

# The Longest Shortcut - Perth to Cairns

# Sun 13 to Sat 26 July 2025 (14 Days) AND Sun 05 to Sat 14 July 2026

Seniors \$6,000 Adults \$6,050 (Land Only - Senior \$5,700 Adults \$5,750) Single Supp \$1,200

Join on this iconic trip, heading diagonally through Australia and some of the most remote country in the world.

### **Included:**

- Flight Cairns to Perth
- Winton
- Age of Dinosaurs Centre
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Boulia
- Hughenden
- Porcupine Gorge Lookout
- · Great Dividing Range

- Alice Springs
- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Great Central Road
- Gwalia Ghost Town
- Kalgoorlie
- Motel and cabin accommodation
- Meals where indicated



Departing Perth, we head off on Australia's Longest Shortcut - Perth to Cairns. We travel through the wheatbelt to the WA Goldfields, arriving in the mining town of Kalgoorlie, our home for the evening. (D)

# Day 2

This morning we head to Menzies with a visit to the historic Kalgoorlie two-up ring and morning tea on the way. We pass ghost towns from a bygone era, then the Gwalia Museum on the edge of the large open pit of Sons of Gwalia Mine. We explore Gwalia before continuing on to Leonora, our stop for the night. (B,D)

### Day 3

On to the first of many dirt roads on this tour just north of Laverton - The Great Central Road, winding through the ranges, sand hills and salt lakes of the desert which has a beauty that is iconically Australian. Warburton is our stop for the night. (B,D)

#### Day 4

We pass through many ranges today, including the Schwerin Mural Ranges, and then we cross over into the Northern Territory through the Gibson Desert. In the distance we sight the Olgas and Uluru. We continue on to Curtin Springs Station, our stop for the night. (B,D)

## Day 5

Today we head to Alice Springs in the centre of Australia. We pass through range country, which shows us just how big our country is and how vast the distances are and arrive in Alice later in the afternoon and settle into our accommodation at the wonderful Desert Palms, for a two-night stopover. (B,D,)



#### Day 6

This morning you have the option of an early morning hot air balloon through the rugged McDonald Ranges (own expense, approx. \$415), followed by a visit to Simpson Gap and the Old Telegraph Station. (B)

# Day 7

An early start for a big drive into Queensland. We take a short drive up the Stuart Highway then back on the dirt of the Plenty Highway, through the Harts, Jervois, Tarlton and Toko Ranges in the northern reaches of the Simpson Desert to Tobermorey Station just inside the Northern Territory border. This is our home for the night. (B,D)

# Day 8

Today we cross into the Queensland channel country. We stop for a break on the way at Boulia, best known for sightings of the Min Min light (an unusual shimmering light phenomenon that appears at night). We also stop at Middleton, which made history in 1862, when the first white men, McKinlay and his search party for Burke and Wills, explored the area, and continue on to Winton, our stop for three nights. (B,D)

#### Day 9

Today you have free time to relax and enjoy the beautiful sheep and cattle town of Winton which lies on the sprawling Western River. Meet the locals at the shops, discover the very quirky Arno's Wall, or simply stroll to the river and enjoy the tranquility of country life. You also have free time to purchase your own dinner tonight, completing this full leisurely day. (B)

#### **Day 10**

This morning we visit the Age of Dinosaurs Centre, the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. You'll have ample time to purchase lunch after this, then in the afternoon we visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre, a museum steeped in Australian history. Learn about the Waltzing Matilda legend, the Qantas origins, Aboriginal cultural history, opal mining, the Shearers' Strike, and the dinosaur trail. We enjoy dinner together tonight at the famous Gregory Hotel, where Waltzing Matilda was written. (B,D)

# **Day 11**

A late start today before we arrive in Hughenden, travelling through typical cattle country of the area. We visit some the attractions of the town, before arriving at our accommodation. (B,D)

## Day 12

A morning visit to Porcupine Gorge Lookout on the last of the outback dirt roads. We travel past Mt Garnet and Ravenshoe, before descending the Great Dividing Range through the winding rainforest highway, enjoying the lush rainforest and tropical plantations on the way into Cairns. (B,D)

# **Day 13**

We start the day with an informative tour at the Hartley's Crocodile farm, set in the rain forest area of Cairns. Later we visit the rainforest town of Kuranda and take the Sky Rail back down the mountain, where your crew will be waiting for you to transport you back to your accommodation. (B,D)

## Day 14

Late check out today with time to relax around Cairns before a flight home, having crossed this amazing country. (B)





# **Historic Outback Towns – Cairns to Alice Springs**

Wed 13 August to Sun 24 August 2025 (12 days)

Senior \$5,750 Adult \$5,800 (Land Only - Senior \$5,150 Adult \$5,200) Single supp \$1,200

Endless outback history, rainforests, stockmen tales, gem fields, and star filled night skies. There's nowhere on earth like it!

# Day 1

Fly to Cairns where you are greeted by your crew and transferred to your accommodation. We then have a meet-and-greet with fellow travellers over predinner drinks before the evening meal - a lovely way to start the tour. (D)

# Day 2

A visit to the Daintree this morning. Immerse yourself deep into the rainforest by taking a trip on our world-renowned wildlife experience cruise. You will slowly glide along the Daintree River while one of our local guides shares their knowledge about the unique tropical ecosystem. The rainforest is a breathtaking natural marvel estimated to be around 135 million years old, the oldest living rainforest on earth. Later it's on to the chic, relaxed seaside village of Port Douglas for lunch. Later we return to our accommodation. (B)

### Day 3

This morning we make our way through the Atherton Tablelands to Ravenshoe. Ravenshoe is the highest town in Queensland. Historically Ravenshoe was a town with a proud heritage of extracting timber from the surrounding forests in the 1980s. In the afternoon we arrive at Charters Towers. Founded in 1871 after the discovery of a gold nugget, Charters Towers was established as a place for prospectors to find their fortune in the gold fields. We visit the Venus Gold Battery before checking into our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Day 4

Today we continue our journey on the Gregory Highway to Emerald. We pass several little towns, including Clermont. Clermont is one of the most historic towns in northern Australia and has a colourful past filled with drama and laced with tragedy. In fact, Clermont was the first inland settlement in the tropics, making it a frontier town in the truest sense of the word. Emerald was established in 1879 as the base for the railway line, and it has slowly grown to be the major regional centre of the Central Highlands and the gateway to the Central Western district. (B,D)

#### Day 5

Departing Emerald, we head to Barcaldine, which has an interesting and famous history. Barcaldine is home to the Tree of Knowledge, the reputed birthplace of the labor movement in Australia. We visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre and later continue on to Longreach for two nights. (B,D)



## Included:

- Flight Perth-Cairns
- Flight Alice Springs-Perth
- Ravenshoe
- **Charters Towers**
- Emerald
- Longreach
- Mt Isa
- Camooweal Devil's Marbles
- Alice Springs
- Ellery Creek Big Hole
- Ormiston Gorge

# Day 6

Longreach is the heart of Outback Queensland and is home to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum, and you can visit both today. In the afternoon we enjoy the sights and sounds of the outback as the sun sets over the horizon on this evening's riverboat adventure. Cruise down the mighty Thomson River on a unique paddle-wheeler. Disembark at a campground in the heart of the local bush and continue our outback experience with intimate performances and a twocourse stockman's dinner around the campfire. (B,D and show)

# Day 7

On to Winton this morning and a visit to the Waltzing Matilda Centre, a journey back in time. Later we visit the pub made famous by Crocodile Dundee - the Walkabout Creek Hotel, on our way to Cloncurry - our stop for the evening. (B, D)

Today we head to Mt Isa and explore this mining town in the outback, then onwards to Camooweal and a visit to the Drovers Camp Museum, before checking into our accommodation. (B)

#### Day 9

Departing Camooweal, we cross the Queensland and Northern Territory border and head to the Barkley Homestead, the only stop between travellers crossing the border. Later it's on to the town of Tennant Creek, our stop for the night. (B,D)

## **Day 10**

We travel through some smaller Northern Territory towns today with stops on the way, before arriving in the largest outback town in the territory - Alice Springs. (B)

# **Day 11**

This morning we travel to Simpsons Gap in the MacDonnell Ranges. This is also part of an important spiritual site to the Arrernte Aboriginal people. Later it's on to Ormiston Gorge. Massive geological forces created the towering red walls of Ormiston Gorge. Within the gorge is a permanent waterhole, estimated to be at least 14 metres deep, which attracts all kinds of birdlife and animals, this attraction is not to be missed. Later we visit Ellery Creek Big Hole, another stunning waterhole in the centre of Australia. (B,D)

# **Dav 12**

There's free time this morning in Alice Springs before transfers to the airport for flights home. (B)



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

Sun 24 Aug to Wed 27 Aug 2025 (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



#### Included:

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



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)

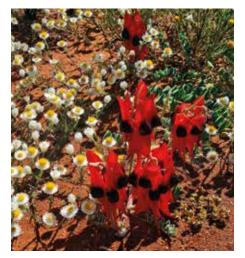
# Day 4

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

# Wildflowers of the Northern Wheatfields (with Wildflower Guide)

Sun 31 Aug to Wed 03 Sep 2025 (4 Days)

Seniors \$1,390 Adults \$1,440 S/Supp \$380A wonderful short tour of the wheatbelt areas of WA at Wildflower time.



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**Gully Road** 

Jurien Bay

Nilgen Reserve

Down Cockleshell

# Included:

- Toodyay
- Wyalkatchem
- Dalwallinu
- Rica Erickson Reserve
- Wongan Hills
- Reynoldson Reserve

A wonderful short tour of the wheatbelt areas of Western Australia at wildflower time.

#### Day 1

Departing from East Pert we travel via Toodyay for morning tea break then onto Wyalkatchem for lunch with optional visit to the Agricultural Museum. North to Koorda then via Kalannie to Dalwallinu, stop for walks along the way amongst the flowers. (D)

#### Day 2

On to Rica Erickson Reserve for morning tea and then to Mount O'Brien reserve for more flowers. We enjoy lunch at Wongan Hills and in the afternoon we visit Reynoldson Reserve for another walk in the flowers. Return to Dalwallinu. (B,D)

#### Day 3

We travel north into the station and goldfields country. We search for a range of flowers including the beautiful Wreath Leschenaultia. In the afternoon it is out of the station country to the wheatbelt towns of Morawa and Perenjori and return to Dalwallinu. (B,D)

# Day 4

This morning we head to Badgingarra for morning tea, then continue down Cockleshell Gully Road for a walk in the flowers. We'll have lunch in the seaside town of Jurien Bay and one more wildflower stop at Nilgen Reserve before arriving back in Perth later in the afternoon. (B)



# **Great Central Road – Alice Springs to Perth**

Thu 28 August to Sat 06 September 2025 (10 days)

Senior \$4,350 Adult \$4,400 (Land Only - Senior \$4,050 Adult \$4,100) S/Supp \$1,100

The Great Central Road is part of the Outback Way route that crosses Australia. Get adventurous and take a red-direct trip from Alice Springs in the Northern Territory to Laverton in Western Australia. This is one of Australia's last great Outback adventure drives.

# Day 1

Today we fly to "Alice". We visit the historic Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill lookout before having some free time in town. There is also an opportunity for a balloon flight tomorrow over the Ranges (own expense). (D)

# Day 2

We visit some of Alice's other amazing attractions, including Trephina Gorge Nature Park, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed. Several waterholes attract native wildlife and provide a beautiful setting for bushwalking. Then on to Ross River Homestead for lunch. The appeal of Ross River Homestead is some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Ross River Resort is the historic Loves Creek Homestead built in 1898 by the pioneering Bloomfield family as a working cattle station. (B)

# Day 3

Departing Alice we head to Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park, which sits at the western end of the George Gill Range. We will take a walk into the Gorge, with its breathtaking 100-meterhigh walls and then onto our accommodation and helicopter rides over the ranges (own expense). Later we enjoy a beautiful sunset viewing over the Watarrka National Park. (B,D)

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

Today is all about the "Rock" and the "Olgas". We enjoy a very informative tour with a local guide, and have the opportunity to explore the area, and visit the Cultural Centre. You may also fly over both attractions (own expense), before heading back to the "Rock" for a BBQ dinner and a spectacular sunset, returning later to Curtin Springs. (B,D)

## Day 6

On to the Great Central Road in the Great Victoria Desert. This runs 1126km from Yulara to Laverton in WA, and we will pass five small communities on



the way. 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. We'll see a large variety of wildlife in the area - dingos, emus, kangaroos and camels, and many species of birds. Later we arrive at Warburton in the Warburton Ranges. We then check into our accommodation. (B,D)

# Day 7

From Warburton we continue the Great Central Road and head towards Laverton. We have a stop at Tjukayirla Roadhouse. The roadhouse is set deep in the Victoria Desert and is one of the most remote roadhouses on the planet. We pass changing landscapes before arriving at our destination. (B)

# Day 8

In the morning we visit the Great Beyond Visitor Centre and then make our way to Leonora and

the Gwalia Ghost town. In the afternoon it's on to Menzies and Kalgoorlie, our home for the night. (B,D)

This morning we take in the sights of this historic town, such as the Super Pit, which is truly an eye opener with its enormous mining production. We also visit Mt Charlotte, where water first arrived at the Goldfields in 1903, and take part in a game of two-up at the famous ring in the bush! (B,D)

With the desert behind us we head to Perth, after concurring the famous Great Central Road. We travel to Coolgardie, Southern Cross and Merredin before arriving in Perth, after an amazing experience in the Great Australian Outback. (B)

- · Flight Perth-Alice Springs
- Telegraph Station
- ANZAC Hill
- Balloon flight over Alice Springs (optional)
- Trephina Gorge
- Ross River Homestead
- West MacDonnell Ranges

- Kings Canyon
- Avers Rock (Uluru) Great Central Road
- Victoria Desert
- Gwalia Ghost Town
- Kalgoorlie Super Pit
- Bush Two-up ring
- Motel accommodation
- Air-conditioned 4x4 bus



# Stirling Range Southern Wildflowers

Sun 27 Sept to Tue 30 Sept 2025 (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.

#### **Included:**

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

# 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)

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)





# **Esperance / Bremer Bay at Wildflower Time**

Sun 12 Oct to Thu 16 Oct 2025 (5 Days)

Seniors \$1,770 Adults \$1,820 (S/supp \$460)



beaches and coastlines in the world; and wonderful Bremer Bay, known to be a haven for fishermen, swimmers, bushwalkers, surfers, families, birdwatchers, and nature lovers.

Visit Esperance which has some of the best

### Day 1

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

On to Ravensthorpe, Esperance and Cape Le Grand National Park this morning, visiting Lucky Bay, Rossiter Bay, Hellfire Bay, Le Grande Beach, and Thistle Cove. (B,D)

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

# Day 4

We explore the Fitzgerald River National Park today, stopping to view rugged coastal scenery and numerous wildflowers, then on to Bremer Bay, known for its lovely beaches and whale watching. Hopefully we will see some of these creatures of the deep. (B,D)

#### Day 5

We head to the farming communities of Katanning and Wagin, where we visit the "Big Ram" and the Wagin historical village. We continue through the towns of Narrogin and Brookton and arrive in Perth later in the afternoon. (B)



- Hvden
- Wave Rock
- Mulka's Cave Hippo's Yawn
- Bremer Bay
- Stonehenge
- · Cape La Grande
- Lucky Bay
- **Hellfire Bay**
- **Woody Island Cruise**
- Fitzgerald National

# Tasmania the "Apple Isle" – TWO TOURS

# Fri 7 Nov to Tue 18 Nov 2025 (12 days) AND Fri 13 to Tue 24 March 2026

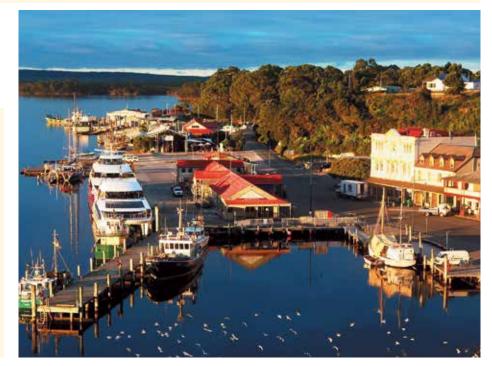
Senior \$5,150 Adult \$5,200 (Land only - Senior \$4,550 Adult \$4,600) Single Supp \$1,200

Wonderful scenery, abundant wildlife, gourmet food and wine. Explore Hobart's sights and waterfront, Mt Field National Park, 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
- Oueenstown
- Strahan
- Gordon River cruise
- Sarah Island
- Cradle Mountain
- Sheffield
- Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees

- **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



# Day 1

Departing Perth, you'll arrive in Hobart to be met by your crew and transferred to your accommodation.

### Day 2

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

### 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). (B,D)

# Day 4

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

# Day 5

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. (B,L)

### Day 6

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. We continue 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 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, then St Helens on George Bay, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)

Today we experience the exquisite beauty of Wineglass Bay on a 4.5-hour cruise of the Freycinet Peninsula. The cruise will take you from the gentle

shores of Coles Bay along the Freycinet coast to one of the world's best beac hes. (B,L)

# **Day 11**

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



# Travel Sketching in Tasmania with Renata Wright

Fri 27 Mar to Sat 04 April 2026 (9 days)

Cost \$4,950 Single Supp \$960. Land Only \$4,350 (Final payment is due three months before departure)

Tasmania boasts some of Australia's most beautiful scenery, historic buildings and villages, and we have put together a travel sketching art tour during autumn for you to capture the glorious colours in these places, whilst relaxing and enjoying a holiday to remember.

You will be guided by artist, Renata Wright, who will provide regular demonstrations and tips to ensure you make the most of the scene in front of you. There is also time for sightseeing and sampling of Tasmania's best food and wine! Renata is a Perth-based award-winning artist who has led a number of travel sketching art tours in Australia. She enjoys showing other artists how she captures the unique Australian landscapes in her travel diary, and her teaching methods are fun, clear, and suitable for artists of all skill levels.

#### Day 1

Fly to Hobart where you will be met at the airport by your driver and your tutor. You'll be transferred to your hotel for check-in, followed by meet-and-greet pre-dinner drinks with other artists, and a twocourse dinner. (D)

# Day 2

After breakfast, we'll spend the morning at the famous Salamanca Markets enjoying the stalls and activities, including fresh produce, arts, crafts, trinkets, street performers and musicians. After lunch we'll head to Hobart's Waterfront where you will have a range of subjects to sketch, including boats, water, seabirds, and people, and right behind us is Parliament House, so if water and boats don't suit, you may like to sketch this interesting building instead. Renata will help you with your ideas and compositions. Later we head back to our motel where you can purchase your own dinner at the restaurant. (B)



# Day 3

Today we spend a full day at Port Arthur. There are more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored houses on site so you'll have plenty to choose from as sketching subjects. After Renata's short demo and instruction in the morning, you will be free to explore, sketch, and purchase coffee and lunch at the café, right up until it's time to head back to our accommodation for drinks, dinner, and a well-earned rest. (B,D)

#### Day 4

This morning we visit MoNA (Museum of Old and New Art) which was built by David Walsh to house his collection of ancient, modern, and contemporary art, and is Australia's largest private museums with three levels of underground galleries. After lunch we'll head to the Hobart Botanical Gardens where you can find your own quiet spot to sketch from the glorious plants, themed gardens, or Tasmanian native flora on display. Later we head back to our accommodation where you can purchase your own dinner at the motel's restaurant. (B)

#### Day 5

This morning we pack our bags and head to Launceston, stopping for morning tea on the way and visiting Cataract Gorge (located in the Trevallyn Reserve) for sketching in the afternoon. Renata will help you capture the scenes around you, giving tips and ideas on how to make your art tell a story. We'll be sketching in the southern side near the café, swimming pool and native bushland, so you'll have plenty of opportunity to buy a cappuccino and sketch in your diary, surrounded by amazing scenery. Later we check in to our accommodation and enjoy dinner together in the evening. (B,D)

#### Day 6

This morning we head to the historic town of Ross, which is one of the best-preserved colonial towns in Australia. You'll have all day to find various spots to capture buildings, the Ross Bridge (Australia's third oldest bridge still standing), and the gorgeous autumn colours along the heritage-rich streets, stopping only for lunch, and to pack up at the end of the day and head back to our accommodation for dinner and a well-earned rest. (B,D)

#### Day 7

Today is a sightseeing day, visiting Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake, where you'll be able to take plenty of photos for future paintings. On the way back we'll stop at the little cultural town of Deloraine. You'll have ample time to immerse yourself in all things "arty". Tonight you are free to purchase your own dinner in Launceston. (B)

# Day 8

Today we take a short drive to Brickendon Historic Farm and Convict Village where you can sketch, paint



#### Included:

- Flights Perth

   Hobart /
   Launceston Perth
- Daily (am and/or pm) travel sketching
- Hobart 4 nights
- Launceston 4 nights
- Salamanca Markets
- MoNA (Museum of Old and New Art)

- Port Arthur
- Hobart Botanical Gardens
- Historic Ross
- Brickendon Historic Farm and convict Village
- Deloraine
- Cradle Mountain
- Daily breakfasts, five dinners

and explore the convict-built village, wander around the historic gardens of the Georgian homestead and outbuildings, then choose a spot to settle in and sketch in your travel diary, under Renata's guidance. Tonight we'll finish with a farewell dinner at our motel, followed by a show-and-tell of everyone's travel diary memories. (B,D)

# Day 9

Sadly, all good tours must come to an end. This morning after breakfast, you'll pack your bags and board the bus for your transfer to Launceston airport and your flight home. (B)



# Albany – Denmark - Walpole

Sun 29 March to Wed 01 April 2026 (4 days)

Senior \$1,390 Adult \$1,440 Single Supp \$380

On this tour we take you to the Natural Bridge and The Gap in Albany, and walk along Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks at some of the most beautiful beaches in the south-west of Western Australia.

#### Included:

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

# Day 1

We travel south towards Albany, stopping in town for lunch before visiting Mount Clarence, and the new and improved Gap and Natural Bridge, before checking in to our accommodation. (D)

# Day 2

We enjoy a morning visit to Bluff knoll, then on to Two People's Bay Nature Reserve - 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. (B.D)

### Day 3

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

#### Day 4

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# Kangaroo Island

Sat 11 to Thu 16 April 2026 (6 days)

Seniors \$3,650, Adults \$3,700 (Land Only - Seniors \$3,050, Adults \$3,100) S/Supp \$670

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!

# Included:

- Flights Perth-Adelaide-Perth
- Adelaide city tour
- 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
- Strathalbyn
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens

#### Day 1

Arrive in Adelaide where you are met by the Aussie Redback Tours team. 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 Rundle Mall, one of the longest malls in Australia. We continue south to Victor Harbor, our overnight stay before our KI adventure begins. (D)



## Day 2

This morning we board the Kangaroo Island ferry from Cape Jervis. Once on land we visit the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery, followed by a visit to Seal Bay. Enjoy getting up close to the seals for amazing photographs before we round up our day with the Birds of Prey Show at Raptor Domain. Later we make our way to our accommodation for our evening meal.

# 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. We also head to Admirals Arch, which was formed by massive natural forces, and from the platform you can observe a colony of New

Zealand fur seals. 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

We 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, and for lunch we travel to Stokes Bay on the north coast. We round up the day with a visit to the Bay of Shoals winery for some wine tasting whilst enjoying the magnificent ocean scenery. Later 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 where you can stroll across the causeway to Granite Island and take a ride on the horse drawn tram back to the mainland (own expense). We continue to Victor Harbor and Strathalbyn, then on to Adelaide for our last night together. (B,D)

# Day 6

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

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

Sun 26 April to Thu 07 May 2026 (12 days)

Seniors \$5,200 Adults \$5,250 (Land Only - Senior \$4,900 Adults \$4,950) S/Supp \$1,200

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 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 there's 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 North-West 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, and we visit the port before exploring Port Samson. Later we return to Karratha. (B)

# Day 9

A leisurely drive to Port Hedland today, stopping 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

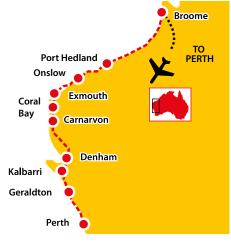
Today we travel through spectacular landscapes en route to the former pearling outpost of Broome. We'll enjoy a town tour, visiting the fascinating Japanese Cemetery and nearby Gantheaume Point. In the afternoon, we'll all relax with a drink while the sun sets over Cable Beach. (B.D)

# **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.



- Flight Broome to Perth
- Cable Beach
- 80-Mile Beach
- Cossack
- Karratha
- Dampier
- Coral Bay cruise
- Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum
- Hamelin Pool
- Shell Beach

- Denham
- Monkey Mia cruise
- Eagle Bluff
- Kalbarri National Park
- Kalbarri Skywalk
- Motel accommodation
- Daily breakfasts, most dinners



# **Kimberley Dreaming (Broome to Kununurra)**

Wed 20 to Thu 28 May 2026 (9 Days)

\$4,750 Senior \$4,800 Adult (Land Only - Senior \$4,450 Adults \$4,500) S/Supp \$900



**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

Today is all about Broome. Arrive in Broome where you are met by your Aussie Redback Tours crew. We start with a town tour before you explore this pearling town. Shop for pearls in Chinatown; see dinosaur footprints and birdwatch in Roebuck Bay or you can stroll through the famous Broome streets, whatever you fancy, Broome will captivate you. Later we catch the amazing Broome sunset at Cable Beach. (D)

#### Day 2

We head towards Derby today and visit the Famous Prison Tree and town centre. Derby's claim to fame is having the highest tides of any Australian port. 11 m (36 feet) of tidal difference means there is an enormous amount of water rushing in and out every 6 hours. 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 before making our way to our accommodation. (B,D)

#### Included:

- · Flight Perth-Broome
- · Flight Kununurra-Perth
- Broome town tour
- Carr Boyd Ranges
- China Wall
- Lake Argyle cruise
- The Grotto
- Parry's Lagoon
- · Five Rivers Lookout,

- Wyndham **Durack Homestead**
- Ord River cruise
- Windjana Gorge
- Tunnel Creek
- **Bungle Flights** (Optional)

#### Day 3

We make our way to the Gibb River Road; our first stop will be at Windjana Gorge. Windjana Gorge is 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. We then travel to Tunnel Creek National Park which covers 91 hectares in the Napier Range. The main feature of the park is of course the 750-metre tunnel that a creek has worn through the Napier Range. The tunnel is the oldest cave system in Western Australia and although it can be explored, please note that it can be guite difficult climbing over the cave rocks, and water levels can be dangerously high at times. It is often closed due to weather conditions. Later we make our way to Fitzroy Crossing, after a wonderful day in the rugged Kimberley. (B,L,D)

#### Day 4

We start the day traveling to Halls Creek, a very significant place. It is the site of the first gold discovery in Western Australia and where the WA gold rushes began. In 1885 Charles Hall found a 28-ounce nugget. Men (very few women) soon streamed into the interior in search of their fortune. We stop on the way at Mary River for morning tea before arriving at this Iconic town in the Kimberley. (B,D)

# Day 5

Onto Warmun for a morning tea stop and then we travel to the town of Kununurra, through spectacular scenery, situated in the heart of the Kimberley. Here you have some free time in town before making our way to our accommodation. (B,D)

# Day 6

After a delicious breakfast, we head to the wilderness park - El Questro, which is one of the world's most unique holiday destinations, with stunning views of ancient landscapes and the mystical boab trees. We stop at Zebedee Springs on



the way, for a revitalising dip in the warm thermal springs, surrounded by palm trees and cliffs. Later in the afternoon we return to Kununurra. (B) Motel

We start the day with a fantastic cruise up the Ord River to Lake Argyle. Along the way, we can spot crocodiles and birdlife, before reaching the dam wall which holds back the equivalent of 21 Sydney Harbour waters. You'll be met by your driver and taken to the lookout for a stunning view over the lake and Ord River. We visit the resort for lunch, followed by a visit to the iconic Durack Homestead Museum, before heading back to our accommodation. (Cruise included in fare). (B,D) Motel

# Day 8

Early this morning you'll have an opportunity to fly over the Bungle Bungles (own expense), returning in time for our drive to Wyndham, one of Western Australia's oldest towns. We will visit Five Rivers Lookout at the Bastions, followed by a tour of the old town. Later in the day 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)

## Day 9

After breakfast this morning you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home, taking with you some lovely memories of the Kimberley region. (B)



# Darwin to Adelaide – "The Explorers Way"

Sun 31 May to Sun 14 June 2026 (15 Days)

\$5,950 Senior \$6,000 Adults S/Supp \$1,280 (Land Only - \$5,400 Adults \$5,350)

# A tour for those who wish to discover the spectacular scenery of our Red Centre.

#### Included:

- Flights Perth –
   Darwin / Adelaide
   Perth
- Darwin Military Museum
- Darwin Dinner Cruise
- · Adelaide River
- Katherine Gorge cruise
- Mataranka
- Daly Waters Historic Pub
- Karlu Karlu (Devil's Marbles)
- Ellery Creek Big Hole

- Ormiston Gorge
- King's Canyon
- Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Mt Conner
- · Opal mine tour
- Coober Pedy
- Woomera Rocket Range
- Wadlata Centre
- Arid Botanical Gardens
- Mathew Flinders Lookout

## 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 to our accommodation and enjoying our first dinner together at the sailing club. (D)

# Day 2

Today we explore Darwin, visiting the Military Museum and the Botanic Gardens, then free time in the city before a sunset dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour. (B,D)

## Day 3

Travelling south on the Stuart Hwy today, we stop at Adelaide River's War Cemetery. We continue via Katherine to Nitmiluk National Park for a tranquil cruise along the spectacular Katherine Gorge. 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

We start the day with a short drive to Mataranka for a swim in the thermal pools of this tropical paradise. Later we visit the "We of the Never Never" cemetery, before heading to the eccentric and iconic Daly Waters Pub. It is here we enjoy the nighttime entertainment and spend the night. (B)

## Day 5

Today we travel south, stopping along the way at various old war time towns, and ending at Tennant Creek, an old gold mining town along the Stuart Highway. (B,D)

#### Day 6

We enjoy a morning visit to Karlu Karlu (Devil's Marbles). These gigantic boulders have become an internationally recognised symbol of Australia's outback. We continue to Alice Springs, our home for two nights. (B,D)

# Day 7

Today we visit amazing Ormiston Gorge, known for its sheer quartzite cliffs, red river gums and sandy creek bed; and Ellery Creek Big Hole, which contains some of the most dramatic and beautiful countryside in the West MacDonnell Ranges. (B,D)

# Day 8

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

#### Day 9

Today is all about the "Rock" and the "Olgas". We enjoy an informative tour with a local guide, then you can explore the area and visit the Cultural Centre. You may also fly over both attractions (own expense), before heading back to the "Rock" for a BBQ dinner and a spectacular sunset in the evening. (B,D)

# **Day 10**

Today, we continue to Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park. We take a walk into the gorge, marvelling at its breathtaking 100m high walls. Tonight we'll stay at Kings Creek Station (B,D) Note: Helicopter flight opportunity over Watarrka National Park (own expense). (B,D)

## **Day 11**

On to Coober Pedy today, one of the biggest towns in S.A, and home to 92% of Australia's opals. People live underground to escape the summer heat, and many a film has been made here. (B)

# **Day 12**

We spend the day in Coober Pedy, where you will have a chance to buy your very own opal during our town tour. Later we travel to the breakaways for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles whilst watching a magical sunset. (B)





## **Day 13**

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 14

We begin our day with a journey back in time at the Wadlata Centre. We travel on to Port Pirie, where smelters have been in operation since 1889. We have a town tour and free time to explore this little town before heading to Adelaide. (B)

# **Day 15**

We visit the Mount Lofty Summit to enjoy spectacular panoramic views across Adelaide's city skyline to the coast, and then you will be transported to the airport for your flight home. (B)



# Flinders Ranges - Lake Eyre - Coober Pedy

Wed 17 to Thu 25 Jun 2026 (9 days)

Senior \$4,650 Adult \$4,700 (Land Only - Senior \$4,050 Adult \$4,100) Single Supp \$990



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)

#### Day 2

We begin our day by travelling to Port Pirie, which 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 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 is 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)

# Day 6

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
- Ouorn
- Hawker
- Jeff Morgan Gallery
- Wilpena Pound
- Blinman

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



# **Cape York and Thursday Island**

# Sun 19 to Fri 31 July 2026 (13 days)

Senior \$6,340 Adult \$6,390 (Land Only - Senior \$5,740 Adult \$5,800)

Single Supp \$1,320 9 days Motel/3 Days Permanent Tent (Sleeping Bag & Pillow Hire \$50 pp)

Bordered by the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Coral Sea, Cape York Peninsula is an untouched wilderness dominated by wild 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

# Day 1

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. (B D, 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. (B,D,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 northernmost 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)

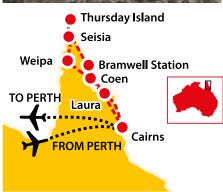
# Day 12

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 16 to Mon 31 Aug 2026 (16 Days)

Seniors \$6,150, Adults \$6,200 (Land Only - Seniors \$5,850, Adults \$5,900) S/Supp \$1,290

Join on this iconic trip, heading diagonally through Australia and some of the most remote country in the world.

#### Included:

- Flight Perth to Cairns
- Winton
- Age of Dinosaurs Centre
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Boulia
- Hughenden
- Porcupine Gorge Lookout

- Great Dividing Range
- Alice Springs
- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- **Great Central Road**
- Gwalia Ghost Town
- Kalgoorlie
- Motel and cabin accommodation

# 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 also the first place in Australia to breed crocs in captivity. Later we visit the rainforest town of Kuranda, then 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) (entry to tubes incl in fare).

#### 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 and a wander of this classic outback Queensland town. (B,D)

# Day 7

Today we continue to Boulia, home of the Min Min light on the "The Landsborough Way", stopping on the way at Middleton which made history in 1862 when the first white men, 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 Boulia. (B,D)

Today we head for the Plenty Highway, then Tobermorey Station which is 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. (B,D)

### Day 10

This morning we visit the old Telegraph Station and Simpson's Gap. You'll have 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 where we'll 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, and we'll pass five small communities on the way. 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. We'll see a large variety of wildlife in the area – dingoes, emus, kangaroos and camels, and many species of birds. 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, deep in the Victoria Desert. It is 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 the Gwalia Ghost town, a wonderful look into the past. In the afternoon it's on to Menzies and Kalgoorlie, our home for the night. (B,D)

# **Day 16**

With the desert behind us we head to Perth, after conquering the famous Longest Short Cut. We travel to Coolgardie, Southern Cross and Merredin before arriving in Perth late in the afternoon. (B)



# **WA's South-West Christmas Getaway**

Sun 14 Dec to Tue 16 Dec 2025 (3 days)

Seniors \$1,140, Adults \$1,190, S/Supp \$280

Join us on a three-day leisurely tour of WA's beautiful south-west. We visit Busselton, the Margaret River area, and the beautiful Boranup Forest, before a wonderful cruise of the Mandurah canals, in search of the bottle-nosed dolphins. Contact us today for a full itinerary and more information.

# Norfolk Island - Expressions of interest! Feb 2026 - 10 Days

\$5,799 Single, \$5,239 twin share. Includes flights - Perth - Sydney - Perth / Sydney - Norfolk Island - Sydney. OR land only - \$4,999 Single, \$4,439 twin share. (Includes flights Sydney - Norfolk Island - Sydney only).

Join us on this amazing island off the east coast of Australia. It abounds in history, nature and unique local culture, and we have arranged a package which takes in the best of everything including local tours, sampling local produce, and learning its remarkable history - from Polynesians, to convicts, to descendants of the Bounty mutineers. Contact Aussie Redback Tours today for more information

# 2025/2026 One-Day tours

Cost – Adult \$120, Senior \$115 (unless stated otherwise) All of our one-day tours include morning tea, most include lunch (picnic or restaurant), and some include extra attractions. See each tour for more details. Pick-ups at Rockingham, East Perth and Joondalup.

# Sun 04 May 2025 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 15 June 2025 Wellington Dam - Collie

Visit the massive mural on the side of Wellington Dam and enjoy a restaurant lunch in Collie.

# Sun 20 July 2025 Mystery Country Pub Lunch

Morning tea and lunch in a delightful little country town.

# Sun 27 July 2025 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 31 August 2025 Northern Wildflowers Mystery Tour Join us for a day in the WA countryside, where we take in

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

# Sun 14 Sept 2025 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 5 Oct 2025 Gingin – Moore River Cruise

Morning tea in the delightful little town of Gingin, followed by a magical cruise on the Moore River at Guilderton.

#### Sun 26 Oct 2025 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.

# Sun 16 Nov 2025 Mystery Country Pub Lunch

Enjoy a day in the wonderful WA countryside and enjoy a restaurant country pub lunch.

Sun 21 Dec 2025 Mystery Country Pub Christmas Lunch Celebrate Christmas with a full traditional Christmas restaurant lunch and a present from Santa!





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