



# 2019 Tours Brochure

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## Boyup Brook Country Music Festival – 4 Days

Fri 15 to Mon 18 February 2019

\$950 S/Supp \$70

**NEW  
TOUR!**



A four-day tour to the annual Boyup Brook Country Music Festival. Picture yourself sitting back, listening to some of Australia's finest country music talent, enjoying clean country fun, and surrounded by river gums and grassy knolls on the banks of the beautiful Blackwood River. You'll be right in the heart of the festival, camping in comfort in a pre-erected camp site at the Old Flax Mill Caravan Park. Special guest for 2019 is the amazing Becky Cole, along with a line-up of other fabulous musicians and singers; and we will also have a private guest artist appearance by country music singer Donna Atkins at the Aussie Redback Tours camp.

### Day 1

We depart Perth, heading down the south-west highway, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way before arriving at our comfortable pre-erected music festival camp at the Flax Mill Caravan Park. (D)

### Day 2

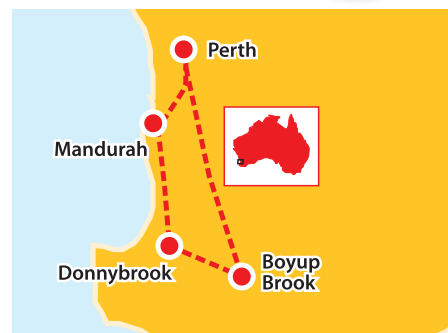
Lots happening today! See the street carnival, ute and truck muster, street market stalls, buskers, and street performers, and of course a variety of country music in Music Park. Also held tonight are the WA Country Music Awards (B)

### Day 3

This morning we enjoy the yarns and tales of the bush poets on stage, then later we visit the Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre to see WA's amazing collection of music memorabilia. There's more country music to enjoy throughout the day and tonight we have our own private entertainment with country music singer Donna Atkins. (B,D)

### Day 4

After a delicious cooked breakfast and reminiscing of our wonderful weekend, we return to Perth via Donnybrook and Mandurah, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way. (B)



### Included:

- Transport from Perth to Boyup Brook and return
- Comfortable camp accommodation including stretcher and mattress
- 3-day music festival pass
- WA Country Music Awards
- Street Carnival, ute and truck
- muster, bush poet's breakfast, street performers, art awards
- Visit to Harvey Dickson's Country Music Centre
- Sunday night private camp entertainment with Donna Atkins
- Daily cooked breakfasts, two camp dinners

## Dirk Hartog Island – Monkey Mia – 6 Days

Sun 10 to Fri 15 March 2019

\$1,990 (Seniors \$1,840) 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 Aristocat, 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 – Tue 16 Apr 2019

\$4,490 ex Perth (Land only \$3,990) S/Supp \$600

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

# Art Tour

**Visit and paint some of Australia's most beautiful landscapes in the Flinders Ranges. You'll be astounded at the ever-changing colours as we travel from location to location. Non-painters/photographers welcome too.**

### Day 1

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

### Day 2

This morning we view the scenery atop the Matthew Flinders Lookout, before heading to the delightful historical town of Quorn for lunch and your first painting session. Ross will demonstrate how he tackles some of the subjects, and then it will be your turn to paint. Later we continue with a scenic drive to Merna Mora Station, your home for three nights. (B,D)

### Day 3

A full day of painting around Merna Mora Station where you will have numerous choices of classic Flinders Ranges vistas to paint under Ross's guidance. The area is steeped in history with many artifacts and evidence of the early days of settlement. (B, D)

### Day 4

We take a short drive to Parachilna Gorge, deep in the heart of the Flinders Ranges, with its huge river gums, red gums and amazing water courses. Ross will choose a location to paint and will do a demonstration to waken your artistic flow, and then you will have your turn. Picnic lunch provided today. (B,L,D)

### Day 5

We pack our gear and head to Hawker for morning tea and a look at the very interesting Jeff Morgan Gallery. We continue to Rawnsley Park Station and after lunch you will have an afternoon painting session. Barbecue dinner tonight around a classic Aussie campfire. (B,D)

### Day 6

A full day of painting at Blinman and surrounds. Blinman is the highest town in South Australia, set in the Flinders Ranges. The town began with the discovery of copper in 1859 and commencement of mining in 1862. It has some lovely old heritage buildings which we'll be able to paint, and after lunch we pack up and continue down the highway to the Cazneaux Tree which stands in a picturesque location. We have another quick painting session here before we head back to our accommodation. (B)



Ross Paterson is recognised as one of Australia's leading and influential watercolourists, oil painters and pastelists 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 tutorials
- Port Augusta (Matthew Flinders Lookout)
- Quorn
- Merna Mora Station (3nts)
- Parachilna Gorge
- Flinders Ranges National Park
- Rawnsley Park Station (3nts)
- Elders Range
- Cazneaux Tree
- Motel/Station Stay Accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 6 dinners, 1 lunch



### Day 7

We start the day with an opportunity to take a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges (own expense). We stay at Rawnsley Park Station today, painting more classic Flinders Ranges scenery. Ross will choose your location and after a demo on how to capture the scene in front of you, you'll be free to paint for the rest of the day, stopping only for a bite of lunch. (B,D)

### Day 8

This morning we leave Rawnsley Park Station and make our way to Orroroo for morning tea, then its on to the historic copper mining town of Burra for lunch, check-in and an afternoon painting session. As it's our last night together, we'll have a show-and-tell of all the work we've created over the past week. (B,D)

### Day 9

After a hearty breakfast, we leave Burra, making our way to Adelaide airport through the wine regions of South Australia. What a grand way to finish an art trip of the Flinders Ranges! (B)





# Extended Tours

All tours are ex Perth and include flights where indicated.  
Please contact us for prices for other city departures or land only costs.

## Esperance – Bremer Bay at Easter – 5 Days

Fri 19 to Tue 23 April 2019

\$1,600 (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) Entry to park included.

### 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

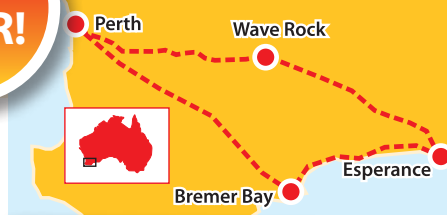
We start with a scenic and informative boat cruise to the nature reserve at Woody Island. Later we have free time in town, followed by a leisurely drive around the Great Ocean Drive, stopping at the famous Pink Lake. (B,D)

### 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

\$2,130 (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) Entry to Satellite Station included.



### 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

## Art Tour

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)

### Day 5



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.

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

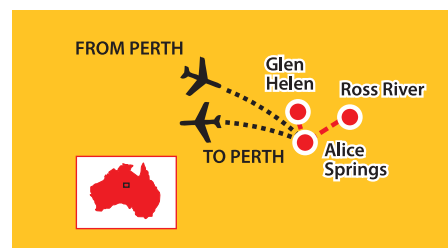
A day of painting at the stunning Trephina Gorge, noted for its sheer quartzite cliffs, River Redgum lined watercourses, and wide sandy creek beds. Tonight we'll have a "show-and-tell" of the works everyone has created during this tour. It will be wonderful to see everyone's styles and subject choices.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





## Adelaide to the Red Centre – 10 Days

Sat 01 to Mon 10 June 2019

\$3,630 (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,D)

### 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 by international artist Bruce Munro at the Rock in the evening (own expense). (B)

### Day 6

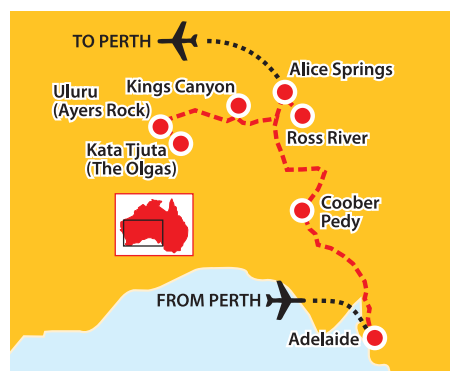
Today is all about the “Rock” and the “Olgas”. We enjoy a very information tour with a local guide, before having the opportunity to explore the area and visit the Cultural Centre. You may also fly over both attractions (own expense), before heading back to the “Rock” for a BBQ dinner and a spectacular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



### 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
- Kata Tjuta and Uluru
- Ross River Homestead
- Trephina Gorge
- Honeymoon Gap
- Simpson's 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)



Photo by Mark Pickthall

## Kimberley Dreaming – 9 Days

Wed 12 to Thu 20 June 2019

\$3,780 (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)

### 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

\$3,090 (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)





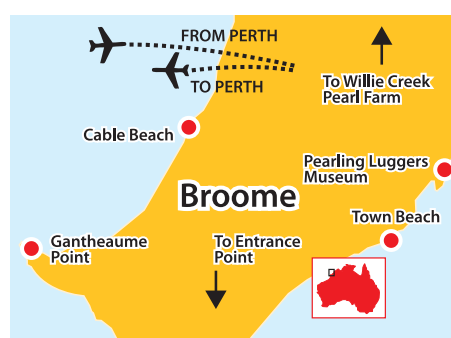
## Best of Broome – Travel Sketching with Leonie Norton – 8 Days

Sat 06 to Sat 13 July 2019

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

### Art Tour

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). (SB,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

\$2,950 (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

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## Broome to Cairns – Savannah Way – 16 Days

Tue 23 Jul to Wed 07 Aug 2019

\$5,090 (Seniors \$4,940) Single Supp \$1100

**SPECIAL  
OFFER**

**Book this Tour along  
with the Tropical North  
Queensland Tour (p11) 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 (optional, own expense) 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)



### 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 Cruise
- 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

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## Tropical North Queensland – 12 Days

Sat 10 to Wed 21 August 2019

\$4,790 (Seniors \$4,640) S/Supp \$850

**SPECIAL  
OFFER**

**Book this Tour along with  
the Broome to Cairns –  
Savanna Way Tour (p10) and  
take \$1000 OFF THE TOTAL**

Starting in Cairns and finishing in Brisbane, this tour takes in some of Australia's best-known tourist spots. We travel the coast to places such as Port Douglas, Kuranda, Airlie Beach and the Whitsundays. Join us for a magical tour of Queensland's Tropical North.

### 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!**



## Cape York – Thursday Island – 13 Days

Sat 24 Aug to Thu 05 Sep 2019

\$5,500 (Seniors \$5,350) S/Supp \$960

Bordered by the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Coral Sea, Cape York Peninsula is an untouched wilderness dominated by mighty meandering rivers and vast flood plains. It's the place where you can stand on the very tip of the Australian continent and discover the oldest rainforest in the world. You will also discover the beauty of Thursday Island.

### Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your motel. Settle in for a good night's sleep before the Cape York adventure begins. (D)

### Day 2

Up through the Atherton Tablelands to Mareeba to Lakeland and Cooktown on Cape York Peninsula, where James Cook beached his ship, the Endeavour, for repairs in 1770. We enjoy a 2-night stopover here. (B,D)

### Day 3

We spend a full day in and around Cooktown visiting the Botanical Gardens, the James Cook Museum, the lookout on Grassy Hill, and taking a river cruise on the Endeavour River in the afternoon. (James Cook Museum and cruise included in fare) (B)

### Day 4

We continue our journey through the Barrons Range to the Peninsula Development Rd, stopping for morning tea at the Split Rock Art Site, home to prehistoric rock paintings. We continue to Laura and Musgrave which was first built as an overland telegraph station in 1887, along with Palmerville, Fairview, Coen, Mein, Moreton, McDonnell and Paterson. Coen is our stop for the night. (B,D)



### Day 5

Coen has an amazing array of birdlife with representatives from rainforest, monsoon forest and coastal forests. Keep your eyes open to spot these creatures of the forest. We travel over the Archer River and arrive in Weipa for a 2-night stopover. (B,D)

### Day 6

Weipa comprises two townships and is on Albatross Bay at the confluence of Mission and Embley Rivers. It faces the Gulf of Carpentaria on the west side of Cape York Peninsula. The tranquil surroundings will transport you into a spiritual world of culture and history. Discover waterways and diverse wildlife including saltwater crocodiles and numerous bird species.

### Day 7

Today we head to Fruit Bat Falls, one of far north Qld's most iconic watering holes, and as the tip gets nearer the journey becomes increasingly beautiful. We travel through the Heathlands Resource Reserve and cross the Jardine River on the vehicle ferry and then to Bamaga. In the afternoon we arrive in Seisia for a 3-night stopover. (B,L,D)

### Day 8

Today we take the final slow drive through thick forest to the northern-most point of Australia named by James Cook on 21 August 1770. We drive as far as we can but then have to walk out over the rocks to the tip. 160km away across the Torres Strait is New Guinea. We return to Seisia to celebrate reaching the tip of Australia! (B,D)

### Day 9

We take the ferry to Thursday Island, 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 visit the WWII tunnels and emplacements, and then the afternoon is free before we return to the mainland. (B,D)



### Day 10

We head to Bramwell Station, stopping to look at the WWII plane wreck site just past Bamaga, before arriving back at the Jardine River Crossing. We continue to Bramwell Station, Australia's most northern cattle station. (B,D)

### Day 11

This morning we travel to the Moreton Telegraph Station, on the banks of the Wenlock River. We continue through Archer River, Coen and onto Laura, an important supply centre for the gold rush towns of Palmerville and Maytown in the 1870s. This will be our stop for the night. (B,D)

### Day 12

This morning we follow the Laura Heritage Trail from the centre of town where you will get a feel for those early years. Relics from the era remain, and you can visit the old Laura homestead to experience the confinement of an early police lock up. We continue to Lakelands, Palmer River, Mareeba and Cairns, stopping along the way. We arrive back in Cairns, settle into our accommodation and then enjoy our last meal together. (B,D)

### Day 13

We visit the beautiful Cairns Botanical Gardens before making our way to the airport for our flights home, after an amazing thirteen days at the Top End of Australia. (B)

#### Included:

- Flights Perth – Cairns
- Captain Cook Landing
- Gulf of Carpentaria
- Historic Cooktown
- James Cook Museum
- Black Mountain
- Split Rock Art Site
- Fruit Bat Falls
- Weipa Eco Cruise
- Thursday Island Cruise/Tour
- Seisia
- Jardine River Ferry
- The Famous Croc Tent
- Bramwell Station
- Punsand Bay
- The tip of Australia





## The Great Inland Way - Lightning Ridge – 12 Days

Mon 09 to Fri 20 September 2019

\$4,700 (Seniors \$4,550) S/Supp \$820

Travel through some of Queensland's most famous towns including the opal town of Lightning Ridge, home to the rare black Australian opal. We visit Carnarvon Gorge National Park, an oasis in the semi-arid heart of central Queensland, with its spectacular sandstone gorge vistas and ancient rainforests. We also spend time in Bourke – a beautiful historic town set on the banks of the Darling River, and Broken Hill (the "Silver City"), before arriving in the National trust copper town of Burra.

### Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your motel. Settle in for a good nights' sleep before our outback adventure begins. (D)

### Day 2

Today we travel through the Atherton Tablelands on our way to Charters Towers. We Take a step back in time and discover the streets of Charters Towers - it's like viewing a living montage of Australian history and heritage. We later check into our accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 3

We reach Emerald, a town in the Central Highlands Region. We spend time here exploring the town and area, before arriving at our accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 4

On to Roma today, where we visit Roma Cattle Saleyards, the largest cattle selling facility in the southern hemisphere, selling over 400,000 cattle a year. This evening we learn about the discovery of oil and gas in Australia at The Big Rig Show in Roma. (B,D) Show included in fare.

### Day 5

This morning we travel through the town of Surat, Dirranbandi to the little outback town of Hebel. In this town it feels like time has stood still, leaving behind tales of the Ned Kelly gang, Cobb & Co and dance halls. Later we head north to the Black Opal capital of the world – Lightning Ridge for a two-night stopover. (B,D)



### Day 6

With our local guide we travel out to the opal fields and discover the many hidden gems of this fascinating town. We visit an opal mine for a tour and learn more about this fascinating rock, and yes, there will be a chance to buy your own opal. The afternoon is yours to explore the town. We also visit the artesian pool for dip in the afternoon. (B) Tour included in fare.

### Day 7

This morning we travel through the town of Walgett, the regional hub for wool, wheat and cotton, before arriving at Brewarrina on the banks of the Barwon River, arriving in Bourke in the afternoon. (B,D)

### Day 8

This morning we visit the Back O'Bourke Centre, which offers an in-depth insight into the history of Bourke, its isolation, the people who live here and the region's current status. After lunch, we travel to the outskirts of town to board the PV Jandra paddleboat for a leisurely cruise along the Darling River, learning more about the region's rich riverboat history. (B,D) Boat cruise/entry included in fare.

### Day 9

Leaving Bourke we travel through some of NSW's cotton fields on our way to Cobar and Wilcannia, and in the afternoon we arrive at Broken Hill for a two-night stopover. (B,D)



### Day 10

Today we spend the day in Broken Hill learning about the silver mining industry, with a visit to Whites Gallery and the nearby town of Silverton where films such as "Mad Max" were filmed. We enjoy an evening meal at the Historic Silverton Pub. (B,D)

### Day 11

Departing Broken Hill, we make our way to Peterborough and then Burra, which is our home for the night. Burra began as a single company mining township that, by 1851, was a set of townships (company, private and government-owned) collectively known as "The Burra". The Burra mines supplied 89% of South Australia's and 5% of the world's copper for 15 years. (B,D)

### Day 12

We return to Adelaide today, where you will spend some time in Glenelg before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

#### Included:

- Flights Perth – Cairns / Adelaide – Perth
- Charters Towers
- Great Dividing Range
- Emerald
- Carnarvon Gorge National Park
- Roma
- Lightning Ridge
- Back O'Bourke
- Exhibition Centre
- PV Jandra cruise on the Darling River
- Cobar
- Wilcannia
- Broken Hill
- Silverton
- Peterborough
- Burra
- Adelaide





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## Northern Wildflowers – 4 Days

Sun 21 to Tue 24 September 2019

\$1,270 (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 3 nights. (D)



### Day 2

We head to Mullewa hillside lookout today 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)

### Day 3

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

#### 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





## Mt Augustus / Karijini – 10 Days

Tue 01 to Thu 10 October 2019

\$3,070 (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 spectacular 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 spectacular 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 everlasting, 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)

### 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 late 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)



## Murray River Art Trip with Terry Jarvis – 7 Days

Tue 15 to Mon 21 Oct 2019

\$3,990 (Land Only \$3,600) Note: Twin Share Only

**The perfect art holiday – cruising in a houseboat, gentle water, towering cliffs, variety of flora and fauna, small group, scrumptious food, and more....!**

### 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 dinner. (D)

### Day 2

After a cooked breakfast, Terry will commence with a lesson on the basics of how to mix greens, perspective, and tonal values. Lunch is served on board and you can continue to paint as we meander upriver to Mannum, a very historic town on the west bank. We moor here for the night and you can purchase your dinner at the Pretoria Hotel, just a few metres away from our houseboat. (B,L)

### Day 3

After breakfast and a lesson on skies, cliffs and trees, we continue to cruise upriver and put the lesson into practise. Terry will provide one-on-one instruction if you need it. We stop along the way to spend time on land, then continue cruising past Younghusband, Teal Flat, and Lake Carlet, mooring for the night at the little settlement of Bowhill. You can continue painting on board or stretch your legs with a walk and sketch on land before our dinner on board. (B,L,D)



### Day 4

We depart Bowhill and head back downstream. Terry will provide a lesson on water and reflections which will help you sketch those special water scenes on this cruise. We spend time on land, capturing more of the beauty of the Murray River, paying attention to reflections from the boat and our surroundings, water colours, ripples and shapes. We moor at the small settlement of Younghusband with its riverside shacks, picturesque views and abundant birdlife. It will be hard to choose what to sketch! (B,L,D)



### Included:

- Flights Perth-Adelaide-Perth (other city departures on request)
- 6 nights houseboat
- Murray River from Murray Bridge to Bowhill and return
- Visit to Hahndorf
- Daily tutoring/painting advice/tips
- Daily meals (except one dinner)

### Day 5

After breakfast, Terry will give a short lesson on adding birds to your sketches. If you haven't already put a bird in your scenes, today is the day! You will learn how to draw and paint feathers, feet, beaks and more. This lesson will be invaluable if you want to add life to any future sketch or painting! We meander past Mannum and moor at a picturesque painting spot. Time to stretch your legs and find your "spot" to create your masterpiece! There are some 320 species of birdlife in the Murray River area. See how many you can spot! This evening we have a traditional Australian barbecue on board followed by entertainment provided by your crew. Uh oh – what do they have planned! (B,L,D)



## Art Tour



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.



### Day 6

After a scrumptious cooked breakfast, we have time for more sketching under Terry's guidance. We continue to cruise past the never-ending delights of the Murray River, capturing more of its beauty on paper. Later Terry will show you how to paint a sunset (before the sun goes down). You'll get a chance to paint your own sunset right after that as we watch our last sunset on the Mighty Murray! More show-and-tell of our work tonight after our last dinner together. (B,L,D)

### Day 7

Today we return to Murray Bridge and leave our houseboat behind. We drive to the German town of Hahndorf for lunch and a bit of shopping before your transfer to Adelaide for your flight home. (B)



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## Southern Wildflowers – 4 Days

Sun 27 to Wed 30 October 2019

\$1,270 (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

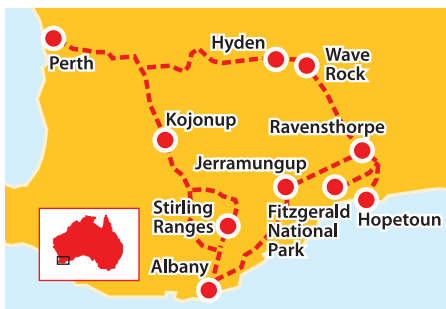
On to Newdegate, one of the southern wheatbelt's wildflower hotspots, then through Lake King, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun. Later we spot numerous wildflowers in the rugged Fitzgerald River National Park. (B,D)

### 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)

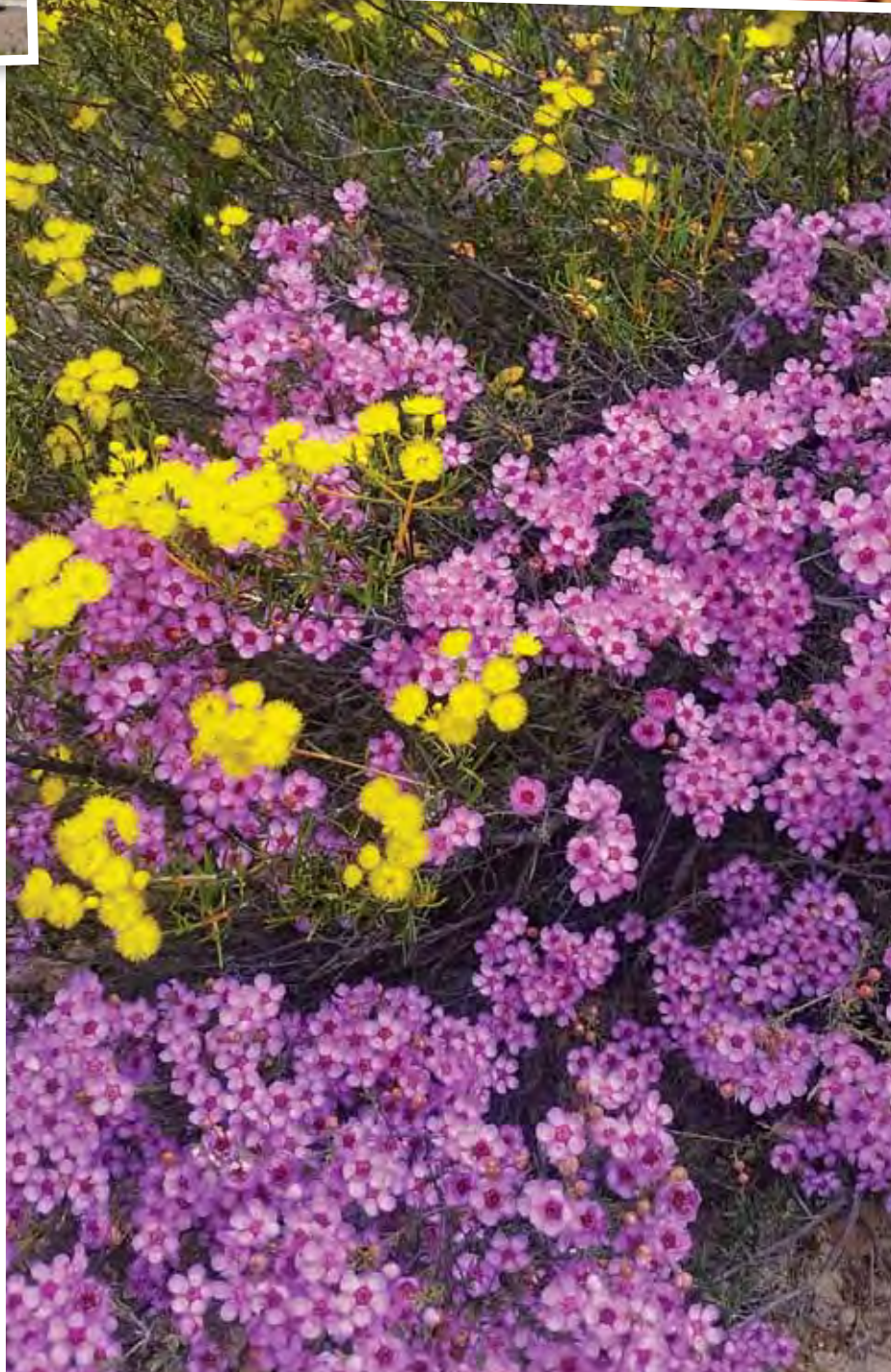
### Day 4

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





## Tasmania Two – 10 Days

Fri 08 to Sun 17 November 2019

\$4,690 (Seniors \$4,540) S/Supp \$850

If Tasmania is on your must-do list again, but you want to see more, then this journey offers more than the usual trip around the Island. We have included Bruny Island – a wildlife haven of jagged cliffs and golden beaches swirling with seabirds; Stanley – set in a region aptly names the 'Edge of the World'; and the famous Tahune Airwalk – an elevated walkway 30 metres above the forest floor which has spectacular views to the peaks of the World Heritage Area.

### Day 1

Arrive in Hobart to meet your Aussie Redback Tours crew and transferred to your accommodation for a good night's sleep, before our wilderness adventure starts.

### Day 2

Today we take a short drive to Kettering to catch the ferry to Bruny Island for a two-night stopover. The home of the beautiful South Bruny National Park, Bruny Island provides the ultimate Tasmanian wilderness experience. The stunning coastline of the island is home to fur seals, fairy penguins, and white wallabies, and provides excellent opportunities for birdwatching, not to mention the abundance of seafood and wine.

(B,D)

### Day 3

On this day we take a cruise around Bruny Island, alongside some of Australia's highest sea cliffs, drifting up close to listen to the awesome 'Breathing Rock', entering sea caves, and passing through the narrow gap between the coast and 'The Monument. The "Made on Bruny Island" gourmet trail is another very special reason why we have visited the Island. (B)

### Day 4

Today we leave the Island and visit the Tahune Airwalk, sharing the lives of the forest giants from up-close, looking down to the place where the wild waters of the Huon and Picton Rivers mingle. Later we continue to Southport, known as Australia's southernmost settlement. Here we spend a lazy two night stop over. (B,D)

### Day 5

Departing Ida Bay Station, we travel through the most pristine southern-most Tasmanian bush, where peaceful Lake Lune River meets the ocean, and you will travel on one of the most iconic railways in history. The two-hour journey from the Ida Bay Station to the Elliott's Beach next to the Recherche Bay is a must. Free time later in Southport. (B,D) Train ride included on fare.

### Day 6

We travel through Dover, Oatlands and Campbell Town, before arriving in Launceston, with stops on the way to explore. (B,D)

### Day 7

This morning in the heart of Launceston, we visit the beautiful City Park, featuring magnificent mature shrubs and trees, many of English origin, before an afternoon on the water to explore the magical Tamar River and Cataract Gorge on-board the Tamar Odyssey. (B)

#### Included:

- Flights Perth - Hobart - Perth-Hobart
- Kettering
- Bruny Island / Bruny Island Cruise
- Tahune Airwalk
- Southport
- Ida Bay Station Train
- Launceston
- Tamar Odyssey Cruise
- Stanley Museum
- The Nut
- Arthur River Cruise
- Ross



### Day 8

From Launceston we follow the coast to Devonport, and Wynyard, stopping on the way for morning tea and lunch and some sightseeing, before arriving in Stanley for two nights. (B,D)

### Day 9

Stanley is a town of perfectly preserved colonial buildings, all sheltering in the imposing shadow of the Nut, an immense flat topped, volcanic plug rising 150m straight up from the water's edge. In the afternoon we visit the Stanley Museum, then there's free time to explore. (B,D)

### Day 10

We travel to Arthur River this morning and enjoy a cruise on the *MV George Robinson* – a beautiful old steel-hulled vessel fitted out with Tasmanian timber and brass. Magical reflections of the lush vegetation in the tannin coloured river, and pristine densely forested river banks of myrtles, blackwoods, leatherwoods, sassafras, silver wattles and endangered Brooker's gums will keep you spellbound. At Turk's Landing, you will be captivated by the giant brown top stringybark (Tassie Oak) and the ancient giant tree ferns. On board we enjoy morning tea and a BBQ lunch, before returning to Stanley. (B,L)

### Day 11

Departing Stanley we return to Hobart, stopping on the way at Deloraine and Historic old Ross, a tranquil village offering an amazing opportunity for visitors to experience the beauty and drama of Tasmania's colonial history. Later we arrive in Hobart for our last night together. (B,D)

### Day 12

You have some free time in the city before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)





# Extended Tours

All tours are ex Perth and include flights where indicated.  
Please contact us for prices for other city departures or land only costs.

## East-Coast Tasmania Art Trip with Chan Dissanayake – 8 Days

Wed 20 to Wed 27 November 2019

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

Spend quality time painting, sketching and exploring the beautiful east coast of Tasmania. Less travelling and more painting is what we promise on this tour, with a variety of subjects including historic villages, stunning beaches, and spectacular peaks, finishing off with a visit to the often controversial MONA Art Gallery.

### Day 1

Arrive at Launceston airport where you will be met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your accommodation. Pre-dinner drinks and a meet-and-greet with your tutor and fellow artists before dinner. (D)

### Day 2

We drive to George Town which is surrounded by vineyards, orchards, berry and lavender farms. Chan will choose a spot for his first painting demonstration, and then it will be your turn to paint. You'll have all day, stopping only for a bite to eat and time to explore. (B,D)

### Day 3

Your painting location today is the village of Ross, built in the early 1900s and famous for the Ross Bridge. Later in the afternoon we head to Swansea, our home for the next three nights. (B,D)



### Day 4

We spend a full day at Coles Bay with Chan, painting the sheer pink granite mountains which overlook the calm, crystal clear water of Oyster Bay. (B,D)

### Day 5

We stay put in the quiet, laid-back seaside village of Swansea today. It looks out over Great Oyster Bay to the spectacular granite peaks of Freycinet National Park – perfect subjects to capture in your art. Chan will commence with a demonstration, followed by one-to-one advice as you work on your own paintings. (B,D)

### Day 6

Today we paint in the Freycinet National Park. Yesterday we saw the granite peaks from the distance – today we get closer. You'll be able to paint the peaks, the beach, and secluded bays today. Nice and relaxing. (B)

### Day 7

We drive to Hobart today for a short painting session at the Salamanca Marketplace (no markets on today which is a good time to paint the surrounding buildings usually obscured by people and stalls). We also visit the MONA Art Gallery, followed by our last dinner together and a showing of the art we've created whilst on tour. (B,D)

### Day 8

This morning you will be transferred to Hobart airport for your flight home, taking with you many memories captured in your art. (B)

## Art Tour



Chan Dissanayake is a multi-award-winning watercolour artist from Canberra. He is a highly regarded tutor and a well-respected judge of local and regional art awards. His passion is watercolour, and he has mastered a variety of subjects including rural landscapes, urban cityscapes, and coastal seascapes. In 2017 Chan was elected to the elite Australian Watercolour Institute. Chan has gained considerable reputation as an outstanding tutor, conducting workshops throughout the country as well as internationally. He has also contributed many articles to leading art publications including Australian Artist and Artists Palette.

### Included:

- Flights Perth – Launceston / Hobart – Perth (other flights on request)
- George Town
- Ross
- Coles Bay
- Swansea
- Freycinet National Park
- Hobart
- Visit to MONA Art Gallery

## Manjimup – Bridgetown – Boyup Brook – 2 Days

Sat 07 to Sun 08 December 2019

\$650 (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 beautiful little town of Bridgetown! 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 for our overnight stay. (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. We continue our journey to our lunch stop, and then our last stop, Perth. (B)



### Included:

- Bridgetown
- Donnelly River
- Harvey Dickson's Country Music Centre



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## 2019 Day Tours

Sat 26 Jan	Australia Day Mystery Tour
Sun 17 Feb	Tickle Your Tastebuds in the Ferguson Valley
Sun 10 Mar	Hotham Valley Train
Sun 17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
Sun 07 Apr	New Norcia/Swan Valley
Sun 28 Apr	Moore River/Lancelin
Sun 05 May	Moondyne Joe Festival
Sun 12 May	Mother's Day Mystery Tour
Sun 23 Jun	Pinnacles/Lobster Lunch
Wed 17 Jul	Christmas in July
Sun 11 Aug	Toodyay/York
Sun 25 Aug	Northern wildflowers
Sun 01 Sep	Father's Day Wildflower Tour
Sun 15 Sep	Araluen Tulip Festival
Sun 29 Sep	Busselton Jetty
Sun 20 Oct	Southern Wildflowers
Sun 15 Dec	Christmas Lunch

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! \$105 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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