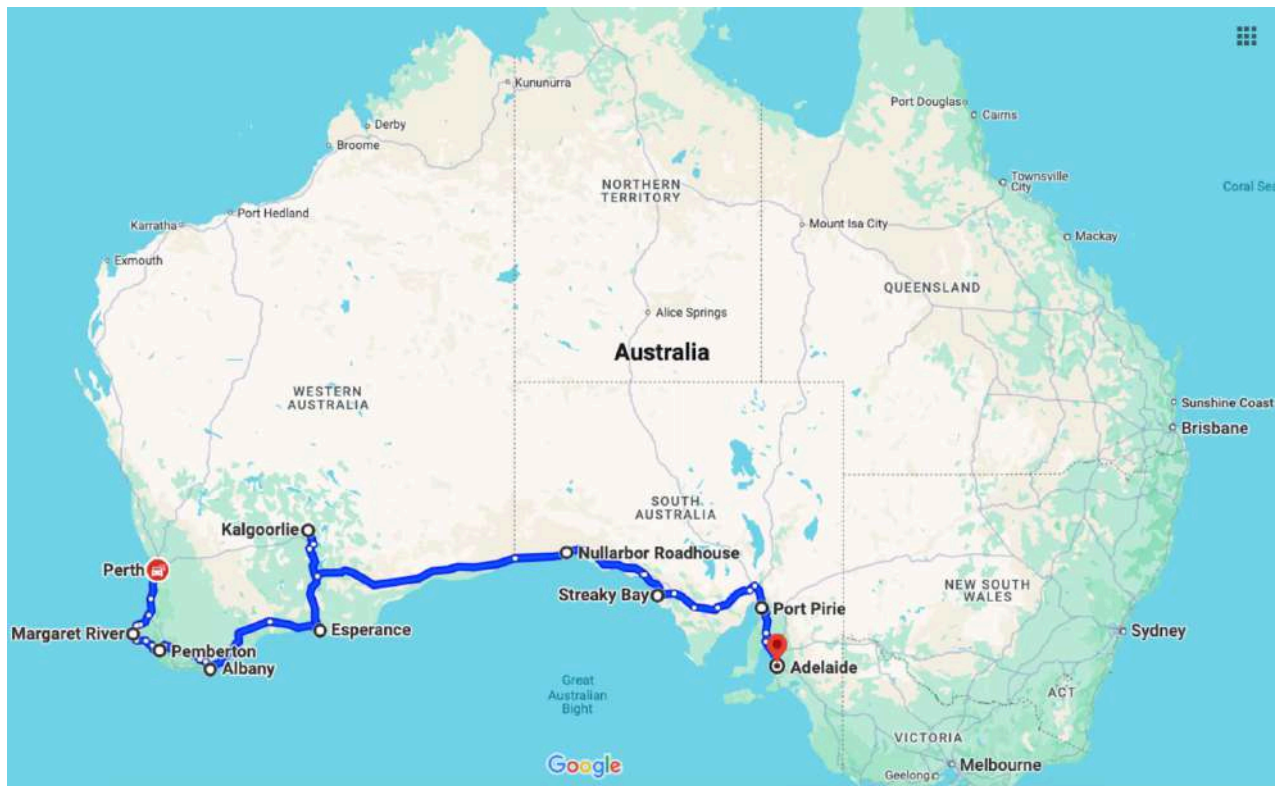




## Perth / The Nullarbor / Adelaide Tour

14 Days / 13 Nights

\$6,395 p.p.t.s



### **Tour Includes:**

- \*Return Airfares Sydney to Perth and Adelaide to Sydney
- \*13 Nights Quality En Suite Accommodation
- \*3 Meals on most Days (including Morning Teas) as per Itinerary
- \*Entrance Fees to all Tourist Attractions & National Parks as per Itinerary.
- \*Fully Escorted via Luxury Air-Conditioned Coach.

### **Tour Highlights:**

This coach tour takes you from Perth to Adelaide via the iconic Nullarbor Plain. Along the way, you'll enjoy experiencing the Margaret River Wildflower Season, lunch at the renowned Margaret River Winery, the Karri Forest of Pemberton, Australia's last whaling station in Albany, the extraordinary sandy beaches of Esperance, the Goldmines of Kalgoorlie, The Nullarbor Outback, Humpback Whales with their calves and The Great Australian Bight, plus lots more.....



## DAY 1

## PERTH & FREMANTLE



We will meet all our travellers at the Qantas Group Check in at Sydney Domestic Airport for our morning flight directly to Perth.

Arriving in Perth early afternoon to be met by our coach for a city tour and a visit to Kings Park with its wonderful views of the City and Swan River and revel in the natural bushland and spectacular spring wildflower displays.

We then travel to Fremantle to check in at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle for the next 2 nights.

Our arrival dinner will be served in the Hotel's restaurant.

*Accommodation: The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle*

## DAY 2

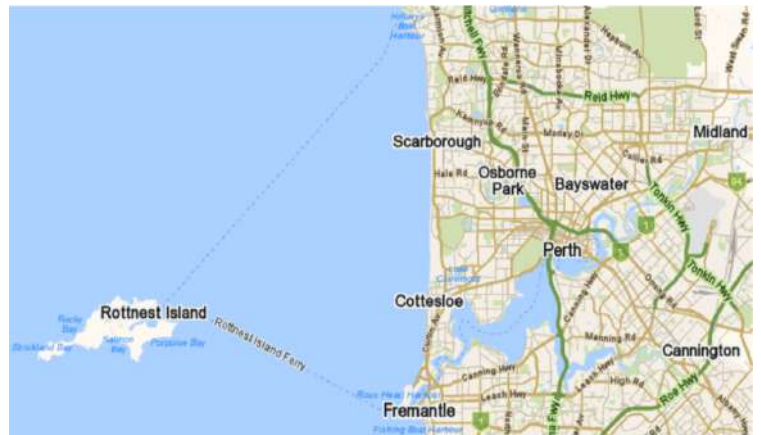
## ROTTNEST ISLAND

Breakfast at leisure in the Hotel. We depart 8.30am for Fremantle wharf for our 9.00am cruise to Rottnest Island & return at 12 noon arriving back at Fremantle Wharf at 12.30pm.

Enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of Fremantle & then **lunch at your own expense** with the afternoon being free for perhaps exploring the famous Fremantle Markets.

Our dinner is in the Hotel's Restaurant.

*Accommodation: The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle.*



## DAY 3

## MARGARET RIVER



We leave Perth and tour south to Bunbury for our morning tea break at Bunbury, with time to explore this city rich in arts, as defined by the Wardandi Boodja sculpture located on the Koombana Bay foreshore.

Leaving here for lunch & wine tasting at the renowned Vasse Felix winery, located in Margaret River, amidst some of the oldest vineyards in the area. You may wish to purchase a bottle to enjoy later on.

We leave here for the Margaret River Chocolate Company before checking into our overnight accommodation. Dinner is in the Hotel Restaurant.

*Accommodation: Stay Margaret River*

## DAY 4

## MARGARET RIVER, CAPE LEEUWIN AND PEMBERTON

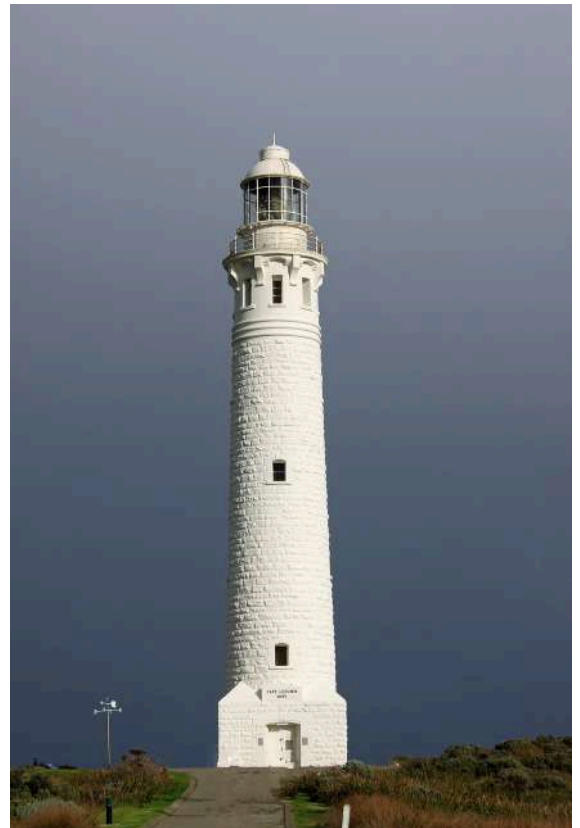
Breakfast in the motels restaurant as we depart with our first stop for an inspection of the famous surfing Margaret River Beaches & then some free time in town.

We leave Margaret River to travel further south through Augusta to Cape Leeuwin where we see the picturesque old Waterwheel and the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. Constructed in 1896, it stands on the most south westerly tip of the continent. The climb to the top is long but the views are spectacular revealing where the Indian and Southern Oceans converge.

We will have lunch at the Augusta Hotel around 12.45pm before we retrace our steps and travel due east to reach the timber town of Pemberton. We are in timber country here and we will learn more about the Karri tree which is the third tallest species in the world. We will visit the Karri Forest Interpretive Centre before having a look at the Gloucester Tree, a giant 61 metres tall karri tree, located in the Gloucester National Park of Western Australia.

We then arrive at our overnight accommodation with time to relax before dinner in a nearby restaurant.

*Accommodation: Karri Forest Motel Pemberton*



## **DAY 5** **PEMBERTON TRAMWAY, VALLEY OF THE GIANTS AND ALBANY**

After breakfast we leave here for the Pemberton Tramway Station for our 1.5hr return tram journey meandering through towering Karri and Marri forests, over trestle bridges spanning rivers and streams, along one of Australia's most majestic rail lines. Admire the breathtaking views on the journey, with an informative commentary on the forest, the Tramway and the history of the region. Morning tea will be served on return at the station



We leave here and continue east, arriving in Walpole for our picnic lunch next to the Walpole-Nornalup Visitors Centre. Leaving here after lunch we enter the Valley of the Giants Tree Tops located in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park. Here you can feel the power and age of these trees as you walk among them following the Ancient Empire Walk. We take the treetop easy walk, (about 25 minutes) suspended in the canopy, which opens up a new world of birds and flowers.

Leaving here we continue for an hour before arriving in Albany for a town tour before checking into our accommodation for the next 2 Nights. Dinner is in the Motels Restaurant.

*Accommodation: Mandalay Ace Motor Inn Albany*

## **DAY 6** **ALBANY'S WHALE WORLD & NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE**

After breakfast we leave for the short distance to the Torndirrup National Park where we see the spectacular coastal formations including the Gap and Natural Bridge.

We then visit Whale World, the last whaling station to close, where we take a guided tour and learn of the controversial history of whaling.

After lunch in the Café we will travel back to Albany and drive to the popular Middleton Beach with its sheltered waters as we tour around Marine Drive stopping at various photo stops to Mount Clarence which offers panoramic views of the surrounding sea and landscape. Set in the stunning



260 hectare Albany Heritage Park, the National Anzac Centre is an important part of Australia's cultural tribute to the men and women who served in the First World War. We will travel through the Avenue of Honour to see the Anzac Memorial that was once located in Port Said.

We leave for some free time in the township, before we arrive back at our accommodation.. Dinner is in the motel restaurant.

*Accommodation: Mandalay Ace Motor Inn Albany*



## **DAY 7**

## **ALBANY TO ESPERANCE**

We leave after breakfast & head east to Esperance with our morning tea stop at Jerramungup before then travelling to the mining town of Ravensthorpe, once home to BHP Billiton's nickel mine & processing plant. We will have a photo stop of the Silo Artwork as we enter town before our picnic lunch.

After lunch we continue east through productive farmland of wheat, oats, barley, lupins, canola, peas & beans to Esperance. We take the scenic route into Esperance travelling around the Pink Lake, passing Wind Farms and then the white sandy beaches of Twilight Bay & Salmon Beach before we finally arrive at our comfortable accommodation for the next two nights overlooking the pristine waters of Esperance Bay. Dinner is in the motel restaurant.

*Accommodation: Hospitality Inn Esperance*

## **DAY 8**

## **ESPERANCE / CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK**

A very relaxing day awaits us, as we take a morning cruise amongst the beautiful islands of the Recherche Archipelago. View the wildlife in its natural habitat, in particular fur seals, sea lions, Cape Barren Geese, Sea Eagles and hopefully some friendly dolphins. We go ashore at Woody Island for a tour before returning to Esperance for lunch in town.

This afternoon we head east for a tour of Cape Le Grand National Park with its wildflowers, pure white beaches (Lucky Bay) and sparkling waters.

On returning to our accommodation we can rest before freshening up for dinner.

*Accommodation: Hospitality Inn Esperance*





## DAY 9

A very relaxing day awaits us as we leave Esperance & travel north passing salt lakes before arriving in Norseman for morning tea. This is the last major town in Western Australia before heading east across the Nullarbor Plain. It started as a mining town by prospectors convinced that the area was as rich in gold as Kalgoorlie-Coolgardie; it has yielded over 100 tonnes of the precious metal since the late 19th century.

We will arrive in Kalgoorlie at Hannon's North Gold Mine for a BBQ lunch. After lunch we take the exciting Hannon's North underground mine tour & then we visit the multi-million dollar Miners and Prospectors Hall of Fame. There will be time to browse through the complex before we visit the Super Pit.

We will then settle into our overnight accommodation. Dinner is in the hotel restaurant.

*Accommodation: Plaza Hotel Kalgoorlie*

## NORSEMAN / KALGOORLIE



## DAY 10

We make an early start on the commencement of our Nullarbor crossing and head south to Norseman for a break before we head east into the Nullarbor via the Eyre Highway.

We stop for lunch in Balladonia before traversing the longest straight stretch of road in Australia, 146.6 kilometres (approx 90 Miles) with only a rise and fall of a metre or two the whole way.

We will reach the small settlement of Madura for our overnight accommodation. Our meals will be in the Motels restaurant.

*Accommodation: Madura Pass Oasis Motel*

## KALGOORLIE / MADURA



## DAY 11

## MADURA / EUCLA / NULLARBOR

A chance for some fabulous views today as we travel through Madura Pass and stop at the Mundrabilla Roadhouse for our morning tea break. We leave the highway & drive down towards the sand dunes & inspect the buried Eucla Telegraph Station that can be found a few kilometres on the Western Australia side of the



border. The remaining old stone walls protruding above the moving dunes mark the station's location, since the entire place has been enshrouded in white sand dunes. The sand drifts were caused by the rabbit plague that destroyed dune vegetation.

We cross the border into South Australia at Border Village where we break for lunch.

There are a number of lookouts along the way from which we can view the 200 kilometre stretch of the Bunda Cliffs with their 80 metre vertical drop to the sea below where giant ocean swells pound the towering limestone cliffs. Southern Right

Whales may be sighted along the way as well as dingoes, camels, western grey kangaroos, wombats and eagles. After a full day of sight -seeing we reach our accommodation at the Nullarbor Roadhouse for our overnight accommodation.

**Accommodation: Nullarbor Roadhouse**

## DAY 12

## NULLARBOR / CEDUNA / STREAKY BAY

After breakfast we travel east into the Yalata Aboriginal Land before we turn off the Highway and reach the Head of the Bight Information Centre. We take the boardwalk down to the cliff edge with views over the Bight. It's a majestic outlook as we oversee the Great Australian Bight Marine Park.



This is the season for watching the Southern Right Whales and their calves. We will see them below us and wonder at the great distances they have travelled from Antarctica to South Australia. Just to the East of the Bight (Nundroo is where the Dingo/Dog fence commences & stretches 5614 kilometres across to Jumbour (near Dalby) on the Queensland Darling Downs. We will stop in Penong Hotel for lunch & then visit the Windmill Park to inspect the many varieties of windmills on display. We leave here for Ceduna and visit the Information Centre for a stretch of the legs.

We travel through town then we turn off onto the Flinders Highway & make our way down the western side of the Eyre peninsula reaching Streaky Bay for our overnight accommodation. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink as it's a photographer's delight with the sunset over the Bay across the road from the Motel. Dinner is in the Motel restaurant.

**Accommodation: Streaky Bay Motel**

## DAY 13

## STREAKY BAY / PORT AUGUSTA / PORT PIRIE



After breakfast we leave the stunning coastline and smell of sea air at Streaky Bay and travel cross country to join the Eyre Highway at Poochera and then have morning tea at Wudinna. Continue to Kimba (The Big Galah) for our picnic lunch stop.

The afternoon tour passes via Iron Knob, the birthplace of Australia's steel industry and we reach Port Augusta in time to visit the Wadlata Outback Centre. The Centre provides an interpretation of the history of the outback of South Australia and the Flinders Ranges from 15 million years ago. Leaving here for the town of Port Pirie, one of the largest lead smelters for our overnight accommodation.

Our meals will be served in the Motel Restaurant.

*Accommodation: Comfort Inn Port Pirie*

## DAY 14

## HOMEWARD BOUND

We leave early at 8.00am after breakfast & travel down the Port Wakefield Highway with a stop in Port Wakefield for morning tea at 9.30am. It's then off to Adelaide Airport to check in for our early afternoon flight back home to Sydney.

