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Best of the West

SOUTH WEST WA

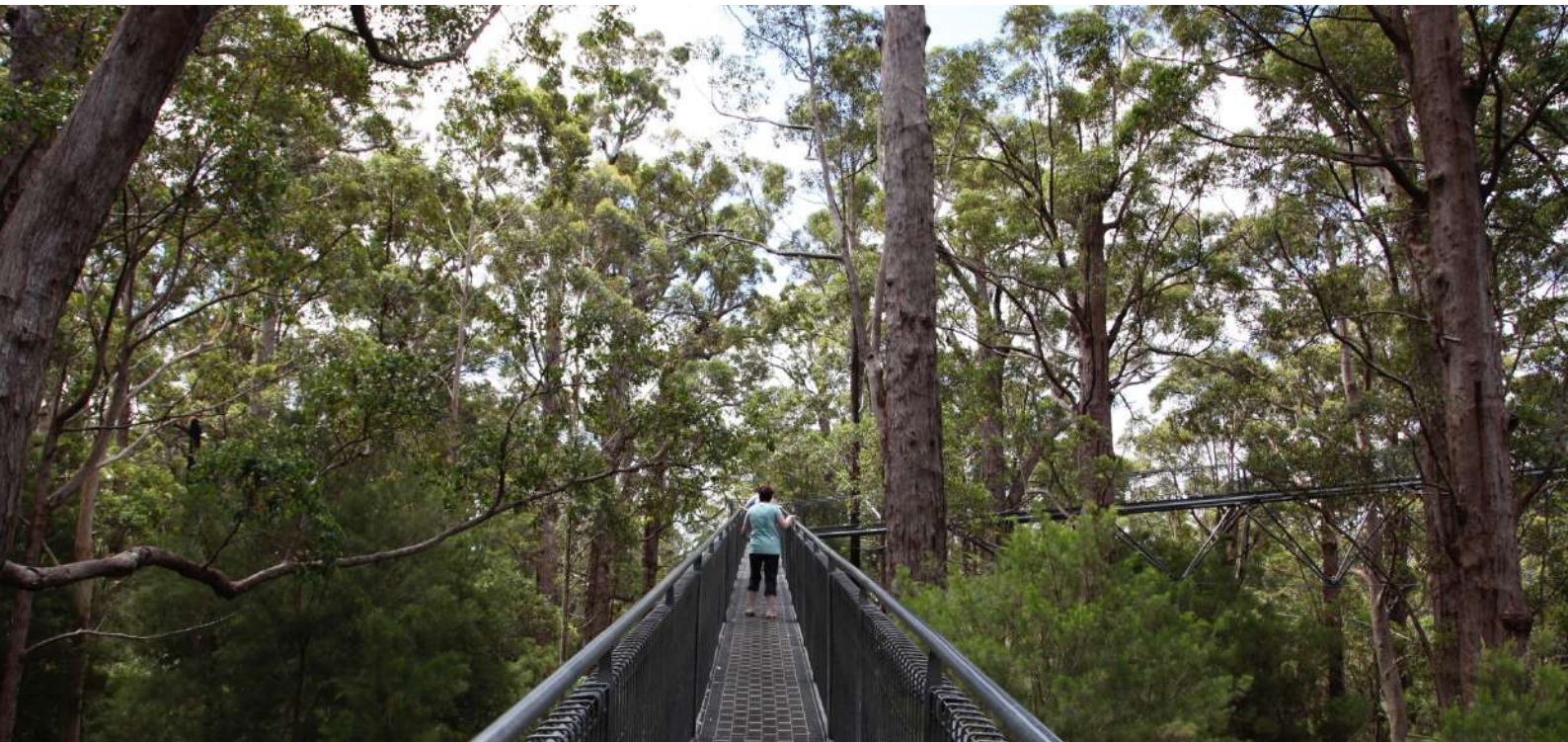
13 DAYS



WALKABOUT
GOURMET ADVENTURES

Journey Overview

- Experience a very personalised walking holiday with a maximum of 11 guests
- Stay in charming accommodation in Albany, Denmark, Pemberton & Margaret River
- Enjoy delicious dinners each evening highlighting the regional cuisine
- Walk for 5 days on the famous Bibbulmun Track
- Discover a pristine wilderness on an eco-cruise at Walpole
- Taste award winning wines at 3 of West Australia's premier wineries
- Walk for 3 days on the beautiful Cape to Cape Track



Journey Schedule

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Margaret River – Busselton – Bunbury – Perth

Journey Itinerary



DAY 1

Perth – Kojonup – Mt Barker – Albany

We meet at 9.30 am at:

The DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront Hotel, 1 Barrack Square, Perth WA 6000, (08) 6372 1000

After our tour briefing, we load our vehicle and make our way out of the city on the Albany Highway heading south. Leaving the outskirts of Perth behind us we pass through the Jarrahdale State Forest before we enter the famous Western Australian wheatbelt country. We stop for lunch at Kojonup which is approximately half way between Perth and Albany. The name comes from the indigenous words for “axe and

water" and has always been an important centre for the local aboriginal population. Today it is an important service centre for the local farming community specialising in wheat, barley and sheep grazing. We continue our route south on the Albany Hwy stopping for a short break at Mount Barker, another service centre for the local farming community. More recently viticulture is playing an increasingly important role in this local economy.

In the late afternoon we arrive at our beautiful boutique accommodation in Albany - The Beach House at Bayside. It is a three times Australian Tourism Award Winner and an inductee in the Hall of Fame. We are perfectly located, just minutes away from the historic town centre and 150 metres behind the dunes of Middleton Bay.

 **1 HOUR**

 **THE BEACH HOUSE AT BAYSIDE, ALBANY**



DAY 2

Albany - National Anzac Centre - Torndirrup National Park

Albany is both a historic and naturally beautiful town - it is situated on stunning King George Sound and not far away is the spectacular Torndirrup National Park. Here the fierce Southern Ocean has sculpted the granite coastline into striking natural formations known as Blowhole, The Gap and Natural Bridge. In 2014 the National Anzac Centre was constructed to commemorate the centenary of the voyage of over 41,000 men and women who departed Australia for Europe to fight in the First World War. It is located in the Princess Royal Fortress which overlooks the actual harbour where the soldiers set sail - for many the last time they would see Australian soil. The centre combines a traditional museum display and exhibition techniques with highly interactive, multi-media content. To navigate and interpret this content visitors assume the identity of one of 32 actual service men or women, and follow their experience of the Great War: from recruitment, through training and embarkation, ship-board life on the convoys, the conflicts at Gallipoli, the Middle East and the Western Front and for those lucky enough to survive, their return home and the difficulties they faced adjusting back into normal society.

In the afternoon we have a short drive to Torndirrup National Park. Windswept coastal heaths give way to massive granite outcrops, sheer cliffs and steep sandy slopes and dunes. It is located on the rugged southern coastline and features a number of natural attractions which have been formed over hundreds of years of erosion and wind-swept seas. State-of-the-art viewing structures at The Gap and the Natural Bridge provide safe and accessible views of the beautiful and dramatic coastal environment. During the whale migratory season in winter, this peninsular is also a wonderful location to observe humpback, southern right and blue whales as they make their way to the warmer northern waters of the Kimberley to calve. We return to the comfort of our lovely boutique hotel before we venture into town to enjoy another delicious dinner.

 **1 HOUR**

 **THE BEACH HOUSE AT BAYSIDE, ALBANY**

DAY 3

Albany — Albany Wind Farm - Bibbulmun Track – Denmark

This morning after another delicious breakfast we leave Albany and travel the short distance to the Albany Grasmere Windfarm. The original wind farm was commissioned in 2001, initially with 12 wind turbines. In 2011 an additional six turbines were installed forming the Grasmere Windfarm. These wind turbines are the largest in the southern hemisphere. Today the 18 wind turbines supply the equivalent of 80% of Albany's electricity needs.

The long distance Bibbulmun Walking Track happens to pass beneath these "giants" so we take advantage of our location and commence our first walk along this famous trail. The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's great long distance walking tracks, stretching some 1,000 kms from Kalamunda near Perth to Albany in the far south. Its name comes from the Bibbulmun, or Noongar people, Indigenous Australians from the Perth area. The track was first opened in 1979. Before we set off on the track, we are able to access the beach at this point so it is an opportunity to get a real feel for the power of the mighty Southern Ocean.

Our first stop is Lookout Spur where we are afforded magnificent views to the Porongorup Ranges and in very clear conditions the Stirling Ranges north of Albany are also visible. If we are lucky, we may spot a whale from the next section of the track – they can grow up to 18 metres in length and weigh up to 80 tonnes. Southern Right whales calve suckle their young in sheltered bays along the south coast. It is also common to come across a variety of wildlife such as large raptors like the sea eagle and even carpet pythons.

Wildflowers grow well here too on the sandy soils. After approximately 4 kms we come to the spur trail which allows us access and a close-up view of Turbine No.10 so you can really appreciate the size of these "giants". The towers themselves stand 65 metres tall and the blades are 35 metres long. We retrace our steps back to our vehicle and then continue our way to Denmark. The town is located on the beautiful meandering Denmark River as it gracefully flows into the Wilson Inlet, which has been an untouched sanctuary for Black Swans for hundreds of years.

The coastline here is very spectacular as we shall discover on our walks. Denmark is known to the aboriginal community as 'Koorabup' meaning 'place of the Black Swan' and is home to many species of waterbirds including the Western Australian Pelican, Black Swan and of course the Blue Wren; the symbol of Denmark Shire. After a short stroll through the town we drive onto our lovely accommodation at Chimes luxurious Spa Retreat.

 **3 HOURS**

 **CHIMES SPA RETREAT, DENMARK**



DAY 4

Denmark – Wilsons Inlet – Ocean Beach – Wilderness Ocean Walk

This morning after breakfast we have a short drive down to Wilsons Inlet and Ocean Beach.

The Wilson Inlet is separated from the sea by Nullaki Peninsula, and where the peninsula and headland meet, at Ocean Beach, a sandbar separates the inlet from the ocean. Each year the sandbar is breached at Prawn Rock Channel creating a wide channel to the ocean as the Inlet discharges. The inlet is a sanctuary for Black Swans and has been for hundreds of years. Denmark, is known to the aboriginal community as 'Koorabup' which means 'place of the Black Swan'. The Wilson Inlet is fed from the Denmark, Hay and Sleeman Rivers and can be easily viewed less than a kilometre south of town at the Denmark river mouth. The inlet is almost fifty square kilometres of water and is roughly 14 km long (east-west) and 4km wide (north south).

A little further on we come to Ocean Beach set between the Great Southern Ocean and Wilson Inlet. It is a very popular place with the locals for surfing and swimming. Just nearby is the start of our walk – the Wilderness Ocean Trail. We begin from the eastern end near the Denmark Wind Farm – these 2 wind turbines produce over 50% of Denmark's electricity needs. Our trail leads us all the way to Lights Beach where we shall break for a relaxing picnic on the granite boulders overlooking this pristine beach. The trail is 6.2 km one way – there are stunning views in all directions – to the north towards Monkey Rocks and Mt Hallowell Kooryunderup and to the south over the Great Southern Ocean. If we are lucky we may even see a pod of dolphins or a whale. In the afternoon we retrace our route in the direction of the mighty wind turbines. Time permitting we can stop in town for a stroll and coffee and then continue onto our lovely retreat.

Dinner tonight is nearby to our accommodation.

 **4 HOURS**

 **CHIMES SPA RETREAT, DENMARK**

DAY 5

Denmark – Bibbulmun Track – Monkey Rocks – Forrest Hill Vineyard - Pepper & Salt Restaurant - Elephant Rocks – Greens Pool

Today we again join the famous Bibbulmun Track. We begin the trail on the outskirts of Denmark and make our way along a heavily forested trail. This is our first introduction to the magnificent Karri Forests of South West WA. Apart from the Karri trees, there are also massive granite formations plus spectacular views of the Southern Ocean. Our trail takes us in the direction of Monkey Rocks. At Monkey Rocks we get above the trees and we are afforded superb views towards Nullaki Peninsular and Wilsons Inlet plus William Bay National Park and the Great Southern Ocean. We retrace our route back to our vehicle and return to our retreat and freshen up for our wine tasting and long lunch.

Our wine tasting today is at the Forest Hill Vineyard which is one of WA's oldest established vineyards dating back to 1965. This cool climate vineyard is, still family owned and consistently produces acclaimed wines. Most of its grapes are grown near Mt Barker but its cellar door is just outside of Denmark. After a very generous and informative tasting we move upstairs to the celebrated restaurant 'Pepper and Salt ". This is one of Denmark's premier foodie "establishments" and is beautifully located amongst the rolling hills and sweeping vineyards of Forest Hill. Renowned as one of Western Australia's best regional chefs, Silas Masih has designed the menu to showcase the sensational local and seasonal produce of Denmark. Freshly toasted spices induce flavour and depth into the dishes, the aroma captivates the senses and the layered textures satisfies the hunger for soulful food.

After our long leisurely lunch we join our vehicle again for the short drive to the coast. We begin our walk at Waterfall Beach which, as the name indicates, has a lovely waterfall which flows across the heathland and pours out over weathered rocks and down to the beach. It is a sheltered cove with beautiful turquoise coloured water. Just over the rise from Waterfall Beach is Madfish Bay. An island rests close to the shore causing an interesting natural phenomenon - waves coming in from two different directions. We re-join our trail and continue inland

before dropping to the coastline again just above Elephant Rocks. As the name suggests Elephant Rocks looks like a herd of elephants paddling in the shallow waters. Access to the beach is between two towering rocks onto what is called Elephant Cove. From here it is only a short walk to one Western Australia's most beautiful beaches - Greens Pool, and for the hardy perhaps a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear turquoise waters. We allow plenty of time to absorb this very special place before we retrace our steps back to our waiting vehicle. On our return to our lovely hotel, we stop off again in Denmark. Tonight, is a free evening so you might like to purchase a snack to take back to the hotel.

 **3 HOURS**

 **CHIMES SPA RETREAT, DENMARK**



DAY 6

Denmark - Walpole Wilderness Cruise - Valley Of The Giants Treetop Walk – Pemberton

This morning we leave Denmark and travel to Walpole where we join up with Gary Muir who will take us on his eco-cruise of the beautiful Walpole and Nornalup inlets. We are likely to see lots of wildlife up close such as dolphins, stingrays and a vast array of birdlife. However, the highlight is undoubtedly the passion and energy which Gary puts into his explanation of the region which he cares for and loves so much. After our return we take a stroll through Walpole to stretch our legs and have some lunch. In the afternoon we travel to the amazing Valley of the Giants - it is located in the nearby Walpole-Nornalup National Park and Walpole Wilderness area. Here you will have the opportunity to discover towering tingle trees. These giant eucalypts are found nowhere else in Australia or in the world and some are estimated to be over 400 years old. The highlight of our visit is the Tree Top Walk which climbs 40 metres high into the forest canopy and meanders through the tree tops for 600 metres. Returning to our vehicle we begin our drive through the beautiful Shannon and Great Dordagup National Parks on route to our next destination at the Karri Valley Resort. Our accommodation is located directly overlooking Lake Beedelup surrounded by a majestic Karri Forest. After settling into our lakeside rooms, we meet up for a refreshing pre-dinner drink and admire the views before we move on to the Lakeside Restaurant for a lovely dinner.

 **2 HOURS**

 **KARRI VALLEY RESORT, BEEDELUP (PEMBERTON)**



DAY 7

Beedelup - Pemberton - Gloucester Tree – Bibbulmun Track

This morning after breakfast we have a short drive to Pemberton where we begin another section of the famous Bibbulmun Track. Our trail today begins directly in town and we make our way into the beautiful Gloucester National Park which comes right to the edge of Pemberton. After approximately 1 hour of walking, we arrive at the well-known Gloucester Tree situated in the middle of a magnificent Karri forest. Between 1937 and 1952 the Gloucester Tree was one of eight giant Karri trees which were used for fire spotting in the area. At 58 metres it is the world's second highest lookout tree – the highest at 65 metres is located nearby in the Warren National Park. In 1947 in order to test the suitability of the tree, a local forester, Jack Watson, spent 6 hours climbing the tree using special climbing boots and belt. Nowadays there are 153 stepping spikes in place to enable people to climb the tree. An interesting statistic is that only 20% of people who begin the climb make it to the top before turning back! Based on these statistics it is very much an optional activity.

From here our trail continues past more magnificent tall trees of the Karri forest which are a feature of the Gloucester National Park. After 1 ½ hours we arrive at Cascades, a gorgeous shady picnic area where LeFroy Brook transforms this place into an impressive cascade of water. This is a perfect place for our picnic lunch after our morning activities. After a lovely rest we follow the trail back to Pemberton. Historically, Pemberton was established as a timber town back in the early 1900's. It wasn't until 2003 that the government drastically reduced old growth logging and rather than close the timber mill down it switched to planting blue gum and pine. Today timber is still a very important industry in the town. Back at our lovely accommodation relax and admire the views over the lake before we meet again for another delicious dinner.

 **5 HOURS**

 **KARRI VALLEY RESORT, BEEDELUP (PEMBERTON)**

DAY 8

Beedelup – Bibbulmun Track – Carey Brook Falls

Today we can have a “van free day “as we begin our walk directly from our accommodation. We set out walking beside Lake Beedelup walking in the direction of Beedelup Falls. This section of track has a mixture of fallen trees covered in moss, wildflowers and an exceptionally thick canopy. Along the track we soon come to one of the most bazaar sights on our trail – The Walk Through Tree – which requires us to climb up some small steps and duck down through a hole until we again reach the Bibbulmun Track. From here it is not too long until we hear the sound of rushing water and we come to Beedelup Falls.

There is a lovely suspension bridge across Beedelup Brook and a series of boardwalks have been built to allow easier access to the very attractive falls. From here our route rises steadily through a mixture of Jarrah, Marri and Karri trees before offering some open undergrowth and a feeling of expansiveness. The canopy quickly reverts back to pure Karri as we walk up over some hills before we break for lunch at the lovely Carey Brook Falls. Our last opportunity to marvel at the “giants of the forest” before we retrace our steps directly back to the lake. Why not enjoy the solitude of our location and relax with a good book on a deck chair at the jetty? In the early evening we meet again at the Lakeside Restaurant for our pre-dinner drinks and another delicious dinner.

 **4 HOURS**

 **KARRI VALLEY RESORT, BEEDELUP (PEMBERTON)**



DAY 9

Beedelup - Augusta - Cape Leeuwin - Leeuwin Estate Winery – Stay Margaret River

This morning we leave the beautiful Karri Forests of the Pemberton region and make our way towards the most south westerly point of Western Australia – Cape Leeuwin. On our way we pass through several national parks – Great Beedelup National Park, Hilliger NP, Milyeannup NP and Black River NP. Before arriving at Cape Leeuwin, we come to Augusta, the most south westerly town in WA – it is a popular location for whale watching when humpback and southern right whales migrate northerly in search of warmer waters during the cooler winter months.

We call into the award-winning Augusta Bakery which has a delicious selection of yummy treats for our early lunch. Continuing through Augusta we arrive at Cape Leeuwin. The lighthouse here was built in 1895. Until 1982 it was a manned lighthouse – since this date it has been automated. It looks out over two oceans – the Southern and the Indian. Cape Leeuwin is one of the 3 great Capes of the world together with the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa and Cape Horn in Chile. The land nearby is now a part of the Leeuwin – Naturaliste national park which extends from here all the way north to Cape Naturaliste which also has a lighthouse. This is the national park where we shall be conducting our walks over the next three days. We get our first introduction of the Cape to Cape Walk here by taking the trail to Quarry Bay. This long-distance walking trail was opened in 2001 and extends the full length of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge for some 123 kms. The lighthouses at both ends are the official start and finish of the walk.

After our introduction to the Cape to the Cape Track we re-join our vehicle for our short drive north onto Margaret River where we have to time check into our lovely hotel and then freshen up before our wine tasting at Leeuwin Estate Winery. The history of this vineyard dates back to 1972 when legendary Napa Valley winemaker Robert Moldavi identified the site as being ideal for premium wine production and provided early mentorship to Denis and Tricia Horgan who had been running the property as a beef farm. It did not take long for the winery to receive international accolades and today it is one of Margaret River's most famous vineyards. For the Horgan family, Leeuwin Estate is much more than just producing wine – it has an

award winning restaurant as well as an art gallery and the estate is renowned for staging spectacular musical events. After arriving at the winery, we have an opportunity to taste an extensive selection of Leeuwin Estate wines, including the highly acclaimed Art Series Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Hosted in the Art Gallery Cellar, surrounded by the unique collection of contemporary Australian artworks that feature on Leeuwin's "Art Series" wine labels, you will learn about the history of this family-owned Estate, their winemaking philosophy and their passion for the arts. This intimate group tasting is a unique way to experience the ethos of Leeuwin Estate's art of fine winemaking. After our tasting we leave this very special winery and make our way back into Margaret River and our accommodation before meeting up in the hotel restaurant for another delicious dinner.

 **2 HOURS**

 **STAY MARGARET RIVER**



DAY 10

Margaret River - Cape To Cape Walk - Margaret River

After yesterday's introduction to the "Cape to Cape" we drive the short distance to Gas Bay where we join the trail again. Our route takes us directly to the coastline and follows the beach with sweeping views out to sea across the Indian Ocean. At Boodjidup Brook our trail moves away from the beach and heads inland through low coastal scrub and dunes. One of the highlights of walking the Cape to Cape is the opportunity to observe flora and fauna up close. There is a real variety of vegetation along the track. Today we are walking along the western edge. These slopes are quite windswept, so we are likely to see lots of wattle, yellow buttercups and pink pimelea. Heath is the dominant vegetation. After approximately 40 minutes our trail crosses Boodjidup Brook which is an ideal spot to break for lunch. It is quite an oasis with lush vegetation taking advantage of the moist conditions. If we are lucky, we may see some of the very plentiful birdlife such as wrens, robins, black cockatoos and parrots. Along the cliffs we might also see birds of prey too such as ospreys, kites and kestrels. Water birds such as herons, oyster catchers and plovers are also common.

In the afternoon we continue inland away from the coast arriving at a plateau with extensive views back over the coastline. From here it's not far to the outskirts of Gnarabup where we can make our way back to the coast and visit the famous While Elephant Café for a coffee or a cool drink. The beach here also has a very popular surf break. When the conditions are right and the surf is up it is wonderful entertainment to sit for a while and watch the locals having fun surfing on these amazing waves. From here it is only a short drive back to Margaret River and our accommodation where you can relax beside the pool or curl up with a good book before we meet again for our pre-dinner drinks. Dinner tonight is in Margaret River.

 **5 HOURS**

 **STAY MARGARET RIVER**

DAY 11

Margaret River - Cape Naturaliste - Cape To Cape Walk – Yallingup - Canal Rocks

This morning we drive north towards Cape Naturaliste. Depending on where you start the Cape to Cape Track the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse is either the beginning or the end of the walk. The Lighthouse was built in 1903 and is 20 metres high (its sister lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin which we saw 3 days earlier is twice as high) nevertheless it is clearly visible to sea because it is built on a 100-metre bluff overlooking Geographe Bay. Our trail begins on a boardwalk path called the 'Access for More Trail' which enables wheelchairs and people with lesser mobility an opportunity to experience the stunning scenery of this area. We soon move on to an unpaved walking trail and reach a turnoff to one of the highlights of today's walk – Sugarloaf Rock. It is one of the most photographed natural sights in the region – its ocean side is battered by the treacherous seas of the Indian Ocean. On the mainland side a narrow channel of water is home to nesting seabirds and bottlenose dolphins. Whales are also sometimes seen wallowing in the water. We continue along the path which meanders beside the coastal cliffs towards Three Bears Beach. Apparently Three Bears was named by Yallingup surfing identity George Simpson in the 1970s, when you had to bump your way up a rough track from Yallingup. When George discovered the three perfect surf breaks along the beach, he named them Baby Bear, Mama Bear and Papa Bear! This is normally an ideal time to break for our picnic lunch with magnificent views of the stunning coastline. After lunch we retrace our route back to Sugarloaf Rock where we re-join our vehicle and take the short drive to the legendary surfing capital of Margaret River; Yallingup.

This laid-back coastal town is famous the world over for its consistent and spectacular surf – it was recently voted as #1 by Australian Traveller in its edition of 100 Best Towns in Australia. To the indigenous Nyoongar people, Yallingup means 'place of love'. One visit will show you why. An institution in the town is the iconic Caves House hotel – it was built in 1903 by the WA government to provide accommodation for visitors to the newly opened caves nearby. Today it glows with a Raffles ambiance reminiscent of the 1930's Art Deco era. Since 1993 the building has been classified by the National Trust of Australia. Attached to the hotel are the

extensive 2 ha gardens which have also been classified by the National Trust since 2015.

The old worldly terrace overlooking the gardens is the perfect spot to enjoy a coffee before we stroll down through the gardens to admire the world-famous beach. Returning to our vehicle we have a short drive to the amazing natural phenomenon, Canal Rocks - a group of granite boulders which jut out into the ocean and are separated by a series of canals. More recently the national parks have upgraded the facilities and these channels can now be observed from a raised wooden boardwalk which takes us out onto the rocks. The Indian Ocean has carved crevasses and channels into the rocks of the headland leaving a network of patchy rocky islands. The ideal time to enjoy Canal Rocks is late afternoon in the setting sun. We have a 30-minute drive back to our lovely hotel where we can relax before meeting up for another delicious dinner in Margaret River.

 **5 HOURS**

 **STAY MARGARET RIVER**



DAY 12

Margaret River – Free Morning to Explore – Voyager Estate: Tour Of The Estate, Tastings And Final Celebratory Lunch

This morning you will have some free time to explore beautiful Margaret River. It has grown enormously in the last decade. As its name indicates, it is located on the Margaret River which flows from the Blackwood Forest to the east. The town is well known for its boutique shops, galleries and cafes.

In the late morning we meet up again and drive the short distance to Voyager Estate Winery. This independent, family owned vineyard is certainly one of Australia's great wineries. It began back in 1978 when the original owners, Peter and Jennifer Gherardi, planted the first grapes. It was purchased by Michael Wright in 1991 who developed Voyager until his death in 2012. Today his daughter Alexandra Burt runs the winery. We travel beyond the cellar door to discover Voyager's special patch of land at Margaret River. On the guided walk through the Estate vineyards – we shall learn about the organic farming methods, unique microclimate and maritime influence – all essential to the distinctive Voyager Estate style. From here we'll visit the winery, taste wine straight from the barrel and gain an insight into the philosophy that drives the winemaking craft.

Once we have seen where the wine comes from, it's time to taste and we move on to visit the Cellar Door, where we'll be guided through their range of celebrated Margaret River varietals. We will then move into their Top 5 WA rated restaurant to enjoy their Terroir Menu. Created by Head Chef, Santiago Fernandez and his team, each dish is inspired by the wines while celebrating pristine local produce. In the late afternoon after this very special celebratory lunch we travel back to our accommodation for some free time before we meet up again for our final evening together.

 **5 HOURS**

 **STAY MARGARET RIVER**

DAY 13

Margaret River - Busselton - Bunbury - Perth

This morning we have a leisurely start before we load up and leave the beautiful Margaret River region and make our way onto Busselton. This busy coastal town is well known for its unique 1.8 km jetty. Before lunch we have the opportunity to walk its entire length. It was originally built in 1865 - back then a mere 165 metres, over the years it was constantly added to because of the sand drift. In 1973 the port was closed. In 2011 a major refurbishment of the jetty was completed. After having our lunch at the foreshore, we continue our return trip to Perth via Bunbury. Our expected arrival time back in Perth is 5.00 pm.



Journey Accommodation

The Beach House at Bayside, Albany

NIGHTS 1 - 2



Chimes Retreat & Spa, Denmark

NIGHTS 3 - 5



Karri Valley Resort, Beedelup

NIGHTS 6 - 8



Stay Margaret River, Margaret River

NIGHTS 9 - 12



Journey Notes

PRICE INCLUDES

- Experienced guide.
- Pick up and drop off in Perth.
- Twin share accommodation for 12 nights, breakfasts and dinners each evening (except on day 12) and 1 lunch.

NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COSTS

Lunches (except on day 12), evening drinks and in between meal snacks, personal clothing, laundry, medical expenses and items of a personal nature.

WHAT TO BRING

Day pack, 1.5 litre water bottle, walking boots, waterproof raincoat, warm hat, sunhat, bathers, sunscreen and insect repellent. Walking poles will also be handy. As we are restricted with the amount of luggage, we can carry in our vehicles please ensure that your CASES DO NOT EXCEED 20 KG's per guest.

PRE-WALK PREPARATION

We suggest that prior to your walking holiday you prepare yourself to obtain a level of fitness that will allow you to enjoy your walking holiday.

This, of course, is dependent upon your existing fitness level. Remember, the fitter you are, the more you will enjoy the holiday!

- Start with some short walks which include stairs or hills and increase the length of walks over a couple of months.
- We suggest you carry a backpack with water, camera, jacket, snacks, etc. to assist you with your preparation and allow you to get used to the extra weight on your back.
- We also ask that your boots are comfortable and well-worn in.
- Perhaps enjoy some walks through our local national parks and over uneven surfaces to gain confidence with your boots or new walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

Single rooms can usually be arranged for a supplement. Please ask us for details. We shall endeavour to match people together if they would like to share a twin room with another guest to avoid paying the Single Room Supplement. However, as this is not always possible 'single' clients will have to pay the supplement. All Walks during the 13 days are optional. Guests can choose to have a free day whenever they like. The walking pace on the walking holiday is leisurely. Guests do not have to be experienced; however, a good level of fitness is necessary.

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