

Western Australia South West Explorer

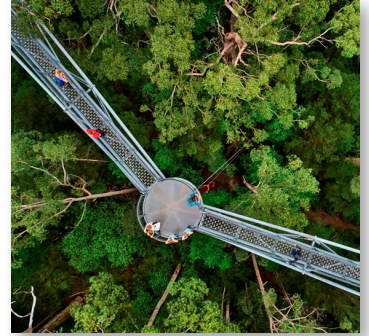
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TRADE TRAVEL
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories

12 Days / 11 Nights - Fully Escorted

Tour Departs: Tuesday 13 May - Saturday 24 May, 2025.



Day 1. Tues 13 May: Homeport - Perth - Fremantle

Dinner

Flight Details: Brisbane/Sydney/Adelaide/Melbourne - Perth (details provided at time of booking)

On arrival into **Perth** after our **flight**, we are met by our Trade Travel Host and our local coach captain before enjoying an **introductory tour of the city** before arriving at **Kings Park**, one of the world's largest and most beautiful inner city parks and home of the **Botanical Gardens**, which displays over 3,000 species of the State's unique flora. Two thirds of the 400 hectare park is protected as bushland and provides a haven for native biological diversity. There will be ample time to purchase lunch from either Fraser's Restaurant, Botanical Cafe or a snack from the Kings Park Kiosk. After a relaxing afternoon, we transfer to our hotel in Fremantle for check in, with time to freshen up before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Fremantle: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges

Day 2. Wed 14 May: Perth - Fremantle

Breakfast & Dinner

Our day begins with a **guided tour of The Perth Mint**, taking us through the grand heritage building, vault and original melting house, uncovering the extraordinary stories about Western Australia's golden history. Our tour also includes the world class **Gold Exhibition**, and the amazing spectacle of a **traditional gold pour** which takes place inside the original 1899 melting house. Next we visit the **Bell Tower** home of the **Swan Bells** and **Anzac Bell** plus an ever growing collection of antique bells, clocks and bell-related material from all over the world. We then enjoy some free time at **Elizabeth Quay**, the new waterfront precinct on the banks of the Swan River. We return back to Fremantle with the remainder of the day at leisure to check out some of the attractions along Victoria Quay and waterfront precinct within the beautiful historic port city. After a freshen up we enjoy a **delicious banquet dinner at Sala Thai Restaurant**.

Overnight Fremantle: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges

Day 3. Thurs 15 May: Perth - Hyden

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we farewell Fremantle early and make our way across to the **Historic Township of York**. We meet our **local guide** at the **Town Hall** for an insight into the first inland European Settlement in Western Australia. We have time to purchase a cuppa and visit the amazing **Motor Museum**, where motoring history comes to life. We continue our journey to Corrigin, widely known as a 'Town of Windmills'. After a quick stroll at the **Dog Cemetery**, we enjoy lunch at the **Mallee Tree Cafe and Gallery**, then continue across to Hyden for check in. After settling in we take a stroll with our local guide to the iconic **Wave Rock**, a 27 million year old prehistoric granite rock formation, 15 metres high, 110 metres long and weathered into the shape of a wave. We also witness the **"Hippos Yawn"**, another unusually shaped granite formation. After witnessing the **sunset over Wave Rock** we return to our motel to freshen up for dinner.

Overnight Hyden: Wave Rock Motel

Day 4. Fri 16 May: Hyden - Esperance

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel down through the **Wheatbelt towns of Lake King and Ravensthorpe**, along the way witnessing the scenery of the waterways and wetlands that have been shaped over millions of years. Regardless of it been a wet or dry season, the salt lakes offer stunning scenery and great photo opportunities. After a couple of photo stops along the way we arrive in **Ravensthorpe** to see the **silos murals**, where it took 31 days, 338 litres of paint and countless trips up and down for Fremantle-based, Dutch-born artist Amok Island to execute the **Six Stages of Banksia baxteri across three stout CBH Group silos**. After some refreshments we continue our journey southeast to **Esperance** where we head out along the **Great Ocean Drive**, taking in the stunning scenery, several lookouts including the **Pink Lake Lookout and Rotary Lookout** plus the wind farms, beaches and lagoons. Time permitting we stop by the **Taylors Street Jetty precinct** before checking into our motel for freshen up and dinner.

Overnight Esperance: Hospitality Esperance

Day 5. Sat 17 May: Esperance - Stirling Ranges NP - Albany

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After an early breakfast we say goodbye to Esperance and begin our drive across to Albany via the **Stirling Range National Park**. After a comfort stop at Ravensthorpe we reach the **Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre** for lunch and visit to the aviaries and interpretive displays. Our drive up to the **Bluff Knoll Car Park** and return is quite breath-taking. The park is one of the world's most important areas for flora with 1500 species, many of which grow nowhere else. We then continue to our drive down into Albany to settle into our accommodation before dinner in **Ryans Restaurant**.

Overnight Albany: Ace Accommodation Albany

Day 6. Sun 18 May: Albany

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our morning has us viewing the impressive **Albany Wind Farm** as we drive around Princess Royal Harbour en-route to the **Torndirrup National Park and The Whaling Station Museum**. We enjoy stops at the **Albany Wind Farm, Natural Bridge and The Gap** and again at the **Blowholes** before arriving at **Albany's historic Whaling Station**. Our private guide takes us through the stories of the workers, the whales and their place in the economic and social history of Albany. We are then free to **roam the deck of the Cheynes IV ship**, the whale oil tank theatres and fascinating photo and artefact galleries plus take a walk through the **Garden or Wildlife Park if time permits**. After a **light lunch at Whaler's Galley Cafe** it's back around to Mount Clarence, passing by the **dynamic Silo Art** to our next stop where we **experience the Anzac Legend** at Albany's award winning **National Anzac Centre**. The symbolic location at the summit of Mt. Clarence and Mt. Adelaide stretches from the centre of Albany to the shores of King George Sound and Middleton Beach and overlooks the actual location from which over 41,000 Australians and New Zealanders left Australia shores bound for the Great War. After our tour through the centre we have time to explore the **Mount Clarence Parkland's** containing the **Mount Clarence Memorial and Princess Royal Fortress Military Museum**. From Mount Clarence we travel back to our motel where time will allow us to rest up and refresh before dinner back in the on-site restaurant.

Overnight Albany: Ace Accommodation Albany

Day 7. Mon 19 May: Albany - Valley of the Giants - Pemberton Railway - Donnelly River Cruise

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we **depart Albany** and head through the National Parks and State Forest's to the Walpole Wilderness region, home of the **"Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk"**. On arrival we have the option of purchasing a cuppa from the coffee van or cool drink from the Gift Shop. Then to appreciate the beauty of the forest, we stroll along the **Tree Top Walk**, suspended 40 metres high into the canopy of the ancient tingle forest, or for land lovers we follow the **Ancient Empire ground level boardwalk**. Following our walks we spend time in the **Visitors Centre and Gift Shop** before heading across to Pemberton. In Pemberton we enjoy some leisure time to purchase lunch before visiting the **Pemberton Railway Station** for our **2.00pm Tram journey**, which meanders its way through **towering Karri Forest**, crossing over trestle bridges spanning rivers and streams, along one of Australia's most majestic rail lines. Following our wonderful rail experience we check out the impressive **Gloucester Tree**, then head up to Manjimup to check into our motel with time to relax before dinner in the Cabinet Restaurant.

Overnight Manjimup: Kingsley Motel

Day 8. Tues 20 May: Manjimup - Cape Leeuwin - Margaret River

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After an early checkout, we travel south to the **Donnelly River Boat Ramp** to board our **Karri to the Coast Cruise**. Enjoy the informative and interactive commentary from Peter, covering the ecology, history and geology of the area, and view its beautiful native flora and wildlife. After a brief walk on the sandy beach of the Southern Ocean, we cruise back up the river while enjoying some refreshments, which includes **Peter's "fantastic" muffins**. Following our cruise we depart for **Cape Leeuwin**, the most southern west tip of Australia. **Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse** is one of only two places in the world that has guided vessels where the two great oceans meet. On arrival we partake in a guided tour of the heritage precinct. **As an alternative, those fit and able may instead take up the option to tour the lighthouse, which includes 186 steps! This tour needs to be pre-booked.** We arrive into Margaret River for check in and freshen up before dinner in the onsite Restaurant.

Overnight Margaret River: Margaret Apartments

Day 9. Wed 21 May: Margaret River

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we enjoy breakfast and then travel down to the **Mammoth Cave**, part of the Margaret River Show Caves. The Mammoth Cave is one of the larger caves in the South-West with huge caverns and majestic formations. This awe inspiring cave is a natural time capsule and home to ancient fossils and cave formations including stalactites and stalagmites of extraordinary length and size. Just up the road we stop by the **stunning Xanadu Estate for lunch** and to taste world renowned wines at the cellar door. This afternoon we indulge a little more as we visit **The Margaret Chocolate Company** for a fascinating insight into the world of chocolate, with free chocolate tastings, interactive displays and viewing windows to watch the chocolate products being made. Right next door is **The Providore**, a food and wine lovers paradise, voted one of Australia's Top 100 Gourmet Experiences by Australian Traveller Magazine. Our last stop for the day is at **MadFish Wines** where we discover the legend behind the winery, enjoy some tastings, grab a glass or two, and enjoy this beautiful region before heading back to our accommodation to relax before dinner.

Overnight Margaret River: Margaret Apartments

Day 10. Thurs 22 May: Margaret River - Busselton Jetty - Mandurah - Perth

Breakfast & Lunch

After breakfast and checkout we begin our journey back towards Perth. Our first stop at Busselton to board the **Stocker Preston Express Train**, which takes us the length of the jetty to the **Underwater Observatory**. We then descend 8-metres below the ocean's surface to gaze at the natural wonders that lie beneath the jetty. Observe the jetty piles that have created **Australia's greatest artificial reef**, host to an awe-inspiring forest of vividly-coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates.

Day 10 Cont. After our tour, we enjoy a **light lunch** before continuing up through Bunbury and Mandurah. We stop by the **Mandurah War Memorial**, designed by award-winning architects Hames Sharley, with water flowing through the monument and into the estuary echoing the lapping of the tide at Anzac Cove. The pillars rising from the water recreates the physical journey and emotional tension of the soldiers who courageously stormed the beaches, and rose from the trenches to face the conflict that confronted them. From Mandurah it's about an hour's drive into Perth to check into our waterfront accommodation overlooking the Swan River and Barrack Street Jetty. After a freshen up, the evening is at our own leisure for dinner with plenty of dining venues to choose from.

Overnight Perth: DoubleTree by Hilton Waterfront

Day 11. Fri 23 May: Swan River Cruise - Scarborough Beach - C Restaurant

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we can enjoy a little free time to enjoy the shops within Elizabeth Quay Waterfront Complex and Jetty precinct. We then board our **11.15am Swan River Cruise from Barrack Street Jetty to Fremantle**, sit back and relax as we cruise the Swan River whilst listening to our Captains' detailed and entertaining commentary. Admiring the waterfront scenery of Perth's downtown skyline, upscale suburbs and yacht clubs - not to mention the beautiful cliff faces of Black Wall Reach, the famous Point Walter "Spit" and Perth's iconic "**Blue Boat House**", the Crawley Edge Boat Shed. We disembark in Fremantle at 12.30pm where our coach collects us and takes us to **Scarborough** for some leisure time at this beachside village and an opportunity to purchase lunch. We then travel back to our accommodation to prepare for our farewell dinner at the **C Restaurant in the Sky**.

Overnight Perth: DoubleTree by Hilton Waterfront

Day 12. Sat 24 May: Perth - Homeport

Breakfast

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After breakfast and checkout, we transfer to the Perth Airport for our flights back home, while reflecting on a wonderful time had by all, witnessing the special sites and wonders of southern "**Western Australia**" with **Trade Travel**.

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Kings Park & Botanical Gardens; Perth Mint; Bell Tower: York Town Hall; York Motor Museum; Wave Rock & Hippo's Yawn Sunset; Lake King & Ravensthorpe Silo Murals; Esperance Great Ocean Drive - Pink Lake & Rotary Lookouts; Australian Mallee Fowl Centre; Stirling Ranges National Park & Bluff Knoll; Torndirrup National Park - Natural Bridge, The Gap, Blowholes; Albany Whaling Station; Albany Silo Art Mural; National ANZAC Centre; Mount Clarence Parkland's & Princess Royal Fortress Military Museum; Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk; Pemberton Tram Railway; Gloucester Tree; Donnelly River Cruise; Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse; Mammoth Cave Tour; Xanadu Estate Lunch & Tasting; Margaret River Chocolate Company & The Providore; Mad Fish Winery; Busselton Jetty - Stocker Preston Express Train & Underwater Observatory; Mandurah War Memorial; Swan River Cruise; Scarborough Beach; C Restaurant Dinner plus more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return flights Brisbane/Sydney/Adelaide/Melbourne - Perth
- Quality coach travel
- 11 Nights quality hotel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per Itinerary (28 meals)
- All entry fees, attractions & guides as per Itinerary

Ex Adelaide Cost: \$5798.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$1250.00)

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A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

The tour prices valid for travel in 2025. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit: A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 7 February, 2025**.

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