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### **Albany / Denmark/ Walpole**

Sat 27 – 30 April 2024 (4 days)

Seniors \$1,290 Adults \$1,340 Single Supp \$320

Visit the amazing south-west WA towns of Albany, Denmark and Walpole. We take you to the Natural Bridge and The Gap in Albany and walk along Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks along some of the most beautiful beaches in the south-west of Western Australia.

### Day 1

We travel south towards Albany, stopping in town for lunch before visiting Mount Clarence, later we check out the new and improved Gap and Natural Bridge, then onto our accommodation. (D)

### Day 2

We enjoy a morning visit to Bluff knoll and after it's onto Two People's Bay. Two People's Bay Nature Reserve is a very welcoming place with much to see and explore. The beaches of Little and Waterfall are so beautiful they're hard to describe. Later we return to Albany after a wonderful day in the Great Southern. (B,D)

### Day 3

A morning visit to Denmark and then onto William Bay which homes the wonderful Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks. Later we travel to Walpole for lunch with an afternoon visit to Fernhook Falls on the way to the timber town of Manjimup, our evening stopover. (B,D)

### Day 4

Heading home today but not before a morning cruise on the Donnelly River, enjoy the sight and smells of the forest river. Later we travel through Bridgetown on our way to the town of Donnybrook for a lunch stop arriving back to Perth late afternoon. (B)

- Mt Clarence
- The Gap and Natural Bridge
- Bluff Knoll
- Two People's Bay
- Denmark
- Greens Pool
- · Elephant Rocks
- Fernhook Falls
- Bridgetown
- Donnelly River Cruise
- Motel accommodation
- Air-con Transport







### Flinders Ranges / Lake Eyre / Coober Pedy – Take \$200 off!!!

26 March - 03 April 2024 (9 days)

Seniors \$4,100 Adults \$4,150 Single Supp \$900



Join us on this magical tour, visiting some of the most iconic wonderful outback towns and ranges of South Australia.

### Day 1

Fly to Adelaide, home of festivals, food, arts, and culture. We visit the Mount 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. The peak rises more than 710 metres above sea level. Later it's on to our accommodation. (D)

We begin our day by travelling to Port Pirie, it became the biggest lead smelter plant in the world by 1934. After a town tour there's free time to explore this quaint little town. In the afternoon we continue to Port Augusta on the Spencer's Gulf. Whilst here we visit the Wadlata Centre, a journey back in time about South Australia and the Flinders Ranges. (B,D)

### Day 3

Today it's a delightful drive to Quorn and then on to the little town of Hawker where we have the opportunity to visit the Jeff Morgan Gallery. We continue to Hawker in the Flinders Ranges for a twonight stopover. (B,D)

### Day 4

This morning we visit historic Blinman, the highest town in South Australia, set in the Flinders Ranges.

We continue to the wonderful Wilpena Pound National Park. There is an optional flight over the ranges (own expense) before an afternoon visit to the Old Wilpena Station. Overnight in Hawker. (B)

### Day 5

Departing Hawker, we travel through the majestic ranges to Parachilna and then on to Leigh Creek, visiting the ruins of Farina on the way to Marree, our home for the night. Now we're in the Outback! Time to see the beginning of the Birdsville Track and explore this iconic outback town. We can also learn about that famous outback mailman, Tom Kruse. In the afternoon there is an opportunity for flights over Lake Eyre (own expense). (B,D)

We head to Lake Eyre south via Alberrie Creek and then on to Coober Pedy, stopping on the way at William Creek, an historic old pub on the Oodnadatta Track. (B,D)

### Day 7

A morning tour around Coober Pedy and a visit to an underground church, before an opal mine tour. In the afternoon there's free time to explore this iconic old town. Coober Pedy is one of the most multicultural towns in Australia. Approximately 60% of the people are European, migrating from southern and eastern Europe after the Second World War. In all, there are more than 45 nationalities represented. In the afternoon we enjoy nibbles and drinks at the breakaways (where many films have been made).



### Day 8

This morning we continue on the Stuart Highway with stops on the way at Lake Hart and Woomera. Woomera came into existence as a consequence of Britain's defence requirements following World War II. Still on the Stuart highway we have an afternoon visit to the Matthew Flinders Lookout before arriving at our accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 9

We head back to Adelaide today, with stops on the way before we catch our flights back to Perth. (B)

- Flights Perth Adelaide – Perth
- Mt Lofty
- Port Pirie
- Port Augusta
- **Matthew Flinders** Lookout
- Wadlata Centre
- Quorn
- Hawker
- Jeff Morgan Gallery
- Wilpena Pound
- Blinman

- Marree
- Parachilna
- Leigh Creek
- Farina Ruins
- Alberrie Creek
- Lake Eyre South Oodnadatta Track
- Dog Fence
- Coober Pedy / Coober Pedy town tour
- William Creek
- Lake Hart
- Woomera



## Adelaide to Darwin – "The Explorers Way"

Sun 07 to sat 20 April 2024 (14 Days)

Seniors \$5,400 Adults \$5450 Single Supp \$1200

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". Be amazing by the Northern Territory journey through the Outback and discover the incredible natural wonders. The Australian outback has to be experienced to be believed.

### Included:

- Flights
- Mathew Flinders Lookout
- Wadlata Centre
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Lake Gardiner
- Coober Pedy
- The Breakaways
- Opal Mine tour
- Mount Connor
- Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Kings Canyon
- Simpson's Gap

- Ormiston Gorge
- Ellery Creek Big Hole
- Devils Marbles -Kalu Kalu
- Tennant Creek
- Mataranka
- Katherine Gorge Cruise
- Daly Waters Historic Pub
- Adelaide River
- · Darwin Dinner cruise
- Darwin Military Museum

### Day 1

We begin in Adelaide and will visit the Mount Lofty Summit, the majestic peak of the Mount Lofty Ranges in the Adelaide Hills. The peak rises more than 710 meters above sea level, before being transferred to your accommodation. (D)

### Day 2

Onto 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 onto Port Augusta, situated on the Spencers Gulf. Here we visit the Wadlata Centre, a journey back in time about South Australia and the Flinders Rangers. (B,D)

### Day 3

We start the day by visiting Mathew Flinders Lookout in the Arid Botanical

Gardens. We can see the grandeur of the Flinders Ranges from here. We continue on to Lake Gairdner, the largest Salt Lake in South Australia. Then onto Woomera, famous for its RAAF Woomera Range. In the afternoon we reach Coober Pedy our home for two nights. (B,D)

### Day 4

We spend the day in Coober Pedy, one of Australia's most multi-cultural towns and a fascinating place to explore. 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 three nights. (B,D)

### Day 6

Today is all about the "Rock" and the "Olgas", also a visit to 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

Today, we continue our journey to Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park. We take a walk into the Gorge, marvelling at its breathtaking 100m high walls. Later we return to our accommodation at Curtin Springs. (B)

### Day 8

Onto Alice Springs where we visit the stunning Simpson's Gap, returning via Honeymoon Gap. We settle into our accommodation, before dinner at the nearby Range View Restaurant. (B)

### Day 9

A visit to the amazing Ormiston Gorge known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed. Then onto Ellery Creek Big Hole, just beautiful, which contains some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Return to Alice in the afternoon. (B,D)

### **Day 10**

Today we travel north towards Aileron, Barrow Creek and stopping at the interesting Karlu-Karlu (Devils Marbles). Then to Tennant Creek, an old gold mining town along the Stuart Highway. (B,D)

### **Day 11**

Today we visit the eccentric Daly Waters Historic Pub for a refreshing beer at lunchtime. 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, or you may take the palm lined walkway for a swim



in the famous thermal springs. Later onto Katherine.
(B)

### **Day 12**

A morning cruise through Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park. Discover the cultural significance of the first two gorges to the traditional landowners. Later onto the Stuart Hwy today, we stop at Adelaide River's poignant War Cemetery and the famous Adelaide River pub for lunch. Later in the afternoon we arrive in Darwin, which sits on the bay of the Timor Sea. (B,D)

### Day 13

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

### Day 14

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 South Australia and the Northern Territory.

(B)



### **Darwin to Broome**

### 14 May to 25 May 2024 (12 days)

Seniors \$4,500 Adults \$4,550 S/Supp \$1,100

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. (B,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 transforms dramatically today as we journey across vast pastoral leases and Aboriginal homelands into Western Australia. Overnight in Timber Creek. (B,D)

Today we head to the beautiful Kimberley region of WA. This afternoon and evening is free time to relax, purchase your own dinner and enjoy this amazing area of the Kimberley. We are in Kununurra for a 3-night stopover. (B)

### Day 6

This morning we take a cruise up the Ord River to the dam wall at Lake Argyle, with informative commentary. In the afternoon we visit the historic





Durack house and the wonderful Mirima National Park. (B,L,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. (B)

We travel to the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing this morning, stopping en route at Halls Creek. (B,D)

### 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)

### **Dav 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.

- Flights Perth to Darwin and Broome to Perth
- Adelaide River Cemetery
- Darwin Harbour Dinner Cruise
- Nitmiluk National Park
- Katherine Gorge cruise
- Lake Argyle
- Ord River cruise

- Bungle Bungles flight (optional)
- Kununurra
- Wyndham
- Five Rivers Lookout
- Parry's Lagoon
- Hall's Creek
- Fitzroy Crossing
- Geikie Gorge Cruise
- **Gantheaume Point**
- Chinatown
- · Daily breakfasts
- Most dinners

### WA's Coral Coast – Perth to Broome

Tue 28 May to Sat 08 June 2024 (12 days)

Seniors \$4,300 Adults \$4,350 S/Supp \$1,100

Discover some of the world's most diverse marine habitats just metres away from pristine beaches. You'll love the gorges of Kalbarri National Park and the amazing new sky walk which will take your breath away. Learn about WA's pearling history and enjoy the spectacular sunset at cable beach. The coast of WA is simple beautiful!

### Day 1

We depart from the East Perth Train Terminal at 7.30 am. Taking the Indian Ocean Drive out of Perth, we get used to the sparkling Indian Ocean on our west. We travel through many cray fishing towns to Jurien Bay for morning tea and then on to Green Head, Leeman, and then Dongara for lunch. We also visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial overlooking Geraldton before settling into our accommodation for the night. (D)

### Day 2

On to the Kalbarri National Park where we visit Nature's Window and the Skywalk before returning to town. In the afternoon we visit the coastal gorges before returning to our accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 3

We return to the Northwest Coastal Highway where the country soon changes to open plains and sprawling sheep stations. Our journey continues on to Carnarvon on the Gascoyne River, our stop for the night. (B,D)

### Day 4

Today we continue north to Coral Bay for a glass bottom boat cruise to view the striking coral of Ningaloo Reef before free time to snorkel or swim on the reef. A two-night stopover at Exmouth, the centre for the Navy Nor-West Cape Base and the Harold E Holt Communications Base. (B)

### Day 5

We travel to the head of the Gulf to take in the view from the Vlaming Lighthouse. Out on a glass bottom boat cruise to view the striking coral of Ningaloo Reef before continuing further down the Cape to Yardie Creek in the Cape Range National Park, a beautiful, rugged, iconic WA coastline. In the afternoon time to relax by the pool. (B,D)

### Day 6

We head along the coast to 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 wonderful views of the ocean and the Mackerel Islands. (B,D)

### Day 7

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 Northwest Shelf Venture, we visit these enormous operations and also visit Dampier and the Red Dog memorial and the Burrup Rock Art site. Later we arrive at our accommodation for a twonight stopover. (B,D)

### Day 8

Today we head to the old pearling town of Cossack with its once thriving pearling industry, we visit the port before exploring Port Samson. Later we return to Karratha. (B)

### Day 9

A leisurely drive to Port Hedland today, we stop along the way for morning tea and lunch. Port Hedland is the second largest town in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, we visit the Old Port Hedland town and the Port to see the large scale mining operations of the area. (B,D)

### **Day 10**

oday we travel through spectacular landscapes en route to the former pearling outpost of Broome. We'll enjoy a town tour, visiting the fascinating Japanese Cemetery and nearby Gantheaume Point. In the afternoon, we'll all relax 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 China town and the local pearl shops. Whatever your choice, it's your day. (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)



- Flight Broome to Perth
- Broome town tour
- Cable Beach
- Port Hedland
- Cossack
- Karratha
- Dampier
- **Onslow**
- Exmouth Yardie Creek Boat Cruise

- Coral Bay Cruise
- Carnaryon
- Kalbarri National Park
- Kalbarri Skywalk
- Red Bluff
- Northampton
- **HMAS Sydney** Memorial
- Motel accommodation
- Daily breakfasts, most dinners



### Gibb River Road – Take \$200 off!!

### Tue 11 June to Wed 19 June 2024 (9 days) Motel/Camp

Seniors \$4,550 Adults \$4,600 S/Supp \$400 Single tents \$80

The Gibb River Road is just one part of the epic road trip through the amazing wilderness of the Kimberley, with massive boabs dotting the landscape, and breathtaking scenery all around.

### Day 1

Arrive in Broome and spend the day exploring this historic pearling town. Broome suffered numerous attacks by the Japanese during World War II, and there are a number of remarkable and poignant sites, which we visit. We enjoy an evening meal, watching the beautiful Kimberley sun setting at Cable Beach. (D/Motel)

### Day 2

Onto the Gibb River Road but first we visit Derby and the Famous Prison Tree. Derby calls itself the "Home of the Boab Tree". Boabs are used as street trees and give the town a special character. We check out the jetty and town before making our way to our way to Windjana Gorge on the Gibb River Road. (B,D, Tent)

### Day 3

A morning visit to Tunnel Creek and then onto the picturesque King Leopold Ranges to Bell Gorge, a chance here for a swim in a Kimberley waterfall. Overnight at Silent Grove. (B,D, Tent)

### Day 4

Back on to the Gibb to Imintji Roadhouse before arriving at Galvan's Gorge for a swim and to view this amazing outback waterfall. We reach Mt Barnett Station and in the afternoon a swim in Manning Gorge. (B,D, Tent)



### Day 5

Back on the Gibb River Road, we visit Ellenbrae Station and enjoy freshly made scones and cream for morning tea. Later we arrive at the junction of the Gibb River and Kalumburu Road for a short break, before arriving at the wonderful Home Valley Station. In the afternoon there is time to take an optional scenic flight over the spectacular Cockburn Ranges. (B,Tent)

Scenic Flight not included, approx \$280.

### Day 6

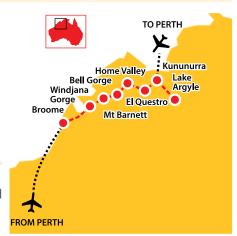
We cross the mighty Pentecost River today and spend the day exploring the gorges and sights of El Questro Station, Zebedee Hot Springs, and Emma Gorge. Later in the afternoon we arrive in Kununurra on the Ord River for a 3night stop over, after concurring the mighty Gibb River Road.. (B,D/Motel)

### Day 7

This morning we cruise 55km along the Ord River from Kununurra to Lake Argyle. Free time for lunch and an afternoon visit to the Durack Museum. Later we return to camp, but first a look at the Mirima National Park, described as a mini—Bungles Bungles. (B D, Motel) Cruise included in fare.

### Day 8

This morning we take a flight over Lake Argyle, the Bungle Bungle National Park, a truly wonderful experience, We also visit Wyndham and the five rivers lookout, as well as Parry's Lagoon, teaming with birdlife. Later its back to our accommodation, after an amazing day! (B,D, Motel) Flight Inc in fare.



#### **Included:**

- Flight Perth to Broome and Kununurra to Perth
- Windjana Gorge
- Tunnel Creek
- Bell Gorge
- Galvan's Gorge
- Manning Gorge
- **Home Valley Station**
- Zebedee Springs

- Emma Gorge
- Ord River Cruise
- Bungle Bungle Flight
- Kununurra
- Wyndham
- Five River Lookout
- Parry's Lagoon
- · Air-con transport
- Most meals

### Day 9

A free morning relaxing in and around Kununurra before your flight home, after an amazing tour of what the Kimberley has to offer. (B)



### Savannah Way - Kununurra to Cairns

Tue 02 July to Mon 15 July 2024 (14 days)

Seniors \$5,490 Adults \$5,540 Single Supp \$1,250

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.

#### **Included:**

- Flights Perth –
   Kununurra / Cairns
   Perth
- Kununurra / Ord River / Lake Argyle
- 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
- Kuranda Train



### Day 6

We travel 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, an historic Station in the Barkly Tablelands, then continue on to Tennant Creek.. (B,D)

### Day 7

We travel 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)

### Day 8

We travel to Mt Isa and Cloncurry. In Cloncurry we visit the John Flynn Museum and Mary Kathleen Memorial Park before continuing 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 visit Karumba for fish and chips sunset dinner. (B,D)

### **Day 10**

On to Forsayth today where you will experience a wonderful cruise on Cobbold Gorge. This is Queensland'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 Queenslandd, before arriving at Mt Surprise, our stop for the night. (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 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 (Time permitting) before you are transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

# beautiful Mirima National Park before arriving at our accommodation, our home for two nights.. (D)

Day 1

Day 2
We begin with an informative cruise up the Ord
River, 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 followed by a swim in the pool at our

Arrive in Kununurra where you are met by your

visiting the diversion dam, Ivanhoe Crossing and

Aussie Redback team. We take in the sights,

### Day 3

resort in Kununurra. (B)

Leaving Kununurra, we travel the Victoria Hwy to the Northern Territory, passing through stunning scenery around the Victoria River system. We continue to Timber Creek, our stop for the night. (B,D)

### Day 4

We travel 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

Take a cruise at Nitmiluk National Park this morning, 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 Mataranka our home for the night. (B)



### Cape York and Thursday Island

Thurs 1 Aug to Tue 13 Aug 2024 (13 days)

Seniors \$5,600 Adults \$5,650 S/Supp \$1,150 9 days Motel/3 Days permanent Tent

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.

### 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 or motel, tent accommodation
- Meals where specified on itinerary



Arrive at Cairns airport where you are met by the Aussie Redback team. 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. (BD, 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 onto Musgrave, our accommodation for the night. (B, Motel)

### Day 5

Today we head to Archer River, 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. (BD, Motel)



### 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, Motel) 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, before arriving back at the Jardine River Crossing. Then we head to Bramwell Station, Australia's most northern cattle station. (B,D, Motel)

### **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. Then onto Lakelands for the night. (B,Motel)

### **Day 12**

Today we head to Port Douglas, stopping at various spot along the way. We arrive back in Cairns, settle into our 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)



### The Longest Shortcut - Cairns to Perth

### Sun 18 Aug to Mon 02 September 2024 (16 Days) Motel - Cabin

Seniors \$5,800 Adults \$5,850 Single Supp \$1,250

Join us on this iconic trip, heading diagonally through Australia and some of the most remote country in the world. We'll traverse the Outback Way from Queensland through the Northern Territory and on to Western Australia. Along the way we'll visit amazing scenery, explore the ancient past and soak in the atmosphere of the remote heart country.

### **Included:**

- Flight Perth to Cairns
- Winton
- Age of Dinosaurs Centre
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Boulia
- Hughenden
- Mt Surprise

- Undara Lava Tubes
- Porcupine Gorge Lookout
- Great Dividing Range
- Alice Springs
- Uluru & Kata Tjuta
- · Great Central Road
- Gwalia Museum and Ghost Town

### Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you are met by your Aussie Redback Team. Time permitting, we head to town for free time before our outback adventure starts. Later we arrive at our accommodation, our home for two nights. (D)

### Day 2

We start the day with a relaxing and informative tour at Hartley's Crocodile farm, set in the rain forest area of Cairns. Hartley's was the first place in Australia to breed crocs in captivity. Later we visit the rainforest town of Kuranda, then there's an opportunity to take the Sky Rail down the mountain, where your crew will be waiting for you. (B)

### Day 3

Leaving Cairns today we head to Mt Surprise on the old Cairns to Forsayth Railway line. We visit Mount Garnet and Ravenshoe on the way before arriving at Mt Surprise, our home for the night. (B,D)

#### Day 4

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, pouring out enough lava to fill Sydney Harbour three times over. In the afternoon we head back to our accommodation for a relaxing afternoon. (B,D)

### Day 5

We travel to Hughenden, an outback artists' haven with a trail of sculptures installed around the town wearing its history and heart on its sleeve. We also visit Porcupine Gorge Lookout on the way to Winton for a two-night stopover. (B,D,)



### Day 6

A morning visit to the Age of Dinosaurs Centre, the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. In the afternoon we visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre, followed by free time in Winton to wander around this classic outback Queensland town. (B)

### Day 7

Today we continue to Boulia, home of the Min Min light on the "The Landsborough Way". We stop on the way at Middleton which made history in 1862 when McKinlay and his search party for Burke and Wills explored the area. Middleton later became the site of the Middleton Hotel and was a Cobb & Co changing station. Overnight in Boulia. (B,D)

### Day 8

Today we head for the plenty Highway, onwards to Tobermorey Station just inside the Northern Territory border. (D,B)

### Day 9

An early start for a big drive into the Northern Territory. Today we pass through the Harts, Jervois, Tarlton and Toko Ranges in the northern reaches of the Simpson Desert, arriving in Alice Springs late afternoon. (D,B)

### **Day 10**

This morning we visit the Old Telegraph Station and Simpson Gap, before having the afternoon to relax and recharge the batteries before the next stage of our journey on the Great Central Road. (B)

### **Day 11**

On to Curtin Springs on the Lasseter Highway and a look at this 1-million-acre cattle property, visiting the lookouts of Mt Connor and Lake Amadeus along the way. Two-night stopover at Curtin Springs. (B,D)

### Day 12

Today is all about the "Rock" and the "Olgas", there is an 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. (B,D)



### **Day 13**

On to the Great Central Road in the Great Victoria Desert. This runs 1126km from Yulara to Laverton in WA. The Great Central Road has its origins in the early 1930s when Warburton was established as a missionary settlement and supplies were delivered from Laverton via a rough bush track. Overnight at Warburton in the Warburton Ranges. (B,D)

### **Day 14**

We continue the Great Central Road towards Leonora, with a stop at Tjukayirla Roadhouse, one of the most remote roadhouses on the planet. We pass changing landscapes before arriving at our destination. (B,D)

### **Day 15**

We start the day with a visit to Gwalia Ghost town, then continue to Menzies and Kalgoorlie (our home for the night). (B,D)

### **Day 16**

With the desert behind us we head to Perth via Coolgardie, Southern Cross and Merredin, arriving in Perth late in the afternoon. (B)





# Extended Tours

### **Northern Wildflowers (with Wildflower Guide)**

Sun 18 August to Wed 21 August 2024 (4 Days) - Overflow Sun 25 Aug to Wed 28 August 2024 (4 Days)

Seniors \$1,390 Adults \$1,440 S/Supp \$380

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

### Day 1

Depart from East Perth, we head straight to Wannamal for wildflower spotting, then continue to Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew and Geraldton with flower stops on the way. Accommodation in Geraldton for three nights. (D)

### Day 2

This morning we drive to Mullewa for flower spotting at the hillside lookout and morning tea in town before heading on to find the elusive Wreath Leschenaultia. We also visit Coalseam Conservation Park, known for its carpets of everlastings. (B,L,D)

### Day 3

Today we visit Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial before driving to Binnu for a bush morning tea amongst the flowers. Later we visit the stunning new skywalk at the Kalbarri National Park, then Red Bluff and the Lynton Convict Settlement. (B,D)

### Day 4

This morning we travel to Badgingarra National Park and Lesueur National Park for more wildflower spotting before heading back to Perth, arriving midafternoon. (B)



- Wannamal
- Mullewa
- **Coalseam Conservation Park**
- **HMAS Sydney Memorial**
- Kalbarri National Park and Skywalk
- Red Bluff
- · Lynton Convict Settlement
- Mt Lesueur National Park







### Mt Augustus – Walga Rock (at Wildflower Time)

Tue 10 September to Sat 14 September 2023 (5 Days)

Seniors \$1,450 Adults \$1,500 Single Supp \$350 Upgrade available at Mt Augustus @ \$120 pn

Mount Augustus is the largest rock on the planet, and Walga Rock is a huge monolith, where you can see the largest gallery of Aboriginal rock paintings in WA. We should also see wildflowers scattered throughout the countryside at this time of year.

### Day 1

Departing from East Perth, we start our adventure travelling through the Swan Valley on the Great Northern Hwy to Bindoon for morning tea. We later continue through wheat and sheep country to Dalwallinu for lunch, then on to Payne's Find. On the sides of the road at this time of the year we should experience carpets of everlastings. We continue to Mount Magnet and then the outback town of Cue, our overnight stop. (D)

### Day 2

This morning we drive to Meekatharra for a tour of the town before hitting the dirt road to Mt Augustus. Our first stop on the way is the Murchison River, a delightful area for bird life, flora, and fauna. Our next stop is the heritage site of Mt Gould, one of WA's oldest police stations. We next arrive at the Landor Racetrack where races have been held since 1929. After a look around we head to our destination, experiencing the wonder of Mt Augustus from a distance before arriving at Mt Augustus resort and station for a two-night stop over. (B,D)

### Day 3

This morning is all about Mt Augustus and the lovely Lyons River, where Cattle Pool is situated. This is a wonderful spot, with its large river gums, birdlife

and animals. After morning tea we have ample time to explore Aboriginal art and rock formations at locations around the rock. Later we return to our accommodation for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore and take in this vast area then later 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 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 head out, turning south, crossing the Murchison River, and continuing to the ruins of Big Bell and then Walga Rock. (D)

### Day 5

Today we continue our journey back to Perth, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way, arriving late afternoon. (B)





- Cue
- Murchison River
- Gascoyne River
- Mt Gould Police Station
- Landor Racetrack
- Lyons River
- Walga Rock
- Motel/cabin accommodation
- Air-conditioned transport
- Meals where specified on itinerary



### Kangaroo Island

### Sat 12 October to Thu 17 October 2024 (6 days)

Seniors \$3,450 Adults \$3,500 S/Supp \$550

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!

#### Day 1

Arrive in Adelaide where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team. Once everyone's on board, we begin with a tour of this beautiful "City of Churches", visiting the famous Colonel Light Lookout which honours the pioneers of the city, and spending time in the longest and one of the busiest malls in Australia—Rundle Mall. Adelaide's ring of parkland on the river Torrens is home to renowned museums, international art events, and fringe festivals, and it's not surprising why. We continue on south to Victor Harbor, passing lovely country towns along the way. Overnight stay in Victor Harbour before our Kl adventure begins. (D)

### Day 2

his 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



#### Included:

- Adelaide city tour and shopping opportunity
- William Light's Lookout
- Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- Seal Bay
- Birds of Prey at Raptor Domain Show
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Admiral's Arch

- Bay of Shoals Winery
- Cape Jervis
- Victor Harbour
- Granite Island
- Strathalbvn
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens
- Motel accommodation
- Meals as indicated



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. Later we make our way to our accommodation for our evening meal. (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 and through them, taking 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. 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 and we get to sample local produce throughout our tour. 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 in Adelaide for our last night together. (B,D)

### Day 6

This morning, time permitting, we visit the beautiful Adelaide botanical gardens, before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



## **Stirling Range Southern Wildflowers**

Sun 20 Oct to Wed 23 Oct (4 days)

Seniors \$1,390 Adults \$1,440 (S/Supp \$380)

See spider orchids, morning iris, swamp bottlebrush, painted ladies and more on WA's amazing rugged southern coastal shoreline.

### Day 1

We depart Perth and head south on the Albany Hwy through lovely forest areas, then on to Pingelly and Boyagin Nature Reserve, a designated flora and fauna reserve where we'll have morning tea. Our overnight stop in in Hyden. (D)

### Day 2

Today we travel to Newdegate, one of the wheatbelt's wildflower hotspots, then we continue through Lake King, Ravensthorpe, and the coastal town of Hopetoun. In the afternoon we explore the Fitzgerald River National Park, renowned for its rugged inland and coastal scenery and 1,800 species of wildflowers. Overnight in Hopetoun. (B,D)

### Day 3

We travel to Jerramungup for morning tea then to Boxwood Hill and the Stirling Range National Park. We continue our wildflower journey in the Stirling Ranges, with a stop at stunning Bluff Knoll. The national park boasts some of the best wildflowers in WA where you can find over 1500 species of plants, 100 of which exist nowhere else in the world. Overnight in Albany. (B,D)

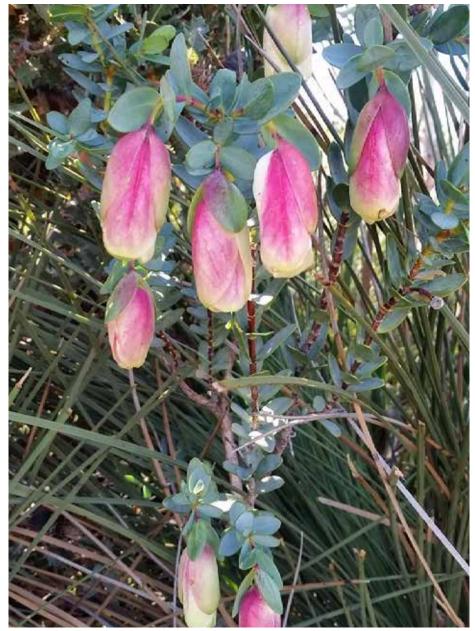
### Day 4

This morning we visit the Tree in the Rock in the Porongurups, then head through Mt Barker to Kojonup. Time here to view the native wildflowers on display in the region. We continue through Williams, before arriving in Perth late in the afternoon. (B)

- Hyden
- Bluff Knoll
- Stirling Range National Park
- Porongorup National Park
- Hopetoun
- · Fitzgerald National Park
- Ravensthorpe
- Kojonup







### Tasmania the "Apple Isle"

### Fri 15 Nov to Tue 26 Nov 2024 (12 Days)

Seniors \$4750pp Adults \$4800 Single Supplement \$950

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

#### Included:

- Flights Perth Hobart - Perth
- Port Arthur
- Wall of Wood
- Russell Falls
- Lake St Clair
- Queenstown
- Strahan Gordon River cruise
- Sarah Island
- Cradle Mountain
- Sheffield

Day 1

Day 2

 Legerwood Carved **Memorial Trees** 

for the evening. (D)

- Beaconsfield Mine Tour
- Scottsdale
- **Bridestowe Lavender** Estate
- St Helens
- Freycinet Peninsula
- Wineglass Bay cruise
- Historic Ross and Ross Bridge
- Historic Richmond
- Mt Wellington
- Mt Nelson



Across to Strahan today for a Gordon River Cruise, where the wilderness comes to the water's edge. The cruise includes lunch on board and stops at Sarah Island where you can explore the ruins of the penal colony. Later we check in to our motel. (B,L,D,)

We travel through Zeehan to the mining and hydroelectric towns of Rosebery and Tullah, then on to Cradle Mountain National Park. Once here you can meander through the forest and alpine heathlands on a purpose-built boardwalk. Later we take a short drive to Sheffield, home of over 60 murals, which will be our stop for the night. (B)

### Day 7

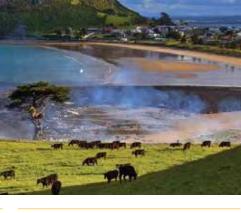
Today we visit Devonport, the southern terminus for the Spirit of Tasmania ferries. We also visit the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, known for the 2006 Beaconsfield mining tragedy. Later it's on to Launceston, our home for two nights. (B,D)

### Day 8

We visit the historic town of Scottsdale, then Bridport, located on Anderson Bay. We also visit Granite Point and enjoy an afternoon visit to the beautiful Bridestowe Lavender Estate. We also stop at Lilydale to take in the stunning waterfalls, then continue to Cataract Gorge before continuing on to Launceston. (B)

### Day 9

On to Legerwood today for a look at the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees. Walk along the avenue of trees and view the WW1 history on display. Next is the old tin town of Derby and then St Helens on George Bay, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)



### Day 10

Today we experience the exquisite beauty of Wineglass Bay on a four-hour cruise of the Freycinet Peninsula with a local guide. The cruise will take you from the gentle shores of Coles Bay along the Freycinet coast to one of the world's best beaches. (B,L)

### **Day 11**

We journey to the historic 19th centre village of Ross which boasts the exquisite Ross Bridge with its 186 carvings depicting Celtic symbols. Later on to Oatlands and then historic Richmond. In the afternoon we make our way on the Midlands Hwy to Hobart for our last night. (B,D)

### **Day 12**

This morning we visit Mt Wellington which rises to 1,269 metres above sea level and is frequently covered by snow. The views from here are spectacular, looking down on Hobart and the Derwent River. Later you are transported to the airport for your flights home. (B)



Today we visit Battery Point, Salamanca Place and the Botanical Gardens, Mt Nelson and Mt Wellington, which is renowned for its amazing views of Hobart. In the afternoon we have free time in Hobart to wander at leisure. Later we return to our motel. (B)

Departing Perth, you'll arrive in Hobart and are met

by your crew and transferred to your accommodation

### Day 3

We travel to Port Arthur to learn all about this dreadful penal colony and most infamous prison. Later we visit Tasman's Arch, Hell's Kitchen and Doo Town. The actual channel is between Macquarie Heads on the west and Entrance Island on the east (the main length of the harbour runs south-east of Hells Gates). In the afternoon we return to our accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 4

This morning it's on to New Norfolk and the magnificent Mt Field National Park, the location of the spectacular three-tiered Russell Falls. We also visit the Wall in the Wilderness sculpture which commemorates those who have shaped the area's past and present. Later we take the winding journey up to Lake St Clair and continue on a scenic drive to Queenstown. (B,D)

# 'Get Caught in the Travel Web'

# 2024 One-Day tours

Cost for day tours - \$115 Adults, \$110 Seniors, unless stated otherwise. Our one-day tours include morning tea and most include either a restaurant lunch or picnic lunch (see above for special notes on some tours).

### Sun 14 April 2024 Ferguson Valley / Gnomesville

Enjoy a journey through the Ferguson Valley via rolling hills, meandering streams, and beautiful autumn colours. Includes a stop at the famous "Gnomesville" where you can leave your own gnome to join one of the gnome families.

### Sun 05 May 2024 Moondyne Joe Festival, Toodyay

The legend of Moondyne Joe, the Avon Valley's legendary bushranger transforms the picturesque historical town of Toodyay, Western Australia into a lively all day festival. Morning tea only. Price reduced to \$100 pp.

### Sun 12 May 2024 Mother's Day Mystery Tour

Join us on a tour to a mystery location where we'll celebrate Mother's Day with a two-course restaurant lunch.

### Sun 09 June 2024 Harvey Harvest Festival

The festival will include plenty of activities, including music, entertainment, food, markets, and family-friendly activities, rides, street theatre, fairy workshops and a petting farm. Morning tea only. Price reduced to \$100 pp.

### Sun 21 July 2024 Christmas in July Mystery Tour

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

### Sun 18 August 2024 Wildflower Mystery Tour

Join us for a day in the WA countryside, where we take in some of the wildflower spots of the Perth area.

### Sun 01 September 2024 Father's Day Mystery Tour

Join us on a tour to a mystery location where we'll celebrate Father's Day with a two-course restaurant lunch.

### Sun 15 Sept 2024 Perth Dam Parks

Join us for a day tour to some of WA's beautiful water dams of the Perth area, such as Lanes Pool and Serpentine, which are just stunning at this time of the year.

### Sun 29 Sept 2024 Gingin/Moore River Cruise

Enjoy morning tea in Gingin and a cruise on the Moore River with a local guide.

### Sun 27 Oct 2024 Collie River cruise

We travel down to Eaton to board the "Elandra" on our Collie River Cruise. Cruise the Collie River where the dolphins, birdlife, and many forms of wildlife unique to Southwestern Australia are abundant.

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