

# Scottsdale Tours Limited

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WANDERER

*Perth – Adelaide via the Nullarbor*

**September 23 – October 12, 2011 20 days – 19 nights**

***Wildflowers - Whales - Wondrous Sights***



If you really want a tour with a bit of everything this is the one for you. Sure, when we get lucky with the weather we do see amazing displays of wildflowers right through this tour but we also see some of the best farming country in Aussie, some of the biggest trees in Aussie, one of the most amazing natural formations in Aussie at Wave Rock, some fair dinkum Aussie Outback, and this year the chance to see the whales at Nullarbor. If I went back and saw only 1 thing in Australia it would be the wonderful whales right there at your feet while standing on the shore!! Come on guys, we won't tell anyone you have been looking at the flowers.

**Day 1 Friday, September 23 BD**

We travel to the airport to join our flight to Perth where we spend our first night.

**Day 2 Saturday, September 24 BD**

Setting off north today we travel up the Great Northern Highway to New Norcia. Here we visit the Benedictine Mission built in the 1840's. Later as we get closer to the coast we should begin to enjoy wonderful displays of wildflowers. Overnight in Geraldton.

**Day 3 Sunday, September 25 BD**

The day starts with a visit to the Kalbarri National Park with its interesting mixture of huge sea cliffs and river gorge scenery. Continuing up the North West Coastal Highway to the Overlander Roadhouse we should find some of the most spectacular wildflower shows we will see on the tour. We turn here and travel up through the Shark Bay area to our overnight stay on the beach at Monkey Mia.

**Day 4 Monday, September 26 BD**

This morning you will have the unique experience of watching dolphins come right into the beach. Later we visit Eagle Bluff and Hamlin Pool with it's colony of stromatolites. Pretty exciting fellas these !. We again overnight at Geraldton.

**Day 5 Tuesday, September 27 BD**

Continuing back south we pass the historic hamlet of Greenough which is being restored by the National Trust. On through Cervantes to the Nambung National Park with it's fascinating lumps of limestone known as "The Pinnacles". On down the coast to Perth for our next 3 nights.

**Day 6 Wednesday, September 28 BD**

We spend the day exploring this lovely city including Kings Park. Later we join a cruise down the Swan River to historic Fremantle. Plenty of time here to visit markets and galleries.

**Day 7 Thursday, September 29 BD**

Free day to enjoy the sights of Perth.

**Day 8 Friday, September 30 BD**

We set off south of Perth and visit the lovely resort towns of Mandurah and Bunbury and enjoy many coastal vistas on our way to our overnight stop at Margaret River.

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## **Day 9 Saturday, October 1**

**BD**

Starting the day with more of the lovely South West Coast we visit Cape Freycinet, the spectacular limestone formations at Jewel Cove, and the old lighthouse at Cape Leewin. Continuing through Augusta we visit Beedelup Lake in the Karri Valley. This area is surrounded by huge Karri and Tingle trees, it is really something special. We stop tonight in Pemberton.

## **Day 10 Sunday, October 2**

**BD**

Our first visit today is to the famous Gloucester Tree where we will give you time to climb it's 153 rungs to the lookout if you wish. On to Walpole where you can walk among the tops of the huge Karri trees on the unusual tree walk in the Valley Of The Giants. Later we head towards Albany and visit Whale World at the old Whaling Station and some spectacular coastal formations at "The Gap" and "Natural Bridge". Overnight at Albany.

## **Day 11 Monday, October 3**

**BD**

We have a quick look around Albany this morning before we head north into heartland Western Australia. Some great farming country through here and we also traverse the Stirling range and Chinocap National Parks. Our final destination is the extraordinary Wave Rock and the giant yawning mouth of "Hippo's Yawn". Overnight at Hyden.

## **Day 12 Tuesday, October 4**

**BD**

A bit of fair dinkum outback stuff this morning as we head further north to Southern Cross and pick up the Great Western Highway. Later we visit Coolgardie, the centre of Australia's greatest gold rush, where their history has been very well preserved. Our next 2 nights are in Kalgoolie.

## **Day 13 Wednesday, October 5**

**BD**

A full day in the twin towns of Kalgoolie – Boulder with a local guide to show us an insight into their early days of glory and the modern mining process at the Superpit. Later we have a tour of an underground mine.

## **Day 14 Thursday, October 6**

**BD**

Heading back south today we pass through the mining centre of Kambalda and historic Norseman to our overnight stop at beautiful Esperance. This place is like an oasis in the desert after where you have been and has miles of fabulous beaches. Full of Kiwis too!

## **Day 15 Friday, October 7**

**BD**

A free day in gorgeous Esperance.

## **Day 16 Saturday, October 8**

**BD**

We retrace our steps just up the road to Norseman where we pick up the Eyre Highway and the start of our journey across the mighty Nullarbor Plain. This afternoon's journey includes the longest straight road in Australia of 146 km's before we arrive at our overnight stop at scenic Cocklebiddy.

## **Day 17 Sunday, October 9**

**BD**

Continuing our travels across the big red country we follow some huge escarpments and a surprisingly changing landscape. After crossing the border we meet the Southern Ocean and the massive sea cliffs along the Great Australian Bight. A short distance from Nullarbor we will visit the whale watching centre and if we are lucky we will have the opportunity to view Southern Right Whales in large numbers just a few metres from the observation deck. A truly awesome experience. Overnight at Nullarbor Roadhouse.

## **Day 18 Monday, October 10**

**BD**

Big day today as we continue around the Bight through Ceduna and then back inland across the Eyre Peninsular to our overnight at the head of Spencer Gulf in Port Augusta.

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## Day 19 Tuesday, October 11

**BD**

An easier day today as we have a quick look around Port Augusta and then wander our way through to Adelaide for our next 2 nights.

## Day 20 Wednesday, October 12

**BD**

We spend some time this morning showing you around lovely Adelaide before having the rest of the day free to perhaps do some shopping if you can remember how.

## Day 21 Thursday, October 13

**BD**

Our last journey out to the airport today as we return you to your homes. What a journey we have had! A lifetime of memories.

**All inclusive escorted package, details front page**

**TOTAL COST \$5995**

**\$100 deposit on booking**

**\$1000 by June 23, 2011,**

**Balance of \$4895 by July 23, 2011**

**Single Supplement \$1450**

