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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA WILDFLOWER WANDERER

12 DAY TOUR

Departing: SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024  
Returning: THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024



**TOUR COST:**

\$5850 per person Twin/Double Share  
\$6920 Sole Occupancy

## Wildflower Wanderer

WA's wildflower collection is one of the largest on earth, with more than 12,000 species, 60% of which can't be found anywhere else in the world! Immerse yourself in the gorgeous coastal scenery of Rottnest Island, walk above untouched forest in the Valley of the Giants and marvel at colourful landscapes peppered with wildflowers. Our tour to South West WA will be one you never forget!

### Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO FREMANTLE: Sunday 6 October 2024

This morning meet your tour escort and travelling companions at the Canberra Airport (time to be advised). Welcome to our tour to Western Australia where our spring tour will take in one of the richest wildflower areas in the world as we travel the South West region. We are transferred from the airport to our hotel for the next four nights which is located in the historic port of **Fremantle**. Unpack and relax before our welcome dinner in our hotel.  
**4 Nights | Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges | Phone: 08-9432 4000**

### Day 2: (BD) EXPLORING PERTH: Monday 7 October 2024

This morning we head to **Perth**, embarking on a sightseeing tour with our local expert who will guide us through the unusual combination of skyscrapers and colonial architecture. Among them is Parliament House, St Mary's Cathedral and Government House before being treated to spectacular views over the city and river from **Kings Park**. The Park gives epic views over the Swan and Canning Rivers and the high-rise buildings perched on their banks – a vision not to be missed. Wander through Federation Walkway where we get our first glimpse at the wildflowers of the west as they are dotted throughout the park. We have time at leisure this afternoon before returning to our hotel.

### Day 3: (BLD) FREMANTLE DISCOVERY: Tuesday 8 October 2024

The township of Fremantle is full of well-preserved heritage including the convict built colonial era buildings, the old jetty and the prison. Our first visit is at the **Western Australian Maritime Museum** which is perched on the shoreline of the Indian Ocean. The museum is symbolic of Fremantle's past, present and future as a coastal city and port. From leisure boats and handcrafted sailing boats to commercial pearl luggers, the museum inspires visitors to discover WA's affinity with the ocean. Next, we transfer to the **Old Fremantle Prison** for a 'Behind Bars' tour giving us a true insight into life as a prisoner. We enjoy lunch at **Cicerello's** a Western Australia icon, who have spent over 100 years fortifying the best fish and chips. This afternoon we enjoy free time.

### Day 4: (BD) ROTTEST ISLAND: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Today we cruise over the warm waters of the Indian Ocean onto **Rottnest Island**. With its white sandy beaches, crystal clear blue waters, rich history and very photogenic quokkas, we are in for a wonderful day of discovery. The day includes return ferry to the island and a guided coach tour – as well as some free time to relax and enjoy this tranquil place, and possibly a selfie with a local!

### Day 5: (BD) FREMANTLE TO CERVANTES: Thursday 10 October 2024

Our journey along the coastal road takes us to the town of **Cervantes**. This spectacular seaside town is the access point to the truly remarkable **Nambung National Park** where the **Pinnacles** rise out of the yellow sand dunes. The limestone pillars, standing two metres tall, are one of the state's foremost natural wonders. While discovering this phenomenon, look out for the gardens and bushlands filled with colour from the spring wildflowers. Known for its booming fishing industry it is fitting that we head to the **Lobster Shack**, where we embark on a self-guided tour of the factory, giving us a firsthand look into the regions multimillion dollar lobster industry.  
**Cervantes Pinnacles Motel | Phone: 08-9652 7145**

### Day 6: (BLD) CERVANTES TO HYDEN: Friday 11 October 2024

We have a travel day ahead as we make our way to **Hyden**. We stop in the unusual town of **New Norcia**. Founded by Benedictine Monks, the town has had many purposes; a mission, a monastery, a provider of education and now a spiritual retreat. We continue to Hyden for our overnight stay.  
**Hyden Wave Rock Hotel Motel | Phone: 08-9880 5052**

### Day 7: (BLD) HYDEN TO ALBANY: Saturday 12 October 2024

We are met by our local guide who will show us one of WA's most famous landmarks, **Wave Rock**. Walk through the wildflowers and see the magnificent, prehistoric rock formation. Marvel at the size and shape of this phenomenon. Geologists believe the original formation was vertical but has been sculpted and coloured by chemicals over millions of years to form its wave like character. We head through the stunning **Stirling Ranges National Park** for great views of **Bluff Knoll**, the highest and one of the most spectacular peaks in south Western Australia. We enjoy our picnic lunches while soaking up the views. We continue to **Albany**, a town steeped in history of dramatic whaling, convicts and settlers.

**2 Nights | Ace Accommodation Albany | Phone: 08-9841 2911**



**Day 8: (BD) ALBANY: Sunday 13 October 2024**

The town of Albany marks the spot where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia. Much of their legacy remains today with colonial buildings standing proudly as museums, galleries and cafes. Albany is also known as the birthplace of the Anzac story and is home to the **National Anzac Centre**. The state-of-the-art museum uses multimedia, interactive exhibits and historical artefacts to create a deeply personal connection with the past and pay tribute to those who served in WWI. Next, we travel to nearby **Discovery Bay**. Built in the remains of the former whaling station, it's the only museum of its kind in the world. We spend the afternoon at **Torndirrup National Park**. There are a number of spectacular natural attractions here including The Gap and Blow Hole – each providing great views of the coast. At **Salmon Holes**, we take an easy 10 minute walk to the lookout where we have a chance to see one of the most picturesque beaches in the region.

**Day 9: (BD) ALBANY TO BUSSELTON: Monday 14 October 2024**

Our first stop is a visit to **Mount Romance – The Sandalwood Factory**. Here we are shown the benefits of the Sandalwood plant as well as discover its fascinating history and traditional use as a medicine before antibiotics evolved. We will view the world class technology used to process Australian Sandalwood oil, destined for some of the world's leading perfume houses. Visiting **Walpole National Park**, we visit the area known as the **'Valley of the Giants'**. Amidst the mystic tangle foliage is the tree top walk that provides amazing views over the forest canopy and meandering through the trees, opening up a world of birds and flowers most people never see. We head to the pretty timber town of **Pemberton** where we stop at the famous **Gloucester Tree**, which stands at a staggering 61 metres and is reputed to be the tallest tree mounted fire lookout in the world. We finish in **Busselton**. Our accommodation is situated ideally with the beach at the back door so why not feel the sand between the toes and enjoy a stroll prior to dinner.

**2 Nights | Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton | Phone: 08-9755 4600**

**Day 10: (BLD) MARGARET RIVER: Tuesday 15 October 2024**

Today we discover the true gems of **Margaret River**, known for its world class wine and incredible scenery. First, we head to **Mammoth Cave**. The magical, gothic like limestone cave is a natural time capsule, home to the ancient fossil remains of the long extinct giant animals known as **Australian Megafauna**. **The Interpretive Centre** will tell us more about the history of the caves after our viewing. We stop briefly at the **Margaret River Chocolate Factory** before a chance to sit back and relax as we enjoy a long lunch amongst the rolling hills, natural bushland and manicured gardens of **Aravina Estate**. This is sure to be a beautiful day as we taste the fresh local ingredients and enjoy a delightful **wine tasting**. Wander the gallery and marvel at the classic car collection here too. Heading back to Busselton, we return to our Resort.

**Day 11: (BLD) BUSSELTON TO PERTH: Wednesday 16 October 2024**

**The Busselton Jetty** – extending 1.8 kilometres across stunning **Geographe Bay** – is the longest timber piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. This morning we jump onboard the leisurely train, taking in the 360-degree views across the **Indian Ocean** as we journey across the calm, clear waters. At the end of the jetty is the **Underwater Observatory**, giving us the opportunity to experience one of Australia's greatest artificial reefs. Descending eight metres below the surface, we'll be led through the natural wonders that lie beneath the jetty. The reef is host to an awe-inspiring forest of vividly coloured tropical and subtropical corals, sponges and fish. Continuing the coastal route, we arrive in **Mandurah** to experience the best of Western Australia's incredible marine environment onboard **Mandurah Cruises**. We glide through the calm inland waters of the Mandurah Estuary and Peel Inlet and we may even see some friendly local bottle nose dolphins. We make our way to Perth for our farewell dinner in our hotel.

**Pan Pacific Perth | Phone: 08-9224 7777**

**Day 12: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND: Thursday 17 October 2024**

With our bags packed we are transferred to the airport for our return flight to Canberra (flight times to be advised). We arrive home from our incredible trip to South West WA with many stories and wonderful photos to show our loved ones.



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