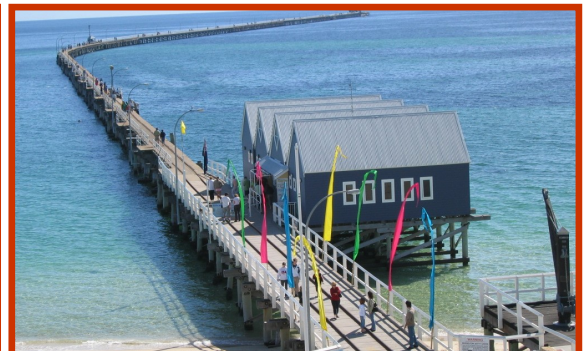


POTTER TRAVEL

SOUTH WEST WA AND NULLARBOR

15 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
RETURNING: SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019



TOUR COST:

\$4795.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$5585.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO PERTH: Sunday 08 September 2019

Welcome to Perth. We are met at the airport by our Potter Travel coach captain and get acquainted with the beautiful capital city of Western Australia. We start with a visit to Kings Park. From our vantage point we see the Swan and Canning Rivers below and the Darling Ranges out to the east. We'll have a look around the gardens filled with unique flora and hopefully some wildflowers. Our afternoon also includes a visit to the imposing Bell Tower.

Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough Beach Perth | 08 9245 1000

Day 2: (BLD) FREMANTLE: Monday 09 September 2019

Our touring takes us to Fremantle today. Joining a cruise along the picturesque Swan River we admire the waterfront scenery whilst listening to the captain's commentary. Disembarking in the historic port of Fremantle sets the scene for a great day. This wonderful town has an eclectic mix of shops and eateries. We all remember that famous America's Cup race in 1983 when Australia II crossed the finishing line ahead of the Americans. We can see the yacht at the Western Australian Maritime Museum and take a tour through other unique galleries that symbolise WA's maritime past, present and future. Our lunch venue is the Kailis Fish Market, a family business that has been running for over 75 years. Off to the Fremantle Prison where we'll 'do time'. Our Behind the Bars tour will show us the prison's convict origins from the 1850s through to its closure as a maximum security gaol in 1991. We discover how time was passed in the yards and our entertaining guide will show us a lighter side of prison humour. Our final night in Perth sees us prepare for our upcoming adventure.

Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough Beach Perth | 08 9245 1000

Day 3: (BLD) PERTH TO BUSSELTON: Tuesday 10 September 2019

Leaving Perth behind, our coastal route takes us through to Busselton. The Busselton Jetty is a feature to see in itself. At approximately 2 kilometres long, it is one of the longest in the world! Lunch is in the foreshore restaurant before commencing our Busselton Jetty Experience. The Jetty Train takes us out to the Underwater Observatory for a viewing of the aquatic wonders beneath the jetty. We will have some time to browse through the souvenir shop after our train returns. Our accommodation is situated ideally with the beach at its back door.

Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton | 08 9755 4600

Day 4: (BLD) CAVES AND CAPES OF MARGARET RIVER: Wednesday 11 September 2019

Margaret River has much more to offer than just wine! Our visit today includes the Margaret River Chocolate Company who has been busy creating mouth-watering, handmade chocolate treats for us to taste. We'll also tour through the impressive, gothic-like limestone cave, Mammoth Cave. The Interpretive Centre will tell us more about the history of the caves after our viewing. Cape Leeuwin to the south of us is the junction of the Southern Ocean and Indian Ocean, so it can be breezy here. Pop on a scarf and take a stroll to the 1896 Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse for spectacular coastal views. Rewarded with a lovely lunch afterwards we return to Margaret River for a wine tasting before heading back to the hotel.

Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton | 08 9755 4600

Day 5: (BD) PEMBERTON: Thursday 12 September 2019

Pemberton is a pretty timber town surrounded by magnificent tall trees and it is our destination today. The scenic drive is through state forests and the town of Nannup before arriving at the famous Gloucester Tree. Standing at 61 metres it is reputed to be the tallest tree-mounted fire lookout in the world. Our afternoon's sightseeing is done by rail. Boarding our red Pemberton Tram we have an unforgettable 1¼ hour tour. Shuffling out of Pemberton we'll pass the Saw Mill and descend deep into the Karri forest. The tram meanders through the forest, crossing six bridges, stopping at Cascades and the Warren River Bridge where the Lefroy Brook joins the Warren River. Our tram then returns to Pemberton and we check into our accommodation.

Best Western Pemberton Hotel, Pemberton | 08 9776 1017

Day 6: (BLD) PERMBERTON TO ALBANY: Friday 13 September 2019

An earlier start today ensures we arrive in Walpole in time to board our Wilderness Eco Cruise. The family-run operation cruises through scenic waterways and wilderness areas. Further on we reach Valley of the Giants, within the Walpole National Park. From Karri Trees yesterday to Tingle Trees today, we drive through a dense forest of these unique hardwood trees. A Tree Top Walk will help us explore and uncover the special nature of these trees. The walk opens us up to a world of birds and flowers that most of us never get to see. The ground level Ancient Empire Boardwalk meanders around (and sometimes through) a grove of veteran tingle trees. It's a very peaceful experience with quiet spots to sit and simply enjoy the surrounds. Now it's on to Albany, via Denmark, Western Australia's first settlement.

Ace Accommodation, Albany | 08 9841 2911

Day 7: (BD) ALBANY: Saturday 14 September 2019

King George Sound, upon which Albany sits, provides the only natural haven for shipping between here and Melbourne. It was the entry point for thousands joining the gold rushes of the late 1800s, much to the delight of storekeepers and publicans along the main street of town. More importantly, it was where the first convoy of Australian and New Zealand troops departed from during World War I. For many, Albany was their last sight of Australian soil. We have the privilege of visiting the National Anzac Centre set within Albany Heritage Park. The centre houses unique content developed by the Western Australian Museum and Australian War Memorial, as we assume the identity of one of 32 characters then follow their personal experiences of the Great War. These personal stories unfold through interactive, multimedia displays, poignant artefacts, rare images and film, and audio commentary. This afternoon we drive to nearby Frenchman Bay, the location of the old whaling station Discovery Bay, which now records the history of whaling here. On the way back we make a couple of stops to view the southern coastline of the Torndirrup National Park.

There are numerous natural attractions here including The Gap and The Bridge – each providing great views of the coast.

Ace Accommodation, Albany | 08 9841 2911

Day 8: (BLD) ALBANY TO ESPERANCE: Sunday 15 September 2019

We tour through the stunning Stirling Ranges National Park on the lookout for the wildflowers that usually come this time of year. We are here at the best time so keep your eyes on the side of the road where they can often be spotted. Now onto Esperance, located on a coastline that is particularly spectacular with pure, white sandy beaches and massive granite outcrops. The beautiful heart-shaped bay - the Bay of Isles - is so named due to the group of 105 islands that can be seen offshore, forming the Archipelago of Recherche. Our hotel will welcome us after our wildflower-spotting travel day to unpack and settle in.

Best Western Hospitality Inn, Esperance | 08 9071 1999

Day 9: (BLD) HEADING FOR THE NULLARBOR: Monday 16 September 2019

The second phase of our tour begins today. We travel via Norseman before commencing our drive east across the Nullarbor. Keep your eye out for the horse statue in the main street. It allegedly pawed the ground and unearthed a gold nugget, leading to the discovery of one of the richest quartz reefs ever mined in Australia. This afternoon we drive past the woodlands of Dundas Nature Reserve and climb the granite hills of the Fraser Ranges. As we head towards our overnight stop of Cocklebiddy, be on the lookout for camels, kangaroos and emus.

Wedgetail Inn, Cocklebiddy | 08 9039 3462

Day 10: (BLD) CROSSING THE NULLARBOR: Tuesday 17 September 2019

From our window we'll take in the vast expanse of Australian landscape. Two thirds of the Nullarbor Plain is within Western Australia and one third is in South Australia. The Great Australian Bight borders the area to the south and to the north is the Great Victoria Desert. At Eucla it's interesting to see the remains of the Old Telegraph Station which is slowly being swallowed by the shifting sands. Crossing into South Australia we follow the spectacular Bunda Cliffs. There are several viewpoints we can stop to see these sheer 60-120m high cliffs. Overnight accommodation is at the Nullarbor Hotel Motel.

Nullarbor Hotel Motel | 08 8625 6271

Day 11: (BD) NULLARBOR TO STREAKY BAY: Wednesday 18 September 2019

Remember to pack the binoculars because today we visit the Nullarbor Whale Platform and Head of the Bight. Keep a lookout for the playful whales that come to these safe waters in spring to give birth and rear the young calves. It will be an amazing sight if we are lucky enough to see these majestic creatures. Listen out for the moaning of the Southern Right Whales as they swim within the bay. We head towards Ceduna for a late lunch break, with the countryside changing to farm land. Our final leg today takes us in a more southerly direction into Streaky Bay.

Streaky Bay Hotel Motel, Streaky Bay | 08 8626 1008

Day 12: (BD) STREAKY BAY TO PORT AUGUSTA: Thursday 19 September 2019

Travelling away from the coast we essentially cross the top of the Eyre Peninsula. Near Minnipa is Pildappa Rock – a large piece of granite that has been exposed over time by erosion. It features long wave formations rivalling those of Western Australia's famous Wave Rock. Around the perimeter is an ingenious water catchment system built in the early 1900s to collect precious rainwater as it runs off the rock. So successful was this system that, at one time, an orchard was established! Farming land gives way to a mining environment as we pass through Kimba and Iron Knob, to Port Augusta.

Acacia Ridge Motor Inn, Port Augusta | 08 8642 3377

Day 13: (BLD) PORT AUGUSTA TO BARMERA: Friday 20 September 2019

The fertile Clare Valley is where our first visit is today. In the 1880s Bungaree Station was the headquarters of an extensive merino sheep station. Today we take a guided tour with a member of the family who will give us wonderful insight into 19th century station life. We will visit sites which include St Michael's church and cemetery, the homestead gardens and the station store. On through Burra to Morgan which sits on the Murray River. At the delightful Mallyons on the Murray we have afternoon tea and wander through the gardens overlooking the river. Arriving into Barmera, we settle into our rooms and enjoy a pre-dinner drink together at the bar.

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn, Barmera | 08 8588 2888

Day 14: (BD) BARMERA TO NARRANDERA: Saturday 21 September 2019

We follow the Murray River through Renmark, Mildura and Robinvale before we part ways. We will break for lunch where appropriate then prepare to cross the Hay Plain. It's a very flat, vast area, mostly treeless yet is entirely captivating with its nothingness. It's certainly a great opportunity to get out the knitting needles as there isn't a corner to navigate for miles! Narrandera is our overnight stay where we are warmly welcomed for our final night on tour.

Newell Motor Inn, Narrandera | 02 6959 2877

Day 15: (B) NARRANDERA TO CANBERRA: Sunday 22 September 2019

We are on the home stretch now and it's a good time to reflect on where we've been! The beautiful Southwest of Western Australia: tick; wildflowers: tick, the vast Nullarbor: tick. We've travelled some 4,000 kilometres through 4 states! Our journey today takes us back to Canberra and home after a very memorable trip away.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 05 JULY 2019

Tour reference for
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