



Coates Wildlife Tours

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Trip Dossier

14 Day South West National Parks



Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 12 passengers

Perth - Perth 8 - 21 October 2022

Itinerary Highlights:

- Dryandra Woodland - scenic area with magnificent woodlands and spectacular wildflowers; also home to the iconic striped numbat and over 100 species of birdlife
- Hopkins Nature Reserve - a superb patch of wheatbelt made up of sand plains, scrub & mallee vegetation and woodlands
- Wave Rock area and Indigenous rock art
- Cruise the Recherché Archipelago to the waters around Woody Island Nature Reserve
- Pink Lake - an important bird area due to its populations of Hooded Plovers and Banded Stilts
- Fitzgerald River National Park - nearly 20 per cent of Western Australia's flora species are found in this park, many of which are endemic
- Stirling Range National Park - a striking feature of the landscape with five peaks over 3000 feet high
- Waychinicup National Park and Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve - boasting unspoilt coastal scenery & a good spot to locate the rare Noisy Scrub bird
- Karri forest - visit the Tree Top Walk and the Old Empire Walk in the Valley of the Giants

Few areas in Australia are blessed with the number and variety of national parks found in WA's south west. They offer breathtaking beauty and diversity - rugged coastlines, sandy beaches, magnificent wildflowers and some of the world's tallest forests.

It is also one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. Almost 80 percent of the plant species are found nowhere else on earth. The varied range of wildflowers, forests and native animals all contribute to the rare and unique nature of the region. It is also renowned for its abundance of birdlife as most of WA's endemics occur here.

You will also experience a vast array of habitats where you will see other wildlife. We'll be walking through open woodlands, outback arid areas, an offshore island, coastal heaths, peppermint trees and karri forests.

We are only taking a maximum of 12 guests, led by two Coate's naturalists; one will focus on the birds of the region and the second will guide you through some of the botanical hotspots in the area. It will be like having your own private guide.

Itinerary

Day 1 Perth - Dryandra - Narrogin

This morning we'll leave Perth around 7.30 am and head south east to Dryandra Woodland. Dryandra is an especially scenic area with magnificent woodlands and spectacular wildflowers in spring. Many interesting eucalypt species and flora are found here; it is also of international importance for birds and mammals, the latter including that most exquisite of marsupials, the striped numbat. Although the numbat is probably Dryandra's best known inhabitant, woylies, tamar wallabies, brushtail possums, tawny frogmouths, kangaroos and wallabies are regularly seen by visitors to Dryandra. More than 100 species of bird live in the area, including the mound-building mallee fowl. We will spend the afternoon exploring the area before enjoying a BBQ dinner. After dinner we will take a spotlight walk in Narrogin.

Accommodation: Motel Narrogin LD

Day 2 Narrogin - Wave Rock - Hyden

This morning we'll leave Narrogin and continue our journey eastward to Hyden. During the day we will pass through the wheatbelt towns of Kulin and Kondinin. Kulin Shire has an abundance of wonderful wildflower reserves. They are as rich and varied as any in the world. Hopkins Nature Reserve comes to life in early spring and is an extremely important flora conservation area. Roadside flora will also be abundant during the day. When we arrive in Hyden we'll have time to visit one of WA's biggest waves despite being a long way from the ocean. The famous rock formation called 'Wave Rock' has been 700 million years in the making and rises 15 metres above the outback ground. Venture further into this ancient landscape and you'll discover a huge variety of striking geological features. Many are also the subject of fascinating Indigenous Dreamtime stories, and the site of beautiful Indigenous rock art.

Accommodation: Motel Hyden BLD

Day 3 Hyden - Norseman

On our travels from Hyden to Norseman we'll pass through a semi-arid zone. This area offers many interesting geological highlights, including McDermid Rock and the Breakaways.

Accommodation: Motel Norseman BLD

Day 11 Bremer Bay - Stirling Range - Albany

Today we'll see the wonders of the Stirling Range National Park. On the way to the park you can observe the change in the vegetation to tall species of Eucalyptus, Jarrah and Marri.

The Stirling Ranges are a striking feature of the landscape, with five peaks over 3000 feet high that rise abruptly from the coastal lowlands. The area receives more rainfall than its surrounding districts, allowing plants to thrive here that are not found elsewhere.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 12 Albany - Waychinicup N.P. - 2 Peoples Bay - Albany

We will have an early start this morning to allow for a trip out to Waychinicup National Park. We'll visit Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve boasting unspoilt coastal scenery. We will look and listen for the rare Noisy Scrub bird.

Accommodation: Motel Albany BLD

Day 13 Albany - Denmark - Manjimup

Leaving Albany, today we'll continue west and enter the main karri belt near Denmark. We'll spend time walking through the karri forest, enjoying the wildflowers and wildlife. A visit to the Tree Top Walk and the Old Empire Walk in the Valley of the Giants will be a highlight of the day.

Accommodation: Motel Manjimup BLD

Day 14 Manjimup - Perth

Leaving Manjimup behind we head to Perth. Our journey will take us through the coastal town of Bunbury where we will spend time exploring the wildlife found at Big Swamp and then onto Mandurah. Our tour ends with our arrival in Perth in the late afternoon.

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



Tour Costs

Cost: \$7,245.00 Per Person Twin Share
\$950.00 Single Supplement

Departs: Perth 8 October 2022

Finishes: Perth 21 October 2022

Tour Payments

Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person

Final Payment: On or before 7 September 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

Special Offers

Book Multiple Tours

Save 5% per person on the second and subsequent tours if more that 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;
- 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:
- Woody Island Cruise:
- Tree Top Walk.

Not Included

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

Tour Information

Naturalist Guide: TBA

Driver Guide: TBA

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 20 degrees Celsius. The nights are cooler, with minimum temperatures around 6-12 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 Condition** please visit the FAQ page on our website

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