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Tropical North Queensland

Sat 10 to Wed 21 August 2019 (12 Days)

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

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 in this quaint little village, browsing the many craft shops and attractions. 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 an enjoyable 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 on 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 (own expense), 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 travel 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 your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



Extended Tours

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Cue – Walga Rock – Kalbarri at Wildflower Time

Sun 25 to Thu 29 Aug 2019 (5 days)

\$1,500 (Seniors \$1,350) S/Supp \$290



Travel through the Murchison area of WA where we visit the historic town of Cue; Walga Rock (claimed to be the second largest monolith in Australia, and which contains a cave with an extensive gallery of indigenous art); and the seaside tourist town of Kalbarri. As it's wildflower time, keep an eye out for wildflowers along the way!

Day 1

From Perth we travel via picturesque Swan Valley to New Norcia for morning tea, then continue via Dalwallinu and Wubin along the Gt Northern Hwy to Paynes Find. After lunch we continue to the gold mining towns of Mt Magnet and Cue. (D)



Day 2

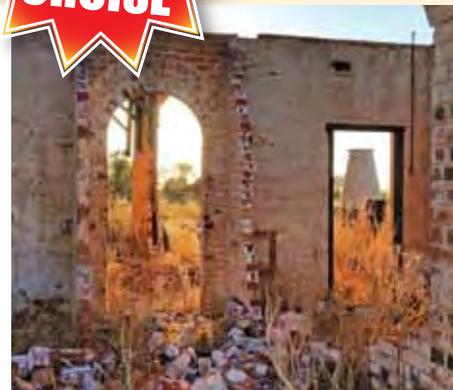
Today we visit the ruins of Big Bell, once a thriving outback town; and Walga Rock, a monolith which is 5 km around the base and 1.5 km long, the second largest in Australia. We explore the rock, with an opportunity to see ancient Aboriginal art on its walls. We enjoy morning tea and lunch in the Australian bush, before returning to Cue for night. (BLD)

Day 3

On to Yalgoo and a visit to Jokers Tunnel, carved into the side of a hill nearby. We have lunch at Mullewa where we also visit the famous Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, built by Monsignor Hawes. We continue to Kalbarri for a two-night stopover. (BD)

Day 4

Today we visit the Kalbarri National park, with its dramatic scenery and vast array of flora. The major geographical features of the park include the Murchison River gorge which runs for nearly 80 km on the lower reaches of the Murchison River. Later we return to town for lunch and a visit to Rainbow Jungle – Australia's Parrot Breeding Centre. In the afternoon we have a sunset cruise on the river before our evening meal. (B,D)



Day 5

We return to Perth through the beautiful seaside towns of Jurien Bay and Cervantes, arriving in Perth in the late afternoon. (B)

Included:

- New Norcia
- Dalwallinu
- Paynes Find
- Cue
- Walga Rock
- Big Bell
- Yalgoo/Jokers Tunnel
- Mullewa/Lady of Mt Carmel Church
- Kalbarri National Park/Sunset Cruise
- Jurien Bay/Cervantes

Northern Wildflowers

Sun 22 to Wed 25 September 2019 (4 days)

\$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...

Day 1

Departing Perth, we 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)

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 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)

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)

Mt Augustus / Karijini at Wildflower Time

Tue 01 to Thu 10 October 2019 (10 days)

\$3,070 (Seniors \$2,920) S/Supp \$670

We travel through classic outback territory to Mt Augustus – the world’s largest single rock (bigger than Uluru) – 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 spoiled 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 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

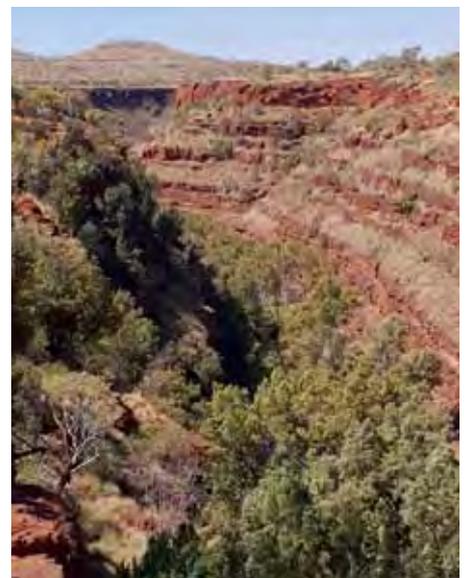
This morning we visit the Carnarvon Space and Technology museum, quite an eye opener even if you’re not interested in outer space, and then we continue on to Kalbarri via the Murchison River. (B,D)

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 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)



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Murray River SA Art Cruise with Renata Wright

Art Tour

Sat 26 Oct to Fri 01 Nov 2019 (7 days)

\$3,920 (Twin share only) ex Perth. Land Only \$3,420. Non-painters take off \$250.

The perfect art holiday – cruising in a houseboat, gentle water, towering cliffs, flora and fauna all around, small group, scrumptious food, and more...! Includes six nights on the houseboat, daily sketching tuition, daily breakfasts, unlimited morning and afternoon teas, five dinners and four lunches

Day 1

Arrive in Adelaide where you are greeted by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your houseboat at Murray Bridge. Pre-dinner drinks and dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2

Start with a lesson on the basics of tonal values, perspective, and mixing Australian greens. Cruise upriver to Mannum for a sketching session on land. (B,D)

Day 3

First a lesson on skies, cliffs and trees, then you put your lesson into practice, sketching the surrounding river scenes from on board and later on land. (B,L,D)



Day 4

A lesson on painting water and reflections (great for capturing ripples, shapes, and colours of the Murray). We moor at Younghusband which has quaint little riverside shacks to paint! (B,L,D)

Day 5

A short lesson on painting birds – invaluable if you want to add life to your Murray River scenes. More painting on land later, as we spot birds and animals galore. BBQ dinner tonight and entertainment by your crew. What do they have planned? (B,L,D)



Renata is a Perth-based award-winning watercolour artist and teacher. When out and about she carries a travel sketch kit and captures her surrounds in quick pen and wash studies, and this is what she will teach you on this trip. Renata's teaching methods are fun, clear, and suitable for painters of all skill levels.

Day 6

More sketching and painting under Renata's guidance, including a late lesson on sunsets. (B,L)

Day 7

We return to Murray Bridge mid-morning and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Southern Wildflowers

Sun 27 to Wed 30 October 2019 (4 Days)

\$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

Extended Tours

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Tasmania Two

Fri 08 to Tue 19 November (12 Days)

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

If you have seen the more commonly-visited parts of Tasmania before, but you want to see more, then this journey offers more than the usual trip around the Island. We have included Bruny Island, joined to the main island by a long narrow isthmus, and a wildlife haven of jagged cliffs and golden beaches swirling with seabirds. We also visit Stanley - the beauty of Tasmania's north-west coast in a region aptly named the 'Edge of the World'; and we experience the famous Tahune Airwalk - an elevated walkway 30 metres above the forest floor, sitting above the Huon River, with spectacular views to the peaks of the World Heritage Area.

Day 1

Arrive in Hobart where you are met by your Aussie Redback 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 and 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, white wallaby and provides excellent opportunities for birdwatching, not to mention the abundance of seafood and wine. (B,D)

Day 3

Today 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

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)

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:

- Hobart
- Kettering
- Bruny Island/Bruny Island Cruise
- Tahune Airwalk
- Southport
- Ida Bay Station Train
- Launceston
- Tamar Odyssey Cruise
- Stanley
- 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 150 m 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)



East-Coast Tasmania Art Trip with Chan Dissanayake

Wed 20 to Wed 27 November (8 Days)

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

Art Tour

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 will kick off the tour before dinner. (D)

Day 2

We drive to the delightful George Town which is the third oldest Australian settlement, and is surrounded by vineyards, orchards, berry and lavender farms. Chan will choose a spot for his first painting demonstration, and after igniting your inspiration, it will be your turn to choose a spot and 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 pretty riverside village of Ross, built by convict labour in the early 1800s. It is also famous for the Ross Bridge – Australia's third oldest bridge still standing – and no doubt you'll want to capture this in your painting under Chan's guidance. Later in the afternoon we head to Swansea, our home for the next three nights. (B,D)

Day 4

We paint at Coles Bay today, which sits beneath stunning sheer pink granite mountains overlooking the calm, crystal clear water of Oyster Bay. It will be hard to choose a favourite subject to paint but Chan will get you started and assist you with your masterpieces throughout the day. (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 and tips 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,D)



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

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

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 will visit the "interesting" MONA Art Gallery, and tonight we'll have a show-and-tell of everyone's paintings so we can all see what has been produced whilst on tour. (B,D)

Day 8

Sadly, all good tours must come to an end and today you will be transferred to Hobart airport for your flight home, taking with you many memories captured in your art, your camera, and in your heart and mind. (B)



Norfolk Island Note: Bookings MUST be finalised 2 months prior to departure date.

Mon 17 to Wed 26 February 2020 (10 Days)

\$4,400 (Seniors \$4,280) ex Perth S/Supp \$570 • Ex Brisbane \$3,570 (Seniors \$3,430) S/Supp \$400

Visit this gorgeous Australian island in the South Pacific Ocean, known for its Norfolk Island pine trees and the infamous Mutiny on the Bounty. The island hums with history, the mutineers and their Polynesian companions, and you are greeted with warm Norfolk hospitality, relaxed road rules and lots of cows!

Day 1

Perth passengers start the tour with flights from Perth with an overnight stopover in Brisbane. (D) Note: Remaining passengers commence tour on Day 2.

Day 2

All passengers depart Brisbane International Terminal this morning, flying to Norfolk Island, where we will be met and transferred to our accommodation. We enjoy an Asian evening meal this evening followed by a spectacular Wonderland by Night moon buggy tour. The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. (B,D)

Day 3

We have a half day Island Orientation Tour, visiting Kingston, Cascade, Longridge, famous convict buildings, beaches, the island's golf course, and the Melanesian Chapel. We will also learn about Norfolk Island's government, laws and lifestyle. Later we enjoy the Island Markets, followed by a guided tour of Colleen McCullough's home to view priceless collections from around the world. This is a magical experience and we are privileged to be able to do this. This day is not over yet. Tonight we experience a wonderful progressive dinner, visiting homes of local residents, and tasting their delicious food. (B,D)



Day 4

Today we visit the 360 degree Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama, and Queen Victoria Garden where we also enjoy a Devonshire tea at Hilli Restaurant. Free time in the afternoon before dinner. Tonight you will experience an Island Fish Fry, tasting delicious local seafood. (B,D)

Day 5

Free time this morning to do some shopping or just relax before a Convict Settlement Tour. Tonight we take part in a Convict Settlement Dinner where everyone will dress up and take part in this fun event. Costume supplied. (B,D)

Day 6

This morning we take part in a Breakfast Bush Walk along the Bridle Track to Captain Cook's Memorial, followed by a barbecue breakfast feast! Later we take part in a Pitcairn Settlers Village tour where you will learn about the colourful history of Norfolk Island. Dinner tonight at Dino's. (B,D)

Included:

- Flights ex Perth or Brisbane (see above) and return
- Wonderland by Night
- Island Markets
- Colleen McCulloch home tour
- Progressive dinner at local homes
- Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama and Queen Victoria Garden
- Island Fish Fry
- Convict Settlement Tour
- Night as a Convict Dinner
- Breakfast Bush Walk
- Pitcairn Settlers Village Tour
- A Night with the Mutineers
- Captain Cook Monument visit
- Eight breakfasts, eight dinners

Day 7

This morning we visit the Sunday Markets and enjoy live local music on the deck of the Paradise Hotel. Tonight we join Fletcher Christian's direct descendants John and Alison for a "Night with the Mutineers" including sumptuous food, sea shanties, singalongs, great island music and plenty of mutinous tales. (B,D)

Day 8

Today we visit Captain Cook's Monument, followed by a farewell dinner tonight at Castaways hotel. (B,D)

Day 9

After a cooked breakfast, you will have free time this morning to explore the island one more time before departing Norfolk Island in the early afternoon for our flight to Brisbane. Perth passengers will be transferred to motel accommodation after we say farewell to other passengers heading in other directions. (B,D)

Kangaroo Island

Fri 13 to Wed 18 March 2020 (6 days)

\$2,990 (Seniors \$2,890) S/Supp \$390

Discover unique wildlife, wild plains, towering cliffs, and crystal-clear waters on Kangaroo Island, Australia's third-largest island, where visitors arrive from all over the world each year! The breath-taking scenery and laid-back lifestyle will ensure you know you are on holiday! This tour also includes a cruise through the beautiful Coorong National Park, where parts of the movie "Storm Boy" was filmed. With unspoiled beaches on an ancient coastline and birdwatching opportunities galore, this will be a treat for your eyes!

Included:

- Flights Perth – Adelaide – Perth
- Coorong boat cruise
- Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- Seal Bay
- Birds of Prey at Raptor Domain Show
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Admirals Arch
- Kelly's Hill Caves
- Pure Sheep Dairy
- Bay of Shoals Winery
- Cape Jervis
- Victor Harbour
- Granite Island
- Strathalbyn
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens



Day 1

Arrive into Adelaide where you are meet by the Aussie Redback Tours team. We travel to Victor Harbour, passing some wonderful little towns on the way, then on to Goolwa for a cruise along the Coorong where the river meets the sea. Lunch is served on board as you cruise to the Goolwa Barrage, through the lock, and down to the Murray mouth into the Coorong National Park. You'll stop for a guided walk across the peninsula through dune vegetation to a beach on the Southern Ocean. Afternoon tea is served as you cruise back towards the lock at Goolwa. (L,D)

Day 2

This morning you will board the Kangaroo Island ferry from Cape Jervis. Once on land we travel to the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery, the only commercial Eucalyptus Distillery in South Australia. Learn about the distillery process and browse their extensive shop of oils, creams, sweets and gifts. Kangaroo Island is home to the only pure strain of Ligurian Bee in the world and have remained disease free. Having a taste of this delicious honey is not to be missed. The seals are waiting for us basking in the sun at Seal Bay. Enjoy getting up close to these beautiful mammals for amazing photographs. We round up our day with the Birds of Prey Show at Raptor Domain. Listen to the successful bird rehabilitation stories of Dave and Leeza Erwin during the free-flight bird presentation. It is time to make our way to our accommodation for a delicious dinner and a peaceful night. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we show you the wonders of Flinders Chase National Park. One of the most iconic features are the Remarkable Rocks, a cluster of granite boulders with golden orange lichen. Walk around them, through them and take plenty of photographs before we head to Admirals Arch which was formed by massive natural forces. From the platform here you can observe a colony of New Zealand fur seals. Kangaroo Island is also well-known for glorious birds, kangaroos, possums, echidnas, and koalas, and you should be able to spot these during our time here. We continue our incredible day to see the underground Kelly Hill Caves. Beneath the vast expanse of native bushland, we discover treasures of impressive stalagmites, stalactites, helictites and straws. Back at our accommodation there is time for a short walk at your own leisure or relax with "Happy Hour" drinks before dinner. (B,D)

Day 4

Start the day with a drive to Vivonne Bay, a long sandy beach with a picturesque wooden jetty and beautiful turquoise water. The sand dunes of Little Sahara are our next stop this morning. For lunch we travel to Stokes Bay on the serene north coast, protected by uncountable rocks. On Kangaroo Island it is as much about the local produce and wine as it is about the vast wilderness. The freshness, quality and flavour of Kangaroo Island's produce feed not only your body but also your mind. We continue to the Island Pure Sheep Dairy. Smooth and creamy yoghurt, silky textured haloumi and handmade feta cheese are some of the many premium products at Island Pure. We round up the day with a visit to the Bay of Shoals winery. Indulge in some cooler climate wines overlooking the magnificent ocean scenery. With some time up our sleeves we check out the local souvenir shops and galleries in Kingscote. (B)

Photos courtesy Margaret Roeterdink



Day 5

Today we take the ferry back to Cape Jervis and make our way to Victor Harbor, one of South Australia's most attractive seaside towns. Stroll across the causeway to Granite Island and take a ride on the horse drawn tram back to the mainland (own Expense) We have lunch at Victor Harbor before making our way to Strathalbyn, one of the prettiest towns in South Australia. Later we arrive into Adelaide for our last night together. (B,D)

Day 6

This morning we visit the beautiful Adelaide botanical gardens, before you are transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)



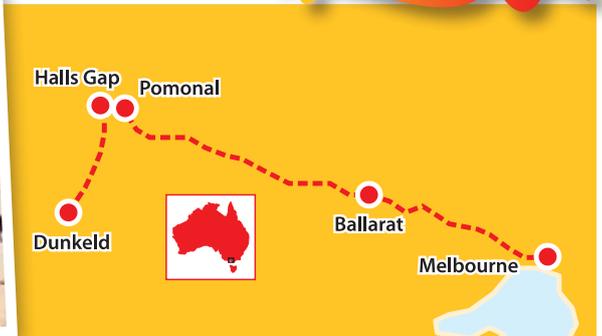
Grampians National Park Art Tour with Ross Paterson

Tue 24 to Tue 31 March 2020 (8 days)

\$3,990 (S/Supp \$600 pp) Non-painters take \$250 off • Land only

Art Tour

Grampians National Park is a picturesque nature reserve in Victoria, Australia, known for its sandstone mountains, wildflowers and wildlife. It features waterfalls like the towering MacKenzie Falls and lookouts such as the Balconies, with views of the Victoria Range. The area is very much an artist's dream and Ross will show you how to capture this beauty in your art. Non-painters and photographers welcome too.



Day 1

As you arrive at Melbourne airport you will be met by your Aussie Redback Tours team, tutor, and fellow artists and travellers. We travel directly to Halls Gap to settle into our accommodation which will be our home for the next six nights. Tonight we'll have drinks, nibbles and a meet-and-greet before dinner. (D)

Day 2

Today we explore Grampians National Park, painting from Boroka Lookout which provides panoramic views over Halls Gap and the east of the Grampians. Ross will get you started with a painting demonstration, providing tips on all your need to know. We will also have time to visit Reeds Lookout and The Balconies for photos and sketching opportunities. (B,D)

Day 3

Plenty of leisurely time today to paint around Halls Gap (our accommodation has fabulous views for early-morning painting, and later we'll spend time in Halls Gap village, painting local shops and buildings with the Grampians in the background. (B,D)

Day 4

Your painting location today is Dunkeld – a magnificent little village at the foot of Mt Sturgeon at the southern end of the Grampians National Park. Quaint old buildings, lakes, bridges, and nearby Mt Abrupt and Mt Sturgeon offer a variety of painting subjects throughout the day, under Ross's guidance. (B,D)

Day 5

We visit MacKenzie Falls today, which is one of the largest waterfalls in Victoria, with water cascading over huge cliffs into a deep pool. Ross will find the perfect spot to paint, start with a demo, and then you will be free to create your own masterpiece. We will be here for the day so there will be plenty of opportunity to view the Falls from a variety of lookouts (some walking required). (B,D)

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.

Day 6

This morning we drive to the Victoria Valley for more en-plein-air painting under Ross's guidance. Subjects include breathtaking scenery of farmlands, rock pools, peaks, and waterways.

Day 7

We drive to Ballarat today, stopping along the way for a short painting session and lunch in the beautiful Victorian countryside. We continue to our accommodation in Ballarat and tonight we'll have a show-and-tell of everyone's paintings so we can all see what has been produced whilst on tour. (B,D)

Included:

- Transfers from and to Melbourne airport
- Daily painting tutorials and tips
- Boroka Lookout
- James McMurtrie Glass Blowing Studio
- McKenzie Falls
- Reeds Lookout / The Balconies
- Dunkeld
- Mt Abrupt
- Mt Sturgeon
- Ballarat
- Comfortable air-conditioned transport
- Motel Accommodation
- Daily breakfast, seven dinners

Day 8

Sadly, all good tours must come to an end and today you will be transferred to Melbourne airport for your flight home, taking with you many memories captured in your art, your camera, and in your heart and mind. (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.

Great Ocean Road – Melbourne to Adelaide

Fri 03 to Thu 09 April 2020 (7 days)

\$3,310 (Seniors \$3,190) S/Supp \$520

Join us on a journey along one of Australia's most popular tourist drives – the Great Ocean Road. We see the Twelve Apostles and London Bridge, and visit the towns of Warrnambool, Mt Gambier, Murray Bridge, and Mannum, finishing in beautiful Adelaide.

Day 1

Leaving Melbourne, we cross the West Gate Bridge and take the Princes Hwy to Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria. We travel to Torquay, the surfing capital of Australia, and the start of the Great Ocean Road. We stop at Bells Beach and the beautiful Erskine Falls. This scenic coastline has been described as one of the most beautiful and breathtaking drives in the world. (D)

Day 2

This morning we continue along the Great Ocean Road to Port Campbell where we'll see the Twelve Apostles (huge stone pillars jutting out of the surf, carved over time by the crashing Southern Ocean waves). We travel on past Port Campbell where you will see London Bridge (the broken arch), and then continue to Warrnambool, our home for the night. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we travel via Port Ferry, Portland and Cape Nelson, along the coast to Mt Gambier, our home for

Included:

- Flights ex Perth
- Bells Beach
- Erskine Falls
- Twelve Apostles
- Mount Gambier
- Blue Lake
- Murray Bridge
- Murray River Cruise
- Monarto Zoo
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens
- Motel accommodation
- Daily breakfasts, six dinners, one lunch

the night. The scenery here is wonderful and we stop to enjoy the local sites along the way. Later in the afternoon we visit the famous Mount Gambier Blue Lake, which occupies one of the craters of the extinct volcano after which the city has been named. (B,D)

Day 4

This morning we continue through the towns of Millicent, Beachport and Tailem Bend, stopping to explore along the way, before arriving in picturesque Murray Bridge on the banks of the Murray River. This is our overnight stop. (B,D)

Day 5

This morning there is plenty of time to relax and explore before a lunch cruise on the Murray River. Enjoy a fine food and drinks as you cruise slowly past majestic scenery, and experience the local wildlife.



Later we have an afternoon visit to Mannum, returning to Murray Bridge in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)

Day 6

A short drive this morning to the Monarto Open Plains Zoo. This is the biggest open-range zoo in Australia and one of the largest in the world. It is home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles, including many of Africa's most impressive animals including lions and giraffes. We continue our journey to Adelaide, our overnight stop. (B,D)

Day 7

A visit to the botanical gardens before free time in the city before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Esperance – Bremer Bay at Easter

Fri 10 to Wed 14 April (5 days)

\$1,600 (Seniors \$1,450) S/Supp \$300

Explore some of WA's most spectacular coastline between Esperance and Bremer Bay. A fun, relaxing short getaway over Easter.

Day 1

We leave Perth and head south through Brookton to Hyden, Wave Rock, and the legendary Mulka's Cave. Lots of time to explore and photograph this unique area. 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. (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)

Included:

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



Day 4

We explore the Fitzgerald River National Park today, stopping to view rugged coastal scenery and numerous wildflowers, then on 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)

Great Central Road (Perth to Adelaide)

Fri 01 to Wed 13 May 2020 (13 days)

Adults \$4,350 pp (Seniors \$4,250 pp) S/Supp \$850

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, marvel at the Coober Pedy "moonscape", and travel along the Great Central Road.

Day 1

Depart Perth, heading east along the Great Eastern Highway towards Kalgoorlie, stopping at Cunderdin's pump house museum, Southern Cross and historic Coolgardie. Overnight in Kalgoorlie. (D)

Day 2

We visit the mind-blowing Super Pit, Mt Charlotte reservoir, and the famous two-up ring, then continue to Menzies, the ghost town of Gwalia, Leonora and Laverton. (B,D)

Day 3

We are now on the Great Central Road, which runs 1,126 km from Laverton to Yulara in the Northern Territory. Spot wildlife along the way – dingoes, emus, kangaroos, camels, eagles and more... Overnight in Warburton. (B,D)

Day 4

Into the Gibson Desert where we visit the remote Giles weather station, Warakurna roadhouse, Schwerin Mural Crescent, and Docker River. We visit the legendary Lasseter's Cave, and catch glimpses of the Olgas (Kata Tjuta) in the distance. Overnight in Yulara. (B,D)

Day 5

We drive to Ayers Rock and the Olgas, and experience the sheer beauty and spiritual presence of these natural formations. Later we visit the Cultural Centre, and then Yulara Village. There is also an opportunity to fly over both Ayers Rock and the Olgas (own expense). By late afternoon we'll be back at the Rock for a barbecue dinner and sunset view! (B,D)



Day 6

We leave Yulara today, stopping at Curtin Springs for morning tea. Next it's on to Kings Canyon and the Watarrka National Park. Optional helicopter flights over the ranges (own expense), followed by an evening sunset viewing over the Watarrka National Park. (B,D)

Included:

- Flight Adelaide – Perth
- Cunderdin Museum
- Kalgoorlie Super Pit
- Laverton Mining Museum
- Great Central Road
- Giles weather station
- Lasseter's Cave
- Olgas and Uluru
- Mt Conner
- Kings Canyon
- Alice Telegraph Station
- Trepina Gorge National Park
- Ross River Homestead
- Coober Pedy
- Dog Fence
- Woomera
- Matthew Flinders Lookout
- Wadlata Centre
- Gibson Desert

Day 7

Drive to Alice Springs today, and visit the historic Telegraph Station and ANZAC Hill lookout followed by a visit to Simpson's Gap. Free time in Alice this afternoon. (B)

Day 8

An opportunity for an early morning balloon flight (optional) before breakfast. We visit Trepina Gorge Nature Park and Ross River Homestead, then it's back to Alice Springs tonight. (B,D)

Day 9

Today we travel to Erdunda and Marla, and continue on to the very unique Coober Pedy, our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 10

We enjoy a town tour of Coober Pedy, marvelling at the underground homes, and learning the history of this multi-cultural town and its opals. The afternoon is free to explore, buy some opals or do some noodling! (B)

Day 11

We follow the highway today to Woomera (famous for its history as a rocket test range), then on to Port Augusta on the Spencer's Gulf. (B,D)

Day 12

This morning we visit Mathew Flinders Lookout and the Arid Botanical Gardens, followed by a visit to the very informative Wadlata Centre. Later it's on to Adelaide. (B,D)

Day 13

We visit the Mt Lofty Summit for views over Adelaide's city skyline, before being transferred to the airport for our flights home. (B)



Adelaide to the Red Centre

Mon 18 – Wed 27 May 2020 (10 days)

\$3,730 (seniors \$3,580) S/Supp \$750

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) Entry to attractions included.

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

Departing Coober Pedy we take the Stuart Highway stopping at various attractions along the way such as Mt Connor and Lake Amadeus before arriving at the million acre cattle station of Curtin Springs, our stop for two nights. (B,D)



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 100 m high walls, then 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
- 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 or for a last look around this outback town, before being transported to the airport for our flights home, after an amazing journey to the Red Centre. (B)

Namatjira Country Art Tour with Chan Dissanayake

Wed 10 – Wed 17 June (8 days)

\$3,980 Supp \$850 Non-painters – take off \$250 • Land only

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 Chan 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 our 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. Chan 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 Chan'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)

Included:

- 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
- Trepkina Gorge
- Ormiston Gorge



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.

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 Chan 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 Trepkina 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)



Kakadu – Litchfield National Parks art tour with Leonie Norton

Mon 22 – Tue 30 June (9 days)

\$4,050 pp S/Supp \$750 • Land only

Art Tour

Spend quality time in the beautiful Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks, capturing waterfalls, billabongs, gorges, and thermal springs in your sketches with the guidance of well-known and popular artist, Leonie Norton



Day 1

You will be met at Darwin airport around midday by your Aussie Redback Tours team. We head straight to Adelaide River and Mount Bundy Station to check in to our accommodation for the next three nights. Once settled, we'll enjoy pre-dinner drinks and nibbles with Leonie and fellow artists and travellers. (D)

Day 2

Today we drive into Litchfield National Park, home to waterfalls, termite mounds and The Lost City. We'll spend time at Florence Falls and Wangi Falls where Leonie will show you how she captures the sights around her, and then it will be your turn to do the same till it's time to pack up and head back to our accommodation for dinner. (B,D)

Day 3

Today we stay at Mount Bundy Station and take in the beauty of the area. Leonie will decide where we are going to sketch today. The choices are endless. (B,D)



Leonie Norton is an international artist, author, and ardent traveller, taking travel sketching art groups both overseas and within Australia for over ten years. She shares her enthusiasm and knowledge to teach people of all skill levels. Her extensive experience puts her in high demand. Leonie's articles appear regularly in Australian Artist magazine, Artists' Palette, Back to Basics, and Drawing and Inspiration.



Day 4

We head to Katherine via Pine Creek today, stopping for morning tea, lunch, and a sketching opportunity in the historic area of Pine Creek. We continue on and stay at Katherine for two nights. (B,D)

Included:

- Transfers from and to Darwin airport
- Daily sketching tips and one-to-one tuition with Leonie Norton
- Three nights Mount Bundy Station,
- Adelaide River
- Two nights Kakadu
- Two nights Katherine
- Katherine Gorge cruise
- One night Darwin
- Daily breakfasts and most dinners

Day 5

An early morning start with a cruise on Katherine Gorge, followed by a full cooked breakfast back at the Visitors Centre in Nitmiluk National Park. We return to Katherine for lunch then in the afternoon we spend time at the Springvale Homestead (the oldest station in the Northern Territory) for some lovely sketching opportunities. (B)

Day 6

We leave Katherine and travel the Kakadu Highway, stopping at Mary River Roadhouse for morning tea, then continue through to Kakadu National Park, famous for rock art, galleries, birdwatching, and spectacular scenery. We spend two nights at Kakadu Lodge, set in tranquil tropical surrounds. This afternoon there is time for some painting before dinner. (B,D)

Day 7

Today is all about Kakadu National Park. We find a special place in the park to set up and enjoy for the day, sketching the beautiful surroundings. We also visit Bowali Visitors Centre for an insight into what makes Kakadu National Park so spectacular, and there is also an opportunity to take a scenic flight over the Park (own expense). (B)

Day 8

Departing Kakadu, we travel the Arnhem Highway, stopping at Windows on the Wetlands for another painting opportunity. For half of the year the wetlands are flooded, while in the dry season they are baked and dried out. The region is one of great contrast. The wetlands are the highest point on the Adelaide River. In the afternoon we return to Darwin for our last night, dining at the Darwin Sailing Club, known for its spectacular sunsets. (B,D)

Day 9

After an amazing tour of Litchfield and Kakadu National Parks, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)



'Get Caught in the Travel Web'

One-Day Tours

Sun 21 Jul 2019

Christmas in July Mystery Tour

Celebrate Christmas in July with a full traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, and a present from Santa.

Sun 11 Aug 2019

Historic Toodyay and York

A visit to two of the most historic towns in the heart of the Avon Valley (including a stop at Toodyay's famous Christmas shop).

Sun 01 Sep 2019

Northern Wildflowers

A short trip in the countryside to do some wildflower spotting. Look out for native orchids, everlastings, and blue leschenaultia.

Sun 15 Sep 2019

Araluen Tulip Festival

Visit the beautiful Araluen Botanic Park in Roleystone, photographing and enjoying the thousands of tulips for the spring festival.

Sun 29 Sep 2019

Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory

Ride the train on one of the world's longest jetties then join a guided tour of the Underwater Observatory at the end.

Sun 15 Dec 2019

Christmas Lunch Mystery Tour

Join us for a full Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, and a present from Santa!

Sun 26 Jan 2020

Australia Day Mystery Tour

Celebrate our wonderful country with a day out, dressed in your Aussie outfit, and enjoying traditional Aussie food.

Sun 09 Feb

Gingin and Moore River Cruise

Enjoy a day out at Guilderton with a cruise on the Moore River with a local guide.

Sun 08 Mar 2020

Moore River Lancelin

Explore the river mouth of Moore River and the crystal blue waters of Lancelin, with a restaurant meal overlooking the ocean.

Sun 26 Apr 2020

Araluen, Beverley and York

Enjoy the autumn colours of Araluen, and the historic country towns of Beverley and York. Picnic lunch.

Sun 17 May 2020

Serpentine and Mandurah Canals Cruise

Enjoy morning tea at the beautiful Serpentine Falls followed by a fish and chips lunch on a Mandurah canals cruise.

All day tours include morning tea, lunch, and extras where indicated. Cost \$105 per person (\$95 for seniors)

Two-Day Tours

(you requested it and we're doing it)

Two-Day Northern Wildflowers

Sat 24 to Sun 25 Aug 2019

\$620 (Seniors \$520) S/Supp \$80

A mini adventure through wildflower country as far north as Dalwallinu. Includes morning tea, one lunch, one night's accommodation, dinner, breakfast, and ample photo opportunities.

Two-day Southern Wildflowers

Sat 19 to Sun 20 Sep 2019

\$620 (Seniors \$520) S/Supp \$80

Travel to the southern areas of Perth as far south as Bridgetown to spot wildflowers such as orchids, running postman and painted ladies. Includes morning tea, one lunch, one night's accommodation, dinner, breakfast, and ample photo opportunities.

Manjimup / Bridgetown / Boyup Brook

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, and the beautiful Bridgetown! Includes morning tea, one night's accommodation, dinner, and breakfast.



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