



Coates Wildlife Tours

Trip Dossier

14 Day Carnarvon Range (Katjarra) Camping Expedition

Perth to Perth

19th August to 1st September 2017

SMALL GROUP Max 9 In-vehicle passengers in lead vehicle + 2 Tag-along vehicles plus three Coates crew.



Join us as we undertake a very special journey to the Katjarra (Carnarvon Range) area . The range is part of a determined native title area and is currently closed to the general public.

We have been very fortunate to gain approval from the traditional owners management team who have granted us access. The approval is on the basis that this will assist in developing land based programs that deliver social, economic and environmental outcomes to the community. During our visit we will be joined by local rangers who will assist us in connecting with their country.

The Carnarvon Range comprises of 390,000ha situated in the Southwest section of the Little Sandy Desert between the Great Northern Highway in the west, the Canning Stock Route in the East, Mt Essendon (the highest point) in the North and Mt Methwin in the south.

The ranges offers visitors a great range of spectacular geology, mainly cross bedded red sandstone which takes the form of low undulating hills, occasional steep cliffs and gullies with semi permanent pools. Plains and sand ridges are found at the base of the hills.

There are over 400 vascular plants that have been identified in the ranges. The vegetation is made up of tall open-shrub land (acacia, grevillea and hakea), Low woodland of mulga and gidgee. The dunes have a low open woodland of sand dune bloodwood and acacia.

Records show that 80 plus species of bird life have been found in the area. Past sightings include a wide range of hawks, honey eaters, pardalote, and night birds.

Leaving the ranges our homeward journey we take us via the Blue Hills Station, then we cross over the Canning Stock Route at well 5 and onto Wiluna, Lake Ballard, Credo Station and Baladjie Rock.

Itinerary

Day 1	19 August	Perth to Mt Magnet Area.	
We leave Perth early this morning and start our journey northwards travelling via New Norcia, Wubin and Paynes Find to our 1st nights camp.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	LD
Day 2	20 August	Mt Magnet Area to Neds Creek Track	
We continue our northward journey passing through Cue and Meekathara before turning east onto the Neds Creek Track. We continue on the track till we reach our overnight camp.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 3	21 August	Neds Creek Track to Carnarvon Range	
It is only a short drive today until we arrive at our Carnarvon Range bush camp site where we will spend the next four nights.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 4 - 6	22 -24th August	Carnarvon Ranges	
The next 3 days are spent in the Carnarvon Range area. Traditional Owner Rangers will on hand during our stay to help the group understand the historical and current importance of the area to the local population.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 7	25th August	Carnarvon Range Camp site to CSR Well 5	
Today we pack up and head east to Well 5 on the Canning Stock Route this will be our camping area tonight. Highlights of the day will include the abandoned Blue Hills Station and the Blue Hills Breakaways.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 8	26th August	CSR Well 5 to Emu Farm Wiluna Area	
Continuing eastwards we travel along Granite peak station roads to the Wiluna - Granite Peak road where we turn south and head towards Wiluna. A well deserved hot shower is tonight's bonus.			
Accommodation		Camp Site - Desert Gold.	BLD
Day 9	27th August	Wiluna - Leonora - Menzies - Lake Ballard	
Today is a driving day as we pass through the eastern goldfields with its many current and abandoned mines. We will set up camp at Lake Ballard where we will spend two nights.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 10	28th August	Lake Ballard	
Today we will have plenty of time to discover the lake Ballard and Antony Gormley's Inside Australia art work's. There are 51 sculptures which were derived from laser scans of residents of Menzies.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD
Day 11	29th August	Lake Ballard to Credo Station	
This morning we travel via Lake Goongarrie and the historical mining town of Ora Banda as we head to Credo Station. The station was a former pastoral lease. This lease was sold to the state government in 2007 when it became a Department of parks and Wildlife managed conservation reserve.			
Accommodation		Shearers Quarters	BLD
Day 12	30th August	Credo Station	
We will spend Today exploring the station and its wildlife.			
Accommodation		Shearers Quarters	BLD
Day 13	31st August	Credo Station to Baladjie Rock	
Today we start our journey home, travelling via Coolgardie and Southern Cross. There will be time this afternoon to enjoy walking the trails around the rock as well as spend time birding from the edge of Lake Baladjie.			
Accommodation		Bush Camp	BLD

Day 14 1st September Baladjie Rock to Perth

Today we continue down the Great Eastern Highway into Perth and the end of this magnificent adventure. Our arrival into Perth is expected to be Mid to Late afternoon. On arrival in Perth you will be transferred to your chosen Perth City hotel

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NOTE: The above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice at the time.

Tour Costs

Cost: Tag Along
\$2,985.00 GST INC per person. Maximum of two participants per vehicle

Participant in lead vehicles
\$5,335.00 per person GST INC

Tour

Payments: Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment: On or before 19th July 2017

Date: 19th August - 1st September 2017

Departs: Perth

Lead vehicle passengers meet at 7.15 am for 7.30 am departure. Tourist pick up near the corner of Wellington and William Streets Perth on the Perth Railway Station side of Wellington Street or from the Sullivan's Hotel at 7.00am.

Tag Along vehicles meet at Gingers Roadhouse at 8:15am for a 8:30 departure (1383 Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan WA 6069).

Max No. of Participants: 13 participants + 3 Coates crew

Travel insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.



Tour Information

Tour Manager Red Morrell

Naturalist Guide: Bevan Buirchell

Driver / Roustabout: TBA

Vehicle & Equipment

You will be travelling in three 4WD vehicles with all front facing, seat-belted seats and all the necessary camping equipment. Passengers are required to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows, or a sleeping bag can be hired from us for \$44.00.

Accommodation:

Is a combination of bush camps and campsites.

Bush camps - are at locations chosen by the tour guide for their suitability and natural benefits. There are usually no facilities other than a long drop bush toilet there. We do carry adequate water for washing.

Private Camp Sites- Vary from providing full facilities which include full ablution blocks to sites which have only a long drop toilet.

Meals:

Meals as shown on the itinerary are included - ie breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning teas. There is also a plentiful supply of fresh fruit available throughout the day.

Most special dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice.

Trek Grading:

Light bush walking on most days. All walks are optional and will be as strenuous as you wish to make them. There may also be some optional rock scrambling.

Weather:

Days are expected to be dry and warm with temperatures around low to mid 20 degrees Celsius. The nights can be cold with minimum temperatures around 2 -10 degrees Celsius. It will be cooler and possibly showery at the start and end of the trip.

Clothing:

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information sent to you about one month prior to departure.

However, in general, comfortable casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets for the evenings. Don't forget your bathers.

Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a must.



Tour Inclusions.

- Camping equipment including 2 person easy to erect dome tents, arm chairs, self inflating mattresses or camp beds and all eating utensils. (Sleeping Bags are not included however they are available for hire at \$44.00 each).
- All campsite and national park fees
- All fees associated with our visit to the Carnarvon Ranges.
- Meals as per the itinerary are included. Please refer to itinerary

NOTE: Tag Along Participants

- If requested when booking we can supply tents, armchairs and eating utensils but they will need to be carried in your own vehicle.

Not Included.

- Travel Insurance (Very Strongly Recommended).
- Pre & Post tour accommodation or flights
- All other private expenses
- Alcoholic or carbonated beverages.
- Pillows and Sleeping bags
- NOTE, Sleeping bags can be hired from us with prior notice for \$44.00 each



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Whilst all care is taken, The tour operator do not accept liability for loss or damage to baggage, sickness or injury, or additional expenses caused by factors beyond their control.

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BOOKING DETAILS

DEPOSIT: See the relevant trip dossiers for the amount required.

FINAL PAYMENT: In most cases, final payment is required at least 30 days prior to departure. However some tours may requirement payment up to 4 months prior to departure. Please refer to the tour's trip dossier for exact details.

CANCELLATIONS

Coates Wildlife Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour in the event of minimum numbers not being reached, in which case all moneys will be refunded in full.

In respect of cancellations by a passenger, some tours have specified cancellation times and penalties; this specific information is available on the respective tours, trip dossier. Where no specific cancellation time or penalties are in place the following levies plus any costs charged by other parties involved with the tour will apply: -

Where written notice is received

- 61 days or more prior to departure; \$250.00
- 60 prior to departure; \$500
- 30 days or less prior to departure 100%
- No refunds are considered from the day the tour starts.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that travel insurance against imposition of cancellation fees, loss or damage to baggage and extra costs arising from injury or illness be effected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT: - Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach or mini bus which ever is appropriate for the tour.

Camping equipment suitable for each tour (except Sleeping bags and pillows) is provided. A second vehicle may accompany the group on tours to remote areas. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

SEAT ALLOCATION: - Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy forward positioned and window seats we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system.

LUGGAGE:- Please note that due to health and safety requirements luggage on tour is limited to one medium sized, soft-sided bag per person. The sum of its length, width and height is not to exceed 140 cm. The maximum weight of the bag should not to exceed 15

kilograms. A small daypack is also permitted. International tours, some island tours and the Kimberley Coastal Cruises luggage limits may vary, please see the respective tours trip dossier for specific weight maximums.

WILDLIFE:- Sighting of birds, or animals mentioned in the itineraries cannot be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS:- Can not be guaranteed as they are dependent on seasonal rains.

MEAL SYMBOLS:- B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

GROUP SIZES

Minimum and maximum numbers apply to all tours. Generally tours have a maximum of 14 passengers. A camp cook and a naturalist leader will accompany camping groups with more than 7 passengers.