

BEST OF THE WEST

DAY 1 FLY FROM UK

Depart from UK to Australia.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN PERTH

On arrival at Perth airport we are met by the guide and a coach, that will take us to the hotel. For the remains of the day we will relax at the hotel to recover from any jet lag we maybe suffering from. Dinner will also be included at the hotel.

DAY 3 PERTH

After breakfast we will spend a full day exploring Perth and shopping around the city with the guide. In the evening we will return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

DAY 4 FREEMANTLE

After breakfast we will be picked up by coach to visit Freemantle for the day. Freemantle is the Port for Perth and many of the old buildings are still standing. Visit the old Freemantle Gaol a vast austere 19th century prison built by convict labour from limestone rock quarried on the site, it was used as a maximum security prison from 1855 to 1991, it is hard to understand how it stayed a jail as late as 1991 as you look at where the convicts then prisoners were kept. After visit the markets and other points of interest around Freemantle returning to Perth for an overnight stay.

DAY 5 ROTTNEST ISLAND

This morning after breakfast we will leave the hotel to walk down or take a coach to the wharf and a boat over to Rottnest Island. It takes approximately 25 minutes to the island travelling downstream to North Freemantle before a short ocean crossing to Rottnest. On board the boat we will have an informative commentary as you travel over to the island. On the island we will be free to shop and explore before joining the coach to travel around the island to points of interest such as the lighthouse, see the Quokkas up close and the old buildings. Return in the afternoon by boat to Perth and transfer to the hotel. Dinner will be at one of the restaurants near the hotel.

DAY 6 YANCHEP / CERVANTAS

Today after breakfast we will travel north out of town to Yanchep from Perth. At the national park the Balga Mia Aboriginal demonstration unit is unique in Western Australia, rather than being a sit and watch demonstration they are very much "hands on" experience, we will then get the chance to be taught Spear and Boomerang Throwing. After a picnic lunch we will visit the National Park or you may to ride a camel or horse. Finally after long and fun day we will stay overnight in the township of Cervantas at a hotel.

DAY 7 NAMBUNG NATIONAL PARK / PERTH

Following breakfast we drive to the desert sands of Nambung National Park, home to the remarkable natural landscape of the Pinnacles. The unusual limestone spires that make up the Pinnacles Desert are some of our most unique natural attractions. Experience an atmosphere of mystery as we wonder through the limestone pillars, which resemble the ruins of an ancient city. In the afternoon we will travel back to Perth, on arrival we will have dinner and stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 8 DARLING RANGE

Today we set off for the Darling Range, travelling through native forests and farmland to the picturesque Avon Valley and the historic town of York. We travel through Western Australian's prime wheat producing region, enroute to Wave Rock. In the Afternoon we visit the unique natural phenomenon of Wave Rock. This is one of Western Australia's most unusual tourism attractions. This gravity-defying mound of granite rises fifteen metres into the air like a wave about to break. On arrival you'll be met by your Aboriginal guide who'll provide an informative tour of the area. Discover other granite formations including "Hippo's Yawn". Re board the coach for a short trip to the ancient Aboriginal paintings at "Mulka's Cave". This precious piece of Australia's history is a rare find and a privilege to experience.

DAY 9 ALBANY

This morning we will travel south west to the site of the first European settlement, Albany. Overlooking the beautiful King George Sound, Albany maintains its historic links through many well- restored heritage buildings. Albany was once a whaling town but these gentle giants of the sea are now only sought for photographs. Upon arrival we will take a city tour and a visit to the Old Whaling Station for an information presentation on the history and demise of whaling. This evening we will have dinner and stay overnight in a hotel.

DAY 10 BUNBURY

Today we travel back up the rugged coast line of Australia and view the rock formations of The Gap and Natural Bridge. Shaped over centuries by the forces of the Southern Ocean, you'll be amazed by the giant waves that send plumes of spray high into the air. Turning inland you'll discover that the trees begin to grow taller as we pass through the land of the giant Karri's to the heart of the rare Tingle Forest. Enjoy lunch before exploring the now world famous "Tree Top Walk". Marvel at the stunning vista from this birds eye views, or descend to the forest floor and explore the grove of Tingle trees known as the "Ancient Empire". Continue north along the coast past Cape Naturaliste National Park and onto Geography Bay or Bunbury.

DAY 11 PERTH

After breakfast travel up the coast back to Perth arriving mid morning. After lunch we will take up the afternoon by going out to sea to find Dolphins. After a long day we will have a farewell dinner at the hotel.

DAY 12 DEPART PERTH

After breakfast at the hotel we will transfer to the airport for flight home to the UK.

DAY 13 ARRIVE UK

Today we arrive back in the UK.