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Bridgetown – Denmark – Albany (incl. Boyup Brook Country Music Festival)

Fri 14 Feb to Tue 18 Feb 2020 (5 days)

\$1,670 (Seniors \$1,520) S/Supp \$320

NEW TOUR!

Join us on a musical sightseeing tour of the south-west of WA. Be enthralled by local country music talent from around Australia and marvel at the largest collection of country music memorabilia in Australia. Walk amongst the giant marri and karri trees and enjoy the ancient empire walk at the Valley of the Giants. Also included is a fun and fascinating boat cruise on the *Kalgan Queen* in Albany, a visit to the new purpose-built walkway at The Gap, and a visit to the National ANZAC Centre.

Included:

- Boddington
- Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre
- Full day at Boyup Brook Music Festival
- Ute and truck muster
- Boyup Brook Music Shell
- Valley of the Giants
- William Bay
- Cruise on the *Kalgan Queen* in Albany
- The Gap
- National ANZAC Centre
- Mt Barker Police Station Museum
- Williams Woolshed



Day 1

We depart Perth and make our way to Boddington, a lovely little town set along the Hotham River foreshore. We enjoy morning tea here around the tranquil settings of the Lions Weir. Later we take a scenic drive through to Collie, our lunch stop. In the afternoon we head to the Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre, where we enjoy a tour with Harvey himself. Later we take a short drive through to Bridgetown, our accommodation for the next two nights. (D)

Day 2

After a hearty breakfast we take a short drive to Boyup Brook to enjoy the proceedings of the day and night, beginning with the Ute and Truck Muster, which will take over the main streets of Boyup Brook on Saturday morning. There will also be bush poets and street entertainment, and stalls for you to explore. In the late afternoon we head to the Music Shell for a night of wonderful country music by several outstanding artists. Later we return to our accommodation. (B)

Day 3

Today we visit the beautiful forest towns and areas of the south-west. On the way we visit 'Valley of the Giants', William Bay and a winery in Denmark. Later we continue to Albany, our home for two nights. (B, D)

Day 4

This morning we enjoy a cruise on the *Kalgan Queen* riverboat - a sheltered water cruise where you can learn more about Albany's history, dreamtime and wildlife. After lunch we head to the newly renovated Gap walkway and a visit to the National Anzac Centre, returning later to our accommodation. (B,D)

Day 5

Departing Albany, we have a stop at the Mt Barker Police Station Museum, before travelling to Kojonup for lunch. We will also have an afternoon stop at the Williams Woolshed, before making our way home to Perth, arriving late afternoon. (B)



Nullarbor – Port Lincoln - Flinders Ranges

Sun 01 Mar to Tue 10 March 2020 (10 days)

\$3,480 (Seniors \$3,330) Single Supplement \$700

**NEW
TOUR!**

Join us on this magical tour across the Nullarbor Plain, visiting some of the wonderful coastal towns of South Australia along the Great Australian Bight. We visit iconic outback and coastal towns before finishing in the rugged beauty of the Flinders Ranges.

Day 1

Departing Perth, we head south on the Albany Highway through some lovely forest areas. Our drive takes us to Hyden, Wave Rock, and Mulka's Cave staying overnight in Hyden. (D)

Day 2

This morning we leave Hyden and make our way towards Norseman on the Norseman-Hyden road, stopping at beautiful Lake Johnson on the way. We have some time in Norseman before taking the Eyre Highway across the Nullarbor, passing Dundas Nature reserve on the way to Balladonia, which is our evening stop. (B,D)

Day 3

Continuing on our journey, we travel the longest straight road in the world, '90 mile' straight and, we take in the sights of the Great Australian Bight, a truly spectacular vista. Later we cross the West Australian border into South Australia at Eucla. With the great Southern Ocean on our right, we arrive at the Nullarbor Motel, our evening stop. (B,D)

Day 4

Today we finish our road trip across the Nullarbor and make our way to Ceduna, located on the shores of Murat Bay on the west coast of Eyre Peninsula. The name Ceduna is a corruption of the local Aboriginal word Chedoonna and is said to mean a place to sit down and rest. The town has played an important but minor role in Australia's overall development due to it being a fishing port and a railway hub. We spend some time here, before taking the Flinders Highway to Streaky Bay, our evening stop. (B,D)



Day 5

Today on our way to Port Lincoln we visit Murphy's Haystacks – ancient, wind-worn pillars and boulders of pink granite estimated to be over 1,500 million years old. Set in the middle of a wheat field and surrounded by mallee scrub, they are one of the most popular and photographed attractions on the Eyre Peninsula. We continue to Elliston, located on Waterloo Bay, then to Coffin Bay and Port Lincoln, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)

Day 6

Welcome to Port Lincoln – the 'Seafood Capital of Australia'. With its population of 14 000, Port Lincoln is a major commercial centre for the Eyre Peninsula and a popular destination for visitors. In the Afternoon we will discover Australia's largest commercial fishing fleet and our millionaire's playground. Hear about the history and future of the Lincoln Cove Marina on a cruise, as well as a brief overview of Port Lincoln's various fishing industries. Overnight in Port Lincoln. (B,D)

Included:

- Flight Adelaide to Perth
- Wave Rock / Mulka's Cave
- Great Australian Bight
- Murphy's Haystacks
- Streaky Bay
- Coffin Bay
- Port Lincoln / Port Lincoln cruise
- Whyalla
- Port Augusta
- Hawker
- Blinman
- Wilpena Pound
- Orroroo
- Burra town tour

Day 7

We travel beside the Spencer's Gulf today, visiting Tumbly Bay, Arno Bay, Whyalla and Port Augusta, before travelling to Hawker – 'The Gateway to the Flinders Ranges' – our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 8

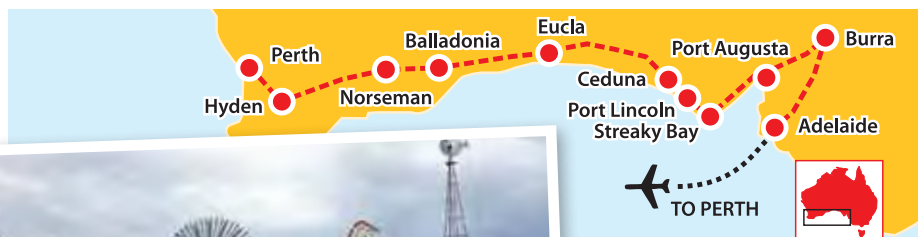
This morning we visit the wonderful little town of Blinman, the highest town in South Australia, set deep in the heart of the Flinders Ranges. In the afternoon we visit Wilpena Pound, and the interesting old Wilpena Station, an amazingly kept piece of Australian History. Later we return to our accommodation. (B,D)

Day 9

Departing Hawker, we make our way to the Flinders Ranges town of Orroroo for a morning tea stop and then onto the lovely historic town of Burra. We discover the past of this heritage listed town, before arriving in Adelaide and our last night together. (B,D)

Day 10

This morning we visit the Adelaide Botanical Gardens and the seaside town of Glenelg, before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



Kangaroo Island

Fri 13 to Wed 18 March 2020 (6 days)

\$3,040 (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 met 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)



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)



Photos courtesy Margaret Roeterdink

Grampians National Park Art Tour with Ross Paterson

Tue 24 to Tue 31 March 2020 (8 days)

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

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 you need to know. We will also have time to visit Reeds Lookout and The Balconies for photos and sketching opportunities. (B,D)

Day 3

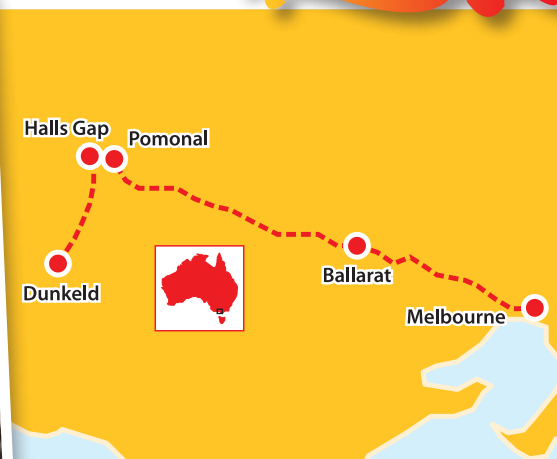
Plenty of leisurely time today to paint around Halls Gap (our accommodation has fabulous views for early-morning painting, and later we'll spend time in Halls Gap village, painting local shops and buildings with the Grampians in the background. (B,D)

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)



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)

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)

Included:

- Transfers from and to Melbourne airport
- Daily painting tutorials and tips
- Boroka Lookout
- McKenzie Falls
- Reeds Lookout
- The Balconies
- Dunkeld
- Mt Abrupt
- Mt Sturgeon
- Ballarat

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.



Extended Tours

All tours include motel/cabin accommodation, meals as indicated, and comfortable air-conditioned vehicle.

Great Ocean Road – Melbourne to Adelaide

Fri 03 to Thu 09 April 2020 (7 days)

\$3,340 (Seniors \$3,190) S/Supp \$520

NEW TOUR!



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

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 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 and 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 2020 (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 \$4,440 pp (Seniors \$4,250 pp) S/Supp \$850

A tour for those who wish to discover the spectacular scenery of our red centre. Travel along the Great Central Road, marvelling at the size of our iconic Uluru and the beauty of nearby Kata Tjuta; and follow in the footsteps of opal miners, past and present, as you explore the unique underground town of Coober Pedy.

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

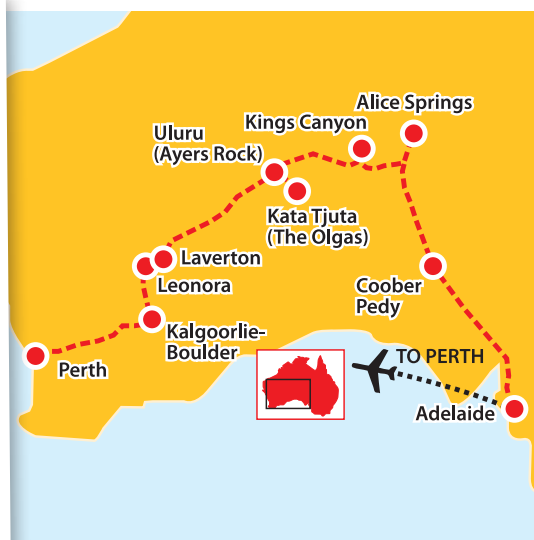
We are now on the Great Central Road, which runs 1,126 km from Laverton to Yulara in the Northern Territory. Spot wildlife along the way – dingoes, emus, kangaroos, camels, eagles and more... Overnight in Warburton. (B,D)

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)

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 Connor
- Kata Tjuta and Uluru
- Ross River Homestead
- Trephina Gorge
- Honeymoon Gap
- Simpsons Gap
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Anzac Hill



Day 3

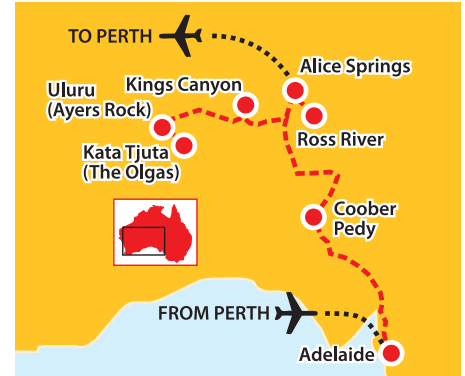
We start the day by visiting Mathew Flinders Lookout in the Arid Botanical Garden, and then continue on to Lake Gairdner, the largest salt lake in South Australia. We follow the highway to Woomera, famous for its RAAF Woomera Range Complex (a large systems testing range covering an area of approximately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

Day 4

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

Day 5

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 informative 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 Curtin Springs 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)

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 2020 (8 days)

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

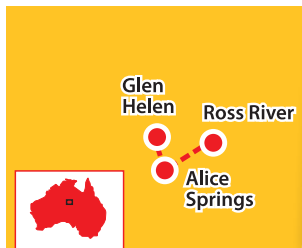
Art Tour

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 Chan demonstrate how to capture our beautiful surroundings in our art, and then having a go ourselves.



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
- Helicopter flight over Glen Helen Gorge (own expense)
- Ormiston Gorge
- Emily Gap
- Jessie Gap
- Ross River Homestead
- Trepkina 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 1

Arrive in Alice Springs where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to our accommodation. Time permitting, we will visit Araluen Cultural Centre this afternoon to view the current art exhibitions on show. Later a "drinks and nibbles meet-and-greet" followed by our first dinner together. (D)

Day 2

An opportunity for an early morning balloon flight over the MacDonnell Ranges (own expense) before breakfast, then a day of painting our surroundings 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)

Day 5

A full day of painting again, this time at Emily Gap, a significant sacred Aboriginal site with the caterpillar beings of Mpartnwe originated. (B)

Day 6

This morning we travel to Ross River (stopping for morning tea and a painting session at Jessie Gap). We continue to Ross River Homestead and 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)



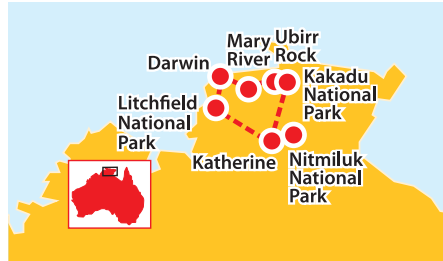
Kakadu – Litchfield National Parks art tour with Leonie Norton

Mon 22 – Tue 30 June 2020 (9 days)

Land only—\$4,050 pp S/Supp \$750

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)

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
- Optional Bungle Bungles flight (own expense)

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)

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)



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 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)



Extended Tours

All tours include motel/cabin accommodation, meals as indicated, and comfortable air-conditioned vehicle.

Darwin To Broome

Thu 02 July – Mon 13 July 2020 (12 days)

\$4,150 (Seniors \$4,000) S/Supp \$825

**NEW
TOUR!**

From Darwin in the top end to Broome in the west, join us on this scenic tour through the Northern Territory to the Kimberley. Stunning scenery, majestic gorges, and vast rivers make this tour a “must-do”.

Day 1

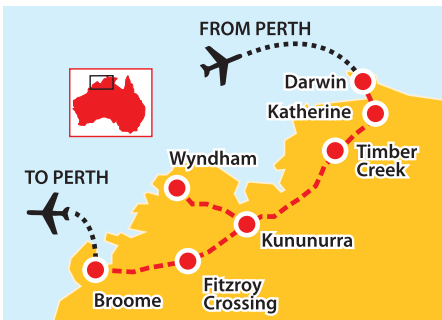
Fly into Darwin where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours crew. We take an afternoon tour of the city, then enjoy time at the famous sunset Mindil Beach markets before check-in at our accommodation and enjoying our first dinner together. (D)

Day 2

Today we explore Darwin. We visit the Darwin Military Museum, stroll through the Darwin Botanic Gardens, and enjoy free time in the city before an afternoon sunset dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour. (B,D)

Day 3

Travelling south on the Stuart Hwy today, we stop at Adelaide River’s poignant War Cemetery. This afternoon we continue via Katherine to Nitmiluk National Park, where a tranquil cruise along the spectacular Katherine Gorge will allow you to sense the spirituality of the land. Catch glimpses of wildlife and learn about the history and culture of the local traditional owners, the Jawoyn people. Overnight in Katherine. (B,D)



Day 4

Watch the landscape transform dramatically today as we journey across vast pastoral leases and Aboriginal homelands into Western Australia. Later we enjoy a sunset cruise on the stunning Victoria River. Overnight in Timber Creek. (B,D)

Day 5

We travel to Lake Argyle today and visit the historic Durack Homestead, built in 1895. This afternoon and evening is free time to relax, purchase your own dinner and enjoy this amazing area of the Kimberley. Optional helicopter flight over Lake Argyle and the Ord River dam (own expense). (B)

Day 6

This morning we explore the rugged northern end of Lake Argyle, with an informative commentary on a morning cruise of the lake. In the afternoon we cruise the Ord River to Kununurra, our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 7

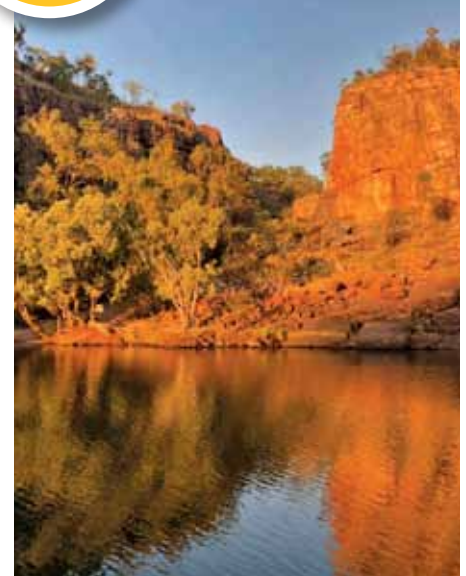
Today you may choose an optional early-morning scenic flight over the spectacular Bungle Bungles before a short drive to Wyndham and the Five Rivers Lookout. We also visit Parry’s Lagoon – a haven for birdlife, crocs, brolgas, and jabirus. Overnight in Kununurra, and free time to purchase your own dinner tonight. (B)

Day 8

We travel to the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing this morning, stopping en route at Halls Creek. This afternoon we cruise with a local guide through magnificent Geikie Gorge, watching for freshwater crocodiles, fruit bats, and wallabies as the 30-metre walls of the gorge tower above us. (B,D)

Day 9

Today we travel through spectacular landscapes en route to the former pearling outpost of Broome, and our home for two nights. (B,D)



Day 10

Enjoy a town tour with your Aussie Redback crew, visiting the fascinating Japanese Cemetery and nearby Gantheaume Point. In the afternoon we relax together with a drink while the sun sets over Cable Beach. (B,D)

Day 11

Today is yours to explore this tropical hideaway. Take an optional tour to Willie Creek Pearl Farm or visit the Malcolm Douglas Croc Farm, or maybe just visit Chinatown and the local pearl shops. It’s your day to do what suits you. (B,D)

Day 12

This morning after a hearty breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a fantastic tour full of memories and new friendships. (B)

Included:

- Flights Perth-Darwin/Broome-Perth
- Mindil Sunset Markets
- Adelaide River Cemetery
- Nitmiluk National Park
- Katherine Gorge cruise
- Victoria River sunset cruise
- Lake Argyle
- Ord River cruise
- Bungle Bungles flight (optional)
- Kununurra
- Wyndham
- Five Rivers Lookout
- Parry’s Lagoon
- Halls Creek
- Fitzroy Crossing
- Geikie Gorge cruise
- Gantheaume Point
- Chinatown



Broome to Cairns – Savannah Way

Wed 15 July to Friday 31 July 2020

\$5,240 (Seniors \$5,090) S/Supp \$1,100

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

You will be met in Broome by the Aussie Redback Tours team. 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. (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 the Ord River diversion dam and Ivanhoe Crossing which was originally part of the main Kununurra to Wyndham road. (B,D)

Day 5

An optional morning cruise up the Ord River to Lake Argyle (own expense), 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 understorey, 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)

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 the day with a 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 then our accommodation 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 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. At Cloncurry we visit the John Flynn museum and Mary Kathleen Memorial Park. We later enjoy drinks and nibbles before our evening meal. (B,D)

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)



Included:

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

Day 13

On to Forsyth 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

We visit Port Douglas; Kuranda - the well-known arts and crafts village in the rainforest; and have free time in Cairns. (B,D)

Day 17

After a hearty breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Historic Outback Towns – Cairns to Perth

Mon 03 August to Wed 19 August 2020 (17 days)

\$5,440 (Seniors \$5,290) S/Supp \$1,100

**NEW
TOUR!**

Endless outback history, rainforests, stockmen's tales, gemfields and star-filled night skies.

Day 1

Arrive in Cairns where you will be met by the Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your accommodation. (D)

Day 2

This morning we take a scenic train ride to the rainforest village of Kuranda. On the way you will experience the magic of Barron Falls as your train meanders through the rainforest before arriving at Kuranda. Ample time to explore before the opportunity to descend the mountain in the purpose-built cable car (own expense) where you will be met by your crew. Free time in the afternoon to explore Cairns. (B)

Day 3

Departing Cairns, we travel through the Atherton Tablelands, stopping at Ravenshoe (the highest town in Qld). We continue on the Kennedy Hwy, crossing the Great Dividing Range and arriving in Charters Towers mid-afternoon. After dinner tonight we enjoy "Ghosts After Dark", a film screened in the amphitheatre of Towers Hill. As the film suggests, the ghosts of the past have a starring role. (B,D)

Day 4

Still crossing the Great Dividing Range, we travel through several national parks on our way to Clermont, which lies near the impressive Peak Range Park. We continue to Emerald which contains the largest sapphire gemfields in the world. (B,D)

Day 5

Today we visit the town of Sapphire, named after the beautiful blue gemstones which have been found here since the late 1800s. Later we travel on to the towns of Barcardine and Longreach. (B,D)

Day 6

We start the day with a visit to the Stockman's Hall of Fame, followed by free time to visit the QANTAS museum, and ride on a stagecoach before we head off for our afternoon cruise and show on the Thompson River. (B,D)

Day 7

More historic towns today, starting with Blackall which is nestled on the banks of the mighty Barcoo River. We continue on to the outback towns of Tambo and Augathella, arriving in iconic Charleville in the late afternoon. (B,D)



Day 8

Today we travel to Cunnamulla, a little town created by Cobb & Co in 1879 when the first coach drove through from Bourke. We visit the 'Fella from Cunnamulla', and then travel through to Bourke, our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 9

We have a full day in Bourke today, visiting the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre, and enjoying an afternoon cruise on the Darling River on board the river boat PV Jandra. (B)

Day 10

This morning we head to Cobar, a mining town for over 100 years, then continue on the Barrier Hwy to Broken Hill, our home for two nights. (B,D)

Day 11

This morning we explore Broken Hill - 'The Silver City' - before heading to nearby Silverton, which has starred in countless films, television shows and commercials. We have our evening meal at the Silverton Hotel. (B,D)

Day 12

We continue on the Barrier Hwy to Peterborough, via Yunta, and the beautiful plains of rolled gold running to ancient ranges. Later we head to Port Augusta, through the majestic Flinders Ranges. (B,D)

Day 13

Today we head to the steel city of Whyalla, famous for its steelworks industry. After a short visit we continue to Cowell, a small fishing and oyster port on the Eyre Peninsula. Our last stop for the day is Port Lincoln, at the end of Spencer's Gulf. (B,D)

Day 14

We follow the Flinders Hwy along the coast to the seaside towns of Elliston and Streaky Bay, stopping at Murphy's Haystacks on the way, then Ceduna, and stay the night at Nundroo. (B,D)

Day 15

Today we cross the famous Nullarbor Plain, checking out the Great Australian Bight and crossing the border into Western Australia. You'll spot camels, kangaroos, emus, and wombats along the way. Overnight at Cocklebidy. (B,D)

Day 16

After conquering the Nullarbor Plain, we continue through wooded nature reserves to Balladonia and Norseman. In the afternoon we'll arrive at Coolgardie, another historic gold-mining town (and also our stop for the night). (B,D)

Day 17

We spend our last day on this mighty journey travelling through Southern Cross, Merredin, and Cunderdin, arriving in Perth late afternoon. (B)

Included:

- Flight Perth - Cairns
- Towns shown on map
- Kuranda Scenic Train
- Atherton Tablelands
- Great Dividing Range
- Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Thomson River cruise
- Back O' Bourke Centre
- Darling River cruise
- Flinders Ranges
- Murphy's Haystacks
- Nullarbor Plain

Extended Tours

All tours include motel/cabin accommodation, meals as indicated, and comfortable air-conditioned vehicle.

Kalbarri – Monkey Mia - Wildflowers

Sun 23 Aug to Sat 29 Aug 2020 (7 days)

\$2,290 (Seniors \$2,140) S/Supp \$490

A combination of stunning WA beaches, rugged gorges, unique floral landscapes, and the ever-popular dolphins at Monkey Mia.

Day 1

Departing Perth, we travel through Bindoon and farmlands to the monastic town of New Norcia for morning tea. We continue to Moora for lunch, then drive via Three Springs and Mingenew, where the flowers should be in full bloom, to the seaside town of Geraldton for the night. (D)

Day 2

Today we visit the HMAS *Sydney* Memorial then continue via Northampton to Kalbarri, visiting the Lynton Convict Settlement ruins along the way, and later we visit the Rainbow Jungle Australian Parrot Breeding Centre, and Red Bluff Lookout—known for its wildflowers and kangaroos. Overnight in Kalbarri. (B,D)

Day 3

We start the day with a cruise on the Murchison River, enjoying morning tea and spotting local birdlife and wildlife. After lunch we visit the dramatic scenery and flora in Kalbarri National Park. The major geographical feature of the park includes the Murchison River Gorge which runs for nearly 80 km on the lower reaches of the Murchison River. (B,D)



Day 4

We continue our journey to Denham, stopping at Hawkes Head and Billabong Roadhouse. In the afternoon we visit the Hamelin Telegraph Station to see the Stromatolites and Shell Beach, before arriving at Denham for a two-night stopover. (B,D)

Included:

- New Norcia Monastic town
- Rainbow Jungle
- Dongara
- Monkey Mia boat cruise
- HMAS *Sydney* Memorial
- Coalseam Conservation Park
- Kalbarri National Park and boat cruise
- Six breakfasts, six dinners, one lunch



Day 5

Today we meet the dolphins of Monkey Mia. We'll watch a selection of dolphins being fed in the morning, and later we take a cruise on Shark Bay aboard the Catamaran Aristocat. After lunch we visit Eagles Nest boardwalk - a great place to spot sharks, dugongs and stingrays, and then there's free time to explore the town of Denham before dinner. (B,D)

Day 6

Departing Denham, we drive to the Overlander Roadhouse for morning tea, then continue on the West Coast Hwy to Chapman Valley and surrounding areas, searching for wildflowers. Overnight in Geraldton. (B,D)

Day 7

We head back to Perth through Dongara/Port Denison, and Jurien Bay, visiting the dramatic Pinnacles after lunch. We continue via Indian Ocean Drive, enjoying glimpses of the rugged coastline on the way, arriving back in Perth late afternoon. (B)

Northern Wildflowers

Sun 06 Sep to Wed 09 Sep 2020 (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 everlasting, and more...

Day 1

Departing Perth, we head to Wannamal for wildflower spotting then continue to Carnamah, Three Springs, etc with morning tea, lunch, and flower stops on the way. (D)

Day 2

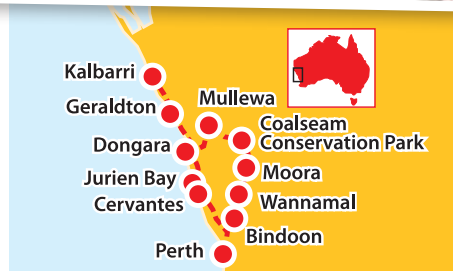
To Mullewa hillside lookout for more flower spotting, then a stop in Mullewa before travelling to find the beautiful and elusive Wreath *Leschenaultia*. We also visit Coalseam Conservation Park, known for its carpets of everlastings. (B,L,D)

Included:

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

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)

Mt Augustus / Karijini at Wildflower Time

Sat 19 to Mon 28 September 2020 (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

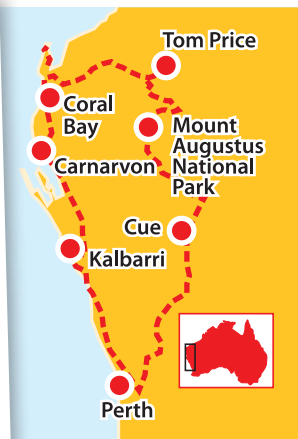
Departing Perth, we start our adventure travelling through the Swan Valley, Bindoon and Dalwallinu, spotting wildflowers along the way. Later we reach the tiny settlement of Paynes Find, popular for carpets of everlastings, and continue on to Mount Magnet and the outback town of Cue, our overnight stop. (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 – ensuited upgrade available @\$100/nt extra per room).



Pic: Janet MacDonald



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)

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)

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



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- \$105 per person (\$95 for seniors) – tours with picnic lunch
- \$115 per person (\$105 for seniors) – tours with restaurant meal

Sun 26 January Australia Day Celebration

Celebrate our country with a day out, dressed in your Aussie outfit, and enjoying a traditional Aussie barbecue picnic lunch.

Sun 09 February Gingin/Moore River Cruise

Morning tea at Gingin followed by a drive to Guilderton for a cruise on the Moore River with a local guide, then a picnic lunch.

Sun 23 February Country Pub Lunch Mystery Tour

A day in the countryside, visiting an old south-west town and a Sunday roast lunch together.

Sun 08 March 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 22 March Hotham Valley Train

A memorable ramble through the Dwellingup forest area on the Hotham Valley train, followed by a picnic lunch.

Sun 19 April Core Cider House and Swan Valley

Enjoy a restaurant lunch and wine tasting on this very relaxed tour of our Swan Valley

Sun 26 April Araluen, Beverley and York

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

Sun 17 May Serpentine and Mandurah Canals Cruise

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

Sun 31 May Historic Meckering

Visit Meckering, the town made famous by the earthquake of 1968, followed by restaurant lunch at Ettamogah Pub in Cunderdin.

Sun 07 June Pinnacles/Lobster Lunch

Includes a morning visit to the famous Pinnacles, followed by a lobster lunch at the Cervantes Lobster Shack.

Sun 12 July Christmas in July Mystery Tour

Celebrate Christmas in July with a full traditional Christmas restaurant lunch and all the trimmings.

Sun 02 August Boddington/Donnybrook

Visit Boddington, nestled on the banks of the Hotham River and then enjoy a picnic lunch

Sun 13 September Northern Wildflowers/New Norcia

A trip in the countryside to spot native orchids, blue leschenaultia, kangaroo paw and more. Picnic lunch at New Norcia.

Sun 18 October Penguin Island

Join us on a penguin discovery adventure across Shoalwater Bay, followed by picnic lunch at Serpentine Falls.

Sun 15 November Chittering and Avon Valley

Morning tea at Golden Grove Orchard in Chittering followed by a restaurant lunch in Toodyay.

Sun 20 December Christmas Lunch Mystery Tour

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

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Southern Wildflowers

Sun 04 Oct to Wed 07 Oct (4 days)

Southern Parks of South-West WA at Wildflower Time

Sun 11 Oct to Thu 15 Oct (5 days)

Mt Augustus – Walga Rock

Sun 25 Oct to Thu 29 Oct (5 days)

Tasmania Two

Sun 01 Nov to Thu 12 Nov (12 days)



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