



Coates Wildlife Tours  
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## Trip Dossier

### 15 Day West Australian Outback Expedition



**Camping Small Group Tour - Max 6 passengers**  
Perth - Perth 1 - 15 October 2019

#### Itinerary Highlights:

- Historic goldfield towns in the Coolgardie area - natural bounty, combined with striking landscapes, gold rush heritage and Indigenous history.
- Anne Beadell Highway - is an awe-inspiring track which runs along the Great Victoria Desert passing through remote desert areas.
- Connie Sue Highway - travel through red sand dune country on this remote track through the Great Victoria Desert
- Eyre Bird Observatory in the Nuytsland Nature Reserve - a favoured site for bird watchers and nature enthusiasts.
- Granite Woodlands Trail - explore the worlds largest untouched temperate woodlands.

Join us as we enjoy the benefits of small group travel with time to experience the birds, botany and a great outback experience.

This is no ordinary adventure. We follow 2 tracks built by Len Beadell (regarded as the "last true Australian Explorer), the Anne Beadell Highway (named after his wife) and the Connie Sue Highway (named after his daughter). They were completed in 1962. He surveyed these and many of the better known outback tracks of Central Australia.

The Highways are an awe-inspiring route that passes through remote desert areas, but don't be confused by the highway tag these tracks are very remote, rarely used and are often narrow, twisty and sandy, but well worth the adventure.

The trip departs from Perth and heads to Neale Junction via Laverton on the Anne Beadell Highway, before heading south on the Connie Sue to Cocklebiddy. We have allowed 7 days to travel these tracks so we'll have plenty of time to thoroughly explore the area's wildlife and breathtaking terrain

We leave the remote tracks at Cocklebiddy and travel to the coast and the Eyre Bird Observatory where we have two days to explore the wildlife and history of the area around the observatory.

Making our way back to Perth we spend two days exploring the Granite Woodlands trail which passes through one of the largest temperate woodlands left in the world.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Perth to Coolgardie Area

Today we will depart Perth from the Wellington Street Tourist pick up point by 07:15 hrs and then head up the Great Eastern Highway, passing through the central wheatbelt towns of Northam and Merredin, as we head to Coolgardie.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, Coolgardie Area LD

### Day 2 Coolgardie Area to bush camp east of Laverton

Leaving Coolgardie, today we will move through the historic goldfield towns of Broad Arrow, Menzies, Kookynie and then on to Laverton.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, east of Laverton BLD

### Day 3 & 4 Laverton - Anne Beadell Highway - Neale Junction

Our departure from Laverton starts our journey across the centre on one of loneliest roads in Australia. We will travel over many sand dunes topped by magnificent Marble Gums (*Euc gongylocarpa*). In the swales and throughout the area there are *Eucalyptus youngiana* and dense thickets of Mulga (*Acacia anuera*), Sheoak (*Allocasuarina cristata*) and Hummock Grass or Spinifex (*Triodia basedowii*). The western side of the Great Victoria Desert features interesting breakaway country and mesa like hills. There will be plenty of time to study the natural wealth of flora and fauna as well as admire the beautiful outback scenery.

Accommodation: Bush Camps, Anne Beadell Highway BLD

### Day 5 Neale Junction

Today is spent at the pretty Neale Junction Nature Reserve exploring the area.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, Anne Beadell Highway BLD

**Day 6 - 9 Neale Junction to Eyre Bird Observatory**

The next section of the trip takes us south travelling on the Connie Sue Highway via Rawlinna, on the Trans-Australian railway line to the Eyre Bird Observatory on the coast south of Cocklebiddy.

Accommodation: Bush camps on Connie Sue Highway and shared accommodation at the Bird Observatory. BLD

**Day 10 & 11 Eyre Bird Observatory**

For a break from driving and camping, the next two days will be spent exploring the wildlife and history of the area around the observatory.

Accommodation: Bird Observatory BLD

**Day 12 Eyre Bird Observatory to Bush Camp Old Telegraph Track**

Today we leave the Observatory and head back to the Eyre Highway and start the westward journey back to Perth. Time will be spent during the day looking at the bird life and wildflowers that should be on display during our drive.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, Old Telegraph Track BLD

**Day 13 & 14 Norseman to Hyden Area via Granite Woodlands Trail**

The next two days will be spent exploring the Woodlands Trail which passes through one of the largest temperate woodlands left in the world.

Accommodation: Bush Camps, Granite Woodlands Trail BLD

**Day 15 Hyden Area to Perth**

Our last day takes us from Hyden through the wheat belt back to Perth. Our fantastic outback adventure will end with our late afternoon arrival in Perth. BL

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



## Tour Costs

Cost:	\$5,465.00 per person, including GST
Departs:	Perth 1 October 2019
Finishes:	Perth 15 October 2019

## Tour Payments

Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment:	On or before 1 September 2019

Note: The final payment is non refundable if canceled within 30 days of the departure date. Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.

## Special Offers

### Early Bird Bookings

**Save \$150.00 per person** if booked and deposited by 15 January 2019

### Book Multiple Tours

**Save 5% per person** on the second and subsequent tours if more than one tour is booked in the same year. Applies to the cheaper tours.

**Please note:** Discounts cannot be combined;  
Discounts are only available on bookings

## Included

- Coates tour leader/ driver;
- Coates Naturalist leader/driver ;
- Two well-maintained, air-conditioned vehicles with front-facing, seat-belted seats;
- Easy to erect tents and camp chairs with armrests;
- A self-inflating air mattress and stretcher bed;
- All eating utensils;
- Meals as per itinerary
- Morning tea each day & Fruit on-board the vehicle throughout the day;
- All national park entrance fees.
- Campsite fees;

## Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks (you are welcome to bring your own);
- Pillows;
- Sleeping bags (can be hired for \$55.00 each with prior notice);
- Travel insurance (very strongly recommended);
- Travel expenses to and from Perth;
- Pre and post tour accommodation;
- All other private expenses.
- Entrance fees or activity costs other than those included above.

## **Tour Information**

Naturalist Guide: TBA

Driver Guide: TBA

### **Vehicle & Equipment:**

Two Toyota 4WD Prado's with trailers or similar. All the necessary camping equipment is provided. Passengers are to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows. (Sleeping bag can be hired for \$55.00).

### **Accommodation:**

Is a combination of bush camps, campsites and shared accommodation with shared facilities at Eyre Bird Observatory .

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 campsites vary - from providing full facilities which include ablution blocks, to sites which have only a long drop toilet.

### **Meals:**

Meals as per the tour itinerary are included. i.e.(B) breakfast, (L) lunch, (D) dinner and morning tea. There will also be a plentiful supply of fresh fruit available throughout the day. Special dietary requirements can usually be catered for where prior notice is given. Please contact the office if you have a special dietary requirement as a surcharge may apply.

### **Trek Grading:**

This tour is a remote outback experience, and as such, is not expected to be easy traveling. We will undertake light bush walking on most days. All walks are optional and will be able to be conducted at your own pace.

### **Weather:**

The tour has been timed to coincide with the wildflower season. Days are usually dry and warm with temperatures around 25 degrees Celsius. The nights can be cold with minimum temperatures around 2 -10 degrees Celsius. There will be a chance of showers during the trip, particularly along the south coast.

### **Clothing:**

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information sent to you about one month before departure. Generally, comfortable casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts are suitable for during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets may be needed for the evenings. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a necessity.

**To make a booking or further information please contact**

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## Terms and Conditions

Adina Nominees Pty Ltd (ACN 075 427 324) as trustee for the Grove Family Trust trading as Coates Wildlife Tours (hereinafter referred to as the tour operator) shall not be liable for any accident injury sickness delay irregularity or damage however caused or arising during any tour under its management or otherwise. Tours are often safari trips to isolated areas, they may include off road driving, bushwalking, snorkelling, swimming and other activities. These along with wildlife interactions, planned or otherwise involve a certain degree of risk. All travel involves some measure of personal risk that each passenger has to determine and accept.

Tour participants should be in reasonable health and fitness and be carrying all required medications in ample quantities. A medical clearance from a registered medical practitioner may be required for participants wishing to join some tours. Scenic flights, boat cruises, helicopter flights etc. These activities are not operated by the tour operator, nor by persons or companies associated with the tour operator. These activities involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident and loss. Passengers assume all risks with regard to any misadventure death, injury or loss which occurs during or as a result of any such activity.

Should the tour operator deem it desirable for climatic or other reasons whatsoever to amend or vary any itinerary it may do so by shortening or varying the trip in which case no objection or claim for compensation will be made by the participant.

The tour operator and its employees are unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and are not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services.

The tour operator does not own or operate any third party suppliers of air transportation, hotels, restaurants, cruise craft or local sightseeing companies. The tour operator is not responsible for any loss or expense due to overbooking of flights, accommodations, default of any third parties or any other cause beyond its control. The tour operator takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, it cannot accept responsibility for the operators conduct or the conduct of their employees or agents or for any ramifications of that conduct.

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.

All care has been taken to ensure this brochure is correct at the time of printing. Prices and services as shown in this brochure are however subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

### 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 require 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 - 31 days 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 effecting 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.

### GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

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 day pack 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 can not 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 12 passengers. A camp cook and a naturalist leader will accompany camping groups with more than 6 passengers.