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We look forward to seeing you on **Safari in Australia with us in 2021/2022**.

**"Safari" - to make a journey.**



Susie Potter (CEO)





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DESTINATION	DAYS	TOUR NAME	PRICES FROM PER PERSON^	DATES
TASMANIA	13	Wild Tasmania	\$7,270	10 - 22 Nov 2021
	7	Search for the Southern Lights	Escorted Group \$3,950	08 - 14 Aug 2021
	3	Cradle Mountain optional extension	\$ 995	14 - 17 Aug 2021
	6	Tasmanian Devil Encounter	Escorted Group \$3,950	18 - 23 Sep 2021
	9	Tasmania Journey including Bay of Fires Walk	Escorted Group \$6,220	17 - 25 Oct 2021
	10	Tasmania Wilderness Discovery	\$8,850	Daily - Min 4 Guests
	7	Private Luxury Getaway for the 'Discerning'	\$14,150	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	8	Tasmania Wilderness and Wildlife Adventure	\$4,995	Various - Min 4 Guests
	4	The Maria Island Walk	\$2,600	Daily - Min 4 Guests
	10	Self-Drive Island Discovery	\$3,295	Daily - Min 2 Guests
NEW SOUTH WALES	7	Wine & Wildlife Safari	\$2,995	Various - Min 6 Guests
	5	Goodwana Rainforest & Barrington Tops	\$2,699	Various - Min 10 Guests
	10	Outback New South Wales Adventure	Escorted Group \$5,595	14 - 21 Jun 2021
	7	Exploring the Snowy River High Country	\$3,265	Various - Min 10 Gests
	7	South Coast Splendour	\$3,350	Various - Min 8 Guests
	5	Luxury Mountain Escape incl. 1 way Private Helicopter Charter	\$6,975	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	1	Gourmet Hunter Valley	\$295	Various - Min 10 Guests
	2	Family Self Drive - Zoofari (Dubbo)	\$388	Daily - Min 2 Guests
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	10	Great Australian Wilderness Tour - Adelaide to Perth	\$5,250	Weekly - Min 2 Guests
	3	Best of Port Lincoln and Coffin Bay	\$1,995	Weekly - Min 2 Guests
	3	Head of Bight Whale Watching Tour	\$2,125	Weekly - Min 2 Guests
	10	Discover the Nullarbor Adventure (Camping) - Adelaide to Perth	\$1,795	Various - Min 10 Guests
	6	The Eyre Peninsular and Flinders Ranges (Camping)	\$940	Weekly - Min 10 Guests
	8	Discover Southern Australia	Escorted Group \$2,895	24 - 30 Mar 2021
	8	Luxury SA - Wines, Desert & Wildlife	\$11,325	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	5	The Arkaba Wild Bush Luxury Walk	\$2,900	Weekly - Max 10 Guests
	7	Fine Wines and Kangaroo Island	\$7,790	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	4	Kangaroo Island Experience	\$2,265	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	4	Luxury Kangaroo Island - Oceanview Eco-Villas	\$4,595	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	4	The Frames Retreat Luxury Breakaway	\$2,995	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	3	Cruising the Murray River	\$1,900	Weekly - Max 10 Guests
	4	Murray River Walk	\$2,500	Weekly - Max 10 Guests
NORTHERN TERRITORY	11	Iconic Rainforest, Deserts & Wildlife - Cairns to Darwin	\$14,475	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	7	The Red Centre Photo Safari	\$4,350	09 - 16 Apr 2021
	9	Top End Bird and Wildlife Photographic Safari	Escorted Group \$7,785	07 - 15 Oct 2021
	5	Wilderness, Culture and Food Safari with Richard Ianson	\$5,385	19 - 23 Jun 2021
	9	Tropical Bird Photography Tour	\$6,490	05 - 13 Aug 2022
	5	Kakadu, Katherine & Litchfield Safari	\$3,100	Weekly - Max 6 Guests
	4	Ultimate Kakadu at Bamurru Plains	\$2,970	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	9	The Territory Explorer	\$5,850	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	4	The Uluru Experience	\$1,590	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	5	Wild Kakadu Nature & Landscape Photo Tour	\$4,380	04 - 08 Sep 2021
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	18	Kimberley to Kakadu Escape - Broome to Darwin	Escorted Group \$5,950	06 - 23 Sep 2021
	9	Nullarbor and Eyre Peninsula Safari	\$4,295	18 - 26 Mar 2021
	11	Wildflowers Photography Safari	\$6,245	18 - 28 Aug 2021
	5	Pilbara 4WD Safari	\$3,765	06 - 12 Aug 2021
	10	Kimberley 4WD Safari - Broome to Darwin	\$8,695	09 - 18 Jul 2021
	8	The Ultimate Kimberley Experience	\$9,245	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	12	Kimberley Adventure Camping Safari	\$4,300	Various - Max 16 Guests
	6	Secrets of Esperance Camping Adventure	\$940	Various - Min 10 Guests
	4	Southern Escape to Margaret River	\$6,135	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	6	Margaret River and Esperance Food & Wine	\$8,395	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	3	Luxury Escape to Margaret River	\$6,315	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	12	Rottnest, Margaret River, Ningaloo & Broome	\$11,475	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	9	Broome, the Bungle Bungles & El Questro	\$9,775	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	3	Bungle Bungle Fly In Safari	\$3,520	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	4	Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef	\$2,245	Daily - Min 2 Guests
		Kimberley Quest Cruises - 4 to 21 days	Various	Set departures
QUEENSLAND	8	Rainforest & Reef Wildlife Explorer	Escorted Group \$3,650	23 - 30 Aug 2021
	4	Far North Queensland Bird Safari	\$1,950	Daily - Min 4 Guests
	3	Photography Workshop	\$1,820	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	7	Luxury Daintree & Port Douglas	\$4,250	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	9	Reef, Rainforest & Outback Safari	\$11,320	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	1	Whitsundays Reef Suite	\$799	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	5	Thala Beach Experience	\$1,695	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	5	Mt Mulligan Package	\$3,245	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	6	Cape York Fishing Adventure	\$2,995^^	Daily - Min 4 Guests
ISLANDS	4	Discover Lord Howe Island - Arajilla Resort	\$2,645	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	8	Discover Norfolk Island	\$1,395	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	8	Bounty Day Breakaway	Escorted Group \$ 1,850	07 - 14 Jun 2021
	5	Christmas Island Eco Escape - Swell Lodge	\$3,310	Daily - Min 2 Guests
	6	Orpheus Island - Discover Orpheus Package	\$3,200	Daily - Min 2 Guests



# Tasmania







Tasmania

# WILD TASMANIA

13 day Guided Journey

10 - 22 November 2021

This tour from Devonport to Hobart features many highlights including:

The Tarkine Wilderness, 2 nights Corinna and Pieman River wilderness cruise, Nelson Falls, Stanley Nut, Gordon River and Mt Field NP, Cradle Mountain and Lake St Clair, Steam train ride, Learn about Tasmania Devils on an evening guided feeding tour, 2 nights in Strahan and a Gordon River cruise.

## Day 1: Devonport (D)

On arrival in Devonport, make your way to our hotel. This evening we'll meet for our first group dinner, where we'll run over the itinerary ahead. *Quality Gateway Inn*

## Day 2: Leven Canyon (BL)

Depart early to begin our adventure through Wild Tasmania. Head south to Leven Canyon, a spectacular 250m-deep ravine worn over tens of thousands of years by rains and the Leven River which flows at its base. It is estimated that between 45,000 and 70,000 kls of water roars through the canyon daily, which can be viewed from a cliff-face platform. Then onto nearby Gunns Plains Caves, where we take a 1 hour tour through the cave, formed by an underground river then on to Dip Falls and Big Tree Reserve. *Stanley Seaview Inn*

## Day 3: Stanley (BLD)

Take the morning to discover Stanley then in the afternoon travel to the west coast and Gardiner Point, known as the "Edge of the World". *Tall Timbers Hotel*

## Days 4-5: Corinna (BL)

Explore the Tarkine Wilderness. Our first stop is Trowutta Arch, formed by two collapsing cave systems. After stopping at a couple of lookouts, we continue south along the Western Explorer drive to Corinna. Arrive in Corinna, a remote settlement on the banks of the Pieman river for 2 nights. The following day take the Pieman River Cruise to Pieman Head. *Corinna Cottages (2 nts)*

## Days 6-7: Cradle Mountain (BL)

Travel to the small town of Waratah, located on the edge of Lake Waratah. The town has a rich mining past and a magnificent waterfall

in the town centre. Continue to Cradle Mountain, Lake St Clair National Park. Visit the Tasmanian Devil Sanctuary for an evening guided tour. Devils are primarily nocturnal so more active at night. The following day you have the whole day to explore Cradle Mountain at your leisure. There are a range of walks available from short walks under an hour to longer walks of 4- 5 hours, including the famous Dove Lake Walk (approx.2 hours).

*Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge (2 nts)*

## Days 8-9: Strahan (BL)

Head south through the mining town of Roseberry to Zeehan. Visit the West Coast Heritage Centre, a museum dedicated to the history and pioneers of the West Coast of Tasmania. The museum attractions include locomotives, mining machinery, photos, blacksmith shop, marine display, and a world class mineral collection. Continue to Strahan, a pretty harbour-side village with a dark and fascinating convict past, set on the edge of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The next day take a 6 hour cruise on the Gordon River. See some of Australia's oldest convict ruins on Sarah Island, a settlement which pre-dates Port Arthur by decades. Created to put the 'fear of God' into the convicts of Van Diemen's Land, this tiny outpost of 18th Century British penal history hides a fascinating tale of human triumph over adversity. *Strahan Village (2 nts)*

## Day 10: Queenstown (BL)

Depart for Queenstown...by steam train! Take a ride on the West Coast Wilderness Railway from Strahan including the King River Gorge. Your driver guide will meet us in Queenstown. After viewing the decommissioned Iron

13 days from \$ 7,270<sup>^</sup>

## INCLUSIONS

- Seat in Tatra 6WD vehicle, with professional driver guide
  - Most meals as listed
- 12 nights accommodation
- National park entry fees
- 6 hour Gordon River cruise
  - Pieman River cruise
  - Gunns Plains Caves tour
- West Coast Wilderness Railway train ride
- Tassie Devil Sanctuary guided evening tour
  - Entry to West Coast Heritage Centre

\* Minimum 10 Guests. No children under 12 yrs

Blow Mine (now filled with emerald water) over it's spectacular lookout, continue east through the Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers NP to Derwent Bridge. En-route we take a short walk to Nelson Falls. We check into our accommodation and then make our way out to Lake St. Clair, at the southern end of the famous Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. *Lake St Clair Lodge*

## Day 11: Lake Pedder (BL)

Travel through the Derwent Valley then to Gordon Dam. Lake Pedder and its companion Lake Gordon, comprise the largest inland freshwater storage in Australia, more than 37 times the volume of water than Sydney Harbour. Gordon is the largest power station in Tasmania. *Lake Pedder Wilderness Lodge*

## Day 12: Hobart (BLD)

Our final stop in the wild south-west wilderness is Mt Field National Park, one of Tasmania's most loved national parks. Here we can take part of or all of the waterfalls circuit, comprising of Russell Falls, Lady Barren Falls, Horseshoe Falls and the tall swamp gums, amongst the tallest trees in Australia. We continue to Hobart. Our final dinner as a group, is in the hotel restaurant. *Studio at the Old Wool Store.*

## Day 13: Depart

Check out for the end of the tour and your onward arrangements.







## SEARCH FOR THE SOUTHERN LIGHTS

**7 day Escorted Small Group • 08 - 14 August 2021**

Enjoy Tasmania while searching for the famous Southern Lights - the spectacular Aurora Australis. Enroute enjoy the beautiful city of Hobart & its many attractions, visits Hobart's oldest vineyard at Moorilla, indulge in the fine tastes of the Huon Valley including treats from local providores, get in touch with nature at Bruny Island and discover the infamous Port Arthur historic site.

### Day 1: Arrive Hobart

Start with a short transfer to Hobart where you will be introduced into the city's history, Salamanca Market, the Waterfront & Battery Point districts. Head up to Mt Wellington for fantastic photo opportunities of the River Derwent, the city and Southern Tasmania.

*Crowne Plaza Hobart*

### Day 2: Mona, Moorilla & Wine (BL)

Today we explore the Museum of Old & New Art (MONA), the largest private art collection in Australia. With its fascinatingly eclectic blend of ancient & modern exhibits, it is one of the world's most controversial museums. Enjoy lunch at the Source, MONA's flagship restaurant. In the afternoon, take a private tour on MONA's own vineyard 'Moorilla' including a wine tasting. Discover the charming village of Richmond with its well well-preserved colonial architecture then return to your hotel. *Crowne Plaza Hobart.*

### Day 3: Huon Valley Indulgence (BL)

Journey into the picturesque and fertile lands of the Huon Valley. Visit Australia's first alembic copper still, purpose-built for making apple brandy. Follow the coastal road into the township of Cygnet which lies between the beautiful D'Entrecasteaux Channel on one side and the majestic Huon river on the other. Enjoy cider tastings and visit other fine providores to sample award-winning cheeses. Enjoy lunch then check in to our lodging in the heart of the Huon Valley. After dark, enjoy the chance to see the Southern Lights in this area. (not guided). *Driftwood Cottages*

### Days 4: Bruny Island & Search for the Southern Lights continued (BL)

Bruny Island, a short ferry ride from the coastal town of Kettering, is a peaceful oasis where time seems to stand still. Enjoy a day of stunning scenery and indulge in local produce, such as freshly shucked oysters and delicious berries. Relax at an award-winning winery for a gourmet lunch. Afterwards go on the famous Fluted Cape walk, located in the South Bruny National Park. It offers spectacular views of the coastal swell and beautiful bays. The area abounds with local wildlife, including curious White Wallabies. After dark, travel to South Bruny in search of the magical Southern lights (Aurora Australis). This evening is led by our guide explaining and showcasing all the tips and tricks how to capture the stunning southern night skies. *Hotel Bruny*

### Day 5: Tasman Peninsula & continue in Search for the Southern Lights (BL)

After breakfast, discover more sights on this little island paradise before taking the ferry to Kettering. Lunch is at Mt Nelson signal station. Continue to the Tasman Peninsula to Eagle Hawk Neck. After dinner, head out to a place with no light pollution to capture the night sky & hopefully the Aurora Australis. *Lufra Hotel*

### Day 6: Port Arthur & Tasman Peninsula (BL)

The famous convict settlement, Port Arthur, is set in tranquil gardens yet harbours a dark history which our guide will bring to life. Stroll among the now peaceful buildings & envisage the harsh life endured by the convicts. View the geological features of the Tasman peninsula as you explore the rugged coastline. Visit the

**7 days from \$ 3,950<sup>^</sup>**

### INCLUSIONS

- Private touring with a local guide
- Transport in a well-appointed vehicle
- 6 nights' accommodation • 6 breakfast, 6 lunch • Entry to MONA, Port Arthur & UnZoo Devil Sanctuary • Bruny Island Ferry • A range of tastings • 2-evenings guided night time photography and National Parks Pass

*\* Minimum 6 Guests*

UnZoo where you meet Tasmania's enigmatic character, the Tasmanian Devil. See the local wild fauna and take the opportunity to hand feed the delightful kangaroos. Enjoy another chance to head out in search for the lights (unguided). *Lufra Hotel*

### Day 7: Coal River Valley & Departure (BL)

On your way to Hobart, enjoy a farewell lunch including wine tasting at the table at Frogmore Creek Restaurant & winery. Later your guide will drop you at Hobart airport.

### \* OPTIONAL CRADLE MOUNTAIN EXTENSION

**4 days from \$995**

### Day 7: Overnight Hobart (BL)

Your guide will take you to your Hobart city hotel for day at leisure. *Crowne Plaza Hobart*

### Days 8-9: Cradle Mountain N.P. (BL)

Journey via the Great Lakes Plateau and the Tasmanian highlands. Stop for lunch then arrive at the UNESCO World heritage-listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Get up close and learn about the iconic Tasmanian Devil at a local sanctuary. During your stay, enjoy the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain. *Cradle Mountain Lodge (2 nts)*

### Day 10: Marakoopa Caves-Launceston (BL)

Morning at leisure then continue to Launceston. Enroute, visit Marakoopa Caves on an underground rivers & glow-worm tour before arriving in Launceston for lunch in a local restaurant with views over the famous Cataract Gorge. Transfer to the airport.







Tasmania

# TASMANIAN DEVIL ENCOUNTER

6 day Escorted Small Group  
18 - 23 September 2021

Travel in the footsteps of the Tasmanian devil & discover the islands' magnificent UNESCO world heritage wilderness. Covering an area of over 1 million hectares, the Tasmanian wilderness constitutes one of the last expanses of temperate rainforest in the world. The island provides habitat for native wildlife including kangaroos, wombats, quolls, platypus, endemic bird species and the Tasmanian Devil. On this journey, your local guide will bring you in contact with Tasmania's flora and fauna. With a bit of luck, you will have the opportunity to observe The Tasmanian Devil and other endemic wildlife in their natural habitat.

## Day 1: Launceston - Hawley Beach - Narawntapu National Park (D)

Meet your guide in Launceston and start your Tasmania adventure with a scenic drive to Hawley Beach.

Enjoy a wildlife spotlighting expedition in Narawntapu National Park, home to kangaroos, wombats, wallabies and many other marsupials. You may even spot a Tasmanian Devil in the wild. *Hawley House*

## Day 2: Cradle Mountain National Park (BD)

Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Cradle Mountain Wilderness. Travel through lush rolling farm pasture before reaching the alpine bush of the Cradle Valley.

Along the way you may see birdlife species such as Forest Ravens, Currawongs and Wedge-tailed Eagles. Visit Devils@Cradle Wildlife Sanctuary to gain insights about the world's largest carnivorous marsupial and witness a feeding of this unique species. *Cradle Mountain Hotel*

## Day 3: Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake (BL)

On a clear day the rugged grandeur of Cradle mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake, or you may experience the drama of its craggy peaks through swirling mist.

This morning's activity is a bush walk in the National Park on the Dove Lake Circuit where you will immerse yourself in the beauty of this setting. Learn about native flora & fauna with highlights including the ballroom forest and lakeside beaches.

Enjoy a bush walk through the National Park among Tasmanian rainforest and the native Pandani, the tallest heath plant in the world.

*Cradle Mountain Hotel*

## Day 4: Mole Creek - Central Highlands (BLD)

Depart from Cradle Valley and travel to Mole Creek Karst National Park, for a tour of Marakoopa Cave. Explore this miraculous underground world with its glow worms, large caverns, rim pools and underground streams. Continue to Tasmania's Central Highlands, also known as "The Heart of Tasmania".

Immerse yourself into this barren but beautiful and unique landscape. Here in this alpine environment the air is noticeably clear and the silence inspiring.

At dusk you will have the chance to join a wildlife evening tour to observe Wombats, Quolls, Tasmanian Devils, Wallabies and Possums as they turn the area into a hub of activity. *Thousand Lakes Lodge*

6 days from \$ 3,950<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 days of private touring with local guide
- Transport in a well-appointed vehicle
  - 5 x nights' accommodation
- 5 x breakfast, 4 x lunch, 3 x dinner
  - Marakoopa Cave entry
- Devils @ Cradle after dark tour
  - National Parks passes

\* Minimum 6 Guests



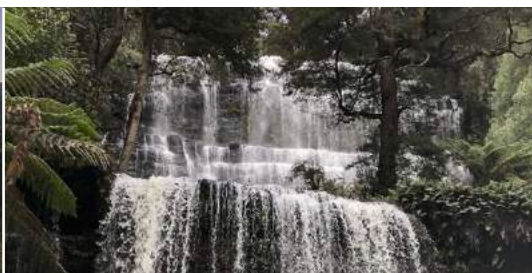
## Day 5: Tasmania's Central Highlands (BL)

Start your day relaxing by the fire or venture out for a walk in the Highlands. The lakes in the area are perfect for wildlife spotting. Perhaps take an electric bike tour to spot platypus, wombats and other Tasmanian animals.

In the evening once again enjoy the peaceful reverie of the fire. As darkness descends watch for activity outside as the nocturnal wildlife come out to a feed. *Thousand Lakes Lodge*

## Day 6: Hobart (BL)

This morning leave the Central Highlands and travel south through the Tasmanian midlands. Enjoy lunch at an award-winning vineyard before your guide will transfer you to Hobart airport for a late afternoon departure.







## TASMANIA JOURNEY including BAY OF FIRES WALK

9 day Escorted Small Group

17 - 25 October 2021

Join this small group tour and discover some of the finest sites and attractions in Tasmania. Start in Launceston, guests will then explore the UNESCO World Heritage area of Cradle Mountain National Park, visit Marakoopa Caves and the Cataract Gorge. We then depart on a 3 night Bay of Fires walking safari before visiting Freycinet Peninsular and Wineglass Bay.

### Day 1: Arrival Launceston

Welcome to Tasmania! Meet your guide at Launceston airport around lunchtime. Commence your journey with a scenic drive into the World Heritage area of the Cradle Mountain National Park. After settling into your accommodation, unwind & listen to the sounds of the nature before your guide invites you to get close to our iconic animal, The Tasmanian Devil'. Visit a local sanctuary, where you learn everything about this quirky animal, see them in their natural habitat and even help feeding them. *Cradle Mountain Lodge*

### Day 2: Cradle Mountain Nat. Park (BL)

Today you will be mesmerised by the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain, where in many places, dolerite cracked into vertical columns has resulted in spectacular sculpted mountains and cliffs. On a clear day the rugged grandeur of Cradle Mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake, or you may experience the drama of its craggy peaks through swirling mist.

Your guide will introduce you to the many endemic fauna and flora species of the region whilst enjoying picturesque views on your walk beneath the spectacular craggy peaks. Magical forests of Pandani (the tallest heath plant in the world), Sassafra, King Billy Pines and the deciduous Beech can be seen adjacent to spectacular glacial lakes. Birds such as Forest Ravens, Black Currawongs and Wedge-tailed Eagles are present in this area, whilst Echidnas, Platypus, Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Eastern Quoll may also be seen.

*Cradle Mountain Lodge*

### Day 3: Cradle Mountain – Marakoopa Caves – Launceston (BL)

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your accommodation before your journey continues towards Launceston. On our way, visit the stunning Marakoopa Caves on an underground rivers and glow-worm tour before arriving in Tasmania's second biggest city. Enjoy a lunch in a local restaurant with views over the famous Cataract Gorge. Spend the afternoon exploring the gorge with its geological features and the suspension bridge. *The Verge Hotel*

### Day 4 to 7 Bay of Fires Walk

Meet your guide at 7.30am to transfer to the start of the 4-day Bay of Fires walk.

### Walking Itinerary:

#### Day 4: Launceston to Mt. William National Park +/- 4 hrs (BLD)

Begin at Boulder Point in Mt William National Park. Your guides will begin unravelling the Bay of Fires tales; its early inhabitants, visiting explorers and how it came to bear its fiery name. After about four hours walking, we will arrive at the camp. *Forester Beach Camp*

#### Day 5: Exploring the Bay of Fires Coastline +/- 7 hrs (BLD)

We will visit marsupial lawns, encountering quiet native animals and the tracks they leave at nightfall. Our lunch spot today is a beach sheltered behind the dunes near Eddystone Point Lighthouse. We will have time to explore the lighthouse then trek the beaches that lead to your lodge. *Bay of Fires Lodge.*

9 days from \$ 6,220^

### INCLUSIONS

- Private touring with a local guide
- Transport in a well-appointed vehicle
  - 8 nights' accommodation
- 8 x breakfast, 7 x lunch, 3 x dinner
  - Entry to Devils@Cradle
  - Entry to Marakoopa Caves
- 4-day fully guided Bay of Fire Walk
  - Oyster Tasting
- National Parks Fees

\* Minimum 8 Guests

### Day 6: Kayaking and enjoying the area +/- 6hrs kayak-walk (BLD)

Today choose your own adventure. Choose to kayak down Ansons River and experience the riparian ecology of this winding waterway or stroll over the dunes of Abbotsbury Peninsula back to the lodge. *Bay of Fires Lodge.*

### Day 7: Freycinet Peninsula (BL)

Following a leisurely breakfast at the lodge, there is plenty of time for a morning swim or final spa treatment before your tour guide takes you along the sunny Tasmanian east-coast to the Freycinet Peninsula. Arrive at your temporary home for the next two days later this afternoon. *Freycinet Lodge*

### Day 8: Freycinet & Wineglass Bay (BL)

Today we make our way to Tasmania's sunny East Coast, with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches, and granite coastline. Visit Friendly Beaches, enjoy a lunch on a local winery or a Marine Farm where the freshest Oysters are being served. Next day, explore the unsurpassed beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula. Walk the track up to the world-famous Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities, with views across the Freycinet Peninsula. A shorter cliff top walk around the lighthouse at Cape Tourville is also on offer. *Freycinet Lodge*

### Day 9: Launceston Departure (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation before ending your journey back at Launceston airport.







Tasmania

# TASMANIAN WILDERNESS DISCOVERY

## 10 day Private Guided Journey

Discover Tasmania's magnificent UNESCO World Heritage wilderness. Covering an area of over 1 million hectares, the Tasmanian wilderness constitutes one of the last expanses of temperate rainforest in the world. This comprehensive island tour showcases the diverse natural environment of Tasmania and incorporates fascinating landscapes, breathtaking scenery and unique wildlife encounters.

### Day 1: Hobart – Strahan (L)

Travel into the heart of Tasmania's World Heritage wilderness. At Lake St. Clair enjoy the fresh alpine air along the shores of Australia's deepest lake. Visit 'The Wall', a unique art project where sculptor Greg Duncan is creating a 100m long wall of wooden relief sculpture depicting Tasmania's stories. Before reaching the village of Strahan, stop at Franklin River & Nelson Waterfalls. *Ormiston House*

### Day 2: Gordon River Cruise - Corinna (BL)

Cruise across Macquarie Harbour to the tranquil reaches of the Gordon River. First stop is Heritage Landing in the rainforest, where you will take a walk among ancient rainforest trees, many of them Gondwanan relicts. Explore the world of convicts of Sarah Island, the site of Tasmania's most remote and notorious convict settlement. On your return to Strahan continue to Corinna, a restored historic settlement set on the Pieman River. *Corinna Wilderness Village*

### Day 3: Pieman River - Corinna (BL)

Experience the highly regarded Pieman River Cruise. The cruise passes close to the wreck of the SS Croydon at the mouth of the Savage River, and to Lover's Falls near the mouth of the Donaldson. This is an uplifting and authentic experience, rich in history and nature. *Corinna Wilderness Village*

### Days 4-5: Cradle Mountain National Park (BL)

Depart Corinna and journey to UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. On the way, you have the opportunity to go for a bushwalk in the forest before settling

into your accommodation. The following morning's activity is a bush walk in the National Park on the Dove Lake Circuit, where you can immerse yourself in this majestic setting. Learn about native flora and fauna along the way, with highlights including the ballroom forest and lakeside beaches. *Cradle Mountain Lodge, Cradle Valley (2 nts)*

### Day 6: Narawntapu National Park (BL)

Depart Cradle Valley and travel through the village of Sheffield, a town filled with murals depicting Tasmanian life and history. In the evening, enjoy a wildlife spotlighting expedition in Narawntapu National Park, home to an abundance of kangaroos, wombats, wallabies and many other marsupials. With a bit of luck you may also get a glimpse of a Tasmanian Devil in the wild. *Hawley House*

### Day 7: Hawley Beach - Binalong Bay (BL)

Wake up to a relaxed morning in a traditional Tasmanian homestead before departing for the East Coast. Travel to the internationally acclaimed Bay of Fires, a region of white beaches, blue water and granite splashed with orange lichen. Stop in at the village of Pyengana, renowned for its artisan cheeses, then stretch your legs with a rainforest walk to St Columba Falls. The east coast greets you with its expansive white-sand beaches. *Bed in the Treetops, Binalong Bay*

*Bed in the Treetops, Binalong Bay*

### Day 8: Bay of Fires - Mt. William N.P. (BL)

Explore the Bay of Fires Reserve and Mt William National Park, one of the world's great coastal regions, stretching 35 km north of Binalong Bay. A walk along the granite coastline or on one of

10 days from \$ 8,850^

### INCLUSIONS

- Private touring with local guide
- Transport in well-appointed vehicle
- 9 x nights' accommodation
- 9 x breakfast, 9 x lunch, 1x picnic dinner
- Entry to The Wall in the Wilderness
- World Heritage Gordon River Cruise
- Pieman River Cruise
- Entry to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks passes

\* Price based on a Minimum of 4 Guests

the many beaches allows you to marvel at the colourful red & orange rocks lining the coast.

*Bed in the Treetops, Binalong Bay*

### Day 9: Freycinet National Park (BL)

After breakfast travel to Freycinet National Park. Today, there will be ample time to explore the unsurpassed beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula and take an interpreted walk to the world famous Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities. A shorter cliff top walk around the lighthouse at Cape Tourville is also on offer. *Piermont Retreat, Swansea*

### Day 10: Depart Hobart (BL)

Morning at leisure then travel to Hobart. Enjoy lunch at one of Tasmania's boutique wineries, followed by a visit to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary to experience Tasmanian Devils, Wombats, Wallabies, Quolls & other animals first hand. The team of wildlife carers provide will educate you on the protection of native wildlife in Tasmania. Continue to Hobart airport where your guide will bid you farewell.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tasmania's waterfront capital, Hobart,
- The remote west coast home to ancient temperate rainforests
- Cradle Mountain National Park
- Narawntapu National Park.
- Chance to view wildlife.
- Bay of Fires Conservation area
- Rock formations on the Tasman Peninsula.







## PRIVATE LUXURY GETAWAY FOR THE 'DISCERNING'

### 7 day Private Guided Journey

Treat yourself to an exclusive holiday and experience Tasmania in style. You will be welcomed by your expert guide who will ensure the only thing you have to do is relax. Your private tour is designed to show Tasmania's diverse natural environment with its stunning white beaches, expansive temperate rainforest, rugged mountain peaks and rolling pastures. Refresh your senses with divine culinary experiences incorporating highest quality local produce. Experience Tasmania and the very best of what it can offer on this exclusive and very special, refined encounter with nature.

#### Day 1: Launceston - Cradle Mountain (L)

Meet your guide at Launceston airport to start your journey to UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Travel through lush rolling farm pastures before reaching alpine bush. Enjoy an introduction to this fascinating alpine region. Then embark on a scenic helicopter flight to see Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake from a different perspective. Experience amazing views of Tasmania's rare natural treasures, and appreciate the stunning beauty of this ancient landscape. *Cradle Mountain Lodge - King Billy Suite*

#### Day 2: Cradle Mountain N.P. (BL)

On a clear day the rugged grandeur of Cradle Mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake, or you may experience the drama of its craggy peaks through swirling mist. You may wish to enjoy a bush walk in the National Park on the Dove Lake Circuit (2.5 hrs) where you can immerse yourself in the beauty of this majestic setting. Learn about native flora and fauna along the way, with highlights including the ballroom forest and lakeside beaches. Spend time exploring the fascinating Wilderness Gallery with the biggest Thylacine display in Tasmania. Later in the afternoon experience local produce, with wine & cheese tasting, hosted by Cradle Mountain Lodge. *Cradle Mountain Lodge - King Billy Suite*

#### Day 3: Freycinet Peninsula (BLD)

After breakfast, leave Cradle Valley for your journey to Launceston. Enjoy an introduction to Launceston before exploring the scenic Cataract Gorge where the South Esk River

forces its way through sheer rocky cliffs. Enjoy lunch at an award-winning vineyard in the Tamar Valley before continuing to Tasmania's East Coast, with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. The award winning Saffire Luxury Lodge is located in the heart of Great Oyster Bay, overlooked by the imposing backdrop of the "Hazards" granite mountain range. Enjoy the magnificent views or perhaps unwind with a treatment at Saffire day spa. *Saffire Freycinet - Luxury Suite*

#### Day 4: Freycinet National Park (BL)

Enjoy the many activities on offer at Saffire, including the Tasmanian Devils experience, local wine tour, guided walks, kayaking and mountain biking, or explore Freycinet National Park with your private guide. Take a stroll along Friendly Beaches, where white sand meets the stunning orange rocks of the coast. Walk up to famous Wineglass Bay lookout for exceptional views across Freycinet Peninsula or visit Cape Tourville Lighthouse. *Saffire Freycinet - Luxury Suite*

#### Day 5: Freycinet Peninsula - Hobart (BL)

Enjoy a scenic drive on the East coast, passing the seaside villages of Swansea, Triabunna and Orford to the Coal River Valley. Visit the village of Richmond then stop for lunch at a local vineyard. Then visit Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can get up close with Tasmanian Devils and other native animals on your private behind the scenes tour. Continue to Hobart for an introduction to Tasmania's capital city.

7 days from \$ 14,150<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Private touring with local guide
- Transport in well-appointed vehicle
- 6 nights' Luxury Suite accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary
- 6 x breakfast (B), 7 x lunch (L), 2 x dinner (D) including selected beverages at Saffire
- Saffire activities & a \$100 spa credit per suite
- Half day South West excursion including return flights
- Scenic Cradle Mountain helicopter flight
  - Wine and cheese tasting
  - National Park Passes.

\* Minimum 2 Guests

The vibrant and popular waterfront, Salamanca Place with its Georgian sandstone buildings was once the hub of a thriving whaling industry. Check in to one of Tasmania's luxury hotels MACq01, located on Hobart's waterfront. *MACq01 - Premium Waterfront Suite*

#### Day 6: Tasman Peninsula Scenic Flight (BL)

Go on a scenic flight over the spectacular and rugged Tasman Peninsula where you land in a vineyard. Indulge in a delicious lunch of local produce and wine. Enjoy more of the scenery on the return flight to Hobart. Travel to the Museum of Old & New Art (MONA), one of the world's most unique and controversial museums. Explore the largest private art collection in Australia. With its fascinatingly eclectic blend of ancient and modern art, it is truly an exceptional experience. *MACq01 - Premium Waterfront Suite*

#### Day 7: Mt. Wellington - Hobart (BL)

Your day begins with an ascent of Mt Wellington (Kunanyi) which provides a beautifully imposing backdrop to the city of Hobart. On the climb to the 1270m peak you will pass through a variety of eco systems until finally reaching an alpine environment. Here (weather permitting) enjoy panoramic views of the city, river and beyond. After lunch continue to Hobart airport where your guide will bid you farewell.







Tasmania

# TASMANIA WILDERNESS & WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

## 8 day Guided Journey

This tour brings you in contact with pristine wilderness, unique wildlife, beautiful beaches, a sense of history and the best of contemporary Tasmanian hospitality. This 8 day group tour allows you to experience the magic of Australia's island state. Visit icons such as the famous Wineglass Bay, the Tasmanian Devil, the convict ruins of Port Arthur and Salamanca market in Hobart. Encounter unique & endemic wildlife including quolls, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats & the famous Tasmanian Devil.

### Day 1: Arrive Hobart

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hobart. Stroll through Hobart's legendary Salamanca Market which is set in the stunning historical waterfront. In the afternoon you may choose to board the ferry to The Museum of Old & New Art (MONA), one of the world's most unique and controversial museums with its fascinating blend of ancient & modern art. **Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart - Mountain View**

### Day 2: Tasman Peninsula (BL)

The Tasman Peninsula & Port Arthur Historic Site are some of Tasmania's most visited destinations. Set in tranquil gardens Tasmania's famous convict settlement site harbours a dark history which our guide will bring to life. Visit the famous geological features of the peninsula as you explore the rugged coastline. In the afternoon, meet Tasmania's enigmatic character, the Tasmanian Devil, kangaroos and more. **Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart - Mountain View**

### Day 3: Freycinet - Wineglass Bay (BL)

Stop in the historic village of Richmond then enjoy a scenic drive to the Freycinet Peninsula, with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. Walk up to the world-famous Wineglass Bay lookout & view Freycinet National Park. **Freycinet Lodge**

### Day 4: Launceston - Cradle Mountain (BL)

Depart the beautiful East Coast & continue to Launceston, for an introductory tour of Tasmania's largest northern city. Explore the scenic Cataract Gorge where the South Esk River forces its way through sheer rocky

cliffs. Travel to Latrobe for the possibility to see Platypuses in their natural environment. Travel through lush rolling farm pasture before reaching the alpine bush of the Cradle Valley. Enjoy an introduction to this captivating alpine environment. **Cradle Mountain Hotel**

### Day 5: Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake (BL)

Be mesmerised by the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain. On a clear day the rugged grandeur of Cradle Mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake, or you may experience the drama of its craggy peaks through swirling mist.

Your guide will introduce you to the many endemic fauna and flora species of the region whilst enjoying picturesque views on your walk beneath the spectacular craggy peaks. Magical forests of Pandani (the tallest heath plant in the world), Sassafras, King Billy Pines and the deciduous Beech can be seen adjacent to spectacular glacial lakes. Birds such as Forest Ravens, Black Currawongs and Wedge-tailed Eagles are present in this area, whilst Echidnas, Platypus, Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Eastern Quoll may also be seen. **Cradle Mountain Hotel**

### Day 6: Central Highlands (BLD)

Depart the Cradle Valley for the Central Highlands also known as "The Heart of Tasmania". In the afternoon, there is an opportunity to explore Lake Ada, discover its history and immerse yourself in this barren but beautiful and unique landscape. On dusk you may have the chance to observe Wombats, Wallabies and Possums as they turn

8 days from \$ 4,995<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Small group touring with local guide
- Transport in a well-appointed vehicle
  - 7 nights' accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary
- 7 x breakfast (B), 7 x lunch (L), 1 Dinner (D)
- Entry to Bonorong, Port Arthur Historic Site & Devils@Cradle
- National Parks Passes • Maria Island Ferry

\* Minimum 4 Guests

2021 Dates: 27 Mar / 10 Apr / 18 Sep /  
02 Oct / 16, 30 Oct / 13, 27 Nov / 11 Dec  
2022 Dates: 01, 15, 29 Jan / 12, 26 Feb /  
12, 26 Mar

the area into a hub of activity. You may even see see Quolls and Tasmanian Devils in their natural habitat. **Thousand Lakes Lodge**

### Day 7: Mt Field National Park - Hobart (BL)

Your guide takes you into Mt Field National Park, the oldest in the state. Be mesmerised by the lush forest landscapes from eucalyptus temperate rainforest to alpine moorland. Go in search for some of Tasmania's 12 endemic bird species including Scrubtit, Black Currawong and Tasmanian Thornbill. After lunch, you may have another opportunity to observe the unique duck bill and webbed feet Platypus in the wild. **Hotel Grand Chancellor**

### Day 8: Saturday, Maria Island (BL)

Travel to the seaside village of Triabunna and board a ferry to cross the Mercury Passage to Maria Island. Enjoy a day walking along sweeping bays, rugged fossil cliffs and imposing mountains. This island sanctuary provides a chance to view wildlife including bare nosed wombats, Cape Barren geese, kangaroo, wallabies and even the Tasmanian Devil. In the afternoon, return to Hobart.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hobart attractions • Tasman Peninsula
- Wineglass Bay • Freycinet National Park
- Cradle Mountain • Central Highlands
  - Chance to view wildlife and birds
  - Expert guides







## THE MARIA ISLAND WALK

### 4 day Guided Journey

Are you in need of a getaway but short on time? This 4 day walk is the perfect short break where guests feel like they have escaped to their own private island, away from traffic, emails and every day stress. Maria Island is the perfect place to relax and recharge. You don't need to be an experienced bushwalker to enjoy the Maria Island tour. Walk on flat, hard sand beaches or well-worn trails at a gentle pace. The magic of Maria Island is the diversity of scenic landscapes and the chance for close encounters with Tasmanian wildlife. Walk stunning beaches; visit a UNESCO World Heritage convict site & explore ancient blue gum forests, Maria Island will amaze you!

#### Day 1: Hobart - Casuarina Beach Camp (LD)

Depart Hobart and head off to Maria Island office to meet fellow walkers and guides. The group is then driven to Triabunna, about 90 minutes away, to board our exclusive boat which crosses Mercury Passage en route to Shoal Bay on the island. Landing on the pristine beach just a short walk to the Casuarina Beach Camp, guests can relax around the camp or take a walk to the stunning Haunted Bay or Robey's Farm. Delicious fresh Tasmanian produce and fine wines will be served by the guides in the camp and guests will stay overnight here. Approx. walking distance 3 km or 12km if taking one of the afternoon walks. **Casuarina Beach Camp**

#### Day 2: White Gums Camp (BLD)

After a leisurely and relaxed breakfast, there's plenty of time to enjoy the surroundings before guests walk from Riedle Bay across the isthmus and stroll along five fabulous beaches. The convict cells at Point Lesueur and the ochre pit at Bloodstone Point prove fascinating viewing along the way.

Arriving at White Gums Camp, guests will be entertained by native birds while enjoying delicious wines on the deck before being served a satisfying dinner. Approx. walking distance 14km over flat grounds & firm sandy beaches. **White Gums Camp**

#### Day 3: Bernacchi House (BLD)

Today after breakfast, guests head inland to stunning forests and enjoy a wealth of wildlife. The gentle inland track passes Hopgrounds Beach and the Painted Cliffs before arriving at Bernacchi House in Darlington. For the more adventurous, the 711m summit of Mt Maria calls delivering absolutely breathtaking 360° views.

Alternatively, a hike up Bishop and Clerk is another rewarding option. Tonight guests stay in historic Bernacchi House, enjoy hot showers and a beautiful dinner in a traditional classic dining room. Approx. walking distance 6 km or around 17km if one of the peak walks is taken. **Bernacchi House**

#### Day 4: Depart (BL)

After breakfast served in the house, guests can explore Darlington, the convict settlement and industrial ruins of his World Heritage site. A farewell lunch will be served overlooking Darlington before guests board the boat for Triabunna and the return trip to Hobart.



4 days from \$ 2,600^

#### INCLUSIONS

- Transfers between Hobart and Maria Island
- 3 night's twin-share accommodation
  - All meals and wine
  - Two professional guides
  - National Park entry fees
- Backpacks, sleeping bag liners, pillow cases, head torches and waterproof jackets can be provided for use on the trip at no additional charge.

*\* Minimum 4 Guests - Departs Daily between Oct to Apr 2021/2022*



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in camp cabins
- 1 night at historic Bernacchi House
- Enjoy a variety of walks on Maria Island
- Get an insight into the convict past of the island at Point Lesueur
- Chance to spot a Tasmanian Devil and other rare wildlife and bird species
- Enjoy sumptuous cuisine featuring local produce and wines
- Discover the remarkable fossils and beautiful scenery at Fossil Cliffs







Tasmania

# SELF-DRIVE ISLAND DISCOVERY

## 10 day Self Drive Journey

Tasmania offers you a huge diversity of natural environment, unique wildlife, rich history and culinary delights. On this 10 day independent self-drive tour you can explore & experience what makes Tasmania such a special place. Discover Tasmania's diverse natural environment, get up close to native wildlife and be welcomed by the best of Tasmanian contemporary hospitality. This 10 day tour of Tasmania's regions showcases the best of Tassie at your pace.

### Day 1: Hobart

Arrive at Hobart airport and pick up your rental vehicle. Spend the day exploring Hobart with its vibrant waterfront and Salamanca Place, with its Georgian sandstone buildings, and historic Battery Point. Admire stunning views over southern Tasmania from the lofty heights of Mount Wellington. *Old Woolstore Hotel*

### Day 2: Lake St Clair - Strahan (B)

Travel into the heart of Tasmania's World Heritage wilderness. At Lake St. Clair it will be time to step out to enjoy the fresh alpine air along the shores of Australia's deepest lake. Visit 'The Wall', a unique art project where sculptor Greg Duncan is creating a 100-meter-long wall of wooden relief sculpture depicting Tasmania's stories. Before reaching the quaint village of Strahan on the West Coast, you might like to stop at Franklin River and the stunning Nelson Waterfalls. *Strahan Village*

### Day 3: Gordon River - Cradle Mountain (BL)

Cruise across Macquarie Harbour to the tranquil reaches of the Gordon River. This experience is sure to be one of the highlights of your Tasmanian sojourn. First stop is Heritage Landing in the rainforest, where you will take a walk among ancient temperate rainforest trees, many of them Gondwanan relicts. Find out about the historic importance of this area and enjoy lunch onboard. Travel to Cradle Mountain in the afternoon and settle into your hotel. *Cradle Mountain Hotel*

### Day 4: Cradle Mountain N.P. - Dove Lake (B)

Enter the UNESCO World Heritage Wilderness of Cradle Mountain National Park. Unwind to the harmonic sounds found only in this true wilderness. Today you have ample time to explore the National Park. Visit Dove Lake, a glacial lake located in a spectacular setting beneath the craggy peaks of Cradle Mountain will sure be one of the highlights of your day. *Cradle Mountain Hotel*

### Day 5: Cradle Mountain - Launceston (B)

This morning, travel from the rugged Cradle Mountain to Launceston, situated on the banks of the Esk river. You may like to visit 41° South Salmon and Ginseng Farm, sample Tasmanian honey or taste fresh berries at Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm. Walk through the beautiful Cataract Gorge, meander along the riverside villages of the Tamar Valley & visit some of the many boutique vineyards. *The Verge Hotel*

### Day 6: Freycinet Peninsula (B)

The morning travel to the historic midlands, or via the Bay of Fires Reserve, to the sunny east coast of the Island and Freycinet Peninsula. *Freycinet Lodge*

### Day 7: Freycinet National Park (B)

Today, you might like to stroll along the beautiful Friendly Beaches and visit Cape Tourville Lighthouse. Alternatively, you may want to enjoy a cruise to the world-renowned Wineglass Bay. The Wineglass Bay beach has been rated one of the top 10 beaches in the world (extra cost). *Freycinet Lodge*

10 days from \$ 3,295<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 10 days of car hire – Medium SUV automatic including unlimited km, reduced liability coverage and vehicle registration fee,
- 9 nights' accommodation • 8 breakfasts
- Entry to The Wall in the Wilderness
- Gordon River Cruise including buffet lunch
- Entry to Port Arthur Historic Site
- Entry to Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)
  - Tasman Island Cruise
  - National Park Passes.

\* Minimum 2 Guests

### Day 8: Tasman Peninsula - Port Arthur (B)

Travel south and visit some of the local boutique cellar doors and enjoy fresh berries en-route. Explore the Tasman Peninsula's interesting geology, such as Devils Kitchen and Tasman's Arch, before checking into your chalet at Stewarts Bay. Spend the afternoon exploring the remains of Tasmania's famous convict settlement, Port Arthur. Enjoy a relaxing evening at your lodge or an optional ghost tour (extra cost). *Stewarts Bay Lodge*

### Day 9: Tasman Island Cruise - Hobart (B)

This morning, enjoy the stunning 3 hour Tasman Island Cruise. This adventure cruise manoeuvres around small islands, into sea caves, and undersea cliffs soaring 300m above the Tasman Sea. You may have the opportunity to see albatross, dolphins and whales which frequent this pristine coastline. In the afternoon, continue to Tasmania's capital city, Hobart. *Old Woolstore Hotel*

### Day 10: MONA & Hobart Departure

It is time to bid the island farewell. Before you return your vehicle at Hobart Airport make a detour a visit MONA, the museum of old and new art with its controversial exhibitions from curated by Tasmania's own David Walsh.

*This self-drive package is available any day of the year to suit your travel plans. Please note, the package is subject to availability. Prices vary depending on seasonality and car type.*





# New South Wales







## New South Wales

# WINE & WILDLIFE SAFARI

7 day Guided Journey

2021 Dates: 24 Apr / 20 Nov

Discover the famous Blue Mountains National Park, home to some of the country's natural attractions, charming villages, scenic walks and native birdlife. Descend into the ancient Jamison Valley by Cableway & explore Jurassic rainforest via the longest boardwalk in Australia. Take a scenic drive to Mudgee for local food and wineries. Enjoy a variety of fantastic cellar doors from local winemakers including of course, wine tasting. Stop in Dubbo and visit the Old Dubbo Gaol before experiencing a slice of Africa with a visit to the Taronga Western Plains Zoo and a stay at the stunning Zoofari Lodge. Lastly, discover the charm of Orange and local villages.

### Day 1: Sydney to Blue Mountains (L)

Depart Sydney for the famous Blue Mountains National Park, home to some of the country's most dazzling natural attractions and villages. Arrive at Wentworth Falls & head off on a nature track with spectacular views, swamps, lush ferns and tranquil pools. On completion of our walk, arrive at the Conservation Hut for lunch. From here, we visit the village of Leura before arriving at our accommodation. Dinner is at own expense. *Parklands Country Gardens*

### Day 2: Blue Mountains (B)

Explore the beauty of the Blue Mountains. First stop is at the iconic Scenic World, renowned for providing the ultimate Blue Mountains adventure of native birdlife and breathtaking views of the World Heritage-listed region including the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls and Jamison Valley.

Journey on the world's steepest incline railway, glide between clifftops on the glass-floored Skyway suspended 270 m in the air, descend into the ancient Jamison Valley by Cableway, explore Jurassic rainforest along the 2.4 km walkway - the longest boardwalk in Australia.

Your guide will discuss the history of the Blue Mountains and its flora and fauna. Return to Lillianfels for some leisure time before travelling to Cahill's Lookout to watch the sunset with views across the Megalong Valley. Enjoy sunset drinks & some light nibbles before arriving at a local restaurant in Leura for a casual dinner. Dinner is at own expense. *Parklands Country Gardens*

### Day 3: Blue Mountains - Mudgee (BL)

Enjoy the scenic drive to the Tomah Botanical Gardens. Sitting at 850 metres above sea level, they are the most elevated gardens in Australia and are a showcase of local and imported cool climate plants and alpine rainforest. The 28 hectares of curated garden and a further 244 hectares of wilderness sits inside the UNESCO World Heritage Area.

Continue on a scenic drive to Mudgee. On arrival into the region, enjoy lunch at a local winery and visit a selection of the local wineries before checking in to our accommodation. Dinner is at own expense. *Perry St Hotel Mudgee*

### Day 4: Mudgee Wine Experience (BL)

Mudgee has become one of the most visited Wine Regions in NSW. It is one of the great wine towns, where wineries set on rolling hills serve award-winning drops & epicurean fare.

Today is all about enjoying the delights, wines and locals of the region. Visit 2 boutique wineries for a tasting experience then travel to Guneemooroo Wines for an exclusive lunch with the Winemaker experience.

Before lunch take a walk in the vineyard before enjoying a seated wine tasting paired with lunch. Last stop is at Mudgee Honey Haven for some sampling of the "Honey Mead" and explore the range of local products available.

Return to your accommodation with time to relax and explore town at your leisure. Dinner reservations will be made at a local restaurant and is at own expense. *Perry St Hotel Mudgee*

7 days from \$ 2,995<sup>^</sup>

Single Supplement from \$1,190

### INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
  - Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 6 nights twin-share accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Admissions & National Park fees
  - Tours as per Itinerary
- Sustainable water bottles on board.

\* Minimum 6 Guests

### Day 5: Mudgee - Dubbo (BLD)

Enjoy a country drive to our next destination, Western Plains Zoo. Enroute, we visit the pioneer town of Gulgong. Arrive in Dubbo for a casual lunch & visit to Old Dubbo Gaol.

Then arrive at Western Plains Zoo, where you will experience a slice of Africa without leaving Australia! Zoofari Lodge is set right beside a stunning savannah, home to giraffes, rhinos, zebra and antelope and offers an unrivalled in-zoo safari experience with accommodation in unique lodges. This evening includes dinner and Wine Tasting at the Lodge followed by an evening Spotlight Tour with a Zoo Ranger. *Zoofari Lodge - Animal View*

### Day 6: Western Plains Zoo - Orange (B)

Set your alarm or just rely on the Zoo's wildlife alarm to wake you in the morning! We will set off early for a guide morning Tour at the Zoo, followed by breakfast. Checking out of the lodge, we will spend majority of the day exploring the Zoo and its range of exhibits. Mid-afternoon, depart the Zoo and drive to Orange. On arrival, check into our accommodation. *Byng St Boutique Hotel*

### Day 7: Orange - Sydney (B)

First stop today is at Swinging Bridge Wines. This family-owned estate is at the forefront of the new guard of premium, cool-climate winemaking. From here it's a short drive to explore the historic heritage listed village of Millthorpe. Enjoy lunch (own expense) at the Old Mill Café. Depart Millthorpe and commence the journey back to Sydney.







## GONDWANA RAINFOREST & BARRINGTON TOPS

### 5 day Guided Journey

2021 Dates: 08 Feb / 19 Apr / 20 Sep / 08 Nov

This 5 day discovery has us exploring the lush farming district of Gloucester and surrounds as well as the pristine wilderness that is the magnificent and ancient world heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest region of Barrington Tops. Quaint country towns, meandering rivers and fresh mountain air will delight you in this little-visited part of New South Wales. Our discovery concludes with a 2 night stay in the Hunter Valley Wine Region where we indulge in fine wines and local produce.

#### Day 1: Sydney – Gloucester (BL)

Depart Sydney and head north towards Gloucester. First stop is at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens for a visit. Next stop is the Farmers Wife Distillery where boutique hand crafted gin using native Australian flavours are created. Enjoy gin tasting & lunch at then explore the historic village of Stroud. *Gloucester Country Lodge.*

#### Day 2: Gloucester (BLD)

Today we discover the astonishing diversity that is the Gloucester Tops. Combining a series of walks, you'll wander through open snow gum and sub-alpine woodland as well as cool temperate rainforest. This landscape is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia and is millions of years old. Keep your eye out for swamp wallabies and grey kangaroos and beautiful seasonal flora. Lunch will be picnic style today. Enjoy a late afternoon tour of the Hill View Herb Farm, a farm gate property offering a wide range of fresh culinary and medicinal herbs to smell, taste and touch. Enjoy dinner in this beautiful setting. *Gloucester Country Lodge.*

#### Day 3: Barrington Tops & Aussie Ark (BL)

Depart Gloucester and ascend the stunning Barrington Tops to the 'Aussie Ark'. This unique property is set high above the Barrington Tops and is dedicated to saving the iconic Tasmanian Devil and other rare species from extinction. An Ark Ranger will take us on an unforgettable guided "Devils in the Wild"

tour where you will be able to experience a rare opportunity to get up close in the Tasmanian Devil's enclosure. Departing the 'Aussie Ark' we will enjoy a picnic lunch beside the Manning River then enjoy a series of short walks to immerse you in the ancient Antarctic Beech forest. Head west through the scenic Upper Hunter Valley, arriving late afternoon in the Hunter Valley. *Hunter Valley Resort.*

#### Day 4: Hunter Valley (BL)

The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest and best-known wine region and is soaked in history. It brims with over 150 top class wineries, many indulgent restaurants, local gourmet produce and boutique breweries. Our first visit is at the award winning Leogate Estate. The Brokenback Vineyard was planted in the late 1960s by one of Australia's wine industry legends, Len Evans. Enjoy tasting 6 wines with individual serving of cheese, lavosh & relish to accompany. Next stop is at The Wine House, a one stop cellar door and restaurant with over 40 wines from a range of boutique winemakers. Taking a seat at the bar, your host will take you on a relaxed journey through a range of wines followed by a delicious grazing board lunch. We then visit Tulloch Wines to indulge in a delightful Wine & Chocolate Experience. *Hunter Valley Resort*

#### Day 5: Pearl Farm - Sydney (BL)

Travel south to NSW's only Pearl Farm which provides an insight into the culture of Pearl Farming. Akoya Pearls from Broken Bay are

5 days from \$ 2,699<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
  - Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 4 nights twin-share accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary
- Admissions & National Park fees
  - Tours as per Itinerary

\* Minimum 8 Guests

#### Special Inclusion

Visit to The Aussie Ark. Established in 2011 this incredibly unique property is located high above the beautiful Barrington Tops and is dedicated to saving the iconic Tasmanian Devil from extinction as well as creating a long term future for a range of threatened Australian Species.



world famous for their very high lustre and unique colours. During this 2 hour experience, meet the people behind the pearls as they share their expertise of this unique industry. Board the tour vessel to cruise to the oyster farm. During the cruise, you will hear about Australia's pearling pioneers and the link to Sydney's 150 year old Rock Oyster industry. You may even witness a pearl harvest. Depart the Pearl Farm on a scenic drive to Saddles, our lunch venue. This dining venue is inspired by its bush landscape and its name takes inspiration from the craftsmanship of Heath Harris, an artisan saddler. Enjoy a 2 course lunch (excl. beverages) before returning to Sydney.

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New South Wales

# OUTBACK NEW SOUTH WALES ADVENTURE

10 day Escorted Small Group  
14 - 21 June 2021

Discover a history of mining, spectacular desert landscapes, a vibrant arts scene and Australia's first heritage-listed city. Visit Mutawintji National Park, where indigenous rock art can be seen. Explore the Menindee region, the Burke & Wills Expedition and Menindee Lakes. Visit the World Heritage Mungo National Park and the Australian Shearers Hall of Fame. Then on to Wagga Wagga, on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River for delicious food, wine, art & scenery.

## Day 1: Arrive Broken Hill

On arrival into Broken Hill, your guide will meet & transfer you to your accommodation. Day at leisure. *Outback Resort Broken Hill.*

## Day 2: Broken Hill Discovery (BLD)

Discover Broken Hill with its history of mining, desert landscapes, vibrant arts and galleries. Visit Silverton and enjoy the Sculpture Symposium and Living Desert Area, a collection of beautiful sandstone sculptures. *Outback Resort Broken Hill.*

## Day 3: Mutawintji National Park (BLD)

Enjoy a private charter touring experience to discover Mutawintji National Park. Visit some of the most significant indigenous rock art at one of the country's most sacred Aboriginal sites. Tour includes Interpretive walks to the Mutawintji Aboriginal rock engravings & hand stencil sites, audio-visual presentation telling the traditional dreamtime story of Mutawintji & a picnic lunch. *Outback Resort Broken Hill.*

## Day 4: Menindee & Kinchega N.P. (BL)

Explore the Menindee region, a tiny outback settlement famous for two things: the last place where the Burke and Wills expedition stayed and the Menindee Lakes, an inland wonderland and a vital source of water for orchards & farms. The lakes are full of dead trees, surrounded by sand, saltbush & red soils. Within Kinchega National Park we visit the historic woolshed & the Darling flood plain around the Menindee Lakes system

to discover the differing environs. Enjoy a sunset cruise and view the outback sun setting behind the River Red Gums. *Burke & Wills Hotel Menindee*

## Days 5-6: Mungo National Park (BLD)

Continue to Mungo National Park via Garngung Lake. The World Heritage listing of Mungo National Park indicates its importance to the outback region with plenty to see along the way including kangaroos, emus, birdlife & red dirt roads. Arrive at Mungo Lodge for lunch and check in. In the afternoon, head off on an amazing Mungo Walls of China Sunset Tour with your guide. Return to the lodge for sundowners & a 3 course dinner.

Next day, go on a sightseeing tour into the World Heritage Mungo National Park including Zanci homestead, Mungo Woolshed and Mungo Visitors Centre. Learn about the fascinating indigenous and pastoral history of this area. After a picnic lunch at Red Top Lookout, go on a Self Guided Tour of "The Loop" a 50 km circuit around the outside of the Walls of China stopping at Mallee Walk. Visit Vigar's Well, a natural water hole where Cobb & Co would stop to rest and water the horses travelling between Qld & SA. Dinner this evening at the lodge. *Lake Mungo Lodge*

## Day 7: Balranald - Narrandera (BL)

Travel to the heritage town of Balranald located on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River. Explore Yanga National Park, Yanga

10 days from \$ 5,595<sup>^</sup>

## INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
  - Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 9 nights twin-share accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Admissions & National Park fees
  - Tours as per Itinerary
- Sustainable water bottles on board.

\* Minimum 10 Guests

Woolshed then relax with a picnic lunch. Stop at Hay for the Australian Shearers Hall of Fame then arrive in Narrandera. *Bishops Lodge*

## Days 8-9: Wagga Wagga (BL)

Today we visit the Glendale Citrus & Hazelnut Orchard before arriving in Wagga Wagga. During your stay, enjoy the food & wine scene, wonderful galleries and fascinating history. We visit the award-winning Coolamon Cheese Factory, Wine Tasting at a Boutique Winery and the picturesque town of Junee including the Liquorice & Chocolate Factory. Enjoy a farewell dinner. *Townhouse Hotel Wagga Wagga (2 nts)*

## Day 10: Wagga Wagga to Sydney (BL)

Travel via picturesque countryside as we make our way to the Southern Highlands, stopping at the historic village of Berrima for lunch before returning to Sydney.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Broken Hill • Mutawintji National Park
  - Indigenous rock art
- Menindee Lakes & sunset cruise
- Kinchega & Mungo National Parks
- Mungo Walls of China Sunset Tour
- Yanga National Park • Yanga Woolshed
  - Australian Shearers Hall of Fame
- Award winning Coolamon Cheese Factory
  - Wine Tasting at Boutique Wineries
- Visit Junee Liquorice & Chocolate Factory

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## EXPLORE THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGH COUNTRY

7 day Guided Journey

2021 Dates: 06 Mar / 09 Oct

The Snowy Mountain Region has a fascinating history to match its natural beauty. Stretching from Canberra to the Victorian border, it holds deep spiritual significance for Aborigines. Early European stockmen & farmers who called the countryside home during the 1800s were immortalised in one of Australia's favourite poems & film - The Man from Snowy River. Discover this environment of high peaks, alpine lakes, vast plains & rich heritage.

### Day 1: Sydney – Canberra (L)

Heading south from Sydney our first stop is the beautifully preserved Georgian Village of Berrima. Built amongst the lush, green surroundings of NSW's Southern Highlands, Berrima's colonial sandstone buildings and classic country charm make this historic village an ideal spot for morning tea. Continue to Goulburn, then to Bungendore, a charming rural escape located in a pretty, green valley near, Canberra. Enjoy a visit to the Lark Hill Biodynamic Winery where here we will enjoy lunch on the deck. After a leisurely lunch arrive in Canberra. *Hotel Kurrajong Canberra*

### Day 2: Canberra (BL)

Visit the capital city and its many sights. Drive to Capitol Hill to visit Australia's Parliament House, enjoy a personalised guided tour of Parliament grounds, learn about Australian politics as well as the architecture, gardens, and art collection. Next stop is the National Museum of Australia, with a collection of more than 210,000 objects representing Australia's history and cultural heritage. Stop at a local restaurant for lunch then visit more Canberra icons including options to visit the National Library, Lake Burly Griffin and the Australian War Memorial. *Hotel Kurrajong Canberra*

### Day 3: Snowy Mountains Region (BLD)

Depart south to Cooma, considered the gateway to the alpine area. Enjoy a visit to the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Tracking Station. This unique Communication Complex is an

amazing complex with its 70m dish. On arrival in Cooma, explore the town's National Trust classified sites including Victorian cottages, jail, court house and post office. After lunch, arrive at our remote property in the high country of the snowy wildness. The Lodge consists of several eco-friendly lodges and is a sanctuary for brumby horses and wildlife such as kangaroos, emus, wombats, echidna and wedge-tailed eagles. Enjoy dinner at the resort. *Snowy Wilderness Lodge*

### Day 4: Snowy Wilderness Lodge (BLD)

Today is about exploring and enjoying this pristine resort set on 7,500 acres of wilderness high country. In the tradition of The Man from Snowy River, Snowy Wilderness is a stunning high country resort and a Sanctuary for Australia's wild horse, the brumby. Adjacent to Kosciuszko National Park today we will enjoy a guided tour taking in breathtaking views, waterholes, waterfalls, rugged wilderness bush, volcanic peaks and access to the Snowy River. *Snowy Wilderness Lodge*

### Day 5: Kosciuszko National Park (BLD)

An early start has us driving through picturesque country to the ski town of Thredbo. Take the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift to ascend the mountain, enjoying breathtaking views. Stop at the lookout for views of the country's highest mountain before returning down via the chairlift. Departing Thredbo & arrive at Wildbrumby Distillery, the highest distillery in Australia and

7 days from \$ 3,265^

### INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
  - Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 6 nights twin-share accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Admissions & National Park fees
  - Tours as per Itinerary
- Sustainable water bottles on board.

\* Minimum 10 Guests



home to an award-winning stable of schnapps, gin and vodka. Enjoy tastings and lunch at the café then return to the lodge. *Snowy Wilderness Lodge*

### Day 6: To Bowral (BLD)

Stop at the Eucumbene Trout Farm (subject to being open) for a guided tour of the farm followed by a picnic lunch. Head to Bowral, the largest town in the Southern Highlands. *Peppers Craigieburn Bowral*

### Day 7: Bowral – Sydney (BL)

Enjoy time in Bowral before heading to Kangaroo Valley and on to Berry for lunch. Stop at Kiama, to view the world's largest blowhole then return to Sydney.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovering our nation's Capital many attractions & sites
- 3 nights in the beauty of the alpine region set on 7,500 acres of wilderness high country
  - Visit Kosciuszko National Park
  - Discover the Southern Highlands
  - Charming heritage boutique villages







New South Wales

# SOUTH COAST SPLENDOUR

7 day Guided Journey

2021 Dates: 21 Feb / 24 Oct

Join us on a journey to discover places of breathtaking natural beauty. You will discover hidden gems on the NSW South Coast where you can immerse yourself in the raw beauty of nature, unearth ancient cultures, and taste the freshness of the land and sea. Discover spectacular coastlines, top food, great wines & gorgeous seaside and hinterland towns on this 7 day adventure.

## Day 1: Jervis Bay - Bateman's Bay (L)

Head south on the Grand Pacific Drive touring route, winding our way through the Wollongong area and over the Sea Cliff Bridge. Stop at Stanwell Park for morning tea and views of the azure-coloured sea. Continue through Kiama and visit the famous Kiama Blowhole enroute to Jervis Bay. With its white sand beaches, sparkling blue waters and abundance of wildlife, Jervis Bay is a popular seaside escape. Enjoy lunch then cruise on the bay to look for some local wildlife including bottle nose dolphins, little penguins & fur seals. Continue to Bateman's Bay. *Lincoln Downs Resort Batemans Bay*

## Day 2: Bateman's Bay - Narooma (B)

A leisurely day today to explore the stunning coastline that makes up this region. This morning will include a walk to Broulee Island which is joined to the mainland by a permanent sandbar and is always accessible. A short beach walk leads you to the island which features native plants and is known for birdlife, including the superb fairy wren and white-bellied sea eagle. Lunch in the riverside town of Moruya at your leisure (own expense) before visiting the Moruya Heads lookout. Heading south we explore more superb coastal areas before reaching Narooma.

*Horizon Apartments Narooma*

## Day 3: Narooma (B)

Head off to enjoy a morning boat trip to Montague Island, located within the protected Batemans Bay Marine Park and home to two

seal colonies and many seabirds. Marvel at the dolphins who often follow the boat while at certain times of the year (May to Sep) you may even see whales migrating just off Narooma's coastline. In the afternoon explore the beauty of Narooma including Australia Rock, Mill Bay Boardwalk and the Glasshouse Rocks. Enjoy the natural beauty of the Wagonga Inlet on a private Sunset cruise.

*Horizon Apartments Narooma*

## Day 4: Narooma (BL)

Today starts with a visit to Mystery Bay, a treasure trove of bays, inlets & unique rock formations. Our next stop is at Tilba Valley Winery & Ale House to enjoy a tasting and lunch. Explore the village which has a host of shops and galleries. Return to Narooma to visit an Oyster Farm, where we can take a sunset cruise. *Horizon Apartments Narooma*

## Day 5: Narooma - Bowral (BL)

Travel back up the coast then head inland to the heritage listed town of Braidwood, one of the prettiest towns in NSW and a hub for artists, potters, crafts people and designers. Continue to Bungendore and visit Lark Hill Biodynamic Winery for lunch on the deck then continue on to the charming Southern Highlands. *Peppers Craigieburn Bowral*

## Day 6: Southern Highlands (BLD)

There is so much to see in the Southern Highlands, from spectacular waterfalls and sprawling national parks to boutique wineries dotted throughout the landscape. Enjoy short walks in the National Parks, sample fine

7 days from \$ 3,350^

### INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
  - Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 6 nights twin-share accommodation
  - Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Admissions & National Park fees
  - Tours as per Itinerary

\* Minimum 8 Guests



wine at boutique wineries and sample local produce. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Peppers Craigieburn Bowral*

## Day 7: Saturday, Bowral - Sydney (BL)

Travel into the picturesque Budderoo National Park, known for stunning scenery. Visit a selection of waterfalls & enjoy walks through the lush beauty of the rainforest. Lunch will be picnic style today before we commence our return to Sydney.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- A 7 day discovery of natural beauty
- Activity and adventure around Narooma and Montague Island
- Charming historic villages, spectacular hidden beaches & abundant marine life
  - Sample exquisite local seafood
  - Explore magnificent national parks.

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# New South Wales



## LUXURY MOUNTAIN ESCAPE

5 days

**Includes Private Helicopter Charter Flight to Sydney**

Enjoy a 4 night break in the Blue Mountains region staying at 2 beautiful resorts. First up unwind at the beautiful eco-lodge of Spicers Sangoma Retreat, then indulge your senses in the Wolgan Valley at the Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort. End your luxury stay with a 45 minute helicopter ride back to Sydney.

### Days 1-2: Sydney to Blue Mountains (LD)

Meet your driver at your agreed Sydney pick up point and transfer by private vehicle to the Blue Mountains. Less than two hours from Sydney, the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area is one of the country's most spectacular icons. The Blue Mountains get their characteristic blue haze from the mixing of sunlight with drops of oil released by the eucalypts that blanket the region's vast tablelands and valleys.

Cocooned by the natural serenity of the Blue Mountains, Spicers Sangoma Retreat is as unique as it is private. This eco-retreat is set amongst giant boulders and stunning eucalypts.

The retreat offers an all-inclusive experience, with menus featuring locally sourced produce from farmers and producers within the area. A beautiful infinity pool with panoramic views of the valley, an open plan lounge, onsite spa & a host of walking trails make Spicers Sangoma an ideal setting for a luxurious escape.

Your stay at Spicers Sangoma Retreat includes all meals and beverages during the stay including arrival mini-bar, lunch, degustation dinner menu with paired wines, gourmet a la carte breakfast and selected premium beverages. *Spicers Sangoma Retreat - 2 nts*

### Days 3-4: Wolgan Valley (BLD)

Meet your driver in the lobby and transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation in Wolgan Valley. On arrival you will be met by an Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa team member for an introduction to your Wolgan Valley experience. Enjoy 3

5 days from \$ 6,975<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nts - Spicers Sangoma Retreat
- 2 nts - Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa
- Meals & Beverages as per itinerary
- Transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- 1 way Helicopter flight from Blue Mountains to Sydney

\* Minimum 2 Guests

days of bliss in this incredible luxury retreat. Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa is a luxury conservation-based resort in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area. Set between two national parks and spread out at the foot of towering sandstone cliffs, the resort is truly integrated into its environment. Each private villa offers elegant styling with views of Wolgan Valley and a private plunge pool. Your stay includes breakfast, lunch & dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and selected wine & beer with meals plus 2 activities daily. *Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa - 2 nts*

### Day 5: Helicopter Flight to Sydney

Morning at leisure before your special departure. You will be transferred to the Heli Pad for your private helicopter flight to Sydney. Take in spectacular views of the Blue Mountains and Sydney. The flight time is +/- 45 minutes. Your trip ends in Sydney.

## GOURMET HUNTER VALLEY

2021 Dates: 20 Feb / 01 May  
/ 26 Jun / 25 Sep / 27 Nov

The Hunter Valley is an unrivalled destination that has delighted visitors since vines first thrived in the 1820s. A wine tour is a great way to enjoy the vineyards of the valley and we invite you to gain insights into wine making, tasting, meeting passionate winemakers and enjoying a memorable fun filled day tour.

### 8.30am – Sydney Departure:

Depart Sydney and travel north to the Hunter Valley. On arrival into the valley, our first stop is at the award winning Leogate Estate. This opulent cellar door is the perfect place to enjoy that unique taste which only the Hunter Valley and their award-winning wines can provide. The Brokenback Vineyard was planted in the late 1960s by wine industry legend, Len Evans. Enjoy a special tasting of 6 wines with individual serving of Cheddar Cheese, Lavosh and Relish to accompany.

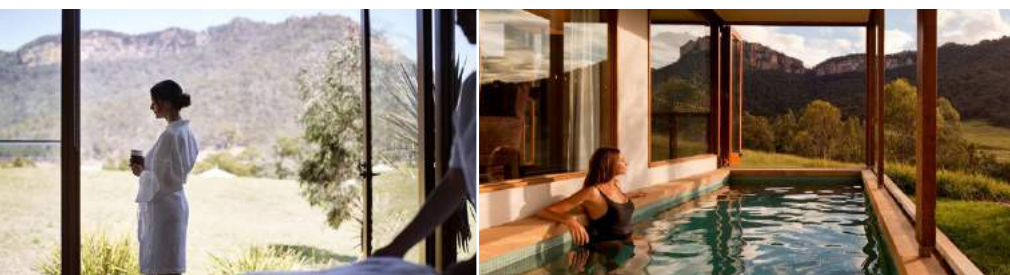
Arrive at the contemporary Cockfighter's Ghost Cellar Door located on the historic Post Office Vineyard one of the region's oldest shiraz vines dating back to the 1890's. Enjoy a tasting of a selection of their most popular wines. We then adjourn to the Hunters Quarter, a contemporary dining experience in a unique & beautiful setting. Here a 3 course lunch is included (excl drinks). The final stop is at Tulloch Wines. For over 122 years, the Tulloch family has produced hand crafted, premium wines. Enjoy a final tasting before leaving the Hunter Valley. Enroute we will take time for a visit to a local Cheese Shop and a Chocolate Lovers heaven – Cocoa Nib. Their award-winning chocolates are freshly handmade in small batches. Arrive back late in Sydney.

Day Trip from \$295<sup>^</sup>

\* Minimum 10 Guests: Per Adult: \$295

### INCLUSIONS

- Private touring in deluxe vehicle
- Expert guide and commentary
- Wine Tasting at Premium Wineries
- Wine Tour & Tasting at 3 different wineries
- Visit to Cheese and Chocolate provider







New South Wales

# TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOOFARI LODGE

## An Africa Safari Retreat in Dubbo

Nestled behind the African Savannah at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, Zoofari Lodge comprises of 15 luxurious African-style lodges. For the ultimate wild experience stay in one of the Animal View lodges. These safari-style lodges feature African-inspired decor with a king size bed, double bath & overlook a paddock in which Giraffe, Zebra, Ostrich and Antelope roam. Guests can sit back and relax on their deck as they watch the sunrise and see the animals meander across the savannah.

All accommodation includes private ensuite, coffee and tea making facilities, mini-bar, fridge and shaded veranda with outdoor furniture.

• **Animal View Lodges** sleep up to four people, with a king split bed and a double sofa bed. There is one accessible Animal View Lodge.

• **Bushland View Lodges** sleep up to six people with a queen bed, two singles and a sofa bed.

The lodges are located near a stunning Guest House, where guests can relax at the bar with a quiet drink, indulge in the culinary delights prepared by the chef, relax in the lounge area or take a dip in the saltwater swimming pool. Guests can also enjoy private viewing of the African Savannah exhibit where animals such as Giraffe, Zebra, Ostrich and Antelope roam, or watch the sunrise touch the landscape as it rises above the tree line.

### WESTERN PLAINS ZOOFARI ITINERARY *(This is a hosted program operated as a group).*

**Day One:** Your Zoofari stay includes two day admission to the Zoo and you are welcome to arrive at any time from 9am to get the full Zoo experience prior to checking in at Zoofari Lodge.

**At 2pm it's check in:** Check-in at the Savannah Visitor Plaza to meet your Guide and be escorted to your lodge. Once you're settled, explore your lodge and surrounds.

**Wine tasting & nibbles:** Zoofari guides will be available for complimentary wine tasting of some of our region's carefully selected wines, as well as some of our imported wine from South Africa.

**African Banquet:** Head to the Guest House to enjoy an African inspired banquet dinner.

**Twilight & Evening Safari Tour:** Take a tour behind the scenes after the zoo closes for the day, an exclusive look into the animal behaviours after dark! Get ready to learn all about the animals' history and habitats, and their future in the wild.

**Day Two:** You can set your alarm or just rely on the Zoo's wildlife alarm to wake you!

**Morning Safari Tour:** In the tranquil beauty of sunrise, you will be taken to exclusive behind-the-scenes areas to learn more about the animals and their daily routines.

**Breakfast:** An African-inspired breakfast awaits you on your return to the Guest House.

**At 10am It's check out:** Once your bags are packed and you're ready to depart, our Zoofari Lodge staff will wave you goodbye. **NOTE:** If you're not in a hurry to arrive at your destination then why not enjoy the day in the Zoo grounds. Explore the circuit by cart or bike (bike hire is included in your stay). View the animals for one last time and take in lunch at Bakhita's Cafe.

Prices from \$388<sup>^</sup>

### ROOM TYPE

#### • Animal View Lodge

Adult: Twin \$448 / Single \$518

Child (1-4 years) - \$104 / (5-15 years) - \$204

#### • Bushland View Lodge

Adult: Twin \$388 / Single \$458

Child (1-4 years) - \$84 / (5-15 years) - \$184

Check in is from 2pm on day of arrival. Check out is at 10am on day of departure.

### INCLUSIONS

- Two day admission to Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- 1 night accommodation in an exclusive
- African-style canvas covered lodge
  - Exclusive guided walking tour with Zoo guide
- African-inspired Dinner and Breakfast
  - Bicycle hire

\* Minimum 2 Guests





# South Australia







## South Australia

# GREAT AUSTRALIAN WILDERNESS TOUR

## 10 day Guided Journey Adelaide to Perth

This 10-day, 4,000km bucket list journey across Australia will leave you breathless, fascinated and connected with nature in a way you could not have imagined. Expect to be wowed by the mouth-watering seafood, incredible coastline and wildlife on the Eyre Peninsula. Feel the vastness of our great land as you travel across the mighty Nullarbor, and stand on the 'Edge of Australia' at the Head of Bight. Walk the footprint-free white sandy beaches of Esperance, taste your way around Margaret River and explore the ancient forests of the South West of Western Australia.

### Day 1: Adelaide to Port Lincoln (LD)

After a 45-minute flight from Adelaide to Port Lincoln, meet your guide who will give you an overview of the journey ahead. Recognised as 'Australia's Seafood Capital' explore Port Lincoln's highlights, including Mikkira Station, home to a wild koala population. Enjoy a seafood lunch at the Fresh Fish Place and explore the stunning coastline. Pop into a vineyard for wine tasting and check in to your hotel to freshen up for dinner at a local restaurant. *Port Lincoln Hotel*

### Day 2: Coffin Bay (BLD)

Travel to the seaside town of Coffin Bay. Visit the pristine national park for wildlife spotting and a stroll along a deserted beach. On the Oyster Farm Tour, put on some waders and sit down to feast on delectable Coffin Bay oysters, plucked straight out of the ocean. After lunch, head up the West Coast of the Eyre Peninsula exploring beautiful sights such as Locks Well and Talia Caves, arriving at Coodlie Park Farm Retreat for a campfire feast. *Self-contained cottage at Coodlie Park.*

### Day 3: Baird Bay & Ceduna (BLD)

Head north to Baird Bay for a tour highlight, swimming with Australian sea lions and dolphins on a 3-hour eco-cruise (OE). After lunch in Streaky Bay, take a coastal drive to Ceduna then check into the 4.5 star Eco Villas, positioned right on the beach. Relax and watch the sunset over the ocean and sample fresh local produce and wines. *Eco Villas.*

### Day 4: Head of Bight & The Nullarbor (BLD)

Onwards to the magnificent Head of Bight, Australia's ultimate coastal lookout. In the months from June to October, spot Southern Right Whales in the waters of the Great Australian Bight Marine Park. Get ready to be immersed into the Australian outback, beginning the 1,660km journey across the Nullarbor Plain. *Outback Roadhouse Motel.*

### Day 5: The Nullarbor & Esperance (BLD)

Start early across the mighty Nullarbor. Stop for an iconic photo at the 90 Mile Straight road sign and cross the border into WA. Travel 790km today while enjoying the changing landscapes. Arrive in Esperance in the early evening and after a long day travelling, enjoy a BBQ dinner. *Bay of Isles Motel.*

### Day 6: Cape Le Grand National Park (BLD)

Cape Le Grand is one of WA's most spectacular National Parks. It features blindingly white sandy beaches and wildlife in abundance, including the sunbathing kangaroos at Lucky Bay. Swim, bushwalk & reconnect with nature then return to Esperance. *Bay of Isles Motel.*

### Day 7: South West Coast & Albany (BLD)

Leaving Esperance, we view more stunning scenery through the Stirling Ranges. At the Porongurups, take a 2 hour walk to Castel Rock for jaw-dropping views over the region. Travel along the coastline towards Albany with stops at Torndirrup National Park to see coastal highlights, The Gap and Natural Bridge. Arrive Albany late afternoon. *Albany Motel.*

10 days from \$ 5,250<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Flight - Adelaide to Port Lincoln
- 9 nights accommodation
- All entry fees and activities unless stated as an optional extra experience (OE)
  - National Park fees
- All meals and selected beverages
- Airport transfers in Adelaide
- Transport in an executive 4WD
- Local guide and expert knowledge

*\* Minimum 2 Guests.*

*2021/2022 Departures: Every Thursday*

### Day 8: Denmark & Walpole (BLD)

Explore Albany township and take in the views from Mt. Clarence. Set off towards Denmark, a gorgeous town nestled on the banks of the Denmark River. Head into the old-growth forests in the Walpole Wilderness region and connect with nature at the Valley of the Giants. Walk 40 metres high into the canopy of Western Australia's majestic tingle trees, found nowhere else on Earth. Arrive into Margaret River in the late afternoon. *Margaret River Beach Resort.*

### Day 9: Margaret River (BLD)

Discover the town of Margaret River and its eclectic craft and produce stores. The guide will tailor the day around your favourite flavours, whether that be wine, beer, gin, olives, dairy or sweet treats. The highlight will be lunch at the world-renowned Vasse Felix, Margaret River's founding wine estate. *Margaret River Beach Resort.*

### Day 10: Margaret River to Perth (BL)

This morning, enjoy one of the best Indigenous experiences in Australia at Koomal Dreaming. Journey deep into Ngilgi Cave where you'll be mesmerised by a live didgeridoo performance, storytelling and traditional fire-making. Visit one last white sandy beach in Dunsborough before stopping in historic Busselton. Arrive into Perth around dinner time where we will drop you at your pre-booked accommodation (*not included*).







## BEST OF PORT LINCOLN & COFFIN BAY

### 3 day Guided Journey

Combining local produce, wildlife, culture and spectacular scenery, this 3-day tour from Adelaide of 'Australia's Seafood Frontier' will give you a real taste of Port Lincoln and the pristine regions surrounding it. Lovers of seafood will be right in their element with some once in a lifetime foodie experiences. Nature lovers will be thrilled by the koalas at Mikkira Station and the chance to swim with the ever-playful sea lions. From the pristine beaches of the Coffin Bay to the rugged coastlines of Whalers Way, your guide will share their passion and show you all the hidden gems.

#### Day 1: Adelaide to Port Lincoln (LD)

You will be transferred from your Adelaide accommodation by private vehicle bright and early to catch your flight to Port Lincoln. Your local guide will greet you at the airport and give you an overview of what exciting things are to come, over a coffee. After a little exploring around Port Lincoln, you will enjoy a tantalising lunch of local seafood harvest at the Marina Hotel Restaurant.

With a full tummy, board the 'Tesla', a unique electric canal cruiser. Enjoy a tranquil cruise around Port Lincoln's Marina and learn about Australia's largest commercial fishing fleet. Explore some stunning coastline at Sleaford Bay and Whalers Way, before visiting Mikkira Station, home of a wild koala population where you can get some fantastic photos. After a full day of exploring its time to relax and enjoy dinner at the award-winning restaurant, Del Giorno's. **Port Lincoln Hotel**

#### Day 2: Port Lincoln & Surrounds (BLD)

This morning you have the choice between two entirely different itineraries. Option one is one of the best interactive wildlife experiences in Australia, swimming with playful Australian sea lions. This half-day cruise to the crystal-clear waters of Seal Cove off Port Lincoln is an Optional Extra and at only \$215 is guaranteed to be one of the best wildlife encounters you ever have. If you prefer to stay on dry land, you'll start the day exploring the breathtakingly beautiful Lincoln National Park.

Enjoy morning tea at Stamford Hill after an invigorating climb, and visit Cape Donnington and the pristine beaches and lookouts on offer. Then it's back to Port Lincoln for lunch at the iconic Fresh Fish Place.

No matter which option you choose in the morning, the afternoon looks like this. Visit Boston Bay Wines for tastings and Glen Forest Tourist Park for up close and personal wildlife encounters and a little more wine tasting at Lincoln Estate. After another full day, it's time to settle in for a great evening meal and local wine at Sarin's Restaurant at the Port Lincoln Hotel. **Port Lincoln Hotel**

#### Day 3: Coffin Bay (BL)

Today is a foodies dream day. Explore the pristine Coffin Bay National Park famed for its white sandy beaches and enjoy morning tea at the beautiful Yangie Bay picnic area. Following this, you will have a unique harvest experience on the Coffin Bay Oyster Farm Tour. Put on some waders and sit down at a semi-submerged 'Salt Water Pavilion' located at their working commercial Oyster Lease. Feast on the world's most sought-after oysters plucked straight out of the ocean.

Enjoy Chef Andy's favourite dishes sampling a range of local produce from the sea and land at the 1802 Oyster Bar & Restaurant. On the way back into town, visit a hidden secret for a sweet treat and caffeine hit. Enjoy a lovely walk along the foreshore before a visit to the

3 days from \$ 1,995<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Flights – Adelaide to Port Lincoln return
- 2 nights at the Port Lincoln Hotel
- All meals and some beverages
- All entry fees and activities unless stated as an optional (OE)
  - National Park fees
- Coffin Bay Oyster Experience
  - Airport transfers
- Transport in an executive 4WD
- Local guide and expert knowledge

\* Minimum 2 Guests

Departs every Tuesday

Eyre Peninsula's very own boutique brewery, Beer Garden Brewing. Get ready for your final taste sensation, enjoying some locally brewed beers, and wood-fired pizza.

As we come to the end of your journey, your guide will drop you back to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Your airport transfer back to your Adelaide accommodation will be organised, which will have you arriving back to your hotel in the evening.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Feast on the world's most delectable oysters on the Coffin Bay Oyster Farm Tour
- Tantalise your taste buds visiting a boutique winery, brewery & coffee company
- Relax on an Electric Boat Cruise around
  - Port Lincoln Marina
- Get up close and personal with wild koalas at Mikkira Station
- Walk the footprint-free white sandy beaches of Coffin Bay National Park
- Dine in many of the region's best restaurants tasting local produce
- Be wowed by the rugged beauty of Whalers Way & Lincoln National Park
- Swim with Australian sea lions on a half-day cruise to Seal Cove (Optional \$)







## HEAD OF BIGHT WHALE WATCHING TOUR

### 3 day Guided Journey

This bucket list tour from Adelaide allows you to discover the extraordinary scenery and wildlife of this part of South Australia while indulging in delicious local produce from 'Australia's Seafood Frontier' – The Eyre Peninsula. The Head of Bight is renowned as one of Australia's most spectacular whale watching sites. With the backdrop of the Bunda Cliffs, pristine beaches & viewing platforms, the Head of Bight offers an opportunity to view Southern Right Whales as they frolic in the Great Australian Bight Marine Park. Take to the ocean on a 2-hour Whale Watching and Wildlife Cruise off Point Fowler. Set among the stunning beauty of rugged cliffs and sand dunes, enjoy the chance to spot whales, dolphins, sea lions, NZ fur seals and Little Penguins.

#### Day 1: Adelaide to Ceduna (D)

You will be transferred from your Adelaide accommodation by private vehicle to catch your short flight to Ceduna. Your guide will greet you and give you an overview of what amazing things are to come. Start your journey by exploring beautiful Denial Bay, where you'll learn about the oyster industry and sample some fresh produce. In the afternoon get a little adventurous doing some four-wheel driving at Davenport Creek. Back in Ceduna, check into your Spa Villa with views over the ocean, and enjoy some more local produce for dinner. *Ceduna Spa Villa*

#### Day 2: Great Australian Bight (BLD)

This morning it's up bright and early to take in the jaw-dropping beauty of the Head of Bight and Bunda Cliffs. Stand on the 'Edge of Australia' at an awe-inspiring coastal lookout. Visit the Head of Bight Whale Centre to learn about these incredible creatures. Have a bite for lunch as you breathe deep and take in the magic all around you.

From the sea to the air, we highly recommend the Optional Extra of the 45-minute Scenic Flight over the Great Australian Bight. Spot many more whales from above, as well as the vast outback of the Nullarbor. This afternoon you will discover an iconic outback roadhouse and caves along the Nullarbor. Pop into a

country pub for a beer and yarn with the locals, before heading back into Ceduna for another relaxing meal. *Ceduna Spa Villa*

#### Day 3: Ceduna to Adelaide (BL)

Enjoy breakfast on the foreshore before heading to Fowlers Bay to board a two-hour Whale & Wildlife Oceanic Cruise. Witness the magnificent spectacle of Southern Right Whales sheltering with their young and often see other wildlife such as humpback whales, dolphins, sea lions, little penguins and birdlife.

Back on land enjoy lunch and some more whale watching from the foreshore and in the afternoon stop at Penong to hear how the town became home to so many windmills.

Next, we'll make our way along iconic "Watermelon Ave" to the world-famous surf break – Cactus Beach. Be wowed by the endless deserted white sandy beaches of Point Sinclair.

As your tour draws to an end, tantalise your taste buds one last time at our pop-up seafood restaurant, enjoying some seafood and local wine overlooking the ocean.

Then it's time to return to Ceduna and catch your afternoon flight to Adelaide for the end of the tour.

3 days from \$ 2,125<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Flights – Adelaide to Ceduna return
- Accommodation consisting of 2 nights in a 4.5 Star Spa Villa with ocean views
- All entry fees and activities unless stated as an optional extra
  - All meals and beverages
  - Airport transfers
- Transport – executive 4WD
  - National park fees
- Local guide and expert knowledge

*\* Minimum 2 Guests. Departs every Tuesday between 01 Jul - 31 Oct 2021/2022*



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- See up to 120 Southern Right whales at stunning Head of Bight
- Enjoy a wildlife cruise in the Great Australian Bight Marine Park
- Feast on the premium produce of 'Australia's Seafood Frontier'
  - Experience the vast outback and wilderness of The Nullarbor Plain
  - Get your heart racing on a four-wheel driving adventure
- Take to the sky on a scenic flight over the Head of Bight (OE)
- Walk along the stunning & footprint-free beaches of the Eyre Peninsula







## DISCOVER THE NULLARBOR ADVENTURE

### 10 day Guided Camping Journey Adelaide to Perth

This epic 10-day adventure goes off the beaten track, through some diverse and spectacular landscapes. Discover footprint-free beaches, ancient forests, rugged coastlines, mountain ranges, and vast outback. Encounter native wildlife and enjoy an opportunity to swim with wild sea lions and dolphins. Get adventurous by hiking in beautiful national parks, learning to surf and sandboarding on massive dunes. Be immersed into nature, sleeping under the stars of the southern skies. Our incredible guides will show you this part of Australia with unrivalled passion.

#### Day 1: Mt. Remarkable National Park (D)

Head north and stop in the town of Port Wakefield before exploring the beautiful beaches around Wallaroo on the Yorke Peninsula. In the seaside town of Port Germein, stroll along SA's longest jetty, built in 1881. Journey onwards to Mt. Remarkable National Park in the Southern Flinders Ranges.

#### Day 2: Eyre Peninsula (BLD)

Today is your first hike exploring Davey's Gully. Take in stunning views across the Spencer Gulf. See some unique silo art in Kimba then head towards the wildly beautiful Eyre Peninsula. Explore the magical Talia Caves before testing out your sandboarding skills in some epic dunes. Arrive at Coodlie Park Farm Retreat for a BBQ feast. Spend the night in a unique swag hut in an eco-campground.

#### Day 3: Baird Bay & Penong (BLD)

Put on a wetsuit for a learn-to-surf lesson on a pristine beach with Sceale Bay Surf School. Those not wanting to surf will be able to relax, swim or explore. After lunch, there is a chance to swim with the ever-playful wild sea lions and majestic dolphins on a 3-hour cruise in the sheltered waters of Baird Bay. This is an optional experience at own expense.

#### Day 4: Nullarbor Plain (BLD)

Today is a long drive across the Nullarbor Plain. Take a snap of the famous wombat, kangaroo & camel road sign, and experience the 'Edge of Australia' at the Bunda Cliffs. Stop at the iconic Nullarbor Roadhouse, explore the ruins of an old telegraph station before

crossing the border into WA. Camp under the skies in the Nullarbor.

#### Days 5-6: Cape Le Grand Nat. Park (BLD)

Take on Australia's longest straight road – '90 Mile Straight'. Visit the outback town of Balladonia, which shot to worldwide fame in 1979 when the Skylab space station returned to earth here rather abruptly. We then head towards Esperance which has no less than nine National Parks and some of the best beaches in the world. Set up camp in the most spectacular of all, Cape Le Grand. The next day, crystal clear waters, powdery white sands, expansive granite bluffs and sunbathing kangaroos abound at the pristine Cape Le Grand National Park. The ocean here is transparent, and the sand at Lucky Bay has twice been judged Australia's whitest. Spend the day exploring, swimming & bushwalking.

#### Day 7: Stirling Ranges (BLD)

Sunrise here is spectacular! Then enjoy a hike up Frenchman Peak, a challenging yet rewarding hike with beautiful vistas of Cape Le Grand and the Recherche Archipelago. Stop for lunch along Esperance's Great Ocean Drive, then settle in for the drive to our Stirling Ranges campsite at Mt Trio arriving at a private campground in the Stirling Ranges.

#### Day 8: South West Coast (BLD)

Visit the Porongurups for a hike through spectacular forests to Castle Rock and jump back on the bus for a magnificent coastal drive towards Albany. Stop at Elephant Rocks and Greens Pool in William Bay N.P. Discover the

10 days from \$ 1,795<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- All National Park and entry fees
- All activities unless stated as Optional (OE)
- Meal: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- Accommodation – Swag camping
- Camping with basic facilities (8 nights)
- Bush camp with no facilities (1 night)
- Transport – Air-conditioned minibus
- Expert local guide

\* Minimum 10 Guests.

**2021 Dates:** 06, 20 Jan / 03, 17 Feb / 03, 17, 31 Mar, 14 / 28 Apr / 12 May / 01, 15, 29 Sep / 13, 27 Oct / 10, 24 Nov / 08, 22 Dec

**2022 Dates:** 05, 19 Jan / 02, 16 Feb / 02, 16, 30 Mar

old-growth forests of the Walpole Wilderness Region. Last stop of the day is at the largest Tingle Tree in WA. Camp at Shannon Nat. Park.

#### Day 9: Margaret River (BLD)

Today we put adventure aside as we taste our way around the world-renowned Margaret River region. From wine to gin, chocolate to cheese, by the end of the day you will be feeling very satisfied. Camp at Big Valley Caravan Park.

#### Day 10: Margaret River to Perth (BL)

Roll up your swag one last time before meeting Wardandi custodian, Josh. He will introduce you to the world's oldest living culture with his authentic, personal interpretation. Go into Ngilgi Cave for an underground didgeridoo performance, taste native foods & experience traditional fire-lighting. Stop at Busselton, to view the 19th-century jetty stretching 1.8km into Geopraphe Bay then arrive late into Perth.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore ancient Southern Flinders Ranges
- Swim with wild sea lions & dolphins (OE)
- Learn to surf and sandboard
- Discover Esperance and Lucky Bay
- Walk among ancient forests in WA
- Taste your way around Margaret River
- Indigenous culture at Koomal Dreaming







# EYRE PENINSULA & FLINDERS RANGES

## 6 day Guided Camping Journey Adelaide to Adelaide

This 6-day adventure tour from Adelaide immerses you in two of SA's most pristine wilderness regions. See the beaches of the Yorke Peninsula, before discovering the spectacular escarpments, gorges and forests of the 540-million-year-old Flinders Ranges. Travel to the beautiful Eyre Peninsula, famed for its fantastic coastline. Have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to swim with wild sea lions & dolphins. Hike beautiful national parks, learn to surf, sandboard on dunes and sleep under the stars. Our incredible guides will showcase this region with unrivalled passion, promising you an adventure you will never forget.

### Day 1: Mt. Remarkable National Park (D)

Head north to the small town Port Wakefield before exploring the beautiful beaches around Wallaroo on the York Peninsula. In the seaside town of Port Germein, stroll along SA's longest jetty, built-in 1881. Journey to Mt. Remarkable National Park in the Southern Flinders Ranges to set up camp for the night. Travel is approx 350km (4 hrs). **Campsite**

### Day 2: Eyre Peninsula (BLD)

Wake up to the sounds of native birdlife then embark on the first hike of the tour exploring Davey's Gully to take in stunning views across the Spencer Gulf. See impressive silo art in Kimba. After a quick pitstop for lunch, head towards the Eyre Peninsula. Spot dolphins surfing the waves at Venus Bay and explore Talia Caves before testing out your sandboarding skills in some epic dunes. Arrive at our home base - Coodlie Park Farm Retreat, for a BBQ feast & to share stories with travellers from our other tour. Spend the night in a swag hut in our eco-campground. Travel is approx 450km (5 hrs). **Coodlie Park Farm Retreat.**

*Please note, tomorrow you may be swapping buses and joining the other group that is travelling from Perth to Adelaide.*

### Day 3: Baird Bay & Mikkira Station (BLD)

This morning it's time for one of the tour highlights, swimming with the playful wild sea lions and majestic dolphins on a 3-hour cruise in the sheltered waters of Baird Bay.

(NB: This is an optional experience at extra cost). Those who to stay on land will travel to Point Labatt Conservation Park, the only place on the mainland where Australian seal pups can be spotted learning to swim, play and rest on the beach. After lunch travel to Elliston for a short coastal drive before heading south towards our campsite at Mikkira Station near Port Lincoln. Mikkira is home to around 170 wild koalas who call the many Manna Gum trees home. Get that perfect koala selfie, and spot lots of kangaroos and emus too. Travel is approx 400kms (4.5 hrs). **Mikkira Station**

### Day 4: Port Lincoln (BLD)

Today you are offered 2 different itineraries. Those who love aquatic wildlife can choose the full day optional experience of coming face-to-face with the majestic, Great White Shark (NB: This is an optional experience at extra cost). Those staying on dry land will be exploring the highlights of Port Lincoln and the surrounding area. From rugged Whalers Way to the footprint-free white sandy beaches of Coffin Bay National Park. **Mikkira Station**

### Day 5: Flinders Ranges (BLD)

The turquoise calm water of Fisheries Bay is the perfect place to Hang 10! Those not surfing can relax, swim or explore. After lunch, travel to the magnificent Flinders Ranges to explore the pristine Warren Gorge. Look for yellow-footed rock wallabies, which are bouncing back from near-extinction. Roll out your swag

**6 days from \$ 940^**

### INCLUSIONS

- All National Park and entry fees
- All activities unless stated as an optional extra (OE)
- Meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Accommodation: Swag Camping
- Bush camp (no facilities) 1 night, camping (with basic facilities) 4 nights
- Transport – Air-conditioned minibus
- Expert local guide
- \* Minimum 10 Guests.
- 2021/2022 Departures:
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding Jun/Jul/Aug)

for the last time & sleep under the millions of stars of the Milky Way. Travel is approx 400 km (4 hrs). **Warren Gorge Bush Camp.**

### Day 6: Flinders Ranges to Adelaide (BL)

Embark on the last hike of the tour at Dutchmans Stern which features incredible views over the Southern Flinders Ranges. South Australia is well known for its world-class wine, and the last stop of the tour will be for lunch and wine tasting in the Clare Valley. Drive time today is about 5 hrs, and this overland adventure ends on arrival into Adelaide. There are no formal activities planned but it is usual for the group to get together and reflect on the adventure over a few drinks and meal (own expense).

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Mt. Remarkable & Warren Gorge in the Southern Flinders Ranges
- Hang 10 on a learn-to-surf lesson and sandboarding adventure
- Discover Port Lincoln
- Meet the koalas & native wildlife at Mikkira Station
- View the spectacular Eyre Peninsula
- Swim with playful wild sea lions and magical bottlenose dolphins (OE)
- Swim with majestic great white sharks (OE)





# South Australia



## DISCOVER SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA

7 day Escorted Small Group

24 - 30 March 2021

Join us on this Escorted Group Tour visiting the Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf plus a 3 day Murray River cruise including nature walks, Wildlife & Bird viewing, photo opportunities, a visit to Monarto Safari Park & an indulgent visit to the beautiful Barossa Valley. There is also an option to finish the trip with a rail journey on the Indian Pacific to Sydney.

### Day 1: Adelaide

On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Adelaide is a captivating city known for its churches, architecture, food, wine & gardens. Enjoy a short orientation tour of the city to see lovely boulevards, the State Library, Art Gallery and Parliament House. The River Torrens and the Botanic Gardens are also lovely areas of this 'Festival' City. *Majestic Roof Garden Hotel*

### Day 2: Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf (BL)

Depart on your full day tour of the Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf. Head to Mt Lofty Summit and take in the vista of the city of Adelaide. Visit Woodside Cheese and Melba's Chocolate for a tasting. Next, visit two of Adelaide Hills' popular wineries and discover the history of the area as well as get the opportunity to taste some of their wines. Enjoy a two-course pub lunch with a complimentary beer or wine in the German town of Hahndorf. There will be time to explore the many art galleries, museums, cafes and boutique shops.

*Majestic Roof Garden Hotel*

### Days 3-5: PS Murray Princess (BLD)

Following breakfast, depart on a guided tour of Adelaide then transfer to Mannum to commence your 3 night Discovery Cruise on board the PS Murray Princess. Indulge in a 3 day cruise discovering the beautiful lower riverlands, between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge aboard this historic paddlewheeler. Take a nature walk, get up close to the river birdlife on board the 'Dragon-Fly' flat-bottom boat, visit the township of Murray Bridge and learn about the food & wine of this region.

Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner as you cruise under floodlight to your mooring at Mundurra, you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for wombats, kangaroos, tortoises, egrets and many other species.

On day 4 depart on a wildlife tour at Monarto Safari Park. Return to your boat for lunch, then move to the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. Continue your journey upriver & moor at Salt Bush Flat.

On day 5 join a nature walk where your guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the PS Murray Princess departs and cruises downriver. Near Fromms Landing, turn and head downriver to River View Lodge near Piggy Flat where your discovery vessel awaits for your wildlife tour. Explore the river - watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. Joining the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Dinner and Dance. Be sure to dress up! *PS Murray Princess (3 nts)*

### Day 6: Barossa Valley (BL)

Dock back at Mannum Wharf then head to Australia's richest and best-known wine region on a tour of the Barossa Valley. Visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre, Maggie Beer's Farm Shop, enjoy a 2-course lunch at Lambert Estate then visit Gully Gardens at Angaston, a local producer of dried fruits and confectionery. *Majestic Roof Garden Hotel*

### Day 7: Depart

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

7 days from \$ 2,895<sup>^</sup>

Single Supplement from \$895

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights Adelaide 4 star accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 3 night PS Murray River Cruise (inside cabin)
- 3 x lunches and 3 x dinners
- Transport in private air conditioned vehicle
- Services of a Tour Escort
- All transfers and touring as per itinerary

\* Minimum 10 Guests. Depart Adelaide 24 March 2021



Optional Rail Extension  
Indian Pacific (ADL / SYD)  
Gold Class from \$1,115<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 2 days/1 night aboard the Indian Pacific
- All-inclusive meals, fine wines and selected beverages
- A regionally-inspired menu paired with a selection of local wines
- Off train activities - Broken Hill & Blue Mountains

### Day 7: Adelaide-Broken Hill (BL)

Depart on the Indian Pacific and view the rock formations of the Flinders Ranges. The rocky scenery gives way to outback scrub as you make your way to Broken Hill in the early evening, with its arid and lunar like landscapes. Broken Hill offers a range of fascinating Off Train Excursions that highlight & celebrate how industrious locals have adapted to their incredible outback home.

### Day 8: Arrive Sydney (BL)

This morning awaken to the splendour of the Blue Mountains. Disembark the train and marvel at the views & natural surrounds. Walk through the eucalypt forests or take the cable car for a bird's-eye view of this World Heritage landscape before completing your journey in Sydney.







## South Australia

# LUXURY SA - WINES, DESERT & WILDLIFE

## 7 day Guided Journey

**This is the ultimate luxury safari experience - combining gourmet cuisine & fine wines in the Barossa Valley with the spectacular, vast desert scenery of the Flinders Ranges. Then it's onto The Galapagos of Australia – the spectacular Kangaroo Island. Included is the indulgence of flying over the desert by private charter aircraft and staying at three of the most luxurious properties in South Australia. Come, relax and enjoy the best of South Australia in true luxury!**

### Day 1: Adelaide – Barossa Valley (LD)

Meet your guide and head north to the Barossa Valley. Try your hand at wine-blending, enjoy private tastings and lunch prepared with the best of local ingredients. *The Louise Hotel*

### Day 2: Barossa - Flinders Ranges (BLD)

Continue towards Quorn (known for its cluster of art galleries and heritage buildings) and the Clare Valley Region; another top food and wine region. Visit the nearby heritage towns of Burra and Kapunda and don't miss the oldest winery - the historic Sevenhill Cellars established by the Jesuits in 1851.

Continue towards the Flinders Ranges, stopping at the Yourambulla Caves enroute with its Aboriginal rock art. Arrive at Rawnsley Park Station and check into your villas. Watch a Flinders Ranges sunset overlooking the stunning Chace Range, whilst enjoying a glass of sparkling wine and gourmet canapés. Wilpena Pound provides a stunning backdrop to this experience. A welcome dinner is included at the Woolshed Restaurant. *Rawnsley Park Station*

### Day 3: Flinders Ranges (BL)

After a leisurely breakfast in your villa, depart on a 4WD tour of Bunyeroo and Brachina gorges. Experience the spectacular scenery, wildlife and geology of the Ikara Flinders Ranges National Park, which was once an ancient seabed. Travel via Bunyeroo Valley to Brachina Gorge, home to the elusive Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies. Brachina Gorge provides a window through 130 million years of the earth's history and offers insight into past climates, the formation of the ranges

and the evolution of early life forms. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Aroona Valley where Hans Heysen based himself when painting in the Flinders Ranges. After lunch return to the Wilpena/Blinman road and stop at the Appealinna ruins. Our final stop is Stokes Hill lookout which offers a spectacular panorama of Wilpena Pound, Chace, Elder and Heysen ranges. *Rawnsley Park Station*

### Days 4-6: Kangaroo Island (BLD)

Transfer by private vehicle to the Hawker Airstrip and fly by private charter aircraft to Kangaroo Island. You will soon arrive at One Kangaroo Island with spectacular ocean, beach and wilderness views. Welcome to Island life – where things take time. Relax and indulge yourself on this beautiful island.

Travel through the Island's most productive country to the north coast. Walk through the bush with your guide through strangely shaped trees. Look for small wallabies almost extinct on the mainland, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Break for lunch at a private bush camp and enjoy a delicious meal and fine South Australian wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea-lions on a beautiful sandy beach – an experience similar to that of the Galapagos. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf, see old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology. Enjoy a dinner experience with your Kangaroo Island hosts.

**7 days from \$ 11,325<sup>^</sup>**

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 night Luxury accommodation
  - All meals as per itinerary
  - Transport in private air conditioned vehicle
  - Private guide throughout
  - Private Scenic Charter flight from Hawker to Kingscote
  - Touring and inclusions as per itinerary
- NB: Price excludes Kingscote to ADL flight

*\* Private tour based on 2 Guests*

Travel to the wild west end, a wilderness of over one 100,000 hectares guarded against development in a series of conservation parks, a national park and wilderness protection areas. Learn about a century of conservation activities. Explore the massive natural shapes of Remarkable Rocks – looking like some dramatic natural sculpture perched impossibly on top of a dome of granite emerging from the ocean. Evidence the power of the Southern Ocean swell at Admirals Arch, a coastal grotto for a large colony of long-nosed fur seals.

Lunch today is a picnic on the cliff tops or in the bush depending on weather consists of local produce, cheeses, fruits, salad and a choice of fine Kangaroo Island wines. After lunch, get off the beaten path to explore some of the lesser known places seeking out more wildlife encounters. Depending on season, we visit "Grassdale" to experience some pioneer heritage or seek out kangaroos amongst endemic Tate's grass trees which look like they are inspired by Dr Seuss.

Enjoy a private tour to discover the provenance of KI's extraordinary produce and the passion of its producers. Island specialities include seafood, artisan cheeses, honey, free-range eggs, marron, native spices, yoghurt and excellent wine. Later, the lodge chef will present a private mini-master class showcasing these ingredients. *One Kangaroo Island*

### Day 7: Kangaroo Island - Adelaide

Enjoy your day at leisure before taking your return flight to Adelaide.







## THE ARKABA WILD BUSH LUXURY WALK

### 5 day Guided Journey

The Arkaba Walk is a Wild Bush Luxury experience in an iconic outback setting. Explore 60,000 acres of privately-owned and carefully protected outback with a maximum of 10 walkers. From dry creek beds, isolated waterholes lined with 1,000 year-old River Red gums to craggy ridge lines and rolling hills covered in cypress pines to the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound, this is some of the most stunning walking country in Australia. The true value of a Wild Bush Luxury experience is the vastness of space, the feeling of exclusivity and the opportunity to retreat into nature.

#### Day 1: Adelaide - Arkaba (LD)

Depart Adelaide, head north passing the small country towns of Virginia, Two Wells and Dublin. Keep an eye out for the imaginative collection of large sculptures along the highway, made by way of protesting the development of a waste facility in the small town. Stop for lunch on the banks of Bumbunga Lake. Journey past the infamous Snowtown, Redhill, Port Pirie and Port Germein before another short stop in the historic railway town of Quorn. Arrive at Arkaba Homestead in the afternoon to freshen up before your lay of the land experience and dinner hosted by one of Arkaba's field guides.

*Arkaba Homestead.*

#### Day 2: Wilpena - Black's Gap Camp (BLD)

*Walk Distance +/-13 kms 5-6 hrs*

Travel through the flat interior of Wilpena Pound and a gradual 1.5km ascent to the rim of the Pound, ahead of a steeper descent into Arkaba wilderness and Black's Gap Signature Swag Camp. Expect to walk into camp at dusk and enjoy a pre-dinner drink and canapes service as the sun sinks behind the ancient ramparts of Wilpena Pound. Our signature camp is located between Bunbinyana Range and Wilpena Pound, on a site previously occupied by a shepherd in the late 1850s. Our field guide and camp assistant will prepare an evening feast under the evening sky and accompanied by local South Australian wine. before retiring to your swag bed for a night under a canopy of stars. *Black's Gap Camp.*

#### Day 3: Blacks Gap Camp - Elder Camp (BLD)

*Walk Distance +/-15 kms 6-7 hrs*

Today is arguably the most scenic, as we move from Black's Gap into the rolling hills more suited to the sheep farming activities previously carried out across the property. The first 2km will follow the famous Heysen Trail through Black's Gap itself revealing a fascinating insight into the pastoral history of the region, pausing at old shepherds' camps and mustering yards, with Red and Grey Kangaroos and Emus regular sightings. The last leg takes you into rolling hills culminating in a sharp climb to the summit of the Red Range where we'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Ikara- Flinders Ranges before moving on to the foot of Elder Range. Set up at your next signature swag camp. *Elder Camp.*

#### Day 4: Arkaba Heritage Homestead (BLD)

*Walk Distance +/-15 kms 6-7 hrs*

Start at the foot of the Elder Range. Walking through Mallee native pine forests, we cross Slaty Creek which can hold precious water well into the dry season. We ascend the Red Range and down to the banks of the Arkaba Creek with plenty of opportunities to spot birds that commune in the canopy, including galahs, parrots and honeyeater species. We pass reliable water points providing year-round life support for kangaroos, parrots and emus. The pace is unhurried with time to stop and breathe in the outback, view wildlife and take photographs. Arrive Arkaba Homestead mid

5 days from \$ 2,900^

#### INCLUSIONS

- Expert field guides
- 2 nights Arkaba Homestead
- 2 nights swag camping
- Return road transfers from Adelaide
- Guided lay of the land safari experience
  - All meals and selected beverages
- Sock protectors, Light Wild Rambler walking poles, Toiletries
- Arkaba Conservation Levy

\* Minimum 4 - Maximum 10 Guests

2021/2022 Departures:

Every Wednesday between March - October

afternoon and relax. Enjoy a hosted feast & guided viewing of the Southern Hemisphere's clearest skies silhouetted against mountains half a billion years in the making. *Arkaba Homestead.*

#### Day 5: Arkaba to Adelaide (BL)

Enjoy breakfast at the Arkaba Homestead before departing on your scenic overland transfer to Adelaide via South Australia's Clare Valley wine country. We'll make our way through the historic outback towns of Quorn, Wilmington, Mt Remarkable & Melrose, all famous for their nature filled valleys and riverbeds. Lined with massive River Red Gum trees, the land around these towns is home to a multitude of native Australian animals & birds. Head from Melrose into the beautiful Clare Valley, a region famous for its wines. We enjoy lunch and some wine tasting before continuing south arriving Adelaide late evening for the end of the tour.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Walking trails • Bush walks
- Wildlife and birding
- Snowtown • Port Pirie • Port Germein
- Quorn • Arkaba Homestead
- Wilpena Pound • Black's Gap
- Ikara-Flinders & Elder Range
- Clare Valley







## South Australia

# FINE WINES AND KANGAROO ISLAND

## 7 day Guided Journey

Combine two favourite past times – wine and wildlife, in one relaxing luxurious tour. Enjoy time in both the Barossa Valley & McLaren Vale visiting some of Australia's finest vineyards. Indulge in sumptuous wine tastings and dine at some outstanding venues. Then relax and unwind on spectacular Kangaroo Island. Discover the amazing wildlife and hidden gems with your private guide on this stunning island.

### Day 1: Adelaide – Barossa (LD)

Depart Adelaide and commence your three day tour of some of the best that South Australia has to offer. Explore the most famous wine brands in the country, including Torbreck & Elderton Wines, finishing with a private VIP experience at Henschke Wines. Lunch today is a two course meal with matched wines at Vintners Restaurant. Transfer to the Coastal Lodge at Carrickalinga for a sunset dinner at the farm of Coast & Co. owner Simon Burley. Enjoy a stunning BBQ in the fields with wine from Simon's own private collection. Coastal Lodge offers luxurious accommodation and is the ideal retreat in an idyllic location. **Coastal Lodge, Carrickalinga.**

### Day 2: McLaren Vale (BLD)

Explore some of the best wineries of McLaren Vale and its celebrated winemakers. Transfer to Onkaparinga Gorge to see indigenous history, native animals & geology that dates back 600 million years. Continue to Samson Tall vineyard for a tour, tasting then a two-course lunch at the Salopian Inn, named South Australia's best restaurant in The Advertiser Food Awards 2018. After lunch, visit the avant-garde, Rubik's Cube inspired, d'Arenberg Cube, which erupts from the heart of its original McLaren Vale vineyard. The branchchild of Chester Osborn, take a tour of the Alternate Realities museum and enjoy a tasting in the Cube Cellar Door. Enjoy a tour & tasting at Bekkers Wine before driving to Silver Sands Beach, a famous beach with majestic views of the Fleurieu coastline. This evening dine at local icon, the Victory Hotel, with its magnificent cellar and coastal views. **Coastal Lodge, Carrickalinga.**

### Day 3: Fleurieu Peninsula - Adelaide (BLD)

Tour along the majestic Fleurieu Peninsula taking in some of the state's best coast, nature and 4WD tracks into raw national park and wild beaches. Start with a 4WD trip along wild Goolwa Beach. Continue to Goolwa, overlooking the mighty Murray River. Situated on the water's edge in the old port of Goolwa, take a walk past the Fleurieu Distillery and then hop on board for a tour of one of the original paddle-steamers that used to ply the Murray River. Enjoy a casual lunch on the boardwalk of the iconic Flying Fish Café, looking out over Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot. After lunch visit Victor Harbour, the original port of SA. Drive around Encounter Bay before taking a walk up the 'Bluff'. Continue to Deep Creek Conservation Park, a nature reserve at the southern-most tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula with great views of Kangaroo Island. Take a 4WD trip into the park and visit Goondooloo Trail with its multitude of kangaroos. Stop at the lookout over wild Blowhole Creek before arriving at your hotel located in a heritage listed building. **Mayfair Hotel, Deluxe King Room.**

### Days 4 - 6: Kangaroo Island (BLD)

Meet your driver and transfer by private vehicle to Adelaide Airport in time for your flight to Kingscote, Kangaroo Island (*flight not included*). On arrival transfer to your lodge. Sea Dragon Lodge & Villas is a boutique luxury eco-friendly retreat, set on a spectacular seafront estate, overlooking the stunning coastline on the eastern end of the island, with plenty of wildlife on it's doorstep. Widely acclaimed as Australia's Galapagos, Kangaroo Island is

7 days from \$ 7,790<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transfers & Transport in a private air-conditioned vehicle
- Various Wine Tastings
- Entrance fees and touring as per itinerary

\* Minimum 2 Guests

home to an abundance of native wildlife and natural attractions. Covering almost 4,500 km<sup>2</sup>, it is Australia's third largest island. With more than one third of the island declared as Conservation or National Park, visitors will enjoy prolific birds and animals such as New Zealand fur seals, koalas, kangaroos, Australian sea lions, ospreys, echidnas and more.

*On Day 5:* your guide takes you on a walk down a country track through tall Eucalyptus trees where koalas snooze overhead. Listen for the sounds of the bush – brightly coloured honeyeaters and brilliant parrots, cicadas or perhaps just the sound of silence. Look for small wallabies only found on Kangaroo Island and a variety of other birds, plants and animals. Break for lunch at a private bush camp and enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting. Stop at Seal Bay Conservation Park for a private tour among Australian sea-lions on a beautiful sandy beach – an experience similar to that of the Galapagos.

*On Day 6:* meet your guide and visit a private wildlife refuge. Check out wildlife surveys, tiny endangered mammals and get introduced to the bush. Break for a picnic lunch in the bush. After lunch, travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched on top of a dome of granite emerging from the ocean. Continue to Admirals Arch, a coastal grotto for a large colony of Long-nosed fur seals. **Sea Dragon Lodge & Villas - Eco-Villa (3 nts)**

### Day 7: Depart Kangaroo Island (B)

Transfer by private vehicle to Kingscote Airport for your flight to Adelaide (*flight not included*).







## KANGAROO ISLAND EXPERIENCE

### 4 day Island Retreat

Kangaroo Island is a large Island located off the coast of South Australia. Whether you're interested in wildlife, photography, food and wine, the local art scene, celebrating a honeymoon or bringing the family, there is something for everybody. Kangaroo Island is a wildlife hotspot. Over one third of the land is protected across 30 National and Conservation parks. This provides a fantastic habitat for a huge range of wildlife species, with some now endemic to the Island.

#### Day 1: Adelaide to Kangaroo Island (D)

Depart Adelaide on a short flight to Kangaroo Island. On arrival you will be met & transferred to your lodge for 3 night. Kangaroo Island Lodge is located on the foreshore in the village of American River. Set between the ocean and bush, there is plenty of wildlife viewing with great birdwatching. After dinner, there are flashlights are available for self-guided wildlife walks. *Kangaroo Island Lodge*

#### Day 2: Full Day Island Life Tour (BLD)

Welcome to Island life – where things take time, drivers wave as they go by – or even stop for a chat. Have a cuppa with some home-made treats before taking a walk down a country track through tall Eucalyptus trees where koalas snooze overhead or wake briefly for a feed. Listen for the sounds of the bush – bright coloured honeyeaters, brilliant parrots, cicadas or perhaps just the sound of silence.

Travel through the Island's most productive country to the north coast. Walk through the bush with your guide – through strangely shaped trees learning what makes that noise, whose tracks are those, and who left THAT little pile there? Look for small wallabies almost extinct on the mainland, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Break for lunch at a private bush camp and enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting (local sea fish), fresh salads and fine South Australian wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea-lions on a

beautiful sandy beach – an experience similar to that of the Galapagos. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf, see old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology. Return to the hotel for dinner. *Kangaroo Island Lodge*

#### Day 3: Flinders Chase Focus (BLD)

Begin the day in the island's north-west in an important private wildlife refuge with Kangaroo Island Land for Wildlife. Check out wildlife surveys targeting tiny endangered mammals and get an introduction to the bush, so the fire ecology experienced later in the day has context.

Break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, featuring marinated poached chicken, fresh salads, cheeses and fantastic South Australian wine, beer, soft drinks and spring water. After lunch, travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched on top of a dome of granite emerging from the ocean. See the power of the Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch, a coastal grotto home for a large colony of Long-nosed fur seals. *Kangaroo Island Lodge*

#### Day 4: Depart (B)

At leisure then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Adelaide.

*Why not extend your stay & include a full day of wine tasting at some of the best vineyards on the island including Islander Estate, Bay of Shoals & Lunch at Dudley's.*  
5 days from \$3,450 pp

4 days from \$ 2,265<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Flights – ADL/Kangaroo Island/ADL
- Transfers
- 3 night accommodation
- 3 x Breakfasts, 3 x Dinners, 2 x lunches
- 2 x full day tours
- Day tour including home-baked traditional Australian treats & selection of hot beverages
- Elegant alfresco lunch with a choice of local wines, beer, soft drinks and spring water
- Access to field guides, binoculars & maps
- National Park fees

\* Minimum 2 Guests



### OCEANVIEW ECO-VILLAS LUXURY OPTION 4 days from \$4,595

**Based on the same itinerary – upgrade to a luxury accommodation option staying at the exclusive Oceanview Eco Villas.**

At Oceanview Eco Villa's guests have access to the private beach and farmland which features a significant amount of wildlife, particularly in the evening. The Eco Villas comprise two luxury villas, each with 2 bedroom / 2 bathrooms with bathtubs offering magnificent views of the ocean. The central open-plan living area has a common dining and lounge area. The environmentally friendly property offers local ingredients on the menu while the wine list features the best of SA wines. Rates include Three-course gourmet dinner using fresh Kangaroo Island produce accompanied by local wines, cooked breakfasts daily, Complimentary minibar, Free WiFi, Daily Service.





## THE FRAMES RETREAT LUXURY BREAKAWAY

### A Couples Retreat only 3 hrs from Adelaide

If you're looking for a romantic getaway or a luxury escape to experience the Australian outback, The Frames is the perfect place. Beautifully designed for couples and discerning travellers, the award winning, 6-star accommodation, set on the peaceful banks of the Murray River in South Australia, offers world class luxury and personal hospitality. Your experience at The Frames can be secluded and private luxury for two or venture out to include local experiences with gourmet food and wine. The best times of your life surely deserve a unique and beautiful backdrop.

**The Pastiche Retreat:** This is a contemporary and light-filled luxury retreat. It has views from the bedroom, the bathroom and the outdoor heated pool overlooking the Murray River, and is totally private. The luxuriously appointed bathroom has a sunken spa with an in-built waterfall feature, an infrared sauna to detox, and a large shower for two overlooking the river.

**Wetland & Wildlife Cruise:** experience the Murray River wetlands and wildlife most people will never get to see. Guests have an opportunity to see some of Australia's most iconic animals in their natural habitat. This private exclusive guided river cruise in our customised dinghy takes you through the creeks and wetlands of the Murray River, encountering diverse wildlife & birds of the region. It includes morning tea, a gourmet 'bushtucker' lunch, refreshments with an optional visit to the Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery.

**Gondola Cruise along the Murray River:** Enjoy a private romantic, 2 hr sunset cruise with sparkling wine and cheese platter. All you need to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty & ambience of this magnificent river. Our beautifully restored 100 year old classic wooden gondola will cruise along the Murray River, surrounded by abundant wildlife and birds against spectacular sunsets, the lights of Renmark and sounds of the river as the evening reveals itself.

**Flavour Safari:** From dirt to the dish, discover the diversity of food production in the Riverland.

Labelled the 'food bowl of South Australia' our Flavour Safari will enable you to taste, smell and learn about the many different products grown and produced in the Riverland. Your air-conditioned chauffeur driven car will take you to meet the growers, the brewers, the winemakers and producers in this locally inspired behind the scenes tour. Experience local hospitality at its best. This 6 hour tour includes lunch at one of the superb local establishments

**Dining at The Frames:** This culinary experience showcases the best of Riverland & Australian produce, with gourmet chefs creating dishes that will give you a flavour experience to remember. In-retreat dining is part of the magical experience. A three course meal prepared and cooked by our private chef in your retreat on one evening and on another evening the chef prepares a 3-course meal that you can heat up using the fully equipped kitchen. Next evening you are supplied with a supreme BBQ pack & salads, ready to cook on our state-of-the art outdoor kitchen. If you would like a chef each evening this can be arranged. (Subject to availability - extra cost)

4 days from \$ 2,995<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

This all-inclusive package features

- Private tours using local guides.
- Accommodation for 3 nights
- In-house Chef one evening
- 3-course meal prepared by the chef ready to heat and serve
  - Supreme BBQ Pack
- Sunset Gondola River Cruise
  - Flavour Safari
  - Wetlands & Wildlife Safari
- Open Mini-Bar with local beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages
- Gourmet breakfast provisions
- Fresh ground coffee & espresso machine

*\* Minimum 2 Guests (sharing).*

**Note: We can arrange car rental from \$285 for 4 days ex Adelaide, or transfers can be arranged on request.**







## CRUISING THE MURRAY RIVER

### 3 day Houseboat Journey

Cruise the Murray River on this wildlife adventure where you can discover the diverse wildlife and birdlife of the dryland and aquatic landscapes. In just 3 days you'll encounter koalas, kangaroos and emus and admire the spectacular forests of a broad river bound by majestic ochre-coloured cliffs. Your adventure includes: a guided canoe along tranquil backwaters encountering pelicans, darters, cormorants, and spoonbills, a guided cliff walk spotting Wedge-tailed Eagles, honeyeaters & migratory bee-eaters.

A driving safari to the ephemeral lakes where spectacular birdwatching can include Black swans and their cygnets, Pied Stilts, Red-necked Avocets, Yellow-billed Spoonbills and rarer Blue-billed ducks and Musk ducks. On your Murray River Cruise you will be moored opposite the spectacular Headings Cliffs. In the evenings, relax in the houseboat lounge and share stories with your fellow travellers, or venture up to the top deck where a hot spa provides a perfect end to the day's activities.

#### Day 1: Discover River Landscapes (LD)

Make your own way to Paringa (Self Drive or transfers can be arranged). Meet the Murray River Safari team in Paringa where your guide will provide a brief introduction to the landscape before you board our roomy pontoon cruiser and begin cruising along the Murray River. Discover this river country with keen eyes scanning the tree line for koalas and waterbirds. Enjoy lunch on the houseboat with the chance to admire the mighty red gums and the chance to spot pelicans, swallows, darters from the houseboat.

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided canoe through the quiet creeks where you'll encounter pelicans, darters, cormorants, and spoonbills before cruising along the river on twilight. Returning back to the houseboat, enjoy a hot spa on the top deck overlooking the river at sunset and listen to the Whistling Kites call. Nocturnal walking and stargazing the night skies await after dinner and your guides will help you find Possums and star constellations in the night sky. **Houseboat**

#### Day 2: Walking and Birdwatching (BLD)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided morning cliff walk with possibilities of spotting Wedge-

tailed Eagles, honeyeaters, and migratory bee eaters in warmer months. Keen eyes will also be on the lookout for Fairywrens, kangaroos & striped emu chicks in spring.

Returning to the houseboat for lunch, there is time to rest before driving to a great ephemeral lake where spectacular birdwatching can include Black swans and their cygnets, Pied Stilts, Red-necked Avocets, Yellow-billed Spoonbills, migratory waders and rarer Blue-billed ducks and Musk ducks. Harriers and Whistling Kites will be busy in this area and an occasional Wedge-tailed Eagle may visit.

The afternoon is spent on the houseboat admiring the sunset from the top deck spa before your guides prepare a locally-focused three-course meal to complete the day.

#### Houseboat

#### Day 3: Cruising the Murray River (BL)

Enjoy breakfast on the houseboat as the sunlight on the cliffs is reflected in the mirror-like surface of the river. After breakfast you can explore the riverbank and the native plants on your island home. Gather your thoughts and record your inspirations during a leisurely cruise on the houseboat to the innovative Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery.

3 days from \$ 1,900<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Exclusive access to spectacular natural landscapes
- Lodge style accommodation for 2 nights on a modern 10 berth houseboat
- Luggage transfer to the customer's room in the houseboat
- All food & beverages including water, juices, beer, wine, tea & coffee
- Knowledgeable guides to lead your walk and make all boat activities
  - 1 litre water bottles, day packs and optional walking poles
  - Access to a library of relevant publications to satisfy curiosity
  - Secure car parking

\* Minimum 5 - Maximum 10 Guests

2021/2022 Departures:

Friday Weekly between March - November



Meet the head brewer and enjoy a tour and tasting before savouring a lunch prepared by your guides. Then we say our farewells as you depart to Renmark town for transfers further afield.

**Your houseboat sleeps up to 10 people in 5 rooms (each room sleeps 2 people, queen bed or 2 singles), and each boat has 2 bathrooms with hot showers (shared by passengers), a spacious lounge and modern kitchen.**







## South Australia

# MURRAY RIVER WALK

## 4 day Walk & Cruise Journey

Join us on the only guided multi-day walking and houseboating ecotourism experience on an Australian river. Our passionate guides will lead you through a diverse and beautiful landscape, sharing the history, culture and environmental challenges it faces. At night they become your chefs, delivering 3 course meals that showcase local produce and Riverland wine. Rejuvenate after each day's walking with a cooling foot dip in the Murray River or a relaxing hot spa. The best part – seeing stars reflected on the water from your comfortable bed.

### Day 1: Renmark to Headings Cliffs - 12km walking 12km river cruising (LD)

Meet your guides and fellow walkers at 7.30 am at the Renmark Community Hotel for a pre-walk briefing before we board the pontoon "cruiser" boat for a 14 km cruise along the Murray River to the start of the walking route. Discover the lagoons that are havens for waterbirds, learn about the site of a World War II Japanese internment camp and cross creeks that feed the red gum forests and box woodlands. A gentle climb through the cliffs reveals a magnificent view of the vast Murray River floodplain that will surround you over the next 3 days. A short transfer across the river in the cruiser and you have arrived at your destination.

Your "Boat Guide" will welcome you aboard and settle you in – before a cool foot dip in the river or a hot spa followed by a 3-course dinner paired with local wines. **Houseboat**

### Day 2: Headings Cliffs to Chowilla Creek - 14km walking 10km cruising (BLD)

Rise before the sun and walk a gentle slope to the rim of the Murray River valley for a spectacular sunrise. See colours appear and marvel at the journey route below before returning to the houseboat for a cooked breakfast. Depart again for the daily walk discovering Aboriginal canoe trees, giant red gum forests and small islands along leafy Amazon Creek.

Arriving at your floating home you'll enjoy a local tasting plate as you dip your feet in the cool waters of the Murray River. **Houseboat**

### Day 3: Chowilla Creek to Bunyip Reach Cliffs - 10km walking 18km cruising (BLD)

Awake to the mists on the water and enjoy a great coffee, local navel oranges and tasty breakfast followed by a briefing on the Murray Darling Basin and the management of its network of rivers which drain 14% of Australia. Today we cruise to the Chowilla Creek Environmental Regulator to learn about environmental watering and new stewardship for the river, before setting off on our walk.

You'll walk along Chowilla Creek, restored wetlands and visit the proposed site of the 1960's Chowilla Dam. In the afternoon we celebrate completing our walking journey from Queens Bend Cliffs before cruising to the houseboat as the late afternoon sun illuminates the red cliffs.

### Day 4: Bunyip Reach to Renmark - Optional 2km walk 23km cruise (BL)

After breakfast take a self-guided 2 km walk along the river, before cruising in the pontoon boat through Lock 6. Experience a gentle drop in the water level of 3 metres.

Rejoining the houseboat downstream, you will cruise for 2 hours on the houseboat to the innovative Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery, set in a 100 year old shearing shed on the banks of the river. Enjoy a tour with the head brewer before sitting down with your guides to a fine barbecue, prepared by your guides before saying your farewells. You will depart for Renmark by bus and arrive in the afternoon at the Renmark Hotel. **Houseboat**

4 days from \$ 2,500<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Exclusive access to spectacular natural landscapes
- Lodge style accommodation for 3 nights on a modern 10 berth houseboat
- Luggage transfer to the customer's room in the houseboat
- All food & beverages including water, juices, beer, wine, tea & coffee
- Knowledgeable guides to lead your walk and make all boat activities
- 1 litre water bottles, day packs and optional walking poles
- Access to a library of relevant publications to satisfy curiosity
- Secure car parking

\* Minimum 5 - Maximum 10 Guests

2021/2022 Departures:

Monday Weekly between May - September



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# Northern Territory







## ICONIC RAINFOREST, DESERTS & WILDLIFE

### 11 day Private Guided Journey - Cairns to Darwin

Discover 3 unique areas of Australia on this luxurious Safari. Start in Queensland's incredible Daintree Rainforest, home to amazing scenery and stunning wildlife. Travel onto the Iconic Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Parks and surrounding areas before finishing with a Darwin and Top End wildlife discovery. This safari is designed for the discerning traveller who likes to travel in style !

#### Days 1-3: Daintree National Park & the Great Barrier Reef (BLD)

On arrival in Cairns, met & transferred to Port Douglas enroute to Silky Oaks Lodge, set on the banks of the Mossman River, at the gateway to the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest.

On Day 2, transfer to Reef Marina in Port Douglas to depart on a snorkelling tour on Agincourt Reef. Explore the very outer Great Barrier Reef in luxury and style. View the diverse & colourful coral gardens as well as the reef's iconic species such as sharks, stingrays, cods, turtles, groupers, maori wrasse & parrot fish. Enjoy lunch onboard.

On Day 3, meet your guide for a full day private tour of the Daintree & Botanical Ark. Your first stop is at the stunning Mossman Gorge, famous for the beautiful river & its rugged gorges. Your second stop is at the Botanical Ark, a private Botanical Garden in the heart of the Daintree Rainforest. Enjoy a fascinating interpretive garden tour of this tropical oasis. Continue to the Jindalpa boardwalk. Your guide will lead you along this fascinating boardwalk and point out many unique eco systems and animals indigenous to this region only. *Silky Oaks Lodge - 3 nts \*\*\**

#### Days 4-6: Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park and Kings Canyon (BLD)

Meet your driver and transfer by private vehicle to Cairns Airport for your onward flight to Ayers Rock (flight not included). On arrival transfer to the luxurious Longitude 131°. The 'safari' style luxury tented site is the first of its kind in Australia. Built on the edge of

Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park, the 15 tents have uninterrupted views over Uluru. In the afternoon, meet at Dune House and depart to the Cultural Centre. Learn the cultural and spiritual meanings of Uluru & Kata Tjuta. Afterwards travel to Uluru, discover the history of the Mala people. Marvel at cave paintings, sources of bush tucker and other sites. Enter Kantju Gorge at dusk to witness the gorge walls illuminated at sunset.

On Day 5, depart early for Kata Tjuta on a guided tour of Walpa Gorge. Your afternoon is at leisure then in the evening, begin with a sundowner at the western face of Uluru, walk uninterrupted along the pathways in the Field of Light then transfer to an outdoor dining venue, where you'll have an unforgettable dining experience under the stars.

On Day 6, depart for Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to view the sunrise over Uluru. Continue to Mutitjulu Waterhole to view cave paintings & hear of the Kuniya/Liru Tjukurpa story. Return to base then meet your guide for your optional 90 minute helicopter flight tour of Kings Canyon. This tour takes you across the vast desert, over the great salt lakes of Lake Amadeus and on to the majestic Kings Canyon (\$980 pp - own expense). Return to your lodge. *Longitude 131° - 3 nts*

#### Day 7: Darwin (B)

Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport this morning for your onward flight to Darwin (not included) On arrival transfer to your accommodation. Afternoon at leisure to discover Darwin. *Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront - 1 nt*

**11 days from \$14,475<sup>^</sup>**

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nts Silky Oak Lodge - Tree House Retreat (due to open October 2021)
- \*\*\* Thala Beach Lodge will be used up to October 2020
- 3 nts Longitude 131° - Luxury Tent
- 1 nt Adina Apartment Hotel - Studio
- 3 nts Bamurru Plains - Safari Bungalow including charter flights (NB: all other flights excluded)
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle complete with bottled water.
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary

NB: Excludes all flights

\* Minimum 2 Guests

#### Days 8-10: The Top End (BLD)

Depart on your private charter flight to Bamurru Plains. On arrival, meet your guide & transfer to your lodge. Bamurru Plains is situated on the vast coastal flood plains of the Mary River delta in the Top End, just west of Kakadu National Park,

Bamurru Plains is an utterly exclusive bush camp that exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury', bringing a touch of style to a remote and beautiful wilderness region. With no internet access, TV's or mobile phone coverage, this is a rare opportunity to 'unplug' & truly escape.

During your stay, an extensive touring program is included. Explore the surrounding area by airboat on the wetlands, river cruises in search of crocodiles, bird watching, astronomy evenings, bush drives, quad bike safaris & guided wilderness walks.

You may also like to go on an optional tour to Kakadu National Park (\$865 pp - own expense).

*Bamurru Plains - 3 nts*

#### Day 11: Depart

Depart Bamurru Plains & transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Darwin to connect with your onward flight (not included).

**NOTE:** We can also organise an optional 3 Day extension in Darwin.





## THE RED CENTRE PHOTO SAFARI

8 day Guided Journey  
09 - 16 April 2021

This tour to Uluru from Alice Springs visits Rainbow Valley, Palm Valley, the Western McDonnell Ranges and Kings Canyon, for a thorough exploration of our amazing Red Centre. We can operate this tour year-round.

### Day 1: Alice Springs (D)

On arrival in Alice Springs make your way to our hotel then the day is at leisure to explore the town. In the evening meet for our first group dinner where your driver guide and tour escort will run through the itinerary with you. *Double Tree by Hilton Alice Springs*

### Day 2: Glen Helen Gorge (BLD)

An early start has us travel west into the Western MacDonnell Ranges, part of an ancient landscape and start of the Red Centre Way. Our first stop is Simpsons Gap, one of the most prominent waterholes in the region and home to the Black-footed Rock Wallaby. Then onto Aboriginal owned Angkerle Atwatye (Standley Chasm), gouged from sandstone by the floods that, over millions of years, have surged down a narrow tributary of the Finke River system. The result is a deep red cleft, with slopes on either side rising 80m above the floor. After lunch, visit Ellery Creek Big Hole, a spectacular waterhole which cuts through a gorge in the ranges. Arrive at Glen Helen Bush Resort, which has a history dating back to 1905, when it was a cattle station. The landscape around Glen Helen is as spectacular as you will find. *Glen Helen Bush Resort*

### Days 3-4: Kings Canyon (BLD)

Depart for the lookout over Mt Sonder, the highest point in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Then we make our way to Ormiston Gorge, where you can take a short stroll to the waterhole. The area contains an interesting variety of native fauna and flora. We hit the unsealed dirt road & travel along the Mereenie Loop Road to Kings Canyon. Enroute

stop at Tyler's Pass Lookout for views of Gosse Bluff Meteor Crater and the surrounding landscape. We arrive at Kings Canyon Resort for check in and free time to relax. The flora and fauna around the Resort is unique to the Watarrka National Park.

Next day start early driving to Kings Canyon to take the rim walk. Kings Canyon (Watarrka National Park) contains the western end of the George Gill Range, a scenic landscape of rugged ranges, rockholes and gorges. The sheer red rock face of Kings Canyon soars over 100 metres above dense forests of palms, ferns and cycads; sheltering them from the surrounding desert conditions. The rim walk takes in views of the Canyon rim, the weathered, buttressed domes of 'The Lost City' & the 'Garden of Eden' – a sheltered valley with permanent waterholes. Return to the resort. *Kings Canyon Resort (2 nts)*

### Days 5-6: Uluru Kata Tjuta N.P. (BL)

Head south to the World Heritage Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. Visit the Cultural centre and then head out to Kata Tjuta meaning "many heads". The enormous domes, 36 in total, rise out of the sand and weathered over millions of years they are now rounded peaks. The tallest, Mt Olga, is higher than Uluru. We have our first opportunity to photograph the Uluru sunset at the viewing area. Once the stars come out, you can take some night photos over Australia's most famous landmark!

Next day we start early for sunrise at Uluru. The giant monolith emerges from the inky landscape, changing from purple through to rusty browns and red in the golden

8 days from \$ 4,350^

### INCLUSIONS

- Seat in 6WD coach, with professional driver guide, photographer tour escort
- Meals as stated
- 7 nights accommodation
- Uluru/ Kata Tjuta Park entry fee
- Mereenie loop pass
- Standley Chasm entry fee

\* Maximum 15 Guests

sunlight. Enjoy a base walk around Uluru, which includes the Mala Walk and Mutitjulu waterhole, home of a wanampi, an ancestral watersnake. In the evening we have another opportunity to photograph sunset at Uluru.

*Outback Pioneer Hotel (2 nts).*

### Day 7: Yulara - Alice Springs (BLD)

For the early risers, there is another opportunity for sunrise over Uluru this morning, by walking to one of the resort lookouts. You might like to take an optional helicopter flight (extra cost) - take to the skies to witness the awesome spectacle of this iconic monolith. Take in 360° views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. The scale and size of Kata Tjuta only becomes apparent while gliding over the group of 36 conglomerate rock domes. The highest of which stands 198 meters taller than Uluru and spreads 36 square km.

Departing Yulara, we now travel back to Alice Springs, via Mt Connor and to Rainbow Valley. Mt Connor (Artilla) is situated on Curtin Springs cattle station and is a 244m high mesa, or isolated table-top mountain and we stop for photos en-route. After lunch at Stuarts Well, we hit the dirt again to Rainbow Valley, with its stunning sandstone cliffs. These free standing cliffs form part of the James Range, and are particularly attractive in the late afternoon when the rainbow-like rock bands are highlighted. We'll arrive back into Alice Springs in the evening for our final dinner as a group. *Double Tree by Hilton Alice Springs*

### Day 8: Depart (B)

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning.







## Northern Territory

# TOP END BIRD & WILDLIFE PHOTO SAFARI

**9 day Escorted Small Group**  
**07 - 15 October 2021**

Join our Escorted Top End Bird & Wildlife Photographic Safari with your specialist guide, Luke Paterson. Enjoy the chance to view and photograph an incredible range of colourful and unique northern Australian birds and wildlife in stunning natural landscapes. Photography cruises allow us to get up close and increases our encounters with key bird photography targets.

### Day 1: Arrive Darwin

On arrival in Darwin, transfer to your hotel for day at leisure. *Darwin*

### Day 2: Darwin & surrounds (BLD)

Take a full day bird and wildlife photography tour around Darwin's urban and rural hotspots. There is the chance to get some pictures of rainbow pittas, macropods, water monitors, kingfishers, finches and so much more. *Darwin*

### Day 3: Adelaide & Mary Rivers (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for bird and sunrise photography at Fogg Dam. Enjoy a 2.5 hour private photographic cruise on Mary River Wetlands guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson with the chance to photograph kingfishers, waterbirds and other species.

### Mary River Wilderness Retreat

### Day 4: Mary River region and the World Heritage Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for 2.5 hour private photographic cruise on Mary River Wetlands guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson. Lookout for black-necked stork, raptors, alwater crocodiles and more. Hotel check-in and lunch, privately guided aboriginal rock art tour and sunset/landscape photoshoot (landscape, rock wallabies, sandstone bird species). *Jabiru*

### Day 5: Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Early departure for 1-2km photographic walk around riverine sandstone outcrops (sandstone and monsoon forest bird

species, dragonflies and butterflies), 800m photographic walk in monsoon forest (little red and black flying foxes, butterflies, saltwater crocodile, arafura fantail), saltwater crocodile feeding frenzy photo shoot may happen. On alternate day, rest and photo download period, south alligator floodplain bird photography shoot and walk up to 3km for finches, magpie goose and waders. *Jabiru*

### Day 6: Kakadu - Pine Creek (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for bird, crocodile and sunrise photography at Yellow Water Billabong – 3 hour private photographic cruise guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson. 5 species of kingfisher, black bittern, brolga, white-bellied sea eagle, plumed whistling ducks, salt and freshwater crocodiles, asian water buffalo, brumby, sunrise over floodplains and reflections in water, buffet breakfast, travel to outback gold-mining town of Pine Creek. Set up for evening photography for bush birds (endemic hooded parrot, great bowerbird, galah, Australian bustard). *Pine Creek*

### Day 7: Pine Creek & Nitmiluk N.P. (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for gouldian finch photography (may require periods of sitting and waiting low in the bush), breakfast with bush birds at Leliyn/Edith Falls in Nitmiluk National Park (optional swim in plunge pool, photographic opportunity for northern rosella, red-winged parrot, golden orb spider), evening photography for bush birds (cockatiel, black flying fox). *Pine Creek*

**9 days from \$ 7,785<sup>^</sup>**

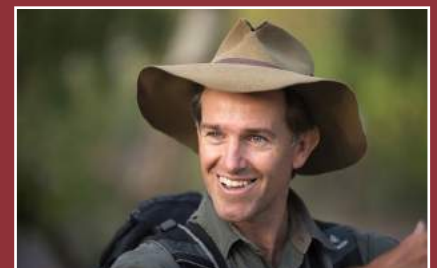
### INCLUSIONS

- Award-winning NT Bird Specialists guide
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Covid-Safe Plan and Hygiene kit
- Transportation in 4WD vehicle
- 8 nights accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- 7 days all touring activities
- Meals as stated • 1 sunset platter
- 2x 2.5 hour and 1x 3 hour photographic cruises wih specialist guide Luke Paterson
- 1 privately guided aboriginal rock art site
- Digital & printed field guides
- In-field photography hints and tips
- All park entry & tickets
- Kakadu & NT Parks tour operator permits

*\* Maximum 6 Guests*

### Specialist Guide - Luke Paterson

*Luke Paterson is one of Australia's best bird guides and has built his reputation and industry experience by guiding exceptional tours in remote outback Northern Territory, WA Kimberley region & Sri Lanka.*



### Day 8: Pine Creek to Darwin (BL)

Depart for gouldian finch photography, slowly make our way back to Darwin stopping for species sightings along the way and lunch at Adelaide River township (varied lorikeet, red-tailed black cockatoo, rufous owl). Hotel drop off and optional farewell dinner with hotel transfers. *Darwin hotel*

### Day 9: Depart Darwin (B)

Breakfast at hotel then transfer to the airport

*Image Credits: Luke Paterson*







## WILDERNESS, CULTURE & FOOD SAFARI

**5 day Hosted by Richard I'Anson • 19 - 23 June 2021**

Imagine skimming through the wetlands on 300km<sup>2</sup> of private property on the edge of Kakadu with world renowned photographer, Richard I'Anson. You will be sure to capture the exquisite beauty that is unique to Bamurru Plains. Wake up from your private safari bungalow in the wilderness to be treated to indulgent chef prepared meals & expert guiding synonymous with Wild Bush Luxury. Both budding and experienced photographers will treasure this handcrafted experience. Come away with stunning images that capture the best of Australia's Top End at Bamurru Plains.

### Day 1: Darwin to Bamarru Plains (D)

Depart Darwin Airport on your charter flight to Bamurru Plains which departs at 2:45pm. Fly high over the twists and turns of the Adelaide River. Those black dots you thought were pandanus trees are actually moving buffalo (or crocodiles if you're lucky). Fly over seriously spectacular wetlands before landing at our private airstrip. Met on arrival and transferred to the lodge by safari vehicle. After your lodge orientation, we meet for our first photography session. This evening watch our resident chef create superb native Australian inspired dishes for your welcome dinner.

### Day 2: Bamarru Plains (BLD)

We photograph in the early morning light as the floodplain springs to life. The alarm clock in the morning is the call of magpie geese and whistling kites as the orange light of dawn spreads across the floodplain. Breakfast will be followed by a tutorial and time to review and discuss images at the lodge followed by lunch. Enjoy time to relax in the wet edge swimming pool on the wildlife observation deck before your afternoon session. Venture out this afternoon with the chance to photograph the landscape & wildlife. Wilderness activities will vary by way of airboat, 4WD safari and on foot.

### Day 3: Arnhem Land

Early transfer to the airstrip then depart by air to Arnhem Land where you will experience a fascinating mix of ancient and living culture. Visit Injalak Hill, renowned for some of the

best rock art examples in Western Arnhem Land. The view from the top of Injalak Hill is breathtaking, looking out over floodplains and towering escarpments. Visit the award winning Aboriginal owned non-profit community Injalak Arts & Craft Centre. Admire artists at work in one of the oldest and continuous Aboriginal communities. See women weaving pandanus baskets, admire fine art paintings on bark and paper, carvings, limited edition prints and hand screen printed fabric.

### Day 4: Bamarru Plains (BLD)

This morning we rise early to take advantage of the morning light over the floodplains. This is a unique opportunity to capture birds in their morning song, agile wallabies with their young and buffaloes splashing around the wetlands. Bamurru Plains is the perfect spot from which to explore the mysteries and magnificence of this ancient land.

Our safari guides will provide expert knowledge and tuition to maximise creative photographic opportunities. One minute you will be sitting in silence amongst the reflections of a paperbark forest and the next skimming the expanse of the floodplain spotting crocodiles and birds. In the afternoon we venture out by open-top 4WD and photograph an array of wildlife as they congregate around billabongs all while enjoying gourmet canapés and bubbles as the sun sets over the savannah bush. Retire to the main lodge for your 3-course dinner.

**5 days from \$ 5,385<sup>^</sup>**

### INCLUSIONS

- Tour Hosted by Richard I'Anson
- Return flights from Darwin to Bamurru Plains as per the scheduled flight times
- Transfers between General Aviation Terminal and Darwin airport
- 4 nights in a fan-cooled Safari Bungalow
- All meals & selected beverages
- 5 day photography program with Richard I'Anson
- Full day trip to Arnhem Land by air
- All wilderness activities which may include airboat safaris, 4WD safari drives, foot safaris or crocodile spotting river cruise.

*\* Maximum 12 Guests*

### About Richard I'Anson

*Richard I'Anson is a freelance photographer who has built a career on his twin passions for travel and photography. Over the past 36 years he has travelled the world, amassing a substantial and compelling collection of images of people and places.*



### Day 5: Bamarru Plains to Darwin (B)

Enjoy a bird-walk around the lodge spotting the honey eater, forest kingfisher, mistletoebird, blue winged kookaburra and the stunning rainbow bee-eater before heading out to Bamurru's brand new luxury bird hide. Raised six metres above the ground in the tree canopy overlooking the Mary River floodplain, the hide is the ultimate eyrie from which birdlife and other wildlife can be observed and captured undisturbed in their natural habitat. Transfer to the airstrip for your scenic flight from Bamurru Plains back to Darwin for the end of the tour.

*Image Credits: Richard I'Anson*







## Northern Territory

# TROPICAL BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

9 day Guided Journey

05 - 13 August 2022

Embark on our 9 Day 'Tropical Outback' Top End Bird Photography Tour. Photograph an array of colourful & unique northern Australian birds and wildlife in stunning natural landscapes. The tour takes in some of the Top End's most colourful & rewarding bird photography locations. You'll seek finches, parrots, pitta, bee-eater, raptors, cranes, stork, fairywrens, honeyeaters and more under expert guidance of award-winning guide Luke Paterson.

### Day 1: Darwin

Set off to photograph around coastal and monsoon forest reserves in Darwin. Photo targets include: Rufous Owl, Rainbow Pitta, Barking Owl, Lemon-bellied Flycatcher (Flyrobin), Australasian Figbird, Red-headed Honeyeater, Red-collared Lorikeet and Forest Kingfisher. **Darwin Hotel.**

### Day 2: Mary River

Travel Darwin to Mary River, via the Fogg Dam Wetland Conservation Reserve. Photo targets enroute include: Crimson finch, comb-crested jacana, australasian darter, rainbow bee-eater, arafura fantail, broad-billed flycatcher, whistling kite and intermediate egret. **Mary River Wilderness Retreat.**

### Day 3: Jabiru

3 hour private photographic sunrise cruise on Mary River wetlands. Travel to Kakadu National Park via South Alligator Region (Mamukala bird hide). Photo targets include: White-bellied sea-eagle, black-necked stork, azure kingfisher, magpie goose, purple (Australian) swamphen, black kite, shining flycatcher, striated heron, nankeen night-heron and wandering whistling duck. **Jabiru township.**

### Day 4: Kakadu

Explore Kakadu National Park's East Alligator region. Visit ancient aboriginal rock art sites, sandstone outcrops and monsoon forest for specialty birds, followed by South Alligator & Jabiru Regions. Targets include: Rainbow

pitta, sandstone shrike-thrush, rufous whistler, yellow oriole, bush stone-curlew & double-barred finch. **Jabiru township.**

### Day 5: Wetlands

Explore Ramsar-listed World Heritage wetlands in Kakadu National Park. Rise before dawn for a 3-hour private photographic sunrise cruise on the famous Yellow Water billabong in central Kakadu. Travel south through Kakadu before reaching our next destination Pine Creek, where parrots are plentiful. Targets include: Great bowerbird, plumed whistling duck, black bittern, great-billed heron, little kingfisher, royal spoonbill, red-collared lorikeet, red-winged parrot & hooded parrot. **Pine Creek.**

### Day 6: Nitmiluk National Park

Journey to Nitmiluk National Park where we will stake out a nearby waterhole in search for finches and parrots. We then continue driving through cattle-farming country to Victoria River Roadhouse. Targets include: Gouldian finch, australian bustard, banded honeyeater, northern rosella, apostlebird, grey-crowned babbler and purple-crowned fairywren. **Victoria River Roadhouse.**

### Day 7: Victoria River & Timber Creek

Exploration day of the Victoria River and Timber Creek region in search of inland finch and mannikin species – up to 10 species of grass finch! Targets include: Gouldian finch, pictorella mannikin (munia), striated pardalote, golden-headed cisticola, long-tailed

9 days from \$ 6,490<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Award-winning NT Bird Specialists guide
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
  - 8 nights accommodation
  - Meals as stated
- Transportation in luxury 4WD vehicle
  - 2 photography Cruises
  - All park fees
- Aboriginal Rock Art Site
- Spotting Scope, Binoculars and field guides to share

\* Maximum 7 Guests

### Specialist Guide - Luke Paterson

Luke Paterson is one of Australia's best bird guides and is based in Darwin.



finch, star finch, brown falcon, yellow-rumped mannikin (munia), budgerigar, buff-sided robin and purple-crowned fairywren. **Timber Creek outback township**

### Day 8: Pine Creek

We'll rise early to retarget any species we may have missed or want a second chance at photographing around the Timber Creek region, before returning through the Victoria River Region. We'll comb the river banks before returning to Pine Creek for endemic and wild parrot photography. Targets include: Purple-crowned fairywren, nankeen kestrel, red-backed kingfisher, gouldian finch, hooded parrot, pied butcherbird & little corella. **Pine Creek township**

### Day 9: Depart

After breakfast enjoy a leisurely morning before arriving in Darwin for the end of the this amazing bird photography tour.

Image Credits: Luke Paterson





# Northern Territory



## KAKADU, KATHERINE & LITCHFIELD SAFARI

### 5 day Guided Journey

This 5 day tour to Kakadu, Katherine and Litchfield starts and finishes in Darwin. See the wetlands, rock art and waterfalls of Kakadu, take part in a hands-on Aboriginal cultural experience, spend a full day in Litchfield and take a cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge (Katherine Gorge). This tour is accommodated in motel rooms, bush bungalows and station rooms. Tour operates during the dry season only (May-Sep)

#### Day 1: Darwin - Kakadu National Park (L)

Depart early from your Darwin hotel on your 4WD Safari to Kakadu, Katherine & Litchfield. Head along the Stuart highway & the Arnhem highway into the wetlands region arriving at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve. These wetlands are significant due to their natural eco-systems, great variety of fauna & birdlife.

Take a cultural tour at Pudukul, an Aboriginal owned family business giving you a chance to engage with local Aboriginal people, the environment and wildlife. Learn about basket weaving, dilly bag making, try spear throwing, blowing a didgeridoo, play the clapsticks and learn about local bush food and medicine.

After lunch, we make our way into World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park, the largest national park in Australia. It is home to some of the world's finest rock art and a variety of habitats, including floodplains and savannah woodlands. Travel to Ubirr, where we walk through galleries of ancient aboriginal rock art, learn about bushtuckers and bush medicines. Arrive at the plateau where you can relax and enjoy the view over the floodplains and the Arnhemland escarpment.

**Anbinik Resort**

#### Day 2: Kakadu National Park (BL)

Make our way to Nourlangie Rock, an ancient Aboriginal shelter, where we will explore the area and the rock art. Your guide will lead you on an interpretive walk around the site, followed by Nawalandja lookout. The hike to the lookout is rewarded by a magnificent view over the Arnhemland escarpment.

Next stop is Maguk (Barramundi Gorge and falls). Termite mounds are abundant along the dirt road that takes us to the Maguk car park where we start our walk through a paperbark forest to reach the gorge.

In the afternoon, board the sunset Yellow Waters wetlands cruise. Yellow Waters billabong is located at the end of Jim Jim Creek, a tributary of the South Alligator River. This is the largest river system in Kakadu and contains extensive wetlands, including river channels, floodplains and backwater swamps. About one third of Australia's bird species are represented in Kakadu. There are also plenty of crocodiles in their natural habitat, and buffalo on the floodplains. **Anbinik Resort**

#### Day 3: Katherine (BL)

Visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre for an insight into the cultural heritage of the park then travel to Gunlom (Waterfall Creek). After a scenic drive on an unsealed dirt road, we reach a large pool at the base of the falls. You also have the option to take the walk to the top of the falls where pristine rockpools and a spectacular view await you. Departing Kakadu through the southern entrance, we now head south to Katherine, with a stop en-route in historic Pine Creek. **Katherine Motel**

#### Day 4: Mt Bundy Station (BLD)

Start today with a cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, home to 13 spectacular gorges, carved out of the rock by torrential summer rains, over millions of years. During the 2 hr cruise, view beautiful scenery & discover the customs of the traditional owners, the Jawoyn people.

**5 days from \$ 3,100<sup>^</sup>**

#### INCLUSIONS

- Seat in 4WD vehicle, with professional driver guide
- Meals as stated
- 4 nights accommodation
- Sunset Yellow Waters Cruise
- Aboriginal cultural tour
- 2 hr cruise at Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge
- Kakadu National park entry fee

*\* Maximum 6 Guests*

*2021/2022 Departures:*

*Saturdays between May & September*

Departing Katherine, we head to Leilyn (Edith Falls). Leilyn is part of Nitmiluk National Park and is well known for its picturesque waterfalls and pools, particularly the large pool at the base of the escarpment which is great for a swim. We have a swim here and you also have the option of taking the Leliyn Trail – a walk that takes you across the top of the waterfall, where you can have a swim in the upper rockpools and get views of the waterfalls and Edith River from a couple of lookouts.

This evenings accommodation is at Mt Bundy Station. The station has an interesting history and is set in a picturesque bush setting, attracting a multitude of wildlife. There should be time this evening for a walk around the station, a swim in the pool or you can visit the station animals. **Mt Bundy Station**

#### Day 5: (BL) Litchfield - Darwin

Today is spent swimming and exploring beautiful Litchfield National Park. We view the amazing magnetic and cathedral termite mounds and can have a swim at Wangi Falls, Florence Falls and Buley Rockholes which are a series of small waterfalls that are a great place to simply sit and relax. There is also a lovely hike along the riverbank from Florence Falls to Buley Rockholes.

Mid-afternoon, we depart Litchfield and begin our drive back to Darwin, arriving in the evening for the end of the tour.







## Northern Territory

# ULTIMATE KAKADU AT BAMURRU PLAINS

## 4 day Ultimate Kakadu Experience

We invite you to immerse yourself in an extraordinary bush experience on the coastal floodplains of Australia's Top End. Bamurru Plains is a safari lodge with exclusive access to 300 km<sup>2</sup> of floodplains and savanna woodland on the Mary River, on the edge of Kakadu National Park. A profusion of bird and wildlife are at the doorstep of this unique bush experience that exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury' and brings a touch of style to the discovery of a remote and beautiful wilderness.

The true luxury of Bamurru Plains is its location. This beautiful wilderness region of over 300 square kilometres is shared by about 20 guests. The area is home to one of the largest crocodile populations in the world, and the annual migration of over one hundred thousand magpie geese is a sight to be seen. A stay at Bamurru is bound to inspire a greater awareness of Australia's unique and specialised environment. Watch as hundreds of birds take flight from around the infinity-edge pool, scan the shallows for big saltwater crocodiles as you skim across floodplains by airboat or slowly cruise the Sampan River watching for silver flashes of fish breaking the surface. On guided walks and game drives search for brumbies, buffalo, dingos and wallabies or pause to consider an intriguing reptile or the adaptations of a particular insect.

### Safari Bungalow

Spacious and cool, each of the nine safari bungalows are built on stilts overlooking the floodplains frequented by a myriad of bird and animal life. Mesh screens serve as your walls on three sides of your Safari Bungalow. Being surrounded by semi-transparent screens provides an experience in which you can hear, see and almost touch the wildlife and wilderness around you. The alarm clock in the morning is the call of magpie geese, after whom the camp is named, as the orange light of dawn spreads across the floodplain, all is audible and visible without having to leave your bed!

The focus is on a supremely comfortable bed (organic cotton linen, pillow menu) and a spacious ensuite bathroom with high pressure showers. In addition to corrugated iron and lantern lighting, the bungalow décor reflects the region's earlier indigenous, hunting and pastoral history with buffalo horns, explorer's maps, Aboriginal art work and fish traps as well as old photos providing a sense of the human heritage of the area. Each room has a cold water thermos, local flora and fauna reading materials and species list. You won't find a TV, CD player, mini bar or even mobile phone reception here – a true escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

### Kingfisher Suite:

Our largest safari bungalow is the Kingfisher Suite with expansive floodplain views through Bamurru's trademark ceiling to floor mesh walls. With 81m<sup>2</sup> space in the bedroom alone, the suite features a king size bed, generous lounge area and a bathroom with twin basins and showers. The décor of rustic chic timber and recycled corrugated walls is utterly in tune with the environment and pastoral heritage of the area. For maximum exposure (and only the local Agile Wallabies as company) the suite also offers a shower with full ceiling to floor views across the floodplain and surrounding paperbark forests.

## 4 days from \$2,970<sup>^</sup>

### • Safari Bungalow

01 May - 03 Jun 2021	\$3,710
01 July - 31 Aug 2021	\$4,008
01 Sep - 31 Oct 2021	\$2,970

### • Kingfisher Suite

01 May - 3 Jun 2021	\$4,755
01 Jul - 31 Aug 2021	\$5,158
01 Sep - 31 Oct 2021	\$3,755

- Under 18 sharing with two people from \$1,860 in "swag" bedding (bedroll mattress with sheets & pillow)
- Return air transfer can be added for \$850 pp

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 night accommodation in a Safari Bungalow or a Kingfisher Suite
- All meals and beverages (including selected alcohol items)
- Daily guided wilderness activities may include airboat safaris, open-top game drives, croc-spotting river cruises, wildlife viewing and walking tours.

*NB Some are optional & may incur extra cost*

\*\*\* In-room private dining is available as an included option in the Kingfisher Suite

*\* Minimum 2 Guests*





# Northern Territory



## THE TERRITORY EXPLORER

### 9 day Guided Journey - Ayers Rock to Darwin

The beautiful and stunning Red Centre of Australia is one of Australia's must-see destinations. This tour starts in Uluru and visits the iconic site set within Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park and surrounding areas of Kings Canyon then on to the famous outback town of Alice Springs. Then head to the Top End city of Darwin to discover this thriving tropical capital city and its awesome waterfront and incredible attractions.

#### Day 1: Arrive Uluru

On arrival at Uluru (Ayers Rock Airport), meet your driver and transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation. After settling in at your resort, meet your guide to commence your private Kata Tjuta tour. Travel to Kata Tjuta National Park where your guide will reveal the many attributes of this diverse environment. Arriving at Walpa Gorge you will walk between the mighty conglomerate domes and hear how these many domes that make up Kata Tjuta have evolved over millions of years. Stop at the viewing platform for views of Kata Tjuta & Uluru in the distance. *Sails in the Desert*

#### Day 2: Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park (B)

Meet your guide for an Uluru sunrise tour. Your guide will take you to a special location at the Talinguru Nyakuntjaku viewing area to watch the sun rise over this amazing monolith. Enjoy an outback picnic breakfast then walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. Drive around the base of Uluru to experience the Mala walk and learn more about the culture of the Anangu (local Aboriginal people). This evening, experience 'The Field of Light'. *Sails in the Desert*

#### Day 3: Day at Leisure (B)

Today is at leisure for optional touring. Or join us on a Kings Canyon Air Safari (optional tour \$890 pp - own expense). Depart on your 90 minute helicopter flight tour of Kings Canyon. This tour takes you across the vast desert, over the great salt lakes of Lake Amadeus and on to the majestic Kings Canyon. After completing the Kings Canyon tour, land at Kings Canyon Resort where you can take a walk up the creek bed, or alternatively you can just relax at the cafe with a cup of coffee, before returning to Yulara. *Sails in the Desert*

#### Day 4: Arrive Alice Springs (B)

Transfer by private vehicle to the airport for your onward flight (flight not included). On arrival in Alice Springs, transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation. Alice Springs, located in 'the Centre', is classic Australian Outback. This vast and stunning land of deserts and semi-arid plains offers a mixture of light and colour seen nowhere else on earth.

Meet your guide to start your half day tour of Alice Springs, including a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Base, the School of Air and the Telegraph Station. Your tour takes you to 'Anzac Hill' to enjoy spectacular views of 'the Alice' and surrounding MacDonnell Ranges. *Double Tree by Hilton Alice Springs*

#### Day 5: Alice Springs (BL)

Depart on a full day tour of the West MacDonnell Ranges. Start with a panoramic 360-degree view from the summit of Anzac Hill before travelling west alongside the rugged West MacDonnell Ranges followed by a visit to Rev. John Flynn's Grave (an Australian hero). Next experience the dramatic Simpsons Gap, followed by the majestic Stanley Chasm where you will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch. *Double Tree by Hilton Alice Springs*

#### Day 6: Darwin (B)

Transfer by private vehicle to Alice Springs Airport for your onward flight (flight not included). On arrival in Darwin, meet your driver and transfer to our hotel. Check in then enjoy the afternoon at leisure to discover Darwin and its waterfront. *Hilton Darwin*

9 days from \$ 5,850<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Airport welcome and transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle
- 8 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Selected activities as per itinerary

\* Minimum 2 Guests

#### Day 7: Tour of Darwin (B)

Meet your guide for a private sightseeing tour of Darwin. Your guide will point out significant landmarks such as the Chinese Temple and The Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), the Top End's premier cultural and artistic organisation. You will get to see the largest permanent display of Aboriginal artwork in Australia. Visit the George Brown Botanic Gardens which have survived numerous cyclones and the direct effects of World War Two. Not only will you have the chance to see some unique and exotic plants but even some local wildlife.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Darwin Tourist Facility, brings together two iconic elements of the Territory: the RFDS, which began operations in the NT with the opening of its Alice Springs Base in 1939, and the bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942 – the largest single attack ever mounted by a foreign power on Australia. *Hilton Darwin*

#### Day 8: Day at Leisure (B)

Today has been left free for you to explore Darwin at your leisure, perhaps a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and some last minute shopping for territory treasures. *Hilton Darwin*

#### Day 9: Darwin (B)

Transfer by private vehicle to Darwin Airport for your onward flight (flight not included).

Contact us for details on an Optional extension to Kakadu, a trip on the famous Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide or join one of our Darwin to Broome Kimberley Safaris.







## Northern Territory

# THE ULURU EXPERIENCE

## 4 day Guided Journey

The World Heritage listed Uluru, one of Australia's most iconic sites, is in the heart of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This experience allows you the chance to view this incredible spectacle by air and by foot as well as discovering the folklore, spirituality and local indigenous culture. Enjoy a helicopter flight, the Sounds of Silence experience, an Uluru sunrise and sunset and the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre to learn about Tjukurpa and the traditional Anangu people.

### Day 1: Arrive Uluru

On arrival at Uluru (Ayers Rock airport) you will be met and transferred to Sails in the Desert for 3 nights accommodation including breakfast daily. In the heart of Australia's Red Centre, this beautiful hotel contrasts Uluru's raw natural beauty with a decidedly premium outback holiday experience.

This hotel features an expansive gumtree lined swimming pool and a diversity of modern dining, bar and lounge options. Relax and feast in the brasserie-style Ilkari Restaurant or let time tick by as you enjoy cocktails, music and Indigenous-inspired cuisine in the Walpa Lobby Bar, or curl up on one of the daybeds & enjoy a casual lunch by the pool.

In a destination where one of the world's oldest cultures still thrives, the mystery, colour and wisdom of the local Anangu people is interwoven into every facet of Sails in the Desert's modern design. Afternoon at leisure.

### *Sails in the Desert*

### Day 2: Helicopter View, Base Tour & Sunset (B)

To fully appreciate the vast desert landscape and natural wonder of Uluru, you need to experience it from the air. Take to the skies to witness the awesome spectacle of this iconic monolith.

Get up close, witnessing 360° views of Uluru before witnessing the scale and size of Kata Tjuta which only becomes apparent while gliding over the group of 36 conglomerate rock domes. The highest of which stands 198 metres taller than Uluru and spreads 36 km<sup>2</sup>.

Return to the resort to relax. In the afternoon, travel around the base of Uluru in the comfort of your vehicle as your guide tells you about the numerous sacred sites found at Uluru.

Continue to the Kuniya Walk where your guide will escort you to the beautiful Mutitjulu Waterhole. View Aboriginal rock paintings and learn about the area as your guide points out native flora & explains the Aboriginal and European history of Uluru. Visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre, where you can learn about Aboriginal culture and see Aboriginal arts & crafts. Afterwards, travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area to witness the striking colour changes while enjoying nibbles and a glass of wine. *Sails in the Desert*

### Day 3: Uluru Sunrise, Kata Tjuta, Sound of Silence and Field of Lights

Rise early to travel to the sunrise viewing area, Talinguru Nyakunytjaku, in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee as you watch the changing colours of Uluru as the outback awakens to the first sunlight of the day.

Travel to the mystical 36 domes of Kata Tjuta and admire panoramic views of the southern side before arriving at the base of Walpa Gorge. Explore the gorge and its unusual conglomerate rock formations before following a walking trail through Walpa Gorge.

Return to the resort to prepare for an exclusive dining experience combining the award-winning 'Sounds of Silence' dinner under the outback sky with the once-in-a-lifetime Field of Light art installation.

4 days from \$ 1,590<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation
- Return airport transfers
  - 2 x Breakfast
- 25 minute Helicopter flight
- Uluru Base & Sunset tour
- Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta tour excluding breakfast
- Sound of Silence with Field of Lights

*\* Minimum 2 Guests - price based on low season (seasonal rates apply).*

As the sun sets on the horizon to the music of a didgeridoo, enjoy gourmet canapes and chilled sparkling wine. As darkness falls and the coloured lights of the 50,000 glass spheres gently come to life, join your table of fellow travellers for an exceptional three-course menu infused with bush tucker flavours.

As the night ignites with countless stars, settle back and listen to our resident star talker decode the southern night sky. Your host will provide insights to the art installation that awaits you, before you're invited to immerse yourself in the Field of Light, its pathways glistening softly with rhythms of coloured light, beckoning you to explore. *Sails in the Desert*

### Day 4: Depart (B)

Check out and transfer to the airport for departure flight.

Free Touring options available during your stay:

- Bush Food Experience
  - Bush Yarns
- Capturing the Cosmos
- Guided Garden Walks
- Didgeridoo Workshop

*We can tailor-make a tour to suit your requirements. We work with all hotels in the area and variety of touring options.*





## Northern Territory



# WILD KAKADU NATURE & LANDSCAPE PHOTO TOUR

5 day Escorted Tour - Darwin to Darwin

Hosted by Jay Collier & Luke Paterson

04 - 08 September 2021

*\*Expressions of Interest for Jul/Aug/Sep 2022\**

Join this exclusive photographic expedition through the heart of Crocodile Dundee Country. Enjoy 5 days of wildlife & landscape photography in Kakadu and Arnhem Land in the NT! This exclusive itinerary is designed to capture incredible images under the expert guidance/tuition of professional photographer Jay Collier from the Photographers Collective and award-winning specialist guide Luke Paterson. A once in a lifetime experience!

### Days 1-2: Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Depart Darwin and head east on this exceptional wildlife & landscape photography immersion in Kakadu and Arnhem Land. Enjoy capturing incredible images while learning under expert guidance/tuition from professional photographer Jay Collier from the Photographers Collective.

Warm up with a private dawn birding photography cruise on a two-level houseboat at Corroboree Billabong, led by award-winning specialist wildlife/naturalist guide Luke Paterson.

Stay at an exclusive aboriginal-owned safari camp accommodation in Kakadu's northern reaches, home to Bunitj traditional owners. The camp allows us to have epic daily encounters with birds, wildlife, private rock art sites and 360 degree panoramic landscapes of the Arnhem Land escarpments and surrounding floodplain region.

### Day 3: Arnhem Land (BLD)

Today you will go on a private day trip into Arnhem Land. This trip offers stunning and authentic insights into ancient living aboriginal cultures at the community art centre, private access to rock art sites and timeless expanses of wilderness to photograph in the golden light.

An aboriginal-owned cultural cruise along the freshwater reaches of the East Alligator River reveals traditional knowledge & stories from local kunwinjku-speaking aboriginal guides, Saltwater Crocodiles on mass and 1.8-billion-year old sandstone river country. Take the opportunity to capture this epic world heritage site from above during an optional chartered aerial photography helicopter session over drying floodplains and coastline (Optional - from \$699 pp - own expense).

### Day 4: Kakadu Cruise (BLD)

Rest your body and expand your mind during regular photographic tutorials with Jay Collier to refine your skills and try new techniques before the next shoot. Top off this incredible photographic journey with a privately chartered 3-hour bird and wildlife photography cruise led by specialist guide Luke Paterson on the infamous wetland of Yellow Water Billabong in the heart of Kakadu.

### Day 5: Depart Kakadu (B)

We wind down our photographic expedition with a morning bird photography shoot in the South Alligator region before our return journey to Darwin. Enjoy a final photoshoot at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens before dropping you at your hotel and bidding farewell.

5 days from \$ 4,380^

Single Supplement from \$699^

Optional Helicopter - \$699^

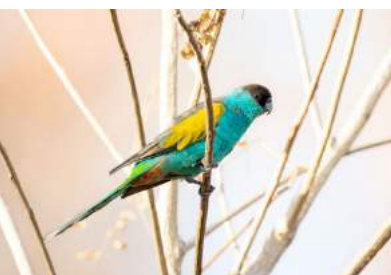
### INCLUSIONS

- Learn from professional Photographer's Collective leader Jay Collier
  - Led by award-winning specialist guide Luke Paterson
- Any brand camera gear welcome
- 3 x Private photographic wildlife cruises
  - Birds and wildlife up close
- Private Arnhem Land tour and art centre
  - Private Aboriginal rock art sites
  - Optional helicopter photoshoots and landscape photography

*\* Maximum 14 Guests. Price based on 2021 departure and subject to change for 2022*



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# Western Australia







## KIMBERLEY TO KAKADU ESCAPE

For the 'Over 45  
Adventure Traveller'

**18 day Escorted Small Group - Broome to Darwin**  
**06 - 23 September 2021**

Join us on this Escorted Camping Safari aimed at the 'Over 45 Adventure Traveller'. A reasonable level of fitness is required to hike into the spectacular gorges & other places we visit. The weather averages 28-32° daily and guests need to be capable of walking up to 5km through bushland and over uneven ground in the Kimberley. Highlights include: Windjana Gorge, Manning Falls, El Questro Station, Mitchells Falls, Kununurra, Bungle Bungle, Fitzroy Crossing, Darwin & Kakadu National Park. Hotel accommodation is used in Broome & Darwin plus adventure camping in swags in permanent camps in the Kimberley region with some glamping in Kakadu. If you're up for an adventure of a lifetime with like-minded travellers this is the safari for you!

### Day 1-2: Broome

On arrival in Broome you are met & transferred to your accommodation. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Broome. *Seashells Broome*

### Day 3: Windjana Gorge

Begin our 12 Day Guided Camping Safari. Visit the historic Boab Prison Tree then embark along the scenic Gibb River Road to arrive at our first campsite. Then experience a 750m cave walk through Tunnel Creek before sunset at Windjana Gorge for amazing photo opportunities. *Windjana Gorge*

### Days 4-5: Mt Barnett Station/Manning Falls

Explore the ancient Devonian reef system that is Windjana Gorge. Enjoy viewing freshwater crocodiles & birdlife. Follow the Gibb River Road to the rugged King Leopold Range & into cattle country. Walk into breathtaking Bell Gorge for a swim. Arrive at Mt Barnett Station. Day 5 includes a walk into Manning Gorge to see ancient Aboriginal rock art & swim in clear pools near the Manning Falls. Enjoy a pleasant stroll into Galvan's Gorge. *Mt Barnett Station (2 nts)*

### Day 6: Home Valley Station

Continue along Gibb River Road to Home Valley Station. Along the way visit the Gibb River, Durack River and Aboriginal art. Take in the awesome view of the Cockburn Ranges before arriving at Home Valley Station, a beautiful 'oasis' in the outback. *Home Valley Station*

### Days 7-8: El Questro Station & Gorge

Make our way along Gibb River Road to the famous El Questro Station. Cross the Pentecost

River and explore the stunning Emma Gorge.

Relax and explore the iconic El Questro township or enjoy the optional Champagne Chamberlain Cruise. On Day 8 soak your body in thermal, crystal clear water at Zebedee Hot Springs and explore the natural beauty of the El Questro Gorge. *El Questro Station (2 nts)*

### Days 9-10: Kununurra (Optional Mitchell Falls Scenic Flight or Kalumburu Activity)

Enjoy a relaxed morning then depart El Questro on a short drive to Kununurra, a unique town developed around the Ord River Scheme, Diversion Dam & agriculture. Take a walk into town and visit local art galleries. Optional (own expense). Alternately, take a scenic flight to explore Mitchell Falls or discover Kalumburu Indigenous Community revealing ancient Indigenous art and experiences. Enjoy time to relax and explore the area. *Kununurra*

### Days 11-12: Purnululu National Park & The Bungle Bungles

Travel to the World Heritage Listed, Purnululu National Park. You may consider taking a 'once in a lifetime' experience of an optional helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles (own expense). The track into Purnululu National Park is for 4WD only. Our slow but scenic trip is the perfect approach to the wonder of the Bungle Bungles. The Domes Walk, Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm are on the 'list'. We are in the midst of the Bungle Bungles and there is almost too much to see and do. *Bungle Bungle Station (2 nts)*

**18 days from \$ 5,950<sup>^</sup>**

### INCLUSIONS

- Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle
  - 3 nights Broome Hotel accommodation
  - 1 night Darwin Hotel accommodation
  - 11 nights tent & swag camping in Kimberley
  - 2 nights Glamping in Kakadu • All meals, snacks, water on Kimberley safari
  - Fully guided walks • National Park entry fees
  - Safari and cruise in Kakadu
  - Swag: mattress, sleeping bag, pillow on safari
- \* Maximum 16 Guests - NB: Excludes all flights*

### Day 13: Fitzroy Crossing

Head south through some more incredible Kimberley landscapes. Travel to Halls Creek and a visit to the China Wall. Enjoy your final night camped by a billabong at an exclusive campsite. Sleep under a billion stars and to the sounds of the outback. *Fitzroy Crossing.*

### Day 14: Broome

Start with a scenic river cruise exploring Geike Gorge. View spectacular multi-coloured 30m high cliffs carved by the floodwaters of the Fitzroy River through the Devonian fossil reef before arriving in Broome. *Seashells Broome.*

### Day 15 : Darwin

Board our flight to Darwin (not included). On arrival transfer to your hotel. *The Oaks Darwin*

### Days 16-17: Kakadu National Park

Depart by road along the Arnhem Highway to Kakadu National Park for 2 nights Glamping at Cooinda Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon cruise on the Yellow Water Billabong. Our local guide will spot saltwater crocodiles and birdlife. Day 17, take an exclusive off-road adventure to visit the waterfalls, swimming holes & escarpments of Kakadu. Spend the day exploring some Kakadu highlights on a guided 4WD tour. Visit sites such as Motorcar Falls, Ikoyammarwa Rock Pool, Boulder Creek, Gubara Rock Pools, Gunlom Falls & Maguk Gorge. *Cooinda Lodge - 2 nts Glamping*

### Day 18: Darwin

Optional early morning cruise (own expense) before heading to Darwin for end of the tour.







# NULLARBOR & EYRE PENINSULA SAFARI

9 day Guided Journey - Perth to Port Lincoln  
18 - 26 March 2021

This accommodated Nullarbor tour also explores the Eyre Peninsula and the southern part of Western Australia, including Denmark, Albany, Esperance, Margaret River and Cape Le Grande National Park before crossing the border for views of the Great Australian Bight, the Eyre Peninsula and Port Lincoln.

## Day 1: Perth - Pemberton

Depart Perth for the renowned wine region of Margaret River in the south west corner of WA. Enjoy time at leisure to meander around the shops, galleries and cafes. Continue to Pemberton and the Gloucester Tree, which is one of only 3 remaining tall Karri trees that were made into lookouts during the 1930-40's. Visitors can climb up to see views of the Karri forest. *Pemberton Motel*

## Day 2: Albany (L)

Drive along the south coast to Walpole-Nornalup N.P. home to tingle forests. Take the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk, featuring a stunning walkway 40m above ground in the tingle forest canopy. Enroute to Denmark, stop at a lovely beach called Greens Pool then walk to Elephant Rocks, which look exactly like a herd of elephants, paddling in the shallow waters. Arrive in Albany and view the full scale replica of the Brig Amity, which brought the first settlers and convicts into Albany in 1826. *Albany Motel*

## Day 3: Esperance (LD)

Today we drive to Esperance enjoying views along the scenic drive including Rotary Lookout, Twilight Beach, Observatory Point, the Wind Farm & Pink Lake. *Esperance Motel*

## Day 4: Cape Le Grand N.P. (BL)

Make our way to Cape Le Grand, one of WA's most spectacular National Parks. The scenery ranges from wild coastal scenery, stunning beaches and rugged granite peaks to sweeping heathlands, which are home to a range of animals and flowers. Visit the

beautiful Le Grand Beach then move to Thistle Cove and Lucky Bay, famed for being some of the most beautiful beaches. Leaving the park, join the Eyre Highway to Balladonia, a thriving wool producing area which made worldwide headlines in 1979 when pieces of a wayward NASA space station landed around the grounds of the hotel. *Balladonia Motel*

## Day 5: Nullarbor Plain (L)

Travel east along the Nullarbor Plain, the world's largest semi-arid cave landscape. Most of the park's landscape is flat except where the surface has collapsed into sinkholes. We come to the longest straight stretch of road in Australia, which is 146.6km and takes us to Caiguna. Pass through Madura and Mundrabilla, stopping en-route at the Madura Pass Lookout, for sweeping views of Madura Pass & Roe Plains. Visit the ruins of the Eucla telegraph station, which is being swallowed up by the Delisser sand dunes. *Eucla Motel*

## Day 6: Great Australian Bight (L)

Cross the border into South Australia and travel along the Great Australian Bight National Marine Park, linking the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The Head of Bight is a significant breeding and calving area for the endangered Southern Right Whale. We drive to the ruins of Koonalda Homestead, one of a number of important way stations along the old road. After a look around the ruins, we drive north to Heritage listed Koonalda Cave, a huge sinkhole with a cave and underground stream system at the bottom, an important site to the local Aboriginal people. Continue

9 days from \$ 4,295<sup>^</sup>

## INCLUSIONS

- Transport in 4WD vehicle with professional driver guide
- Meals as per itinerary
- 8 nights accommodation
- Entry fees and permits
- Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk

\* Maximum 15 Guests

to the Nullarbor Hotel and visit the nearby Murrawinjinnie caves, a group of 3 caves. At the Head of Bight, we stop to view the sheer Bunda Cliffs, where Australia dramatically drops into the ocean. *Nullarbor Motel*

## Day 7: Eyre Peninsula (L)

Travel through Penong, with dozens of windmills scattered around the town and continue east to Ceduna, the major regional centre of the Eyre Peninsula. Stop in Ceduna, then continue to our motel. *Motel Cabin*

## Day 8: Port Lincoln (LD)

Depart Streaky Bay to nearby Point Labatt, where a high cliff top lookout allows us to view a sea-lion colony 50m below. We also visit Murphys Haystacks, which are made up of pink Hiltaba granite. Drive to Talia Beach and Talia Caves, which feature honeycombed ceilings and dark crevices with blowholes nearby. *Port Lincoln Hotel*

## Day 9: Port Lincoln - Depart (BL)

Explore the Port Lincoln region. First stop is Winter Hill Lookout for views of Boston Bay, Port Lincoln city, Lincoln NP and more. Then head south to the entrance of the "Whalers Way", which takes us to the very tip of Eyre Peninsula. Stop at Cape Wiles, a 100m high cliff face above the swirling sea. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Lincoln National Park with the opportunity to enjoy a range of walks along the coastline. In the late afternoon you will be dropped off at your Port Lincoln accommodation (not included) or at the Port Lincoln Airport for your flight to Adelaide.







## WILDFLOWERS PHOTOGRAPHY SAFARI

13 day Guided Journey • 18 - 30 August 2021

West Australia is home to one of the largest collections of wildflowers on earth. Join this small group departure to view these colourful sites, world famous wreath flowers, beautiful lilies, spectacular orchids and so many more species.

### Day 1: Arrive Perth (D)

Day is at leisure until dinner where your guide will run through the itinerary with the group for days ahead. *The Ingot Hotel.*

### Day 2: The Pinnacles (BLD)

Depart early to begin our Wildflowers Photo tour. The wildflower collection in WA is the largest on earth. First stop is the town of Moora situated on the banks of the Moore River in the Wheatbelt Region, renowned for its incredibly diverse bushland that becomes ablaze with colourful wildflowers during winter & spring. In the afternoon visit the town of Cervantes, gateway to the Pinnacles Desert & Nambung NP. *Cervantes Motel*

### Day 3: Lesueur National Park (BLD)

Stop today at Lesueur National Park, home to over 900 plant species. This biodiversity hotspot ranks as one of the most important reserves for flora conservation in WA. The park is home to a variety of fauna including 122 species of birds, 15 species of mammals & 52 species of reptile. Next stop is Alexander Morrison Nat. Park, known for diversity of endemic wildflowers. *Cervantes Motel*

### Day 4: Carnamah & Coorow (BLD)

Take the Carnamah-Eneabba Wildflower Drive, which provides spectacular wildflower displays. Turn off into Tathra National Park, in the local Nyangar peoples' language meaning "beautiful place." This open sandy country contains over 2600 species of plants and over 70% of the species in southern WA. Continue to historic Carnamah to view the Carnamah Bell, an endangered wildflower. Then onto Coorow via the Coorow farm wildflower trail. Our final stop is Three Springs, known for its old style wheat silos. *Cervantes Motel*

### Day 5: Coalseam Conservation Park (BLD)

Travel to the town of Mingenew, where we can take the Mingenew Wildflower Walk. Next is the rugged reserve of Depot Hill, a 12km drive to Mingenew then Coalseam Conservation Park, known for its carpets of native pink and white everlastings and yellow pom pom wildflowers. The park has remnants of its mining history and many marine fossils embedded in the riverbank & limestone cliffs. Coalseam Conservation Park is best known for its display of wildflowers. *Dongara Motel.*

### Day 6: Geraldton (B)

Drive to Geraldton. Stop to photograph the leaning trees of Greenough, Eucalyptus Camaldulensis or Red River. It is only on the windswept Greenough Flats that the tree develops its leaning shape. Reach Geraldton for lunch. *Ocean Centre Hotel, Geraldton.*

### Day 7: Kalbarri National Park (BLD)

Stop at the heritage-listed Oakabella Homestead for a visit then onto Port Gregory & nearby Lynton townsites, a historic settlement built by convicts in the mid-19th century. Depart to Kalbarri National Park visiting Island Rock & the Natural Arch. Look for wildflowers on the coastal cliffs. *Kalbarri Edge Resort.*

### Day 8: Murchison River Cruise (BLD)

Explore the inland gorges of Kalbarri Nat. Park including Murchison River Gorges. Visit one of WA's most iconic attractions, Nature's Window which is a must-snap photograph. Enjoy time in the Kalbarri then take a 2.5 hr sunset cruise on the Murchison River. *Kalbarri Edge Resort.*

### Day 9: Mullewa (BLD)

Depart Kalbarri for Mullewa, one of the few places in the world that the wreath flower

13 days from \$ 6,245<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 24 seat 6WD vehicle with driver guide
- Andrew Goodall as your host & photo guide
- 12 nights accommodation
- Most Meals as stated
  - Park entry fees
- Private Kalbarri NP cruise

\* Maximum 16 Guests

grows. Take the Wildflower Walk, a 2.8km circuit through bush land known for stunning wildflower displays. *Mullewa Railway Hotel*

### Day 10: Dalwallinu (BLD)

Continue south to Morawa, known as the Heart of the Wildflowers and a prolific area for native flowering plants. Continue to Dalwallinu with stops in Perenjori, Wubin Rocks and Buntine Rock enroute which provides views of several types of Orchids, Wattles & Melaleucas. *The Old Convent Dalwallinu*

### Day 11: York (BLD)

Spend today in the Wongan Hills then onto Gathercole Nature Reserve which offers a short walk to some fascinating sculptured rocks. The 2.5km Christmas Rock Walk is on the outskirts of town. Wander along the rock wall used to divert water to the town dam, listen to the birds and see the colourful wildflowers. *The York Palace Hotel & Terraces*

### Day 12: John Forrest National Park (BLD)

Walk to the York Bushland Garden, which is run by the local Branch of the Wildflower Society before beginning our drive back to Perth calling in at John Forrest Nat. Park en-route, the 1st national park in WA. Access Hovea Falls by strolling about 800m east of the main picnic area while National Park Falls is 700m along the John Forrest Heritage Trail. Drive into Perth and head back to our accommodation for our final group dinner together. *The Ingot Hotel.*

### Day 13: Depart (B)

After check out, take the free shuttle service to Perth Airport for your onward flight.

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# THE PILBARA 4WD SAFARI

7 day Guided Journey  
06 - 12 August 2021

This 7 day 4WD tour from Karratha visits Tom Price, Karijini National Park, Kalamina Gorge, Hancock Gorge, Karratha, Port Hedland and more. Learn about the local mining towns, hike through spectacular gorges and swim in stunning waterholes. This tour departure is operated during the dry season.

## Day 1: Karratha (D)

On arrival in Karratha, make your way to our hotel. In the evening meet at the hotel where your driver guide will run through the itinerary for the next 6 days. *Karratha International Hotel*

## Day 2: Tom Price (BLD)

Depart Karratha to begin our 4WD tour through the Pilbara. Spend today in Millstream-Chichester National Park, an oasis of deep gorges and palm-fringed rock pools. Take a walk to the top of Mt Herbert, where we are treated to a splendid view of the savannah lands, including Pyramid, Sherlock and Warambie stations. Depart the park for Tom Price, the highest town in WA at 747m above sea level. *Tom Price Hotel Motel*

## Day 3: Karijini National Park (BLD)

Take a guided tour to the Rio Tinto Iron Ore Mine site, one of the world's largest open cut iron mines. The tour will take you into the heart of the mine site operation and includes viewing of the Haul Truck workshop area, a visit of the main pit area, view working trucks, shovels and drills, the crushing and screening plants and the train load out area. After the tour, continue to Karijini National Park, WA's 2nd largest National Park. A variety of ecosystems and a range of wildlife, birds, native rodents & marsupial carnivores are represented in the park. Stop at Hamersley gorge, where we'll find amazing coloured banded iron formations then onto our retreat. *Karijini Eco Retreat*

## Day 4: Kalamina Gorge (BLD)

We travel to the western side of the park today to Dales Gorge, through to Fortescue Falls, Fern Pool and Circular Pool. Enjoy a refreshing swim in the spring-fed permanent falls of Fortescue Falls, ramble along the gorge floor to the lovely fern framed Fern Pool and visit the hidden gardens of Circular Pool. In the afternoon we take a walk through Kalamina Gorge, one of the most picturesque sites in Karijini. A short walk takes you down a steep track to the base of the gorge to a small permanent pool, complete with waterfall and draping ferns. *Karijini Eco Retreat*

## Day 5: Hancock Gorge (BLD)

This morning is spent exploring Handrail Pool, which is reached by walking through Lower Weano Gorge. We also enjoy the scenery at Junction Pool and Oxer Lookout, located at the junction of four mighty gorges and offering one of the most stunning panoramas in WA. This afternoon we explore Hancock Gorge, where we climb down a ladder and walk deep into the gorge through narrow chambers and to beautiful rock pools for a swim. Finish the day at Knox Lookout, where we'll take the steps down to admire the view. *Karijini Eco Retreat*

## Day 6: Port Hedland (BLD)

We depart Karijini this morning and drive north to the mining town of Port Headland, one of the largest and busiest iron ore ports in the world. We'll arrive mid-afternoon and after checking into the hotel, it's time to

7 days from \$ 3,765<sup>^</sup>

## INCLUSIONS

- Seat in luxury 6WD tour coach, with professional driver guide
- All meals and some snacks
- 6 nights tour accommodation
- Entry fees to National Parks
- Guided Mine Tour to Rio Tinto Iron Ore Mine
- Private 1 hour harbour cruise

*\* Maximum 15 Guests*

jump on our private harbour cruise, operated by the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre. This tour consists of a quick presentation at the Seafarers Centre, followed by a lap around the harbour in one of the working Seafarers Launch Service boats. You will be accompanied by an informative member of the Seafarers Centre Staff who will provide commentary and answer any of your questions, while picking up seafarers wishing to come back to the Seafarers Centre. Tonight we have our final group dinner and say farewell to our new friends. *Port Hedland Hotel*

## Day 7: Port Hedland - Departure (B)

Your tour finishes after breakfast. Please make your way to Port Hedland Airport for your onward flight.

**NOTE:** *Itinerary is subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions. To access the gorges in Karijini, we have to walk up and down rock steps (mainly without railings and often uneven) and while in the gorges, there will be some stepping between rocks.*

*We have plenty of time to do these activities and hiking poles can be brought along with you if needed. Some great photos can be taken from the lookouts (the colours are incredible) and Fern Pool/ Fortescue Falls and Kalamina Gorge are relatively easy walks but to access the other gorges, we recommend reasonable mobility and fitness.*







## KIMBERLEY 4WD SAFARI BROOME TO DARWIN

10 day Guided Journey • 09 - 18 July 2021

Tour from Broome to Darwin through the rugged Kimberley region, including the Bungle Bungles, the Lake Argyle cruise, El Questro, Tunnel Creek, Windjana Gorge as well as Edith Falls and Nitmiluk Gorge in the Northern Territory. Tour includes a Horizontal Falls tour including a seaplane flight and fast boat ride through the falls. This tour is a mix of fixed safari camps and accommodation. Tour starts in Broome, ends in Darwin and operates during the dry season only (May-Sep).

### Day 1: Horizontal Falls (BL)

Depart early for a morning tour to the Horizontal Falls. Board a seaplane at Broome Airport, so you can enjoy low level flying over the amazing islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before your seaplane lands safely in the calm waters of Talbot Bay right near the Horizontal Falls. Enjoy a thrilling ride on the fastest boat in the Kimberley through the waterfalls, followed by a laid-back island cruise. Return to a luxury houseboat for breakfast. Return to Broome on the seaplane to complete your memorable Horizontal Falls seaplane adventure. Your guide will now collect you to begin your 10 day 4WD Kimberley safari. This afternoon you'll travel to Derby. *Derby Motel*

### Day 2: Windjana Gorge (LD)

Head to Windjana Gorge, where we can take a walk into the gorge, part of an ancient Devonian reef system. View the fossilised reef system and freshwater crocodiles can often be seen on the river banks. Explore Tunnel Creek, a 750m long limestone tunnel in the Napier Range, carved into the rock over thousands of years. *Fitzroy River Lodge*

### Days 3-4: Bungle Bungles (BLD)

Take a boat cruise through Geike Gorge, where flood waters of the Fitzroy River have carved the 30m Gorge. Continue to Halls Creek then turn off to the Bungle Bungles. Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles) is famous for the ancient range of unusual beehive-shaped domes, gorges and chasms

over 350 million years old. The section of road into the park is quite challenging and will give you a real sense of off-road adventure. Next day spent in the Bungle Bungles. First stop is Cathedral Gorge, a huge natural amphitheatre, with fantastic acoustics. Walk to Piccininny Lookout followed by the "Domes trail walk". This afternoon walk into Echidna Chasm, a narrow gorge of conglomerate rock. *Cabin in the Bungle Bungles (2 nts).*

### Day 5: El Questro (BL)

Travel to Emma Gorge, part of El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size. Take a walk to the beautiful Emma Gorge and waterfall. *El Questro Station*

### Days 6-7: Kununurra (BL)

Start today with a dip at the Zebedee Springs thermal pools. Visit the beautiful Parrys Lagoon, which offers excellent bird watching in the comfort of the purpose built bird hide or from the walkways. Arrive in Kununurra. Next day go on a full day tour to Mitchell Falls, with a scenic flight, 4WD transfers, hiking, helicopter and scenic flight back to Kununurra. Arrive at the spectacular Punamii-unpuu (Mitchell Falls) at around midday, for your picnic lunch. Explore the escarpment and swim in the upstream (crocodile free) waterholes. *Kununurra Motel (2 nts)*

### Day 8: Lake Argyle (BL)

Depart for Lake Argyle, Australia's largest man-made lake. Take a 3 hour cruise on Lake Argyle, with great scenery & unique wildlife. The cruise meanders across the northern

10 days from \$ 8,695<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in 6WD vehicle with driver guide
- Most meals, as stated
- Accommodation as listed
- Horizontal Falls seaplane adventure
- Entry fees & El Questro Wilderness pass
  - Lake Argyle cruise
- Mitchell Falls including your scenic flight, 4WD transfers, hiking & helicopter flight
  - Geike Gorge cruise
- Nitmiluk Gorge dinner cruise
- Cultural experience in Katherine

\* Maximum 15 Guests

reaches of Lake Argyle exploring the many bays and inlets that make this immense body of water so unique. Stop at a remote island beach for a swim while the crew prepare your lunch. On return to the boat ramp, the Lake Argyle tour will continue with a 20 minute bus tour of the Main Ord Dam site for a closer look at the dam wall, hydro power station and irrigation outlet valves and down into the spectacular Ord River Gorge. *Lake Argyle Resort*

### Day 9: Nitmiluk Gorge (BL)

Passing through the border into the Northern Territory, we travel through Timber Creek and Gregory National Park. Stop to view the Victoria River, one of the largest tidal influenced rivers in the Territory. This evening is at Nitmiluk Gorge, home to 13 spectacular gorges, carved out of the rock by torrential summer rains, over millions of years. Enjoy an evening cruise through the gorge, discovering the customs of the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people. *Katherine Motel*

### Day 10: Darwin (BL)

Enjoy a hands on cultural experience at Top Dj Art Gallery. Experience your own Rarrk painting with resident artist and the chance to join in one of the traditional hunting activities (firelighting, spear throwing etc.). After lunch, we call into Leilyn (Edith Falls), part of Nitmiluk National Park, known for it's waterfalls & pools before arriving in Darwin.







## Western Australia

# THE ULTIMATE KIMBERLEY EXPERIENCE

## 8 day Guided Journey - Kununurra to Kununurra

Enjoy a relaxed pace Kimberley experience visiting El Questro Station, the Bungle Bungles, Argyle Diamond Mine, Lake Argyle, and Mitchell Falls. Your accommodation offers a touch of wilderness luxury. Highlights include a scenic helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles and scenic flight over the amazing Argyle Diamond Mine to view these sights from above.

### Days 1-2: El Questro (B)

This morning you will be collected from Kununurra for a road transfer to El Questro for 2 nights at El Questro station. Afternoon at leisure to relax by the pool or enjoy the many activities available to you. Staying at El Questro has something for everyone to complement their Kimberley experience. Located on the Pentecost River beside a peaceful water hole, El Questro The Station offers well-appointed rooms with Queen size beds and modern bathrooms. Days are at leisure to enjoy the many activities on offer. *El Questro Station (2 nts)*

### Day 3: Purnululu National Park (BLD)

Pickup from El Questro airport for Bungles Scenic flight, landing at the Bungles by 8:30am for a full day walking tour. Morning tea, picnic lunch and afternoon nibbles and drinks provided. Dinner at Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge. The Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge is located in the heart of Purnululu National Park. The Lodge offers convenient access to the stunning beehive domes of the Bungle Bungle Range, and the breathtaking beauty of Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and Mini Palms Gorge. Set in an idyllic bush setting giving you the opportunity to relax and appreciate the park's tranquil beauty. The Superior ensuite safari tents are strategically placed near the main lodge facilities, yet still offer privacy. The Superior safari tents feature King or twin beds and private facilities. Enjoy relaxing around the camp fire in the evenings. *Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge.*

### Day 4: Bungles Day Trek (BD)

Enjoy breakfast at the Wilderness Lodge followed by a 30min scenic helicopter flight over the Bungles range. Your guide will then take you on a 4WD and walking tour through mini palms gorge and Echidna Chasm. Arrive back at your lodge for dinner & yarns around the fire. *Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge.*

### Days 5-6: Argyle Diamond Mine and Lake Argyle Cruise (BLD)

Enjoy your morning at your accommodation before your guide picks you up to take a scenic flight landing at Argyle Diamond Mine. Your Luridgii Tours custodian guide will take you on an informative mine tour of the home to the infamous pink diamond before joining a stunning sunset boat tour from South to North of Lake Argyle at sunset. Enjoy fossicking for zebra rocks on an island, a sunset swim and a glass of champagne.

Transfer by bus back to your accommodation from Lake Argyle Village. Kununurra Country Club Resort is located in the town centre, just 1.9 mi from the Kununurra Airport. Onsite facilities include a swimming pool, entertainment deck patios and free onsite parking. Guests can enjoy a drink or meal at the onsite Kelly's Bar & Grill. Each of the stylish rooms feature an open-plan living area offering a work desk, a refrigerator and a TV with free cable channels. Following day is at leisure to relax or enjoy the many activities available to you in Kununurra. *Kununurra Country Club Resort (2 nts)*

8 days from \$ 9,245<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights accommodation
- Scenic flight ex El Questro to Bungles
  - 30 min scenic helicopter flight
  - 4WD and walking tour
- Scenic flight to Argyle Diamond Mine (ADM)
  - Cruise on Lake Argyle
  - All transfers
- Flight to Mitchell Falls and touring

\* Minimum 2 Guests - Private Touring

### Day 7: Mitchell Falls (BLD)

Collected from your hotel this morning for your flight into the Mitchell Plateau across extraordinary country, then hike up the Punamii-unpuu walking trail, swim in the fresh pools along the way before enjoying lunch at the falls.

We then helicopter back and drop you to your exclusive Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge for the night. The lodge offers a 'touch of luxury in the wilderness', and is in close proximity to the thunderous Mitchells Falls. The lodge is situated beside a lovely waterhole on Camp Creek, amongst Livistonia palms and eucalyptus trees. The camp is 70kms off the Kalumburu Road turn off. The Ungolan Pavilion fuses modern Australian, local craft and indigenous influences and includes a lounge, bar and dining areas. A deck provides easy access to the Lodge's private waterhole.

*Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge*

### Day 8: Wandjina Explorer (B)

We pick you up after breakfast for an amazing day on the coast with our incredible guides out at Kalumburu. Check out the remote community, art gallery and mission then head to the coast for fresh oysters and hidden rock art sites, a picnic lunch and then a full coastal flight over King George Falls, Berkeley River, down to Adolphus island and over the mud flats of Wyndham and the lower Ord. We fly at 500 feet so you can spot the incredible marine life and huge crocodiles sunning themselves in the afternoon on the lower Ord riverbanks. Land in Kununurra where the tour ends.







## KIMBERLEY ADVENTURE CAMPING SAFARI

### 12 day Guided Camping - Broome to Broome

The moment you join our tour, you can sit back and relax. We'll take you on a fully guided Kimberley adventure. You'll see stunning gorges, waterfalls, cattle stations, Aboriginal rock art and pristine wilderness. Tour highlights include Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, El Questro, Kununurra, Mitchell Falls & the Bungle Bungle. Your camping experience will be comfortable and easy at permanent campsites.

#### Day 1: Windjana Gorge

Depart Broome travelling the Great Northern Highway to the mighty Fitzroy River. Visit the historic Boab Prison Tree prior to embarking along the scenic Gibb River Road to arrive at our first campsite at Windjana Gorge. We will take you to experience a 750m cave walk through Tunnel Creek. As the sun sets at Windjana Gorge an amazing photo opportunity is yours. *Windjana Gorge*

#### Day 2: Mt Barnett Station

Explore the ancient Devonian reef system that is Windjana Gorge. Enjoy close range viewing of freshwater crocodiles and birdlife. Follow the Gibb River Road to the rugged King Leopold Range and into cattle country. Walk into breathtaking Bell Gorge for a swim. Arrive at Mt Barnett Station on the banks of the Lower Manning River. *Mt Barnett Station*

#### Day 3: Manning Falls

The morning includes a walk into Manning Gorge where you can see ancient Aboriginal rock art and swim in clear pools near the spectacular Manning Falls. Enjoy a pleasant stroll into Galvan's Gorge. *Mt Barnett Station*

#### Day 4: Home Valley Station

Continue east along the Gibb River Road to Home Valley Station. Along the way visit the Gibb River, Durack River and Aboriginal art. Take in the awesome view of the Cockburn Ranges before arriving at Home Valley Station, a beautiful 'oasis' in the outback. *Home Valley Station*

#### Day 5: El Questro Station

Today we make our way along the Gibb River Road to the famous El Questro Station. Cross the Pentecost River and explore the stunning Emma Gorge where a refreshing swim awaits. The afternoon is yours to relax and explore the iconic El Questro township or enjoy the optional Champagne Chamberlain Cruise. *El Questro Station*

#### Day 6: El Questro Gorge

Soak your traveller body in thermal, crystal clear water at Zebedee Hot Springs. Explore the natural beauty of the fern lined El Questro Gorge. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon and magical sunset at Pigeon Hole Lookout. *El Questro Station*

#### Day 7: Mitchell Falls

Depart El Questro via an optional scenic flight to explore Mitchell Falls or discover Kalumburu Indigenous Community. Either option reveals ancient Indigenous art and experiences. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxed morning and short drive to Kununurra, a unique town developed around the Ord River Scheme, Diversion Dam and agriculture. Take a walk into town and visit local art galleries. *Kununurra*

#### Day 8: Kununurra

Today is your day to relax and explore Kununurra & its natural wonders. *Kununurra*

#### Day 9: Purnululu National Park

Travel to the World Heritage Listed, Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle). You may

12 days from \$ 4,300<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle
  - All meals, snacks, water
  - Fully guided walks
  - Camping ground fees
  - National park entrance fees
    - Tents supplied
    - Geike Gorge Cruise
  - Swag: mattress, sleeping bag, linen, pillow
- \* Maximum 16 Guests*

2021 Departures: 20, 25 Aug / 01, 03 Sep  
2022 Departures: 04, 06, 11, 18, 20, 25 May /  
01, 03, 08, 15, 17, 22, 29 Jun / 13, 15, 20, 27, 29  
Jul / 03, 10, 12, 17, 24, 26, 31 Aug / 07, 09 Sep

consider participating in a 'once in a lifetime' experience of an optional helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungle. *Bungle Bungle Station.*

#### Day 10: Bungle Bungle

The track into Purnululu National Park is four-wheel drive only. Our slow but scenic trip is the perfect approach to the wonder of the Bungle Bungle. The Domes Walk, Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm are on the 'list'. We are in the midst of the Bungle Bungle and there is almost too much to see and do. *Bungle Bungle Station.*

#### Day 11: Fitzroy Crossing

Head south along the Great Northern Highway and through some more incredible Kimberley landscapes. We travel to Halls Creek and a visit to the China Wall. Enjoy your final night camped by a billabong at an exclusive campsite on a working cattle station. Sleep under a billion stars and wake to the sounds of the outback. *Fitzroy Crossing.*

#### Day 12: Depart

The perfect start to our last day is a complimentary scenic river cruise exploring Geike Gorge. View spectacular multi-coloured 30 metre high cliffs carved by the floodwaters of the Fitzroy River through the Devonian fossil reef. Our final destination is lovely, tropical Broome where we all say goodbye.







## Western Australia

# SECRETS OF ESPERANCE CAMPING ADVENTURE

## 6 day Guided Camping Journey - Perth to Perth

Be connected with nature and adventure on this all-inclusive camping trip. Find out why this route is recognised as Australia's most Instagrammable road trip. Be amazed by its diversity and other worldly landscapes. Spend time exploring pristine Cape Le Grand National Park. Hit the hiking trails of the Stirling Ranges, marvel at the weird & wonderful Wave Rock & spend a day tasting your way around Margaret River. Engage in one of the best Indigenous experiences & camp under the stars of the Milky Way.

### Day 1: Fitzgerald River National Park

Travelling east over the Darling Ranges, the first stop is at York. Surrounded by pretty countryside, it's easy to see why this location was the first inland settlement for WA's early colonists.

A bit more driving and you'll be marvelling at one of Australia's biggest waves, and there is no ocean in sight. The 2,700 million-year-old Wave Rock rises 15 metres above the ground in an otherworldly fashion.

By late afternoon, arrive at Fitzgerald River National Park where we camp tonight. This is one of Australia's largest and most botanically significant national parks, renowned for its rugged hinterland, coastal scenery and more than 1,800 beautiful and rare plant species.

*Camping at Fitzgerald River National Park.*

### Day 2: Esperance & Cape Le Grand N.P.

Start the day with a rewarding hike up East Mt. Barren which features breathtaking views over the region. Take the coastal route into Esperance for a coffee and mosey around, and get your first peek of the turquoise waters and white sandy beaches the area is famous for.

Onwards to Cape Le Grand National Park. Iconic for its squeaky white beaches and friendly kangaroos, you are never going to want to leave this paradise. Afternoon is at leisure. *Camping at Cape Le Grand.*

### Day 3: Stirling Ranges

The views from the top of Frenchman Peak over the Recherche Archipelago are pretty impressive, so this morning the top of Frenchman Peak is where we go.

Following the hike, it's back on the bus for the drive into the Stirling Ranges. Depending on the time of the year, in spring we might seek out the beautiful wildflowers, or in the heat of summer, some secret swimming spots.

*Camping at Stirling Ranges.*

### Day 4: South West Coast

Visit the Porongurups for a two-hour hike through some spectacular forests to Castle Rock. A bit of a climb but worth every bit of effort. Take a magnificent coastal drive towards Albany and be wowed at The Gap & Natural Bridge. Stop for a dip at Elephant Rocks & Greens Pool in William Bay National Park.

From the ocean to the forest, discover the old-growth forests of the Walpole Wilderness Region. The last stop of the day is at the largest Tingle Tree in Western Australia.

*Camping at Quinninup Caravan Park.*

### Day 5: Margaret River

Today we taste our way around the world-renowned Margaret River region. Whatever your taste buds desire, you will find it here. From wine to gin, and chocolate to cheese, by the end of the day you will be feeling very satisfied and merry. Cheers to that! *Camping at Big Valley Caravan Park in Margaret River.*

6 days from \$ 940^

### INCLUSIONS

- Transport in air-conditioned minibus
- 5 nights Swag Camping accommodation (with basic shared facilities)
- Meals – 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- All National Park and entry fees
- Most activities & Expert local guide

\* Minimum 10 Guests

2021 Dates: 10, 24 Jan / 07, 21 Feb / 07, 21 Mar / 04, 18 Apr / 02, 16 May / 05, 19 Sep / 03, 17, 31 Oct / 14, 28 Nov / 12, 26 Dec  
2022 Dates: 09, 23 Jan / 06, 20 Feb / 06, 20 Mar

### Day 6: Margaret River to Perth

On the last day of the tour, wake to the now-familiar laugh of kookaburras. Roll up your swag one last time before jumping on the bus to Dunsborough.

Meet Wardandi custodian Josh, who will introduce you to the world's oldest living culture with his authentic and personal interpretation. Go deep down into the Ngilgi Cave for a memorable underground didgeridoo performance. Taste native foods, and experience traditional fire-lighting on this unique Indigenous cultural experience.

As the tour draws to an end, stop at the popular tourist town of Busselton, where it's hard to miss the 19th-century Jetty stretching 1.8km into Geographe Bay. Arrive into Perth late afternoon for the end of the tour.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Wave Rock and Fitzgerald River World Biosphere Region
- Cape Le Grand National Park
- Swim at some of Australia's best beaches
- Explore ancient forests of the Walpole region
- Indulge yourself in the Margaret River region
- Experience the rugged coastline and rock formations of Albany
- Engage with Indigenous culture at Koomal Dreaming







## SOUTHERN ESCAPE TO MARGARET RIVER

### 4 day Guided Journey - Perth to Perth

Take your tastebuds on a culinary adventure as you experience the flavours of Margaret River and the South West region of WA. This exclusive private tour from Perth offers the perfect balance of tantalising food and wine experiences and jaw-dropping beauty, leaving you hungry for more. Wine connoisseurs will be in their element as they enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour and 7-course degustation at iconic Leeuwin Estate. Seafood lovers are in for a treat on a lunch cruise to catch giant crayfish. You will be mesmerised by the spectacular scenery, beaches & forests.

#### Day 1: Perth to Yallingup

Your culinary adventure of the South West begins early from Perth where your guide will greet you and take you to Mandurah for your first taste of the region on the unique Wild Seafood Experience. Board the Reel Affair II, a purpose-built cray fishing vessel where you can pull baited crayfish pots and learn about WA's crayfish conservation efforts.

Cruise Mandurah's picturesque canals and waterways, keeping your eyes peeled for dolphins, and indulge during an exquisite BBQ seafood lunch featuring ocean delicacies such as blue swimmer crabs, salmon and marinated octopus. And of course, your freshly-caught crayfish. Washed down with local wine and beer, this is guaranteed to be the perfect start to your exclusive food and wine tour.

Travel to Busselton to take a stroll along the world's second-longest jetty which stretches 1.8km out into stunning Geographe Bay. A little further down the road visit one of the region's most popular attractions, Ngilgi Cave. Head underground for a magical experience before being wowed by one of the region's most picture-perfect spots – Meelup Beach. Take your shoes off for a walk along the white sand and have a swim if so desired. Arrive at Smiths Beach Resort in Yallingup where you'll settle in for 2 nights. Tonight's fine dining experience is a superb a la carte selection of mouth-watering Australian cuisine at Lamont's restaurant in the resort. **Smiths Beach Resort**

#### Day 2: Margaret River

Head out with the first stop at Barnyard 1978. Here you can taste 7 varieties of pure, unprocessed and sweet honey straight from the beehive. Travel into Margaret River to explore its eclectic mix of boutique stores and galleries. Enjoy morning tea in the alfresco setting at Leeuwin Estate then enjoy a private behind the scenes tour, learning about its history, winemaking process & a wine tasting of a selection of Leeuwin Estate wines. Enjoy a delectable 7-course degustation lunch menu, carefully matched with Leeuwin Estate wines.

Spend the rest of the afternoon tasting your way around the Margaret River region. Options include cellar door visits to premium establishments such as Gabriel's Chocolate, Grove Distillery & Wills Domain. After a day of indulgence, retreat to your balcony to watch the sunset over the ocean. Enjoy a platter of local produce that your guide collected throughout the day. **Smiths Beach Resort**

#### Day 3: Yallingup to Denmark

Leave Margaret River & head south to see the giant stingrays at Hamelin Bay. We next enjoy a dining experience at Silkwood Estate in Pemberton. This vineyard has panoramic views of the lush Karri forest. This afternoon connect with nature at the Valley of the Giants as you do the iconic Tree Top Walk. This experience places you 40m high in the canopy of WA's majestic tingle trees. Continue to the idyllic town of Denmark, loved for its pristine beaches, world-class walking trails, abundant

4 days from \$ 6,135<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Flight - Albany to Perth
- Airport transfer
- Transport - 7 seater Executive 4WD
- 3 nights 5-star accommodation
- All entry fees & National Park fees
- Activities
- All meals, beverages & culinary experiences
- Local Guide and expert knowledge

\* Minimum 2 Guests - Every Saturdays  
Private Tour

wildlife, towering trees and wildflowers. Check in to your luxurious villa at Aiyana Retreat.

Tonight, you are in for a treat with an in-villa private cooking masterclass by the Chef. They will prepare a three-course meal while giving you tips on how to use spice to enhance your cooking. **Aiyana Retreat**

#### Day 4: Denmark to Albany

After breakfast, walk along the Mokare Heritage Trail then on to William Bay National Park where you will be left speechless as you descend into Greens Pool. From one paradise to another, visit Elephant Rocks and take in the pristine surrounds and turquoise, calm waters. It's time for the final culinary experience of your food and wine tour at the multi-award winning, The Lake House Winery. Enjoy their signature tasting menu with accompanying beverages. Take the scenic coastal drive towards Albany, visit Torndirrup National Park to be amazed by the dramatic coastal rock formations of The Gap and Natural Bridge. In the afternoon take in spectacular views over Albany before transferring to the airport for your flight to Perth for the end of the tour.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ultimate Leeuwin Degustation Experience
- Wine, honey, chocolate & gin tastings
- Mandurah seafood cruise
- In-room masterclass & meal with Chef
- Day after day exquisite dining experiences
- Explore the ancient Ngilgi Cave
- Breathtaking beaches & coastal scenery







## Western Australia

# MARGARET RIVER AND ESPERANCE FOOD & WINE

## 6 day Guided Journey - Perth to Perth

Indulge in premium wine and fine dining experiences at acclaimed vineyards Vasse Felix, the Truffle & Wine Co. and Oranje Tractor. Take a private cooking class with a renowned chef and catch crayfish on a 3-hour seafood lunch cruise. Visit a variety of unique cellar doors, gourmet chocolate & cheese factories, and boutique breweries/distilleries, tasting as you go. In between be mesmerised by spectacular scenery, beaches and wildlife. Head off-road on a 4WD adventure, take a scenic flight over the famous Pink Lake Hillier & walk through the ancient forests of the Valley of the Giants.

### Day 1: Esperance & Cape Le Grand (LD)

Your South West culinary tour begins early from Perth. You will be collected at your hotel and transferred to Perth Airport for your flight to Esperance. By late morning you will be in the Cape Le Grand National Park, famous for its spectacular white sand beaches, turquoise lagoon & wildlife. Spend the day soaking up the serenity, including meeting the iconic kangaroos at Lucky Bay and having a swim. Enjoy a gourmet BBQ feast of local produce with views of Little Hellfire Bay. Check in at your 5-star villa followed by dinner at Esperance's premier restaurant, Taylor St Quarters. *Esperance Chalet Village.*

### Day 2: Albany (BLD)

Depart Esperance along the Great Ocean Drive, a 40-km loop featuring stunning beaches, rocky headlands, small bays & hidden ocean pools. Continue to Fitzgerald River Nat. Park & some bushwalking and views at East Mt Barren then a picnic lunch. Head off-road on a 4WD adventure along Hamersley Inlet Road enroute to Albany.

#### \*\*\*Optional Tour (replaces Day 2 above):

Take a scenic flight over the world-famous Pink Lake Hillier. The flight offers incredible views over Frenchman Peak, Cape Le Grand, Recherche Archipelago & Pink Lake Hillier. The vibrant pink of the lake next to the turquoise waters is a natural wonder sure to impress. After the flight, enjoy lunch in Esperance before heading towards Albany via the Stirling Ranges.

Check-in to your luxury accommodation. Enjoy fine dining with ocean views at renowned local restaurant Garrison. *The Beach House at Bayside.*

### Day 3: Denmark (BLD)

Today is packed with culinary delights starting with Beach House's iconic 'Bountiful Breakfast'. Journey through the Great Southern, stopping at The Gap & Natural Bridge to view spectacular rock formations. Arrive at Mt Romance for an out of this world relaxation experience at the Cone, the Gong & the Bowl. This private experience combines Gongs and Sandalwood in a 16 sided cone featuring celestial skies. Arrive at Oranje Tractor for a unique 3-hour meet the maker experience with the owners. During this exclusive tour, you will forage in the orchard picking & tasting organically grown produce. Be guided to their tasting room to experience a 5-course 'Wine Flight' paired with organic food from the farm and region including cheeses, olives and smoked trout. Pop into the boutique Boston Brewing for a beer tasting paddle on the way to Denmark. Check-in to your spa villa. Tonight, you are in for a treat as renowned Chef from Pepper & Salt restaurant provides an in-villa private cooking masterclass & 3-course meal. *Aiyana Retreat.*

### Day 4: Yallingup (BLD)

Leave Denmark for William Bay National Park. Descend into Greens Pool where a white sandy beach with huge granite boulders meets you, and just up the road, you'll be wowed by the turquoise waters of Elephant Rocks. Continue inland to discover the old-growth forests of the Walpole Wilderness region. Connect with nature at the Valley of the Giants which places you 40m high into the canopy of WA's tingle trees. Arrive in Margaret River for a unique culinary lunch experience at the Truffle & Wine Co., WA's first truffière and

6 days from \$ 8,395<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Flight – Perth to Esperance
- 5 nights accommodation (5 star)
- Entry fees, National park fees & activities
- All meals, selected beverages and culinary experiences
- Airport transfer
- Transport in 7-seater Executive 4WD
- Local Guide and expert knowledge

\*\*\* Optional Tour - Scenic Flight Pink Lake Hillier Experience from \$495 pp

\* Minimum 2 Guests - Every Tuesday

Private Tour

largest producer of superior black Perigord truffles in the world. Enjoy food and wine pairings. Arrive at your resort in Yallingup. Tonight's fine dining experience is at Lamont's restaurant in the resort. *Smiths Beach Resort.*

### Day 5: Margaret River (BLD)

Enjoy breakfast at one of the local's favourites, The White Elephant Beach Café. Take a look at the beautiful Margaret River Mouth and a world-famous surf break before moseying around the quaint township of Margaret River. Explore its eclectic mix of boutique stores, galleries and if lucky, the Farmer's Market. Visit the world-class wine region including the founding estate, Vasse Felix. Enjoy a tantalising 5-course tasting menu with selected wines. Spend the rest of the afternoon, tasting your way around the Margaret River region. For the perfect end to the day, take a short drive to iconic Meelup Beach for a swim, sunset & a gourmet picnic dinner of local produce. *Smiths Beach Resort.*

### Day 6: Mandurah - Fremantle - Perth (BL)

After breakfast, depart on the unique Wild Seafood Experience. Board the Reel Affair II, a purpose-built cray fishing vessel. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins as you cruise & indulge in a BBQ seafood buffet lunch. Then travel to Fremantle for your second cruise of the day. Sit back and relax on a 45-minute Scenic Cruise with wine tasting from Fremantle to Perth up the picturesque Swan River. Your guide will meet you at the dock and take you to stunning Kings Park overlooking Perth for one last toast before returning you to your onward accommodation.





# LUXURY ESCAPE TO MARGARET RIVER

## 3 day Guided Journey - Perth to Perth

Enjoy the ultimate in Margaret River luxury in the South West of WA. This exclusive private luxury tour from Perth offers tantalising food and wine as well as beautiful scenery. Experience three days indulging in culinary delights on this gourmet food and wine discovery. Stay in one of Australia's finest boutique hotels – Cape Lodge. This stylish, sophisticated retreat has its own vineyard, an acclaimed restaurant, and a Spa. A highlight is a cooking class with one of Australia's best chefs.

### Day 1: Busselton & Margaret River

Your Margaret River Luxury Escape begins early at your Perth accommodation where your guide will greet you for the journey south to the popular tourist town of Busselton. Take a stroll along the world's second-longest jetty which stretches 1.8 km out into Geographe Bay. Descend eight metres below the ocean surface to discover Australia's greatest artificial reef at the Underwater Observatory, host to vividly coloured tropical and sub-tropical marine life.

Continue to the Margaret River region arriving at Wills Domain in time for lunch. Dine in the private dining area where you can be part of a more intimate experience, watching the masters at work in the kitchen. Feast on the innovative 'Tasting Menu' curated by head chef Seth James. Spend the rest of the afternoon, tasting your way around the wine regions best cellar doors tailored to your liking. Options include premium establishments such as Gabriel's Chocolate, Cullen Wines and Vasse Felix.

In the late afternoon, check in to your Lakeside Room at one of Australia's best boutique hotels – Cape Lodge. Set on 40 acres of manicured parkland and featuring its own vineyard, this high-quality property with its old English charm is sure to impress. Tonight, you will dine at the Cape Lodge Restaurant, renowned as one of the great dining rooms in Western Australia. *Cape Lodge*

### Day 2: Cooking Class with Chef Tone & 'Koomal' Indigenous Experience

Start with breakfast in the comfort of your room then you may like to try the lodge's Spa (own expense). Then it's time to meet one of Australia's most loved chefs - Tony Howell, or Chef Tone as he is affectionately known. As featured in Condé Nast, during a hands-on cooking lesson, Tony will provide step by step tuition in the making of superb seasonal dishes followed by lunch with matching wines.

This afternoon you will meet an incredible human and Wadandi custodian - Josh "Koomal" Whiteland. He will introduce you to the world's oldest living culture with his authentic and personal interpretation on a 2-hour private tour of the spectacular Cape Naturaliste. Learn about native flora and fauna, bush medicine and hear local stories as you walk along part of the iconic Cape to Cape Track. Discover breathtaking scenery and gain a deep appreciation of Indigenous culture. View a private meeting place to see an artefact display and be mesmerised by a live didgeridoo performance.

Next, experience breathtaking vistas at one of the most secluded spots in the Margaret River Wine Region – Bunker Bay. The Other Side of the Moon restaurant in the Pullman Bunker Bay Resort features a contemporary Australian menu underpinned by an Indigenous flair and South West flavours. Enjoy an exquisite dining experience as you watch the sunset over the ocean. *Cape Lodge*

3 days from \$ 6,315<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Transport in 7-seater Executive 4WD
- Local Guide and expert knowledge
- 2 nights of luxury accommodation at Cape Lodge
- All meals, selected beverages, tastings and culinary experiences
  - All activities
- Luxury Scenic Flight – one way Margaret River to Perth

*\* Minimum 2 Guests - Every Wednesday  
Private Tour*

### Day 3: Voyager Estate & Scenic Flight from Margaret River to Perth

It's up early to enjoy breakfast at one of the local's favourites, The White Elephant Beach Café. Visit the beautiful Margaret River Mouth and a world-famous surf break at Surfers Point. Travel into the vibrant township of Margaret River to explore its eclectic mix of boutique stores and galleries. Then it's onto one of Margaret River's founding vineyards, Voyager Estate. Established in 1978, this stunning winery has a meticulous approach to winemaking.

Go behind the scenes on a tour of the winery & vineyard, and taste wine straight from the barrel. Learn about the estate's rich history and taste a variety of world-class wine in the beautiful Cellar Door. Finish your Voyager experience with a 4-course Discovery Menu & flight of three wines, which is sure to impress epicurean enthusiasts.

It's time for your last incredible experience. Your guide will say farewell, and you will travel back to Perth on a 1-hour luxury scenic flight with Swan River Seaplanes. Take in the majestic rugged coast & white sandy beaches, vine-studded hinterland and karri forests of the region. Land on the picture-perfect Swan River taking in the magnificent Perth skyline. You will be transferred by private vehicle to your Perth accommodation (not included).







## Western Australia

# ROTTNEST, MARGARET RIVER, NINGALOO REEF & BROOME

## 12 day Luxury Journey - Perth to Broome

Discover the amazing beaches, fauna and flora on Rottnest and maybe get that elusive selfie with the local Quokkas. Indulge in some fine food and sumptuous wines in the popular Margaret River region, explore the amazing Ningaloo Reef with the chance to go swimming with whale sharks then go on a camel ride experience along Cable Beach before relaxing with a beautiful Broome sunset.

### Day 1: Perth

On arrival in Perth, transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation. *Pan Pacific Perth*

### Day 2: Rottnest Island (BL)

Depart on your full day private Rottnest Island Experience. Board a ferry from Fremantle bound for Rottnest Island and begin your journey of discovery to one of WA's most popular islands. You will be shown where gaolers and ship pilots lived and worked and why Rottnest became an Aboriginal 'open prison' in 1839. Enjoy a break at Bathurst lighthouse, and learn about the role that this lighthouse played in navigating ships between 1848 & 1903. Lunch is on the water's edge, enjoying the sweeping views of the bay. Undertake the famous 'Quokka walk', and hopefully uncover Rottnest Island's famous marsupial, the Quokka, then return to Perth. *Pan Pacific Perth*

### Day 3: Perth - Margaret River (B)

Head to the beautiful Margaret River wine region. With many world-class wineries and award-winning restaurants, Margaret River is one of Western Australia's most famous food and wine regions. Tour the cellar doors and taste local brews at the boutique breweries. Visit the farmer's markets and try the artisan cheeses. Indulge in local handmade chocolates and delicious fudge. When you've finished your culinary journey, take time to explore Western Australia's Great South West. *Smiths Beach Resort*

### Day 4: Margaret River (BL)

Depart on a full day private tour of Margaret River. Discover the lifestyle of the region through a range of tailored private experiences and scenic touring to highlight the diversity of the region. Experience the 'sense of place' from which local winemakers, chefs and artisans draw their creativity to produce their inspirational wines, food and works. A private tasting and walk through a pioneering family vineyard is a great starting point to the day. Enjoy a 'must do' highlight of Margaret River: dining in a famed Winery restaurant and enjoying a matching of flagship wines with each course of a 3 course lunch showcasing fresh local produce. Afternoon is at leisure. *Smiths Beach Resort*

### Day 5: Margaret River-Perth (B)

Meet your driver in the lobby and transfer by private vehicle to Perth. The driving time is approximately 3 hours. *Pan Pacific Perth*

### Days 6-8: Perth-Ningaloo Reef (BLD)

Transfer by private vehicle to Perth Airport for your onward flight to Exmouth (not included). On arrival transfer to Sal Salis. Overlooking a spectacular beach, Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is a unique safari camp nestled in the dunes of the Cape Range National Park. Relax and enjoy the sounds of birdlife and the ocean waves from one of the 16 luxury tents that overlook the beach and bush. Enjoy a swim in Ningaloo's crystal clear waters and explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish and 250 coral species. Enjoy

12 days from \$ 11,475<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 11 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transport by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing, touring, meals and admission as per itinerary
- Whale shark excursion

NB: Price excludes all flights - from \$1,070 pp

\* Minimum 2 Guests - Private Tour

a whale shark experience of a lifetime – the chance to get up close and personal with the world's largest fish. Take the opportunity to immerse yourself in the crystal waters of Ningaloo Reef and swim alongside these gentle giants as they cruise the waters of Western Australia's north west cape, their annual meeting ground for up to six months.

*Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef (3 nts)*

### Days 9-11: Ningaloo Reef-Broome (B)

Transfer to Exmouth for your flight to Broome (not included). On arrival in Broome, transfer to Cable Beach and look for the blue tent & camels in blue blankets. Meet your camel guide and depart on your 30 minute camel ride. This famous camel train, an icon of Broome, walks the sands of Cable Beach while you look out over the sparkling Indian Ocean.

On Day 10 board a 900hp fast boat and experience an exhilarating thrill ride through the Horizontal Falls with a highly experienced skipper. Then sit back and relax as you cruise through the spectacular untouched bays surrounding bays and creeks. Enjoy lunch onboard the vessel as you take in the scenery.

On Day 11 relax and enjoy at your leisure.

*Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (3 nts)*

### Day 12: Depart Broome (B)

Meet your driver & transfer by private vehicle to Broome Airport for your onward flight.

Contact us about an extension to El Questro and the Bungle Bungles

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## BROOME, THE BUNGLE BUNGLES & EL QUESTRO

### 9 day Guided Journey - Broome to Kununurra

Discover Broome with a relaxing three night stay at the fabulous Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa then experience the Bungle Bungles from the air with a scenic helicopter flight followed by a 4 wheel drive and walking journey. Discover the amazing Argyle Diamond Mine and Lake Argyle then end with a 'chill out' relaxation stay at El Questro Station with many optional activities available.

#### Days 1-3: Cable Beach (B)

On arrival you will be met and transferred to Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa for 3 nights' accommodation in an Ocean View Room. Afternoon at leisure to walk along the infamous Cable Beach.

Cable Beach Resort & Spa is styled to reflect the Asian and colonial influences of Broome, and the diverse choice of accommodation is complemented by acres of lush tropical gardens.

Guests can immerse themselves in the full Resort experience with the adults-only Ocean Pool, Chahoya Spa by L'Occitane, the meditation room and gym and the choice of four restaurants.

Families will have hours of fun at the Family Pool, water playground, mini golf and tennis courts. Relax and reconnect at the world-famous Cable Beach. Home of our award-winning Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Indian Ocean sunsets, gently swaying palm trees, and Kimberly charm, it's truly a destination like no other.

Enjoy your days at leisure. During your stay you may wish to try some of the optional tours (additional cost).

- Optional Tour: 4WD Broome Discovery
- Optional Tour: Scenic Flight to Horizontal Falls

#### Day 4: Bungle Bungles Scenic Flight (L)

Pick up from Cable Beach Club to join your Bungles Scenic flight, landing early at the Bungles. Hop aboard the 4WD and head into the Cathedral Gorge carpark for a guided walk through the Domes. Your guide will sing the ancient song lines as you enter Cathedral Gorge where you will then settle for a picnic lunch. After lunch learn about the bush medicines and tucker in Purnululu National Park as you head up to the look out for sunset drinks. *Bungle Bungles Wilderness Lodge (2 nts)*

#### Day 5: Bungles Day Trek (BD)

Enjoy breakfast at the Wilderness Lodge followed by a 30min scenic helicopter flight over the Bungles range. Your guide will then take you on a 4WD and walking tour through mini palms gorge and Echidna Chasm.

#### Day 6: Argyle Diamond Mine & Lake Cruise (B)

Enjoy the morning at your accommodation before your guide picks you up to take a scenic flight landing at Argyle Diamond Mine. Your Luridgii Tours custodian guide will take you on an informative mine tour of the home to the infamous pink diamond.

Joining a stunning sunset boat cruise from South to North of Lake Argyle. Enjoy fossicking for zebra rocks on an island, a sunset swim and a glass of champagne. Transfer by bus back to your accommodation from Lake Argyle Village. *Kununurra Country Club Resort*

9 days from \$ 9,775<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Scenic flight ex Broome to Bungle Bungles
- 30 min scenic helicopter flight
- 4WD and walking tour
- Scenic flight to Argyle Diamond Mine
- Cruise from South to North on Lake Argyle
- All transfers
- Minimum 2 Guests
- Private Tour



#### Days 7-8: El Questro (B)

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for a road transfer to El Questro for 2 nights at El Questro station. Afternoon at leisure to relax by the pool or enjoy the many activities available to you.

Staying at El Questro has something for everyone to complement their Kimberley experience. Located on the Pentecost River beside a peaceful water hole, El Questro Station offers well-appointed rooms with modern bathrooms. Enjoy your days at leisure to enjoy the many optional activities on offer (additional cost). *El Questro Station (2 nts)*

- Optional Tour: Chamberlain Gorge Cruises
- Optional Tour: Guided Barramundi Fishing
- Optional Tour: Bush Culture & History Tour

#### Day 9: Kununurra

Morning transfer back to Kununurra for your onward flight.

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## BUNGLE BUNGLES FLY IN SAFARI

3 day Journey from \$3,520<sup>^</sup>

The Bungle Bungles is an incredible and memorable experience. Located approximately 250km from Kununurra, the Bungle Bungle range is found in the Purnululu National Park. Twenty million years of weathering has produced the eroded sandstone towers and beehive shaped structures. **Aboriginal people have been living in the area for over 20,000 years and maintain a strong bond to this ancient landscape. This amazing sight can be seen from ground and air. In 2003 the Bungle Bungles was recognised as a World Heritage area.**

### Day 1: Bungles Day Trek (LD)

Depart Kununurra on an early Bungles Scenic flight, landing at the Bungles for a full day walking tour. Morning tea, picnic lunch and afternoon nibbles and drinks provided.

The Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge is located in the heart of Purnululu National Park. The Lodge offers convenient access to the stunning beehive domes of the Bungle Bungle Range, and the breathtaking beauty of Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and Mini Palms Gorge.

It is set in an idyllic bush setting giving you the opportunity to relax and appreciate the park's tranquil beauty. The Superior ensuite safari tents are strategically placed near the main lodge facilities. Enjoy relaxing around the camp fire at night. **Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge**

### Day 2: Bungles Day Trek (BD)

Enjoy breakfast at the Wilderness Lodge followed by a 30min scenic helicopter flight over the Bungles range. Your guide will then take you on a 4WD and walking tour through mini palms gorge and Echidna Chasm. Arrive back at the lodge for dinner and yarns around the fire.

**Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge**

### Day 3: Argyle Diamond Mine & Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise

Enjoy your morning at your accommodation before your guide picks you up for a scenic flight landing at Argyle Diamond Mine. Your Luridgii Tours custodian guide will take you on an informative mine tour of the home to the infamous pink diamond.

Then join a stunning boat cruise on Lake Argyle at sunset. Enjoy fossicking for zebra rocks on an island, a sunset swim and a glass of champagne. Transfer by bus back from Lake Argyle Village to your Kununurra accommodation.

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## SAL SALIS NINGALOO REEF

4 day Beach Retreat from \$2,245<sup>^</sup>

On a remote stretch of WA's Ningaloo coast, lies our exclusive eco-friendly luxury camp. Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is an exclusive beach safari camp nestled in the dunes of the Cape Range National Park near Exmouth in Western Australia.

Each of the 15 eco-luxe wilderness tents offers views of the surrounding bush and over the Indian Ocean and the fringing Ningaloo Reef. Your safari style tent is the ultimate in bush luxury. Wake to the song of a butcher bird, the raucous squawks of a galah or the thump of a wallaroo passing by. Fill your days however you choose, relax in your tent's hammock and watch the world go by, or laze on the beach and paddle in the warm Indian Ocean waters. Our most popular experiences are in the water, as Ningaloo Reef is where you can swim alongside majestic whale sharks and humpback whales.

Right off the shores of our camp, you will have access to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef where you will find more than 500 species of colourful fish, 250 coral species, rays and turtles. Explore the rugged landscapes of the Cape Range National Park and view unique flora and fauna. You'll spot red kangaroos, wallaroos, rock wallabies, goannas, echidnas and more than 100 bird species.

**Wilderness Tent:** Hidden in the dunes overlooking the pristine beach, Sal Salis brings a touch of eco-luxe style to this remote and beautiful wilderness. Sal Salis' spacious wilderness tents sit on raised platforms with views of the natural surrounds and ocean. Sal Salis provides a unique place to explore and take in the extraordinary environment and wildlife that surrounds it. Imagine waking to the song of birds as you catch a glimpse of kangaroos grazing among the dunes, or the spectacle of breaching whales as you tuck into breakfast or enjoy a morning swim in Ningaloo's crystal-clear waters.

**Whale Sharks - Swim with the World's Largest Fish:** Each year between March and July these slow-moving, gentle giants migrate past Ningaloo Reef. The world's biggest fish can grow to lengths of 12 metres or more. Fortunately for most sea-dwellers (and for us) they feed primarily on plankton and krill, taking in huge gulps of water and filtering out their microscopic meal

### Humpback Whales: Swim Humpback Whales

Every year between August and October, the magnificent humpback whales swim through the waters of the Ningaloo Marine Park. We used to revel in seeing these creatures in the ocean from our camp, but since 2016 you can now experience a swim right alongside them. We can report it as being a truly 'transformative' experience ... for all nature lovers, this is 'bucket-list-stuff' at its very best!

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## CRUISING THE KIMBERLEY

### Kimberley Quest Expedition Style Cruising

Kimberley Quest is a multi-award winning, expedition style cruise company that caters for individuals and small groups on-board the luxurious Kimberley Quest II. The extended wilderness cruises operate a variety of 4 to 21 day cruises along the vast coastline of the Kimberley between Broome and Wyndham. The cruises can host up to 18 passengers, allowing you to enjoy the surrounds without the crowds in comfort and luxury. Kimberley Quest is a locally owned and operated company who have been cruising and exploring the Kimberley for over 25 years with a level of service and local knowledge that is second to none. View full day by day itineraries on our website: [www.africasafarico.com.au](http://www.africasafarico.com.au)

### INCLUSIONS

All transfers between your accommodation and the Kimberley Quest II. Expeditions departing or arriving in Wyndham include transfers to and from Kununurra to the vessel. Selected cruises include a light aircraft transfer and a helicopter flight over the Mitchell Falls. Cruises include daily excursions led by knowledgeable guides, fresh Kimberley-style gourmet cuisine prepared by the onboard chef, non-alcoholic drinks, and linen including excursion towels.

### 4 day Kimberley Cruise from \$4,100<sup>^</sup>

#### Broome to Broome

This 4 day 'Taste of the Kimberley' cruise will see you visit some of the most breathtaking scenery within the southern Kimberley.

This cruise showcases a fully operational Australian South Sea Pearl farm at Cygnet Bay. Cruise through the thousand islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and visit icons including the incredible Horizontal Falls and Montgomery Reef, Australia's largest inshore reef. You will have the opportunity to fish for the elusive Barramundi in one of the many tidal creeks or inlets the Kimberley has to offer. Exploring this region aboard the well-appointed Kimberley Quest II, accompanied by our luxury fast boat Quest Express, will leave you with the taste for more!

This 4 Day is a fantastic introduction to the Kimberley region, as the southern Kimberley abounds with famous landmarks and locations. On this cruise, you'll get to experience many of the most recognised icons of the Kimberley, including the world-famous Horizontal Falls and Montgomery Reef. We make sure there's also time for exploring off the beaten track as the crew shows you some of their favourite 'secret spots'.

**2022 Dates ex Broome: 07, 10, 25 Oct**

### 7 day Fishing Expedition from \$6,999<sup>^</sup>

#### Broome to Broome

Offering some of the best fishing in the world, spectacular scenery and perfect weather the Kimberley is undoubtedly a very special place.

Isolated and remote, this true wilderness country encompasses rugged gorges, towering sandstone escarpments, meandering river systems and immense estuaries. The waters are teeming with many species of fish including Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Fingermark Bream, Salmon, Giant Trevally & more.

We take a maximum of 12 guests on our fishing expeditions to ensure that there is plenty of space in our tenders which are driven by a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide who will use their experience to help you land the 'big ones' Is there anything better than throwing in a line? Join us for one of our fishing expeditions and you'll get the fishing experience of a lifetime.

The crew have the local knowledge and fishing know-how to help you catch some real beauties. They will show you our secret spots where we work the numerous rock bars, snags and run-offs and fish from dawn til dusk! Our fully-equipped tenders are ideal for a run to where the fish are biting.

**2022 Dates ex Broome: 13, 19 Oct**

### 8 day North Kimberley Cruise from \$12,350<sup>^</sup>

#### Kununurra to Broome

Known for its massive gorges & river systems, extensive waterfalls, World War II relics and incredible Bradshaw rock art sites, the northern Kimberley is not to be missed.

Exploring between Wyndham and the Mitchell River, this cruise will visit Kimberley icons such as the King George Falls, Berkeley River and the Drysdale River and many more. Enjoy refreshing swims in fresh water holes, explore historical Aboriginal art sites, fish for the elusive Barramundi plus many other fish species and view majestic gorges.

This 8 day northern Kimberley cruise operates just after the wet season when the waterfalls are spectacular! This quest also includes a helicopter flight over the Mitchell Falls.

The northern Kimberley is a landscape of impressive gorges and waterfalls big and small that have been carved out by the extensive river systems. We visit at the tail end of the wet season, when the many rivers and waterfalls are at their most magnificent. Join us as we visit sites of natural beauty, cultural importance, historical interest and more. *This cruise also operates in the reverse direction.*

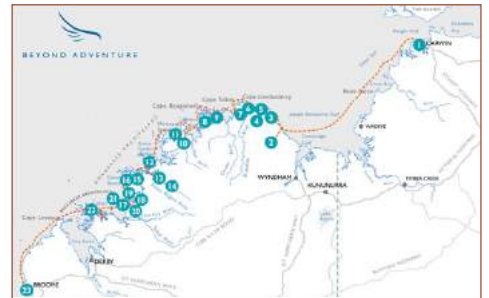
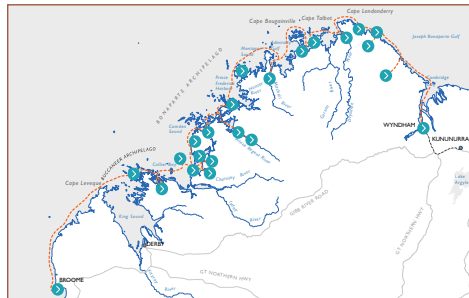
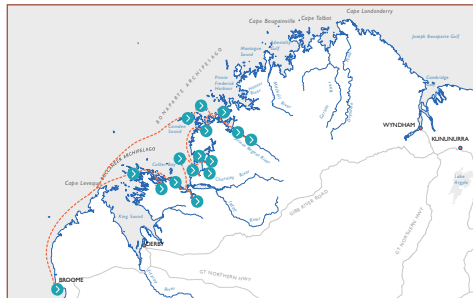
**2022 Dates ex Kununurra: 10 May**

**2022 Dates ex Broome: 17 May**

<sup>^</sup>Prices are per person twin share based on a Double Cabin - Ask about upgrading to a Superior or Flybridge Cabin







## 10 day Kimberley Cruise from \$10,900<sup>^</sup>

### Broome to Cygnet Bay

The 10 day Adventure Quest is an extensive exploration of the southern Kimberley, visiting many unknown sights, rarely visited islands, inlets and 'secret spots'.

Enjoy pristine beaches, secluded fresh water swimming holes, ancient Aboriginal art sites & fishing for Barramundi and more fish species. This Broome to Broome loop visits icons such as the Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef and the King Cascade to name a few.

Your 10 day Kimberley cruise takes in all there is to offer of the southern Kimberley region allowing you to explore many breathtaking areas, discover the deep history of the region and enjoy unforgettable scenery.

Our 10 Day Adventure Quest allows you to expand your exploration of the Kimberley region, visiting locations that other cruises don't go to. Stoke your sense of adventure as we explore everything from well-known highlights to little-known areas that are some of our very favourite 'secret spots'.

Join us to experience extra-special highlights that you won't find on our other cruises – whether this is your first cruise, or you're back for another taste, this will guarantee some unique destinations! *This cruise also operates in the reverse direction.*

**2022 Dates ex Broome: 30 Aug / 08 Sep**

**2022 Dates ex Cygnet Bay: 19, 28 Sep**

## 14 day Kimberley Cruise from \$18,900<sup>^</sup>

### Broome to Kununurra

This is the ultimate wilderness cruise along the whole Kimberley coast. Cruising between Broome and Wyndham, this adventure really does have it all:

Witness amazing Kimberley icons such as the King George Falls, Berkeley River, Montgomery Reef and the Horizontal Falls to name a few.

Enjoy refreshing swims in fresh water holes, explore historical Aboriginal art sites, fish for the elusive Barramundi plus many other fish species and view the majestic gorges. This cruise operates just after the wet season when the waterfalls are spectacular!

What could be better to take home than the memories of an unforgettable experience? When you explore the Kimberley region with Kimberley Quest, that's exactly what you'll get. This landscape is truly unique and will take your breath away.

Our 14 Day Ultimate Quest visits the highlights and icons of both the northern and southern Kimberley – it's the complete package! Join us as we visit the most remarkable and beautiful of these locations, for a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will make memories to last you a lifetime. *This cruise also operates in the reverse direction.*

**2022 Dates ex Broome: 29 Mar / 26 Apr**

**2022 Dates ex Kununurra: 12 Apr / 25 May**

## 21 day Kimberley Cruise from \$16,995<sup>^</sup>

### Darwin to Broome

This expedition captures the spectacular Kimberley waterfall season. The itinerary allows extra time to explore the vast Kimberley coastline.

Cruise the steep gorges and experience the sheer power of the long drop waterfalls in the north, visit fascinating WWII sites, ancient rock art sites and lost cities. Fish for the elusive Barramundi and many other species as well as enjoy refreshing dips in pristine waterholes.

As you head south you'll visit many renowned icons of the Kimberley including King Cascade, Montgomery Reef and the famous Horizontal Falls. Experience an amazing 21 days and one of the most extensive itineraries on offer in the region!

This spectacular Kimberley cruise itinerary is truly once in a lifetime. Over 21 days, you will explore many of the highlights of both the northern and southern Kimberley regions.

The extra time afforded by the longest of these Kimberley cruises means there is more time for exploring, more time for relaxing and more time to soak up everything the stunning Kimberley has to offer - a true bucket list experience!

**2022 Dates ex Darwin: 08 Mar**

<sup>^</sup>Prices are per person twin share based on a Double Cabin - Ask about upgrading to a Superior or Flybridge Cabin





# Queensland







Queensland

# RAINFOREST & REEF WILDLIFE EXPLORER

8 day Escorted Small Group  
23 - 30 August 2021

This escorted group tour visits the amazing Daintree Forest region for incredible scenery, birding and wildlife spotting, the Tropical Wetlands Shared Earth Reserve with an added Glamping experience, a visit to the Australia Quoll Conservancy to join experts in research as well as a cruise out to the amazing Great Barrier Reef.

## Day 1: Cairns (D)

Arrive in Cairns and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner. [Hilton Cairns](#).

## Day 2: Daintree & Cape Tribulation (BLD)

Depart Cairns and enjoy the magical Great Barrier Reef Drive as we head north on the scenic coastal highway. Learn about the unique habitats within the local environment and observe the changes in bio-diversity as we get closer to the Daintree Tropical Rainforest.

Stop at Jindalba nature trail which offers an opportunity to experience the natural scenery and endemic wildlife within the National Park. Wildlife sightings may include the boyd's forest dragon, southern cassowary, wompoo fruit dove, spectacled monarch, majors skink and many more. Enjoy lunch at Whet Restaurant, located in the heart of the Daintree.

Continue to Cape Tribulation (where the rainforest meets the reef). This famous valley resembles a giant amphitheatre with a semicircle of hills dominated by Mt Sorrow (850m) and Mt Hemmant (1000m). The rainfall trapped by this valley results in a lush tropical climate with high temperatures, humidity and rainfall. There are several walks, scenic lookouts & beaches to discover. [Heritage Lodge](#)

## Day 3: Maardja & Dubuji Boardwalks (BLD)

After breakfast, join a visit to Maardja Boardwalk and Oliver Creek. The constantly changing scenery and vegetation along this boardwalk are captivating. The Maardja Boardwalk is a looped walk that begins and ends at Oliver's Creek, a glistening stream that emerges from beneath the thick rainforest canopy. Next stop is Dubuji Boardwalk - The

Place of Spirits. This 1.3km loop track goes through forest, mangroves, fan palms and over spring fed creek. Spot azure and little kingfishers darting into shallow pools from overhanging branches and watch orange-footed scrubfowl scratching on the forest floor. After lunch, we recommend a swim in the azure waters of Emmagen Creek before settling in at our lodge. [Heritage Lodge](#)

## Day 4: Tropical Wetlands SER (BLD)

Grab our gear for an early start to maximise our wildlife viewing pleasure on the Daintree River. A short drive of 30 minutes will have us at our cruise location. Cruise the Daintree River with the dawn light, spotting wildlife on a quiet, clean solar electric boat. Get closer to nature - hear, smell & experience without noise & fumes. There is a high success rate for spotting crocodiles, excellent bird watching and other wildlife possibilities on this cruise.

After lunch at The Highlander Tavern, visit the Forever Wild Shared Earth Reserve (SER). The wildlife on the Tropical Wetlands SER is incredibly diverse and has some of the highest avian diversity anywhere in Australia, boasting over 220 species. Tonight we stay in exclusive safari tent accommodation with toilet and shower facilities. Enjoy an evening of star gazing and campfire! [Glamping at the Tropical Wetlands SER](#)

## Day 5: Wildlife Spotting (BLD)

We are up and about exploring the 5000-acre Wetlands Reserve. Contribute to research with your guides by conducting a bird count of the wetlands. Visit Lake Barrine, an outstanding location for nature activities. Several walks are available offering great wildlife and bird

8 days from \$ 3,650^

## INCLUSIONS

- 8 days exclusive touring
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 dinners
- Private guide/driver with guiding and wildlife experience
- Modern comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle
  - Daintree River cruise
- Special Highlight - Australian Quoll Conservancy Experience

\*Maximum 6 Guests

watching opportunities. Lunch is at the Tea House then we head to Yungaburra with one of our major focus points of the day, spotting wild Platypus! Learn about their elusive behaviour and get that perfect photo! In the afternoon arrive at the ancient Cathedral Fig Tree, one of the most amazing trees you will see in your life. Check in to your lodge. [Chambers Wildlife Lodge](#)

## Day 6: Special Highlight - Australian Quoll Conservancy (B)

Today we have an opportunity to work with industry experts & assist with valuable research that will aid in the preservation of FNQ's endangered wildlife! This behind the scenes tour provides a unique chance to enter research locations not accessible to the public to observe the endangered Spotted-tailed Quoll. Join expert research guides in the rainforest & take part in their research projects. The Spotted-tailed Quoll is the largest marsupial mammal in the world. After this experience, return to Cairns [Hilton Cairns](#).

## Day 7: Great Barrier Reef Cruise (BL)

Today you head out to experience the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef on our personal sailing reef and island tour. Sail, snorkel and scuba dive aboard personalised tours with professional crew. Explore Green Island & Pinnacle Reef in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Enjoy lunch onboard. [Hilton Cairns](#).

## Day 8: Depart Cairns (B)

After breakfast, transfer to our onward flights.

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## FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND BIRD SAFARI

### 4 day Guided Journey - Cairns to Cairns

The Wet Tropics stretch from Townsville to Cooktown, encompassing approximately 9000km<sup>2</sup> of rainforest interspersed with farmland, rivers and tropical savannah, not to mention coastline and coral cays. Such an array of habitats explains the region's high diversity of flora, fauna and more than 450 Avian Species recorded, including 12 Endemics, making it Australia's twitching mecca. Join our local birding experts as we cover a host of birding hotspots on our Far North Queensland Bird Safari.

#### Day 1: Daintree Village

You will be collected from Cairns Airport to begin your travels to the Daintree Village for your first night. [Red Mill House](#).

#### Day 2: Daintree Rainforest (BLD)

This is one of the best examples of a tropical river with a rainforest growing right to the water's edge providing some great birding. The river is most famous for the great-billed heron and little kingfisher.

0630: River Cruise w/ Local Birding Expert and River Guide, Murray Hunt: Dawn cruises provide the best conditions to see the river at its most stunning, as well as some of the most sought-after wildlife.

Key target species include great-billed heron, papuan frogmouth, little kingfisher, azure kingfisher, black bittern, saltwater crocodile, green tree snake, water dragon and butterflies.

0900: Enjoy breakfast at CrocXpress Café, a local café by the Daintree River. Many bird calls can be heard around the café and forest.

1130: Trip to Cape Tribulation to visit the famous beach where the "Rainforest meets the reef". Several mangrove and rainforest walks are available allowing the chance to observe birds such as the iconic Southern Cassowary, Leaden flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Pied Monarch & Pale-yellow Robin.

1530: The Daintree Discovery Centre offers a unique way of accessing the higher rainforest canopy via their Aerial Walkway. The Aerial

Walkway allows access to the mid-level rainforest & views over McLean's Creek. At an impressive 11m High, The Daintree Rainforest Skywalk is rated as one of the Top Ten Skywalks in the Country By Australian Geographic!

#### [Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge](#)

#### Day 3: Julatten to Atherton (BLD)

0630: Enjoy some bird-watching at Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge, an internationally renowned, sanctuary offering accommodation & guiding to bird-watchers and nature lovers. The Lodge is a Land for Wildlife sanctuary with good populations of birds, mammals, reptiles and plants. Around 230 bird species have been recorded within a 1½ km radius of the Lodge and its grounds and all of the 13 Wet Tropics endemic birds can be found within a 15km travel distance. Favoured seasonal endemics include the blue-faced parrot finch and buff-breasted paradise kingfisher (Dec-Feb)

1200: Relax with lunch and a chance to enjoy a beer or wine to celebrate the day's findings!

1400: Mitchel River's waters 'pulse' annually with monsoonal rains, seasonally collecting water from across the local rainforests in the highlands to the east; the wet sclerophyll forests in the central uplands; a variety of woodlands plus savannah in the western plains; annually flooding with freshwater, the tidal plains, wetlands, estuaries, and mangroves of the lower Mitchell and Coastal Plains. The magnitude of Eco tones in the region allows great birding opportunities.

1700 Arrive in Yungaburra and settle in for

4 days from \$ 1,950<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 days exclusive touring
- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- 2 expert local guides (Murray & Alan)
  - Private guide/driver with guiding and wildlife experience
  - Modern comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle

\* Minimum 4 Guests

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the evening in this famous historical town and another huge destination for observing the regions birdlife. Dinner at Nick's restaurant by Peterson Creek. [Crater Lakes Rainforest Cottages](#)

#### Day 4: Atherton to Cairns (BL)

0730: Furthering our nature and birding interactions on the Tablelands, we meet with naturalist Alan Gillanders, a local Tablelander who grew up on Western Cape York Peninsula. His interest in natural history has been lifelong. Join Alan for the morning bird watching, Tree Kangaroo observation and other wildlife spotting around Malanda and the Tablelands.

1130: Continue to the cool atmosphere of the Atherton Tablelands, where you will come across a beautiful, enchanting natural lake hidden in World Heritage Rainforest. Lake Barrine is a water filled crater left by a volcanic eruption 10,000 years ago. Enjoy lunch at Lake Barrine

1330: Cathedral Fig Tree is an 800 year old relic of the flora kingdom. Learn about the intricate life story of the giant fig while enjoying a chorus of calls. Many birds can be found & heard in the area including Tooth-billed bowerbirds, eastern whipbirds & spotted catbirds.

1730: Arrive in Cairns for your onward accommodation (not included). Enjoy an afternoon at leisure on the Cairns Esplanade.

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Queensland

# PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

## 3 day Guided Journey

The Wet Tropics World Heritage area offers a sublime mixture of landscapes, including waterfalls, mountain ranges, idyllic streams, deep gorges and dense rainforest. These diverse habitats provide photographers with abundant chances to photograph flowering plants, butterflies, insects, frogs, reptiles, marsupials and a significant proportion of Australia's glorious songbirds. Join Expert Nature Photography Guide, Kelvin Marshall in showcasing this region's extraordinary biodiversity.

### Day 1: Daintree Village

You will be collected from Cairns Airport to begin your travels to the Daintree Village for your first night. [Red Mill House](#).

### Day 2: The Daintree Rainforest & Mossman Gorge

This is one of the best examples of a tropical river with rainforest growing right to the water's edge, which provides for some great birding. The river is most famous for the great-billed heron and little kingfisher. The heron, one of the world's largest, was always a 'phantom' bird for birdwatchers. Once birding tours commenced on the river, exploring the small rainforest and mangrove creeks that ran from it, the bird was seen more regularly. Even now, however, it remains elusive and can melt into the shadows of the rainforest or mangroves right before your eyes.

River cruise with local birding expert and river guide, Murray Hunt. Dawn cruises provide the best conditions for those wishing to see the river at its most stunning, as well as the greatest chance to see some of the most sought-after birds of the river.

Referred to in many 'birding' reference books, this famous cruise has been in operation for more than 20 years. Key target species include Great-billed Heron, Papuan Frogmouth, Little Kingfisher, Azure Kingfisher, Black Bittern, Saltwater Crocodile, Green Tree Snake, Water Dragon and butterflies. Breakfast is at Crocpress Café. Continue to Mosman Gorge which forms the southern sector of the

renowned Daintree Rainforest. The Daintree Rainforest was World Heritage listed in 1988 and is the last remnant of the oldest surviving rainforest in the world. Here visitors are afforded a rare chance to revel in its beauty and take in every aspect of the Daintree region.

For photography enthusiasts, the Gorge offers unrivalled postcard scenery. The main Gorge area is composed of large granite boulders peering from the lush freshwater river, with endless reflections of Tropical Rainforest. Further exploration can reveal hidden streams with overhanging trees, moss vines and creepers. Decaying wood reveals life in the undergrowth whereby incredible fungi and mushroom act as great focal points.

These spectacular landscapes are prime spots to observe reptiles, amphibians, & butterflies, including the boyd's forest dragon, white-lipped tree frog, green-eyed tree frog, snapping turtle, leaf-tailed gecko & electric blue ulysses butterfly. Lunch is at Driftwood cafe.

Observing the changes in landform and vegetation provides an extra dimension to your photography journey along The Savannah Way. This is an ancient yet dynamic landscape, washed by monsoonal rains each wet season. The contrast from Rainforest to Savannah is dramatic and exciting.

We'll pass through many bioregions comprising Australia's Tropical Savannahs. Altogether the area is 1.9 million square kilometres, about a quarter of the continent. The Savannah Way is your access to the

3 days from \$ 1,820^

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 days exclusive touring
- 2 nights accommodation
- 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches
- Local guide & renowned photographer, Kelvin Marshall
- Modern comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle

\* Minimum 2 Guests

incredible limestone country to the West.

### Chillagoe Tourist Village

### Day 3: Chillagoe & Granite Gorge

Just out of town is the Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park containing limestone caves. There are between 600 and 1,000 caves in the Chillagoe-Mungana area. The caves, the spectacular karst landscape & the mining and smelting history provide brilliant opportunities for landscape photography.

Visit locations such as Balancing Rock, The Smelters and the Walsh River. Plenty of time for a swim here, keep your eyes peeled for Freshwater Crocodiles. Wildlife opportunities of the region include kangaroos, wallabies, blue-faced honeyeaters, bluewinged kookaburras and dingoes. Catch a lucky glimpse of the bright green and scarlet feathers of red-winged parrots as they fly noisily to distant trees.

Our final photography destination for the tour is a wonderful highlight. The landscape at Granite Gorge is a natural adventure playground with gigantic boulders, caves, swim holes, creeks, bridges and waterfalls. Spend an afternoon with the beautiful Mareeba Rock-wallabies that have become quite accustomed to visitors over the years. The striking landscape is full of opportunity to get that Wallaby in the perfect spot for an incredible nature portrait

The nearby river system is again another wonderful chance to cool off during the heat of the day. Return to Cairns late afternoon.

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# LUXURY DAINTREE & PORT DOUGLAS

## 7 day Private Journey - Cairns to Cairns

Discover the Daintree region in style with visits to the Daintree Rainforest, Mossman Gorge, Cape Tribulation while luxuriating at Silky Oaks Lodge. Continue to eclectic Port Douglas for a visit to the outer Great Barrier Reef and some pure relaxation at the Pullman Sea Temple Resort & Spa.

### Day 1: Arrive Cairns (D)

On arrival into Cairns, meet your driver at the baggage carousel and transfer by private vehicle to Silky Oaks Lodge. The driving time is approximately 90 minutes. The 95 km Daintree region starts at Mossman Gorge, an hour's drive north of Cairns, across the Daintree River, through the rainforest of Daintree National Park to Cape Tribulation and along the Bloomfield Track towards Cooktown.

The Daintree Rainforest is believed to be one of the three oldest in the world with unique plants and animals found nowhere else, a Paradise for bird-watchers and nature-lovers. A must-do on any visitors list with its ancient rainforests, stunning valleys, superb beaches, spectacular forest-clad mountains, clear streams, magnificent rivers and Aboriginal heritage. [Silky Oaks Lodge](#)

### Day 2: Daintree Rainforest Region (BLD)

Meet your representative and depart on a full day private Ngana Kulkinga Dungay sightseeing tour. Travel through Kuku Yalanji country with your local Aboriginal guide and learn about the culturally significant sights and local attractions between Port Douglas and Cape Tribulation including World Heritage Daintree rainforest. Discover the amazing relationships the Kuku Yalanji still have with their land and experience these diverse environments. Get an insight into the history, culture and traditions of the local Aboriginal people and the area. Walk through the world's oldest living rainforest, see natural wonders, the majestic Daintree river, and where the rainforest meets the reef, explore coastal habitats learning about the environment,

different foods and medicines utilised from nature. Sample some bush tucker and swim at one of the pristine freshwater streams in the area before returning to your lodge.

[Silky Oaks Lodge \(opening late 2021\)](#)

**\*\* Daintree Eco Lodge on request**

### Day 3: At Leisure (BD)

Today is at your leisure to relax or partake in some of the inclusive activities offered by the lodge. [Silky Oaks Lodge](#)

### Day 4: Transfer to Port Douglas (B)

Port Douglas is just an hour's drive north from Cairns via a spectacular coastal road that is surrounded by forest and the Coral Sea. The climate is seductive. Balmy days dissolve into tropical evenings with velvet starry skies. It is the only place on Earth where two World Heritage listed jewels exist; the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforest of Daintree and Cape Tribulation.

Refresh, restore and revitalise, in the aquamarine reef waters of the Coral Sea, the crystal creeks of Mossman Gorge, and the palm fringed golden sands of Port Douglas' Four Mile Beach. Discover the breathtaking northern tropics of Australia through pristine Daintree Rainforest walks and safaris, diving and snorkelling the reef and sailing the waterways. Be inspired by the amazing array of nature and wildlife and glorious simplicity. The tropics are a feast for the senses; the sights, sounds and tastes; you will never want to leave! Meet your driver and transfer by private vehicle to Port Douglas. [Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa](#)

**7 days from \$ 4,250^**

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights Silky Oaks Lodge \*\*
- 3 nights Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transport by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Services of an professional guide for sightseeing where specified

*\* Minimum 2 Guests - Private Tour*

### Day 5: Agincourt Reef (BL)

Take the shuttle transfer to Reef Marina in Port Douglas for your full day scheduled/ shared snorkelling and diving day on Agincourt Reef. Explore the very outer Great Barrier Reef in luxury and style. Made up of four separate reefs that face out to the South Pacific Ocean, Agincourt Reef is regarded as one of the most significant sites of this natural wonder.

Explore rich, diverse coral gardens that help form these protective ocean walls, filled with hard and soft corals as well as the reef's most iconic species such as sharks, stingrays, turtles, whales (in season), groupers, cods, maori wrasse and parrotfish. Enjoy the very best in comfort with spacious decks, day-bed style seating and submerged platforms, allowing easy access to & from the water. On board, enjoy a delicious tropical buffet lunch, overlooking the sparkling water. On return to Port Douglas, shuttle transfer to your hotel.

[Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa](#)

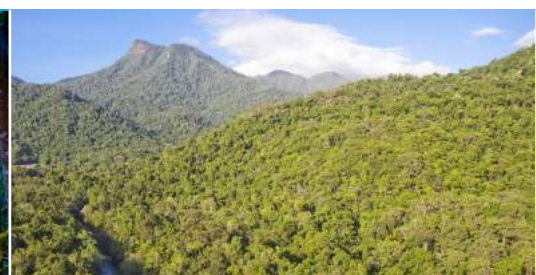
*Please note: All snorkelling equipment including lycra suits, wetsuits, prescription masks and flotation devices are included. Diving is additional and can include or exclude gear hire. Bring a beach towel, swimwear, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses.*

### Day 6: Port Douglas (B)

Today is at your leisure to relax or independently explore what the Tropical North has to offer. [Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa](#)

### Day 7: Depart Port Douglas (B)

Meet your driver and transfer by private vehicle to the airport for your onward flight.





# REEF, RAINFOREST & OUTBACK SAFARI

## 9 day Guided Journey - Townsville to Cairns

Inspiring authentic experiences and lasting memories, come and discover a secluded island paradise on the Great Barrier Reef (Orpheus Island Lodge), a soul-enriching retreat in the Daintree Rainforest (Daintree Ecolodge), and invoke the spirit of adventure in the outback (Mt Mulligan Lodge). Enjoy a bespoke safari journey celebrating Queensland's diverse natural beauty staying at a portfolio of boutique sustainable lodges. A safari experience for the Discerning traveller!

### Days 1 - 3: Orpheus Island (Great Barrier Reef)

Depart Townsville on a flight to Orpheus Island (not included). On arrival you are met and transferred to the lodge for 3 nights in a South Room including all gourmet meals, a selection of quality wine, beers & soft drinks during your stay. Enjoy daily curated Orpheus experiences - snorkelling, fishing, island cruise or nature-based guided activity plus unlimited use of motorised dinghies, paddle boards, kayaks, catamaran, snorkelling equipment and light fishing gear. Relax and enjoy the resort.

Accommodating just 28 people, Orpheus is an all-inclusive, private island lodge located in the Great Barrier Reef. With only 14 rooms, suites and villas, Orpheus Island is the ultimate in secluded, unspoilt tropical paradise, and stretches across 11km of immaculate turquoise coastline. The island itself, comprising more than 1,000 hectares of national park, is surrounded by pristine fringing reef you can access simply by stepping out from your accommodation. The island lodge features the main pavilion bar and alfresco-style dining area, a restaurant, Gwandalan Day Spa and an inviting 25m x 13m infinity pool that mirrors the Coral Sea.

### Days 4 - 5: Daintree Eco Lodge

Depart on your flight back to Townsville and connect with a scheduled flight to Cairns (not included in cost). On arrival you will be met and transferred by road to the natural beauty of the Daintree Forest for 2 nights' accommodation in a Rainforest Bayan at

Daintree Eco Lodge. Your stay includes daily à la carte breakfast at the Julaymba Restaurant, 1 x lunch hamper, 3 course dinner at the Julaymba Restaurant, one evening 6 course private 'Rainforest Lagoon' degustation dinner, Daily rainforest experience (e.g. Daintree River Cruise and rainforest walk) and a selection of quality wines, beers and soft drinks.

The Daintree Ecolodge is the perfect destination to reconnect with nature and the people you love. Believed to be over 180 million years old, and the oldest tropical lowland rainforest on Earth, the Daintree Rainforest is a rare jewel in the crown of Mother Nature, where lush tropical rainforest meets sweeping white sand beaches and fringing coral reefs. The Ecolodge features a main lodge with a bar, a rainforest restaurant and dining area overlooking the onsite lagoon, the Daintree Wellness Spa, an inviting swimming pool, private and pristine onsite waterfall and swimming hole and a multitude of quiet areas amongst the lush tropical rainforest to relax and unwind. Fresh, clean water from the purest source combined with organic, healthy foods guarantee an uplifting and sustainable getaway.

### Days 6 - 8: Mt Mulligan – Outback

Transfer by road back to Cairns. Depart Cairns on Helicopter flight to Mt Mulligan (not included in cost). On arrival you will be met and transferred to Mt Mulligan Lodge for 3 night in an Outback Room including all meals, a selection of wines, beers, spirits & soft drinks, a daily outback experience –

9 days from \$ 11,230<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 8 night luxury nights' accommodation
- All meals and a selection of beverages
  - All activities at the lodges
- Unlimited use of equipment at the lodges

### Transfers not included - additional cost

Flights: Townsville to Orpheus  
from \$690 pp return

Road Transfer: Cairns to Daintree  
from \$130 pp return

Helicopter: Cairns to Mt Mulligan  
from \$700 pp return

\* Minimum 2 Guests - Private Tour

ATV adventure, tour of historic Mt Mulligan township and coal mine or 4WD safari to Tyrconnell Gold Mine, use of paddle boards, kayaks, electric buggy and light fishing gear.

Guests staying at Mt Mulligan Lodge will be able to experience the spirit of the North Queensland back-country through a captivating landscape with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years. The expansive property bears the marks of the historic gold and coal rush and in its current operation, as a working cattle station, the pastoral history of Australia.

Iconic historical sites on the property include the old Mount Mulligan township, cemetery and coal mine, Tyrconnell gold mine, the old Cobb & Co staging posts and crossing, Lizzie Redmond mine shaft and the General Grant mine. The majestic Mount Mulligan dominates the surrounding landscape; the conglomerate and sandstone tabletop mountain boasts a spectacular 18 kilometre escarpment that towers over the surrounding Australian eucalyptus woodlands. Mt Mulligan Lodge lies beneath this undiscovered landmark with views overlooking a sparkling weir and is an all-inclusive luxury property accessible via a 35-minute scenic helicopter flight from Cairns or a 2.5-hour 4WD adventure from Cairns.

### Day 9: Return to Cairns

Transfer back to Cairns via Helicopter (not included).





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# THE WHITSUNDAYS REEF SUITES

## 2 day Luxury Underwater Suite Experience

**Spend a magical night in Australia's first underwater accommodation and have a front row seat to the dazzling underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Be prepared for an intimate experience that will stay with you forever.**

Moored offshore at Hardy Reef, 40 nautical miles from Airlie Beach, Reefworld is the setting for your spectacular overnight Reefsuite experience.

The unique pontoon hosts day trippers, on-deck Reefsleeper guests and a lucky few who'll head below deck for a private, all-inclusive Reefsuite experience.

Begin your journey at 8am from the Port of Airlie Terminal with a cruise through the beautiful Whitsunday Islands to Hardy Reef onboard our high-speed vessel, arriving at the reef around 11am.

After lunch, guests can snorkel, dive, swim or take a scenic helicopter flight to see famous Heart Reef (extra cost). Day visitors depart mid-afternoon, then overnight guests have Hardy Reef and Reefworld all to themselves.

Watch a stunning sunset with a drink in hand before enjoying a starlit long-table dinner on the pontoon's upper deck.

After dinner, Reefsuite guests can retreat to the privacy of their undersea accommodation. Sit back, relax & watch as the reef comes to life through the floor to ceiling windows.

Reefsuites give a whole new meaning to 'a room with a view' and you'll awake to see the marine life going about another day on the world-heritage listed reef they call home.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and an exclusive morning on the reef before heading home in the afternoon with memories that will stay with you forever.

**About The Reefworld Project:** The refurbishment of the Reefworld pontoon is proudly supported by the Queensland Government's Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Cruise Whitsundays is proud to support the region's unique natural environment in delivering this Australian-first tourism experience. The team works hand-in-hand with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to ensure all elements of this project are approached in a sustainable and environmentally conscious manner.

The refurbished Reefworld pontoon features two Reefsuites and has been returned to its former location on Hardy Reef, thus minimising impact on the surrounding marine environment. In working with the relevant environmental agencies during this project, we are proud to have achieved the largest natural coral transplant ever to be undertaken on the Great Barrier Reef.

More than 4000 pieces of coral have been sustainably removed from old moorings and successfully replanted onto the existing reef wall to rejuvenate the local environment. As part of this, a coral farm was established to encourage further growth in the area. Commitment to the marine environment continues well into the future with the new pontoon providing accurate reef knowledge, conservation guidance and general reef education to all guests.

**2 day from \$ 799<sup>^</sup>**

### INCLUSIONS:

- Arrive at your unique accommodation via a scenic cruise through the Whitsundays
- 1 night accommodation in an Underwater room featuring premium bedding, glass-walled ensuite & floor-to-ceiling views of the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef
  - All meals including Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Most beverages incl. beer & wine (cocktails/spirits extra cost)
- Dining experience under the stars
- Activities at the reef including a private guided snorkelling & semi-submarine tour
- Access to the underwater observatory

**Optional: Scuba diving (*own expense*)**

*\* Minimum 2 Guests*







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# THALA BEACH EXPERIENCE

## 5 day Luxury Beach Retreat

At Thala Beach Nature Reserve, guests enjoy comfort within a beautiful, natural environment that is home to many unique Australian plants and animals. Add to this good local food, Tropical Queensland hospitality and interactive experiences, including visits to The Great Barrier Reef and guided walks in ancient Gondwanan rainforests, guests have a combination of experiences available nowhere else in the world.

Thala Beach Nature Reserve is located on a private headland between Cairns and Port Douglas, Australia. Perfectly positioned on a private headland, Thala is surrounded by the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, providing easy access for our guests to immerse themselves in the surrounding natural grandeur and the abundance of nature-based activities that are on offer.

Thala Beach Nature Reserve is a member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Deluxe eco accommodation options are sensitively positioned amongst the resort's 145 acre property. Thala's Eucalypt Bungalows allow you to intimately experience the unique tropical forest in supreme comfort and privacy. Eucalypt Bungalows are individually positioned and border Thala's pathways as they gently rise up the headland through the lush Eucalypt forest.

**Star Gazing:** The Thala night sky is free from light pollution and filled with millions of stars. Enjoy an introduction to the beautiful Southern Constellations from an experienced, passionate guide. View many fascinating stars and planets using telescopes and binoculars at the unique outdoor observatory.

**Coconut Odyssey:** On Australia's only coconut tour, not only do you get to drink & eat from the very young green coconut to the little known 'Coconut Apple' – you will also learn the truth about the health benefits of coconuts. The 'Tree Of Life' has astonishing advantages from helping to reduce body fat and lower cholesterol, to building the immune system.

**Bird & Butterfly Walks:** David is our bird and butterfly expert and you will be thrilled at the colour and variety of the species to be found at Thala. An early start to hear the first chorus of Thala's birds in full song is a wonderful way to welcome a new day. We also have local experts who can take you for full day birding expeditions through a wide variety of habitats.

**Nature & Garden Walks:** You will be guided through 145 acres of a variety of native flora by Brett and his enthusiastic team. They delight in sharing their extensive knowledge and passion for the environment, plants and animals.

**Talks with Kuku Yalangi People:** Elders from our aboriginal community, the Kuku Yalangi people, share their stories as passed on from previous generations including the history of their ancient cultural traditions. You will enjoy seeing and learning the value of bush tucker food, the knowledge of which has been nurtured since the age of the hunter-gatherer. The haunting rhythms of the traditional Didgeridoo is being incorporated into many forms of contemporary music, here it will take you back to the beginnings of the aboriginal Dreamtime.

5 days from \$ 1,695<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights in a Eucalypt Bungalow
- Daily breakfast overlooking the Coral Sea
- Full day cruise to the Great Barrier Reef
- A full day Rainforest Experience

### • Complimentary activities

Enjoy guided tours including

- Star Gazing
- Coconut Odyssey
- Bird & Butterfly Walks
- Nature & Garden Walks
- Talks with the Kuku Yalangi People

*NB: Transfers available on request  
from \$165 per vehicle one-way*

*\* Minimum 2 Guests*







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# MT MULLIGAN ROMANCE PACKAGE

## 5 day All Inclusive Luxury Outback Lodge

Queensland's newest all-inclusive luxury property, Mt Mulligan Lodge, is a luxury outback lodge situated on a secluded, entirely private 28,000-hectare heritage site, offering boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. The lodge is proud to be part of the Northern Escape Collection, a curated selection of boutique experiences in Northern Australia designed to capture the adventurer in everyone. Relax and enjoy the many activities available during your stay.

Located on an entirely private 28,000 hectare outback property 160km north-west of Cairns, Mt Mulligan Lodge accommodates just 20 indulged guests at any one time, ensuring a rugged and intimate escape. Offering all-inclusive luxury accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan, the lodge features four different accommodation types, a beautifully designed main pavilion for guest meals and relaxation, an infinity pool and sunset bar. Each guest room at Mt Mulligan Lodge is also assigned its own electric buggy for guests to zip to the communal Main Pavilion or the Sunset Bar.

A range of experiences have been designed to make the most of the rugged outback territory. Mt Mulligan Lodge offers guided tours of the goldfields including a demonstration of Australia's oldest operating gold crusher at Tyrconnell, exploration of the historic Mount Mulligan coal mine and abandoned township, ATV adventures discovering the history and beauty of the region, chef-prepared gourmet picnic hampers, wildlife spotting, sunset drinks overlooking the escarpment, stargazing, hikes around the southern face of Mount Mulligan, barramundi fishing in the weir, scenic helicopter flights and the chance to experience the day-to-day operations of a working cattle station.

Mt Mulligan Lodge is ideal for couples yearning to leave the hustle of reality in their dust tracks. From your rustic freestanding bathtub, stare out at the open wilderness in front of you. With no phone network or TVs to disrupt your rustic escape, bliss out on a true technology detox. Let's not forget the never-ending supply of bubbles waiting to be enjoyed (did we mention our lodge is all-inclusive) and private stargazing!

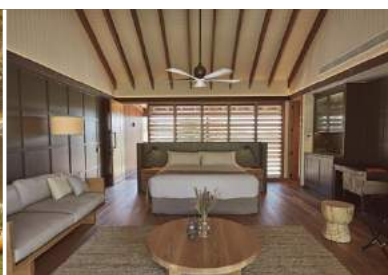
**The Outback Room:** This room is perfect for those travelling as a duo and is situated on the water's edge of a sparkling eucalyptus-fringed weir. It captures the majestic beauty and moods of the 18-kilometre long sandstone escarpment of Mount Mulligan.

The spacious Outback Room is contemporary and luxurious; yet retains a raw external charm with its spotted gum timber cladding, pitched cathedral ceiling and deep verandah. Inside, the earthy-tones of the fine linen, sisal rug and dark green wall panelling give a rich sense of place, mirroring the colours found in the outback environment outside. With its dark grey natural stone tiles and bronze fittings, the ensuite bathroom is both luxurious and calming. On your private verandah, a corrugated iron water tank has been re-purposed as a deep outdoor bath, orientated to capture uninterrupted views of the Australian outback.

5 days from \$ 3,245<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Four nights accommodation in an Outback Room
  - All rustic but refined meals
  - A selection of quality wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks
  - Bottle of French champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries on arrival
  - Private stargazing tour, two guests
    - A daily outback experience
      - ATV adventure - sunset drinks
      - tour of historic Mount Mulligan township
      - tour of coal mine or 4WD safari to Tyrconnell Gold Mine
  - Unlimited use of paddle boards, kayaks, sky-gazing telescope and light fishing gear
- Transfer can be arranged via helicopter from \$700 per person return
- \* Minimum 2 Guests (sharing)*







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# CAPE YORK FISHING ADVENTURE

## 6 day Roko Island Adventure - Cairns to Cairns

What can we say about Cape York that hasn't been already said. Untamed wilderness, unspoilt waters, warmth of the tropics, and of course unmatched fishing experience! What makes Cape York the perfect fishing holiday destination is its diversity. You could be in the estuaries chasing the elusive Barramundi, just to find yourself minutes later pulling a Spanish Mackerel in the Blue waters! Join us on a fishing adventure and discover what Cape York has to offer. Blue waters or Estuaries fishing, the choice is yours. NB: There are 4 Tents only so book your group early of mates early for this incredible experience!

Located near the tip of Cape York, we have the unique opportunity to fish three different areas: The north east coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Torres Strait and the eastern tip of Cape York coast. We fish some of the most pristine rivers, coastline, and nearby coral fringed islands.

Cape York offers anglers the opportunity to chase some of the world's best sports fish including Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Spanish Mackerel, Grey Mackerel, Mackerel-Tuna, Long Tail Tuna, Coral Trout, Queen fish, Giant Trevally, Golden Trevally, Fingermark, Cobia, threadfin Salmon and much more, all in one location!



**Glamping on Roko Island:** Experience an exclusive private tropical island stay at an affordable price and discover what the Torres Strait islands have to offer. On Roko Island simply relax and get mesmerized by the beauty of the surroundings, with the Torres Strait as our front yard and Cape York as our back yard. We are 20 minutes boat ride from Seisia Wharf and 10 minutes from Punsand Bay.

We have convenient access to Thursday Island and we are about half an hour by boat from The Northernmost Point of Australia. Did you ever dream of waking up on a tropical island, having breakfast with an ocean view, walking down the jetty to board your fishing boat and few minutes later, throwing a line in? Come and stay with us to experience all this!

**Our 4 Eco Tents:** Offering accommodation of 4 Single beds per tent (4 guests to a room) and have shared bathroom facilities, Solar power lighting in each tent, with power points (240V low power use only), Linen & bath towel provided, Tea & coffee making facilities (available at the dining area), Access to most parts of the island and the two jetties, Fishing gear available for day use, Fishing off the jetty

This is a true back to nature fishing adventure in a pristine part of Australia.

6 days from \$ 2,995<sup>^^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Return flights - Cairns to Bamaga with Rex Airlines.
  - Return transfers - Bamaga Airport to Roko Island
  - 5 nights in Roko Island's Eco Tents
  - 4 full days of fishing (8 hours per day)
    - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- (NB: Alcoholic drinks can be purchased and organized in advance)
- Fully qualified skipper / fishing guide for each boats
  - "Madfish" our 7m Custom built Haines Hunter powered by a 175hp 4 stroke Suzuki
  - "Jaws13" our 7.5m Kevlacat powered by twin 140hp 4 stroke Suzuki
  - Fishing gear and tackle can be provided at no extra cost (\*conditions applies)

**NB: We recommend that you bring your own equipment and tackle.**

\* Based on Minimum Group of 4 Guests.

<sup>^^</sup> Price is per person quad share - 4 Guests per tent





# Island Holidays







# DISCOVER LORD HOWE ISLAND

## 4 day Arajilla Resort package

**Lord Howe Island is Paradise on Earth and voted in the top 10 Island Destinations. Immerse yourself in the spectacular surroundings and experience some of the world's best day hikes, snorkelling on the coral reef, hand-feeding fish on Ned's Beach and much more. This multi award winning, World Heritage-listed paradise is less than a 2 hour flight from Sydney or Brisbane and now is the perfect time to visit.**

Renowned for its warm, friendly service and laid back ambience, Arajilla Retreat encapsulates the very essence of Lord Howe Island, offering guests a haven of tranquility and peace. Arajilla is perfectly positioned on the northern sheltered end of the Island's lagoon just behind Old Settlement Beach, where meandering pathways lead through native gardens to the beach, to its serene Ayurvedic Spa, luxurious suites and renowned restaurant.

Explore the extraordinary scenery and wildlife of World Heritage listed Lord Howe Island. Walk bush trails, climb mountains, swim, surf, snorkel, fish, cycle around the Island, play golf beneath the mountains, take it easy on a deserted beach, enjoy a massage or treatment, savor fine food and wine.

The one bedroom Kentia Suites nestled amongst the Kentia Palms and Banyan Trees are spacious with high ceilings, separate living areas, large private decks, king or single beds and ensuite. Being close to Old Settlement beach means you can enjoy all the island has to offer in complete luxury. These suites are perfect for a romantic getaway.

### 4 day Arajilla Eco-Adventure Package from \$2,645<sup>^</sup>

01 Apr 21 - 15 May 21 / 24 Aug 21 - 18 Dec 21: \$2,645 per person  
19 Dec 21 - 09 Jan 22: \$3,225 per person  
10 Jan 22 - 31 Mar 22: \$2,645 per person

#### Standard inclusions listed:

**PLUS:** 5-hour guided North Bay Nature and Turtle Tour • 4-hour self-guided glass bottom kayak of Lord Howe's protected lagoon – snorkel Sylphs Hole • Kayak to and then climb Blackburn Island for a picnic lunch • Sorkel the kaleidoscopic reef • Receive a copy of renowned local naturalist Ian Hutton's Birds of Lord Howe Island Past and Present.

### 4 day Arajilla Luxury Pamper Package from \$2,760<sup>^</sup>

01 Apr 21 - 15 May 21 / 24 Aug 21 - 18 Dec 21: \$2,760 per person  
19 Dec 21 - 09 Jan 22: \$3,360 per person  
10 Jan 22 - 31 Mar 22: \$2,760 per person

#### Standard inclusions listed:

**PLUS:** Sparkling wine and chocolates on arrival, Picnic hamper with a bottle of chilled Australian wine. Rejuvenating Body Polish and Ayurda Signature Facial for her Abhyanga massage and herbal steam for him.

**4 days from \$ 2,645<sup>^</sup>**

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 night accommodation in the Kentia Suite
  - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Tea & coffee, pre-dinner canapes, all non-alcoholic drinks, selected alcoholic beverages,
  - Airport return transfers
- Bicycles, light fishing gear, snorkelling equipment
- Complimentary WI-FI
  - *Minimum 2 Guests*





# Norfolk Island

## THE COMMANDANT'S DINNER

Spent an entertaining evening with Norfolk's Commandants  
- The 1st Governor, the notable tasker & the dedicated reformer

Tuesdays 6.30pm



## DISCOVER NORFOLK ISLAND

### 8 day Castaway Resort Package

Norfolk Island is a sub-tropical island approximately 1,600km north-east of Sydney and 1,100km north-west of Auckland. A paradise island that is only 5 x 8 km in size. The highest point is Mt Bates at 318 metres. There are 2 outer island, Nepean Island and Phillip Island. Norfolk Island is the perfect escape from a demanding world. The delightful switch to "Norfolk Time" allows the internal clock to release the passing of each hour, and frees the mind from expectation. From a cruisy cafe lunch to a snorkel in Emily Bay lagoon – all the island asks is that you enjoy its offerings. Discover for yourself why visitors return time and time again. There's so much more to Norfolk Island!

#### Day 1: Arrive Norfolk

Arrive Norfolk Island. Met and transferred to Castaway for 7 nights' accommodation. Castaway is conveniently located in the heart of Burnt Pine with sweeping valley, garden views and is just a short stroll to local shops and cafes. Guests have access to the fitness room as well as complimentary use of beach towels, snorkelling gear, picnic rugs and local mobile phones whilst on the Island. Enjoy your first day at leisure.

#### Day 2: Historical Norfolk Tour & 1856 The Untold Story

Today's tour, "Discover Norfolk", is an informative tour to discover Norfolk Island and to introduce you to the beauty & diversity of this Island paradise. The 1856 untold story will follow the journey of the descendants from the Bounty, arrived on Norfolk Island from Pitcairn Island aboard the Morayshire, in the World Heritage Listed Kingston area. Hear stories of how they lived and adapted to island life. This 1-hour tour is very evocative.

#### Day 3 - Colleen McCullough Home Tour & Commandant's Dinner:

Depart on a "Colleen McCullough Home Tour". World-renowned author of 24 books, Colleen has called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway and maintained their privacy to ensure Colleen had the perfect environment for her writing. Some of her most powerful titles were created

in this much-loved sanctuary, called "Out Yenna". At night, enjoy a "Commandant's Dinner". This factual yet fun dinner theatre is a great way to learn about Norfolk's history including stories from the Commandant about the notorious Convict Settlements. Enjoy a 3-course dinner of traditional English fare to compliment the setting. The Commandants' Dinner is a night of entertainment, food & fun.

#### Day 4 - Bushwalk & Island Feast

You will collect and depart on today's touring itinerary "BREAKFAST BUSHWALK". Your walk will take you through diverse habitats from rainforest to clifftops, enormous pines & white-woods. While the topography is hilly, the pace is relaxed and our guides cater to a range of fitness levels. Your efforts will be richly rewarded by a delicious barbeque breakfast with all the trimmings, which awaits. Learn about our flora and fauna and see some of our 40 endemic species of plants and birds. For those that just want to join us for breakfast come along! We will relax and meet up with the others for breakfast. Three walk/non-walk options available to suit all fitness levels! Then at around 4.30pm it is time for the Island fish Feast. Enjoy a glamorous picnic where local fish is prepared and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes passed down from our Polynesian fore-mothers. The feast kicks off with entertainment by a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers (weather-permitting).

8 days from \$ 1,395<sup>^</sup>

#### INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfers
- 7 night accommodation in a Garden View Room at Castaway
- Cooked breakfast daily
- 3 special event dinners
- Guided tours as per itinerary
- Complimentary Snorkelling equipment
- Minimum 2 Guests



#### Days 5 to 7: At leisure

Enjoy your remaining days at leisure. On Day 5 enjoy a special three course Progressive Dinner, this is the perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle. Enjoy the home-cooked food, bursting with the goodness of fresh island produce, chat with your fellow diners and soak up the stories of your island hosts as they share their passion for their little island paradise.

#### Day 8 - Depart:

Morning at leisure then transfer to the airport for your departure flight.







## Norfolk Island

# BOUNTY DAY BREAKAWAY

8 day Escorted Group • 07 - 14 June 2021

A day that is precious to Norfolk Islander's hearts is Anniversary Day, known as Bounty Day. Each year on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June a celebration takes place in remembrance of the day their Ancestors arrived from Pitcairn Island. Join this tour to discover the Bounty Mutineer descendants as they re-enact the landing of their forbearers. The landing takes place at the Kingston Pier, the oldest pier in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Day 1 - Arrive Norfolk:

Arrive Norfolk Island. Met and transferred to The Paradise Hotel for 7 nights' accommodation. Paradise Hotel is nestled in 11 acres of beautifully landscaped sub-tropical gardens. During your stay, relax by the pool or enjoy the tranquility & vibe of island life.

### Day 2 - Bounty Day:

This morning you will join the Bounty Mutineer descendants as they enact the landing of their forbearers. The landing takes place at the Kingston Pier, the oldest pier in the Southern Hemisphere. Follow the procession of the Bounty Mutineers descendants who will be dressed in period costume to the Cenotaph to pay respects to fallen heroes where hymns are sung. Then it is onto the Cemetery where wreaths are laid, local hymns and the Pitcairn Anthem, (Norfolk Island's national anthem) are sung. The Bounty Mutineer descendants then make their way to the All Saints Church for the judging of the best dressed families. You can observe the tradition of the children of the Bounty Mutineers descendants rolling down the Government House hill. Then it's off to morning tea followed by a traditional Island picnic lunch.

### Day 3 - Discover Norfolk Tour, Trial of 15 & Commandant's Dinner:

Enjoy this informative tour to Discover Norfolk Island and introduce you to the beauty and diversity of our Island paradise. Then on to the Trial of 15. You are an eyewitness to a courtroom drama as 15 extraordinary

characters' step on stage to expose Norfolk's colourful and turbulent past. The testimony of those on trial reveals the story of Norfolk Island, Polynesian visitation, European discovery, convict misery & arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders. This successful show has been running for over 10 years. The evening there is a fun Commandant's dinner theatre showcasing Norfolk history. Marvel at how the Commandants and their families adapted to life in a Norfolk Island penal colony, recreating a little piece of England in the Pacific. Enjoy a 3-course dinner of traditional English fare.

### Day 4 - Bushwalk & Island Feast:

Walk through diverse habitats from rainforest to clifftops, between enormous pines and white-woods, surrounded by seabirds. Enjoy a taste of Norfolk at a beekeepers' home where you will view flow hives, learn about the fascinating local honeybees, and view their flight path to their hives. Next stop will be a beef and dairy farm to learn about supplying milk to make local cheese & milk.

Last visit will be a cooking demonstration to learn about the traditional Island way of cooking by our Tahitian foremothers. You then enjoy an island feast. The beautifully set tables will delight you with the most glamorous picnic you will ever attend! Scrumptiously fresh, local fish is prepared the local way and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes including those passed down from the Polynesian ancestors. Our feast kicks off with entertainment, by a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers to set the island scene.

8 days from \$ 1,850<sup>^</sup>

### INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfers
- 7 night accommodation in a Garden View Room at Paradise Hotel & Resort
- Cooked breakfast daily
- 3 special event dinners
- Special Bounty Day Celebrations
- Guided tours as per itinerary
- Complimentary Snorkelling equipment
- Minimum 10 Guests

### Day 5 - Colleen McCulloch Home Tour & Progressive Dinner:

This morning depart on a tour to discover the history of world renowned author Colleen McCulloch and in the evening, enjoy a Progressive Dinner, the perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle.

### Day 6 & 7 - 1856 The Untold Story and at time at leisure:

On 8 June 1856 a total of 194 people, descendants from the Bounty, arrived on Norfolk Island from Pitcairn Island aboard the Morayshire. This consisted of 40 men, 47 women, 54 boys, and 53 girls. They arrived in cold, wet blustery conditions. Few had ever been to sea before, they were seasick, homesick and heartsick. The journey of 6,000 km took 5 weeks.

They arrived to a recently abandoned penal settlement set aside for the 'worst of the worst' it was full of ghosts and memories. The 1856 untold story will follow their journey in the World Heritage Listed Kingston area. Recount stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their new life on Norfolk Island. This 1-hour tour is very evocative.

Enjoy your remaining time on Norfolk Island at leisure. Optional Tours (pp) - Glass Bottom Boat Trip from \$65. Convict Kingston Tour from \$49. Lantern Lit Ghost Tour from \$47

### Day 8 - Depart:

Morning at leisure then transfer to the airport for your departure flight.





# Christmas Island



## CHRISTMAS ISLAND ECO ESCAPE

### 5 day Luxury Swell Lodge package

Come and enjoy a fully-inclusive holiday with all meals, drinks, transport and guided tours tailored to your interests. Swell Lodge is an exclusive eco-lodge featuring two glass-fronted eco-chalets where you can wake up in Australia's most unique, wildlife-filled National Park and gaze out over uninhabited coastline from your bed. Far more than a hotel, Swell Lodge on Christmas Island is like nothing else on Earth. 1500km northwest of the mainland, the stunning tropical paradise of Christmas Island is known as the 'Galapagos of the Indian Ocean' & is Australia's best-kept secret.

**Guided Tours:** These are included and our guides will collect you to show you the diverse natural wonders of this unique island. We also offer special-interest itineraries including freediving workshops, yoga & wellness retreats, photography weeks, learn to scuba dive etc.

**The Wilderness Area:** Inside the National Park on the uninhabited coast of Christmas Island, even the lush 4WD track to Swell Lodge, passing crabs and natural tree archways, is out of this world. Each eco-chalet is accessed by it's own private 80m walking trail through the jungle alive with crabs and exotic forest birds to the sea.

**The Lodge:** You will never forget opening the door to your eco-chalet for the first time seeing the uninterrupted ocean-views, from the ceiling-to-floor through wall-to-wall glass. The lodge features stunning interiors, glass sculptures, stone bench tops, luxurious King-sized bed, Italian-tiled ensuite bathroom and an expansive deck. Enjoy such luxury and privacy, watching ocean swell roll in and break onto kilometres of wild, uninhabited coastline.

**Private Chef:** Every evening our chef will prepare a gourmet 3-course meal for you using fresh and locally foraged ingredients right on your oceanfront deck as you enjoy sunset over the ocean. Wine, beer and even gin & tonic (with a squeeze of wild jungle lime, perhaps?) is all on the house, as is breakfast and the beautiful picnic lunches for your daily guided activities.

**Activities:** Christmas Island is a bird-watcher's paradise with a variety of unusual endemic species including the critically endangered Abbott's booby nests & rare raptors, our own emerald dove, frigatebird and the spectacular golden bosun with its theatrically long tail. There is an incredible variety of birds from forest, garen, coastal rocks and seabird species.

**Underwater:** Christmas Island boasts some of the best snorkelling, scuba diving and freediving in the world. Viewing is usually exceptional to see the kaleidoscope of fish, dolphins, turtles, shipwrecks and some of the longest drop-off dive walls in the world.

**On the Land:** The most famous inhabitants are the 40 million red crabs which can be found year-round, manicuring the jungle floor. When the rainy season starts they embark on one of the largest migrations in the animal kingdom, down to the coast to spawn in a spectacle Sir David Attenborough rates as one of his top 10 natural wonders on Earth. Wander through tranquil rainforest trails to secluded turtle-nesting beaches, through wetlands, pristine jungle waterfalls, blowhole geysers, rock pools & caves.

5 days from \$ 3,310^

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 night accommodation
- All meals
- Transfers
- Flexible daily guided tours
- *Minimum 2 Guests*







## Orpheus Island

# ORPHEUS ISLAND ESCAPE

## 6 day All Inclusive Island Retreat

**One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the Great Barrier Reef is composed of 2,900 reefs and 900 islands. The beauty of the Great Barrier Reef stretches over 2,300 km and is the only living thing on earth that can be seen from space. The underwater world is home to more than 1,500 fish species, 10% of which cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Above the water, there are so many wildlife species residing on Orpheus and surrounding islands.**

**Orpheus Island Lodge:** Accommodating just 28 people, Orpheus is an all-inclusive, private island lodge located in the Great Barrier Reef. With only 14 rooms, suites and villas, Orpheus Island is the ultimate in secluded, unspoilt tropical paradise, and stretches across 11km of immaculate turquoise coastline. The island itself, comprising more than 1,000 hectares of national park, is surrounded by pristine fringing reef you can access simply by stepping out from your accommodation. The island lodge features the main pavilion bar & alfresco dining area, a restaurant, Gwandalan Day Spa & an infinity pool that mirrors the Coral Sea. All stays at Orpheus include three gourmet meals daily, use of water sports equipment, unlimited Australian beer, wine & soft drinks plus a daily Orpheus experience.

**Accommodation:** The North Beachfront Room is the entry level accommodation and has sweeping views of the Coral Sea. These rooms are the epitome of laid-back luxury and can be booked with one king bed or twin beds. They feature a patio overlooking the Coral Sea, Bose sound system, LED TV, Mini bar, Li'tya guest amenities, Selection of T2 teas and hot chocolate, Nespresso coffee machine, Air-conditioning & ceiling fan, Hairdryer, Bathrobes, Beach towels & beach bag, Complimentary water bottles

**Great Barrier Reef Eco-Tours:** Sustainability and our impact on the natural environment is an area that we are extremely passionate about and we want to share the beauty of this natural environment and the fragile ecosystem around us. Our Great Barrier Reef eco-tours are designed to educate & demonstrate to guests what makes this such a special part of the world.

**Research Station Tour:** Located within Pioneer Bay is the Orpheus Island Research Station, a marine research facility operated by James Cook University. On this educational eco-tour, explore the research facilities, including the wet and dry laboratories and the live reef touch tanks. During specific times of the year, Marine Scientists will be conducting integral research on climate change, sea level rise and their potential impacts on the local reef and ecosystems.

**Picnic Bay Beach Clean-Up:** Orpheus Island Lodge is passionate about preserving and protecting the Great Barrier Reef. Our staff and guests regularly conduct beach clean-ups at Picnic Bay. Marine debris is a major threat to the Great Barrier Reef! Marine debris can smother coral, cause wildlife injury, starvation or death - you will feel rewarded after this experience!

**Eco-Educational Dive And Snorkel:** Take a half-day charter with one of our qualified dive instructors or explore the protected giant clam garden via motorised dinghy with a qualified eco-educational guide.

**6 days from \$ 3,200<sup>^</sup>#**

### RESORT INCLUSIONS

- Luxury accommodation
- All gourmet meals daily
- A selection of quality wines, beers & soft drinks, all-inclusive mini bar & gourmet snacks
- A daily curated Orpheus experience – snorkelling, fishing, island cruise or nature-based guided activity
- Unlimited use of motorised dinghies, paddle boards, kayaks, catamaran, snorkelling equipment and light fishing gear
- Minimum 2 Guests

NB: #Price based on Discover Orpheus package

### 6 DAY DISCOVER ORPHEUS PACKAGE from \$3,200

- 5 nights in a North Beachfront Room
- Resort Inclusions

### 5 DAY ROMANCE PACKAGE from \$3,455

- 4 nights in a North Beachfront Room
- Resort Inclusions
- Private beach drop-off with picnic hamper
- A Signature 'Dining with the Tides' experience
  - Bottle of French champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries on arrival

### 4 DAY ORPHEUS DIVE PACKAGE from \$3,360

- 3 nights in a North Beachfront Room
- Resort Inclusions
- Private half day outer reef dive or snorkel (approx. 5 hrs & includes all equipment, a skipper, snorkel/dive guides & refreshments)
- Private two hour fringing reef dive or snorkel (approx. 2 hr & includes all equipment, a skipper, snorkel/dive guide & refreshments)

NB: 'Discover Dive' course can be conducted on-island for guests over 12 yrs who wish to dive but don't hold a current PADI certification.







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