

# 15 DAY PERTH

AND THE

# SOUTH WEST COAST

DEPARTING TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION – RESTUARANT AND SAFARI STYLE MEALS



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- # PERTH 3 NIGHTS
- # GLOUCESTER TREE # JARRAH FORESTS
- # VALLEY OF THE GIANTS # ALBANY
- # WHALE WATCHING CRUISE
- # ESPERANCE # NORSEMAN
- # KALGOORLIE GOLDEN MILE & MINE TOUR
- # NULLARBOR PLAIN
- # GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT # CEDUNA
- # IRON KNOB # PORT AUGUSTA
- # CITY CENTRE ACCOMMODATION IN PERTH

### DAY 1: TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER HOME TO PERTH

After pick up from your home town, travel to Tullamarine and join your flight to Perth where our luxury coach and crew will meet you and transfer you to your accommodation which is home for the next three nights.

Accom: Kings Perth Hotel Ph: 08 9325 6555

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B. PERTH SIGHTSEEING

The morning is spent sightseeing in this marvellous city. You will see the very best Perth has to offer. After touring Scarborough Beach, City Beach and picturesque Kings Park featuring 400ha of gardens and views over the Swan River, we will continue the day by visiting historical Fremantle. We follow the Swan River and enjoy the spectacular views of the Perth skyline.

### DAY 3: THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B. PERTH

A free day for you to do some shopping, maybe an optional tour to New Norcia or Rottnest Island, or perhaps just sit back and relax.

### DAY 4: FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D. PERTH TO PEMBERTON

Farewelling Perth this morning we travel down the beautiful southwest coastline through Bunbury situated on Koombana Bay. Travel through Busseleton and on to Margaret River which is truly one of the great holiday destinations of the world. Further on to Manjimup in the heart of the timber country. Manjimup is the gateway to tall timber countryside and its attractions are linked to the magnificent jarrah and karri forests that surround it. Then on to Pemberton our stay for the next two nights. Dinner and breakfast in the motel restaurant.

Accom: The Gloucester Motel Ph: 08 9776 1266

### DAY 5: SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D. KARRI FORESTS SIGHTSEEING

Pemberton is the pretty timber town where you feast your eyes on breathtaking forest scenery. The tall trees - Pemberton's biggest attraction are truly magnificent. Our first stop is the famous Gloucester Tree, 61 metres in height and one of the largest trees in the world. We visit Beedelup National Park to experience the beautiful Beedelup Falls. The park covers 1,590 hectares and the Beedelup Falls are best seen in winter or spring when they are in full flow. The park also offers a mix of vegetation including Karri, Marri and Jarrah trees. This afternoon we return to Manjimup and visit the Timber Park where it is all about timber. Getting it, cutting it, transporting it and making sure it doesn't catch fire. As well, the park shows how simple life was in the early days of the district. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

### DAY 6: SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D. PEMBERTON TO ALBANY

Travel through the vast Jarrah and Karri Forests to Denmark and visit the "Valley of the Giants" at Walpole - Nornalup National Park where the trees dwarf the surrounding countryside. We explore the world famous forest of gigantic tingle trees and take a bird's eye view of the towering forest from the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk on a spectacular lightweight bridge through the forest canopy. The bridge gently ascends into the treetops 40 metres above the forest floor and is an experience not to be missed. Continue on to Albany, our home for the next two nights. Visit the Old Gaol, built in 1851 as a convict hiring depot and later used as a gaol before being converted to a museum. Next stop is the

Patrick Taylor Cottage Museum, constructed prior to 1832; it is the oldest house in the township. Our next visit is to the Sandalwood factory. Whether its the history of sandalwood or the distillation and processing that you're interested in the tour will take you through the Mount Romance facilities to give you an inside look at how their products are made. See how the company process and distill Sandalwood oil and how they formulate this oil into their high quality cosmetic products. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

Accom Motel LeGrande Ph: 08 9841 3600

**DAY 7: MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D.  
ALBANY SIGHTSEEING**

This morning with Silver Star Cruises, we cruise the historic and scenic waters of Albany's King George Sound. The Silver Star crew, with their friendly relaxed manner, will ensure that you have an enjoyable cruise. We view the rugged coastline from "The Gap" and "Natural Bridge", two amazing natural features, which have been carved from masses of granite over thousands of years by the many forces of nature. Visit Dog Rock and Mt. Clearance. Visit Whale World. This former whaling station ceased operation in 1978 and has since been developed into a whaling museum featuring relics and lithographs from the whaling days. See the Iron Foundry/Blacksmith Shop where you will see a qualified blacksmith at work. Free time for the remainder of the day. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

**DAY 8: TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D.  
ALBANY TO ESPERANCE**

Departing Albany this morning we travel north to Stirling Range National Park. This National Heritage listed National Park protects Western Australia's only mountain range, and its unique flora and fauna with a range of over 1500 recorded species of wildflowers and terrestrial orchids which flower in Spring. We join the South Coast Highway via Ravensthorpe to Esperance. At Esperance, we visit Australia's only specialist fish and shark leather tannery, which had its origins in the Golden Outback of Western Australia. From the ocean and outback estuaries to fashion houses, Mermaid Leather produces unique, aesthetically appealing and strong fish and shark leather. Designers throughout Australia have embraced the delicate pattern of fish leather for its soft sensual texture yet robust strength. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

Accom: Bayview Motel Ph: 08 9071 1533

**DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D.  
ESPERANCE TO KALGOORLIE**

Esperance, small yet beautiful is known as the 'Bay of Isles'. Wide sandy beaches, scenic coastlines and the panorama of offshore islands are all part of its charm. Pink Lake is a dense saltwater lake and depending on weather conditions really is pink. We tour the many attractions, visiting Twilight Beach, Rotary Lookout and a scenic drive to Observatory Point and Butly Cave. See the vast wheat and sheep properties of this area as we travel to Norseman which is regarded as the western gateway to the Nullarbor Plain. Norseman is known for its gold, quartz and other gemstones and is subsequently a magnet for prospectors and gem collectors hoping to try their luck. Although major gold mining has declined in Norseman, Central Norseman still mines the richest quartz reef in Australia We continue on to Kalgoorlie, home for the next two nights. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

Accom: Quality Inn Railway Motel Ph: 08 9088 0000

**DAY 10: THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.D.  
KALGOORLIE SIGHTSEEING**

A full day touring the mining city of Kalgoorlie. The Golden Mile with its expanding mining operations is an awesome backdrop to the city's modern day existence. Victorian buildings with wide verandas line the main streets, recalling the history of past eras. City tour visiting Paddy Hannon's Statue and the Miner's Monument, erected as a tribute to those mineworkers who gave "The Golden Mile" its worldwide reputation. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Gold Mine. See the Goldminers Hall of Fame. Take a guided surface tour, watch a gold pour demonstration, go underground, and view practical working demonstrations of how mines are ventilated and the methods employed in extracting valuable ore. Kalgoorlie Super Pit Tours is the leading operator in the goldfields, with a long history in providing that 'Extraordinary' touring experience that will give us the chance to be a part of the modern day gold rush by taking part in the only tour to go inside the Super Pit operations. The remainder of the day is free for you to do some shopping. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

**DAY 11: FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER B.L.D.  
KALGOORLIE TO COCKLEBIDDY**

This morning we travel to the small town of Balladonia, which is the first stop on the long Nullarbor journey from Western Australia to South Australia. The stretch from Balladonia to Caiguna (181km) boasts one of the longest stretches of straight road anywhere in the world. From here, we commence our journey across the Nullarbor, a vast limestone plateau, to the tiny settlement of Cocklebiddy for our overnight stop.

Accom: Wedgetail Inn Ph: 08 9039 3462

**DAY 12: SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER B.L.D.  
COCKLEBIDDY TO CEDUNA**

Travelling east, we stop at the tiny outpost of Eucla to visit the old telegraph ruins almost completely buried by shifting dunes. Cross into South Australia and marvel at the stunning views of sheer cliffs that look over the Great Australian Bight. Continue across the Nullarbor, taking in the unbelievable flat and featureless landscape that surrounds. Pause at a viewing platform on the Bight, the best spot in Australia to perhaps see the majestic Southern Right Whales who migrate to this region from June to October each year to give birth and rear their young. Many large animals live in or visit the Great Australian Bight and the most famous are the southern right whale, the Australian sea lion, the great white shark, and the southern blue fin tuna. We continue on to South Australia's most westerly town, Ceduna for our overnight stop. Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

Accom: East West Motel Ph: 08 8625 2101

**DAY 13: SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER B.L.D.  
CEDUNA TO PORT AUGUSTA**

An early start this morning as we travel east via the Eyre Highway through Kimba which is geographically "halfway across Australia" and is well known as the "Gateway to the Gawler Ranges". Kimba is situated in sheep and wheat growing country on the edge of South Australia's outback. We continue to Iron Knob, the birthplace of the Australian steel industry. Iron ore was first discovered here in the mid 18th century, but it was not until 1899 when BHP was granted iron ore leases that the true value of the rich high grade ore deposits were recognised. Enjoy a town tour of

Iron Knob and visit the mining museum and if permitted, a tour of the vast pit that was Iron Knob. Further on to Port Augusta known as the "Crossroads of Australia". Dinner and breakfast is in the motel restaurant.

Accom: Acacia Ridge Motor Inn Ph: 08 8642 3377

**DAY 14: MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.L.  
PORT AUGUSTA TO MURRAY BRIDGE**

This morning we visit the Wadlata Outback Centre a must see before the end of our tour. We walk through its Tunnel of Time, the story of an ancient land, its people and treasures. Multi-sensory displays will take you back to when dinosaurs roamed the land. Experience the hardships of explorers and settlers, and discover the transport that opened up the outback. Depart Port Augusta and travel south to Murray Bridge, situated on the beautiful Murray River for our last night away.

Accom: Adelaide Rd Motor Inn Ph: 08 8532 1144

**DAY 15: TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER B.  
HOMEWARD BOUND**

Depart Murray Bridge and travel via Tailem Bend and Bordertown crossing the border into Victoria and home after an amazing fifteen days touring, farewelling our new found friends at each drop off point along the way.

**Options:** With this tour you have the option of seeing the whole West Coast. You have the option of flying to Darwin, coaching across to the Kimberley then down the West Coast to Perth before proceeding home via the South West Coast.

Should you be interested in this option, please enquire with your travel agent or phone Brendan's Australian Tours on Freecall 1800 981 187

**Accommodation** for the above tour is motel and hotel on a twin share basis.

**Meals** across the Nullarbor as per the itinerary are prepared outdoors by our specially trained tour cook out of our fully equipped safari trailer with on board fridge/freezer which ensures an abundant supply of fresh food is always available. You will be surprised at the quality of the meals.

The day begins with a cooked breakfast, picnic lunches with fresh salads, dinner is always a three course meal and supper is always available. Enjoy the camaraderie and fun social atmosphere of dining together outdoors (weather permitting) or you may take your meal to your own room if you feel like some privacy.

**Breakfasts** while in Perth are supplied by the Kings Hotel.

**Lunches and Dinners** while in Perth have not been included. This allows you the flexibility to try different eating places in the central city area.

**PRICE:** \$5590.00 per person  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$1190.00

All prices include GST

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Luxury Coach Travel.
- Motel & Hotel Accommodation (Twin Share).
- Admissions to Attractions as per the itinerary.
- Air Fare Melbourne to Perth.
- All Meals as Specified.  
**B: Breakfast**  
**L: Lunch**  
**D: Dinner**
- Pick up & return to your home.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.

Brendan gives his personal service to travellers on all of Brendan's Australian Tours

