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***Specialty Travel presents:***

**11 Day Western Australia's Spring Wildflowers Tour  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



*Karri Forests, Tingle Trees, and the Gloucester Tree! Spring Wildflowers and remarkable coastlines. Join Barry & Margaret Thomson for a tour to Perth and Western Australia's Southwest – featuring The Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, and Wave Rock!*

**Day 1 Sunday 9 October - ARRIVE PERTH**

Welcome to **Perth (Virgin Australia - Departs Rockhampton 12.55PM/Arrives Perth at 9.50pm)**. We are met at the airport by our local **Touring Coach** and experienced coach captain. Tea, coffee and a light supper will be available as we check in.

*(Meal Inclusions: In flight and Light Supper on arrival at the hotel).*

**Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough Beach Perth Tel 08 9245 1000 – 2 nights**

**Day 2 Monday 10 October - FREMANTLE (BD)**

Our touring takes us to **Fremantle** today. Joining a cruise along the picturesque **Swan River** we admire the waterfront scenery, whilst hearing the captain's commentary on what we are seeing. Disembarking in the historic port of **Fremantle** sets the scene for a great day. This wonderful town has an eclectic mix of shops and eateries. We all remember that famous America's Cup race in 1983 when **Australia II** crossed the finishing line ahead of the Americans. We can see the yacht at the **Western Australian Maritime Museum** and take a **tour** through other unique galleries that symbolise WA's maritime past, present and future. After time for lunch (own arrangements) we are off to the **Fremantle Prison** where we'll 'do time'. Our **Behind the Bars** tour will show us the prison's convict origins from the 1850s through to its closure as a maximum-security gaol in 1991. We discover how time was passed in the yards and our entertaining guide will show us a lighter side of prison humour. Our final night in Perth sees us prepare for our upcoming adventure *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel).*

**Day 3 Tuesday 11 October - PERTH TO BUSSELTON (BD)**

Leaving Perth behind, our coastal route takes us through to Busselton. The **Busselton Jetty** is a feature to see in itself. At approximately 2 kilometres long, it is one of the longest in the world! During our visit we will enjoy the **Busselton Jetty Experience**. The **Jetty Train** takes us out to the **Underwater Observatory** for a viewing of the aquatic wonders beneath the jetty. We will have some time to browse through the souvenir shop after our train returns. Our accommodation is situated ideally with the beach at its back door so why not feel the sand between the toes and enjoy a stroll prior to dinner *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel).*

**Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton Tel 08 9755 4600 – 2 nights**

**Day 4 Wed 12 Oct - CHOCOLATE, CAVES & CAPES (BLD)**

**Margaret River** has much more to offer than just wine! Our visit today includes the **Margaret River Chocolate Company** who has been busy creating mouth-watering, handmade chocolate treats for us to taste. We'll also tour through the impressive, gothic-like limestone cave, **Mammoth Cave**. The **Interpretive Centre** will tell us more about the history of the caves after our viewing. Cape Leeuwin to the south of us is the junction of the **Southern Ocean** and **Indian Ocean**, so it can be breezy here. Pop on a scarf and take a stroll to the 1896 **Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse** for spectacular coastal views. Rewarded with a lovely lunch afterwards, we return to Margaret River for a **wine tasting** before heading home *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at Cape Leeuwin).*

**Day 5 Thursday 13 October - PEMBERTON (BD)**

**Pemberton** is a pretty timber town surrounded by magnificent tall trees and it is our destination today. The scenic drive is through state forests and the town of Nannup before arriving at the famous **Gloucester Tree**. Standing at 61metres it is reputed to be the tallest tree-mounted fire lookout in the world. Our afternoon's sightseeing is done by rail. Boarding our red **Pemberton Tram**, we have an unforgettable 1¾ hour tour.

Shuffling out of Pemberton we'll pass the Sawmill and descend deep into the **Karri Forest**. The tram meanders through the forest, crossing six bridges, stopping at Cascades and the Warren River Bridge where the Lefroy Brook joins the Warren River. Our tram then returns to Pemberton, and we check into our accommodation *(Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel).*

**Karri Valley Resort Vasse Highway Pemberton Tel 08 97762020 – 1 night**

**Day 6****Friday 14 October -PERMBERTON TO ALBANY (BLD)**

An earlier start today ensures we arrive in **Walpole** in time to board our **Wilderness Eco Cruise**. The family-run operation cruises through scenic waterways and wilderness areas. Further on we reach **Valley of the Giants**, within the Walpole National Park. From Karri Trees yesterday to **Tingle Trees** today, we drive through a dense forest of these unique hardwood trees. A **Tree Top Walk** will help us explore and uncover the special nature of these trees. The Walk opens us up to a world of birds and flowers that most of us never get to see. The ground level Ancient Empire Boardwalk meanders around (and sometimes through) a grove of veteran tingle trees. It's a very peaceful experience with quiet spots to sit and simply enjoy the surrounds. Now it's on through Denmark to **Albany**, Western Australia's first settlement. Let's check in and unpack for the evening (*Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel / picnic lunches included*).

**Ace Accommodation Albany Tel 08 9841 2911 – 2 nights**

**Day 7****Saturday 15 October - ALBANY (BD)**

**King George Sound**, upon which Albany sits, provides the only natural haven for shipping between here and Melbourne. It was the entry point for thousands joining the gold rushes of the late 1800s, much to the delight of storekeepers and publicans along the main street of town. More importantly, it was where the first convoy of Australian and New Zealand troops departed from during World War I. For many, Albany was their last sight of Australian soil. We have the privilege of visiting the **National Anzac Centre** set

within Albany Heritage Park. The centre houses unique content developed by the Western Australian Museum and Australian War Memorial. On our tour we assume the identity of one of 32 characters and then follow their personal experiences of the Great War. These personal stories unfold through interactive, multimedia displays, poignant artefacts, rare images and film, and audio commentary. This afternoon we drive to nearby Frenchman Bay, the location of the old whaling station **Discovery Bay**, which now records the history of whaling here. We make a couple of stops to view the southern coastline of the **Torndirrup National Park**. There are numerous natural attractions here including The Gap and The Bridge – each providing great views of the coast (*Meal Inclusion: Breakfast & dinner in motel*).

**Day8****Sunday 16 October - ALBANY TO ESPERANCE (BLD)**

We tour through the stunning **Stirling Ranges National Park** on the lookout for the **wildflowers** that usually come this time of year. We are here at the best time so keep your eyes on the side of the road where they can often be spotted. Now onto **Esperance** located on a coastline that is particularly spectacular with pure, white sandy beaches and massive granite outcrops. The beautiful heart-shaped bay - the **Bay of Isles** is so named due to the group of 105 islands that can be seen offshore, forming the **Archipelago of Recherche**. Our hotel will welcome us after our wildflower-spotting travel day to unpack and settle in (*Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in hotel / picnic lunch included*).

**Comfort Inn Bay of Isles, Esperance Tel 08 9071 9000 – 1 night**

**Day 9****Monday 17 October - HYDEN & WAVE ROCK (BD)**

We head back into the main wildflower regions again this morning and then through to **Hyden** This afternoon we meet our local guide who will show us "Hippos Yawn" which is one kilometre from Wave Rock. We then see one of WA's most famous landmarks – **Wave Rock** and learn about the geological and historical importance of Wave Rock. Located just 4 kilometres east of Hyden, geologists believe the original formation was vertical but has been sculptured and coloured by chemicals over 2,700 million years to take on its wave like character. We enjoy afternoon tea at the **Wildflower Shoppe** and have plenty of time to look through the shop. Entry to the Lace Place is also included. Our final night's accommodation is at **Hyden** before heading back to Perth tomorrow for our final night on tour. (*Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the hotel*)

**Hyden Wave Rock Hotel Motel Tel 08 9880 5052 – 1 night**



Wave Rock, Hyden, WA

#### Day 10 Tuesday 18 October – HYDEN/PERTH (BD)

After breakfast we express back to **Perth** for our final night on tour. This afternoon we have planned a visit to the imposing **Bell Tower** in the heart of the city – a gift to the people of Western Australia as part of the national Bicentennial Celebrations in 1988. Via a lift we can access the bell ringing room, the bells themselves and an observation deck. We have arranged a light lunch in the Barrack Street Jetty area before our final visit of the day – to **Kings Park** where we'll feel like we are standing on the top of the city. From our vantage point we see the Swan and Canning Rivers below and the Darling Ranges out to the east. We'll have a look around the gardens filled with unique flora and hopefully some wildflowers before checking into our hotel for the final night on tour. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the hotel/Light lunch in Perth)*

**Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough Beach Perth Tel 08 9245 1000 – 1 nights**

#### Day 11 Wednesday 19 October – HEADING HOME (B)

Our springtime tour is coming to an end! After an early breakfast we transfer to Perth Airport for our flight back to Rockhampton – **Virgin Australia - Departs 10.40am/Arrives 7.30pm.** *(Meal inclusions – Breakfast in the hotel)*

### Tour Cost

**\$4475.00 per person**

**Single Supplement – add \$820.00 per person**

1. *Make sure you phone your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!*
2. *To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached Booking Form and return to Katrina*
3. **Deposit of \$500.00 per person required with booking form**
4. **Final Balance due by Friday 12th August 2022**
5. *Insurance not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!*

### Tour Inclusions

- Return economy class flights with Virgin Airlines from Rockhampton to Perth to Rockhampton
- Met on arrival in Perth by Barry & Margaret Thomson
- 10 nights' accommodation as per the itinerary
- 10 cooked breakfasts, 10 x 2 course dinners & 3 x lunches
- Local deluxe Touring Coach & commentary driver
- The Bell Tower - Swan Bells (Day 10)
- Captain Cook Cruises – o/w cruise Perth to Fremantle (Day 2)
- Western Australian Maritime Museum & Fremantle Prison - entry/tour (Day 2)
- Busselton Jetty Experience (Day 3)
- Tasting Margaret River Chocolate Company & Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Cafe – light lunch (Day 4)
- CaveWorks - guided tour of Mammoth Cave & Visit Lake cave Interpretative Centre (Day 4)
- Brookwood Estate Winery Margaret River - tasting (Day 4)
- The Gloucester Tree - fee (Day 5)
- The Pemberton Tramway Company – return Tram ride to Warren River (Day 5)

- WOW Wilderness Eco Cruises - Wilderness on Walpole (Day 6)
- Karri Valley Resort - packed lunch (Day 6)
- Tree Top Walk - Valley of the Giants (Day 6)
- National Anzac Centre & Discovery Bay (Day 7)
- Guided tour of Wave Rock (Day 9)
- Perth touring including Kings Park (Day 10)
- Airport meet/greet/transfers

## Terms & Conditions

### **Specialty Travel reserves the right –**

To vary the itinerary in any way at any time it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers, Force Majeure, or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour.

Specialty Travel accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

Specialty Travel does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity, or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

Specialty Travel reserves the right to document the journey through Photos and Video and distribute to participants and/or use such to promote future trips.

### **Covid-19 Travel Requirements**

**Mandatory Vaccinations:** For your safety, and that of your family as well as our staff and fellow Travellers, you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to travel with Specialty Travel.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given.

More than 60 days prior to departure – Loss of Deposit

Between 60 days and departure date ... 100% of total tour cost.

After tour has commenced ... 100% of total tour cost

*Cancellation fees may be offset, if someone else replaces you on the same tour – Exception can be flights, as they are often non-refundable, and no names changes permitted 45 days prior to travel*

### **Fares & Payments**

Fares quoted are subject to alteration, however no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of **\$500 pp** is required to confirm your booking with the **balance due 60 Days prior Departure**.

(Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive your deposit). Payment by Mastercard, Visa and America Express will incur a 1.5% Fee.

### **Inclusions**

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. Generally, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc.

Meals included are identified by the symbols, **B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner.

### **Exclusions**

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks, and other items of a personal nature.

### **Accommodation**

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, Colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

### **Departure Details**

Passengers are requested to be ready for departure at least 20 minutes prior to departure time from Pick-up Points or 60 Minutes prior to Flight Departure.

Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

### **Travel Insurance**

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required, for an additional cost.



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## **BOOKING FORM**

**By Completing this form, you acknowledge the Terms & Conditions of the Tour below:**

**TOUR NAME:** 11 Day Spring Wildflowers Tour **DEPARTURE DATE:** Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Surname (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

Surname (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Have Name Badge? Yes / No (Please circle one)

Preferred Accommodation: (Please circle one). <Twin Share / Single Supplement> <Twin Beds / Double Bed>

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Point: (Please circle one) Yeppoon Rail; Emu Park Bus Terminal; Northside Plaza; South Rocky Puma; Gracemere PO

### **We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Quote required **Yes** – If yes please advise Dates of Birth 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

**Deposit of \$500.00 per person due with booking form**

**Final Balance due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

**Payment Methods** – Cheque, Direct Deposit or Credit Card

**Cheque:** Payable to SPECIALTY TRAVEL **Direct Deposit:** Specialty Travel Pay ID 48063914278

**Credit Card: Go To:** [pay.travelpay.com.au/SPECIALTY](http://pay.travelpay.com.au/SPECIALTY) (Click). Mastercard / Visa/ Amex (1.5% Fee)

**Authority:** This is to confirm that I, the Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_ (on back of Card)

Amount: \$

Signature:

**Please return completed form by one of the following:**

Email: [katrina@specialty.travel](mailto:katrina@specialty.travel) OR Post: Specialty Travel, 1/228 Canning Street, Rockhampton 4700

**Katrina's Direct Phone: 4911 2644 (local call)**

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