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WESTERN AUSTRALIA ENCOMPASSED

15th to 30th September 2021

Personally escorted by Jacquey Turner

Western Australia, covering the entire western third of the country, is made up mostly of the arid Outback.

The population is concentrated in its fertile southwest corner, home to the Margaret River wine region and the riverside capital, Perth.

WA is extraordinarily beautiful with its red pindan dirt, white sandy beaches and turquoise seas and has adventure, remoteness, ancient beauty, incredible beaches, pristine reef system, and world-class food and wine

This is also an ancient land and its Aboriginal cultures are more visibly present than in much of the rest of Australia.

Wednesday 15 September Arrive Perth (D)

Upon arrival in Perth, we will be met by our guide and assisted through the airport to our coach. We shall then take a scenic orientation tour of the city and waterfront before being dropped at our hotel, the PAN PACIFIC, *or similar*, for an overnight stay.

Tonight, we sit down for our Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant.

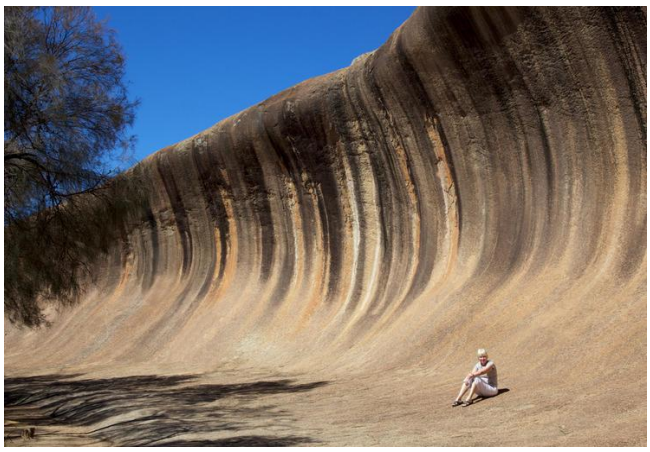
Thursday 16 September Perth to Wave Rock (B L)

Following breakfast, we meet our driver/guide in the lobby and board our privately chartered coach. We journey through the Golden Outback due east to Hippo's Yawn, a fascinating but little-known rock formation near it's more famous sibling, Wave Rock. The rocks resemblance to a yawning hippo has given it its name. We climb through the throat of Hippo's Yawn and are sure to catch the interesting shot on camera.

We shall enjoy a delicious lunch at the Wildflower Shoppe followed by some time at leisure in the Wildlife Park.

In the afternoon, we visit Wave Rock, a 27-million-year-old formation made up of grey and red granite strips. Wave Rock hangs over like an incredible 15-metre-high wave, about to break. Aboriginal rock paintings can also be seen at nearby Bates Cave.

We continue onto Hyden in the late afternoon, where we will check in to the WAVE ROCK HOTEL MOTEL, *or similar*, for an overnight stay.

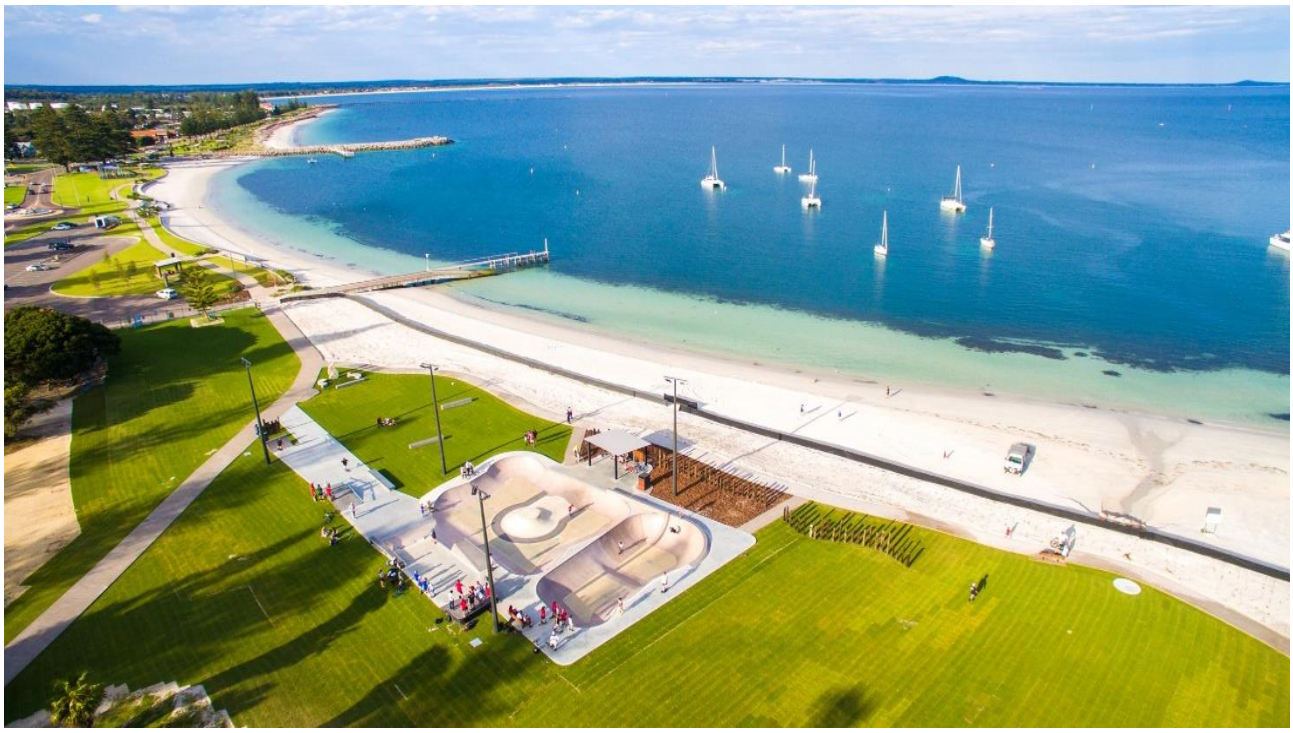


Friday 17 September Wave Rock to Kalgoorlie (B L D)

Following breakfast, we set out on the road to Kalgoorlie and stop enroute at a working Cattle Farm for a tour and a homecooked lunch.

Later we pass through the former gold boomtown of Coolgardie and continue to Kalgoorlie for spectacular views over the famous Super Pit open-cut gold mine and enjoy a guided tour. Upon arrival in Kalgoorlie, we have an informative orientation tour of this historic town.

After checking in to the IBIS STYLES, *or similar*, we shall enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.



Saturday 18 September Kalgoorlie to Esperance (B)

We depart early today for Esperance where the golden outback meets the Southern Ocean with a string of stunning white-sand beaches. This makes for a striking contrast to the brightest turquoise waters and rust-red granite outcrops.

Enroute, we visit Cape Le Grand National Park and discover wild coastal scenery, rugged granite peaks, sweeping heathlands and white sand beaches. At stunning Lucky Bay, we may see some of the local kangaroos that like to laze on the pristine beach.

Tonight, we stay at the ESPERANCE COMFORT INN BAY OF ISLES, *or similar*, for an overnight stay.

Sunday 19 September Esperance to Albany (B D)

After breakfast, we depart for Albany and travel through Ravensthorpe where we stop to see the unique Fitzgerald Biosphere. Later, at Bluff Knoll Lookout, we will witness the rugged beauty of the Stirling Ranges National Park and Pink Lake. After some time in the National Park, we continue to Albany, a town imbued with Anzac history.

The breathtaking beauty of Albany's rugged coastline creates a fitting backdrop to a dramatic whaling, convict and settler history and a sensational south coast adventure. This charming city marks the spot where the first European settlers set foot in WA, and much of their legacy remains today with over 50 colonial buildings standing proudly as museums, galleries and restaurants. From convict prisons, whaling ships and taverns to quaint cottages and grand National Trust residences.

Our accommodation for the next two nights is the COUNTRY COMFORT AMITY HOTEL, *or similar*. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

Monday 20 September Albany (B)

This morning we enjoy a visit to the acclaimed National Anzac Centre. Our entrance fee also gives us access to the Princess Royal Fortress and grounds.

The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

Tuesday, 21 September Albany to Margaret River (B D)

We depart Albany and head into the heart of the Margaret River Wine Region. Enroute, we will experience the canopy of the majestic Tingle forest on the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk. We then continue onto Cape Leeuwin, where the Indian and Great Southern Oceans meet.

With many world-class wineries and award-winning restaurants, Margaret River is one of Western Australia's most famous food and wine regions. Tour the cellar doors and taste local brews at the boutique breweries. Here you can eat fresh crayfish straight from the ocean or dine on the local organic beef and truffles. Indulge in local handmade chocolates and delicious fudge.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner at our resort's award-winning restaurant, the Other Side of the Moon. Our 3-course menu promises to pay homage to local and indigenous ingredients that flourish in Bunker Bay during the Wardandi six seasons.

We spend the next two nights at the PULLMAN BUNKER BAY MARGARET RIVER, *or similar.*

Wednesday 22 Sepember Margaret River (B L)

Today we spend the day amongst the vines on a full day Margaret River tour including a delicious lunch with paired wines. Our local guide will take us to visit a selection of incredible boutique wineries for complimentary wine tastings, where we will have the opportunity to meet the owners, winemakers or get a behind-the-scenes tour of a working winery itself.

Dinner tonight will be at your leisure.

Thursday 23 September Margaret River to Fremantle (B L)

Sadly, we leave Margaret River behind and head north to Fremantle. On arrival, we will enjoy a delicious lunch in the historical heart of the city followed by a guided tour with a local specialist guide.

Then the rest of the afternoon is yours to explore this wonderful city. You could visit the colourful Fremantle Markets to purchase local arts and crafts and taste local produce or take a wander along the Fremantle foreshore to observe the impressive fishing fleet.

Our accommodation for the next two nights will be THE ESPLANADE HOTEL, *or similar*. Dinner tonight will be at your leisure.

Friday 24 September Fremantle to Rottnest island (B L)

Today we depart on a full day tour to Rottnest Island. Following breakfast, we stroll down to Shed B on the waterfront to board our express ferry to Rottnest Island where we will be met by our specialist island guide and private vehicle for a full day of touring including lunch at a local restaurant, Riva.

We tour the island's most spectacular locations, with insightful commentary shining a light on Rotto's unique flora, fauna, history and culture. Our bus will stop at two key vantage points – Wadjemup Lighthouse and the rugged West End – where we can hop off, take a short walk and soak up the views. We might even meet a quokka or two along the way!

After we return by ferry back to the hotel, the rest of the day and evening is at your leisure.

Saturday 25 September Fremantle to Kalbarri (B D)

Following an early breakfast, we farewell Fremantle and travel north along the coast to Kalbarri National Park. We travel up Brand Highway which takes us through the towns of Eneabba and Badgingarra.

We stop and stretch our legs at the award-winning Oakabella Heritage Homestead. Here you are at leisure for lunch or some light refreshments including their famous Devonshire tea (the scones are amazing)! We continue along the North West Coastal Highway and the Ajana-Kalbarri Road.

Upon arrival into Kalbarri National Park in the late afternoon, we will witness the spectacular scenery of the Murchison River Gorge and take a breathtaking walk on the twin Kalbarri Skywalks which boast stunning vistas of the Murchison River Gorge's rust-red cliffs, flowing water and bushland from high above!

We can have our photos taken in the iconic natural red rock Nature's Window frame. We continue onto the KALBARRI EDGE RESORT, *or similar*, where we will check in for an overnight stay. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

Sunday 26 September Kalbarri to Monkey Mia (B D)

This morning we continue north to Monkey Mia. Make a scenic stop Hamelin Pool to discover a unique colony of Stromatolites. Travel through Denham and World Heritage Shark Bay before reaching Monkey Mia. Enjoy lunch at leisure followed by a visit to the eco accredited Ocean Park Aquarium.

Our overnight accommodation will be the MONKEY MIA RESORT, *or similar*, with dinner at the hotel where we can watch a glorious sunset over the Indian Ocean.

Monday 27 September Monkey Mia to Geraldton (B)

This morning we watch the famous Monkey Mia dolphins swim into shore to be fed. Later, visit Shell Beach, formed by billions of cockle shells up to ten metres deep.

We then make our way south to the seaside township of Geraldton, stopping enroute at the Pink Lake Lookout. Hutt Lagoon boasts a startling pink hue created by presence of carotenoid-producing algae!

We arrive in Geraldton in the late afternoon and will check in to the OCEAN CENTRE HOTEL, *or similar,* for the next two nights. Dinner tonight will be at your leisure

Tuesday 28 September Geraldton (B D)

Geraldton is positively brimming with history, and we will join an expert local guide for a tour of The HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Geraldton's premier site for honouring the 645 Australian sailors who were lost off the Western Australian coast during the World War II battle with German ship HSK Kormoran. The HMAS Sydney II Memorial is the second memorial to be recognised of national significance outside the Australian capital city of Canberra.

We continue onto the Museum of Geraldton. Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Museum celebrates the rich heritage of the land, sea and people of the Mid West region. We enjoy a guided tour through the stories from the four major early local shipwrecks, the Batavia, Gilt Dragon, Zuytdorp, and Zeewijk.

In the afternoon, opt to visit other local sites of significance such as the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, Victoria District Hospital and Old Geraldton Goal Craft Centre, Birdwood House Military Museum and the Point Moore Lighthouse.

Tonight, we will celebrate the end of our tour with a Farewell Dinner paired with some great Western Australian wines at the Tapas hotspot, *Cutler and Smith*.

Wednesday 29 September Geraldton to Perth (B D)

We leave early this morning to drive south to Perth. Along the way we will have a cultural experience and guided tour at Yanchep National Park where one of many caves in the park is Crystal Cave, an underground limestone cavern with stalactites and stalagmites. We shall also stop at the seaside hamlet of Lancelin to see the Pinnacles, limestone formations within Nambung National Park, near the town of Cervantes.

We will arrive in Perth in the late afternoon and check into the INGOT HOTEL, *or similar*, for an overnight stay. We shall enjoy our last dinner at Ingot's flagship restaurant, Eyre

Thursday 30 September Perth to Melbourne (B)

This morning, we will be transferred to the Perth Airport for our flight to Melbourne. On arrival we will be met and transferred to Gippsland arriving home in the late afternoon.

YOUR TOUR LEADER

JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 32 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquey's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world and are especially looking forward to showing you around our own backyard. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."

TOUR COST: $8,299 per person on a twin share basis

$ 2,499 single supplement

✶Upgrade to business class – cost on application

✶Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options. The Indian Pacific departs Perth on Sundays, should you like the option of returning home later by train.

✶Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Initial deposit	To register interest & secure place on tour	$250 per person
Balance of deposit	When travel restrictions are lifted	$750 per person
Balance of payment	Due by Thursday, 1 July 2021	
Information Night:	Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 7pm	

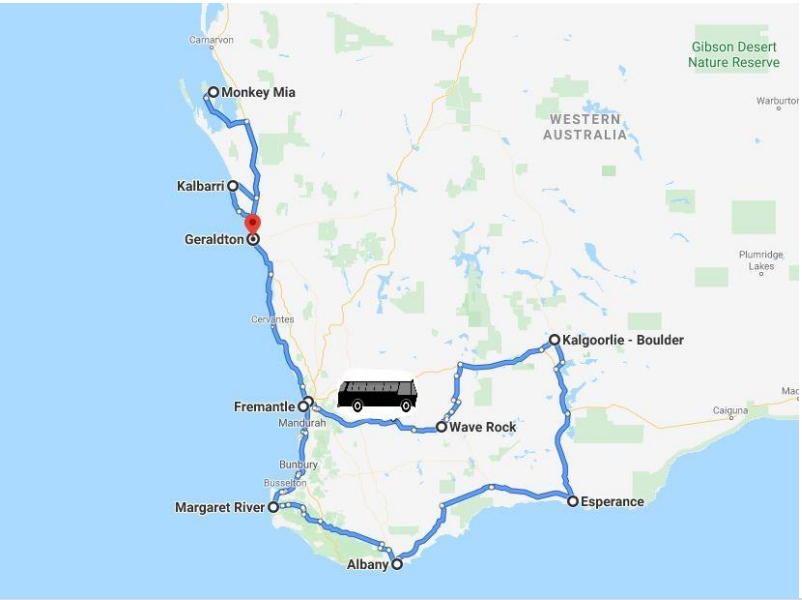
INCLUSIONS

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour by Jacquey Turner

  **In the unlikely event that Jacquey is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.*
- Minimum 15 guests - maximum 20 guests
- Private coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne
- Return economy airfares and taxes
- All airport arrival and departure transfers
- Excellent hotel accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities throughout tour
- Private luxury 48-seater coach
- Experienced driver/guides throughout tour
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable
- Meals as per itinerary: **28 meals**
  15 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L), 8 Dinners (D)
- Complimentary water throughout tour
- Gippsland Travel hat or cap; luggage strap; water bottle; insulated water bottle holder; hand gel; Western Australian roadmap; and an end of tour journal showcasing your time on the tour.
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- **ALL tipping** of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- **ALL tipping** of guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive Travel insurance. It is a condition of our tours that comprehensive travel insurance is in place at the time of final payment.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in inclusions.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges.



GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when porterage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation date	Cancellation fee
Cancellation received after full deposit has been paid	$1000pp
Cancellation received on or after 2 July 2021	100% of tour cost

All costs are in Australian dollars.
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NOTES: