

Australia's Southwest



Distance: 102km Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

The south western corner of WA is home to some of Australia's most magnificent forests, pristine beaches and rust stained granite headlands. And it has two of this country's best walking trails – the Bibbulmun Track and the Cape to Cape Track. Inspiration Outdoors has designed a nine day journey that captures the best of these iconic trails and takes in some of the most beautiful locations in this famous region. The holiday also includes a WOW Wilderness Eco-Cruise on the beautiful Walpole and Nornalup Inlets and entree to the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk..

What our guests say:

"Having travelled from the UK we wanted to see some of the flora, fauna and scenery of Western Australia. We were not disappointed with this trek as it had it all. Walking with a group of liked minded people, sharing experiences in the superb surroundings, being looked after by a great team (Emily & Adam) and having the rewarding feeling at the end of completing a fairly challenging trek.

Bruno and Jo, Salisbury UK

Give us a call if you have any questions!

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Level: *Moderate.*



Itinerary

Day 1

Cape to Cape Track, Smiths Beach to Wyadup.

Distance: 7km

Departing from Perth, we head south to the Cape to Cape Track. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch in the picturesque seaside town of Yallingup before we start our short but spectacular walk. The 7 kilometre walk on the Cape to Cape Track has a bit of rocky terrain but you shouldn't find it too difficult. We will take our time as we should be right in the peak of wildflower season, so we don't want to miss any orchids!

Day 2

Cape to Cape Track, Moses Rock to Gracetown.

Distance: 16km

Today's 16 kilometre walk on the glorious Cape to Cape Track has a few hills to conquer, some cliff-tops and some beach walking. You are rewarded with magnificent sweeping views of the coast as we walk into Cowaramup Bay at Gracetown. The sheltered bay is perfect for a refreshing swim before we head back to our accommodation – stopping at a unique local winery on the way.

Day 3

Cape to Cape Track, Redgate Beach to Boranup Forest.

Distance :14km

Today is our final day on the Cape to Cape Track – and it's a good one! On today's 14 kilometre walk we enjoy the fascinating Bob's Hollow; breathtaking cliff-top views of the coast near Cape Freycinet; as well as experiencing the peaceful Boranup Forest. After a picnic lunch in the forest, we will head into Margaret River for a chance to explore this gem of a town.



Day 4



Bibbulmun Track, Pemberton
Distance: 7km

It's time to say goodbye to the Margaret River Region and head to Walpole for the next stage of our south west adventure. On the way to Walpole, we'll stop in at Pemberton and have a 7 km walk in the heart of the forest. Brave souls can climb the rungs of the 72 metre high Gloucester Tree for a view over the forest canopy.

Day 5

Boat cruise and Bibbulmun Track walk, Walpole

Distance: 7.5km

Take an early morning wander through town or have a sleep-in before we head out at 10am to join a WOW Wilderness Eco-cruise on the beautiful Walpole and Nornalup Inlets. This excellent guided cruise will give you a fascinating insight into the history and ecology of the area. After a picnic lunch we take a great varied 7.5 kilometre walk on the Bibbulmun Track west of Walpole. We begin the walk in the quiet and ancient Tingle forest then descend to take in some interesting damp-land vegetation and finish with a view across rolling hills to the southern coast.

Day 6

Bibbulmun Track, Conspicuous Cliffs to Peaceful Bay

Distance: 16km

Today we experience a fabulous 16 kilometre section of the Bibbulmun Track. Starting from Conspicuous Beach we first ascend to the Rame Head Campsite – enjoying the exercise and the spectacular coastal and inland views. Thereafter it's an easy walk through inland heath back to the coast and then a lovely walk, with great coastal views, around the coast and into Peaceful Bay. If the weather is nice we'll have a refreshing swim at Peaceful Bay before heading back to our accommodation.



Day 7

Bibbulmun Track, Mt Hallowell to Greens Pool

Distance: 13km

An early morning check out and drive to visit the delightful pools and rock formations at Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks sets us up for a fantastic day ahead. We start our 13 kilometre walk with an ascent to Tower Hill where we encounter some amazing granite boulders. We pass through Lights Beach and finish with a walk up and down Mt Hallowell, with amazing boulder formations and spectacular views over the Denmark area and coast.

From here, we can take a look around the town of Denmark before driving on to our accommodation in Albany.

Day 8

Bald Head walk

Distance: 15km

Today's walk is considered by many, as the best day walk in the South West of Western Australia. The Bald Head walk is an "out and back" on the Flinders Peninsular with ocean views on both sides. At times the walk is challenging, but the rewards are unending! After the walk we will check out the Gap in Tornidirrup National Park. The Gap is a suspension bridge over a crevice in the granite rocks. With the might of the southern ocean crashing in below, this a great experience.

Note: If the weather is very rough we will complete a more protected section of the Bibbulmun Track instead as this walk is very exposed and should not be done in stormy weather.



Day 9

Return to Perth plus short Jarrah forest walk

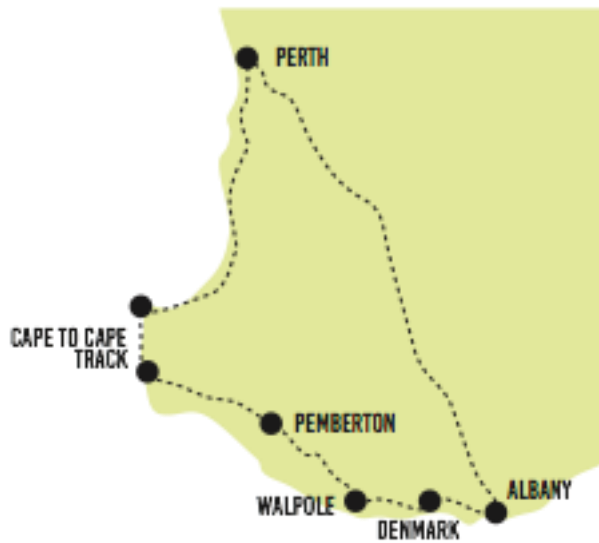
Distance: 4km

With a heavy heart we will leave the southern coast this morning and head north back towards Perth. Early October in the south west means wildflowers so we will stop for a short walk in the jarrah forests near Perth as we make our way back to the city. Jarrah forests are renowned for their diversity of wildflowers.

Depending on the energy of group, we might take an easy stroll or if we are more energetic we climb to the summit of Mt Vincent (approx 2 hrs return). After our walk, we will continue on to the city arriving at around 5pm.

Your out of pocket expenses for this trip are lunch on the last day,

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snacks if you need them (morning tea and fruit are provided) and alcohol.

The Fine Details

Cost: \$2,585 per person

(\$3,035 single supplement)

What's included:

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 8 night's comfortable accommodation
- 8 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 9 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 9 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 8 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Perth CBD. On the morning of the tour we will pick up our guests from Wellington Street in the CBD or from Fremantle. In the weeks prior to the tour we will provide you with a map to both pickup locations and the exact time.

As the tour departs early in the morning, it is advisable to fly into Perth the day prior. We recommend staying- (at least, it's a great city) one night in Perth before the tour. At the end of the tour, we generally return to Perth at around 5pm, and then on to Fremantle at 5:30pm.

If you are looking for accommodation in Perth close to the pickup spot, we recommend;

- The Ibis (on Murray Street)
- The Royal (on Wellington Street)
- Mantra on Murray (on Murray Street)
- Four Points by Sheraton (on Wellington Street).

All are within easy walking distance of the pick up spot.

Where do we stay?

- The Break, Margaret River, 3 nights
- Bayside Villas, Walpole, 3 nights
- Best Western, Albany, 2 nights

The Break is a series of modern 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom town houses. We will take 2-4 townhouses depending on the size of the group. One of the houses will serve as the “main house” where evening meals and breakfast will be served. The Break is located in Prevelly which is the beach suburb of Margaret



River and approximately 10 minutes from the town centre.

Bayside Villas overlook the Walpole Inlet, a short stroll from the centre of town. All villas are tastefully furnished and include fully equipped kitchen, TV, DVD players, barbeque, reverse cycle heating cooling system and laundry facilities.

The Best Western Albany is your standard 3 star motel with the added advantage of being right in the centre of this thriving town. Walk out your door with Albany at your doorstep!

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$450. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

Average Temperature (degrees):

Spring Departures:

Sep: 8 min - 18 max

What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Just in case...

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

