

# TASTE OF THE SOUTH WEST

BUSSELTON • MARGARET RIVER • ALBANY • CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK

## THE OFFER

Australia's great south west has it all: internationally renowned wineries, wild and scenic coastline dotted with swoon-worthy beaches, abundant wildlife and enchanting forests lifted straight from the pages of Tolkien or C.S. Lewis. And that's barely scratching the surface of what's in store. From Perth to Margaret River, Albany and beyond, this six day small group tour will showcase it all.

After an early start in Perth you'll journey south to the beautiful seaside town of Busselton, home to the longest timber piled jetty in the southern hemisphere; treat your tastebuds with a picnic at striking Meelup Beach; and stretch your legs as you walk a highlights section of the famed Cape to Cape Track, including a stop at iconic Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse. In Margaret River, a walking foodie tour will help you uncover the delicious delights of this gourmet paradise, followed by an afternoon indulging at some of the region's celebrated wineries. From here, a treetop walk within the towering Valley of the Giants, a wildlife cruise on the clear waters of the Recherche Archipelago from Esperance, and a visit to dazzling Cape Le Grand National Park are a taste of what awaits.

Includes a one-way flight between Esperance and Perth, five nights quality accommodation, all meals including a bush-style lunch in Margaret River, national park fees, A/C bus and more.

6 DAY EXPLORER PACKAGE

FROM

\$2499

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE



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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Perth – Margaret River

Your South West adventure begins at The Barrack Square, 1 Barrack Square, Perth at 7.30 am, where your experienced guide will greet you. Over a coffee, discuss the journey ahead and then travel south to the seaside town of Busselton. Walk along the southern hemisphere's longest jetty before enjoying a picnic at breathtaking Meelup Beach in Dunsborough.

Stretch your legs with a walk along part of the famous Cape to Cape walk in the Leeuwin National Park and visit the iconic Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse. This afternoon, stop at a couple of cellar doors in Margaret River before arriving at your room at a beachfront accommodation. Enjoy a tasty dinner at The Common Restaurant overlooking the ocean.

**Overnight: Margaret River Beach Resort**

**Meals included: Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 2 Margaret River

It's up early today to enjoy breakfast at one of the local's favourites, The White Elephant Beach Café. Take a look at the beautiful Margaret River Mouth and a world-famous surf break before moseying around the quaint township of Margaret River to explore its eclectic mix of boutique stores and galleries.

Then join one of the region's most exciting new tours, Walk Talk Taste. This 2.5 hour bush style lunch is under canvas at a stunning private property. Graze and sip your way through a range of local produce from the land to the sea with Witchcliffe marron and a Giniversity cocktail sure to impress.

If the weather's nice, visit Hamlin Bay Beach to see the stingrays that swim right up to the shore. Spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying the best of Margaret River's cellar doors.

Full from the days grazing, we'll enjoy a light dinner and glass of wine overlooking the ocean.

**Overnight: Margaret River Beach Resort**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 3 Margaret River – Albany

After breakfast, you will connect with nature at the internationally recognised Valley of the Giants, which places you 40 metres high into the canopy of Western Australia's majestic tingle trees. Found nowhere else on Earth, walking among these beauties is a tranquil and uplifting experience. We'll spend some time here doing the 'Ancient Empire Walk' and 'Treetop Canopy Walk'.

From the forest to the ocean, it's onto William Bay National Park, where you will be amazed by the paradise that is Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks. Then it's onto yet another laid back and beautiful township called Denmark, where we'll have a picnic lunch on the banks of the river.

Cruise along a glorious stretch of coastline to Albany, seeing how years of natural erosion have crafted incredible rock sculptures and granite bluffs – the Natural Bridge and The Gap are two of our favourites. Take a look around the historical township before enjoying fish and chips on the beach for dinner.

We'll overnight in Albany after a leisurely day of around 2 hours driving.

**Overnight: Dog Rock Motel, Albany**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Albany – Esperance

Just a short drive from Albany brings us to the Porongurups.



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This unique mountain range rises from the landscape like an island. We'll be setting out on a two-hour hike through some spectacular forests to Castle Rock. It's a bit of a climb but worth every bit of effort as you are rewarded with jaw-dropping views over the region.

Then it's back on the bus to get ready for some of Australia's most spectacular scenery. Driving through the Stirling Ranges, a wildflower hotspot, this part of Western Australia has no less than nine National Parks and some of the world's best beaches. We'll be spending some time at Twilight Beach before continuing onto Esperance when we will settle into our accommodation at the Jetty Resort, where we will stay two nights.

Relax during a poolside BBQ for dinner tonight.

Drive time today is around 6 hours.

**Overnight: Jetty Resort, Esperance**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Esperance

Cape Le Grand is one of Western Australia's best-known and most spectacular National Parks and is just a one-hour drive from Esperance. Pristine and perfect are two words that reflect their absolute beauty. The ocean here is practically transparent, and the sand at Lucky Bay has twice been judged Australia's whitest. You've seen the pictures of the kangaroos on the beach, and this is where you'll find them. This park is so beautiful that we will be spending the whole day here, exploring, swimming, wildflower spotting, and bushwalking.

If you're a keen hiker, climbing Frenchman Peak is a must. We'll head back to Esperance for dinner at popular restaurant Taylor St Quarters and our last night together.

**Overnight: Jetty Resort, Esperance**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Esperance - Perth

We are going to end this tour with a bang! Hop on board the incredible half-day Scenic Wildlife Island Cruise. Experience the stunning beauty of the Esperance region from the crystal-clear waters of the Recherche Archipelago. Spot a plethora of wildlife, including New Zealand Fur Seals, Australian Sea Lions, Dolphins, Sea Eagles and whales (season dependent).

Cruise around spectacular bays and coves before heading out to see approximately eight islands. Snorkelling equipment is provided for those wanting to swim in some of the worlds most transparent water.

Back on dry land, we'll have a picnic lunch on the foreshore, explore the township and take a stunning scenic coastal drive before your guide transfers you to the Esperance Airport for your 4.15 pm flight back to Perth.

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**



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### TOUR INCLUSIONS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the beautiful south west on tour ex Perth
- Picnic at the breathtaking Meelup Beach in Dunsborough
- Walk part of the Cape to Cape track in Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park
- Savour the flavours of Margaret River on a walking food tour
- Experience some of the Margaret River region's best cellar doors
- Re-connect with nature in the awe-inspiring Valley of the Giants
- Explore the forest on the 'Ancient Empire Walk' and 'Treetop Canopy Walk'
- Visit the Porongurups, a unique mountain range rising from the landscape like an island
- Immerse yourself in Cape Le Grand, one of WA's most spectacular national parks
- Hop on board a half-day scenic wildlife and island cruise from Esperance

#### FLIGHTS

- 1-way domestic flight: Esperance to Perth

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 5 nights quality accommodation

#### DINING

- Enjoy 16 meals including a bush-style lunch

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- All entry fees, national park fees and activities
- Local Guide

#### TRANSPORT

- Private A/C Bus

#### TRANSFERS

- Day 6 transfer to airport

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

*Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 12 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.*

### \*Book With Confidence

If Covid restrictions prevent travel, an exclusive TripADeal credit for the full value of your purchase will be provided. For cancellations that are not Covid related between 30-15 days prior to your departure date receive a TripADeal credit for the value of your purchase less a 25% per person cancellation fee. Cancellations 14-3 days prior to departure less a 50% cancellation fee and 0-2 days of the departure date incur a 100% cancellation fee.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 10th April 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$600 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 Star (self-rated)

- Margarets Beach Resort

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

- Dog Rock Motel, Albany
- Jetty Resort, Esperance

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not available.

### Bedding Configuration

Twin/Double (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 12, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic Flights
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

The best time to visit is during the Australian summer months (December through February), but the shoulder season is fantastic too (September to November and March to May). In summer, there is little rainfall and the average maximum

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temperature is just under 30 degrees Celsius. Hot days are usually cooled off with lovely afternoon sea breezes. Summer evenings are balmy to mild with temperatures around 15.5 degrees Celsius.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

16 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: an average level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/

cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

*Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.*

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.