic Whaling Station
- Australian Wildlife Park
- Regional Wildflower Garden
- Kalgoorlie to Perth Train Journey
- Motel Accommodation
- 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 7 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

**5th March 2024
16th April 2024
22nd May 2024
5th November 2024**

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$2790	\$2850
TransWA Travel Scheme		\$2750
Optional Single Supplement		\$770

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Travel via Albany Highway to Williams then through Kojonup for lunch. To Albany for an afternoon tour then to Mount Clarence and The National ANZAC Centre on Mount Adelaide. Note: Entry to ANZAC Centre included.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Out to Torndirrup National Park to view the recently redeveloped Gap & Natural Bridge. Visit Albany Regional Wildflower Garden, Australian Wildlife Park and Albany's Historic Whaling Station. Cheynes Beach Whaling Company was the last whaling company to cease operations in Australia, closing in 1978. The display includes an intact whale processing factory, whale chasing ship and 3D displays. Note: Torndirrup and Wildflower, Wildlife and Whaling Station Entry Included.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Departing Albany we have a delightful time in Bremer Bay visiting the town, the very beautiful beaches and river mouth. It is on to Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe before we reach Esperance for two nights.

Day 4: (CB, MD, Motel) A full day in Esperance commences with a boat cruise in the harbour and nearby stunning islands. Take a optional scenic flight over Cape Le Grand, the Archipelago of the Recherche and Esperances famous beaches. After lunch enjoy some free time to

explore Esperance. We take a delightful trip along the coast, Twilight Drive and return to Esperance via Pink Lake. Note: Boat Cruise included. Scenic flight not included approx \$195.

Day 5: (CB, MD, Motel) North via Salmon Gums to Norseman where over 100 tonne of Gold has been taken out of the ground here since 1892. Continuing through Coolgardie, once the third largest town in WA. Kalgoorlie for three nights.

Day 6: (CB, PD, Motel) We have a tour of Kalgoorlie and Boulder with a visit to the Super Pit lookout and the famous Two Up Ring. Free time for lunch before we finish up the day with the Museum of The Goldfields, showcasing the rich history of the Eastern Goldfields.

Day 7: (CB, MD, Motel) Off to see the old Ghost Towns to the north, starting in Broad Arrow before Menzies, mining here in 1894-1901 saw 10,000 people trying their luck, by 1905 most had left to try again elsewhere. From Menzies we head west to the world-renowned Antony Gormley 51 metal statues on Lake Ballard. Return to Kalgoorlie.

Day 8: (CB) Departing from the Kalgoorlie Railway terminal early we relax aboard the Prospector Train through the goldfields and wheatbelt, along the Avon River and down the Darling Scarp into the East Perth Railway Station.



6 Day Shark Bay, Monkey Mia & Kalbarri



Wild Dolphins, Monkey Mia

Inclusions:

- Cruise at Monkey Mia
- Monkey Mia Dolphins
- Ocean Park Aquarium
- Kalbarri Skywalk
- Kalbarri National Park
- The Pinnacles Desert
- Peron Homestead Hot Baths
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Motel Accommodation
- 5 evening meals, 5 breakfasts

Accommodation:

Motel - 5 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

19th March 2024

3rd May 2024

16th June 2024

23rd July 2024

19th November 2024

Departing From:

Senior

Adult

Perth

\$2340

\$2390

Optional Single Supplement

\$550

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Along the Indian Ocean Drive to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park; enjoy morning tea as you wander this interesting landscape. Lunch in Jurien Bay, a major base for the WA fishing industry. In the afternoon we meander through Lesueur National Park; the second most diverse flora region in WA. On to Port Denison and Geraldton. Note: Entry to the Pinnacles included.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Morning tour of Geraldton. Over recent years Geraldton has had some major changes in the town. We visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial overlooking the town then take some time to enjoy the new foreshore area. Travel along the North West Coastal Highway to Billabong before heading out to Shark Bay. On the peninsula we visit the Stromatolites of Hamelin Pool and the extensive Shell Beach before reaching Denham, Australia's most Westerly town for a two night stop.

Day 3: (FB, PD, Motel) To Monkey Mia to visit the wild dolphins that have been gathering in the waters off this remote beach for decades. There is plenty of time to enjoy this calm beach and Information Centre before a cruise of the marine park in search of dugongs and turtles. Back to Denham for lunch before a visit to Peron Homestead, once an extensive sheep station. Enjoy a dip in the artesian fed hot baths to wind up the day. Note: Monkey Mia, Cruise and Peron Homestead entries included.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) Departing Denham back down the peninsula to "Ocean Park", an exciting eco-friendly and interactive aquarium located on the pristine shores of the Shark Bay World Heritage Marine Park. The park enables guests to see, touch and learn about the fascinating marine creatures found in the heritage listed area including turtles, rays and sea snakes. Reaching the North West Coastal Highway, crossing the Murchison River at Galena Bridge before heading to the coast at Kalbarri. Note: Ocean Park entry included.

Day 5: (FB, PD, Motel) To Kalbarri National Park and the new Skywalk, perched right on the cliff-top, two 100-metre-high lookouts projecting 25 and 17 metres beyond the rim of the Murchison Gorge. Also visit the stunning gorges of Z Bend & Natures Window. Lunch in Kalbarri at the mouth of the Murchison River. In the afternoon we explore the coastal gorges and bluffs. Note: National Park entry included.

Day 6: (FB) Via the Pink Lakes north of Port Gregory to Northampton for Morning Tea. Back to Geraldton for lunch before returning to Perth along the Brand Highway and the rolling hills of the Badgingarra sand plains.

Shark Bay



Denham

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Kalbarri

2

Geraldton

1

Perth



Stromatolites, Hamelin Pool

16 Day Central Australia, Lake Eyre & Flinders Ranges



Lake Eyre Scenic Flight, SA

Inclusions:

- Uluru
- Flinders Ranges
- Kata Tjuta
- Desert Grass Paper Making
- Wadlata Outback Centre
- Wave Rock
- Lake Eyre
- Gwalia Museum and Ghost Town
- Coober Pedy Underground Tour
- Arid Inland Botanical Gardens
- Great Australian Bight
- Motel Accommodation
- 13 evening meals, 15 breakfasts, 4 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 15 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

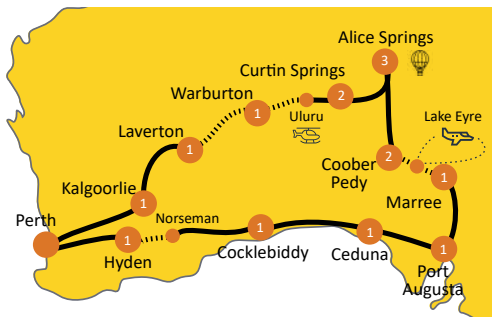
Departure Date:

**3rd April 2024
15th September 2024**

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$7490	\$7550

Optional Single Supplement \$1600



Day 1: (MD, Motel) Up the Darling Scarp on Great Eastern Highway through the wheatbelt to Merredin and Southern Cross for Lunch. A visit to Coolgardie with its wide main street before the historic gold mining town of Kalgoorlie.

Day 2: (CB, PL, RD, Motel) A tour of Kalgoorlie, including the Super Pit, Boulder and the rustic Two Up Ring. To Menzies, Leonora and the Sons of Gwalia Mine then Laverton.

Day 3: (CAB, PL, CAD, Motel) We leave the bitumen and into the Great Victoria Desert to Warburton, a wonderful place to experience in the desert.

Day 4: (CAB, PL, PD, Motel) Through the impressive range country in the Gibson Desert, named after explorer Alfred Gibson. To the Giles Weather Station, the most remote in Australia, set up to take readings for the Blue Streak Rocket Project. Then on past Docker River and the Hull River, past Kata Tjuta to Uluru to enjoy a BBQ dinner while we watch the sunset on the Rock.

Day 5: (CB, PD, Motel) A very interesting day at Uluru. We visit the Cultural Centre before some of the features of Uluru. Later there is an opportunity to visit the Yulara village or take a scenic helicopter flight over the park. In the afternoon off to Kata Tjuta with its majestic domes. Note: Entry to National Park included. Flight over Uluru not included, approx \$300.

Day 6: (CB, RD, Motel) We spend the morning on Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956, when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle. The Severin family has protected the million acre wildlife corridor that balances cattle production with conservation of this precious landscape. Appreciate a tour of the handmade paper, made from the native grasses found on the station, a distinctive and beautiful souvenir of Central Australia. Afternoon through to Alice Springs for three nights. Note: Paper Tour included.

Day 7: (CAB, RD, Motel) A restful morning before a day exploring some of the features of the MacDonnell Ranges, from scenic to culturally significant areas.

Day 8: (CAB, Motel) Weather permitting you may take an optional Hot Air Balloon flight along the MacDonnell Ranges. We tour town, Anzac Hill and Todd River, then drop you in town for you to wander. Note: Hot Air Balloon not included, approx. \$420.

Day 9: (CAB, MD, Motel) We drive south over the South Australian border to Marla Bore and Coober Pedy for two nights.

Day 10: (CB, Motel) Coober Pedy is a fascinating place. One of the biggest towns in S.A, it is home to 92% of Australia's opals. People live underground to escape the summer heat. A morning tour and Opal display and an afternoon "noodle" for opals around town. Note: Tour and Opal Display included.

Day 11: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) Head east to William Creek situated just to the south west of Lake Eyre. Onto the Oodnadatta Track with numerous former small settlements that serviced the Ghan. The Lake Eyre Basin is a very special part of Australia. It covers one sixth of the continent and holds some of the rarest, least exploited ecosystems on the planet. We pass Lake Eyre and stop at Marree for an optional flight over the Lake. Note: Flight over Lake Eyre not included, approx \$300.

Day 12: (CB, MD, Motel) A great drive through the spectacular Flinders Ranges, where some of the best outback scenery in Australia abounds. In the morning we visit Blinman then head through the ranges to Hawker to view the Wilpena Panorama; Jeff Morgans 360 degree painting. In the afternoon we head out of the ranges via the Pichi-Richi Pass to Port Augusta, at the head of the Spencers Gulf. Note: Gallery entry included.

Day 13: (CB, PD, Motel) We visit The Wadlata Outback Centre, a theatrical experience depicting a journey through time in the Flinders Ranges and the Outback of South Australia. Later we visit the Arid Inland Botanical Gardens and the Matthew Flinders lookout over the upper reaches of the Gulf. Note: Wadlata Centre and Botanical Gardens included.

Day 14: (CB, RD, Motel) Onto the Nullarbor and toward Western Australia, we view the Great Australian Bight from the spectacular cliffs.

Day 15: (CB, MD, Motel) We are well and truly on the way home. Now we leave the coast for lunch at Norseman before heading past Lake Johnston and arriving at Hyden for our last night of the tour.

Day 16: (FB) A morning visit to Wave Rock and Hippos Yawn on the edge of the wheatbelt before returning to Perth after a most enjoyable tour. Note: Wave Rock entry included.

14 Day Experience Extraordinary WA



Kalbarri National Park

Inclusions:

- Flight to or from Broome
- The Pinnacles
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Kalbarri National Park
- Carnarvon Space Museum
- Glass Bottom Boat Cruise
- Karijini National Park
- Millstream-Chichester National Park
- Motel Accommodation
- 13 evening meals, 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 13 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

15th April 2024

Broome to Perth - 19th August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$6690	\$6740
Perth	\$6990	\$7040
Optional Single Supplement		\$1430



Day 1: (MD, Motel) Taking the Indian Ocean Drive out of Perth, we take in the sparkling Indian Ocean on our West as we head into the Pinnacle Desert for morning tea and a walk through the landscape. Through many cray fishing towns; Jurien Bay, Green Head & Leeman, to Dongara for lunch. Visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial overlooking Geraldton, via Northampton and the Lynton Convict Depot to Kalbarri. Note: Pinnacles Entry included.

Day 2: (FB, PD, Motel) To Kalbarri National Park and the new Skywalk, perched right on the cliff-top, two 100-metre-high lookouts projecting 25 and 17 metres beyond the rim of the Murchison Gorge. Also visit the stunning gorges of Z Bend & Natures Window. Lunch in Kalbarri at the mouth of the Murchison River. In the afternoon we explore the coastal gorges and bluffs. Note: National Park entry included.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Returning to the North West Coastal Highway the country changes to open plains and sprawling sheep stations. Continuing to Carnarvon on the Gascoyne River.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) Exploring Carnarvon we drive by the plantations on the banks of the Gascoyne before heading up to the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum to learn about the role of this dish in the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing. Later we visit the One Mile Jetty built in 1897 to ship wool and livestock to Fremantle. This precinct also houses the Railway & Shearers Hall of Fame. Note: Space and Jetty Museums included.

Day 5: (FB, MD, Motel) We continue North to Coral Bay with free time to swim on the Ningaloo Reef. We stay the night at Exmouth, the centre for the Navy North West Cape Base and the Harold E Holt Communications Base.

Day 6: (FB, MD, Motel) We travel to the head of the Gulf to take in the view from the Vlamingh Lighthouse. Out on a glass bottom boat cruise to view the striking coral of Ningaloo Reef before continuing further down the Cape to Yardie Creek in the Cape Range National Park, a beautiful, rugged, iconic WA coastline. Returning to Exmouth with an optional Whale Watching cruise in the afternoon or time to relax by the pool. Note: Glass bottom boat included. Whale watching not included, approx \$75.

Day 7: (FB, MD, Motel) Leaving the Cape and the Coast we enter the Pilbara and the spinifex covered ranges which houses an enormous amount of Australia's Iron Ore. We reach Tom Price, WA's highest town above sea level.

Day 8: (CB, PL, PD, Motel) Into Karijini National Park, some of the gorges we see today are as impressive as any you would see in Australia. We visit Dales Gorge, Circular Pool and Fortescue Falls at the East end of the park as well as Oxer and Junction Pool lookouts in the West end.

Day 9: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) Departing Tom Price we follow the Rio Tinto railway line towards the coast. Passing through Millstream - Chichester National Park an oasis in the desert nestled within the chocolate brown rocks of the Chichester Range dotted with spinifex and snappy gums. In the afternoon we reach the massive export facilities of the Pilbara.

Day 10: (CB, RD, Motel) Originally developed for Iron Ore export Karratha's economic export base now includes sea-salt, ammonia and Liquefied Natural Gas from the North West Shelf, Pluto and Gorgon. We tour around this swiftly growing town and Dampier in its hue of red dust and high vis.

Day 11: (CB, RD, Motel) Morning visit to Cossack, the oldest port on the Pilbara coast. To Port Hedland still pumping out millions of tonnes of Ore from around Newman.

Day 12: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) Finishing off our drive along the Great Northern Highway through Pardoo, Sandfire and the Roebuck Plains to Broome.

Day 13: (FB, PD, Motel) John Forrest chose the location of Broome in 1883 and the Pearling industry quickly moved in to set its base up in the protection of Roebuck Bay. A multicultural town, the influences of many nations are still evident in the architecture, cuisine and people. We tour the town, Gantheaume Point and have a picnic dinner on Cable Beach watching the last sunset of our journey.

Day 14: (FB) Optional tour to Willie Creek Pearl Farm before we fly out, having loved the West Australian Coast, National Parks and the beautiful Indian Ocean. Note: Willie Creek Tour not included, approx \$125.

14 Day Top End - Broome to Darwin Tour



Nitmiluk, Katherine Gorge, Katherine River, Katherine, NT

Inclusions:

- Airfares to Broome & from Darwin
- El Questro Station
- Windjana Gorge*
- Tunnel Creek
- Yellow Water Cruise
- Kakadu National Park
- Bungle Bungle Range
- Lake Argyle Cruise
- Ord River Cruise
- Nitmiluk Cruise
- Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park
- Ensued Accommodation
- 12 evening meals, 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Accommodation:

Motel - 13 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

10th June 2024

Darwin to Broome - 26th June 2024

16th July 2024

Waitlist Only - 1st August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$7490	\$7550
Perth	\$8090	\$8150
Melbourne	\$8390	\$8450
Sydney	\$8390	\$8450
Adelaide	\$8390	\$8450
Brisbane	\$8390	\$8450
Optional Single Supplement		\$1690

Day 1: (PD, Motel) Landing in Broome you are met by our friendly tour staff and luxury Safari Coach. Settle into the Broome motel before a picnic dinner watching the sunset on the beach while getting to know your fellow passengers.

Day 2: (CB, RD, Motel) A relaxing day touring Broome including China town, the Port, Gantheaume Point, finishing up at feeding time at Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park. Note: Crocodile Park included.

Day 3: (CB, MD, Motel) To the banks of the Fitzroy River which runs 733km from high in the King Leopold Ranges to the mouth in King Sound. We stop at Willare before reaching Derby for two nights.

Day 4: (FB, PL, PD, Motel) East on the Gibb River Road to the Napier Range and Windjana Gorge* for lunch before a wander along the Lennard River with a great number of crocodiles basking on the sandbanks in the sun. Skirting the Oscar Range to Tunnel Creek, we have the opportunity to walk through this 750m, 15m wide and up to 12m high tunnel; one of WA's most interesting natural features. Returning to Derby. Note: Park entry included.

Day 5: (FB, RD, Motel) Back on the Great Northern Highway we hit the river again at the town of Fitzroy Crossing. Through the Mueller Ranges and Mary Pool to Halls Creek, one of the early settlements of the Kimberley, now the northern end of the Tanami Track and Canning Stock Route.

Day 6: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) We cross the Ord River for the first time and reach the start of the Spring Creek Track. Taking the windy track into Purnululu National Park to visit The Bungle Bungle Range with an elevation as high as 578m. The famous sandstone domes are unusual and visually striking with their stripes in alternating orange and grey bands. The banding of the domes is due to differences in clay content and porosity of the sandstone layers. Take the hike into Cathedral Gorge and around the majestic domes. Return to Halls Creek. Note: Park entry included.

Day 7: (CB, MD, Motel) North to the hub of the East Kimberley, Kununurra, a truly amazing place; beautiful, fertile, interesting and relaxing. We tour through the irrigated fields and visit the Stonecraft Gallery, Sandalwood Factory and Hoochery Distillery.





Cockburn Ranges, Gibb River Road

Day 8: (FB, MD, Motel) Out to Lake Argyle for an informative cruise on the lake, with the chance to feed fish, spot freshwater crocs and swim. In the afternoon we lower 98m to the bottom of the dam wall to board another cruise, 55km along the Ord River and Lake Kununurra back to our motel. Note: Lake Argyle and Ord River Cruises included.

Day 9: (FB, MD, Motel) Spending the day on El Questro Station. Soaking in the hot springs of Zebedee Springs, lunch at The Station on the Pentecost River before a hike up Emma Gorge into the Cockburn Ranges. Note: Park Fees included.

Day 10: (FB, MD, Motel) Optional morning flight over Lake Argyle and The Bungles. Leaving WA and following the Victoria River into the Northern Territory, to Katherine on the Stuart Highway. Note: Scenic Flight not included, approx \$460.

Day 11: (FB, Motel) Morning cruise on Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, these gorges and the surrounding landscape have great ceremonial significance to the local Jawoyn people. Via Pine Creek and Adelaide River with its beautiful War Cemetery to Darwin for three nights. Note: Gorge Cruise included.

Day 12: (FB, PD, Motel) Day tour to Kakadu National Park, starting with a visit to Fogg Dam to spot birds on the wetlands. Later a boat cruise on Yellow Water with the skipper explaining this ancient, interesting ecosystem. Dinner on the way back to Darwin. Note: Park entry and Boat Cruise included.

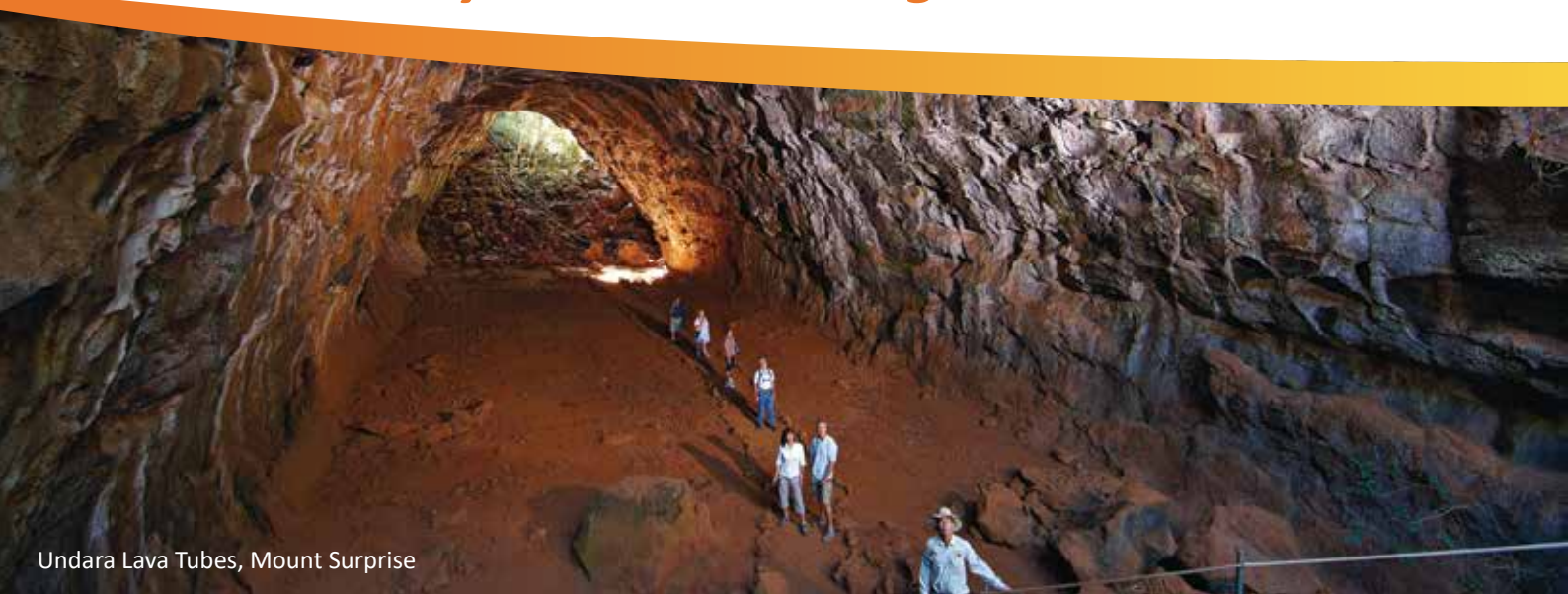
Day 13: (FB, RD, Motel) Into Darwin for a full tour including Battery Point, The Port and the City Centre. Visit to the Darwin Museum; depicting the events of cyclone Tracy in 1974 and the East Point Military Museum; depicting the bombing raids on Darwin in 1942. Free time in the city before we meet up for a farewell dinner. Note: East Point Museum included.

Day 14: (FB) Returning home having fallen in love with the winding rivers and rugged escarpments of the Kimberley and the Top End.



Cathedral Gorge, Purnululu NP

15 Day Australia's Longest Shortcut



Undara Lava Tubes, Mount Surprise

Inclusions:

- Airfares to or from Cairns
- Age of Dinosaurs Centre, Winton
- Undara Lava Tubes
- Sunset over Uluru
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Uluru & Kata Tjuta
- Desert Grass Paper Making
- Gwalia Museum and Ghost Town
- Motel Accommodation
- 12 evening meals, 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 14 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

26th April 2024

Cairns to Perth - 10th June 2024

Sold Out - 2nd July 2024

Waitlist Only - 21st August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$7190	\$7250
Perth	\$7490	\$7550
Optional Single Supplement		\$1540



Day 1: (MD, Motel) Heading off on Australia's Longest Shortcut we climb up the Darling Scarp through the Wheatbelt to the WA Goldfields.

Day 2: (CB, CAD, Basic Motel) Touring Kalgoorlie including the lookout over the Superpit, Australia's Largest Open Cut Gold Mine. North to Menzies after a visit to the historic Two-Up Ring we travel through mining towns of all sizes and minerals, Ghost Towns to Cities from Nickel

to Gold. Visit the Gwalia Museum on the edge of the large open pit Sons of Gwalia Mine. Note: Museum entry included.

Day 3: (CAB, PL, CAD, Motel) Onto the first of many dirt roads on this tour just north of Laverton; The Great Central Road, winding through the ranges, sandhills and salt lakes of the Desert has a beauty that is iconically Australian. We arrive at Warburton for the night.

Day 4: (CAB, PL, PD, Motel) Passing the Schwerin Mural Ranges to cross into Northern Territory through the Gibson Desert. Deep into the South West corner of the NT we visit Lasseters Cave and learn a little of the mystery of Lewis Lasseter and his elusive reef of gold. Enjoy a sausage sizzle dinner watching the sunset on Uluru, before settling into Curtin Springs Station.

Day 5: (CB, CAD, Motel) The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, after a day in the park you will see why. We spend the morning at Uluru and the information centre. Return to Yulara Village for lunch and an optional helicopter flight over the spectacular sandstone formations. Later visit Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) to walk through the valleys between the mighty domes. Note: Optional Flight over Uluru approx \$300.

Day 6: (CB, RD, Motel) We spend the morning on Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956, when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle. The Severin family has protected the million acre wildlife corridor that balances cattle production with conservation of this precious landscape. Appreciate a tour of the handmade paper, made from the native grasses found on the station, a distinctive and beautiful souvenir of Central Australia. Afternoon through to Alice Springs for three nights. Note: Paper Tour included.

Day 7: (CAB, RD, Motel) A restful morning before a day exploring some of the features of the MacDonnell Ranges, from scenic to culturally significant areas.

Day 8: (CAB, Motel) Take an optional early morning Hot Air Balloon through the rugged outback followed by a tour of "The Alice" nestled on the north side of the MacDonnell Ranges. In the afternoon there is an optional visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park. Note: Optional Hot Air Balloon approx \$420.

Day 9: (CAB, PL, RD, Motel) An early start for a big drive into Queensland. A short drive up the Stuart Highway then back on the dirt of the Plenty Highway. Through the Harts, Jervois, Tarlton and Toko Ranges in the northern reaches of the Simpson Desert to Tobermore Station just inside the Northern Territory border. Crossing the border on the Donohue Highway shadowing the Georgina River with its many tributaries to Boulia. This highway is the home of the Min Min Lights, an unusual shimmering light phenomenon that can appear at night.

Day 10: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) A late start with free time in Boulia before continuing across the Queensland Channel Country and over the Diamantina which flows south past Birdsville to Lake Eyre, in the afternoon we reach the sheep cattle town of Winton on the sprawling Western River.

Day 11: (CB, Motel) Morning visit to the Age of Dinosaurs Centre, the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. In the afternoon we visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre followed by free time in Winton and a wander of this romantic, classic outback QLD town. Note: Dinosaur and Waltzing Matilda Centres entries included.

Day 12: (CB, RD, Motel) To Hughenden before a drive up the Flinders River and a visit to the Porcupine Gorge Lookout on the last of the outback dirt roads to reach Mount Surprise on the Gulf Development Road.

Day 13: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) We take a guided tour through the Undara Lava Tubes, the world's longest lava flow from a single volcano, some of the caves are over 21m wide and up to 10m high. Note: Lava Tubes Tour included.

Day 14: (CB, RD, Motel) Past Mount Garnet and Ravenshoe before descending the Great Dividing Range through the winding rainforest highway enjoying the lush rainforest and tropical plantations on the way into Cairns.

Day 15: (CB) Late check out with time to relax around Cairns before a flight home having crossed the Country South West to North East through a great range of landscapes and vegetation, an unforgettable experience.

10 Day Cape York & Thursday Island Tour



Inclusions:

- Airfares to and from Cairns
- Airfare from Horn Island to Cairns
- Daintree River Cruise
- Cruise to and tour of Thursday Island
- Weipa River Cruise
- Split Rock Art Site
- James Cook Museum, Cooktown
- Fruit Bat Falls
- Motel Accommodation
- 9 evening meals, 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 9 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

13th May 2024

29th May 2024

19th July 2024

Sold Out - 9th August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$6090	\$6190
Perth	\$6690	\$6790
Melbourne	\$6690	\$6790
Sydney	\$6690	\$6790
Adelaide	\$6690	\$6790
Brisbane	\$6490	\$6590
Optional Single Supplement		\$1080

Day 1: (PD, Motel) We fly to Cairns where we are met by the coach and transferred to our motel. Note: Flights arriving after 6pm will have snack evening meal provided in the room.

Day 2: (CB, RD, Motel) Travel along a spectacular coastline to the lush Daintree River, where we have a boat cruise then time for lunch at the resort town of Port Douglas. We return to Cairns for a free afternoon on The Esplanade, with many cafés, restaurants, galleries, markets and stalls. It is a lovely coastal Queensland city. Note: Daintree cruise included.

Day 3: (CB, MD, Motel) We head up the Atherton Tablelands to Mareeba then begin up "The Cape" to Lakeland and Cooktown. In June 1770, the local Aboriginal Guugu Yimithirr tribe cautiously watched the crippled Endeavour limp up the coast seeking a safe harbour after sustaining serious damage south of Cooktown.

Day 4: (CB, RD, Motel) A full day in and around Cooktown including the Botanical Gardens and the James Cook Museum. Wander the shore of the Endeavour River in the afternoon. Note: James Cook Museum entry included.

Day 5: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) An early start through the Barrons Range to the Peninsula Development Road. Morning tea at the Split Rock Art Site, this Country contains a large and dramatic body of prehistoric rock paintings. Through Laura and Musgrave to Coen the largest inland town on The Cape. Over the Archer River to Weipa.

Day 6: (CB, PD, Motel) Weipa began as a Presbyterian Mission to the Aboriginal people of the Cape and is now the largest settlement on the Cape due to a large bauxite deposit in

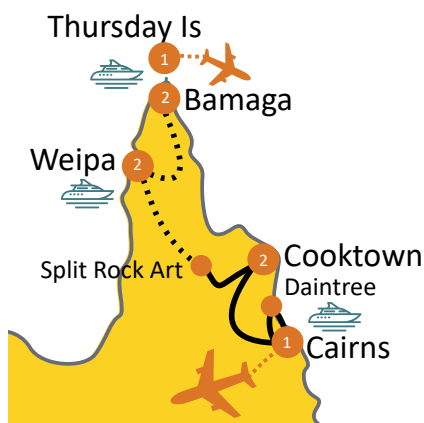
the region now mined by Rio Tinto. We take an afternoon wildlife cruise exploring the Arafura Sea and Mission River. Note: Cruise included.

Day 7: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) Heading north again we visit Fruit Bat Falls for a swim at one of far north QLD's most iconic watering holes. As the northern most tip of the country gets closer the journey becomes increasingly stunning. We travel through the Heathlands Resource Reserve and cross the Jardine River on the vehicle ferry to Bamaga, settled by people from Saibai Island in Torres Strait after Saibai Island was devastated by abnormally high tides.

Day 8: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) Today is all about reaching the Cape. We take the final slow drive through thick forest to the Northern most point of Australia named by James Cook on 21 August 1770 in honour of Prince Edward, Duke of York and Albany. We drive as far as we can but then have to walk out over the rocks to the tip. From there it is 160km to New Guinea across the Torres Strait. We return to Bamaga to celebrate reaching this iconic Australian location.

Day 9: (CB, MD, Motel) From Bamaga we take the ferry to Thursday Island. TI is the administrative and commercial centre of the Torres Strait Islands set up in 1877. Since then TI has been a pearling centre and defence base during WWII. We tour the island including the WWII tunnels and emplacements. The afternoon is free before our final dinner. Note: Cruise to TI and TI Tour included.

Day 10: (CB) We take the ferry to Horn Island for a short flight to Cairns to transfer to our homebound flights.



20 Day Western Half



Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu National Park

Inclusions:

- Airfares to Broome & from Adelaide
- Lake Argyle Cruise
- Ord River Cruise
- Katherine Gorge Cruise
- Devils Marbles
- Mataranka Thermal Pools
- East Point Military Museum
- Darwin Museum
- Litchfield National Park
- Uluru & Kata Tjuta
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Wadlata Outback Centre
- Yellow Water Cruise, Kakadu
- Stanley Chasm & Simpsons Gap
- 3 Nights in Darwin
- Tour of Iconic Coober Pedy
- Motel Accommodation
- 16 evening meals, 19 breakfasts, 1 lunch.

Accommodation:

Motel - 19 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

6th May 2024

Adelaide to Broome - 16th July 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$9190	\$9250
Perth	\$9790	\$9850
Melbourne	\$9790	\$9850
Sydney	\$9790	\$9850
Adelaide	\$9590	\$9650
Brisbane	\$9790	\$9850
Optional Single Supplement		\$2280

Day 1: (MD, Motel) We fly to Broome, where we are met by our coach and staff and get to know our fellow travellers in the warmth of the Kimberley.

Day 2: (FB, PD, Motel) Spend the day touring Broome, a lovely historic old pearling town, visit Chinatown, the Japanese Cemetery, Roebuck Bay and Gantheaume Point before a picnic dinner watching the sunset over Cable Beach.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Off to the east reaching Derby, the mouth of the Fitzroy River and King Sound. Spending the night in Fitzroy Crossing.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) On to Halls Creek the northern end of the Tanami Track and Canning Stock Route, where gold was first discovered in WA in 1884. Crossing the upper reaches of the Ord River and through the ranges to Kununurra, our base for two nights.

Day 5: (FB, PD, Motel) The Ord is spectacular, we have a cruise 55km along the Ord from Kununurra to Lake Argyle. After lunch at the Argyle Village we board a sunset cruise of Lake Argyle, feeding fish and swimming with freshwater crocs. Note: Lake Argyle and Ord River Cruise included.

Day 6: (FB, MD, Motel) For those who wish, an early morning flight over the Bungle Bungle National Park and Lake Argyle. Leaving Kununurra we cross the NT/WA border and enjoy a wonderful drive along the beautiful and remote Victoria Highway, following the Victoria River to Katherine. Note: Flight over Bungle Bungles not included approx \$460.

Day 7: (FB, RD, Motel) Morning cruise on Katherine Gorge then via Pine Creek and Adelaide River, with its beautiful War Cemetery to Darwin for three nights. Note: Katherine Gorge Cruise included.





Mataranka Thermal Pool

Day 8: (FB, Motel) Into Darwin for a full tour including Battery Point, The Port and the City Centre. Visit to the Darwin Museum; depicting the events of cyclone Tracy in 1974 and the East Point Military Museum; depicting the bombing raids on Darwin in 1942. Free time in the City for dinner. Note: East Point Museum included.

Day 9: (FB, PD, Motel) Day tour to Kakadu National Park, starting with a visit to Fogg Dam to spot birds on the wetlands. Later a boat cruise on Yellow Water with the skipper explaining this ancient, interesting ecosystem. Dinner on the way back to Darwin. Note: Boat Cruise included.

Day 10: (FB, MD, Motel) Leaving Darwin we spend the day in Litchfield National Park with its Magnetic Termite Mounds and the magnificent Wangi Falls. Back on the Stuart Highway and across the Adelaide River. Returning to Katherine, a service centre for the Central Northern Territory region, a vast area of mainly cattle stations, national parks and Aboriginal lands.

Day 11: (FB, MD, Motel) South down the Stuart Highway through the Northern Territory to the Mataranka Thermal Pool, an absolutely beautiful spot to relax in these natural springs. Lunch at the Daly Waters Pub, a centre for the London to Sydney air race of 1926 and a World War II Air Force base. Past Elliott and Renner Springs to the copper mining town of Tennant Creek.

Day 12: (CB, PL, RD, Motel) On to the Devils Marbles, named from an 1870 quote from the Overland Telegraph Line expedition; "This is the Devil's country; he's even emptied his bag of marbles around the place." Break at the Outback pub of Barrow Creek before viewing Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia and reaching Alice Springs.

Day 13: (CAB, Motel) Weather permitting you may take an optional Hot Air Balloon trip along the MacDonnell Ranges. Next out to Standley Chasm and Simpsons Gap. Once we return to Alice Springs the afternoon is free time for you to enjoy "a town like Alice" and have dinner. Note: Hot Air Balloon not included approx \$420. Entry to Standley Chasm included.

Day 14: (CAB, MD, Motel) We tour Alice Springs including Anzac Hill overlooking town, the Todd River and the ranges before leaving town and heading out on the Lasseter Highway to Curtin Springs.

Day 15: (CB, PD, Motel) A very interesting day at Uluru. We visit the Cultural Centre before some of the features of Uluru. In the afternoon off to Kata Tjuta then a BBQ dinner watching the sunset on "The Rock".

Day 16: (CB, MD, Motel) Back to the Stuart Highway we cross the SA/NT Border into the remote north of South Australia to Coober Pedy for two nights.

Day 17: (CB, Motel) In February 1914 young William Hutchison found opal in this region, the start of one of Australia's most fascinating towns. Now it is the home of 92% of Australia's opals. People live underground to escape the summer heat. Enjoy a morning tour and opal mining display. Afternoon free time to explore town, including noodling for opals.

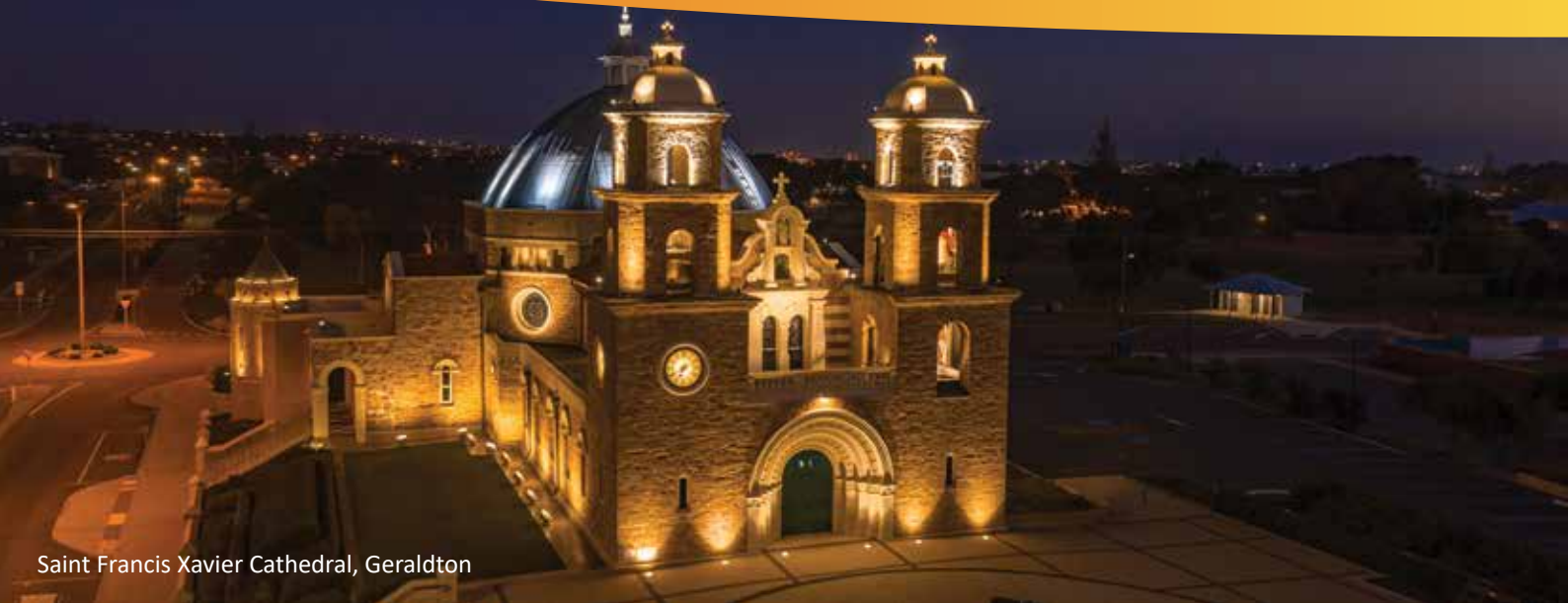
Day 18: (CB, MD, Motel) A visit to Woomera, the home of the 1950's Blue Streak Rocket Project as well as many Space Research Projects over the last 60 years. Visitors can visit the Woomera Heritage Centre or the National Missile Park, displaying aircraft rockets and bombs. On to Port Augusta at the northern point of the Spencer Gulf.

Day 19: (FB, RD, Motel) We visit The Wadlata Outback Centre, a theatrical experience depicting a journey through time of the Flinders Ranges and the Outback of South Australia. Heading south to Port Pirie, the destination for the lead and zinc ore from Broken Hill. Smelters have been in operation here since 1889, and it became the biggest lead smelter in the world by 1934. Spending our last night in Adelaide. Note: Wadlata Centre entry included.

Day 20: (FB). Morning tour of Adelaide City and surrounds, with free time to explore this delightful City including the Torrens River before an afternoon flight home after a great experience of Northern & Central Australia.



4 Day Monsignor John Hawes Architecture & History



Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton

Inclusions:

- Geraldton Cathedral Tour
- John Hawes Centre
- 16 Sites designed by John Hawes
- Specialist Guide (2 days)
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

3rd August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1390	\$1440
Optional Single Supplement		\$270

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Departing Perth along the coast we are taken back to the life and times that Monsignor John Hawes lived and worked through the mid west. From 1915 to 1939 he served as a Catholic Priest, Architect and Builder. We explore his early life in England, how and why he ended up in Geraldton at the invitation of Bishop William Kelly. This afternoon we visit the John Hawes Centre and take a tour of the remarkable Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) The morning in Geraldton starts with optional Sunday Mass at Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral. We take a drive past Saint Lawrence's Church at Bluff Point, the massive and rambling Nazareth House before the small and basic St Patrick's (former church) and the Hermitage at St John of God Hospital. Later take a tour of the Chapel of San Spirito in the Utaarra Cemetery. In the afternoon we head north to Saint Mary's in Ara Coeli church in Northampton built in Gothic Style of rough hammer-dressed red sandstone. Through the wheat sheep country of the Chapman Valley to Nanson and Our Lady of Fatima Church before Kojarena and Saint James Chapel built on the land of James and Maggie O'Brien after years of fundraising and dreaming.

Day 3: (FB, PL, MD, Motel) Monsignor Hawes was appointed Parish Priest of Mullewa in 1916 and used it as his base for many years, we spend the day in Mullewa. The Our Lady of Mount Carmel with its Romanesque-type architecture is influenced by the old hillside churches of Southern Europe. Along side the church Monsignor built his presbytery. Now a museum to the man, priest and architect, the cottage houses furniture he designed and photographs, vestments and items used by Hawes. After a picnic lunch we visit Mass Rock, a bush altar built to celebrate mass with the Aboriginal people of Mullewa in the beauty of the gum trees. Finally a visit to the Pioneer Cemetery finds another altar and gravestone designed and built by Hawes.

Day 4: (FB) Leaving Geraldton out to the Church of the Holy Cross in Morawa. Inspired by "The ancient 13th Century churches of Tuscany, in and around Sienna". Alongside the church is the small and basic Priest Lodge, a great reminder of the life of the travelling remote priest. The last building on the tour is the Saint Joseph's Church in Perenjori, a more modernist style of work which was heavily damaged by Cyclone Seroja in April 2021. On the way home we explore the rest of the life of John Hawes, his move to Cat Island in the Bahamas and later life.



4 Day Cape to Cape Trail Walk



Inclusions:

- 3 Cape walks of approx 10km each
- Walk Trail Map
- Ngilgi Cave
- Wine Tasting
- Chocolate Company
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

26th April 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1390	\$1440
Optional Single Supplement		\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Down to Busselton for lunch before heading into the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park for the first time. In the afternoon we warm up the legs with a visit to Ngilgi Cave. In the afternoon we visit the Chocolate Company before settling into our accommodation in Margaret River. Note: Cave Entry included

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Down to the southern end of the trail taking in the section from the Augusta Golf Course through low coastal heath to the beach. A generally flat walk for the rest of the morning to reach Skippy Rock, Quarry Bay and the end of the trail at Water Wheel (10km walk). From Cape Leeuwin we lunch in Augusta before a tasting at Xanadu Winery in Margaret River. Note: Wine Tasting Included.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Today we take in two of the mid sections of the trail, the first from Conto Road north to Redgate Beach, (6km walk). After lunch in Margaret River we head to Ellensbrook Beach for our afternoon walk to Gracetown, (6km walk) before returning to Margaret River.

Day 4: (FB) To the northern end of the trail for our last walks. Those who are keen will be dropped at Yallingup and walk north to Ti Tree Grove at Mount Duckworth, over Kabbijup Beach and Three Bears to Sugarloaf Rock (10km walk). Those who wish to take a lighter option will be taken to Cape Naturaliste lighthouse to walk south to Sugarloaf Rock (3km walk) where our coach will be waiting for both groups. Lunch in Dunsborough before heading back home full of the memories and fresh air of the Cape.



Ngilgi Cave

15 Day Iconic Outback Towns - Cairns to Adelaide



Inclusions:

- Airfares to Cairns and from Adelaide
- Thomson River Cruise
- Darling River Paddle Boat River Cruise*
- Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- Daintree River Cruise
- Back of Bourke Centre
- Burra Historic Tour
- Stockmans Hall of Fame
- Workers Heritage Centre Barcaldine
- Underground Hospital Mt Isa
- Gulf of Carpentaria
- Motel Accommodation
- 14 evening meals, 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch.

Accommodation:

Motel - 14 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

Adelaide to Cairns - 2nd June 2024
24th June 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$6390	\$6450
Perth	\$6990	\$7050
Melbourne	\$6890	\$6950
Sydney	\$6890	\$6950
Adelaide	\$6750	\$6890
Brisbane	\$6890	\$6950
Optional Single Supplement		\$1540

Day 1: (PD, Motel) We fly to Cairns where we are met by the coach and transferred to our motel. Note: Flights arriving after 6pm will have picnic dinner provided in the room.

Day 2: (CB, RD, Motel) Travel along a spectacular coastline to the lush Daintree River, where we have a boat cruise then time for lunch at the resort town of Port Douglas. We return to Cairns for a free afternoon on the esplanade of Cairns, with many cafes and restaurants, galleries, markets and stalls it is a lovely coastal Queensland city. Note: Daintree Cruise included.

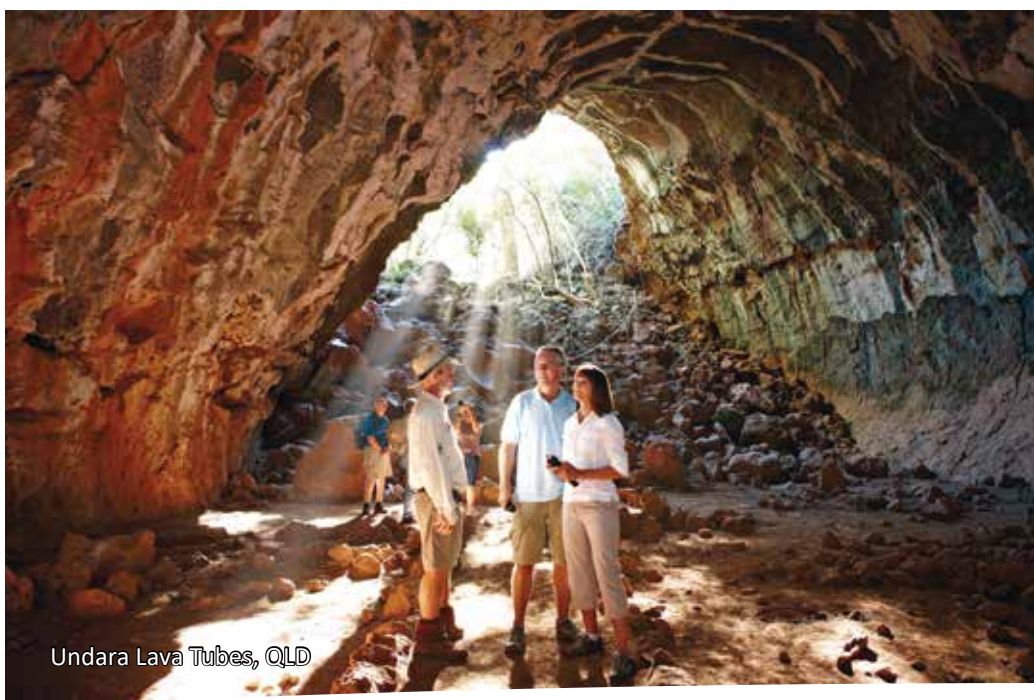
Day 3: (CB, RD, Motel) West through the Great Dividing Range to Mount Surprise and one of the great wonders of Australia "The Undara Lava Tubes" the world's largest lava tube system. Note: Tour of Lava Tubes included.

Day 4: (CB, PL, PD, Motel) Along the Gulf Developmental Road to Georgetown and lunch at Croydon, before reaching the remote cattle town of Normanton to settle in to our motel. In the late afternoon we travel to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria to enjoy fish and chips as the sun sets over The Gulf. Return after dinner to Normanton.

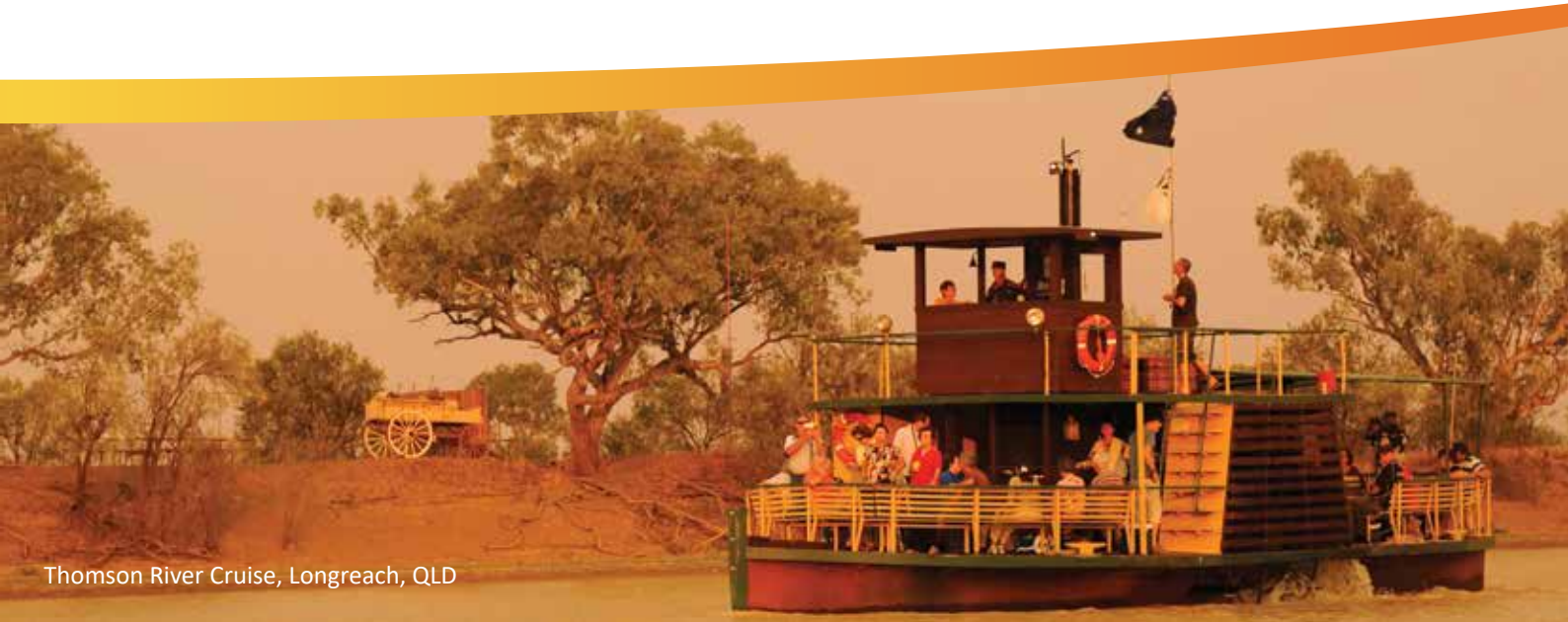
Day 5: (CB, MD, Motel) Crossing the Flinders River and across the Gulf Savannah to the Burke and Wills Roadhouse before Cloncurry, birthplace of the Flying Doctor Service. More recently it is the home of the Cannington mine, the world's largest silver and lead mine. We spend two nights at Mount Isa.

Day 6: (CB, PD, Motel) A very interesting day touring Mt Isa, the largest outback town in Queensland and the world's largest single producer of copper, silver, lead and zinc. We visit the WWII underground hospital, an interesting building on the Queensland Heritage Register. In the afternoon visit Lake Moondarra on the Leichhardt River for an outback BBQ dinner. Note: Underground Hospital included.

Day 7: (CB, MD, Motel) The Australian history continues today. We travel to McKinlay where much of the film Crocodile Dundee was shot and Winton, the birth place of "Waltzing Matilda" which was written near here in 1885, on to Longreach.



Undara Lava Tubes, QLD



Thomson River Cruise, Longreach, QLD

Day 8: (CB, RD, Motel) Longreach has great significance in Australia's history. It is the home of QANTAS (first office opened) and boasts the very impressive Stockman's Hall of Fame which we visit. In the afternoon we cruise the iconic Thomson River under the skies of Western Queensland. Note: Entry to the Hall of Fame and River Cruise included.

Day 9: (CB, MD, Motel) Barcaldine, the headquarters of the Great Shearers' Strike of 1891 which resulted in the formation of the Australia Labor Party. We stop in at The Australian Workers Heritage Centre, dedicated to celebrating the lives and proud heritage of ordinary working people – telling the stories of the railway workers and blacksmiths, the farmers, nurses and teachers who shaped the nation. Then Blackall before we criss cross the Warrego River to Charleville. Note: Workers Heritage Centre included.

Day 10: (CB, RD, Motel) Charleville is an iconic Queensland location with large productive cattle stations, also home of a Flying Doctor Base and original home of Cobb & Co for the building of its coaches. Before leaving Queensland we have lunch further down the Warrego in Cunnamulla. Then south to Bourke which began in 1862 it was the last outpost of civilization before the "Never Never" thus the saying "Back of Bourke". Bourke is a great experience with its grand sandstone buildings and history.

Day 11: (CB, RD, Motel) Bourke was a port on the Darling River for the paddle steamers and when the rail arrived the town became the largest wool rail head in the world. The new industry here is cotton production on fields irrigated from the Darling River. We visit the "Back of Bourke" Centre, an interesting interpretive centre delivering an in depth history of the region. In the afternoon we take a paddle steamer cruise down the Darling River on the PV Jandra. Note: Back of Bourke Centre and PV Jandra Cruise included, *rain dependent.

Day 12: (CB, MD, Motel) On to Cobar where copper has been mined since 1870. Along the Barrier Highway to the historic Darling River Port of Wilcannia, now only a shell of its former busy self. From here on to Broken Hill where Charles Rasp in 1883 found silver and started Australia's leading company, BHP.

Day 13: (FB, PD, Motel) BHP now no longer has a commercial interest in Broken Hill. A whole day in Broken Hill seeing the mining industry, heritage and culture before a visit to the nearby town of Silverton where films such as "Mad Max" were shot. Later we enjoy an afternoon bush BBQ in this stunning country.

Day 14: (FB, RD, Motel) Travel into South Australia on the Barrier Highway to Burra for an interesting tour of this heritage copper mining town then to Adelaide for our final night.

Day 15: (CB) A tour of Adelaide City and surrounds, with free time to explore this delightful city including the Torrens River. Later fly home.



Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach, QLD

8 Day Karijini, Coral Bay & Shark Bay



Sturt Desert Pea

Inclusions:

- Flight to Pilbara
- Botanical Guide
- Karijini National Park
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Glass Bottom Boat Cruise
- Monkey Mia Dolphins
- Ocean Park Aquarium
- Hamelin Pool Stromatolites
- Cape Range National Park
- Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Motel Accommodation
- 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch.

Accommodation:

Motel - 7 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

Waitlist Only - 8th August 2024
16th August 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$3690	\$3750

Optional Single Supplement \$770

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



Day 1: (MD, Motel) We fly to the Iron Ore hub of Australia and travel to Tom Price. The service town for the Mount Tom Price Mine operated by Rio Tinto.

Day 2: (CB, PL, PD, Motel) Into Karijini National Park, some of the Gorges we see today are as impressive as any you would see in Australia. We visit Dales Gorge, Circular Pool and Fortescue Falls. In the evening enjoy a bush BBQ in the spectacular Pilbara Scenery. Note: National Park entry included.

Day 3: (CB, MD, Motel) Departing Tom Price we travel to Nanutarra on the Ashburton River. On to Cape Range National Park and the spectacular scenery of Charles Knife Road, where oil was first found in Western Australia in the 1950's. Overnight in Exmouth.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) Exmouth, a most fascinating place, the centre for the Navy North West Cape Base. We travel to the head of the Gulf looking for whales migrating down the coast, further down the coast we take a glass bottom boat cruise in the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. Visit Coral Bay in the afternoon with beautiful white sands, sparkling waters and fringing coral, then to our accommodation at Carnarvon. Note: Cruise included.

Day 5: (FB, MD, Motel) We visit the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum before leaving town. This is the old North West, sheep station country, where so many over the last 130 years have battled drought and great floods. Further south on the road to Shark Bay we come to Hamelin Pool to see the ancient Stromatolites. Spend the night at Denham.

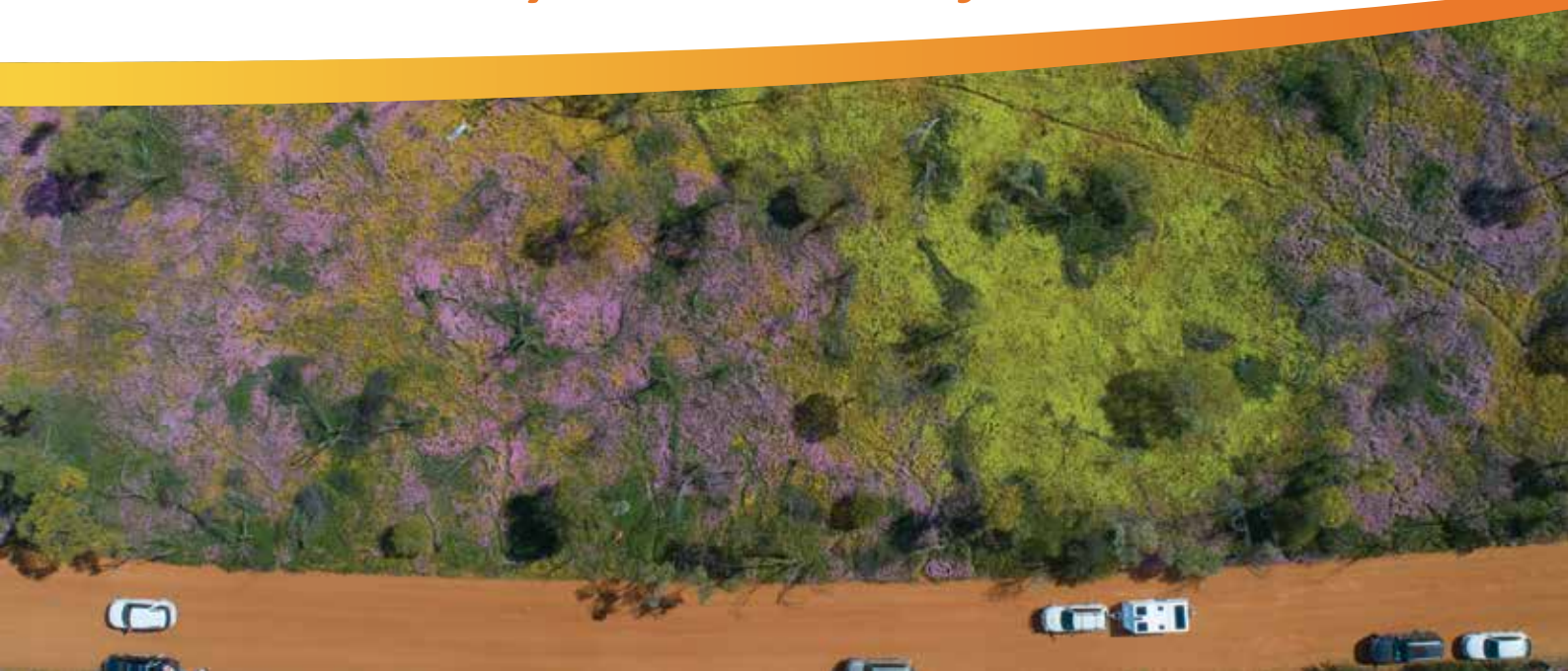
Day 6: (CB, MD, Motel) A morning visit to Monkey Mia to see those magnificent creatures of the wild, dolphins. Later "Ocean Park", an exciting eco-friendly and interactive aquarium that is located on the pristine shores of the Shark Bay World Heritage Marine Park, and enables guests to see, touch and learn about many fascinating marine creatures that are found in this heritage listed area. Evening visit to Peron Homestead hot pools. Note: Monkey Mia & Ocean Park included in your fare.

Day 7: (CB, MD, Motel) Back to the North West Coastal Highway through Northampton to Geraldton. On the shores of Champion Bay this town has undergone some magnificent redevelopment in the last few years and has been given a new lease of life. We tour the town and visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial.

Day 8: (FB) Off the coast in search of the wildflowers of the Northern Wheatbelt, its early in the season but with a keen eye we hope to find interesting colours in the road verge before returning to Perth.



4 Day Northern Wildflowers



Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Coalseam National Park
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Lesueur National Park
- The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

27th August 2024
 3rd September 2024
 8th September 2024
 17th September 2024
 24th September 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1390	\$1440
Optional Single Supplement		\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Through Bindoon and the gentle hillside farmlands to the old school site at Wannamal for morning tea and a delightful walk in the bush with our wildflower guide. To Carnamah for lunch then via Three Springs and Mingenew to Coalseam National Park for afternoon break. Everlastings cover the ground in good years. Later to our accommodation at Geraldton.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) To Mullewa and a wander in the flowers on the hillside lookout. In town a visit to one of the many churches built by Monsignor John Hawes and pause for morning tea. Continuing to Pindar, travel via the lovely countryside to Tardun and another walk in the flowers. On to Canna's old camp site for a delightful walk amongst the flowers. Across to the Yalgoo Morawa Road to see the beautiful Wreath Leschenaultia, a unique flower often growing in disturbed gravel. Afternoon break in Morawa, return to Geraldton.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) After a visit to Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial we continue on the North West Coastal Hwy to Binu with a bush morning tea amongst the flowers, then via the Ajana Rd to reach the coast at the mouth of the Murchison River. Lunch in Kalbarri. In the afternoon a visit to Red Bluff, via the coastal road to Northampton and later return to Geraldton.

Day 4: (FB) After a stop at Port Denison we travel via the Brand Highway for a morning flower stop. Then on to Cockleshell Gully for morning tea and a flower stop. To the seaside town of Jurien Bay for lunch. Afternoon drive to The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park. Later our last flower walk at Nilgen Reserve before our return to Perth. Note: Entry to Pinnacles included.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



Wreath Leschenaultia

4 Day Outback Wildflowers



Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Lesueur National Park
- The Pinnacles
- New Norcia Art Gallery
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

1st October 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1390	\$1440
Optional Single Supplement		\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Travel via Toodyay for morning tea break then on to Goomalling, Wyalkatchem for lunch with optional visit to the Agricultural Museum. North to Koorda then via Kalannie to Dalwallinu and a walk in the flowers of the Old Well.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) On to New Norcia, Australia's only Monastic Town steeped in history, tradition, and architecture. We view amazing art in the Art Gallery. After morning tea we visit Rica Erickson Reserve and move onto Mount O'Brien reserve for more flowers. On to lunch at Wongan Hills and in the afternoon Reynoldson Reserve for another walk in the flowers. Return to Dalwallinu.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) We travel north along the Great Northern Highway into the Station and Goldfields country. We are out in the scrub searching for a range of flowers including the beautiful Wreath Leschenaultia, a unique flower often growing in disturbed gravel. In the afternoon it is out of the station country to the Wheatbelt towns of Morawa and Perenjori and return to Dalwallinu.

Day 4: (FB) Out to the west to Badgingarra for morning tea. Down Cockleshell Gully Road and a walk in the flowers. Then the seaside town of Jurien Bay for lunch. Afternoon drive to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park. Later our last flower stop is at Nilgen Reserve before our return to Perth.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



4 Day Wheatbelt & Wave Rock Wildflowers



Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Hyden Lace Display
- Wave Rock Entry
- Mulkas Cave
- Tin Horse Highway
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

8th October 2024

Departing From:

Senior

Adult

Perth

\$1390

\$1440

Optional Single Supplement

\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Travel via Greenmount Hill and the Great Eastern Highway past the blue Lechenaultia flowers to Cunderdin. South East to the Charles Gardner Nature Reserve for a wildflower walk and Bruce Rock for lunch. Continuing through the fertile soils of the Wheatbelt we come across The Boot Mile, an interactive tourist display unlike any other before reaching our home for three nights in Hyden.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) We spend the day exploring the interesting features of the region, Wave Rock, Hippos Yawn, The Lace Place, Toy Soldier Display and Mulkas Cave. During the day we hope to find Orchids, Verticordia, Cassia, Grevillea, Damperia and others, before returning to Hyden. Note: All entries included.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Spending the day to the South of Hyden in the Shire of Lake Grace we travel along chains of lakes to Lake King. We look for Sundews, Hakea, Leptospermum, Chamelaucium, Synaphea and Acacia. Through Newdegate to Lake Grace and return to Hyden.

Day 4: (FB) Travelling via the Tin Horse Highway to Kulin, Eucalyptus macrocarpa is the flora emblem of the Shire of Kulin, we take a walk along the Macrocarpa Walk Trail. Returning to Perth with a final wildflower walk in the forest along the way.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



4 Day Fitzgerald River Wildflower Safari



Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide (Day 2&3)
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Wave Rock
- Fitzgerald River National Park
- Hippos Yawn
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

7th October 2024

14th October 2024

Departing From:

Senior

Adult

Perth

\$1390

\$1440

Optional Single Supplement

\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) East out of Perth to the oldest inland town in WA, York, on the banks of the Avon River. Through the wheatbelt towns of Quairading, Corrigin and Kondinin to Wave Rock. Explore the flora around this interesting granite outcrop. After lunch follow the Chain Of Lakes from Lake Gounter to Lake King to Ravensthorpe and our base for three nights Hopetoun. Note: Wave Rock entry included.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) A full day in and around the Fitzgerald River National Park. The park contains over 1800 species of plants with 250 of these being rare and 62 being known to be found only within the confines of the park. Some species of interest include the royal hakea, qualup bell, scarlet banksia, showy banksia, bell-fruit mallee, pea flowers, feather flowers and many species of eucalypts and bottlebrushes.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Spending the morning

north of Hopetoun in the nature reserves and green belts heading to Ravensthorpe. The sandy soil on this south coast produces such diversity each walk gives a new variety of flowers. In the afternoon we hit the ocean at Starvation Boat Harbour and return to Hopetoun along the Jerdacuttup Lakes.

Day 4: (FB) Along the South Coast Highway to Jerramungup and Gnowangerup to Katanning for lunch before reaching Albany Highway and returning to Perth.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



4 Day South West Forest Wildflowers



Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- Wine Tasting
- Donnelly River Cruise
- Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park
- Harvey Cheese Factory
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

15th October 2024

Departing From:

Senior

Adult

Perth

\$1390

\$1440

Optional Single Supplement

\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Starting on the Coastal Plain today we will explore a number of the nature reserves south of Perth. The plants on these sandy alluvial soils are stunning. Heading inland through the orchards and pine plantations deep into the timber towns of Bridgetown and Manjimup to Pemberton for three nights. We stop along the way to get into the bush in search of hidden gems under the canopy.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Over to the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and the diverse flora and fauna, from the wind/salt swept coastal shrubs of Hamelin Bay to the majestic Karri Trees of the Boranup Forest. We also visit Margaret River and stop off for a wine tasting. Leaving the coast to Nannup on the Blackwood River. Note: Wine Tasting included.

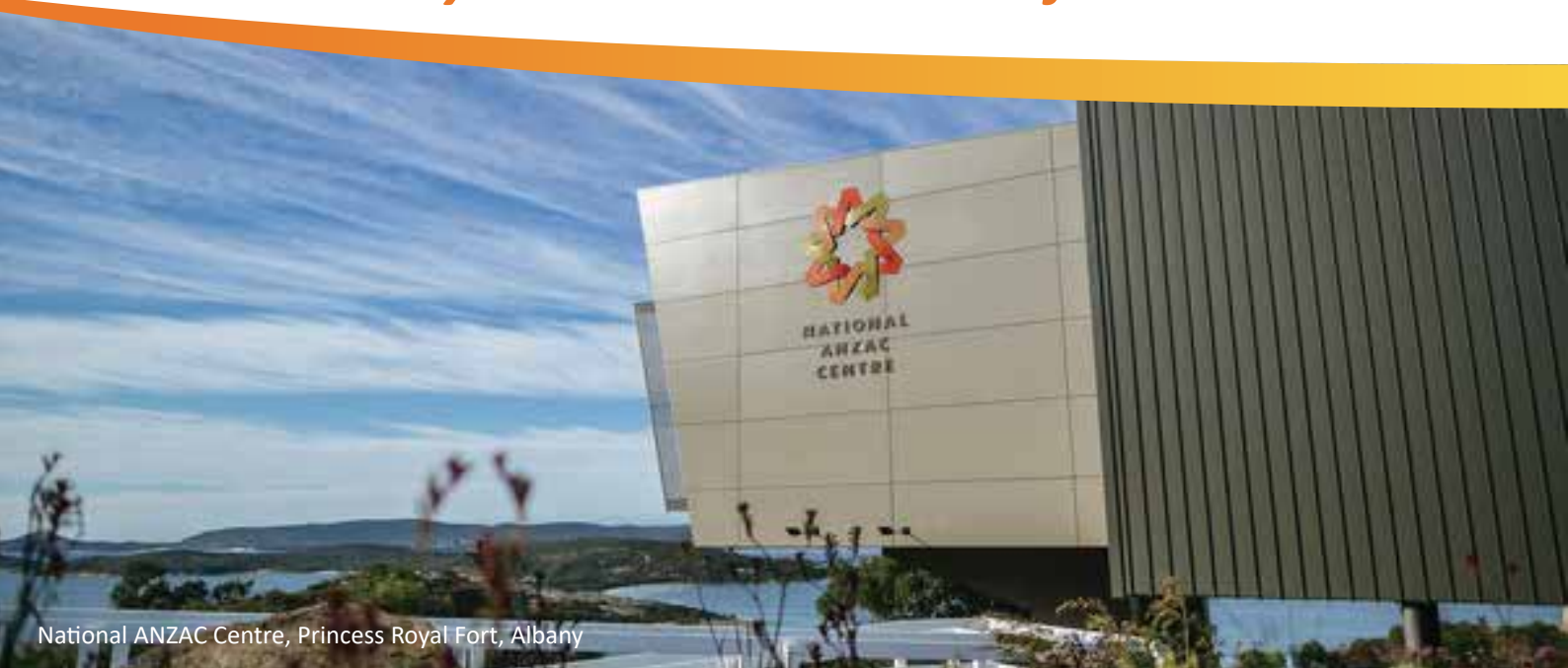
Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) A morning cruise on the tranquil Donnelly River towards the mouth. The river here is calm and thin offering a lovely interactive experience. In the afternoon we continue our hunt for beautiful wildflowers amongst the Jarrah/Marri Forest and Dairy Farms around Northcliffe and Windy Harbour. Note: River Cruise included.

Day 4: (FB) With our Botanical guide on hand to point out the range of flowers in the forest we take the road less travelled through the forest, farms, dams and mining leases that dot the Darling Scarp. Via Boyup Brook and Collie before a final stop at the Harvey Cheese Factory on the way to Perth.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



4 Day Great Southern Wildflowers



National ANZAC Centre, Princess Royal Fort, Albany

Inclusions:

- Botanical Guide
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- National Anzac Centre
- State Timber Museum
- Cruise on the Walpole Inlet
- Tree Top Walk in the Valley of The Giants
- Stirling Range National Park
- Porongurup National Park
- Motel Accommodation
- 3 evening meals, 3 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 3 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

23rd October 2024

Departing From:

Senior

Adult

Perth

\$1390

\$1440

Optional Single Supplement

\$330

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Down the Forrest Highway climbing into the ranges on the fertile plains of the Preston River to reach Donnybrook. Continuing to Bridgetown and Manjimup to visit the Manjimup Heritage Park and the new State Timber Museum. Along the Muir Highway through the Tone State Forest and past Lake Muir to reach our home for three nights, Albany. Note: State Timber Museum included.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) The area of Australia which produces the widest variety of wildflowers, the great gem of the Great Southern is the Stirling Ranges. Here we stop for walks with our botanical guide explaining and pointing out the vast array of flowers. Later we visit Mt Barker and an island of Karri, the Porongurup, for another floral exploration. Return to Albany.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) A delightful drive west through the forest to Walpole, then an informative and entertaining cruise on the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets discussing the geology, ecology and history of this amazing estuary. Lunch in town before a walk along the elevated platform amongst the giant Tinglewood Trees of the Valley of the Giants. Return to Albany via Denmark. Note: Boat Cruise and Tree Top Walk included.

Day 4: (FB) A morning tour of Albany, Mt Clarence and a visit to National Anzac Centre. Later we head home via Kojonup and Williams and the delightful countryside of the Great Southern. Note: Anzac Centre included.

Note: Program details may change due to variations in flower growth from season to season.



11 Day Western Australian Spring Tour



Busselton Jetty Tram

Inclusions:

- Two night stops at all motels
- The Pinnacles
- Lesueur National Park
- Colour Coded Field Guide
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Coalseam Conservation Park
- Wave Rock & Hippos Yawn
- Stirling Ranges
- Porongurup National Park
- Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
- Ngilgi Cave Entry
- Margaret River Wine Tasting
- Busselton Jetty Tram & Observatory
- Motel Accommodation
- 10 evening meals, 10 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 10 nights

Coach:

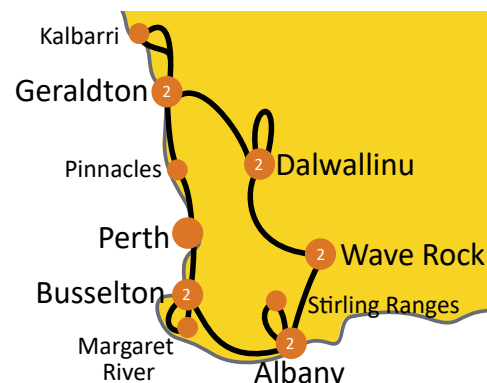
Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

27th August 2024
15th September 2024
2nd October 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$4390	\$4450
Optional Single Supplement		\$1100



Day 1: (MD, Motel) Along the Indian Ocean Drive to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park, enjoy morning tea as you wander this interesting landscape. Lunch in Jurien Bay, a major base for the WA fishing industry. In the afternoon we explore Lesueur National Park, the second most diverse flora region in WA. On to Port Denison and Geraldton. Note: Entry to Nambung & Lesueur included.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) After a visit to Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial we continue on the North West Coastal Hwy to Binu with a bush morning tea amongst the flowers then via the Ajana Rd to reach the coast at the mouth of the Murchison River. Lunch in Kalbarri. In the afternoon a visit to Red Bluff then via the coastal road to Northampton and later return to Geraldton.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) East to Mingenew and the Coalseam Conservation Park where the Gregory brothers discovered coal exposed within the sedimentary layers of the banks of the Irwin River in 1846. Now in good years its renowned for its native pink and white everlastings. Through the wheat, canola and wildflowers to Dalwallinu on the Great Northern Highway.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) We travel north along the Great Northern Highway into the Station and Goldfields country. We are out in the scrub searching for a range of flowers including the beautiful Wreath Leschenaultia, a unique flower often growing in disturbed gravel. In the afternoon it is out of the station country to return to Dalwallinu.

Day 5: (FB, MD, Motel) South to Wongan Hills and out through the wildflowers to cross the Great Eastern Highway. We take a walk through the historic town of York and stop at the Corrigin Dog Cemetery before reaching Hyden.

Day 6: (FB, MD, Motel) We spend the day exploring the interesting features of the region, Wave Rock, Hippos Yawn, The Lace Place, Toy Soldier Display, and Mulkas Cave. During the day we hope to find Orchids, Verticordia, Cassia, Grevillea, Damperia and others, before returning to Hyden. Note: All entries included.

Day 7: (FB, MD, Motel) Travelling via the Tin Horse Highway to Kulin, Eucalyptus macrocarpa is the flora emblem of the Shire of Kulin, we take a walk along the Macrocarpa Walk Trail. To Lake Grace for lunch then back on the road to Albany.

Day 8: (FB, MD, Motel) The area of Australia which produces the widest variety of wildflowers. The great gem of the Great Southern is the Stirling Ranges. Later we visit Mt Barker and an island of Karri, the Porongurups. Return to Albany.

Day 9: (FB, MD, Motel) On to the majestic Tinglewood Trees and the Valley of the Giants treetop walk, then via Denmark and Walpole to the Karri Forests of Manjimup. After lunch we enjoy a delightful drive through the forest to Nannup, an interesting quirky town on the banks of the Blackwood River. Arriving at Abbey Beach resort on Geographe Bay.

Day 10: (FB, MD, Motel) Exploring the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and its limestone kaste caves. We descend into Ngilgi Cave with its ornate stalactites. Afternoon visit to Margaret River and stop off for a wine tasting before returning to Busselton. Note: Cave & Wine Tasting included.

Day 11: (FB) A morning visit to the Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory 1.8km out to sea. After lunch in town we finish off the tour on the Swan Coastal Plain with its sandy alluvial soils supporting a whole new variety of flora and fauna. Note: Busselton Jetty included.

5 Day Mount Augustus and Walga Rock



Mount Augustus, Gascoyne

Inclusions:

- Walga Rock
- Sunset BBQ
- Jokers Tunnel
- Landor Race Track
- 2 Nights at Mount Augustus
- Motel Accommodation
- 4 evening meals, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 4 nights

Limited ensuite rooms available, first in basis.

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

**19th April 2024
25th September 2024
2nd October 2024**

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1790	\$1850
Optional Single Supplement		\$400

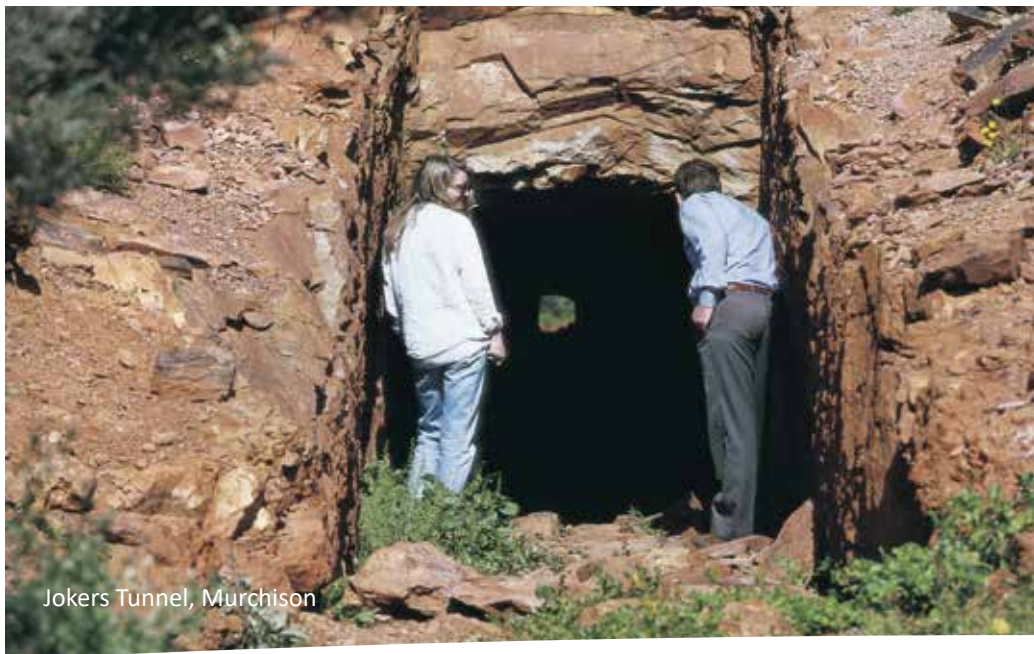
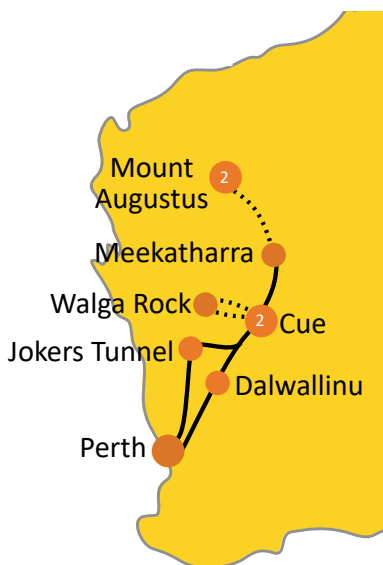
Day 1: (MD, Basic Motel) North out of Perth through the Midlands to Moora and Carnamah to Morawa for lunch. Leaving the wheatbelt on the diagonal road to Yalgoo and a visit to Jokers Tunnel (a mining drive through a hill from one side to the other). Reaching the Gold Mining Town of Mount Magnet and crossing Lake Austin to Cue.

Day 2: (CB, PL, CAD, Cabin) Cue is a well restored historic Murchison town. On to Meekatharra. We leave the bitumen travelling to Mount Gould police station, built in the late 1800's to police Aboriginals who were killing settlers' stock. Picnic lunch, before a visit to Landor Station, famous for its bush race meeting. Arriving at Mount Augustus Station our home for two nights.

Day 3: (CAB, PL, CAD, Cabin) At Mt. Augustus we enjoy a tour including Edney Spring and Flintstone Rock. Later a visit to Cattle Pool on the nearby Lyons River for a walk under the river gums while looking back on the sheer northern face of the majestic mount. After lunch it is an opportunity to rest and relax in this outback oasis.

Day 4: (CAB, PD, Basic Motel) Turning south we cross the Gascoyne and Murchison Rivers and return to Cue. In the afternoon we visit Walga Rock, a monolith which is 5 km around the base and 1.5 km long, the second largest in Australia. We have a bush BBQ and return to Cue.

Day 5: (CB) Following the Great Northern Highway to Paynes Find for morning tea. On via Wubin to Dalwallinu with our final stop in New Norcia, the only monastic town in Australia and ground station for the European Space Agency.



Jokers Tunnel, Murchison

8 Day Mount Augustus, Exmouth & Coral Coast



Coral Bay, Ningaloo Coast

Inclusions:

- Ningaloo Glass Bottom Boat Cruise
- Landor Race Track
- Carnarvon Space Museum
- Kalbarri National Park
- 2 Nights at Mount Augustus
- Murchison River Gorges
- Kalbarri Skywalk
- HMAS Sydney Memorial in Geraldton
- Motel Accommodation
- 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches.

Accommodation:

Motel - 7 nights

Limited ensuite available nights 2-3, first in basis.

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

11th September 2024

9th October 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$3490	\$3550
Optional Single Supplement		\$740

Day 1: (MD, Basic Motel) North out of Perth to New Norcia for a morning tea break. On via Dalwallinu and Wubin along the Great Northern Highway to Paynes Find where we have a break, then move on to the Gold Mining Towns of Mt Magnet and Cue, The Queen of The Murchison.

Day 2: (CB, PL, CAD, Cabin) Cue is a well restored historic Murchison town. On to Meekatharra. We leave the bitumen travelling to Mount Gould Police Station, built in the late 1800's to police Aboriginals who were killing settlers stock. Picnic lunch, then Landor Station, famous for its October bush race meeting. On to Mount Augustus Station.

Day 3: (CAB, PL, CAD, Cabin) At Mount Augustus we enjoy a tour including Edney Spring and Flintstone Rock. Later a visit to Cattle Pool on the nearby Lyons River for a walk under the river gums while looking back on the sheer northern face of the majestic mount. After lunch it is an opportunity to rest and relax in this outback oasis.

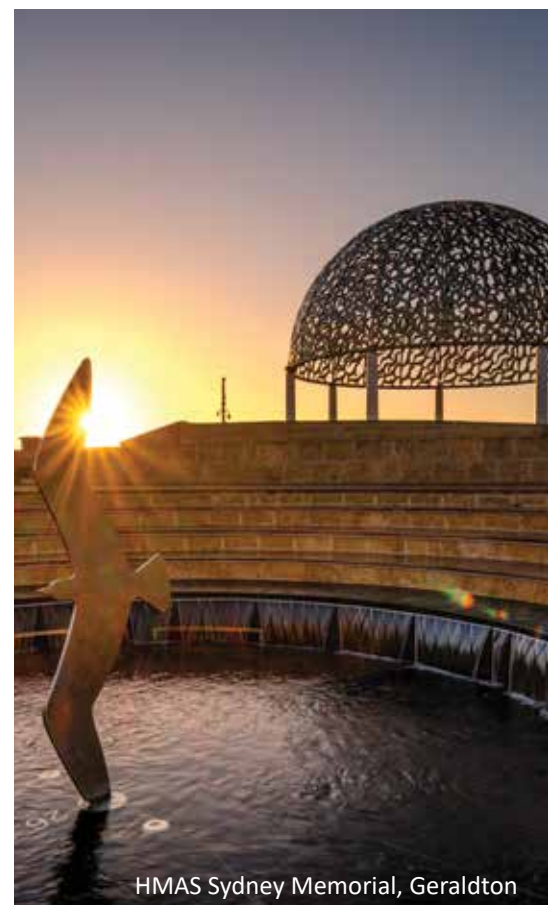
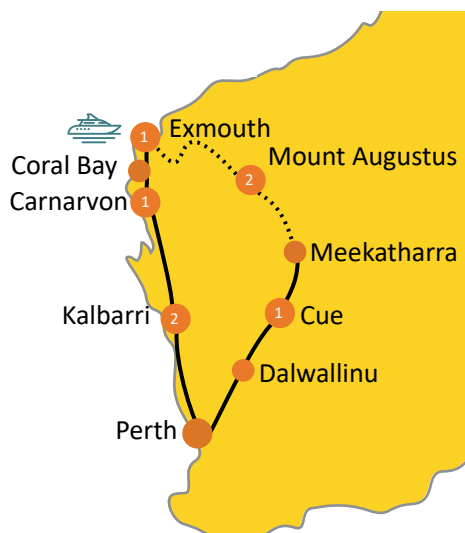
Day 4: (CAB, PL, MD, Motel) Heading north west from Mount Augustus we travel past Cobra Station and out to the North West Coastal Highway to Cape Range National Park and the spectacular scenery of Charles Knife Road, where oil was first found in Western Australia in the 1950's.

Day 5: (FB, MD, Motel) Exmouth is growing rapidly with its lovely year round weather and great recreation activities. It is the centre for the Navy North West Cape Base. We travel to the head of the Gulf, enjoy a glass bottom boat cruise to view the beautiful coral of Ningaloo Reef. Time in the hamlet of Coral Bay in the afternoon before our accommodation at Carnarvon. Note: Boat Cruise included.

Day 6: (FB, PD, Motel) We visit the Babbage Island Jetty and the Fishing Harbour, then up to the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum to learn about the role of this dish in the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing. Travel through the old North West sheep station country, where so many over the last 140 years have battled drought and great floods. Further south we stop at Overlander Roadhouse then to Kalbarri for two nights. Note: Space Museum Included

Day 7: (FB, PD, Motel) To Kalbarri National Park and the new Skywalk, perched right on the cliff-top, two 100-metre-high lookouts projecting 25 and 17 metres beyond the rim of the Murchison Gorge. Also visit the stunning gorges of Z Bend & Natures Window. Lunch in Kalbarri at the mouth of the Murchison River. In the afternoon we explore the coastal gorges and bluffs. Note: National Park entry included.

Day 8: (FB) To Geraldton, via the coastal road past Hutt Lagoon on to the former convict station of Lynton, then to Northampton for morning tea and Geraldton for lunch. We visit the breathtaking HMAS Sydney Memorial. Afternoon return to Perth along the Indian Ocean Drive.



HMAS Sydney Memorial, Geraldton

5 Day Southern Ocean National Parks Safari



Fitzgerald River National Park

Inclusions:

- Stirling Range National Park
- Porongurup National Park
- Fitzgerald River National Park
- Cape Le Grand National Park
- Cape Arid National Park
- Torndirrup National Park
- Mt Frankland National Park
- Motel Accommodation
- 4 evening meals, 4 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 4 nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

27th October 2024
11th November 2024
5th December 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$1790	\$1840
Optional Single Supplement		\$440

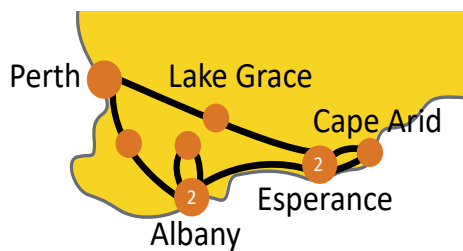
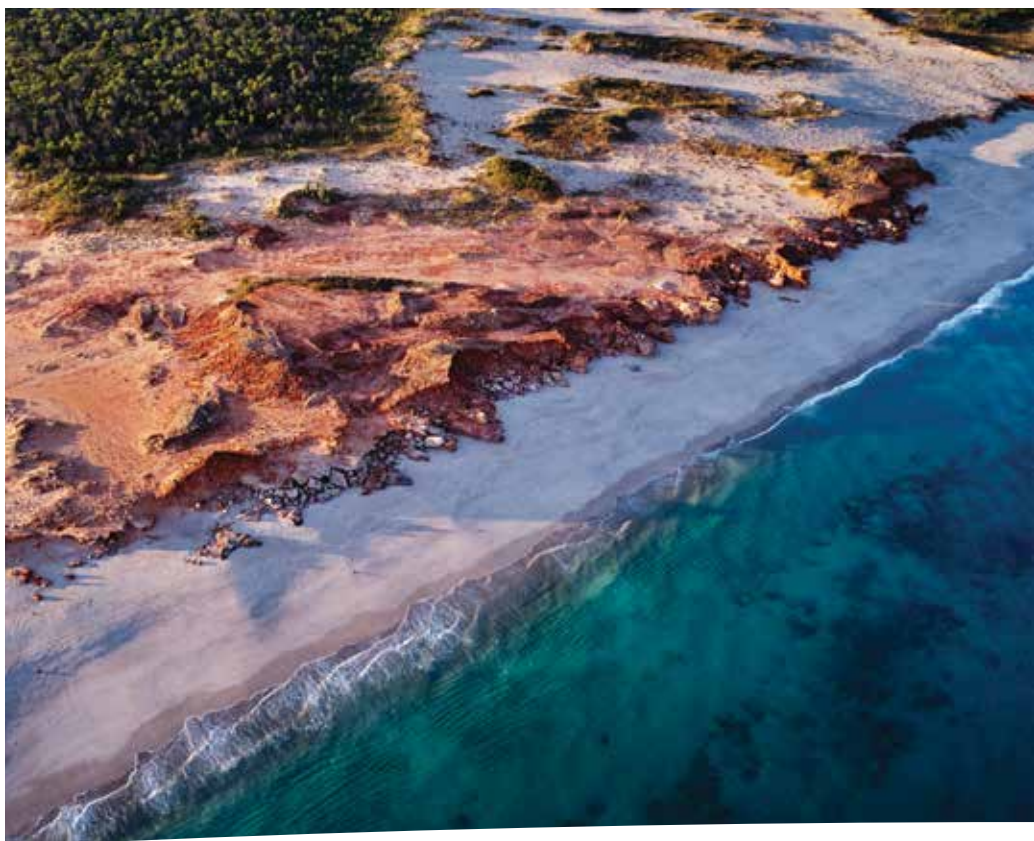
Day 1: (MD, Motel) Climbing the Darling Scarp through the Dryandra Forest to the Wheatbelt and lunch in Lake Grace. To Lake King then South East to Ravensthorpe and Esperance our home for two nights.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Morning drive over to the west of Esperance to Twilight Bay before heading out to Cape Le Grand National Park with its spectacular white beaches and interesting rocky headlands. After a wander down the sand we visit to Cape Arid National Park and the mouth of the Thomas River.

Day 3: (FB, MD, Motel) Along the Southern Ocean Road to Starvation Harbour and past Jerdacuttup Lakes to Hopetoun. Into the Fitzgerald River National Park along Hamersley Drive, via Jerramungup on the way to Albany.

Day 4: (FB, MD, Motel) Around the otherside of Princess Royal Harbour to the Torndirrup National Park and the newly redeveloped Gap & Natural Bridge. Lunch in Mount Barker before heading into the Stirling Range Drive and Porongurup National Parks, afternoon tea in the National Park before returning to Albany.

Day 5: (FB) Along the stunning Southern Ocean we stop at Walpole and visit the Mt Frankland Lookout. Our final meander through the Eucalyptus Forests, Blue Gum Plantations, mill camps and farming hamlets takes us across Fernhook Falls through Quinninup and Upper Warren. Break for lunch in Manjimup before returning to Perth after covering the great National Parks of the Southern Ocean.



8 Day Holland Way & Golden Quest Discovery Trail



The Salt People, Lake Ballard, Leonora

Inclusions:

- Wave Rock & Hippos Yawn
- Hannans North Tourist Mine
- Goldfields Museum
- Niagara Dam
- Gwalia Museum and Ghost Town
- Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame*
- Lake Ballard Art Installation
- Motel Accommodation
- 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Accommodation:

Motel - 7 Nights

Coach:

Luxury Safari Coach, Toilet, Air Cond.

Departure Date:

25th October 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Perth	\$2890	\$2950
Optional Single Supplement		\$770

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Travel via Pumphreys Bridge and the Dryandra Forest to Narrogin for lunch then the Tin Horse Highway through Kulin. In the afternoon we settle into the motel in Hyden. With an afternoon visit to Wave Rock and Hippos Yawn.

Day 2: (FB, MD, Motel) Passing Dumbleyung we visit Donald Campbell's replica 1964 Bluebird K7 444km/h jet boat. Starting the Holland Way in Broomehill we discover the rich history of the John Holland Track, cut in 1893. Then we start off following the footsteps of the pioneering John Holland as we retrace the route he cut to the goldfields. You'll pass by Nyabing and Lake Grace, with its shallow salt lake and a superb lookout. Continue through rich farmland before reaching Newdegate and Hyden.

Day 3: (FB, PL, MD, Motel) Passing through the State Barrier Fence and on to the Breakaways, McDermid Rock and past Lake Johnston along the John Holland Way. Re-joining the John Holland Track, we continue on to Victoria Rocks for a stop before arriving at Coolgardie, 'The Mother of the Goldfields'. Overnight in Kalgoorlie.

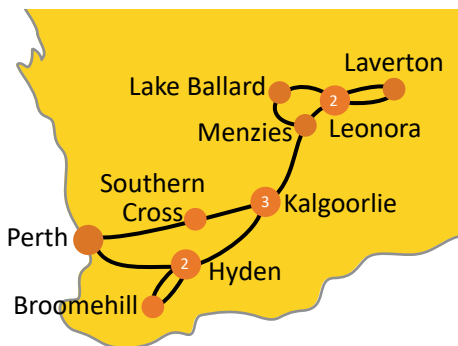
Day 4: (CB, MD, Basic Motel) We begin the Golden Quest Discovery Trail with the Ghost Town of Kununalling via Siberia and Goongarrie to Menzies. Leaving the highway, we detour to Niagara Dam and the 'Living Ghost Town' of Kookynie and the historic Grand Hotel before continuing on to Leonora.

Day 5: (CB, MD, Basic Motel) This morning we explore the restored mining town of Gwalia with the museum and historic Hoover House, built by former US President Herbert Hoover. We return to the Golden Quest Discovery Trail and pass a number of historic sites, including Mt Morgans, Hawks Nest, and John Aspinall's Grave. Arriving in Laverton, we explore The Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame before returning to our Leonora accommodation.

Day 6: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) We complete our trek along the Golden Quest Discovery Trail through the old gold mining towns before arriving at the 'Inside Australia' Installation at Lake Ballard, featuring 51 sculptures by renowned English Sculptor Sir Antony Gormley. We continue south to the site of Davyhurst before passing Credo Station and exploring the old station buildings. After a stop at Rowles Lagoon, an unexpected body of fresh water, we return to the sealed road and complete our circuit of the Golden Quest Discovery Trail.

Day 7: (CB, RD, Motel) Today we explore the historic streetscape of Kalgoorlie and its pioneering gold-rush history. A visit to Hannans North Tourist Mine, the WA Kalgoorlie Boulder Museum and the Superpit lookout overlooking the immense open cut mine. We wander town in the afternoon before dinner at one of Kalgoorlie's many hotels.

Day 8: (CB) Following the Golden Pipeline back to Perth. The pipe provides the essential water supply to allow the Goldfields to flourish, this ambitious feat was an engineering masterpiece with tragic outcomes. We arrive back in Perth having retraced the footsteps of John Holland, the Goldfields Pioneers and the engineers that brought life-giving water to the goldfields.



10 Day Tasmanian Tour



Inclusions:

- Return Flights
- Gordon River & Macquarie Harbour Cruise
- Port Arthur Convict Settlement
- Tasmanian Maritime Museum
- Russell Falls
- Mount Wellington
- The Wall in the Wilderness
- Cradle Mountain
- Seahorse World
- Platypus House
- Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre
- Bonorong Wildlife Park
- Cataract Gorge
- Motel Accommodation
- 8 evening meals, 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch.

Accommodation:

Motel - 9 nights

Coach:

Charter Coach.

Departure Date:

20th November 2024

22nd February 2025

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$4390	\$4440
Perth	\$4990	\$5040
Melbourne	\$4690	\$4740
Sydney	\$4690	\$4740
Adelaide	\$4790	\$4840
Brisbane	\$4890	\$4940
Optional Single Supplement		\$990

Day 1: (PD, Motel) Fly to Hobart. On arrival we are met by our coach and transported to our Motel.

Day 2: (CB, MD, Motel) A whole day trip to Port Arthur to hear and see the dreadful history of Australia's most infamous prison. The Port Arthur penal settlement began life as a small timber station in 1830. Port Arthur quickly grew in importance within the penal system of the colonies. The initial decade of settlement saw a penal station hacked from the bush, and the first manufactories - such as ship building, shoemaking, smithing, timber and brick making - established. In the 1840s the convict population reached over 1100. Note: Entry to Port Arthur included.

Day 3: (CB, Motel) Hobart, a wonderful day touring the city, Richmond, Mt Wellington (weather permitting), Botanical Gardens, Bonorong wildlife park to see the Tasmanian Devil, the Tasmanian Maritime Museum. In the afternoon we stroll around historical Hobart CBD at your leisure for dinner on the wharf. Note: Maritime Museum and Wildlife Park included.

Day 4: (CB, MD, Motel) Off to the West Coast, via New Norfolk and very impressive Russell Falls and along the mountain roads to "The Wall in the Wilderness" a grand artwork by local wood artist Greg Duncan. Past Lake St Clair then on to the spectacular bald hills of Queenstown. The vegetation killed by acid rain emitted from the copper smelters of earlier times. Note: Wall entry included.

Day 5: (CB, PL, MD, Motel) To Strahan for a wonderful cruise on the Gordon River, one of the most beautiful rivers in Australia. We venture deep into the UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area to share with you, the ancient rainforest, mysterious history and colourful characters of Tasmania's west coast. Enjoy lunch on board before alighting to walk through the forest. Returning to Macquarie Harbour and Strahan. Note: Boat cruise included.

Day 6: (CB, MD, Motel) Up the West Coast to Rosebery, beautiful Hellyer Gorge and on the North Coast to Stanley, a most unusual feature "The Nut" where there is a chairlift. Along the North Coast to Burnie for two nights at Devonport.

Day 7: (CB, MD, Motel) Climbing high into the mountains to view Cradle Mountain from the picturesque Dove Lake, explore the diverse vegetation at around 1500m above sea level. Back down the range we stop in on some of the local produce around Sheffield on the way to return to Devonport.

Day 8: (CB, RD, Motel) Over to the fabulous little town of Beaconsfield and a visit to the Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre. Reaching the Tamar River at Beauty Point to visit the Platypus House and Seahorse World on the pier. Then south along the Tamar River to Launceston taking in the unique "Swiss Village" on the way. Note: Mine, Seahorse & Platypus entries included.

Day 9: (CB, RD, Motel) Through the forest reaching the East Coast and Tasman Sea at Bicheno. To Coles Bay and overlooking Mount Amos and the Freycinet National Park. Walk through the park to the lookout over stunning Wineglass Bay. Later a visit to Perth and back to Launceston for dinner at the Country Club.

Day 10: (CB) We tour Launceston and Cataract Gorge and continue to explore the Tamar Valley including the rolling fields of lavender (in season). In the afternoon fly home having fallen in love with Tasmania.



6 Day Floriade, Canberra, Snowy Mountains & Kelly Country



Floriade, Commonwealth Park, Canberra

Inclusions:

- Cockington Green Miniature Village
- Tulip Top Gardens
- Parliament House
- The National Gallery
- The National War Memorial
- Snowy Mountains
- Guided Tour of Beechworth
- Ned Kelly Animated Re-enactment
- Return Flights
- Motel Accommodation
- 5 evening meals, 5 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 5 nights

Coach:

Charter Coach.

Departure Date:

Sold Out - 1st October 2024
7th October 2024

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$2590	\$2650
Perth	\$3190	\$3250
Melbourne	\$2890	\$2950
Sydney	\$2990	\$3050
Adelaide	\$2990	\$3050
Brisbane	\$2990	\$3050
Optional Single Supplement		\$550

Day 1: (PD, Motel) Fly into Canberra where we are met by our coach and taken to the motel to settle in for four nights. Note: Flights arriving after 6pm will have picnic dinner provided in the room.

Day 2: (CB, MD, Motel) With one million flowers in bloom throughout Canberra's Commonwealth Park, let Floriade stimulate your senses with exciting demonstrations, activities, displays and events. Admire the endless possibilities of floral design and see the stunning display of creativity and colour when fashion and flowers come together. In the afternoon we visit two beautiful attractions; *Cockington Green Miniature Village*, representing an English Village and famous worldwide scenes, as well as "Tulip Top Gardens" with beds of tulips in an array of striking colours. Note: Entry to Cockington and Tulip Top included.

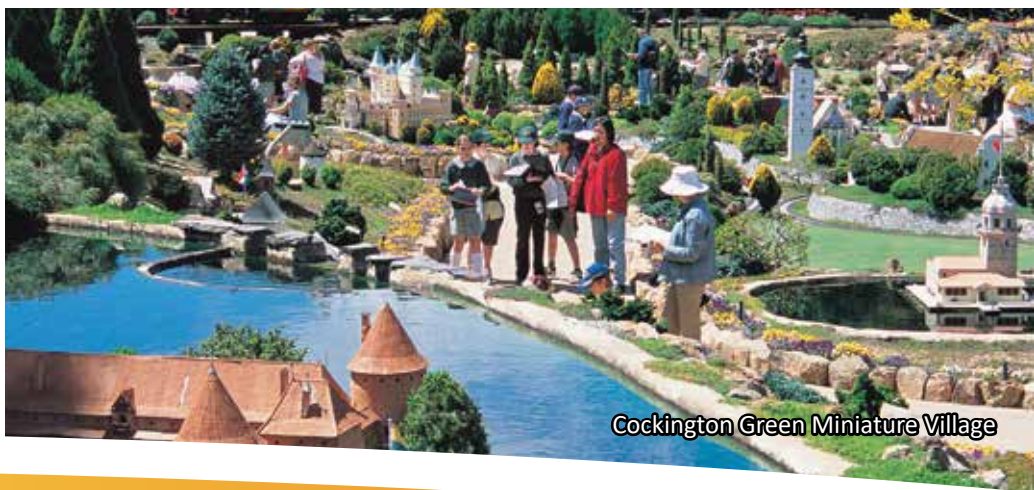
Day 3: (CB, RD, Motel) We travel via Jindabyne to the Snowy Mountains and a beautiful alpine village in the Kosciusko National Park. Here you may take the chairlift up the mountain. In the afternoon down the mountains to Cooma and back to Canberra. Note: Chairlift not included in your fare approx \$30.

Day 4: (CB, MD, Motel) A full day in Canberra visiting *Parliament House*; the unique blend of impressive architecture, a stunning art collection and beautiful landscape makes Parliament House

one of our nation's most important buildings. *The National Gallery*; with more than 160,000 works of art across four main areas that belong to the people of Australia and are preserved and presented for their enjoyment and the *National War Memorial*; combining a shrine, a world-class museum, and an extensive archive to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war and remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war. Finishing the day off with a tour around the Embassy District.

Day 5: (CB, RD, Motel) A day of Australian icons. Travelling via the western side of the Snowy Mountains down the Hume Highway we come to the Murrumbidgee River and the equally famous "Dog on the Tucker Box" five mile from Gundagai. Then to the border cities of Albury in NSW and Wodonga in VIC, a visit to the Hume Weir, the largest dam on the Murray River. On to Beechworth, our home for the night.

Day 6: (FB) Kelly Country, a day of history. Firstly a tour of Beechworth where Ned and his mother were tried and imprisoned. Then on to Glenrowan for an animated re-enactment of his capture at the Glenrowan Hotel. To Benalla, whose famous son was Weary Dunlop. Lastly on to Melbourne for our flight home after a great tour. Note: Kelly Reenactment included.



Cockington Green Miniature Village

15 Day New Zealand Explorer Tour



Milford Sound Cruise

Inclusions:

- Airfares to Auckland & from Christchurch
- Bay of Islands Cruise
- Auckland Ferry
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves Tour
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Mitai Maori Cultural Experience
- Cook Strait Ferry
- Fiordland National Park
- Milford Sound Cruise
- TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise
- Motel Accommodation
- 12 evening meals, 14 breakfasts.

Accommodation:

Motel - 14 nights

Coach:

Luxury Coach, Toilet, Air Con

Departure Date:

14th November 2024
6th February 2025*
To be confirmed

Departing From

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$7650	\$7740
Perth	\$8650	\$8740
	Including Airline Taxes	
Optional Single Supplement		\$1650

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Fly from Australia to Auckland, where on arrival we are met by our coach and travel north to Whangarei. Settling into our motel to relax and rest after the flight.

Day 2: (CB, MD, Motel) We head to the Bay of Islands for a boat cruise, take in the stunning views as we glide out through the islands and along the Rakaumangamanga Peninsula to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over the 'Hole in the Rock'. The Bay of Islands was the first piece of New Zealand to be settled by Europeans, Russell was the first Capital and where the Treaty of Waitangi, was signed in 1840. Later down to Auckland for two nights. Note: Boat Cruise included.

Day 3: (CB, Motel) Known as the city of sails, Auckland is built on a narrow strip of land surrounded by two harbours, dotted with 50 picturesque islands. We take the day to tour Auckland and view its Volcanic cones, forest parks and stunning beaches. We visit Devonport on the North Shore, travelling over by ferry, the city centre and Mt Eden. Afternoon free time to wander at will. Note: Ferry trip included.

Day 4: (CB, MD, Motel) We travel to the famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves for an exciting Cave Tour. Known as one of New Zealand's best natural attractions, take a boat ride through the glowworm grotto, marvel at thousands of magical glowworms and become part of over 130 years of cultural and natural history. On to Rotorua for two nights. Note: Cave Tour included.

Day 5: (CB, RD, Motel) Rotorua is part of the Taupō Volcanic Zone and has an array of spectacular geothermal features. From hissing fumaroles and colourful sinter terraces to bubbling mud pools and spouting geysers. In the morning we head to Middle-earth to tour Hobbiton Movie Set from Lord of the Rings. In the afternoon we visit the Mitai Maori Cultural Experience, tour the village and enjoy a full buffet Hangi Dinner. Note: Hobbiton and 'Maori Experience' included.

Day 6: (CB, MD, Motel) Delightful drive along the eastern shore of Lake Taupo then a scenic drive past the imposing Mount Ruapehu to reach the southern end of the northern island and Wellington, the capital of New Zealand.





Wellington Cable Car

Day 7: (CB, Motel) We have a full tour of Wellington and time to explore the city including the Te Papa Museum on the Harbour as well as the best view in Wellington from the Cable Car. We then cross Cook Strait to the South Island by ferry, landing at Picton in the evening and spending the night in Blenheim. Note: Ferry trip included.

Day 8: (CB, MD, Motel) From Blenheim we take a beautiful scenic coastal drive between the sea and the Kaikoura Range to Christchurch, the South Island's largest city. The central city is filled with cutting-edge architecture alongside some of the oldest buildings in New Zealand. The Avon River intersects the city, bringing a natural landscape to the urban environment.

Day 9: (CB, MD, Motel) Leaving Christchurch, we travel through the rich Canterbury Plain farming area to Lake Tekapo with spectacular views across to the Southern Alps and Mount Cook. We visit the famous "Church of the Good Shepherd" and are able to take a delightful walk along the lake. Optional flight over Mount Cook available. Note: Mount Cook Flight not included. Cost approx \$430.

Day 10: (CB, MD, Motel) Leaving Lake Tekapo we follow the highland roads past the beautiful mountain lakes of the central South Island and on through the Takitimu Mountains passing Lake Wakatipu and pleasant farmlands to Te Anau on the edge of Fiordland National Park.

Day 11: (CB, MD, Motel) On to one of the Eight Natural Wonders of the World – Milford Sound. You'll travel beneath the majestic Mitre Peak towards the Tasman Sea and nudge up close to some of New Zealand's most incredible waterfalls. Hear stories of its rich history and spot the unique wildlife that call Fiordland home. In the afternoon to Queenstown. Note: Boat cruise included.

Day 12: (CB, MD, Motel) The area around Queenstown is breathtakingly picturesque. Relive the elegance of turn of the century travel with a cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw steamship. Watch the stokers fuel the fireboxes, feel the heat from the boilers and hear the steam engines working as "the Lady of the Lake" takes you across beautiful Lake Wakatipu. Later you can take a chair lift ride for a spectacular view of Queenstown. Note: Boat cruise included.

Day 13: (CB, MD, Motel) Continuing north along the scenic mountain roads past Lake Hawea into the Mount Aspiring National Park hitting the West Coast at Haast before winding up to the slow-moving river of ice, Fox Glacier and the Franz Josef Glacier. Overnight at Hokitika on the Tasman Coast.

Day 14: (CB, MD, Motel) Our final spectacular drive across the Island via Arthur's Pass, the highest of only three roads crossing the Southern Alps. Arriving back on the East Coast for our final night in Christchurch. This evening enjoy a dinner and drinks with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Day 15: (CB) An early departure to the airport and our flight home after a great New Zealand Experience.



8 Day Tamworth Country Music Festival



Inclusions:

- Three Nights in Tamworth
- Premium Seats at Outback Spectacular
- Flights to and from Brisbane
- Country Music Hall of Fame Museum
- Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre
- Country Music Wax Museum
- Motel Accommodation
- 4 evening meals, 7 breakfasts

Accommodation:

Motel - 7 nights

Coach:

Charter Bus/Coach

Departure Date:

15th January 2025

Departing From:

	Senior	Adult
Land Only	\$3490	\$3590
Perth	\$4090	\$4190
Melbourne	\$3890	\$3990
Sydney	\$3890	\$3990
Adelaide	\$3890	\$3990
Optional Single Supplement		\$770

Day 1: (MD, Motel) Flying to Brisbane we meet up with our hosts and fellow travellers and settle into our motel.

Day 2: (CB, MD, Motel) Climbing through the ranges of the Lockyer Valley to Toowoomba. After lunch travelling South West on the Gore Highway to Goondiwindi on the Macintyre River which forms the Queensland, New South Wales border.

Day 3: (CB, Motel) Crossing into New South Wales through the wheat, sorghum, barley, sheep and beef cattle fields of the New England Region to Tamworth. The town of lights, in 1888 Tamworth was the first place in Australia to use electric street lights.

Day 4 & 5: (CB, Motel) The Tamworth Country Music Festival is an annual celebration of country music, culture and heritage in particular the national Australian country music scene. With 120 venues and 700 artists on the program there is a lot to see and do. During the festival Tamworth comes alive, with visitors from all across the country. Spend the day enjoying the streets of town loaded with buskers, stages, clubs and stalls. Choose from a range of ticketed and free events through day and night. (Acts and options to be confirmed.)

Day 6: (CB, MD, Motel) Leaving the festival behind we drive through Armidale and hit the coast at Ballina before returning to Queensland.

Day 7: (CB, RD, Motel) A relaxing morning with a late start before touring around the Gold Coast and Surfers Paradise. In the afternoon we head over to the Australian Outback Spectacular to enjoy the show from the Top Rail premium seats to round off our Country Music Tour.

Day 8: (CB) Returning to Brisbane to fly home.

