

# Tours Brochure

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## **WA's Southern Getaway**

Sun 14 – Tue 16 Feb 2021 (3 days)

Seniors \$890 Adults \$1140 S/Supp \$150

# Join us on a 3-day leisurely tour of Western Australia's beautiful south-west.

#### Day 1

Departing East Perth at 7.30 am, we head south. We visit the Ha Ve Cheese factory, take a tram ride on the Busselton Jetty, and make our way to the Abbey Beach Resort, our home for the next 2 nights. (D)

#### Day 2

Today we visit Margaret River, the Boranup Karri Forest, and the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse at Augusta where two oceans meet. Free time in Margaret River later in the afternoon. (B,D)

#### Day 3

Today we return to Perth, stopping at Mandurah on the way for a scenic boat cruise of the canals and the dolphins. (B,D)

#### Included:

- Ha Ve Cheese Factory
- Busselton Jetty Tram Ride
- Boranup Forest
- Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
- Margaret River
- Mandurah Canals Cruise





# Kalbarri – Monkey Mia

Sun 07 - Sat 13 Mar 2021 (7 days)

Seniors \$2140 Adults \$2290 S/Supp \$490

Visit some of WA's naturally beautiful beaches and landscapes; learn the fascinating story of how Kalbarri National Park was formed; and fall in love with the dolphins made popular by Monkey Mia.

#### Day 1

We depart Perth for our seven-day adventure, traveling through to Bindoon for morning tea. We have time here to explore the town, before making our way to Moora for lunch then continuing on through Three Springs and Mingenew. We have an afternoon stop before arriving in Geraldton, our stop for the night. (D)

#### Day 2

This morning we make our way to Northampton to enjoy morning tea before we take the coastal road to Kalbarri. We stop at the Lynton Convict Settlement Ruins and look back at our convict past, we visit the small seaside town of Port Gregory and some of the coastal cliffs of the Kalbarri National Park before arriving at our accommodation for two nights. (B)

#### Day 3

We start the day visiting 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. You will have an opportunity to enjoy the amazing new Skywalk which overlooks this stunning area. Later we return to town for lunch and then 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 4

Departing Kalbarri, we continue our journey to Denham, with a morning tea stop at the Murchison River, continuing to Billabong Roadhouse for a lunch stop. In the afternoon we stop at the Hamelin Telegraph Station. For a look at the Stromatolites and Shell Beach before arriving at the seaside town of Denham for a 2 night stopover. (B,D)

#### Day 5

Today is all about the dolphins of Monkey Mia. We enjoy a cruise on Shark Bay aboard the Catamaran Aristocat - a wonderful way to see the dolphins - before heading back to Denham for lunch. Later in the day we visit Eagles Nest boardwalk, a great place to spot sharks, dugongs and stingrays and then return to Denham for the night. (B)

#### Included:

- · Kalbarri boat cruise
- Kalbarri National Park, including the new Skywalk
- Rainbow Jungle
- Monkey Mia boat

#### cruise

- Eagles Nest Lookout
- Shell Beach
- The Stromatolites
- Hamelin Telegraph Station

#### Day 6

Departing Denham, we continue our journey and enjoy a stop for morning tea at the Overlander roadhouse, later continuing south on the West Coast Highway to the seaside town of Geraldton. We also visit the HMAS Sydney memorial. (B,D)

#### Day 7

Our last day arrives and we return to Perth through Jurien Bay and Cervantes, stopping for morning tea and lunch along the way. We'll arrive back in Perth late in the afternoon. (B)



# Extended Tours

# Mt Augustus – Walga Rock

Sun 21 - Thu 25 Mar 2021 (5 days)

Seniors \$1420 Adults \$1560 S/Supp \$250

Mount Augustus, for all its isolation, is one of the true wonders of Australia and the largest rock on the planet. The local Wajarri Aboriginal people called the mountain "Burringurrah". Walga Rock is a huge monolith, where you can see the largest gallery of Aboriginal rock paintings in Western Australia.

#### Day 1

Departing Perth, we start our adventure travelling through the Swan Valley on the Great Northern Highway and arriving at Bindoon for a morning tea stop. We later continue through wheat and sheep country to Dalwallinu for lunch. Later we reach the tiny settlement of Payne's Find for an afternoon stop. We pass through Mt Magnet on our way to Cue, our overnight stop. (D)

#### **Included:**

- Bindoon
- Dalwallinu
- Cue
- Meekatharra
- · Murchison River
- · Gascoyne River
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Race Track
- Lyons River
- Walga Rock
- Yalgoo
- Jokers Tunnel

#### Day 2

This morning a short drive to Meekatharra and a tour of the town before hitting the dirt road to Mt Augustus. Our first stop on the way is at the Murchison River, a delightful area for bird life and flora and fauna. We collect some firewood here for our camp fire for the next two nights at Mt Augustus, a wonderful experience in the outback. Our next stop on the way is the heritage site of Mt Gould; this is the site of one of Western Australia's oldest police stations, built in 1880 and has a very interesting story. We next arrive at the Landor Race Track. Races have been held here since 1929 and still continue to run every year in October. We have a look around before heading to our destination and on the way we experience the amazing sight of Mt Augustus from a distance, before arriving for our two night stopover at the station. (BD) (Shared amenities)

# Mt/Augustus Meekathara Walga Rock Yalgoo Mt Magnet Perth

#### Day 3

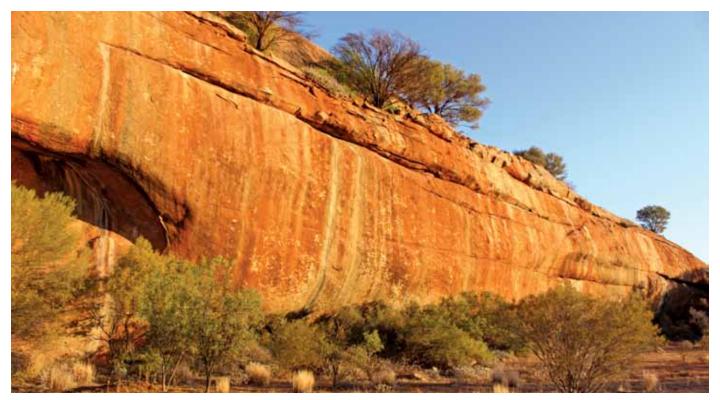
This morning is all about the rock, Mt Augustus and the lovely Lyons River, which is where Cattle Pool is situated, an absolutely wonderful spot, with its amazing large river gums, birdlife and animals. We enjoy a relaxing morning tea here. Around the rock we stop at various locations to explore Aboriginal art, wonderful rock formations and experience the scent of the bush - it doesn't get much better. Later we return to our accommodation for lunch and then the afternoon is yours to explore, relax and take in this vast area. In the late afternoon we travel to our sunset viewing area and watch the sun go down on the largest rock in the world, quite a sight to experience, while we enjoy champagne and nibbles. Later 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 to the ruins of Big Bell and Walga Rock, a monolith which is 5 km around the base and 1.5 km long, the second largest in Western Australia. We have a bush BBQ and return to Cue in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)

#### Day 5

On to Yalgoo for morning tea and a visit to Joker's Tunnel. This tunnel was carved though solid rock by early gold prospectors. We arrive at Wubin for lunch before continuing our journey. We have an afternoon stop before arriving back in Perth, after a wonderful tour of the Murchison area. (B)



# **Nullarbor, Port Lincoln, Flinders Ranges**

Sun 04 to Tue 14 April 2021 (10 days)

Seniors \$3580 Adults \$3730 S/Supp \$790

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

We depart Perth and head south on the Albany Highway, then on to Hyden, Wave Rock, and Mulka's Cave, which has a very interesting Aboriginal legend associated with it. Overnight in Hyden. (D)

#### Day 2

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

#### Day 3

Continuing on our journey, we travel the longest straight road in the world, the "90 Mile Straight", stopping to enjoy the spectacular vista of the Great Australian Bight on the way. Later we cross the WA 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 the coastal town of Ceduna, on the shores of Murat Bay. Ceduna has played an important 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 Hwy to Streaky Bay, another lovely coastal town, and our evening stop. (B,D)



#### Day 5

Today on our way to Port Lincoln we visit Murphy's Haystacks, which are 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. Later it's on 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 "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'll discover Australia's largest commercial fishing fleet and our millionaire's playground. Learn 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. Later we return to our accommodation. (B)

#### Day 7

We travel beside the Spencer's Gulf today, and visit Tumby Bay, Arno Bay, Whyalla and Port Augusta, before Travelling on to Hawker "The Gateway to the Flinders Ranges", and our home for two nights. (B,D)

#### Day 8

This morning we visit the wonderful little town of Blinman. Historic Blinman is the highest town in South Australia, set deep in the heart of the Flinders Ranges. In the afternoon we visit the interesting old Wilpena Station, an amazingly kept piece of Australian History. We also visit Wilpena Pound before returning 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, then on to the historic town of Burra. We discover the past of this heritage listed town, before arriving in Adelaide for our last night together. (B,D)

#### **Day 10**

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

#### Included:

- Flight Adelaide to Perth
- Wave Rock and Mulka Cave
- Lake Johnson
- Great Australian Bight
- Murphy's Haystacks
- Streaky Bay

- Coffin Bay
- Port Lincoln cruise
- Whyalla
- Port Augusta
- Hawker
- Blinman
- Wilpena Pound
- Orroroo
- Burra town tour



# Extended Tours

#### Adelaide to the Red Centre

Fri 16 to Sun 25 Apr 2021 (10 days)

Seniors \$3750 Adults \$3900 S/Supp \$790

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

#### Day 1

We begin in Adelaide, home of Festivals, food, arts and culture. We visit the Mt Lofty Summit, the majestic peak of the Mount Lofty Ranges in the Adelaide Hills, which provides spectacular panoramic views across Adelaide's city skyline to the coast. 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)

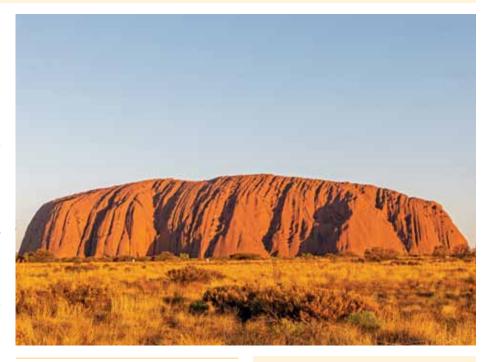
#### Day 2

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. In the afternoon we advance to Port Augusta, on the Spencers Gulf. Here we visit the Wadlata Centre for an intriguing journey back in time before continuing on to our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 3

We start the day by visiting Mathew Flinders Lookout in the Arid Botanical Gardens, looking out over the Flinders Ranges. We 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). The Woomera Project lasted for 34 years and became one of the most secret allied establishments in operation during the Cold War. In the afternoon we reach Coober Pedy - our home for two nights. (B,D)





#### Day 4

Today we spend the day in Coober Pedy, one of Australia's most multi-cultural towns. Coober Pedy mines over 92% of Australian opals and you have a chance to buy your very own opal today during our town tour. In the late afternoon we travel to the breakaways for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles whilst watching a magical sunset. (B)

#### Day 5

We travel to Marla, Mt Connor and Lake Amadeus along the way to the 1-million acre cattle property at Curtin Springs, our accommodation for the next 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, and have the opportunity to 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 walk into the Gorge, marvelling at its breathtaking 100m high walls, later continuing on to our accommodation. From here we experience a wonderful sunset over the Watarrka National Park. Note: Helicopter flight opportunity over Watarrka National Park (own expense). (B,L,D)

#### Included:

- Flights Perth -Adelaide/Alice Springs – Perth
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Simpsons Gap
- Honeymoon Gap
- Trephina Gorge
- Ross River Homestead

- · Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Mt Connor
- Kings Canyon Coober Pedy
- Opal Mine tour
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Mathew Flinders Lookout
- Wadlata Centre

#### 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. We settle into our accommodation then enjoy drinks and nibbles before dinner at the nearby Range View Restaurant. (B)

#### Day 9

We visit the amazing Trephina Gorge Nature Park, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed. We continue to Ross River Homestead for lunch. The homestead is the historic Loves Creek Homestead built in 1898 by the pioneering Bloomfield family as a working cattle station. We return to Alice in the afternoon. (B,D)

#### **Day 10**

Today we say our farewells. You will be transported to the airport for your flight home, taking some wonderful Red Centre memories with you. (B)

# Namatjira Country Art Tour with Greg Allen

Tue 27 Apr to Tue 04 May 2021 (8 days)

Land Only \$3980 S/Supp \$820 Non-painters take off \$250

Capture some of Australia's most stunning landscapes and natural features on this amazing tour. Sketch and paint majestic gorges, rolling hills and mountains, linen white gum trees and much more! We spend quality time in each location, and you will learn lots of techniques from Greg which you can then put into practice yourself.



#### Day 1

The tour begins in Alice Springs where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to your accommodation. In the afternoon we visit the Araluen Cultural Centre and the Albert Namatjira Gallery, and later we'll have a welcome drinks and nibbles with Greg, your tutor for this tour, followed by our first dinner together. Overnight in Alice Springs. (D)

#### Day 2

Today you can take an early morning balloon flight over the spectacular MacDonnell Ranges (own expense –approx. \$315 pp). After breakfast we head to Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. It was established in 1871 to relay messages between Darwin and Adelaide and linked with an underwater cable network to London, England, establishing the first real communication between Australia and England. There are lots of lovely buildings and surrounding countryside to paint here, and Greg will give you all the instructions you need to capture your surroundings in your artwork. Overnight in Alice Springs. (B)

#### Included:

- Daily painting tutorials
- · Balloon flight over MacDonnell Ranges (own expense)
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Araluen Cultural Centre
- Simpson's Gap

- · Glen Helen Gorge
- Ormiston Gorge
- Helicopter flight over Glen Helen Gorge (own expense)
- · Mt Sonder Lookout
- Ross River Homestead
- Trephina Gorge
- Most meals



#### Day 3

We take a short drive today straight to Simpsons Gap and the MacDonnell Ranges. Simpsons Gap is a stunning gorge carved out of the West MacDonnell Ranges and is also part of an important spiritual site to the Arrernte Aboriginal people, where several dreaming trails and stories cross. It is also renowned as a place to see black footed rock wallabies, so keep your eyes peeled! We spend some time here, then head to Glen Helen Homestead, where you'll have time for lunch, followed by some painting tips from Greg. We have a three-night stay at Glen Helen Homestead, with an opportunity for a helicopter flight before sundown today, or before sunrise tomorrow. (B,D)

Today we take a short journey to nearby Ormiston Gorge, where you won't know where to start when it comes to subject matter! The choices are endless - orange gorges, crystal reflections, grand old gum trees, birdlife, wildlife and more. We spend the day here, sketching, painting, taking photos and just enjoying this spectacular spot in the Northern Territory. (B,D)



Greg Allen has earned the reputation as one of Australia's foremost watercolour artists. He is also a remarkable teacher who can analyse and explain the features of composition and technique which contribute to excellence. Greg is a much sought after tutor and has been a guest lecturer at Melbourne University. He also leads regular art trips throughout Australia and overseas.

#### Day 5

Another full day of painting in stunning Namatjira Country. We begin with a leisurely morning painting lesson at the homestead, followed by time to paint your own scene of the amazing Glen Helen Gorge. After lunch we take a short drive to Mt Sonder Lookout, with picturesque views of Finke River—the oldest river course in the world. Find your spot, settle down and paint away! Overnight in Glen Helen Homestead. (B)

#### Day 6

Today we head to Ross River Homestead. We have a brief morning tea stop at Alice Springs on the way. Ross River Homestead offers a taste of the Australian outback's pioneering history. It is a tourist resort formed around the original Loves Creek Homestead built in the 1890's and was first established as an outstation of Undoolya Station. We can purchase lunch at the homestead, and then we take a very short drive up the road to paint the "Sphinx" rock formations. In the evening we enjoy drinks and nibbles with a show and tell of all the work we produced each day. (B,D)

#### Day 7

A full day of painting at the stunning Trephina Gorge, noted for its sheer quartzite cliffs, River Redgumlined watercourses, and wide sandy creek beds. The play between the pale sandy river beds, the red and purple gorge walls, the white tree trunks, and eucalyptus-green foliage and the blue sky is spectacular, and Greg will show you how to capture all of this in your art. You will have plenty of time to watch a demonstration and then paint your own masterpiece. Overnight at Alice Springs. (B,L,D)

#### Day 8

Unfortunately, all good tours must come to an end and we part our ways today, taking with us memories captured in our art, photos, and hearts and new friends made. We part company at Alice Springs airport. (B)

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# Alice to the Top End

Fri 07 to Mon 17 May 2021 (11 days)

Seniors \$3890 Adults \$4040 S/Supp \$890

On this amazing Northern Territory tour you can journey through the outback and discover the incredible natural wonders. The Australian outback has to be experienced to be believed. On this tour we visit many of the NT's most popular attractions

#### Day 1

Arrive in Alice Springs where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team and transferred to town. You will have time to visit ssome of the local attractions before checking into our accommodation and a meet and greet with fellow travellers. Tonight we dine at the Alice Springs Golf Club. (D)

#### Day 2

Today we visit the amazing Trephina Gorge Nature Park, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed. We continue to Ross River Homestead for lunch. The appeal of Ross River lies in the remarkable N'Dhala Gorge Nature Park which contains some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Overnight in Alice Springs. (B,D)

#### Day 3

We visit Simpsons Gap in the MacDonnell Ranges, then later the stunning Ormiston Gorge. Within the gorge is a permanent waterhole which attracts all kinds of birdlife and animals. We return to Alice in the late afternoon. (B,D)

#### Day 4

Today we travel north towards Aileron, Barrow Creek, stopping at the interesting and precariously balanced Karlu-Karlu (Devils Marbles). Overnight in the old gold mining town of Tennant Creek. (B,D)

#### Included:

- Flights Perth Alice Springs/Darwin -Perth
- Trephina Gorge Nature Park
- Simpsons Gap
- Ormiston Gorge
- Karlu-Karlu (Devils Marbles)
- **Daly Waters Historic** Pub
- Mataranka
- Katherine Gorge cruise

- Kakadu National Park
- Yellow Water cruise
- Adelaide River
- Litchfield National Park
- **East Point Military** Museum
- Jumping Crocs Cruise
- Windows on the Wetlands
- **Humpty Doo Rice** Fields
- Fogg Dam



#### Day 5

Still travelling north we visit the eccentric Daly Waters Historic Pub for a refreshing beer at lunchtime, then continue to Mataranka, 'Land of the Never Never'. At Mataranka you can visit the replica of the original Elsey Homestead, used in the filming of 'We of the Never Never'. You may also like to take a dip in the famous thermal springs. Overnight in Katherine. (B,D)

#### Day 6

We start with an early morning cruise through Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park where you'll learn the cultural significance of the first two gorges to the traditional landowners, the Jawoyn people. Keep an eye out for the resident crocodiles! We continue to Kakadu National Park for a cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong. You should see a stunning variety of birdlife such as sea eagles, brolgas and with any luck, fascinating little kingfishers. You'll also see feared estuarine crocodiles basking in the muddy shallows. We spend the night in this amazing area. (B,D)

#### Darwin National Katherine Litchfield National Park Katherine Daly • Waters Tennant Creek FROM PERTH Alice Springs

#### Day 7

Today we visit Ubirr in the Kakadu National Park. We view Aboriginal rock art dating back some 20,000 years. You can climb to the top of this rocky outcrop for spectacular views over the floodplains and escarpment country, a location you may recognise from the famous Australian film, Crocodile Dundee. On the road again, we make our way to Adelaide River. (B)

#### Day 8

This morning we visit the Adelaide River Cemetery before we travel to Litchfield National Park, a must see if you're in the Top End. It's home to several stunning waterfalls that cascade into crystal clear pools. We stop at the amazing Termite Mounds before arriving at tropical Wangi Falls for a relaxing swim in the large crystal clear pool before arriving at Batchelor. (B,D)

#### Day 9

On to Darwin for a full tour of Battery Point, The Port and the City Centre. We also visit the Darwin Museum; depicting the events of cyclone Tracey in 1974 and the East Point Military Museum; depicting the bombing raids on Darwin in 1942. Free time in the city for shopping and Dinner. (B)

#### **Day 10**

Today we head to Adelaide River, home of the Jumping Crocs, where we enjoy a cruise on the river and witness some of Australia's most feared animals do their stuff. We also visit Windows on the Wetlands, a NT Govt operated interpretive centre. On the way back to Darwin we call into Humpty Doo Rice Fields and Fogg Dam. (B,D)

#### **Day 11**

Your holiday concludes this morning after breakfast. You will be transferred to Darwin Airport to connect with your onward flight home, after a wonderful tour of the Top End. (B)

### Kakadu – Litchfield National Parks Art Tour with Leonie Norton

Tue 25 May - Wed 02 Jun 2021 (9 days)

Land Only \$4,050 S/Supp \$750

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

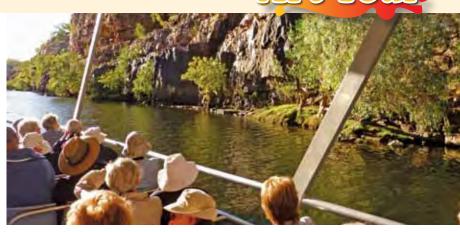
Today we drive into Litchfield National Park, home to waterfalls, termite mounds and The Lost City. We'll spend time at Florence Falls and Wangi Falls where Leonie will show you how she captures the sights around her, and then it will be your turn to do the same till it's time to pack up and head back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





#### **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:

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 Low Level River Crossing 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)



#### Darwin To Broome

Fri 04 – Tue 15 Jun 2021 (12 days)

Seniors \$4000 Adults \$4150 S/Supp \$920

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 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, heading towards WA before enjoying 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. (B,D)

#### **Included:**

- · Flights Perth-Darwin/Broome-Perth
- 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



#### Day 9

This morning 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. We then travel on 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)



# **Kimberley Dreaming**

Fri 18 to Sat 26 Jun 2021 (9 days)

Seniors \$3990 Adults \$4140 S/Supp \$890

Explore the stunning scenery of Western Australia's popular Kimberley region. Massive boab trees dotting the landscape, rugged mountain ranges and long winding rivers, will keep you mesmerized, and the variety of wildlife will keep your cameras clicking.

#### Day 1

Fly to Kununurra where you will be greeted by the Aussie Redback team. We visit Ivanhoe Crossing and Mirima National Park (commonly known as Hidden Valley, and often referred to as a mini version of the Bungle Bungles). Later on to our accommodation for a 2 night stop over and "meet and greet" with other passengers - a wonderful way to start the tour. (D)

#### Day 2

Today we take a tour to Wyndham, one of WA's oldest towns. We visit Five Rivers Lookout at the Bastions, followed by a tour of the old town. Later we visit Parry's Lagoon, an oasis for birdlife and crocodiles; and The Grotto, soaking up the natural beauty of the Kimberley wilderness and what is a small, natural amphitheatre! (B,D) This morning there is an opportunity to fly over the Bungle Bungles (own expense).

#### Day 3

We start the day with a cruise up the Ord River to Lake Argyle, spotting crocodiles and birdlife before reaching the dam wall, which holds back the equivalent of 21 Sydney Harbour waters. Later we drive to the lookout for a stunning view over the lake and Ord River. We stay at Lake Argyle Resort for two nights and this afternoon there will be time to relax, take a swim in the beautiful infinity pool, and then enjoy pre-dinner drinks and evening meal. "Oh, this is the life"! (B,D)



#### Day 4

Sightseeing from the air this morning with Helicopter flights of Lake Argyle and the surrounding area. From up here we see the vast expansion of the "Lake" in all her splendour. We take a tour of the magnificent "Durack Homestead" which was originally built in 1895 by the Durack family on Argyle Downs Station. Later we enjoy a cruise of the lake before our evening meal. (Optional helicopter flight over Lake Argyle — own expense). (B)

#### Day 5

Departing Kununurra, we head to Warmun for a morning tea stop. From here we travel to the town of Halls Creek, situated in the heart of the Kimberley. Halls Creek is the gateway to a range of world-renowned natural attractions, one being the China Wall, which we visit tomorrow. But for now we explore the town and settle into our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 6

We start the day with a trip to old Halls Creek, the site of the first gold discovery in WA, and where the WA gold rushes began. We also check out "China Wall" - a natural vein of sub-vertical white quartz rising up to 6 metres above the surrounding country in places. We have a stop at Mary River for an afternoon cuppa and then continue to our evening stop - Fitzroy Crossing. (B,D)



#### Day 7

Departing Fitzroy Crossing, we travel towards Tunnel Creek National Park in the Napier Range, a range that can also be seen at Windjana Gorge. The main feature of the park is the 750 metre tunnel that a creek has worn through the Napier Range. The tunnel is the oldest cave system in WA and it became famous in the late 1800s when Aboriginal leader and "outlaw" Jandamarra was using the "Cave of Bats" as his hideout. We explore the tunnel and its mysteries before making our way to Windjana Gorge - a 3.5 km gorge, carved out of the Napier Range by the Lennard River. The walls on both sides of Windjana Gorge are 30 to 100 metres high, and the gorge is over 100 metres wide. Later we travel along part of the Gibb River Road to our accommodation. (B,L,D)

#### Day 8

We head to Broome today, visiting Derby and the Famous Prison Tree on the way. In the afternoon we head to Cable Beach to enjoy a famous Broome sunset before heading back to our motel for dinner. (B,D)

#### Day 9

You will have a Broome town tour and time to shop for pearls in Chinatown, see dinosaur footprints and birdwatch in Roebuck Bay or just stroll through the famous Broome markets. Later you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

#### **Included:**

- Flights Perth-Broome/Kununurra— Perth
- Tunnel Creek
- · Windjana Gorge
- Ord River Cruise
- Cockburn Range
- Durack Homestead
- Wyndham
- Five Rivers Lookout

- Parry's Lagoon
- Lake Argyle Cruise
- The Grotto
- Halls Creek
- Fitzroy Crossing
- China Wall
- Helicopter flight
- Carr Boyd Ranges
- Derby
- Broome



# Kununurra to Cairns – Savannah Way

Mon 28 Jun to Sun 11 Jul 2021 (14 days)

Seniors \$4750 Adults \$4900 S/Supp \$890

The Savannah Way is Australia's adventure drive from Kununurra to Cairns in Tropical North Queensland via the natural wonders of Australia's tropical savannahs and the Northern Territory's Top End.

#### Day 1

Arrive in Kununurra, where you are met by your Aussie Redback team. We take in the sights, visiting the diversion dam, Ivanhoe Crossing and beautiful Mirima National Park. Later we drive to Lake Argyle Resort, our home for two nights. (D)

#### Day 2

We begin with an informative cruise on Lake Argyle, spotting crocodiles and birdlife before reaching the dam wall, which holds back the equivalent of 21 Sydney Harbour waters. We also visit historic Durack Homestead, then enjoy a swim in the infinity pool at Lake Argyle Resort before our evening meal. (B) Opportunity for helicopter flight over the lake (own expense)

#### Day 3

Leaving Kununurra, we travel the Victoria Hwy to the Northern Territory, passing through stunning scenery around the Victoria River system. At Timber Creek we enjoy an afternoon boat trip down the Victoria River as we watch the sun go down. (B,D)

#### **Included:**

- Fights Perth Kununurra / Cairns - Perth
- 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
- Forsayth
- Undara Lava Caves
- Mt Surprise
- Port Douglas / Kuranda



#### Day 4

We continue to Katherine today, enjoying colourful scenery, grassy plains, boab trees, majestic gorges, and abundant wildlife on the way. At Katherine we'll take a refreshing dip in the thermal hot springs on the banks of the Katherine River before checking in to our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 5

This morning you'll take part in a cruise at Nitmiluk National Park, where you'll be drawn to the majestic beauty and sheer size of Nitmiluk Gorge. Mist rising above the water's surface, sounds of wildlife stirring from the night and crisp, clean air – a lovely way to start the day. Later we travel to the famous Mataranka thermal pools. (B)

#### Day 6

We travel to Elsie Station cemetery this morning for a look at our pioneering past, then on to historic Daly Waters Pub. In the past the pub has witnessed murders, shoot outs in the street, and cattle stampeding through town! Later we have an afternoon stop at Newcastle Waters, a historic Station in the Barkly Tablelands, then continue on to Tennant Creek. (B,D)

#### Day 7

We travel on to the Barkly Homestead, then head to Camooweal over the Qld border, to enjoy a tour at the Drovers Camp Heritage Centre. This is also our stop for the evening. (B,D)

#### Day 8

We travel to Mt Isa and Cloncurry, visiting Mt Isa's picturesque Lake Moondarra on the way. In Cloncurry we visit the John Flynn museum and Mary Kathleen Memorial Park . In the afternoon we enjoy sunset drinks and nibbles at the Cloncurry Lookout, viewing 360 views of the town and river. Later back to our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 9

Onwards to Normanton today, stopping briefly at the Burke and Wills Roadhouse. We arrive in Normanton early afternoon, check in to our accommodation, then later we travel to Karumba for fish and chips sunset dinner. (B,D)

#### **Day 10**

On to Forsayth today. In the afternoon you will experience a wonderful cruise on Cobbold Gorge, Qld's youngest gorge in the heart of the outback, with its beginnings some 1700 million years ago! (B,D)

#### **Day 11**

Today we visit Georgetown, surrounded by beef cattle country and some of the best gemstone areas in Qld. We also visit the Cumberland Chimney — an old gold crushing plant built by Cornish miners. (B,D)

#### **Day 12**

We start the day with a tour of the Undara Lava Tubes, which were created when the Undara Volcano erupted over 190,000 years ago. In the afternoon we continue to Cairns. (B)

#### **Day 13**

This morning we take a scenic train ride to Kuranda, a village in the rain forest. There will be time to shop and explore, then you will have 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 Cairns later in the day. (B,D)

#### **Day 14**

We'll visit the Cairns Botanical Gardens this morning before you are transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)



## **Cape York**

Wed 14 - Mon 26 Jul 2021 (13 days)

Seniors \$4770 Adults \$4920 S/Supp \$920

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

#### Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you are met by the Aussie Redback team and transferred to your motel. We settle in for a good nights' sleep before the Cape York adventure begins. (D, Motel)

#### Day 2

We drive to the Atherton Tablelands to Mareeba then continue up "The Cape" to Lakeland and Cooktown. Cooktown is at the mouth of the Endeavour River where James Cook beached his ship the Endeavour for repairs in 1770. We enjoy a two-night stopover in this town. (B,D, Motel)

#### Day 3

We enjoy a full day in and around Cooktown, visiting the Botanical Gardens and the James Cook Museum, up Grassy Hill to the lighthouse lookout, and a river cruise on the Endeavour River in the afternoon. (B, Motel)

#### Day 4

We continue our journey through the Barrons Range to the Peninsula Development Road. Morning tea at the Split Rock art site, then on to Laura and Musgrave. Musgrave was first built as an overland telegraph station in 1887, along with Palmerville, Fairview, Coen, Mein, Moreton, McDonnell and Paterson. This is our stop for the night. (B,D,Tent)

#### Day 5

As we leave Coen, keep your eyes peeled for the large and varied birdlife in the area, with representatives from rain forests, monsoon forests and coastal forests. We travel across the Archer River and arrive in Weipa for a two night stop over. (B,D, Cabin)

#### **Included:**

- Flights Perth-Cairns-Perth
- Captain Cook Landing
- Gulf of Carpentaria
- James Cook Museum
- Black Mountain
- Split Rock Art Site
- Fruit Bat Falls

- Weipa Eco Cruise
- Thursday Island Cruise/Tour
- Jardine River Ferry
- The Famous Croc Tent
- Bramwell Station
- Punsand Bay
- Cabin, motel, tent accommodation



#### Day 6

We explore Weipa today. Weipa comprises two townships and is on Albatross Bay at the confluence of Mission and Embley Rivers. Sit back and relax as the tranquil surroundings transport you into a spiritual world of our culture and history. Discover the waterways and diverse wildlife habitat including saltwater crocodiles and numerous bird species. (B, Cabin)

#### Day 7

Today it's on to Seisia, and as the tip gets nearer, the journey becomes increasingly beautiful. We travel through the Heathlands Resource Reserve and cross the Jardine River on the vehicle ferry and then to Bamaga. In the afternoon we arrive in Seisia for a three-night stopover. (B,D, Tent)

#### Day 8

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

#### Day 9

Today we take the ferry to Thursday Island. TI is the administrative and commercial centre of the Torres Strait Islands, set up in 1877. Since then TI has been a pearling centre and defence base during WWII. We tour the island in the morning and then the afternoon is free to explore before returning to the mainland. (B, Tent)

#### **Day 10**

Today we head back down the development road to Bramwell Station, but not before we visit and take a swim at the stunning Fruit Bat Falls. We also visit the WWII Plane wreck site just past Bamaga, before arriving back at the Jardine River Crossing. Then we head to Bramwell Station, Australia's most northern cattle station. (B,D, Tent)



#### **Day 11**

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

#### **Day 12**

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

#### **Day 13**

Our last day. We visit the beautiful Cairns Botanical Gardens before making our way to the airport for your flight home. (B)



# Extended Tours

#### WA's Coral Coast

#### Fri 20 Aug to Tue 31 Aug 2021 (12 days)

Seniors \$3740 Adults \$3890 S/Supp \$850

Discover some of the world's most diverse marine habitats just metres away from pristine beaches. This is the perfect adventure for those who are after a true **Western Australian experience!** 

#### Day 1

Fly Perth to Broome and explore this fascinating pearling town. We visit Gantheaume Beach, Anastasia's Pool, and the Chinese and Japanese cemeteries. We check into our accommodation and later enjoy an evening sunset meal at Cable Beach with fellow passengers. (D)

#### Day 2

A leisurely drive to stunning 80 Mile Beach, one of WA's more famous beaches. We enjoy a stroll on the white sandy beach, taking in the endless ocean views. This is one place where we can enjoy sunrise and sunset at the same spot. Later it's on to Port Hedland for the night. (B,D)

#### Day 3

Today we head to the old pearling town of Cossack with it's once thriving pearling industry. We visit the port before exploring Port Samson. Later on to Karratha for a two-night stopover. (B,D)

#### Day 4

Karratha was established in 1968 to accommodate the processing and exportation workforce of the Hamersley Iron mining company and in the 1980s, the petroleum and liquefied natural gas operations of the North West Shelf Venture. We visit this enormous operation and also visit Dampier and the Red Dog memorial. (B)

# Broome 80 Mile Beach Port Hedland Onslow Coral | Bay Carnarvon Denham Kalbarri Geraldton Perth

#### **Included:**

- Flight Perth Broome
- Cable Beach
- 80 Mile Beach
- Cossack
- Karratha Dampier
- Chichester National **Park**
- Coral Bay cruise
- Carnarvon Space Museum
- Hamelin Pool

#### Shell Beach

- Monkey Mia cruise
- **Eagle Bluff**
- Kalbarri National Park and new Skywalk
- Red Bluff
- Lynton Convict Settlement
- Northampton
- HMAS Sydney Memorial

#### Day 5

We head along the coast and arrive at Onslow. In the early settlement days, pearls were found in Exmouth Gulf and the town became home port to a fleet of pearling luggers. The town has been touched by cyclones over the years and even war in 1943, when a single Japanese plane reached here in World War II, bombing the airfield. Onslow has two lookouts located a short distance from one another, with both providing a wonderful view of the ocean and incredibly colourful sunrises and sunsets over the Mackerel Islands. (B,D)

#### Day 6

A short drive today to Exmouth. After lunch we visit the Vlamingh Head Lighthouse and the Charles Knife Road in Cape Range National Park, a mini Grand Canyon. The views are spectacular from here. (B)

#### Day 7

This morning we start the day with a cruise of the Ningaloo Reef in a glass bottom boat, then later we travel to Carnarvon. Here we visit the historic Carnarvon jetty precinct, followed by a town tour, then check in to our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 8

Explore the wonders of space at the Carnaryon Space and Technology Museum, then on to beautiful Shell Beach, and the stromatolites at Hamelin Pool, stopping at Denham (our two-night stopover. (B,D)

#### Day 9

A short drive across the Peron Peninsula to visit the world-famous Monkey Mia dolphins and enjoy a cruise on the bay. Later we visit Eagle Bluff Boardwalk. (B)

#### **Day 10**

Departing Denham, we drive to Kalbarri via the Murchison River and Hawks Head Lookout. Two-night stopover in Kalbarri (B,D)

#### **Day 11**

We take a short drive to Kalbarri National Park to see the stunning new skywalk which looks out over the Murchison River. We also visit Nature's Window, the Loop and Z-Bend Gorge. We finish the day with a sunset cruise on the Murchison River. (B,D)

#### **Day 12**

It's back to Perth today via Red Bluff lookout, then on to Northampton and Geraldton, stopping at the HMAS Sydney Memorial, and Jurien Bay. We arrive in Perth in the late afternoon. (B)



## Mt Augustus – Karijini

Sat 04 to Mon 13 September 2021 (10 days)

Seniors \$3390 Adults \$3540 S/Supp \$790

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 Racetrack. We continue to our accommodation at Mt Augustus Resort and Station, our home for two nights. (B,D) (Note: shared amenities — ensuited upgrade available @\$100/nt extra per room).



#### Included:

- Dalwallinu
- Cue
- Meekatharra
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Racetrack
- Mt Augustus
- Lyons River
- 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 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 the Ashburton-Paraburdoo road, passing some wonderful scenery and abandoned stations before arriving at Cheela Plains Station, 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 Cheela Plains Station for the night. (B,L,D)

#### 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 stop in the coastal town of Exmouth. (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. (BD

#### **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)

# WILDFLOWER TOURS

# Mt Augustus and Walga Rock at Wildflower Time

Fri 17 – Tue 21 September 2021 (5 days)

Seniors \$1420 Adults \$1570 S/Supp \$320

The full day-to-day itinerary for this tour is the same as that on Page 3. The bonus of this tour is that we hope to see wildflowers scattered throughout the countryside as we travel. We'll visit the very beautiful yet isolated Mount Augustus, largest rock on the planet; and Walga Rock, a huge monolith which is not only stunning to view but also showcases Aboriginal rock paintings for you to marvel at.





- Bindoon
- Dalwallinu
- Cue
- Meekatharra
- Murchison River
- Gascoyne River
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Race Track
- Lvons River
- Walga Rock
- Yalgoo
- Jokers Tunnel
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners,

## **Northern Wildflowers**

#### Thu 23 to Sun 26 September 2021 (4 days)

Seniors \$1120 Adults \$1270 S/Supp \$280

Take in the beauty of the northern wildflower areas of WA, spotting the elusive wreath flower, carpets of everlastings, and more. There are ample wildflower stops for you to discover all the wildflowers that this part of Western Australia has to offer....



#### Included:

- Wannamal
- Carnamah
- Three Springs
- · Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
- Coalseam **Conservation Park**
- **HMAS Sydney** Memorial
- Kalbarri National
- Park, including the new Skywalk
- Red Bluff
- Lynton Convict Settlement
- Mt Lesueur National park
- 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners



# **Stirling Ranges at Wildflower Time**

Sun 17 to Wed 20 Oct 2021 (4 days)

Seniors \$1120 Adults \$1270 S/Supp \$280

See spider orchids, morning iris, swamp bottlebrush, painted ladies and more in WA's amazing, rugged Stirling Ranges. There are ample wildflower stops for you to discover all the wildflowers that this part of Western Australia has to offer.

#### Included:

- Bluff Knoll
- Mt Barker
- Albany
- Denmark
- Walpole
- 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners





**Contact Aussie Redback Tours for** full itineraries of the above tours

# Kangaroo Island Art Tour with Ross Paterson

30 Sept to 05 Oct 2021 (6 days)

Land only \$3250 S/Supp \$490 Non-painters take \$250 off

Kangaroo Island is one of South Australia's most unique nature-based travel destinations, with native bushland, diverse wildlife, pristine beaches, and gorgeous sunsets to enjoy daily. This art tour will give you the opportunity to capture much of this with the guidance of art tutor, Ross Paterson. Ross is recognized as one of Australia's leading and respected artists, known for his "en-plein-air" paintings in watercolour, oil, and pastel.

Included in this tour are transfers from and to Adelaide airport, ferry trip to and from Kangaroo Island, daily painting tutorials at Remarkable Rocks, Admiral's Arch, American River, Penneshaw, and Frenchman's Rock, five breakfasts, and three dinners. For a full itinerary, visit the Art Tours page on our website.



Kangaroo Island Sightseeing Tour Thu 07 Oct to Tue 12 Oct 2021 (6 days)

Seniors \$2890 Adults \$3040 S/Supp \$390 (Includes flights). Contact Aussie Redback Tours for full itinerary

# **Day tours – January to December 2021**

Cost for day tours - \$115 per person (\$105 for seniors) – unless stated otherwise. All our day tours include morning tea, and most include either a restaurant lunch or picnic lunch

Tue 26 January Australia Day Celebration Mystery Tour Celebrate our country with a day out, dressed in your Aussie outfit, and enjoying a traditional Aussie barbecue picnic lunch.

Sun 28 February Amaze Miniature Park, Mandurah Visit the home of English replica scale model miniature buildings and railways from parts of the UK and Germany, set amongst four acres of beautiful gardens. Picnic lunch included.

#### Sun 28 March York Festival \$90

Enjoy arts, crafts, food stalls and more at this annual festive event. Price dropped to Seniors \$90 Adults \$100 so you can purchase your own lunch whilst spending leisurely time in the street enjoying the event without having to rush back for lunch.

#### Sun 18 April 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 02 May Moondyne Joe Festival

Enjoy the atmosphere as Toodyay re-enacts the capture of Moondyne Joe, Avon Valley's legendary bushranger. Price dropped to Seniors \$90 Adults \$100 so you can purchase your own lunch whilst leisurely enjoying singers, bands, dancers, stalls and more.

#### Sun 13 June Country Pub Lunch Mystery Tour

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

#### Sun 18 July Christmas in July Mystery Tour

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

#### Sun 15 August Hotham Valley Train

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

#### Sun 12 September Northern Wildflowers - New Route

A trip in the countryside to spot native orchids, blue leschenaultia, kangaroo paw and more. Picnic lunch included. For those who have joined us on this tour before, we have planned a new route so why not join us again?

#### Sun 10 October Penguin Island

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

#### Sun 14 November Patsy Durack's Rose Garden

A leisurely drive through the Perth hills to Patsy Durack's Rose Garden for morning tea overlooking the stunning rose garden, followed by a picnic lunch at John Forrest National Park.

Sun 19 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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