



Coates Wildlife Tours

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Trip Dossier

15 Day West Australian Outback Expedition



Camping Small Group Tour - Max 6 passengers

Perth - Perth 21 September - 5 October 2021

Itinerary Highlights:

- Historic goldfield towns in the Coolgardie area - 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.

This outback expedition is no ordinary adventure. We follow two tracks built by Len Beadell (regarded as the "last real 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 pass through remote desert areas but don't be confused by the highway tag these tracks are 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 seven days to travel these tracks so we'll have plenty of time to explore the area's wildlife and breathtaking terrain.

We will spend two days at Eyre Bird Observatory to explore the wildlife and history in this peaceful and strikingly scenic outpost.

Making our way back to Perth we will have two days on the Granite Woodlands Discovery Trail which passes through one of the most extensive 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 at 7.15 am 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

Today we will travel through the historic goldfield ghost towns of Broad Arrow, and Kookynie and then on to Laverton.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, east of Laverton BLD

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

For the next two days, we will travel across the centre on one of the loneliest roads in Australia. Over many dunes topped by magnificent Marble Gums (*Euc gongylocarpa*). In the swales and throughout the area you will find *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 fascinating breakaway country and mesa-like hills. There will be plenty of time to look at the natural wealth of flora and fauna and appreciate 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

We take a break from driving and camping for the next two days and explore 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 head back to the Eyre Highway stopping and looking at the birdlife and wildflowers as we slowly make our way back to Perth.

Accommodation: Bush Camp, Old Telegraph Track BLD

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

We will spend the next two days exploring the Woodlands Trail, which passes through one of the most extensive temperate woodlands left in the world. It links Norseman to Hyden and Wave Rock with 300kms of heathlands and granite outcrops..

Accommodation: Bush Camps, Granite Woodlands Trail BLD

Day 15 Hyden Area to Perth

Our last day takes us through the wheat belt back to Perth. Our outback adventure ends with our late afternoon arrival in Perth.

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



Tour Costs

Cost: \$6,275.00 per person
Free Single Supplement

Departs: Perth 21 September 2021

Finishes: Perth 5 October 2021

Tour Payments

Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person

Final Payment: On or before 21 August 2021

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

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.

Loyalty Program

Save \$100 per person on your second, third and fourth tour. Save \$150 per person when you have travelled on 5 or more tours. Tours must be operated by Coates Wildlife Tours.

Please note: Loyalty discount can be combined with other offers.
Discounts are only available on bookings made directly with Coates.

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 purchased for \$100.00 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:

Our vehicles for the tour will consist of two Toyota 4WD Prado's with trailers or similar. All the necessary camping equipment is provided. Passengers are required to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows, or a sleeping bag can be purchased from us for \$100.00. Purchased Sleeping bags can be taken home after the tour or they can be given back to us and we will donate them to charity.

Single Travellers:

On Coates Wildlife Camping Tours single travellers will be allocated a tent to themselves. If you are travelling with a friend and would like to share a tent please let us know.

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

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. Medical clearance from a registered medical practitioner may be required for participants wishing to join some tours. Some activities like scenic flights, boat cruises, helicopter flights are not operated by the tour operator, nor by persons or companies associated with the tour operator and may involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident and loss. Passengers assume all risks concerning 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, they may do so by shortening or varying the trip in which case the participant will make no objection or claim for compensation.

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 operator's conduct or the conduct of their employees or agents or for any ramifications of that conduct.

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

All care is taken to ensure this document is correct at the time of printing. Prices and services, as shown in the trip dossiers and website 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 before departure. However, some tours may require payment up to 4 months before departure. Please refer to the tour's trip dossier for exact details.

Payments can be made by Cheque, Direct Deposit, Visa or Mastercard.

N/B Visa and Mastercard payment will incur an additional bank credit card fee of 1.5%

CANCELLATIONS

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

Coates Wildlife Tours will not be considered to be in breach of this contract due to a delay or cancellation caused by a Force Majeure. "Force Majeure is any circumstance which is outside our reasonable control.

In these circumstances, Coates Wildlife Tours will use our best endeavour to re-schedule the tour to a date within 12 months of the original date. Coates Wildlife Tours shall not be held liable for amounts that cannot be retrieved from third parties.

In respect of cancellations by a passenger, specific to the WA Outback the following cancellation time or penalties are in place plus any costs charged by other parties involved with the Tour will apply: -

Deposits are non-refundable for all tours at any time.

Where written notice is received:

Before 22 August 2021: Deposit is non-refundable however any other payments may be refunded

On or between 22 August 2021 and 21 September 2021: Full tour cost is non-refundable.

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 affected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT: - Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach, minibus or 4WD vehicle; whichever 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 wildlife mentioned in the itineraries cannot be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS: - Cannot 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.