



Western Australia: Wildflowers, Wineries and Private Gardens of the South West

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Tour Leaders **Steve Wood, Sabrina Hahn**

Physical Ratings 

Join Steve Wood and Sabrina Hahn visiting some of Western Australia's best wineries, gardens and natural landscapes during the wildflower season.

Overview

Tour Highlights

- Radio and television presenter [Steve Wood](#) leads this exciting tour of some of WA's best wineries, gardens and natural landscapes during the state's famed wildflower season.
- [Sabrina Hahn](#) joins the tour for six days with visits to Albany, the Stirling Range, Fitzgerald River National Park during the wildflower season. Around 11,000 flora species are found in WA and over 75% are found in the south-west, one of the world's top 10 biodiversity hotspots.
- Spend a day at the [Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show](#) and visit the herbarium which holds over 3000 botanical specimens.
- In the Margaret River region visit Pat Poynton's Secret Garden designed by Melbourne master [Paul Bangay](#), and also the award-winning Yallingup garden - featured in Julie Kinney's book *The Garden Wanderer*.
- Enjoy a 5-course Dégustation Menu at Cullen Wines, one of Margaret River's top biodynamic wineries.
- Journey by 4WD to view the giant karri forests in Warren National Park and the Yeagarup Dunes, the largest land-locked mobile dune system in the southern hemisphere. Here, witness coastal heath resembling ancient flora and many beautiful wildflowers in season.
- Take the Tree Top Walk in the Valley of the Giants and enjoy a cruise with a local expert to explore the biodiversity of the Walpole Wilderness.
- Visit Albany's historic Whaling Station and the natural geological features of Torndirrup National Park that include The Gap, Natural Bridge and Stony Hill.
- Enjoy lunch at Millbrook Winery and tour the winery's organic food garden with WA's 'Chef of the Year', Guy Jeffreys.
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Kings Park International Park Breeding Program hosted by Senior Plant Breeder, Digby Growns.
- Meet award-winning landscape designer [Janine Mendel](#), and visit her home garden in Karrinyup.
- Conclude with private visits to the home gardens of [Sabrina Hahn](#) and [Deryn Thorpe](#), who is an award-winning garden journalist and founder of Open Gardens WA.

12-day Natural Landscapes & Garden Tour of Western Australia

Overnight Margaret River (2 nights) • Walpole (1 night) • Albany (3 nights) • Hopetoun (2 nights) • Fremantle (3 nights)

Overview

Kwongkan is the Noongar Aboriginal word for the geographical floristic region of the south-west of Western Australia. It covers the coastal and inland sandplains from Esperance to Albany and old growth Jarrah and Karri forests inland. This region contains 70% of the 8000 native plant species found nowhere else in the world. It has been decreed a global biodiversity hotspot and has rare endangered fauna that has evolved alongside plant life in spite of some of the most impoverished soils on the planet.

The abundance and diversity of flora and fauna in the south-west evolved because it became a 'biological island' cut off from other flora; oceans surrounded the west and southern sides, and deserts hugged the eastern side. Most of the area we explore has remained above sea level for over 200 million years and with plant species adopting strategies to extract the very few nutrients available on these weathered, impoverished soils.

This tour will take you to remote and spectacular areas unlike anywhere else in Australia, from tall karri forests to vast coastal sandplains rich in diversity and the ancient craggy peaks of the Stirling Range to some of the most prestigious wine areas of Margaret River.

Leaders



Steve Wood

Australian horticultural talkback radio and gardening TV presenter with more than 40 years' experience in wholesale nursery production.

Steve Wood is an Australian horticultural talkback radio and gardening TV presenter with a Diploma in Horticulture and more than 40 years' experience working in the horticultural industry and in wholesale nursery production.

Steve has owned and managed his family wholesale production nursery for over 35 years, specialising in sourcing and introducing new plant varieties to the Australian Nursery Industry. As a gardening talkback radio presenter, Steve has worked with ABC radio WA for 25 years and is a regular presenter on Channel Nine's *The Garden Gurus* television program.

Steve's passion for growing organic fruit and vegetables comes across in the award-winning gardening, food and sustainability podcast, *All The Dirt*, that he presents with Deryn Thorpe. He also raises heritage breeds of chickens, ducks and goats, and has a special interest in showing people how easy it is to grow food at home. To discover more about Steve's activities, visit www.stevewood.com.au

'All the Dirt' Podcast: Gardening, Sustainability and Food



Deryn Thorpe and Steve Wood combine decades of gardening, sustainability and environmental knowledge to create Australia's most popular gardening podcast. The show has a gentle conversational style and aims to give people the confidence to grow their own food, create a beautiful and healthy environment and cook simple meals. Most weeks Deryn and Steve are joined by a specialist guest who chats with them about their life, food, gardening and environmental passions.

You can listen to the podcast online at www.allthedirt.com.au or download the podcast from [iTunes](#).



Sabrina Hahn

ABC radio presenter, garden writer & horticultural consultant specialising in Australian & Mediterranean garden design. Sabrina also works on planting programs in remote Aboriginal communities. She has led ASA garden tours to France, Italy, Spain, Morocco, the UK and Western Australia since 2008.

Sabrina first joined ASA in 2008 and has since led numerous garden tours for ASA to Italy, France, Spain, Morocco, the UK and Western Australia. Sabrina has a great passion for plants, gardens and their place in the greater landscape. She explores the relationship between landscape and people's sense of belonging. Sabrina's love of travel to other Mediterranean climates allows her to share her knowledge of gardening in Western Australia with fellow gardening enthusiasts and translate its place in the Australian landscape. Her plant knowledge has been passed down from 3 generations of obsessive gardeners, leaving her in little doubt of what to study as a career path.

Sabrina started her studies in Horticulture at TAFE, graduated to studying Applied Science and later Social Science. Sabrina has been the ABC gardening talkback expert in Western Australia since 1985, when she began her career in Kalgoorlie. Sabrina also writes a weekly column in the West Australian newspaper on all things green. Her aim is to make gardening an entertaining pastime and educate listeners in the importance of creating biodiversity in their own backyards. She believes gardeners have a role to play in becoming caretakers of sustainable landscapes that allows other species to thrive.

Sabrina can be heard on ABC Saturday mornings on 720 from 9-10am and on all local ABC stations during the graveyard shift with Trevor Chappel at 1.30am on Tuesday mornings.

Sabrina has owned and managed a landscaping business, lectured at University, consulted for prison nurseries, local government, private enterprise and set up edible gardens in schools. She is well known for her direct and humorous MC work and is a sought-after guest speaker.

Her latest venture is working with a philanthropic organisation, EON, in remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley, setting up edible gardens to ensure children have access to fresh fruit and vegetables. She has worked closely with community elders to collect and grow bush tucker plants to plant out within the schoolgrounds so that elders can teach children the uses of traditional food and medicine. The program has been highly successful; it is in its fourth year and Sabrina and EON are entering their seventh remote school.

Sabrina continues to work as a horticultural consultant and garden designer for many organisations, government and private bodies, but still enjoys travelling to other countries to discover how landscapes influence culture.

Sabrina's website: <https://sabrinhahn.com.au>



Itinerary

The daily activities described in this itinerary may change or be rotated and/or modified in order to accommodate alterations in opening hours, flight schedules and confirmation of private visits. Participants will receive a final itinerary together with their tour documents prior to departure. The tour includes breakfast daily, lunches & evening meals indicated in the detailed itinerary: B=breakfast, L=lunch and D=evening meals.

Margaret River - 2 nights

Day 1: Saturday 14 September, Arrive Perth – Dwellingup – Margaret River

- Meeting Point: Country Comfort Hotel, Perth at 8.45am
- Coach journey from Perth to Margaret River
- Orondo Farm, Dwellingup: Guided tour of the private gardens & morning tea

Our private coach collects us at the Country Comfort Hotel near Perth airport and drives to Dwellingup to visit Orondo Farm with its 25-plus acre private garden surrounded by woodlands and traversed with meandering watercourses. The fertile river valley, within which the garden sits, creates a perfect microclimate and provides the rich loam soils for growing rare deciduous and evergreen trees, flowering shrubs, such as rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas, and colourful perennials that have been planted over the years. The owners and creators of Orondo Farm, Bette and Bill Healy, will treat us to guided tour and a morning tea.

We drive to the Margaret River Hotel, home for the next two nights. (Overnight Margaret River)

Day 2: Sunday 15 September, Margaret River – Yallingup – Wilyabrup – Margaret River

- Award-winning Yallingup private garden
- The Secret Garden by Paul Bangay

- Cullen Wines: Spiral Garden Biodynamic Tour, followed by a wine tasting
- Cullen Wines: Welcome Lunch – 5-course Dégustation Menu

We journey to Yallingup to visit the award-winning private garden of the celebrated *Gardening Australia Magazine's* 2016 'Gardener of the Year', Bill Mitchell. Situated on the clifftop of Smiths Beach and surrounded by the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, the design and planting of this garden was the result of the need to create a fire-resistant garden due to being in an extreme bushfire risk area because of the surrounding heathland flora. 'Fire and Beauty' is a five-year-old garden mass-planted with fire-retardant plants, such as succulents and cacti. Drifts of bird attracting aloes, huge dragon trees, rare and unusual succulent varieties have been combined with local stone mastering the art of a lower maintenance garden without sacrificing colour and beauty. The achievement of this non-gardener's concept and design is inspiring.

Next we visit a garden that was designed in 1997 by Melbourne master Paul Bangay early in his career for Pat Poynton, who, as a skilled gardener in her own right, has continued developing the garden to reflect her passions. Margaret River's Secret Garden is situated in a valley beside the Wilyabrup Brook and covers 1.2ha of formal, semi-formal and natural landscapes set within a native West Australian peppermint forest producing a wonderful microclimate. The head gardener will take us on a romantic journey through the Spring displays of iris, clematis and crab apples that complement the formal plantings and defined structure for which Paul Bangay is renowned.

The rest of the day will be spent enjoying a gourmet experience for which Margaret River is internationally renowned. Cullen Wines was established in 1971 and their philosophy is 'quality', 'integrity' and 'sustainability' with a commitment to biodynamic viticulture that led them to produce a number of award-winning wines. Here, we will be given a tour of their Biodynamic Spiral Garden and historic vineyards, which enables us to become familiar with the biodynamic process employed throughout the winery and gardens. This will be followed by a tasting of the wines they produce. Lunch is a 5-course extravaganza of food, from the biodynamic garden together with local produce, matched with current and museum vintages. (Overnight Margaret River) BL

Walpole - 1 night

Day 3: Monday 16 September, Margaret River – Cape Leeuwin – Pemberton – Walpole

- Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
- BBQ lunch
- 4WD Ecotour visiting Beedelup National Park, Yeagarup Dunes & coastal heath at Warren River

We leave Margaret River to travel south-westwards towards the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia. It also has the distinction of being at the most south-westerly point of Australia. The lighthouse was constructed in 1895 from local limestone and opened by WA Premier John Forrest. This functioning lighthouse is situated at the junction of the Indian and Southern oceans and still plays an important role in guiding vessels around the treacherous cape. The lighthouse precinct includes the cottages that housed the keepers and surrounding land on which they grew fresh vegetables.

Next, we travel through the coastal town of Augusta before arriving near Pemberton at the Greater Beedelup National Park, where we will have a BBQ lunch surrounded by karri trees, of which some specimens are believed to be in excess of 400 years old. The park takes its name from the Beedelup Brook running through it, possibly deriving from the Nyoongar word *Beedja*, which means 'place of rest' or 'place of sleep'. After a short walk to the rocky granite cascades of Beedelup Falls, our 4WD Ecotour begins by

driving to Lake Yeagurup and over the Yeagurup Dunes, the largest land-locked mobile dune system in the southern hemisphere. From the dunes, we will continue by 4WD to the beach at the mouth of the Warren River. Along the way, karri forests and coastal heath will be admired. We reconvene with the bus at the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree, so named after being pegged in 1988 as part of Australia's bicentennial celebrations. The pegging enables it to be one of three fire lookout trees open to the public in this area.

We continue south to the Tree Top Walk Motel in Walpole. Dinner will be served at the hotel. (Overnight Walpole) BLD

Albany - 3 nights

Day 4: Tuesday 17 September, Walpole – Valley of Giants – Albany

- Cruise with a local expert to explore the biodiversity of the Walpole Wilderness
- Valley of the Giants: Tree Top Walk & the Ancient Empire Walk

This morning we embark on a wilderness ecotour to explore the Walpole Nornalup National Park, home to tingle forests that occur nowhere else in the world. We will be travelling by boat along the waterways of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park, which is one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth and fed by the Franklin and Deep rivers. Its remote wilderness feel is due to the untouched nature of the park, its wildlife and scenic quality.

There will be time at leisure for lunch in Walpole before travelling to the Valley of the Giants. These 'giants' refer to the tingle trees that make up this spectacular forest, which only occur in this area and can grow to a height of 75m and have a circumference of up to 25m. To achieve the full experience of their majestic grandeur, we will walk amidst the canopy on a walkway positioned 40m above the ground. The Ancient Empire Walk allows us to see the red tingle trees (*Eucalyptus jacksonii*) from a boardwalk along the forest floor and is based on the theme of the lost era of Gondwana. The origins of some of these plants date back to this period in time, that is 65 million years ago.

We drive to the Best Western Albany Motel and Apartments, our home for three nights. (Overnight Albany) B

Day 5: Wednesday 18 September, Albany – Stirling Range – Albany

- Stirling Range National Park

For the next five days, Steve Wood will be joined by ASA garden leader Sabrina Hahn to explore the wildflowers and other plants of this region. She is best known for her gardening talk back show on ABC Perth radio and also for her weekly column in Western Australian newspaper. Today we visit the Stirling Range which was formed around 55 million years ago when sedimentary layers were pushed up as Australia drifted away from Antarctica. The peak of the range is Bluff Knoll where fossils of jellyfish-like creatures can be seen as evidence of its violent formation. Noongar people call it *Koi Kyeunu-ruff* 'a place of ever moving fog and mist' and it holds the totemic spirit of their people. The base of the Stirling Range holds many secrets and an astonishing diversity of plants.

Those who wish to test their legs will walk up Bluff Knoll to get a bird's eye view of the landscape and hopefully see some of the rare plants that only grow on the peak of this mountain. On the walk, Sabrina will explain the plants that grow on different parts of the Stirling Range in relation to soil type and climate. Bluff Knoll is the only spot in all of Western Australia that experiences snow. (Overnight Albany) BL

Day 6: Thursday 19 September, Albany Area

- Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve
- Historic Whaling Station
- Torndirrup National Park: The Gap, Natural Bridge & Stony Hill

We will walk through the Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve heritage trail which tracks through peppermint woodlands and the remote and untouched beach. This is home to the critically endangered Gilberts potoroo and the noisy scrub bird and we may be lucky enough to hear them. It is a mecca for bird lovers and fishermen. This has been listed as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world with azure blue water, massive granite boulders and pure white sand. The coastal heathland plants have been carved by the wind and many species have adapted in unusual ways to compensate for salt laden winds and sandy soil.

The afternoon will be spent at the historic Whaling Station which was owned by Australia's last whaling company, the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company that processed over 1000 humpback and sperm whales a year at its peak. A significant part of Australian history, the whaling station is now considered a heritage site and has been preserved exactly as it was on the last day of operation in 1978 when the workers 'simply put down their tools and walked away'. During this unique experience, we will be informed on the station's operations and history, share in the workers' memories and stories and discover their place in the economic and social history of Albany.

We will also visit the Regional Wildflower Garden that displays over 100,000 of rare and endangered indigenous regional plants for propagation and preservation. Within this garden is a wetlands area which is the home to frogs, insects, reptiles and birds. If there is time, there is also the Australian Wildlife Park.

On returning to the motel, we will stop off at the Torndirrup National Park. It is known for its rugged coastlines which feature coastal heaths, granite outcrops, sheer cliffs and steep sandy slopes and dunes. Natural structures, such as the Natural Bridge and The Gap, were carved by the ferocity of the waves. The highest point in the Torndirrup National Park is Stony Hill from which an expansive view to the west can be enjoyed. The Stony Hill Heritage Trail gives a 360 degree view of the national park and of Albany.
(Overnight Albany) B

Hopetoun - 2 nights

Day 7: Friday 20 September, Albany – Fitzgerald River National Park – Hopetoun

- Fitzgerald River National Park: a Biodiversity Hotspot

The Fitzgerald River National Park is the largest and most botanically significant national parks in Australia. It is the most diverse botanical regions in the world, featuring more than 1,800 species of plants, 75 of these are found nowhere else in the world. There are 184 bird species, 22 mammal species, 41 reptile species and 12 frog species living in the park. A number of species have only recently been rediscovered here, including the Dibbler and Heath rat.

During the winter months southern right whales shelter close to shore with their newborn calves. We will divide the trip into two main areas and walk from the car park at Mount Barren to Sepulchralis Hill, and then separately to No Tree Hill.

In the afternoon, we drive to the Hopetoun Motel and Chalet Village, our home for the next two nights. (Overnight Hopetoun) BLD

Day 8: Saturday 21 September, Hopetoun – Ravensthorpe – Hopetoun

- The Railway Heritage Trail, Ravensthorpe
- Wildflower Show, Ravensthorpe

This morning we drive to Ravensthorpe to walk the Ravensthorpe Railway Tour. The coach will take us to the drop off point at the Heritage trail which takes us through Eucalypt woodlands and wildflower country. Sabrina will have a list of plants people will see and bring reference books.

The afternoon will be spent at the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show where Sabrina will take us around and explain different plant groups and how they evolved. There is over 1000 different species of plants collected from two national parks and over 3000 species in their world class herbarium. (Overnight Hopetoun) BLD

Fremantle - 4 nights

Day 9: Sunday 22 September, Hopetoun – Fremantle

- Long Table Lunch at Badgebup

On our way to Fremantle we break our trip with a visit to Badgebup which is small wheat-farming town located between the towns of Katanning and Nyabing in wildflower country. Our hosts will provide us with a long table lunch in the Budgebup Hall where we will taste the local produce. In the late afternoon we arrive at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, our home for three nights. (Overnight Fremantle) BL

Day 10: Monday 23 September, Fremantle – Waroona – Jarrahdale – Fremantle

- Cypress Farm, Waroona (to be confirmed)
- Millbrook Winery, Jarrahdale: Tour of organic food garden with award-winning chef, Guy Jeffreys & 3-course lunch

This morning we hope to visit Cypress Farm, the property of Professor Kingsley Dixon and Lionel Johnston. This garden is a 'work in progress' at the early stage of its redevelopment, and comprises largely uncleared Jarrah/Marri forest and Swan River Blackbutt. However, being one of the wettest places in the south-west, Cypress Farm takes advantage of the abundant water supply, the area's clay-based soils, and cooler climate in order for the most diverse range of European and Australian plant species to be grown and displayed at their very best. Lionel Johnston will be guiding us around Cypress Farm.

Next we transfer to Millbrook Winery where we will be treated to 3-course gourmet lunch utilising fresh produce from the Millbrook garden and showcasing the creative abilities of Head Chef, Guy Jeffreys. Guy was named 'Chef of the Year 2017' by the *West Australian Good Food Guide*. He is a passionate grower of organic food and believes in the philosophy of 'root to shoot' where as much of the plant as possible is used and little to none is wasted. Guy will give us a tour of the one-acre organic gardens that includes over 100 varieties of heirloom vegetables, along with an active orchard, an olive grove and one of the largest vineyards in the Perth Hills. A wine tasting tour will follow the garden tour. (Overnight Fremantle) BL

Day 11: Tuesday 24 September, Fremantle – Perth – Karrinyup – Fremantle

- Exclusive tour of Kings Park breeding program of Australian native plants hosted by Digby Growns, and Kings Park Botanical Garden tour showcasing native Spring wildflowers.

- [Janine Mendel's](#) private garden in Karrinyup
- Farewell Dinner at La Sosta

Kings Park covers an area of 400 hectares and is situated only minutes from the centre of Perth. The Botanic Garden consists of 17 hectares of outstanding display gardens featuring over 3000 varieties of West Australian native flora. Our tour starts with Digby Grown, Senior Plant Breeder at Kings Park International Park Breeding Program, giving us a rare behind-the-scenes opportunity by guiding us through the science and ingenuity of one of the world's most exclusive and diverse plant breeding programs. This will be followed by a visit to Kings Park Nursery, where we will be shown some of the rare grafting techniques used to reproduce the most difficult to grow native species and explore the secrets of making and using smoke water as discovered by Professor Kingsley Dixon that is vital in germinating seed of many Australian bushland plants.

After lunch, we will be visiting the private garden of Janine Mendel in Karrinyup. Janine has trained and worked as a cartographer before embarking on her career as an award-winning landscape designer 24 years ago. She has designed more than 1000 Australian gardens, many of them small urban spaces. She believes less is more and that, by its very nature, good design should tread lightly on the planet. In line with her philosophy that a house should look like 'it' has been planted in the garden, she thinks the most successful gardens are created when the entire site becomes the canvas for the design of both the house and the landscape.

Her present house and garden were designed simultaneously enabling her to place the house exactly where she wanted it as far back from the road as possible. This means every room has a view to the outside, and it allows the living areas at the front of the house to be bathed in winter sun but protected from the harsh summer sun and winter winds. Janine's garden combines lush planting with many textural elements such as stone, timber and stainless steel to create interest and contrast. The front entry garden evokes a sub-tropical theme, while the central courtyard has a beach theme and contains succulents and white sand. The rear courtyard has fruit trees and some productive plants.

Tonight we enjoy a Farewell Dinner at Fremantle's award-winning Italian Restaurant, La Sosta. (Overnight Fremantle) BD

Day 12: Wednesday 25 September, Fremantle Area – Perth Airport

- Private garden of Sabrina Hahn, Willagee
- [Private garden of Deryn Thorpe](#) incl. morning tea, Mt Lawley
- Transfer to Perth Airport arriving at 1215hrs

The morning consists of visiting the two private gardens of Sabrina Hahn and Deryn Thorpe. Sabrina's house is marked out from others in her suburban street by the boab on the verge and a raised planter box with herbs and vegies that she grows for her neighbours to pick. Inside the front fence is a garden combining drought tolerant Mediterranean and Australian plants, with a collection of potted begonias, her Nana's favourite plant, on the front veranda. The back garden has inherited lemon scented gums, fruit trees and an ornamental vegetable patch, with a hedge of *Viburnum tinus* and a central glass water feature. There is also a firepit, and a collection of unusual plants from the Kimberley that were collected on Sabrina's many trips working with Aboriginal groups in establishing food gardens in schools. Sabrina will accompany us to Deryn Thorpe's garden.

Deryn Thorpe is a garden guide for ASA, who writes about gardening in magazines including *Gardening Australia* and co-hosts a weekly gardening podcast with Steve Wood called 'All The Dirt'. Her garden was

featured on the ABC TV's Gardening Australia program in May 2018. She will explain the design, planting and the challenges of creating a traditional cottage garden on Perth's non-wetting sandy soil which is recognised as one of the world's least fertile soils. Her garden surrounds a 1913 Federation style home in the leafy inner Perth suburb of Mount Lawley. The garden layout has a formal structure but garden beds are informally planted. The front beds are filled with roses, vegetables and massed plantings of flowering perennials and annuals. Hanging baskets and pots add colour to the sweeping veranda. Established trees give dappled shade and a sense of scale to the high-set house. The back garden is more structured with hedges, pergolas, pots of succulents, a herb garden and swagged roses on chains suspended between obelisks. Deryn will be very kindly treating us with a sweet and savoury morning tea.

After these two gardens, we transfer to the airport. Our tour officially ends at approximately 12.15pm on arrival at Perth Airport. **B**

Accommodation

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All hotels/motels provide rooms with private facilities, except in Hopetoun where some of the rooms include a shared bathroom. A hotel list will be given to all participants prior to departure, in the meantime a summary is given below:

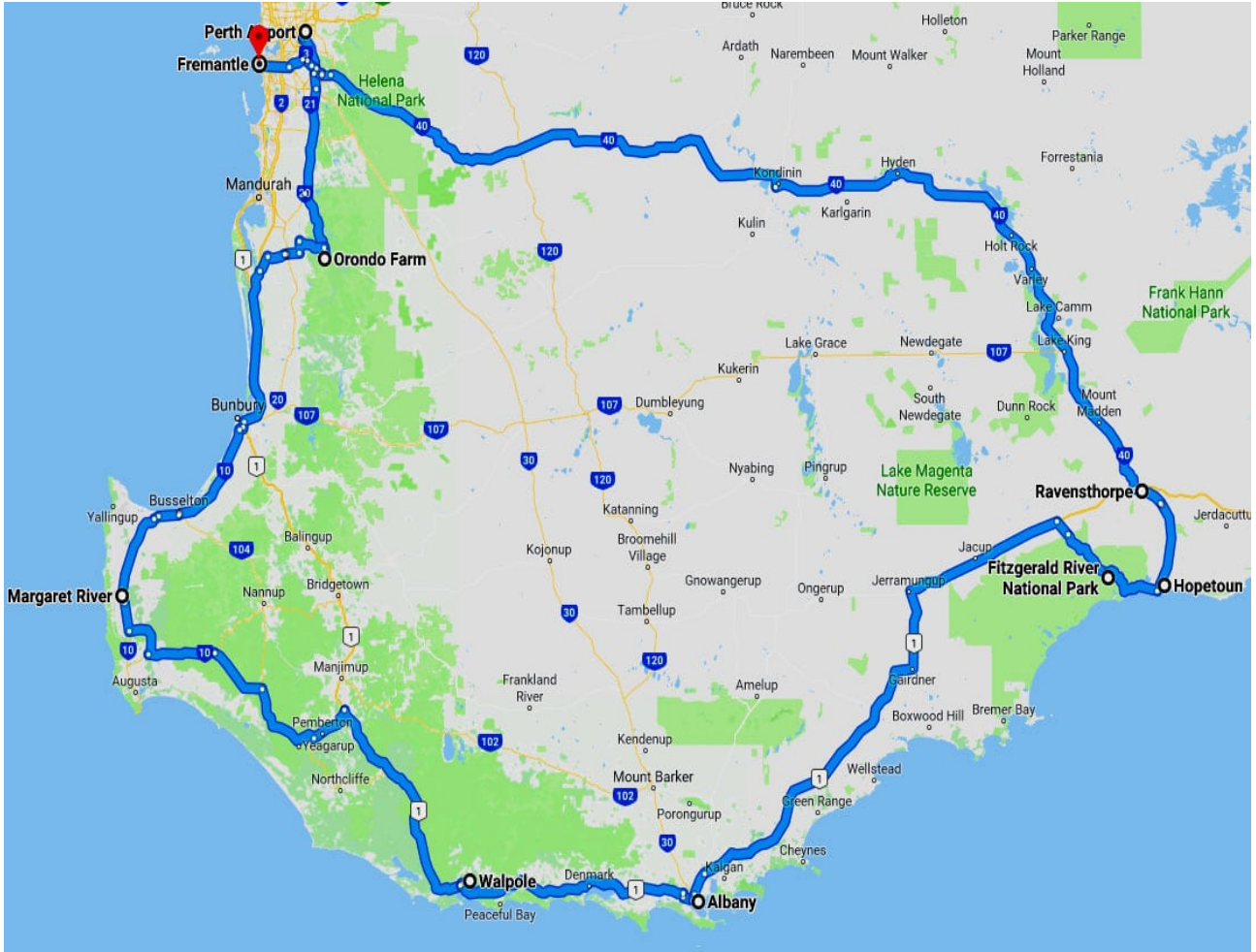
- Margaret River (2 nights): Margaret River Hotel – combination of hotel and motel accommodation, located in central Margaret River within easy walking distance to cafés, restaurants, bars, shops and galleries, and a 15-minute drive from the vineyards and wineries for which this region is famous. margaretriverhotel.com.au
- Walpole (1 night): Tree Top Walk Motel – located in the centre of Walpole, 17kms from the famous Valley of the Giants. treetopwalkmotel.com.au
- Albany (3 nights): Best Western Albany Motel & Apartments – centrally located in the harbour town of Albany, close to cafés, restaurants, shops and foreshore. www.albanybestwestern.com.au
- Hopetoun (2 nights): Hopetoun Motel & Chalet Village – located in the heart of town, a short walking distance from shops, restaurants and cafés. Accommodation is provided in a mixture of motel rooms, chalets and townhouses. www.hopetounmotel.com.au
- Fremantle (3 nights): 4-star Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges – located in the heart of Fremantle overlooking the parklands and harbour. www.rydges.com

Note: Hotels are subject to change, in which case a hotel of similar standard will be provided.

Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a double (or twin) room for single occupancy throughout the tour. In Hopetoun, where accommodation is extremely limited, some of the rooms share a bathroom. The number of rooms available for single occupancy is extremely limited. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.

Tour Map



Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD \$5280.00 Land Content Only - Early-Bird Special: book before 30 September 2018

AUD \$5480.00 Land Content Only

AUD \$880.00 Single Supplement

For competitive Economy, Business or First Class airfares and/or group airfares please contact ASA for further information.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Accommodation in twin-share rooms with private facilities in a combination of hotels and basic motels. Note: in Hopetoun where accommodation is extremely limited, some rooms include shared bathroom facilities.
- Meals as indicated in the tour itinerary where: B=breakfast, L=lunch & D=evening meal
- Wine at welcome and farewell meals. Other meals do not include alcoholic beverages
- Bottled water for all daily excursions
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach; 4WD to the Yeagarup Dunes; boat tour of the Walpole Wilderness Day 4
- Airport-hotel transfers if travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person where available (not all motels offer this service)
- Lecture and site-visit program
- Entrance fees
- Use of audio headsets for site excursions
- Tips for the coach driver, local guides and restaurants for included meals

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Airfare to Perth
- Porterage at some of the motels
- Personal spending money
- Airport-hotel transfers if not travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights
- Luggage in excess of 20 kg (44 lbs)
- Travel insurance



Physical Endurance & Practical Information

Physical Ratings 

The number of flags is a guide to the degree of difficulty of ASA tours relative to each other (not to those of other tour companies). It is neither absolute nor literal. One flag is given to the least taxing tours, seven to the most. Flags are allocated, above all, according to the amount of walking and standing each tour involves. Nevertheless all ASA tours require that participants have a good degree of fitness enabling 2-3 hours walking or 1-1.5 hours standing still on any given site visit or excursion. Many sites are accessed by climbing slopes or steps and have uneven terrain.

This 12-day Natural Landscapes & Garden Tour of Western Australia involves:

- Most days involve walking on uneven terrain, and includes guided walks through the Stirling Range, Fitzgerald River National Park, and the wildflower Railway Heritage Trail at Ravensthorpe.
- Transportation includes daily excursions by air-conditioned coach; 4WD to the Yeagarup Dunes; boat tour of the Walpole Wilderness Day 4.
- The daily schedule generally involves an early-morning departure (between 8.00-8.30am), concluding in the late afternoon (between 5.00-5.30pm)
- The use of audio headsets which amplify the voice of your guide (despite noisy surroundings). This technology also allows you to move freely during site visits without missing any information.
- A mixture of hotel and basic motel accommodation; in Hopetoun some rooms include shared bathrooms.
- In Albany and Hopetoun, breakfast will be arranged via a local bakery and pub as the motels do not offer this service.
- You must be able to carry your own hand-luggage. Porterage is NOT available at some of the motels.

It is important to remember that ASA programs are group tours, and slow walkers affect everyone in the group. As the group must move at the speed of the slowest member, the amount of time spent at a site

may be reduced if group members cannot maintain a moderate walking pace. ASA tours should not present any problem for active people who can manage day-to-day walking and stair-climbing. However, if you have any doubts about your ability to manage on a program, please ask your ASA travel consultant whether this is a suitable tour for you.

Please note: it is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability to participate in activities undertaken on the tour, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to direct a tour participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the tour. For further information please refer to the ASA Reservation Application Form.

Practical Information

Prior to departure, tour members will receive practical notes which include information on weather, clothing and what to pack.

Booking Conditions

Make a Reservation

ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION and send it to Australians Studying Abroad together with your non-refundable deposit of AUD \$500.00 per person payable to Australians Studying Abroad.

Passport Details

All participants must provide no later than **75 days** prior to the commencement of the program a photocopy of the front page of their current passport.

Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a double (or twin) room for single occupancy throughout the tour. In Hopetoun, where accommodation is extremely limited, some of the rooms share a bathroom. The number of rooms available for single occupancy is extremely limited. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.



Reservation Application

TOUR NAME _____

TOUR DATES _____

Please complete **one application, per person in block letters and sign**. Parental signature is required for participants under 18 years of age. Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation.

Applicant Details (as in passport)

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other _____

FIRST NAME _____ Preferred FIRST NAME _____

MIDDLE NAME _____ SURNAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ POSTCODE _____

TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____

EMAIL address _____

Date of birth / / _____ GENDER Male Female

Passport Number _____ Expiry date / / _____ Nationality _____

Colour copy of my current valid passport enclosed I'm renewing my passport ASA has a colour copy of my current passport

Travel Plans

I wish ASA to book my airfare, please contact me to discuss my options. Business Class Economy Class

I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences. Planned departure date / / _____

I will be arranging my airfare independently and taking the Land Content Only option.

Frequent Flyer _____ Name of Airline _____ Airline Seat preference _____
Membership # _____ (please note request only)

Tour Accommodation (rooming preferences)

I/we would like: a twin-bedded room a double-bedded room a room for sole occupancy

I am travelling: on my own with a friend/family member Travel Companion _____

Meals

I do not have any specific dietary requests

Please **X** the box if you **CAN NOT** eat any of the following:

fish poultry red meat dairy products

eggs pork nuts

Other _____

Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information

Correspondence

Your preferred method of correspondence Postal Mail Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Details

Note: this person **MUST** be available by telephone and be present in Australia for the duration of your tour with ASA

Name _____ Relationship to Traveller _____

Address _____

TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____

EMAIL address _____

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA to determine, where necessary, whether ASA is able to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs and whether your health and safety (or that of your fellow travellers) is likely to be compromised given your choice of tour. It will also assist you and ASA if you fall ill or have an accident whilst travelling.

- ASA reserves the right to decline your Reservation Application if this Medical Information section is not completed properly and may reject or cancel your reservation, or terminate your participation on any tour, if ASA subsequently learns that you have failed to make full and proper disclosure.
- ASA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. ASA's privacy policy is available for viewing at www.asatours.com.au
- If ASA has any concerns about the information you have provided, it will contact you to request clarification before considering your Application.
- ASA requires you to consider carefully your limitations in light of ASA's Physical Endurance Star Rating System in ASA's Brochure and Itinerary when choosing your tour.
- If you are not likely to satisfy ASA's Participation Criteria (see below), ASA, in its sole discretion, may reject your Reservation Application.
- It is a condition of your tour that you agree to accept the directions of ASA's Tour Leaders in relation to your suitability to participate in activities planned on tour.
- ASA reserves the right to cancel your participation on a tour if your behaviour is in ASA's opinion causing undue distress or damage to any person or their property.
- If your participation is discontinued during a tour, ASA will assist by arranging your onward travel (if required) at your own cost, but you will not be refunded for forfeited parts of the tour.
- ASA tour groups are not accompanied by a medical practitioner. ASA recommends that you see your doctor for advice about your specific needs while overseas. You may also wish to contact a travel and vaccination clinic for advice. www.traveldoctor.com.au tel: 1300 658 444; www.travelvax.com.au tel: 1300 360 164.
- Travel insurers require you to declare all existing medical conditions.
- Please carry a complete list of medications with you during the ASA tour. Include **generic names** of each medication (consult your local pharmacy for information).

Please mark **X** in the YES or NO box to every question below and provide details where necessary:

Participation Criteria

To participate in an ASA tour, you must be reasonably fit, in good health and able to participate in all activities without assistance from Tour Leaders or other tour members. If you require assistance, a fit and able travel companion must undertake to accompany and assist you with all tasks for the duration of the whole tour. The responsibility of the Tour Leader is to ensure that the larger group enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing individual assistance to any one guest.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Can you walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Can you administer your own medication? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Do you have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Mobility and Fitness

As many of ASA's international sites do not provide access to wheelchairs or similar mobility aids, we regret that ASA tours are not suitable for people who require the use of a walking frame, wheeled walker, wheelchair or motorised scooter.

1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

ASA will make reasonable endeavours to organise meals to suit you, provided that you give ASA adequate notice of your specific dietary requirements or allergies. You may be required to research dietary alternatives, as not all destinations may be able to offer suitable food substitutes.

1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything?
- If yes, please specify

Do you carry an epipen?

3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs?
- If yes, please specify

Existing Medical Conditions

You alone are responsible for managing any existing medical conditions, your medication and any medical equipment that you may need when on your tour. Please plan for contingencies and take extra medication, dietary supplements and/or fully charged batteries for medical equipment if your health and safety depends on these. You should take into consideration that power sources at some destinations may be unavailable, inadequate, inconvenient or unreliable.

1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour? YES NO
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

2. Do you require some form of powered medical aid, such as a CPAP machine?

These machines may not be operable on certain international flights, modes of transport, in remote or other areas with inadequate or unreliable power sources without a fully charged independent long life battery or batteries.

Diabetics: You may be travelling and sightseeing for many hours at a time. Insulin dependent diabetics must carry extra supplies of insulin (as this medication cannot be obtained in some destinations), regulators, applicators, storage and refrigeration equipment, as well as any necessary supplements. Accommodation may not provide refrigerators in rooms.

3. Are you diabetic?

Are you insulin dependent?

4. Do you suffer from travel sickness?
- Remember to use an appropriate medication while on tour.

Declaration

I declare that: I have read and understood the ASA Tour Itinerary, Reservation Application and Booking Conditions. I am aware of ASA's terms as relating to refunds, cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that ASA relies upon this declaration when considering this Application. I accept that there are inherent dangers and risks that may occur during any tour. I have made full and complete disclosure and have not knowingly withheld any medical information about myself from ASA. I have completed this Reservation Application honestly and accurately. I warrant that I am able to participate independently in all activities described by ASA in the itinerary without assistance from any person.

I will advise ASA in writing if any aspect of my fitness and or health conditions change materially at any time before my departure date. I understand and accept that the itinerary, accommodation and lecturers scheduled for this tour may change.

I agree and consent that ASA may give my personal information in this Reservation Application to tour service providers and relevant authorities as required by law, but for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services provided for the tour. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my personal information for this purpose, ASA will decline my Reservation Application.

In consideration of ASA's acceptance of my Reservation Application, I irrevocably release and indemnify ASA from all claims that I, or any other party, may have against ASA its employees, invitees, agents and contractors, however arising in respect of any loss, damage, injury, death or expense incurred in the course of travelling to, on and from any tour.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Indemnity applies with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour
2. Every special risk, in particular medical risks, to which I may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour arising from, including, but not limited to:
 - a. intermittent power cycles and/or the temporary or permanent loss of power (beware CPAP or any other medical machine users);
 - b. dietary, food or other allergies (ASA cannot guarantee that traces of items to which you are allergic are not present in food or drink you are served, medication you are administered or other substances with which you may come into contact);
 - c. any event or situation that may compromise the administration of necessary medication or my health, safety and wellbeing generally.
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of my continued participation on a tour for whatever reason (refund conditions in ASA's Booking Conditions excepted).

Limitation of Liability

ASA is not a carrier, event or tourist attraction host, accommodation or dining service provider. All bookings made and tickets or coupons issued by ASA for transport, event, accommodation, dining and the like are issued as an agent for various service providers and are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each service provider. ASA is not responsible for their products or services. If a service provider does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

ASA will not be liable for any claim (eg. sickness, injury, death, damage or loss) arising from any change, delay, detention, breakdown, cancellation, failure, accident, act, omission or negligence of any such service provider however caused (contingencies). You must take out adequate travel insurance against such contingencies.

ASA's liability in respect of any tour will be limited to the refund of amounts received from you less all non-refundable costs and charges and the costs of any substituted event or alternate services provided. The terms and conditions of the relevant service provider from time to time comprise the sole agreement between you and that service provider.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

Booking Conditions

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500.00 AUD per person is required to reserve a place on an ASA tour.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 75 days before departure: \$500*
75-46 days prior 25% of total amount due
45-31 days prior 50% of total amount due
30-15 days prior 75% of total amount due
14-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

This amount may be **credited to another ASA tour departing within 12 months of the original tour you booked. We regret, in this case early-bird discounts will not apply.*

We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

WILL THE TOUR PRICE OR ITINERARY CHANGE?

If the number of participants on a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates ASA reserves the right to amend the advertised price. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price. If an ASA tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all tour monies paid. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

ASA requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. A copy of your travel insurance certificate and the **reverse charge** emergency contact phone number must be received by ASA no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of the tour price will be due 75 days prior to the tour commencement date.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY, PRINT AND SIGN BELOW

I accept the conditions on this booking form I have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I am able to meet these requirements

Applicant's Signature

Print Full Name

Dated

Tour / Course Name

Name of Traveller 1 _____

Name of Traveller 2 _____

I have enclosed a payment to the value of \$ _____ (including CC or bank fee if applicable) for this tour

The above amount is payable for:

- Intention to Travel Tour Deposit
 Balance of Payment Upgrade from Intention to Travel to a Deposit
 Travel Insurance Other (eg. Airfares, Accommodation) _____

International Payments

Welcome to our international travellers! If you are making a payment and do not have an Australian bank account/credit card, we can only accept payment as follows:

- via credit card with the applicable fee - the credit card company/bank will set the exchange rate
- via bank transfer; please give your surname and tour code (eg. Smith 21705) as a reference and ask your bank to allow for all charges.

Bank cheques or personal cheques will not be accepted.

By Cheque (accept Australian cheques only)

Please make cheques payable to *Australians Studying Abroad*

Direct Deposit or Internet Banking

You will need to:

1. Provide your bank with ASA's bank details (see below) and the amount you wish to transfer OR make a direct deposit through any ANZ branch
2. Include any fees levied by the banks
3. Provide a reference number (Mobile or last name recommended).
4. Complete section below, including confirmation no. (given when transaction completed).

Australians Studying Abroad bank details

Bank ANZ
Branch 420 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic
Swift Code ANZBAU3M
BSB 013-423
Account No 3472-32759

Bank confirmation No. _____

Reference used: Mobile or last name recommended

Date Money Transferred _____

Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard & Visa 2%
 American Express 2%

Please debit my: Mastercard Visa American Express

I authorise ASA to debit my credit card for the amount due plus the applicable fee as above

Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ Security Code (CVC) _____

Bank the Card is linked to (eg. NAB or ANZ) _____

Cardholders Name _____

Cardholders Billing Address _____

Postcode _____

State _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cardholders Signature _____

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