

# Western Australia Discovery

*Quokkas, Deserts, Dolphins & Wildflowers*

**With Trade Travel**



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Group & Private Tour Specialists

**11 Days / 10 Nights**

**Tour Departs: Monday 15 August - Thursday 25 August, 2022.**



## **Day 1. Mon 15 Aug: Home Port - Perth - Kings Park & Botanical Gardens - Fremantle**

**Dinner**

### **Flight Home Port to Perth (to be advised)**

This morning meet at the Airport for our flight across to Perth. On arrival we are met by our local Coach Captain before heading to **Kings Park and the Botanical Gardens**, one of the **world's largest and most beautiful inner city parks** displaying over 3,000 species of the State's unique flora. The Visitor Information Centre provide **maps for us to enjoy a self-guided walking tour** of the various **garden beds** grouped by regions of Western Australia. Not to be missed is a walk among the treetops and enjoy spectacular views of the city skyline on the **Lotterywest Federation Walkway**. The **Kokoda Track Memorial Walk** is a tribute to the bravery of Australian troops who fought through atrocious conditions and against vastly superior numbers in the Papua New Guinea campaign of July 1942 - January 1943. Follow the plaques along the steps to the State War Memorial where the track ends, just north of the cenotaph. Later in the afternoon we transfer to our accommodation in Fremantle for check in and dinner.

**Overnight Perth: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges**

## **Day 2. Tue 16 Aug: Rottnest Island**

**Breakfast & Dinner**

Today we travel across to **Rottnest Island, WA's most beautiful island** believed to have been separated from the mainland approximately 7,000 years ago. From B Shed Fremantle we cross by ferry to Rottnest for our **Bayseeker Island Tour** exploring the islands stunning beauty, amazing fauna and flora, breathtaking beaches, woodlands and incredible salt lakes. This 90 minute island tour includes all of Rottnest's must see locations, including Wadjemup Lighthouse, Henrietta Rocks, the majestic look-out point at the rugged Cathedral Rocks and Cape Vlamingh. All major habitats are covered on this amazing tour, including Rottnest's cultural and historical heritage ranging from maritime, colonial and military history to future developments. Following our tour, lunch (own expense) can be purchased from the bakery, café's or restaurants before a leisurely afternoon that may include a bike ride or a visit to the Rottnest Island Museum, Salt Store Gallery and Exhibition Centre, Lomas Cottage, Pilot Boathouse or go sailing (all own cost). Our late afternoon ferry takes us back to Fremantle before we transfer back to our hotel to freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Perth: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges**

## **Day 3. Wed 17 Aug: York - Wave Rock**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast, we checkout and head east to the spectacular Wave Rock travelling via the **historic township of York** for our morning tea and comfort stop. Our scenic drive takes us through rolling farmlands and the **stunning flowering canola fields of York** (Aug - Sept subject to seasonal weather). York was the first inland European Settlement in Western Australia and has maintained a vibrant spirit among its many Victorian and Federation buildings with none more evident than the heritage listed **York Town Hall**. Home of the York Visitor Centre, the Town Hall was constructed in 1911 and our **guided tour** takes us on a journey through its past history, days of wealth and prosperity, halcyon and hey days, meanings behind the names on the honour boards, and recounts tragic tales surrounding the legendary "permanent residents" of the Town Hall. We continue east towards Corrigin stopping at the **famous Dog Cemetery**, established in 1974, the cemetery, is a tribute to man's best friend.



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### Day 3 cont.....

With 100's of loved ones now buried, the cemetery is unique to Corrigin and well worth a stop. **The Mallee Tree Cafe and Gallery** is the perfect spot for **lunch** before the final leg of our road trip to Hyden and Wave Rock. Late afternoon we arrive at the **Wave Rock Wildflower Shop, Lace Museum and Toy Soldier Museum**, just amazing! Meeting up with our local guide we take a stroll to **Wave Rock** – a 27 million year old prehistoric granite rock formation that will leave us in awe. Follow the walking track around and see **wildflowers** and also **'Hippos Yawn'** another unusually shaped granite formation that was formerly part of the larger outcrop. After experiencing the **sunset over Wave Rock** (approx 5.30pm) we make our way to our motel for check in before dinner in the restaurant this evening.

**Overnight Hyden: Wave Rock Hotel Motel**

### Day 4. Thu 18 Aug: Northam - Dalwallinu

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we are up early for breakfast and checkout and ready to travel to travel up to Dalwallinu via Northam, hopefully viewing some of the areas renowned for seasonal wildflowers along the way. After morning tea and comfort stop we arrive on the banks of the Avon River at the **Northam Visitors Centre**, featuring an interpretive space featuring the "Sense of Place" Migrant Exhibition, Northam's First People Exhibition, history of ballooning and environmental displays plus a wide range of local produce and artwork. We also take time for some photos of the **pedestrian suspension bridge** which passes over the Avon - the longest of its kind in Australia. **The Rivers Edge Cafe** provides the perfect place to **enjoy lunch and the views out across the Avon River**. After stopping by **Australia's very first Silo Mural** on the outskirts of Northam we continue our journey up to **Dalwallinu**. Situated right in the heart of wildflower country it is the first town of **The Wildflower Way**, a world famous tourist route which stretches approx 250km north to Mullewa. Our arrival into Dalwallinu has us calling into the **amazing Windmill Shed** and catching up with Jim Sawyer and his mind-blowing collection of restored windmills from Australia and across the world. We then check into our accommodation enjoying a rest before drinks (own cost) and dinner in the Tropicana Bar and Restaurant.

**Overnight Dalwallinu: Dalwallinu Wheatland Motel**

### Day 5. Fri 19 Aug: Wildflower Way - Geraldton

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Following breakfast and checkout we begin our journey up along the 'Wildflower Way' to Geraldton via Mingenew, Coalseam Conservation Park and Mullewa. We enjoy a comfort stop up in **Three Springs**, take a stroll along the towns 'Heritage and Wildflower Trail' and then view the **wheat silos wildflower mural**. The mural was painted by local artists and showcases the various wildflowers found in the area, as well as the broadacre farming and talc mining industries. **Mingenew** itself is blessed with a natural landscape that is like no other at this time of the year with fields covered in a blanket of canola which, set against a sky of impossible blue and rich red rock, makes for amazing viewing. We stop by the **Coalseam Conservation Park** to view the **annual parade of wildflowers** before arriving up in **Mullewa for lunch**. Of the many flowering specimens along the way, the **wreath flower (Lechenaultia macrantha)** is the star attraction. After lunch and wildflower walk we take a guided tour through the **Monsignor Hawes Priest House Museum** before heading across to Geraldton to check into our accommodation. After a quick freshen up, catch a **spectacular sunset and enjoy a drink in the Old Man and The Sea Rooftop Bar** before dinner. (Sunset approx 6.00pm)

**Overnight Geraldton: The Gerald Apartment Hotel**

### Day 6. Sat 20 Aug: Geraldton - Monkey Mia

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today we make our way to Monkey Mia. After breakfast and checkout we visit the **Western Australian Museum – Geraldton**, which celebrates the rich heritage of the land, sea and people of the Mid West region. Enjoy a guided tour through the stories from four major early shipwrecks located in the region, the Batavia, Gilt Dragon, Zuytdorp, and Zeewijk and learn more about the discovery of HMAS Sydney (II), the pride of the fleet. With our guide on-board we take a drive out to the red and white candy striped **Port Moore Lighthouse**, the first all steel tower built on the mainland of Australia, back in 1878. Next, we are taken on a guided tour at the **HMAS Sydney 11 Memorial** which commemorates the loss of HMAS Sydney II on 19th November 1941, the greatest single tragedy in Australian naval history, and is dedicated to the 645 crew who died and their families. We then depart Geraldton and begin our drive to Monkey Mia stopping in at Northampton for lunch at **The Shearing Shed Cafe**. Another comfort stop will be made at the Billabong Roadhouse before heading into the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. After a **stop at the amazing Shell Beach** which is made up of billions of tiny shells up to 10 metres deep and stretching for over 70 kilometres. We then head through Denham before arriving at the **Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort** to check in for our two night stay. After settling into our surrounds and taking a stroll along the pristine shores of Shark Bay why not enjoy a beer or wine at the Monkey Bar with 'Happy Hour 5pm-6pm' before gathering for dinner in The Boughshed Restaurant.

**Overnight Monkey Mia: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort**

### Day 7. Sun 21 Aug: Marine Life Cruise - Ocean Park Aquarium - Sunset Cruise

**Breakfast & Dinner**

For more than 50 years wild **Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins** have visited the shallows at Monkey Mia creating one of the **world's great wildlife experiences and encounters**. This morning we have the opportunity of taking up this option by meeting the rangers on the boardwalk for a briefing and instructions at 7:45am. The marine life in the UNESCO World Heritage Shark Bay Marine Park is known for its large marine animals, such as the famous Monkey Mia dolphins, turtles, dugongs, manta rays, sharks and other amazing and endangered marine life which can be observed this morning on our 10.15am **3 hour Monkey Mia Marine Life Cruise**. Following our morning cruise we have the option to either relax back at the resort, spend some time in Denham and maybe call into the Shark Bay Discover Centre or join the coach as it heads across to the **Ocean Park Aquarium** to explore the wonders of the Shark Bay Marine Park with a marine scientist by our side on a fun, highly educational tour that will leave us breathless. Watch the raw fury of sharks feeding and discover moray eels, highly venomous sea snakes, excruciating stonefish and more!



#### Day 7 cont.....

Learn about the secret lives of clownfish, stingrays, and visit the rescued sea turtles. Late afternoon, it's time to set sail again with a **1.5 hour Sunset Cruise** as we watch the sun settle over the Francois Peron National Park as our sails fill with the winds of Shark Bay. Just kick back with a drink from the fully licensed Ocean Lounge Bar and enjoy the ride as we lose ourselves in nature's music. Tonight dinner will be back in the Boughshed Restaurant.

**Overnight Monkey Mia: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort**

#### Day 8. Mon 22 Aug: Kalbarri Skywalk - Geraldton

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Following an early breakfast and check-out, we start our journey southward via Kalbarri and then back down to Geraldton. The Billabong Roadhouse provides a refreshment stop before arriving in the **Kalbarri National Park** where the **amazing Kalbarri Skywalk** provides captivating views across the **Kalbarri Gorges and Murchison River**. The new twin skywalks project 25m and 17m beyond the gorge rim, more than 100m above the Murchison River. The Kalbarri National Park is one of the best known national parks in Australia with an exceptional display of wildflowers between August and October. Following **lunch** at the **Jetty Seafood Shack** our adventure continues as we take in some of the sights along the famous coastal cliff drive. Kalbarri witnesses the annual migration of Humpback whales from approximately June to November with an **estimated 35,000 whales travelling along this coastline** on their round trip between Antarctica and the warm waters of Camden Sound along the Kimberley Coast with Kalbarri noted by many to be the best place in WA to see the whales. **The Shell House and Grandstand Rock Gorge, Natural Bridge and Island Rock** provide amazing views and whale watching. The **'Pink Lake' Hutt Lagoon** also provide great photo opportunities before heading back across to the Coastal Highway enjoying a comfort stop in Northampton before arriving back into Geraldton for our overnight stay. Again, meet up for **sunset drinks at Roof Top Bar** before sitting down to dinner in the Lobby Restaurant.

**Overnight Geraldton: The Gerald Apartment Hotel**

#### Day 9. Tue 23 Aug: Pinnacles - Perth

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast we continue south to the lobster fishing town of Cervantes enjoying a comfort stop en-route in Jurien Bay at the **old Jurien Bay Jetty**. In **Cervantes** we visit the **Lobster Shack** where we can enjoy a **self-guided tour** providing a first-hand look into the regions multi-million dollar lobster industry by taking a journey through the 'live' lobster processing plant. It's then time for our **delicious seafood lunch** before heading down into the **Nambung National Park** home to the **iconic pinnacles, Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre** and from August to October some **amazing wildflowers**. We then continue down into Perth for our two night stay. After unpacking and enjoying a freshen up we gather for dinner in the James St Bar and Kitchen.

**Overnight Perth: Double Tree by Hilton Perth Northbridge**

#### Day 10. Wed 24 Aug: Perth Mint - Swan Valley Wine Region

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we visit one of the city's major attractions, the **Perth Mint** with our guided tour including a fascinating live gold pour, the world's largest gold coin and a guided walk through the world-class exhibition. Then it's off to **the award winning Swan Valley wine region** for our **'Out for the afternoon with lunch experience'**. We begin at **Lancaster Estate** enjoying a premium wine tasting and gourmet cheeseboard before moving onto the **Homestead Brewery** at Mandoon for **lunch** with a glass wine, beer or cider. Next stop is **Heafod Glen Wines** for a premium wine tasting before visiting **Elmar's Brewery** for a glass of beer or wine with baskets of hot chips. Our last two stops for the afternoon are at the new **Swan Valley Providore** for tastings and sales and **The Swan Valley 'Margaret River' Chocolate Company** for truffle tasting plus more. This evening after a wonderful day in the Swan Valley we relax back at the hotel enjoying our farewell dinner and some great memories.

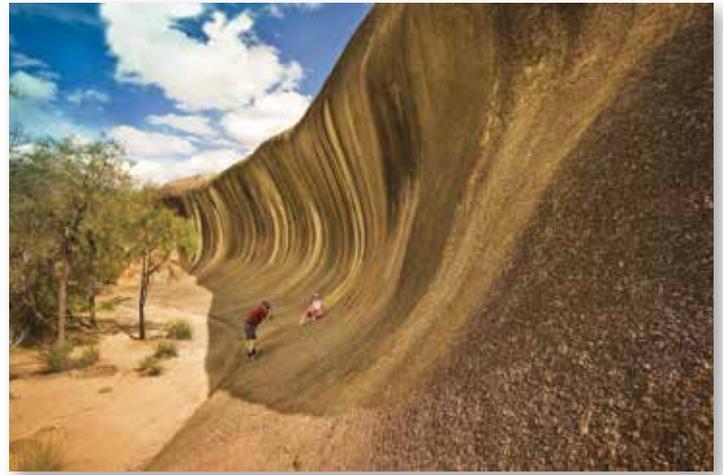
**Overnight Perth: Double Tree by Hilton Perth Northbridge**

#### Day 11. Thu 25 Aug: Perth - Home Port

**Breakfast**

**Flight Perth to Home Port (to be advised)**

This morning after a leisurely breakfast and checkout we transfer to the airport for our flight back home after a **wonderful tour exploring the wildlife, wildflowers and unique wonders of Western Australia's Coral Coast with Trade Travel**.



### Tour Highlights:

Kings Park & Perth Botanical Gardens; Rottnest Island Bayseeker Island Tour; York Canola Fields; Heritage Listed York Town Hall; Corrigin Dog Cemetery; Wave Rock Wildflower Shop, Lace Museum & Toy Soldier Museum; Wave Rock & The Hippos Yawn; Sunset Wave Rock; Northam Visitors & Interpretive Centre; Australia's First Silo Mural; Dalwallinu Windmill Shed; Wildflower Way - Three Springs 'Heritage & Wildflower Trail', Wildflower Mural, Mingenew Canola Fields, Coalseam Conservation Park, Mullewa Wildflowers, Monsignor Hawes Priest House Museum; Western Australian Museum – Geraldton; Port Moore Lighthouse; HMAS Sydney 11 Memorial; Shell Beach; Monkey Mia Beach Dolphin Wildlife Experience & Encounter; Monkey Mia Marine Life Cruise; Shark Bay Discover Centre; Ocean Park Aquarium; Shark Bay Sunset Cruise; Kalbarri National Park Skywalk; Kalbarri Whale Watching; Coastal Cliff Drive - Shell House & Grandstand Rock Gorge, Natural Bridge & Island Rock; The 'Pink Lake' Hutt Lagoon; Cervantes Lobster Shack Tour & Lunch; Pinnacles & Wildflowers Nambung National Park; The Perth Mint & Gold Pour; Half Day Swan Valley Winery Lunch & Gourmet Trail plus more

### Tour Price Includes:

- Return economy flights Home Port - Perth
- Luxury coach travel
- 10 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (27 Meals)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

**Tour Cost: ex Melbourne \$4950.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$975.00)**

**Tour Cost: ex Sydney \$5050.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$975.00)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax**

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$200 per person is due now to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 17th June, 2022**

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