



Coates Wildlife Tours

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Trip Dossier

10 Day Wildlife of the Southern Forests



Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 10 passengers

Perth - Perth 19 - 28 March 2021

Itinerary Highlights:

- Dryandra Woodland -conservation area featuring the largest remnant of original vegetation in the western Wheatbelt and is home to the illusive striped numbat and over 90 species of birdlife
- Torndirrup National Park - wild and rugged coastal park, known for its spectacular wave-carved features including the Natural Bridge, The Gap and the Blowholes.
- National ANZAC Centre -dedicated solely to honouring the Anzacs of the First World War.
- Stirling Range National Park - a striking mountain landscape and diverse flora
- Visit Waychinicup National Park - rugged coastline to inland boulders and wooded valleys. Home to some of Australia rarest animals including quendas and one of the few mainland quokka populations.
- Walpole-Nornalup National Park - Towering tingle trees to tranquil inlets
- Margaret River- Visit a winery for wine tasting and lunch

The south-west of WA is one of the world's major biodiversity hotspots. A large proportion of Australia's south-west's beautiful landscapes and natural attractions are protected, which means they're also the best places to observe native flora and fauna.

We have chosen a selection of some of the regions finest natural highlights on this ten-day tour.

Itinerary

Day 1 Perth - Dryandra - Narrogin

Our adventure begins early this morning as we leave Perth and head south to the Dryandra Woodland, a valuable nature conservation area of natural woodland blocks. Thickets of rock sheoak and kwongan heath provide habitat for several of Dryandra's rare species, including Western Australia's state mammal emblem, the numbat (*Myrmecobius fasciatus*). woylies, tammar wallabies, brushtail possums, tawny frogmouths, kangaroos and wallabies are also regularly seen here.

Birdlife in the area include the mound-building malleefowl, Collared Sparrowhawk, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Painted Buttonquail, Western Yellow Robin, Red-capped Robin, Western Spinebill and several honeyeater species.

Accommodation: Motel Narrogin LD

Day 2 Narrogin - Dryandra - Narrogin

This morning we will take the short drive back to Dryandra where we will spend the entire day searching out the elusive wildlife that calls the area home.

Accommodation: Motel Narrogin BLD

Day 3 Narrogin - Mt Barker - Albany

Today we continue south passing farmlands on our way to the historic port town of Albany. We will spend the greater part of the day exploring the spectacular coastal Torndirrup National Park and visit the award-winning National Anzac Centre, which overlooks the actual harbour from which over 41,000 men and women departed Australia for the Great War.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 4 Albany - Stirling Ranges - Albany

After breakfast, we take an hour's drive to the Stirling Range National Park which encloses the only significant mountain range within the southern half of Western Australia. The area receives more rainfall than its surrounding districts, and consequently, plants not found anywhere else have evolved here. There are over 1500 species of flora packed within its boundaries.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 5 Albany - Waychinicup National Park - Albany

Today we head to the Waychinicup National Park and the Cheynes Beach. It has a scenic inlet, unusual granite rock formations and views both inland and along the coast. We hope to find the critically endangered noisy scrubbird, which was once thought to be extinct and another vulnerable species, the western bristlebird.

Red-eared Firetail, Red-winged Fairy-wren and the Western Wattlebird are also found here.

Hopefully, we will get to see some of Australia's rarest animals, quenda, ring tailed possums and one of the few mainland populations of quokkas.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 6 Albany to Walpole

Departing Albany we drive to Walpole, stopping at the Valley of the Giants and the stunning 40 metres above the ground Tree Top Walk for a bird's eye view of Western Australia's majestic tingle forest canopy. The dense understorey in the forest comprises of She-oak, Waterbush, Karri Wattle and many kinds of grass. Delicate mosses and ferns cover the tree trunks in this moist environment, and tiny Droseras (insect-eating plants) and

Trigger Plants which can be easily be missed unless you look carefully amongst the dense undergrowth. The Eucalyptus and Acacias trees attract the birds.

Accommodation: Motel Walpole BLD

Day 7 Walpole

This morning we will join a Walpole icon, Garry Muir from WOW Wilderness Eco Cruise for an informative and very entertaining 2 1/2 hour cruise into the beautiful and unique waterways of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.

The rest of the day will be spent in the forest around the town exploring the plant life and looking for Western Rosellas, Purple-crowned Lorikeets, Common Bronzewing, White-breasted Robins, Golden Whistlers, Red-winged Fairy-wrens and Splendid Fairy-wrens found in the area.

Accommodation: Motel Walpole BLD

Day 8 Walpole to Margaret River

This morning we'll leave the tall forest behind us and head to the West Australian premier wine-growing region of Margaret River via the small coastal town of Augusta where there will be time to enjoy a peaceful river side walk and a visit to the areas other coastal highlights. Late this afternoon we head to Margaret River.

Accommodation: Motel Margaret River BLD

Day 9 Margaret River Area

Today we will discover the West Australian premier wine-growing region of Margaret River . There will be plenty of time to enjoy a walk in the lush, green and majestic Boranup Karri Forest. We will have lunch at a local Margaret River winery and of course, taste some of the regions renowned local produce.

Accommodation: Motel Margaret River BLD

Day 10 Margaret River to Perth

Today we will travel through the iconic seaside towns of Busselton, Bunbury and Mandurah and visit the unique Tuart forest, Vasse /Wonnerup Estuary for wading birds, raptors and sandplain banksia woodland. Our South West adventure comes to an end with our late afternoon arrive into Perth. BL

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



Tour Costs

Cost: \$4,875.00 Per Person Twin Share

\$585.00 Single Supplement

Departs: Perth 19th March 2021

Finishes: Perth 28th March 2021

Tour Payments

Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person

Final Payment: On or before 19th February 2021

Included

- Coates tour leader/ driver;
- Coates Naturalist leader;
- Well-maintained vehicle with all front-facing, seat-belted, coach-style seats;
- Meals as per itinerary;
- Morning tea each day;
- Fresh fruit on board daily;
- All national park entrance fees:
- Lunch at Margaret River winery ;
- Visit to the National ANZAC Centre
- Tree Top Walk entrance Fee
- Wild Over Walpole Cruise

Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks;
- Travel insurance
- Travel expenses to and from Perth;
- Pre and post tour accommodation;
- All other private expenses:
- Other Entrance fees or activities not listed.

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.

Tour Information

Vehicle & Equipment:

Air conditioned purpose built 4WD tour coach with all front facing, mostly reclining and seat-belted seats or mini bus

Accommodation:

Twin share rooms at hotels or motels with ensuite facilities. If you would prefer a single room, a single supplement will apply.

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:

Light bushwalking on most days.

Weather:

Days are usually mild, with temperatures around the mid - high 20's degrees Celsius. The nights are cooler, with minimum temperatures around 10-15 degrees Celsius. There is also the possibility of light showers during the tour.

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

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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 this tour 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 19 February 2021: Deposit is non-refundable however any other payments may be refunded

On or between 19 February 2021 and 19 March 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. 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 maximum weight of the bag should not 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.