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Trip Dossier

10 Day Wildlife of the Southern Forests



Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 12 passengers
Perth - Perth 25 March - 3 April 2022

Itinerary Highlights:

- Dryandra Woodland – a conservation woodland featuring the largest area of remnant vegetation in the western Wheatbelt and home to the elusive striped numbat, many marsupials and over 90 species of birds.
- Torndirrup National Park – a wild and rugged coastal park, known for its spectacular wave-carved features including the Natural Bridge, The Gap and the Blowholes.
- The award-winning National ANZAC Centre – dedicated to honouring the Anzacs of the First World War.
- Stirling Range National Park – a striking mountain landscape with plants not found anywhere else on earth.
- Waychinicup National Park – a rugged coastline to inland boulders and wooded valleys; home to some of Australia's rarest animals including quendas and one of the few mainland quokka populations.
- Walpole-Nornalup National Park – home to towering tingle trees, tranquil inlets and the critically endangered noisy scrubbird.
- Valley of the Giants and the stunning 40 metres above ground Tree Top Walk – offers a bird's eye view over the tingle forest canopy.
- Join Walpole icon, Garry Muir on an Eco Cruise for an informative and entertaining cruise into the beautiful and unique waterways of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.
- The coastal town of Augusta – enjoy a peaceful riverside walk, the historic lighthouse and natural attractions
- Take a scenic walk in the majestic Boranup Karri Forest.
- Margaret River – WA's premier wine-growing region where we visit a winery for wine tasting and lunch
- Vasse/Wonnerup Estuary – wading birds, raptors and sandplain banksia woodland.

The South West of WA is one of the world's foremost biodiversity hotspots. A large portion of the 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 the regions finest natural destinations 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. Dryandra is 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.

During our trip south we will call into a couple of areas to explore the birds and wildflowers that should be in full colour. After an early dinner this evening we will visit Barna Mia where we will take a night stalk looking for a variety of reintroduced nocturnal wildlife.

Accommodation: Motel Narrogin BLD

Day 2 Narrogin - Dryandra - Narrogin

This morning we will take the short drive back to Dryandra and spend the entire day searching for the elusive wildlife species that call the area home.

Accommodation: Motel Narrogin BLD

Day 3 Narrogin - Stirling Ranges - Albany

Today we continue south, passing farmlands on our way to the historic port town of Albany. We will travel via the Stirling Ranges. The Stirling Range National Park 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 4 Albany - Torndirrup National Park - Albany

After breakfast, 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 5 Albany - Waychinicup National Park - Albany

Today we head to Waychinicup National Park and Cheynes Beach. It has a scenic inlet, unusual granite rock formations and views of both inland and coastal areas. 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, the quenda, ring tailed possums and one of the few mainland populations of quokkas.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 6 Albany - Walpole

Departing Albany we drive to Walpole, stopping at the Valley of the Giants and the stunning 40 metres above 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) hide 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 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 - Margaret River

This morning we'll leave the tall forest behind and head to the West Australian premier wine-growing region of Margaret River via the small coastal town of Augusta. There will be time to visit 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 premier wine-growing region of Western Australia, 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 cafe / winery and of course, taste some of the regions renowned local produce.

Accommodation: Motel Margaret River BLD

Day 10 Margaret River - Perth

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

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



Tour Costs

Cost: \$5,945.00 Per Person Twin Share

\$595.00 Single Supplement

Departs: Perth 25th March 2022

Finishes: Perth 3rd April 2022

Tour Payments

Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person

Final Payment: On or before 23rd February 2022

Note: Deposit is non-refundable. 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.

Included

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

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.

For detailed **Terms and Conditions** please visit the FAQ page on our website.

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