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WA's Coral Coast – Karijini – 12 Days

Wed 11 – Sun 22 July 2018

\$3,500 (Seniors \$3,450) S/Supp \$750

Discover some of the world's most diverse marine habitats, friendly dolphins, pristine beaches, breathtaking gorges and more...

Day 1

Fly to Broome where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team. We visit Gantheaume Beach, Anastasia's Pool, the Chinese and Japanese cemetery, and enjoy a sunset meal at Cable Beach. (D)

Day 2

A leisurely drive to stunning 80 Mile Beach, one of WA's more famous white sandy beaches. This is one place where we can enjoy sunrise and sunset at the same spot. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we travel inland to Tom Price, passing Karijini National Park on the way, which we'll explore tomorrow. (B,D).

Day 4

Explore the picturesque Dale's Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Circular Pool, and Fern Pool in Karijini National Park. (B,L)

Day 5

We travel to Exmouth, viewing classic Pilbara countryside along the way - golden spinifex, bright blue sky, and the famous Pilbara red earth! (B,D)

Day 6

Visit the Vlamingh Head Lighthouse which stands on the northern-most tip of the Cape Range, and have free time in town before heading to Coral Bay. (B)

Day 7

We start the day with a cruise of the Ningaloo Reef in a glass bottom boat, then later we travel to Carnarvon. (B,D)

Day 8

Explore the wonders of space at the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum, walk on the beautiful Shell Beach, and visit the stromatolites at Hamelin Pool. (B,D)

Day 9

Meet the world-famous Monkey Mia dolphins today, followed by a cruise on the bay and a walk on Eagle Bluff Boardwalk. (B)

Included:

- Flight Perth – Broome
- 80 Mile Beach
- Karijini National Park
- Exmouth
- Coral Bay cruise
- Hamelin Pool
- Shell Beach
- Monkey Mia cruise
- Eagle Bluff
- Kalbarri National Park



Day 10

Today we drive to Kalbarri via the beautiful Murchison River and Hawks Head Lookout. (B,D)

Day 11

We take a short drive to Kalbarri National Park to see Nature's Window, the Loop and Z-Bend Gorge. Later we visit Red Bluff Lookout, finishing with a sunset cruise on the Murchison River. (B,D)

Day 12

Back to Perth today via Northampton and Geraldton, stopping at the HMAS Sydney Memorial, and Jurien Bay on the way. (B)

Kalbarri – Monkey Mia (at Wildflower Time) – 7 Days

Thu 02 – Wed 08 Aug 2018

\$1,970 (Seniors \$1,920) S/Supp \$470

A leisurely tour visiting some of WA's stunning coastline and popular tourist areas.

Day 1

From Perth we travel through scenic rolling hills, stopping at Bindoon, Moora, Three Springs, Mingenew, and Dongara. (D)

Day 2

Today we visit the lovingly restored heritage buildings at the pioneering village of Greenough, the HMAS Sydney Memorial in Geraldton, and the Lynton Convict Settlement ruins, stopping at Kalbarri for the night. (B,D)

Included:

- Dongara
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Kalbarri National Park and Boat Cruise
- Rainbow Jungle
- Monkey Mia boat cruise
- The Pinnacles

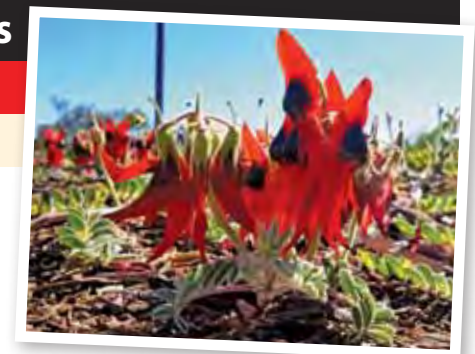


Day 3

This morning we enjoy the dramatic scenery of Kalbarri National Park and the Murchison River Gorge, then later we visit Rainbow Jungle, Australia's parrot breeding centre, followed by a sunset cruise on the river. (B,D)

Day 4

We continue to Denham via Hawks Head Lookout and the Hamelin Telegraph Station, stopping also to view the stromatolites (living fossils) at Hamelin Pool, and have a walk on Shell Beach before we continue to Denham. (B,D)



Day 5

Today we meet the friendly bottle nose dolphins at Monkey Mia, enjoy a cruise on Shark Bay, and visit Eagles Nest boardwalk for shark, dugong and stingray spotting. (B,D)

Day 6

We depart Denham and continue our journey today back down the coast, stopping along the way to spot wildflowers. Get your cameras ready for some spectacular photographs. (B,D)

Day 7

We continue our journey back to Perth via Jurien Bay, Cervantes, and the Pinnacles, arriving in Perth late afternoon. (B)

Mt Augustus – Karijini at Wildflower time – 10 Days

Sat 11 – Mon 20 Aug 2018

\$2,970 (Seniors \$2,920) S/Supp \$670

We travel through classic outback territory to Mt Augustus, one of the most spectacular peaks of the world's largest monoclines, and Karijini National Park with its breathtaking gorges, creeks and chasms. On our return we follow the coast through the beautiful towns of Coral Bay, Carnarvon and Kalbarri. As it's wildflower time, we will no doubt be spoilt with glorious colours wherever we look.



Day 1

Departing Perth, we start our adventure travelling through the Swan Valley, Bindoon and Dalwallinu, spotting wildflowers along the way. Later we reach the tiny settlement of Paynes Find, popular for carpets of everlastings, and continue on to Mount Magnet and the outback town of Cue, our overnight stop. (D)

Day 2

This morning we drive to Meekatharra and have a tour of the town before hitting the dirt road to Mt Augustus. We stop at the Murchison River, a delightful area for bird life, flora and fauna; then Mt Gould, site of one of WA's oldest police stations; and the historical Landor Race Track. We continue to our accommodation at Mt Augustus Resort and Station, our home for two nights.

(B,D) (Shared amenities – ensuite upgrade available @\$100/nt extra per room).

Day 3

This morning is all about Mt Augustus, the lovely Lyons River, and Cattle Pool – an absolutely wonderful spot with its amazing large river gums, birdlife and animals. Around the rock we stop at various locations to explore Aboriginal art, wonderful rock formations and experience the scent of the bush. Later we return to our accommodation for lunch. The afternoon is yours to explore until later when we travel to our sunset viewing area to watch the sun go down on the largest rock in the world, while we enjoy champagne and nibbles. Later it's back to camp for our evening meal around the campfire. What a truly wonderful day! (B,L,D)

Day 4

We say goodbye to Mt Augustus and travel along Mt Augustus Woodlands Road, passing some wonderful scenery and abandoned stations, before arriving at Tom Price, our home for two nights. (B,L,D)

Day 5

Today is all about Karijini National Park in the majestic Hamersley Ranges. Karijini National Park is an iconic, unspoiled nature-based destination offering a unique landscape and an unforgettable WA outback experience. It is famous for its dramatic creeks, spectacular gorges and towering sheer sided chasms up to 100 metres deep. We spend most of the day here with the opportunity to swim before heading back to Tom Price for the night. (B,L)

Day 6

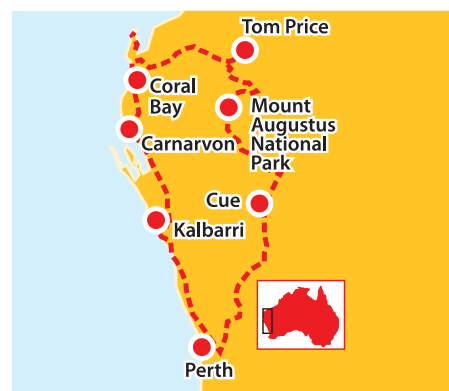
We travel the Nanutarra – Munjina road to Nanutarra roadhouse with time to sight the Ashburton River on the way. On the North West Coastal Highway then, heading towards Coral Bay. The scenery changes and we will spot large termite mounds and coastal vegetation. Overnight in the popular coastal town of Coral Bay. (B,D)

Day 7

This morning we enjoy a fascinating cruise of the Ningaloo Reef in a glass bottom boat, then after lunch we head to Carnarvon, where we take in some of the town attractions before arriving at our accommodation. (B,D)

Included:

- Dalwallinu
- Cue
- Meekatharra
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Race Track
- Mt Augustus
- Lyons River
- Tom Price
- Coral Bay boat cruise
- Karijini National Park
- Murchison River
- Gascoyne River
- Carnarvon Jetty
- OTC Satellite Station museum
- Kalbarri National Park
- Kalbarri sunset boat cruise
- HMAS Sydney Memorial



Day 8

This morning we visit the Carnarvon Space and Technology museum, quite an eye opener even if you're not interested in outer space, and then we continue on to Kalbarri via the Murchison River. (B,D)

Day 9

The gorges and formations carved by the Murchison River attract thousands of visitors to Kalbarri National Park and we are no exception. We visit Nature's Window as well as Hawks Head Lookout in the morning. In the afternoon we visit Bluff Point to view the spectacular coastline and coastal wildflowers, then later enjoy a sunset cruise on the Murchison. (B,D)

Day 10

Departing Kalbarri, we travel to Geraldton to visit the HMAS Sydney memorial before lunch. We take the Indian Ocean Drive home via Dongara returning to Perth later in the afternoon. (B)



WA Wildflowers Art and Nature Tour with Renata Wright – 6 Days

Thu 23 – Tue 28 Aug 2018

\$2,650 (\$/Supp \$350) Non-painters discount – take off \$250



Join Renata sketching, painting, photographing and simply enjoying the wonders of some of the world's most beautiful wildflowers. If you're not a painter, then that's ok, as this tour is also open to people who want to have a more leisurely holiday in the wildflowers. While the artists are painting and sketching, you can join our driver on easy walking tours or just explore the areas at your own pace. You may even just want to sit back and relax with a book while the smell of wildflowers tickles your senses!



Day 3

Sketching and painting at Mullewa today. The area has a variety of flowers including everlastings, banksias, acacias, fringe lilies, eremophila and orchids, which will not only be fascinating to sketch in a landscape scene, but also up close and individually. We also visit the Lady of Mt Carmel Church which has a fascinating history. (B,D)

Day 4

Painting and sketching at the old townsite of Canna, including the old camp and more wildflowers. Plenty of time to sketch, paint, take photos and simply explore the area. (B,L,D)

Day 5

More sketching today, this time at Greenough Historic Settlement where you have a choice of buildings, churches, stores, a flour mill, and flowers. Purchase lunch at the café and continue painting under Renata's guidance. Tonight we'll have a "show-and-tell" of the paintings we've done this week. (B,D)

Day 6

We visit Coomberdale Wildflower Farm on the way back to Perth today, then travel via the little historical towns of Moora and Bindoon to our last stop in Perth. (B)

Included:

- Daily flower sketching/painting tips
- Coalseam Conservation Park
- Mullewa
- Lady of Mt Carmel Church
- Tardun
- Canna
- Greenough Pioneer Museum
- Coomberdale Wildflower Farm



Renata is a Perth-based award-winning watercolour artist. Flowers are amongst her favourite subjects which makes this a perfect painting tour for everyone who comes along. Renata's teaching methods are fun, clear, and suitable for painters of all skill levels.

Day 1

We travel north from Perth, through Seabird and Jurien, arriving in Geraldton early afternoon. Prior to dinner, Renata will run a short workshop showing you how to paint everlastings up close and in a field, whilst you enjoy drinks and nibbles and get to know your fellow passengers. Accommodation in Geraldton for five nights). (D)

Day 2

A day of painting and sketching breakaway scenery at Coalseam Conservation Park. Coalseam has a variety of pink, yellow, and white everlastings after the winter rains, and contrasted with the earthy red and brown cliff faces, you'll find this a lovely place to spend time in. Renata will guide you with your sketching, and if you're not sketching you may like to simply explore the area and identify the different types of flowers. (B,L,D)



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Alice – Uluru – Coober Pedy – 9 Days

Fri 24 Aug – Sat 01 Sep 2018

\$3,530 (seniors \$3,480) S/Supp \$680

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TOUR!**

A tour for those who wish to discover the spectacular scenery of our Red Centre. Be amazed by the size of our iconic Uluru and the beauty of the nearby Kata Tjuta. Explore historical Alice Springs and the stunning MacDonnell Ranges, and marvel at the Coober Pedy “moonscape”.

Day 1

Fly into Alice Springs where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team. Visit the historic Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill Lookout before a visit to the stunning Simpson’s Gap, returning via Honeymoon Gap. Drinks and nibbles before a restaurant dinner. (D)

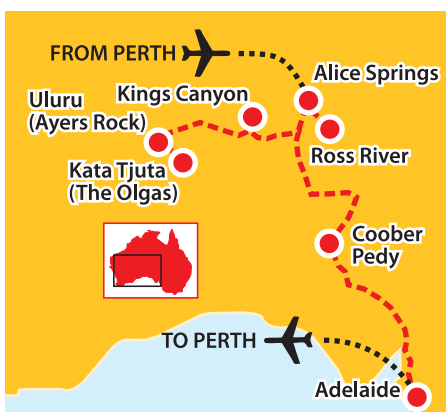
Day 2

Today we visit Trephina Gorge Nature Park, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums, sandy creek bed, and native wildlife. We continue to Ross River Homestead for lunch. Ross River lies in the N’Dhala Gorge Nature Park which contains some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Return to Alice in the afternoon. (B,L,D)



Day 3

Travel to Uluru and Kata Tjuta today, visiting Mt Conner and Lake Amadeus along the way with a stop at the 1-million acre cattle property at Curtin Springs. We arrive at Yulara where you will have time to visit the town centre. Tonight we experience the amazing Field of Lights art installation at the Rock created by international artist Bruce Munro. (B)



Day 4

Today is all about the “Rock” and the “Olgas”. We enjoy a very informative tour with a local guide, experience the Rock up close, and visit the Cultural Centre. You may also fly over both attractions (own expense) before heading back to the “Rock” for a BBQ dinner and a spectacular sunset in the evening. (B,D)

Day 5

Leaving Yulara today, we continue our journey to Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park, which sits at the western end of the George Gill Range. We take a walk into the Gorge, marvelling at its breathtaking 100m high walls, and later we view a beautiful sunset over the Watarrka National Park. (B,L,D) Note: Helicopter flight opportunity over Watarrka National Park (own expense).

Day 6

Today we travel to Erldunda and across the border into South Australia, continuing to the fascinating opal mining town of Coober Pedy, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)

Included:

- Flights Perth—Alice Springs/Adelaide—Perth
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Anzac Hill
- Simpson’s Gap
- Honeymoon Gap
- Trephina Gorge
- Ross River Homestead
- Uluru
- Kata Tjuta
- Field of lights at Uluru
- Mt Conner
- Kings Canyon
- Coober Pedy
- Opal Mine tour
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Mathew Flinders Lookout
- Arid Botanical Gardens
- Wadlata Centre

Day 7

We spend the day in Coober Pedy today, one of Australia’s most multi-cultural towns and a fascinating place to explore. Coober Pedy mines over 92% of Australian opals and you have a chance to buy your very own opal today during our town tour, when you will also find out more about the unique practice of opal mining. Later we travel to the breakaways for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles as we watch the sun go down. (B)

Day 8

Departing Coober Pedy, we follow the highway to Woomera, famous for its RAAF Woomera Range Complex. We continue to Lake Gairdner, the largest salt lake in South Australia, then on to Port Augusta on the Spencer’s Gulf. (B,D)

Day 9

We start the day by visiting Mathew Flinders Lookout in the Arid Botanical Gardens. We can see the grandeur of the Flinders Ranges from here. We continue to the Wadlata Centre, where we take a journey back in time, learning all about South Australia and the Flinders Ranges. In the Afternoon we travel to Adelaide, learning a little about this beautiful city of churches, before finishing at the Adelaide airport where you will check in for your flight home. (B)



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Northern Wildflowers – 4 Days

Sun 02 – Wed 05 Sep 2018

\$1,170 (Seniors 1,120) S/Supp \$280

Take in the beauty of the northern wildflower areas of WA, spotting the elusive wreath flower, carpets of everlastings, and more... A perfect short trip away from your everyday activities, exploring the world's largest collection of wildflowers.

Day 1

Depart Perth and head to Wannamal for wildflower spotting, then to Coomberdale Wildflower Farm. We continue to Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew and Geraldton, with flower stops on the way. Accommodation in Geraldton for 2 nights. (D)

Day 2

To Mullewa hillside lookout for more flower spotting, then a stop in Mullewa before travelling to find the beautiful and elusive Wreath Leschenaultia. We also visit Coalseam Conservation Park, known for its carpets of everlastings. (B,L,D)



Included:

- Wannamal
- Coomberdale Wildflower farm
- Carnamah
- Three Springs
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
- Coalseam Conservation park
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Kalbarri National Park
- Red Bluff
- Lynton Convict Settlement
- Mt Lesueur National park



Day 3

We visit Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial, then travel to Binnu for a bush morning tea amongst the flowers. We also visit Hawkes Head and Ross Graeme Lookout in Kalbarri National Park. (B,L,D)

Day 4

This morning we travel to Red Bluff and Lynton Convict Settlement. We continue the coastal road to Port Denison and Indian Ocean Drive, stopping at Mt Lesueur National Park for a flower stop, then Jurien for lunch, arriving in Perth late afternoon. (B)

Floriade – Ned Kelly – Snowy Mountains – 6 Days

Sat 06 – Thu 11 Oct 2018

\$2,650 (Seniors \$2,600) S/Supp \$480

Floriade spring festival has become Canberra's most iconic annual tourism event. Millions of bulbs and annuals are planted across 8,000 sqm of an inner parkland, making this quite a spectacular sight. We combine this visit with other must-see tourist spots.

Day 1

Fly into Canberra where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your motel. (D)

Included:

- Flights Perth-Canberra-Perth
- National Gallery
- National War Memorial
- Parliament House
- Jindabyne
- Kosciusko National Park
- Cockington Green
- Beechworth
- Gundagai
- Dog on the Tuckerbox
- Hume Weir
- Glenrowan/Ned Kelly re-enactment
- Embassy District



Day 2

Today we visit Floriade, enjoying the stunning display of colour and flower arrangements that come together in this once-a-year spectacular. Later we visit the miniature English village of Cockington Green. (BD)

Day 3

A day in Canberra visiting Parliament House, the National Gallery, the National War Memorial, and the Embassy District. (B,D)

Day 4

We travel to historical Jindabyne, then continue to the Snowy Mountains and the alpine village of Thredbo. There is a chairlift up the mountain that you may like to do. The sights from the top are breathtaking. Later we visit Cooma. (BD)

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Day 5

Today we travel to the Murrumbidgee River and the famous "Dog on the Tucker Box". We also visit the border cities of Albury in NSW and Wodonga in VIC, and see the Hume Weir, the biggest dam on the Murray River. Overnight in Beechworth. (B,D)

Day 6

In Beechworth we visit Kelly country, and see where Ned and his mother were tried and imprisoned. We continue to Glenrowan for an animated re-enactment of Ned's capture at the Glenrowan Hotel. Later we visit Benella, famous for legendary "Weary Dunlop". Our tour ends with transfers to the airport for flights back home. (B)

Tasmania, the "Apple Isle" – 12 Days

Fri 26 October to Wed 07 November 2018

\$4,490 (Seniors \$4,440) S/Supp \$850

Wonderful scenery, abundant wildlife, gourmet food and wine. Explore Hobart city's sights and waterfront before venturing to Mt Field National Park. Witness the natural beauty of Russell Falls, Lake St Clair, Cradle Mountain, the Freycinet National Park and more.

Day 1

Fly to Hobart where you are met by your crew and transferred to our motel for dinner and a good night's sleep. (D)

Day 2

Visit Battery Point, Salamanca Place, the Botanical Gardens and Mt Nelson (amazing views of Hobart)! Free time later to explore the city at leisure. (B,D)

Day 3

Travel to Australia's most infamous prison at Port Arthur, then on to Hell's Kitchen - the channel between Macquarie Heads on the west and Entrance Island on the east. (B,D)

Day 4

Travel to New Norfolk and the magnificent Mt Field National Park to see the spectacular three-tiered Russell Falls. Continue to Lake St Clair, and visit the Wall in the Wilderness (where artist Greg Duncan has hand-carved a series of scenes into panels commemorating those who shaped the area's past and present). We continue on a scenic drive to Queenstown. (B,D)

Day 5

Across to Strahan today for a Gordon River Cruise, where the wilderness comes to the water's edge. Stop at Sarah Island and discover the ruins of the penal colony. After lunch on board we return to Strahan for free time to explore this historic town. (B,L)



Day 6

Visit the mining and hydroelectric towns of Rosebery and Tullah on the way to Cradle Mountain National Park. We enjoy a guided walk around Dove Lake, then meander through the forest and alpine heathlands on a purpose-built boardwalk. Overnight in Sheffield - town of murals. (B,D)

Day 7

We travel to Devonport, on the mouth of the Mersey River, then Exeter and Beaconsfield (remembered for the tragic Beaconsfield gold mine collapse in 2006). We tour the mine, and then head to Launceston, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)

Day 8

On to George Town, the 1805 convict-built pilot station at Low Head, then to Bridport on Anderson Bay, Granite Point, and Scottsdale. An afternoon visit to the Bridestowe Lavender Estate for some famous lavender ice-cream! Return to Launceston via Lilydale's stunning waterfalls. (B)

Day 9

Visit Legerwood today to look at the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees (sculptures of World War One soldiers of Dorset, Tasmania). Next stop is the old tin town of Derby, then on to Branxholm, and St Helens, known as the game fishing capital of Tasmania and renowned for its oysters. (B,D)



Day 10

Experience the exquisite beauty of Wineglass Bay on a four-hour cruise of the Freycinet Peninsula with a local guide. Experience breathtaking Freycinet National Park, with its pink granite mountains, coastal dunes and dry eucalypt forests. (B,L)

Day 11

Journey to Swansea and historic Ross, the finest 19th century village in Australia. Visit the famous Ross Bridge with its 186 carvings depicting Celtic symbols, flora, fauna and notable personalities of the day, then on to Oatlands with its colonial sandstone buildings, many of them built by convict labour. Later we make our way on the Midlands Highway to Bridgewater and Hobart. (B,D)

Day 12

Visit Mt Wellington which rises to 1,269 metres above sea level and is frequently covered by snow, then we say our goodbyes before our flights home. (B)

Included:

- Flights Perth-Hobart-Perth
- Port Arthur
- Wall of Wood
- Russell Falls
- Lake St Clair
- Queenstown
- Strahan
- Gordon River cruise
- Sarah Island
- Cradle Mountain
- Sheffield
- Launceston
- Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees
- Bridestowe Lavender Estate
- Freycinet Peninsula
- Wineglass Bay cruise
- Ross Bridge



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Southern Wildflowers – 4 Days

Sun 28 – Wed 31 October 2018

\$1,170 (Seniors \$1,120) S/Supp \$280

Take in the beauty of the southern parks of WA. See spider orchids, morning iris, swamp bottlebrush, painted ladies and more...

Day 1

We depart Perth and travel through forest areas to Boyagin Nature Reserve - a designated flora and fauna reserve. We continue to Hyden, Wave Rock, and Mulka's Cave for more wildflower spotting. (D)

Day 2

On to Newdegate, one of the southern wheatbelt's wildflower hotspots, then through Lake King, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun. Later we spot numerous wildflowers in the rugged Fitzgerald River National Park. (B,D)

Day 3

We travel to Jerramungup, then to the Stirling Range National Park. The national park boasts some of the best wildflowers in WA with over 1500 species of plants. Later we arrive in Albany. (B,D)

Day 4

Today we visit the new Natural Bridge walk at The Gap, before heading to Kojonup for lunch to view more native wildflowers on display in the region. Later we stop at Williams before continuing home to Perth. (B)



Included:

- Boyagin Nature Reserve
- Wave Rock/Mulka's Cave
- Bluff Knoll
- Stirling Range National Park
- The Natural Bridge Walk
- The Gap

Albany – 100 Years End of War– 4 days

Sat 10 to Tue 13 November 2018

\$1,370 (Seniors \$1,320) S/Supp \$250

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years' continuous warfare. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. We visit the Field of Lights: Avenue of Honour (a light installation by Bruce Munro at Mt Clarence). It pays homage to the ANZACs with 13,000 shining spheres, the last sight of home for 41,000 troops who departed from Albany for the Great War.

Day 1

We travel south to Albany, stopping for morning tea and lunch then visiting the historical Albany Convict Gaol and Museum. (D)

Day 2

This morning we visit Mt Clarence. The Desert Mounted Corps Memorial stands near the summit of Mt Clarence. The memorial is a 9-metre bronze statue of an Australian mounted soldier assisting a New Zealand soldier whose horse has been wounded. We return to town for the Remembrance Day parade, then later we visit the National ANZAC Centre, followed by an evening visit to the Field of Lights and the Avenue of Honour. (B,D)

Day 3

We visit beautiful Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks in William Bay National Park, followed by lunch in Walpole and a cruise of the Walpole Inlet with WOW Cruises. Overnight in Albany. (B,D)

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Day 4

We leave Albany and travel through Cranbrook (see the Poronurups on the way), Katanning, and Wagin, home of the Giant Ram and Wagin Historical Village which we visit. We return to Perth later in the afternoon. (B,D)

Included:

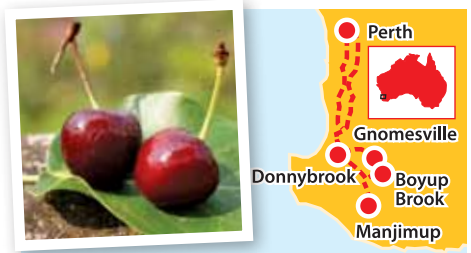
- National ANZAC Centre
- Remembrance Day parade
- Mt Clarence – Field of Lights
- Avenue of Honour
- Princess Royal Forts
- Albany Convict Museum
- The Gap – Natural Bridge
- Greens Pool – Elephant Rocks
- Walpole Inlet WOW cruise

Manjimup Cherry Festival – Gnomesville – 2 Days

Sat 08 to Sun 09 December 2018

\$550 (Seniors \$500) S/Supp \$80

Experience the colours and tastes of the Manjimup Cherry Festival, the Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre in Boyup Brook, and the thousands of Gnomes at Gnomesville! Take home a box of cherries, compliments of Aussie Redback Tours.



Day 1

Departing Perth, we travel to Donnybrook for morning tea, then continue through Bridgetown to Manjimup, home of the Cherry Festival. Enjoy street entertainment, stalls, competitions, a fashion parade, log chopping and more... Later we travel back to the beautiful little town of Bridgetown. (D)

Day 2

After breakfast, we take a short drive to Boyup Brook, WA's country music capital, to visit the Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre with its unique collection of memorabilia. Our next stop is Gnomesville where we spend some time before continuing our journey to our lunch stop, and then our last stop, Perth. (B)

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Tamworth – Toowoomba – Brisbane – 11 Days

Sun 20 to Wed 30 January 2019

\$4250 (Seniors \$4200) S/Supp \$1200

**NEW
TOUR!**



Five toe-tapping nights in the heart of the Tamworth Country Music Festival; followed by a visit to Australia Zoo and a glorious lunch cruise on the Brisbane River.

Day 1

Fly to Brisbane where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your motel. (D)

Day 2

Travel to Toowoomba. Visit Tabletop Mountain and the Cobb & Co museum, and have free time in town. (B, D)



Day 3

We head south for the Tamworth Country Music Festival. We cross the border to Tenterfield; home of the 'Tenterfield Saddler' immortalized in song by Peter Allen. Tonight in Tamworth after dinner we head to the Country Music Festival Concert. Return later at your own leisure with your shuttle pass, for a good nights' rest. (B,D)

Day 4

This morning we visit the Golden Guitar Visitor Information Centre to see the refurbished Australian Country Music Hall of Fame, and purchase tickets to events for this weekend (own expense). The rest of the day is free to enjoy all that the music festival offers. Lots of free concerts in stores, local clubs and arcades, as well as talented buskers, line dancers, and bush poets. (B)

Days 5–7

The next few days are yours to enjoy at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. (Breakfast every morning)

Day 8

We say farewell to Tamworth and return to Toowoomba, crossing the NSW/Qld border on the way. (B,D)

Day 9

Return to Brisbane today, visiting Mount Coot-tha and enjoying a lovely paddle steamer lunch cruise on the Brisbane River. Free time later in Brisbane. (B,L,D)

Day 10

Today we visit the Australia Zoo, made famous by Steve Irwin whose family continue to run the zoo today. (B,D)

Day 11

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home, taking with you some lovely memories. (B)

Included:

- Flights Perth – Brisbane – Perth
- Country Music Festival Guide and all-day shuttle bus transfers
- Cobb & Co Museum
- Table Top Mountain
- Australia Zoo
- Brisbane paddle steamer lunch cruise

Dirk Hartog Island – Monkey Mia – 6 Days

Sun 10 to Sun 17 March 2019 (8 days)

\$1,920 (Seniors \$1,870) S/Supp \$380

Visit some of WA's naturally beautiful beaches and landscapes; learn the fascinating story of how Dirk Hartog island was discovered; and fall in love with the dolphins made popular by Monkey Mia.

Day 1

Departing Perth, we travel north to the Pinnacles, Jurien Bay, Port Denison and Dongara. (D)

Day 2

We visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial in Geraldton, then on to Billabong and Shark Bay, visiting the stromatolites of Hamelin Bay and Shell Beach along the way before reaching Denham, Australia's most westerly town. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we visit Monkey Mia to see the popular wild dolphins that have been gathering in the waters off the beach for years. Later we visit "Ocean Park", an interactive aquarium, and visit Eagles Nest Boardwalk to spot sharks, Dugong and Manta rays. (B,D)

Day 4

A cruise today on the Catamaran Aristocrat, to explore Shark Bay and Dirk Hartog Island. Discover this amazing untouched World Heritage Area, watching dolphins, loggerhead turtles and dugongs. (B,D)

Included:

- Pinnacles
- HMAS Sydney Memorial
- Stromatolites at Hamelin Bay
- Shell Beach
- Monkey Mia cruise
- Ocean Park
- Eagle Nest Boardwalk
- Dirk Hartog Island
- Kalbarri National Park and sunset cruise
- Rainbow Jungle
- Lynton Convict Settlement



**NEW
TOUR!**



Day 5

We drive to Kalbarri National Park, visiting Hawks Head and Ross Graham, on the way, and then Rainbow Jungle, Australia's most beautiful bird park. We finish with a relaxing sunset cruise on the Murchison River. (B,D)

Day 6

We return to Perth today, visiting the Lynton Convict settlement and Northampton on the way. We call into Moore river in the afternoon for an ice cream before our fantastic tour of the coast journey comes to an end in Perth. (B)

Flinders Ranges Art tour with Ross Paterson – 9 Days

Mon 08 to Tue 16 April 2019

\$4,490 ex Perth (Land only \$3,990) S/Supp \$900

(other city departure prices on request) Non-painters discount – take off \$250



Follow in the footsteps of German-born and widely acclaimed Australian artist, Hans Heysen, visiting some of Australia's most beautiful landscapes in the Flinders Ranges. This tour is also open to non-painters and is particularly suitable to those who wish to spend more time in one location, taking photos, nature walks or simply relaxing with a book and enjoying these picturesque locations.

Day 1

Arrive in Adelaide where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team. We drive straight to Burra for "meet-and-greet" drinks and nibbles with our tutor and other passengers. (D)

Day 2

A day of painting in the lovely copper mining town of Burra with a delightful river (and nosy ducks), and historical buildings to paint. Ross will demonstrate how he tackles some of the subjects, and then it will be your turn to paint. (B,D)

Day 3

We head through Jamestown and Hawker to our accommodation for the next 3 nights at Rawnsley Park Station. In the afternoon we spend time painting this amazing vista, under Ross's guidance. (B,D)

Day 4

Today we spend time at Sacred Canyon, where you will see aboriginal rock paintings and carvings, and paint under your tutor's guidance. We also visit the Cazneau Tree, made famous by Dick Smith's grandfather Harold Cazneau in 1937. (B,L)

Day 5

We start the day with an opportunity to take a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges (own expense), before a full day of sketching at Blinman (the highest town in SA). Lots of lovely old heritage buildings to paint here. After lunch we'll have another stop in the Flinders Ranges to paint, before heading back to our accommodation. (B,D)

Day 6

A non-painting day today but there will be time for lots of photos and a visit to Hawker and the Jeff Morgan Gallery. We'll drive past classic Hans Heysen scenery, and you'll quickly see why he was so inspired! We continue to our accommodation in Hahndorf in the early afternoon. (B)



Ross Paterson is recognised as one of Australia's leading and influential watercolourists who is well-respected for his "en-plein-air" paintings in watercolour, oil, and pastel. A multi-award winner in Australia and internationally Ross is one of the few watercolourists invited to represent Australia in world Water Media expositions and Biennials and has had his work published in various books and publications worldwide.

Included:

- Flights Perth–Adelaide–Perth (other departures on request)
- Daily painting demonstrations, tips and one-on-one advice
- Burra
- Jamestown
- Hawker
- Sacred Canyon
- Barossa Valley
- Hahndorf
- Hans Heysen's Studio/The Cedars



Day 7

This morning we visit Hans Heysen's home, The Cedars. Ross will set up his easel and start with a demonstration of one of the subjects in this location, and then you'll have time to paint your own masterpiece. We spend the day here painting under Ross's guidance, and exploring this beautiful home and studio. (B,L)

Day 8

We spend the day in Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement, exploring and painting with Ross. It's also an opportunity to buy some last-minute gifts. Tonight is our last night so we'll start with pre-dinner drinks, followed by a farewell dinner together. It's also "show-and-tell" time where you get to show off the paintings you've created on this tour. (B,D)

Day 9

Our last day together. We take a short scenic drive back to Adelaide where we say our goodbyes. (B)



Extended Tours

All tours are ex Perth and include flights where indicated.
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Esperance – Bremer Bay at Easter – 5 Days

Fri 19 to Wed 23 April 2019

\$1,480 (Seniors \$1,450) S/Supp \$300

**NEW
TOUR!**

A tour exploring some of WA's most spectacular coastline. The Esperance region has some of the most spectacular landscapes in Australia including turquoise blue bays and picturesque islands of the Recherche Archipelago to the spectacular cliffs of the Great Australian Bight. Bremer Bay is also known for beautiful beaches, walk and drive trails, and underwater treasures.

Day 1

We leave Perth and head south through Brookton to Hyden, Wave Rock, and the legendary Mulka's Cave. We have time to explore this unique area with lots of photo opportunities. Overnight in Hyden. (D)

Day 2

On to Ravensthorpe, Esperance and Cape Le Grand National park this morning, visiting Lucky Bay, Rossiter Bay, Hellfire Bay, Le Grande Beach, and Thistle Cove. Later we visit Esperance's very own Stonehenge. (B,D)

Day 3

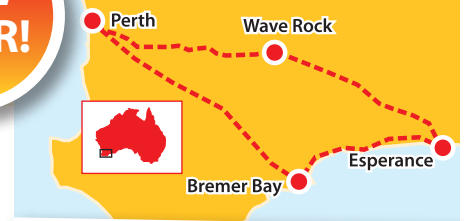
We start with a scenic and informative boat cruise to the nature reserve at Woody Island. Later we have free time in town, followed by a leisurely drive around the Great Ocean Drive, stopping at the famous Pink Lake. (B,D)

Day 4

We explore the Fitzgerald River National Park today, stopping at scenic lookouts to view rugged coastal scenery and numerous wildflowers. We continue to Bremer bay, known for its beautiful beaches, and whale watching between January and April. Hopefully we will get to see some of these creatures of the deep. (B,D)

Day 5

We head to the farming communities of Katanning and Wagin, where we visit the "Big Ram" and the Wagin historical village. We continue through the towns of Narrogin and Brookton and arrive in Perth later in the afternoon. (B)



Included:

- Hyden, Wave Rock and Mulka's Cave
- Stonehenge
- Cape Le Grande
- Woody Island Cruise
- Lucky Bay, Hellfire Bay and Wharton Beach
- Fitzgerald National Park

Mt Augustus – Kennedy Range – 7 Days

Sat 04 May to Fri 10 May 2019

\$2,030 (Seniors \$1,980) S/Supp \$550

**NEW
TOUR!**

Travel through classic outback territory with the highlight being Mt Augustus, one of the most spectacular monoliths in the world.

Day 1

We head north through the Swan Valley, Bindoon and Dalwallinu, spotting wildflowers along the way, then continue to Payne's Find, Mount Magnet and Cue, our overnight stop. (D)

Day 2

On to Meekatharra, then we take the dirt road to Mt Augustus, stopping at the Murchison River—known for the famous Landor racetrack. Next stop is Mt Gould, site one of WA's oldest police stations. We continue to our accommodation at Mt Augustus Station, enjoying the changing beauty of Mt Augustus along the way. Dinner by campfire under the stars tonight. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we explore Mt Augustus, the lovely Lyons River, and Cattle Pool, viewing amazing large river gums and Aboriginal art on the rock. Later we travel to our sunset viewing area for drinks and nibbles whilst watching the sun go down on Mt Augustus, followed by another campfire dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4

We travel the Cobra-Dairy Creek Road to the Kennedy Range, crossing the Gascoyne River and continuing through amazing cliffs and rocky countryside. We also visit Temple Gorge and Honeycomb Gorge. (B,L,D)

Day 5

Today we travel to Carnarvon, visiting the Quobba Blowholes, the Carnarvon lighthouse, jetty, the town and wharf area. (B,D)

Day 6

We visit the tracking station (set up by NASA to support the Gemini and Apollo space programs), and the OTC Satellite Earth Station Carnarvon. Later we visit White Bluff Lookout, then continue to Kalbarria National Park via the Murchison River. We have stops at Hawks Head and Ross Graham Lookout to take in the scenic gorge views. (B,D)



Day 7

We visit Bluff Point to view the spectacular coastline, then a stop at the Lynton Convict Settlement site, Northampton and Geraldton to visit the HMAS Sydney memorial. We continue south, reaching Perth late afternoon. (B)

Included:

- Cue
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Race Track
- Lyons River
- Edney Springs
- Flintstone Rock
- Cattle Pool
- Gascoyne Junction
- Quobba
- Kalbarri

Namatjira Country Art Tour with Leon Holmes – 8 Days

Thu 16 – Thu 23 May 2019

\$4,480 S (Land Only \$3,980) Supp \$850 Non-painters – take off \$250



Capture some of Australia's most stunning landscapes and natural features on this amazing tour. Sketch and paint majestic gorges, rolling hills and mountains, linen white gum trees and much more! We spend quality time in each location, watching Leon demonstrate how to capture our beautiful surroundings in our art, and then having a go ourselves.

Day 1

Arrive in Alice Springs where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your accommodation. Later we enjoy a meet-and-greet with our tutor and fellow artists, and our first dinner together. (D)

Day 2

An opportunity for an early morning balloon flight over the MacDonnell Ranges (own expense) before breakfast, then we spend all day painting the buildings and countryside at Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Leon will start with a demonstration of how he tackles the subject in front of him, followed by time for you to do your own painting. (B)

Day 3

Tutorial and painting at Simpsons Gap this morning, with Leon's guidance. Simpsons Gap is a stunning gorge carved out of the West MacDonnell Range and is a wonderful painting subject. Lunch at Glen Helen Homestead (our accommodation) followed by more painting and an opportunity for a helicopter flight over the gorge (own expense). (B,D)

Day 4

All day painting at Ormiston Gorge under your tutor's guidance, with endless subjects - the earthy orange gorge, crystal reflections, grand old gum trees, birdlife, wildlife and more. Ormiston Gorge is one of the most picturesque places on this tour and you will be amazed at the colours, reflections and textures around you. (B,D)



Leon is a professional plein air and studio oil painter from Perth, Western Australia. His process involves sketches and quick oil studies before working on a more refined painting. Winner of numerous awards in Australia and internationally, he is highly respected amongst his peers and is regularly invited to exhibit and teach in the USA and Europe. Leon is also the founder of Plein Air Painters of Australia and is an ambassador for world leading art supply companies, Michael Harding Oil Paints and Rosemary and Co Brushes. Sharing his knowledge and teaching others how to paint outdoors from life is one of his passions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to create beautiful vivid art, full of colour, light and texture, not achievable if painted from a photo in the studio.

Day 5

A full day of painting again, this time at Ellery Creek Big Hole. Thousands of years of massive floods have carved out this beautiful waterhole and unlocked some amazing geology (an artist's dream)! (B)

Day 6

This morning we travel to Ross River (stopping for morning tea in Alice Springs on the way). We enjoy lunch at Ross River Homestead and then in the afternoon Leon will set up his painting gear and demonstrate more painting techniques, painting our surrounds. (B,D)

Day 7

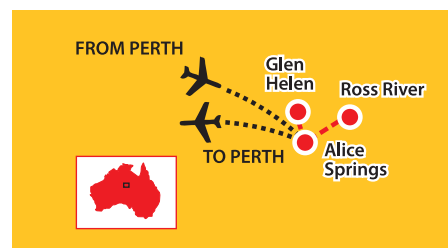
A day of painting at the stunning Trepina Gorge, noted for its sheer quartzite cliffs, River Redgum lined watercourses, and wide sandy creek beds. Tonight we'll have a "show-and-tell" of the works everyone has created during this tour. It will be wonderful to see everyone's styles and subject choices. (B,L,D)

Day 8

We part our ways today at Alice Springs airport, taking with us new painting skills and memories. (B)

Included:

- Flights Perth – Alice Springs – Perth (other cities on request)
- Daily painting tutorials guidance
- Balloon flight over MacDonnell Ranges (own expense)
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Araluen Cultural Centre
- Simpson's Gap
- Glen Helen Gorge
- Ellery Creek Big Hole
- Helicopter flight over Glen Helen Gorge (own expense)
- Ross River Homestead
- Trepina Gorge
- Ormiston Gorge



Adelaide to the Red Centre – 10 Days

Sat 01 to Mon 10 June 2019

\$3,530 (seniors \$3,480) S/Supp \$680

**NEW
TOUR!**

Discover the spectacular scenery of our Red Centre, and be amazed by the size of our iconic Uluru and the beauty of the nearby Kata Tjuta. Explore historical Alice Springs and the stunning MacDonnell Ranges, and marvel at the Coober Pedy “moonscape”.

Day 1

We begin in Adelaide, home of festivals and food, arts and culture. We visit the Mount Lofty Summit, which provides spectacular panoramic views across Adelaide’s city skyline to the coast. The peak rises more than 710m above sea level. Later you can enjoy a ride on “Popeye” on the Torrens River (own expense) for a different look at the city or immerse yourself in the culture of Adelaide’s North Terrace, before being transferred to your accommodation. (D)

Day 2

We begin our day by travelling to Port Pirie. Smelters have been in operation here since 1889, and it became the biggest lead smelter in the world by 1934. We have a town tour then free time to explore this quaint little town, then continue to Port Augusta, situated on the Spencers Gulf. Whilst here we visit the Wadlata Centre, where you can take a journey back in time learning about South Australia and the Flinders Ranges. (B,D)

Day 3

We start the day by visiting Mathew Flinders Lookout in the Arid Botanical Garden, and then continue on to Lake Gairdner, the largest salt lake in South Australia. We follow the highway to Woomera, famous for its RAAF Woomera Range Complex (a large systems testing range covering an area of approximately 122,000 sq kms). In the afternoon we reach Coober Pedy, our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 4

We spend the day in Coober Pedy today. Coober Pedy mines over 92% of Australian opals and you have a chance to buy your very own opal today during our town tour, when you will also find out more about the unique practice of opal mining. In the late afternoon we travel to the breakaways for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles whilst watching a magical sunset. (B)

Day 5

Travel to Uluru and Kata Tjuta today, visiting Mt Conner and Lake Amadeus along the way, having a stop at the 1-million acre cattle property at Curtin Springs. We arrive at Yulara where you will have time to visit the town Centre before checking in to our accommodation and enjoying the amazing art installation—Field of Lights at the Rock in the evening (own expense). (B)

Day 6

Today is all about the “Rock” and the “Olgas”. We enjoy a very information tour with a local guide, before having the opportunity to explore the area and visit the Cultural Centre. You may also fly over both attractions (own expense), before heading back to the “Rock” for a BBQ dinner and a spectacular sunset in the evening. (B,D)

Day 7

Leaving Yulara today, we continue our journey to Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park. We take a walk into the Gorge, marvelling at its breathtaking 100m high walls. We return to our accommodation, then after settling in we view a beautiful sunset over the Watarrka National Park. (B,L,D) Note: Helicopter flight opportunity over Watarrka National Park (own expense).

Day 8

On to Alice Springs where we visit the historic Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill Lookout before a visit to the stunning Simpson’s Gap, returning via Honeymoon Gap. Overnight in Alice. (B,D)



Included:

- Flights Perth—Adelaide/Alice Springs—Perth
- Wadlata Centre
- Arid Botanical Gardens
- Mathew Flinders Lookout
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Coober Pedy / Opal Mine Tour
- Kings Canyon
- Mount Conner
- Field of Lights at Uluru
- Kata Tjuta and Uluru
- Ross River Homestead
- Trephina Gorge
- Honeymoon Gap
- Simpsons Gap
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Anzac Hill



Day 9

Today we visit the amazing Trephina Gorge Nature Park, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed. Several waterholes attract native wildlife and provide a beautiful setting for visitors. We continue to Ross River Homestead for lunch. The appeal of Ross River lies in the truly remarkable N’Dhala Gorge Nature Park which contains some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Ross River Resort is the historic Loves Creek Homestead built in 1898 by the pioneering Bloomfield family as a working cattle station. Return to Alice in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

Day 10

We head to town for some last minute shopping and a last look around this outback town, before being transported to the airport for flights home, after an amazing journey to the Red Centre. (B)



Kimberley Dreaming – 9 Days

Wed 12 to Thu 20 June 2019

\$3,680 (Seniors \$3,630) S/Supp \$750

Explore the stunning scenery of Western Australia's popular Kimberley region. It is bordered on the west by the Indian ocean, on the north by the Timor Sea, on the south by the Great Sandy and Tanami Deserts, and on the east by the Northern Territory. Massive boab trees dotting the landscape, rugged mountain ranges, dramatic gorges, semi-arid savannah and a largely isolated coastline will keep you mesmerized, and the variety of wildlife will keep your cameras clicking. Keep an eye out for crocs!

Day 1

After our flight to Kununurra we begin right away with a visit to the very interesting Zebra Rock Gallery where you can buy some of your very own zebra rock, and try their famous mango smoothie. Later we share drinks and nibbles with fellow passengers before dinner. (D)

Day 2

Today we travel along the Gibb River Road to Zebedee Hot Springs where you can enjoy a dip in the thermal springs. We continue into El Questro station and have lunch with our fellow passengers, then continue to Emma Gorge for an afternoon stop before heading back to Kununurra. (B)

Day 3

You have the opportunity for an early morning flight over the Bungle Bungle Range and Lake Argyle (own expense). After breakfast we enjoy a lovely cruise up the Ord River to Lake Argyle, spotting crocodiles and birdlife along the way. At the dam wall you are met by our driver and taken to the lookout for stunning views of the lake and river. Overnight at Lake Argyle Resort. (B,D)



Day 4

Sightseeing from the air this morning by helicopter for views over the Lake Argyle area and the Carr Boyd Ranges. We also visit the iconic Durack Homestead, and enjoy a cruise on the lake. (B,D)

Day 5

We head to Warmun, formerly known as Turkey Creek, for morning tea, then continue on to the town of Halls Creek, our stop for the night. (B,D)

Day 6

We start with a trip to historic Old Halls Creek, the site of the first gold discovery in WA, then visit the white quartz "China Wall". Later we enjoy a stop at Mary River for afternoon tea before continuing to Fitzroy Crossing, our stop for the night. (B,D)

Day 7

Today we travel to Tunnel Creek, made famous by the Aboriginal warrior Jandamarra. Tunnel Creek features a 750-metre tunnel which has worn through the Napier Range. We also visit the 3.5 km Windjana Gorge (spot the freshwater crocodiles)! (B,L,D)



Included:

- Flights to and from Perth
- Helicopter flight over Lake Argyle
- El Questro Station
- Emma Gorge
- Cockburn Ranges
- Ord River Cruise
- Durack Homestead
- Lake Argyle Cruise
- Zebra Rock Gallery
- Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge
- China Wall
- Flights over Bungle Bungles-optional

Day 8

We continue on to Derby today and visit the famous Prison Tree. Derby is also known for its street lined with boab trees. We check out the historic jetty and continue to Broome in time for our evening meal at Cable Beach as the sun goes down. (B,D)

Day 9

A town tour of Broome, followed by time for shopping, and a quick visit to some surrounding areas before our flights home. (B)



Kakadu – Litchfield National Parks - 7 Days

Mon 24 to Sun 30 June 2019

\$2,990 (Seniors \$2,940) S/Supp \$550

**NEW
TOUR!**

Visit two of the most popular and picturesque national parks in Australia. Kakadu has been home to Aboriginal people for more than 65,000 years and is dual World Heritage-listed for its outstanding natural and cultural values; and Litchfield is home to stunning waterfalls, crystal clear pools, and iconic magnetic termite mounds. A magical place to visit!

Day 1

Fly to Darwin via Broome, where you are greeted by your Aussie Redback crew and transferred to your accommodation for a meet and greet over dinner. (D)

Day 2

We travel to Litchfield National Park, home to several stunning waterfalls that cascade into crystal clear pools (and where you can take a plunge at beautiful Wangi falls). We also visit the incredible Magnetic Termite Mounds, built by thousands of termites. We spend most of the day exploring the park, and tonight we stay in Batchelor. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we travel to Adelaide River and visit one of Australia's most famous war cemeteries and heritage listed WWII 4RSU Pell Airstrip. Later we return to Batchelor to explore the townsite, visit Butterfly House, and the Batchelor Museum. (B,D)

Day 4

We visit Kakadu National Park today, the largest national park in Australia, covering almost 20,000 square kilometres (nearly half the size of Switzerland)! This biodiverse nature reserve has wetlands, rivers and sandstone escarpments, and is home to some 2,000-plant species and wildlife including saltwater crocodiles and flatback turtles. Aboriginal rock paintings dating to prehistoric times can be viewed at sites such as Nourlangie, Nanguluwur and Ubirr. We stay here for two nights. (B,D)

Day 5

We spend more time in Kakadu today, enjoying a cruise on Yellow Water, spotting crocs, magpie geese, eagles and more. We also visit Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, learning about Aboriginal culture, then and now. (B)

Included:

- Flights Perth-Darwin-Perth
- Kakadu National park
- Litchfield National Park
- Wangi Falls
- Adelaide River
- WWII 4RSU Pell Airstrip
- Yellow Water cruise
- Bark Hut Inn



Day 6

On to Darwin today, stopping at the iconic Bark Hut Inn on the way (a REAL Aussie Roadhouse with crocodile and buffalo-adorned walls)! We also visit the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre to experience the 270-degree view of the surrounding wetlands and learn more about the area. Later we hop on board an Adelaide River cruise, where the highlight is the jumping crocodiles! Return to Darwin in the evening. (B,D)



Day 7

After a town tour and some free time you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Perth. (B)

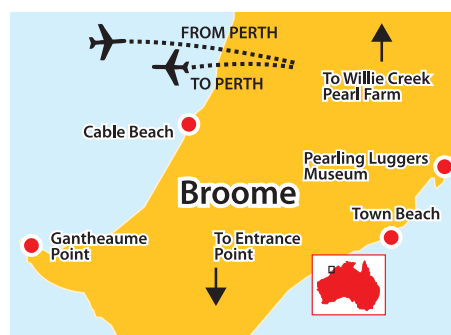


Best of Broome – Travel Sketching with Leonie Norton – 8 Days

Sat 06 to Sat 13 July 2019

\$4,300 (Land Only \$3,800) S/Supp \$850 Non-painter's discount – take off \$250.

Broome is one of WA's most popular destinations famous for Cable Beach sunset camel rides and world class pearls. This tour caters for artists and non-artists, as there is much to see and do. If you are an artist, you will be spoilt for variety of choices to capture in your travel diaries, and if you aren't an artist, the Broome Visitor Centre offers day trips and sightseeing that you can do.



Day 1

Arrive in Broome where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team. You have a short tour of the town before being transferred to your accommodation. Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles to get to know your tutor and fellow passengers tonight. (D)

Days 2–7

Six days of sketching and exploring, capturing white sandy beaches, red rock cliffs, and turquoise ocean at Gantheaume Point; visiting the Broome Japanese Cemetery; and sketching people, old shops, and statues in China Town. We also visit Willie Creek Pearl farm, the town beach, Broome Museum, and Roebuck Bay, and have an afternoon at Cable Beach, followed by fish and chips sunset dinner. Highlights include the Thursday night markets and a movie at the famous Sun Pictures (own expense). (5B,3D)

Day 8

We visit the markets this morning before our flights home. (B)

Leonie Norton is an international artist, and author, taking travel sketching art groups both overseas and within Australia for many years. Her extensive experience makes this popular watercolour tutor highly in demand.



Included:

- Flights Perth–Broome–Perth (other departures on req)
- Daily sketching tips and reviews
- Gantheaume Point
- Cable Beach
- China Town
- Roebuck Bay
- Willie Creek Pearl Farm
- Pearl luggers and museum

Broome – Beagle Bay – Cape Leveque – 7 Days

Mon 15 to Sun 21 July 2019

\$2,850 (seniors \$2,800) S/Supp \$550

Explore the contrasts of the historical pearling town of Broome with the rugged and beautiful Beagle Bay and Cape Leveque areas.

Day 1

Arrive in Broome where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team. Time to explore Broome before motel check-in. It's a full moon tonight so we can see the "staircase to the moon"! (D)

Included:

- Flights Perth–Broome–Perth
- Staircase to the moon
- Willie Creek Pearl Farm
- Sacred Heart Church
- Cygnet Bay / One Arm Point/ Kooljaman
- Malcolm Douglas Croc Farm
- Pearl Luggers Tour
- Broome Sunset Dinner
- Sunset Dolphin Cruise
- Broome Museum

Day 2

Lots to see and do today, including a tour of Gantheaume Point, Entrance Point, Japanese Cemetery and the Broome Museum, followed by a visit to the 12 Mile Bird Park, which features over 600 birds, 80 different species and 93 aviaries. (B,D)

Day 3

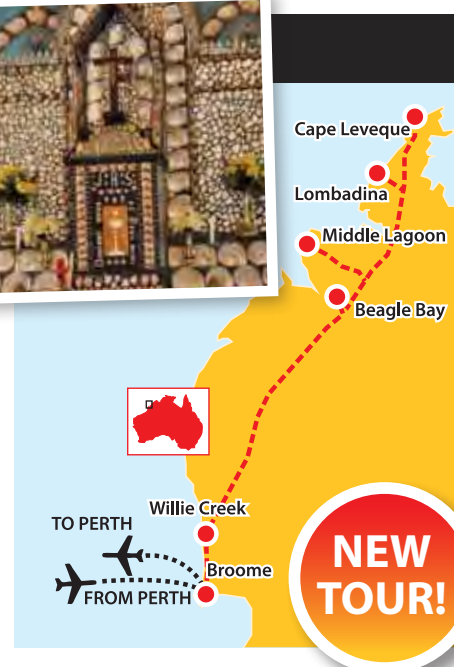
We visit the Willie Creek Pearl Farm for a unique insight into the process of modern cultured pearl farming, and later we have free time in Broome before a sunset fish and chips dinner. Optional camel ride along Cable Beach (own expense) (B,D)

Day 4

We visit the Beagle Bay Aboriginal Community and see the Sacred Heart Church and its famous pearl shell altar. Later we visit Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm on the shores of King Sound, the One Arm Point community, the aquaculture hatchery, and relax on the beach at Kooljaman at Cape Leveque. (B,L,D)

Day 5

A trip to Malcolm Douglas Croc Farm, then later a dolphin cruise along Gantheaume Point, Reddell Beach, Entrance Point and Roebuck Bay. (B)



Day 6

We visit Pearl Luggers of Broome and learn about 150 years of pearling history in Broome. View some of the last remaining pearling luggers in Broome, and see, touch and hold some of our most valuable pearls and diving artefacts. (B,D)

Day 7

Spend some time at the town markets before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Extended Tours

All tours are ex Perth and include flights where indicated.
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Broome to Cairns – Savannah Way – 16 Days

Tue 25 Jul to Wed 07 Aug 2019

\$4990 (seniors \$4940) Single Supp \$1100

**SPECIAL
OFFER**

**Book this Tour along
with the Tropical North
Queensland Tour (p18) and
take \$1000 OFF THE TOTAL**

The Savannah Way is Australia's adventure drive, linking the pearling town of Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley to Cairns in Tropical North Queensland via the natural wonders of Australia's tropical savannahs and the Northern Territory's Top End.



Day 1

Today we fly to Broome. After a town tour and motel check-in we enjoy a relaxing evening meal at Cable Beach whilst watching the sun go down. (D)

Day 2

We travel to Willare Bridge, then Fitzroy Crossing, stopping for boab photos and an afternoon cruise on Geikie Gorge. (B,D)

Day 3

On to Halls Creek, site of the first gold discovery in WA. We see the "China Wall", a natural vein of sub-vertical white quartz rising to 6m above the surrounding country in places. Overnight in Halls Creek. (B,D)

Day 4

We travel to Warmun for a chance to fly over the Bungle Bungles (own expense). From here we travel to Kununurra, in the heart of the Kimberley. We visit Zebra Rock Gallery, the Ord River diversion dam and Ivanhoe Crossing. (B,D)

Day 5

A morning cruise up the Ord River to Lake Argyle, spotting crocodiles and birdlife before reaching the dam wall, which holds back the equivalent of 21 Sydney Harbour waters. Later we stop at a lookout for a stunning view over the lake and Ord River. Tonight, you have time to relax and swim in the infinity pool before dinner. (B,D)

Day 6

We cross the border to the Northern Territory, passing through open woodland, grass understory, rocky outcrops, kapok trees and the floodplain of the Victoria River system. Later a sunset cruise on the Victoria River, spotting crocodiles along the way. (B,D)

Day 7

We continue to Katherine and take a refreshing dip in the natural thermal springs at Katherine River. (B,D)

Day 8

We start with a breakfast cruise at Nitmiluk Gorge. See mist rising above the smooth water's surface, hear the wildlife stirring from the night and breathe the crisp clean air in this stunningly beautiful spot. Later we travel to the famous Mataranka thermal pools and Mataranka Homestead, our home for the night. (B)

Day 9

We travel to Elsie Station cemetery, then famous Daly Waters Pub. In the past the pub has witnessed murders, shoot outs, and stampeding cattle! Later we stop at historic Newcastle Waters Station in the Barkly Tablelands. Overnight in Tennant Creek. (B,D)

Day 10

On to Barkly Homestead, then over the Queensland border to Camooweal to visit the Drovers Camp Heritage Centre. (B,D)

Day 11

We continue to Mt Isa and Cloncurry via Lake Moondarra. At Cloncurry we visit the John Flynn museum and Mary Kathleen Memorial Park. Sunset drinks and nibbles tonight at the Cloncurry Lookout. (B,D)



**NEW
TOUR!**

Included:

- Flights Perth-Broome/Cairns-Perth
- Cable Beach
- Fitzroy Crossing
- Geikie Gorge Cruise
- Halls Creek
- China Wall
- Kununurra/Ord River/Lake Argyle
- Timber Creek Cruise
- Katherine Hot Springs
- Nitmiluk National Park
- Mataranka
- Daly Waters Pub
- Camooweal
- Cloncurry
- John Flynn Museum
- Normanton
- Karumba
- Forsayth
- Undara Lava Caves
- Mt Surprise
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Kuranda

Day 12

On to Normanton today, stopping at the Burke and Wills Roadhouse, arriving in Normanton early afternoon. Later we drive to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria for a fish and chips dinner and one of the most amazing sunsets you will ever see. (B,D)

Day 13

On to Forsayth today, followed by an afternoon cruise on Cobbold Gorge, Queensland's youngest gorge. (B,D)

Day 14

We travel to Mt Surprise and Georgetown, which boasts some of the best gemstone areas, and one of the finest attractions in Queensland - the Ted Elliott Mineral Collection at TerrEstrial. We also visit the Cumberland Chimney (B,D)

Day 15

We continue to Cairns, stopping for a tour of the Undara Lava Tubes at the Undara National Park on the way. (B,D)

Day 16

A morning visit to Kuranda, the well-known arts and crafts village in the naturally beautiful rainforest. After shopping and relaxing you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Extended Tours

All tours are ex Perth and include flights where indicated.
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Sat 10 to Wed 21 August 2019

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Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you will meet your Aussie Redback Tours team for a transfer to your accommodation. (D)

Day 2

This morning we take the Scenic Railway through the rainforests and past the spectacular Barron Falls to Kuranda. We enjoy time here browsing the many craft shops and attractions in this quaint village. Later you will have a choice to take the 7.5 km Skyrail Rainforest cableway (own expense) to the bottom of the mountain or return on the coach. (B,D)

Day 3

We travel to Mareeba today, stopping at the Mareeba museum to learn about the town's history. Later we stop briefly at the small farming town of Lakeland on our way to Cooktown. (B,D)

Day 4

Our day starts with an informative tour of Cooktown, located on the Endeavour River on the Cape York Peninsula. Later you have time to visit the James Cook Historical museum before we enjoy a cruise on the river. (B,D)

Day 5

Today we travel to Port Douglas, named after John Douglas - a former premier of Queensland. We take part in an informative cruise on the Dickson Inlet, through the unspoilt mangrove channels, where you can learn about the surrounding estuarine habitat. Tonight is free for you to explore Cairns. (B)



Day 6

We travel south to the amazing Paronella Park, built in the 1930's by Spanish Immigrant Jose Paronella, who brought his dream of building a castle to life. Everything in the park is powered by Queensland's first hydro-electric plant. Later we continue to Ingham, a major centre for the sugar cane industry; and then continue to Townsville for a two night stop over. (B,D)

Day 7

A relaxing day spent in and around Townsville. You will have an opportunity to take the ferry to Magnetic Island, explore Reef HQ - the largest living coral reef aquarium in the world, or simply explore Townsville town. (B,D)

Day 8

We travel to Ayr on the Burdekin River, then Bowen - which sits in the "dry tropics". Later we continue to lovely Airlie Beach - gateway to the Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef. This will be our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 9

Today we enjoy a cruise to the islands on the Great Barrier Reef. Sit back, soak up the atmosphere and totally immerse yourself in the location. Later in the day we return to our accommodation and tonight is free time in Airlie Beach. (B)

Day 10

We travel to Mackay where you will view the world's largest bulk handling sugar loading terminal. We then head to Rockhampton where we visit the Botanical gardens and step back in time at the Heritage Village, which showcases the rich, colourful history of Rockhampton. You will see vintage vehicles, a hall of clocks, timber cutters camp, a blacksmith shop, homesteads, cottages, and vintage machinery. (B,D)



Included:

- Flights Perth – Cairns / Brisbane – Perth
- Cairns
- Kuranda Railway
- Kuranda Village
- Mareeba
- Lakeland
- Cooktown
- Port Douglas
- Paronella Park
- Ingham
- Ayr
- Bowen
- Airlie Beach
- MacKay
- Rockhampton
- Bundaberg
- Maryborough
- Maroochydore
- Brisbane

Day 11

An earlier start today. We travel to Bundaberg, visiting the Bundaberg Distillery Co for a guided tour which brings the crafting of rum to life. We also get to sample some of their product. Later we make our way to Brisbane for the night. (B,D)

Day 12

We spend some time in Brisbane this morning, visiting Mt Coot-tha, site of Brisbane Botanic Gardens, before you are transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**NEW
TOUR!**



Murray River Art and Nature Tour with Terry Jarvis and the Proud Mary – 8 Days

**NEW
TOUR!**

**Exciting Combined
Tour –
ART, FOOD, HISTORY,
NATURE**

Sun 13 to Sun 20 Oct 2019

\$4,480 (Land Only \$3,950) S/Supp \$1,500 Non-Painters Discount – take off \$300

This tour has been designed for painters, non-painters, food enthusiasts, and wildlife and nature lovers. Cruise along the glorious Murray River, the longest single river in Australia, on the stylish Proud Mary, painting the magnificent cliffs, birdlife, and water reflections along the way, or just relaxing and soaking up the sights. You will be spoilt with stunning scenery, a professional art tutor, and meals to die for! It doesn't get much better than this!

Included:

- Flights Perth-Adelaide-Perth (other city departures on request)
- 5 nights Proud Mary (all meals included whilst on board Proud Mary)
- Murray River from
- Murray Bridge to Blanchetown and return
- 2 nights Hahndorf
- Visit to Hans Heysen's home – The Cedars
- On shore excursions and activities
- Daily tutoring/ painting advice/tips



Day 1

After arriving in Adelaide, you are transferred to Murray Bridge to begin your art and nature-lovers cruise. Tonight there's a pre-dinner drink for everyone to get to know one another, before a delicious hot supper. (D)

Days 2–5

Get those brushes ready! Terry will set up his easel each day and show you how he paints our stunning surroundings. Learn how to capture light, mood, and the beautiful Australian colours. Your subjects will be endless – towering golden cliffs, gentle reflecting waters, a vast array of flora and fauna including plenty of birdlife, and little towns and settlements along the way. After your lessons, it will be your turn to paint under Terry's guidance as you continue cruising along the stunning Murray River.

Non-painters and painters will also have the opportunity to disembark and visit Murray Aquaculture; take part in a guided land tour learning about the area's flora and fauna and geology; visit Ngaut Nagut Aboriginal conservation site to see archaeological digs and aboriginal rock art; and view the Murray River's amazing vista from above. Also included is an evening campfire and singalong on shore, and a Captain's Dinner on night 5 (includes a complimentary champagne or cocktail, followed by a five-course menu of choice featuring mouth-watering dishes based on modern Australian cuisine. (B,L,D)

Day 6

Our last day on the Proud Mary with another painting lesson and free painting time, or simply making the most of the surroundings. At 4 pm we tie up at Murray Bridge, say goodbye to our Proud Mary captain and staff, and travel with the Aussie Redback tours team to Hahndorf for a two-night stay. (B,L,D)



Day 7

We visit Hans Heysen's studio and home (The Cedars), to learn about this very famous Australian artist, and paint and relax in the gardens. Later we drive to Hahndorf for lunch and a painting session with Terry in the main street. Learn how to simplify buildings and add atmosphere to your scenes. Non-painters can use this time to explore the many unique shops and buildings for last-minute gifts and souvenirs. Tonight we have a "show-and-tell" of our paintings, followed by a farewell dinner together.

Day 8

Unfortunately all good tours must come to an end and this morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport where we part our ways, taking home lots of lovely memories.



Terry Jarvis is one of Australia's exceptional watercolour Artists. His passion for his craft and his love of the wonderful medium of watercolour is revealed through his varied subject matter ranging from magnificent Australian Scenes, to paintings of his travels in Australia and Europe. He is a much sought after watercolour tutor across the globe and has been a regular tutor at the legendary Bathurst summer and winter schools for the last 6 years.



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2018/2019 Day Tours

Sun 08 Jul	Christmas in July
Sun 12 Aug	Northern / Wildflowers
Sun 19 Aug	Northern / Wildflowers
Sun 26 Aug	Balingup Medieval Festival
Sun 09 Sep	Araluen Tulip Festival
Sun 23 Sep	Swan River Cruise / Fremantle Prison
Sun 14 Oct	Southern Wildflowers
Sun 28 Oct	Toodyay Train / Historical York
Sun 4 Nov	Busselton Jetty
Sun 25 Nov	Swan River Cruise / Perth Mint
Sun 09 Dec	Christmas Lunch Mystery Tour
Sun 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch Mystery Tour
Sat 26 Jan	Australia Day Mystery Tour
Sun 17 Feb	Tickle Your Tastebuds in the Ferguson Valley
Wed 27 Feb	Swan River Cruise / Maritime Museum
Sun 17 Mar	Harvey Harvest Festival
Sun 05 May	Moondyne Joe Festival
Sun 12 May	Mother's Day Mystery Tour
Wed 17 Jul	Christmas in July

A great opportunity to have a day out exploring areas outside the Perth metropolitan area. All one day tours include morning tea and lunch, and attraction entries where applicable.

Why not grab a friend and hop on board! \$99 pp (Seniors \$95). Pick-ups at Rockingham, East Perth and Joondalup.



About Us

Aussie Redback Tours is heading towards its fifth year of operation and growing stronger each year. We take pride in not only what we know about our country, but also our professional presentation, our eco-friendly values, and the fact that we simply enjoy what we do. We love getting to know our passengers, and at the end of each day we enjoy sharing stories and having a laugh with everyone on tour!



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