



# Western Australia: Wildflowers, Wineries and Private Gardens of the South West 2021

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Tour Leaders **Stephen Ryan, Sabrina Hahn**

Physical Ratings 

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

## Overview

[Stephen Ryan](#) 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 five days with visits to Albany, the Porongurup National Park, 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 time 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](#) (to be confirmed in 2021), and also Bill Mitchell's award-winning garden (to be confirmed in 2021).
- Delight in a 3-Course wine paired lunch at Voyager Estate's award-winning Restaurant with its stunning Cape Dutch architecture and gardens inspired by the Cape Dutch farmsteads of South-Africa, located within James Halliday's 'golden triangle' of Margaret River's wine region.
- 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 Regional Wildflower Garden and the natural geological features of Torndirrup National Park that include The Gap, Natural Bridge and Blowholes.
- Explore Cypress Farm, the home of Professor Kingsley Dixon - Foundation Director of Science at Kings Park and Botanic Garden (to be confirmed in 2021).
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Kings Park International Park Breeding Program hosted by Senior Plant Breeder, Digby Growns (to be confirmed in 2021).
- 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.

### 13-day Natural Landscapes & Garden Tour of Western Australia

Overnight Perth (1 night) • 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 granite domes of the Porongurup Range to some of the most prestigious wine areas of Margaret River.

## Leaders



### Stephen Ryan

Horticulturalist, nurseryman, collector, prolific writer and award-winning broadcaster. Stephen brings his profound knowledge to ASA garden tours in France, Morocco, Madagascar, Spain, Chile and Western Australia.

Stephen Ryan runs his own nationally recognised nursery Dicksonia Rare Plants. He has a regular radio slot with Melbourne's 3CR station. In 2002 he was awarded a Radio Laurel by the Horticultural Media Association for his segments on ABC Radio 774 3LO. Stephen is well known for his role for three years as host on ABC Television's *Gardening Australia*. As a plant hunter and traveller he has travelled to many places in the world such as Namibia, India, Oregon, England, Ireland, South Africa, Peru, New Guinea, France and Argentina. He has also led tours to Madagascar, Morocco and France. He has published three books on rare plants that have received rave reviews and his manual contains over 2000 plant entries of rare plants available in temperate Australia. He also contributed to the two large tomes produced in Australia *Botanica* and more recently *Flora*. In 2001 the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria recognised Stephen with a John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for "Distinguished Service to Horticulture". Stephen is now writing for a New Zealand magazine *Weekend Gardener*, and has started writing another book, which will be on the development of his own garden, 'Tugurium'. Stephen first joined ASA as a lecturer in 2009.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrU\\_6KcZBc4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrU_6KcZBc4)



### 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 leads garden tours to Italy, France, Spain, Morocco, the UK, Japan and Western Australia. She first studied Horticulture at TAFE, and then went on to graduate with degrees in Applied Science and Social Science. She has been the ABC gardening talkback expert in Western Australia since 1985 and can be heard on ABC Radio on Saturday mornings on her show 'Roots and Shoots' with co-presenter Christine Layton (9.00AM Australia Western Standard Time).

Sabrina also writes a weekly column in the *West Australian* newspaper on all things green, manages a landscaping business, and gives public lectures to a number of universities, government and private organisations. One of her great passions is her work with the philanthropic organisation, EON, in remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley, setting up edible gardens to ensure children have access to fresh fruit and vegetables. Her latest venture is '[Sabrina's Dirty Deeds Podcast](#)' which includes practical advice and interviews with Australian and International horticulturalists, ecologists and innovative gardeners.

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

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7nX6srw-vZo>

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## 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**=dinner. **The program includes five moderate nature walks ranging in length.**

### Perth - 1 night

Day 1: Friday 10 September, Arrive Perth

- Welcome Meeting and Drinks at the Ingot Hotel, Perth

Those arriving on the ASA 'designated' flight will be transferred to the Ingot Hotel in Perth, which is located close to the airport. Early this evening we will meet for drinks and a formal welcome to the tour. (Overnight Perth)

### Margaret River - 2 nights

Day 2: Saturday 11 September, Perth – Dwellingup – Margaret River

- Orondo Farm, Dwellingup: Guided tour of the private gardens & morning tea (to be confirmed)

Our private coach collects us at the Ingot 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 3: Sunday 12 September, Margaret River – Yallingup – Wilyabrup – Margaret River

- Bill Mitchell's award-winning garden, Yallingup (to be confirmed)
- The Secret Garden by Paul Bangay (to be confirmed)
- Voyager Estate, Margaret River: 3-Course Menu with matching wine-flight

We journey to Yallingup to visit the award-winning garden of Bill Mitchell, *Gardening Australia Magazine's* 2016 'Gardener of the Year'. Situated on the clifftop of Smiths Beach and surrounded by the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, Bill was driven by the need of a fire-management plan due to being in an extreme bushfire risk area because of the surrounding heathland flora to create a fire-resistant garden. The result was 'Fire and Beauty', 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. Voyager Estate is a family-owned estate in the Stevens Valley, the locale chosen because of its ideal characteristics to provide spectacular wines and its uniqueness of being surrounded on three sides by the Indian Ocean creating a cool meso-climate. The oldest vines on the estate date back to 1978 and it has been undergoing a full organic conversion. Along with its wines and food, Voyager Estate is famous for its Cape Dutch-style architecture and stunning manicured gardens as well as its roses. They follow the Shaker Philosophy of "don't make something unless it is both necessary and useful; but if it is both necessary and useful, don't hesitate to make it beautiful", which is reflected throughout the estate but especially in their Kitchen Garden. The Restaurant was named the best Regional Restaurant of the Year for 2018 by the WA Good Food Guide Awards and Head Chef Santiago Fernandez as Best Regional Chef. This is where we will experience a 3-course lunch showcasing the best local and South West produce with matching wine-flight. (Overnight Margaret River) BL

### Walpole - 1 night

Day 4: Monday 13 September, Margaret River – Pemberton – Walpole

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

We leave Margaret River to through the tingle forests to the Greater Beedelup National Park, near Pemberton, 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 5: Tuesday 14 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 6: Wednesday 15 September, Albany – Porongurup National Park – Albany

- Porongurup National Park

Today we explore the wildflowers and natural landscape of the Porongurup Range and National Park, known for its massive granite domes that rise 670 metres up from the plains. One of the world's oldest mountain ranges, it was formed in the Precambrian about 1,184 million years ago likely due to a collision between the Australian and Antarctic landmasses. Around 55 million years ago during the Eocene period when the sea levels were higher, the Porongurup Range became an island. It lies within the traditional lands of the Minang group of the Nyungar people.

The National Park is characterised by its diverse and endemic plant species, including more than 700 native plant species, as well as its rich array of wildlife. There have been 80 species of birds identified since becoming a national park. The karri forests of the Porongurup Range are found on the upper slopes on the deep red loamy soils. As a result of being separated from the rest of WA's karri forests about 5000 years ago, these karri trees have evolved to become slightly different genetically. If it is a clear day, we may have spectacular views of the Stirling Range and the Southern Ocean. (Overnight Albany) BL



## Day 7: Thursday 16 September, Albany Area

- Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve
- Lunch at Mt Romance Sandalwood Factory
- Regional Wildflower Garden
- Torndirrup National Park: The Gap, Natural Bridge & Blowholes

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.

After a light lunch at Mount Romance Sandalwood Factory, we will spend the afternoon at 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.

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. We may be lucky to witness the impressive display of spray and loud eerie sounds at the Blowholes, produced by water being forced up into a crackline in the granite depending on the swell, size and direction of approach to the sea cliffs. (Overnight Albany) BL

## Hopetoun - 2 nights

### Day 8: Friday 17 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 Sepulcralis 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 9: Saturday 18 September, Hopetoun – Ravensthorpe – Hopetoun

- Kundip and Mt Desmond, Ravensthorpe: Guided walks with a specialised ecologist (to be confirmed in 2021)
- Wildflower Show, Ravensthorpe

This morning we drive to Ravensthorpe to see the endemic and often spectacular species that make Ravensthorpe famous at Kundip and Mt Desmond. The coach will take us to the drop off at particular points where we will have a guided walks with ecologist Nathan McQuoid (to be confirmed in 2021) 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 10: Sunday 19 September, Hopetoun – Badgebup – Fremantle

- Long Table Lunch at Badgebup
- Orientation walk in Fremantle

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.

On arrival in Fremantle, we take an orientation walk passing by the Fremantle Prison, built as a convict barracks in the 19th century and the Roundhouse which is the oldest public building in the State of Western Australia. Opened in January 1831, just 18 months after settlement, the Roundhouse was built to hold any person convicted of a crime in the settlement and was used until 1886. We also visit the Fremantle Art Centre. Built by convicts on a grant of six acres, this splendid example of Australian Gothic architecture first opened its doors in 1864, as the Convict Establishment Fremantle Lunatic Asylum and Invalid Depot. We end the tour on the 'Cappucino Strip' with its mix of cafes, restaurants and pubs for which Fremantle is now famous. (Overnight Fremantle) BL

Day 11: Monday 20 September, Fremantle – Waroona – Fremantle

- Cypress Farm, Waroona incl. buffet lunch

Today we 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. On our way back to Fremantle, we stop at a local winery for wine tasting. (Overnight Fremantle) BL

Day 12: Tuesday 21 September, Fremantle – Perth – Fremantle

- Exclusive tour of Kings Park breeding program of Australian native plants hosted by Digby Growns (to be confirmed in 2021)
- Kings Park Botanical Garden tour showcasing native Spring wildflowers
- Farewell Dinner

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 Gowns, 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. Kings Park is also known for its wildflower plantings showcasing up to 40 species.

Tonight we enjoy our Farewell Dinner. (Overnight Fremantle) BD

Day 13: Wednesday 22 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

### 13-day Natural Landscapes & Garden Tour of Western Australia

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:

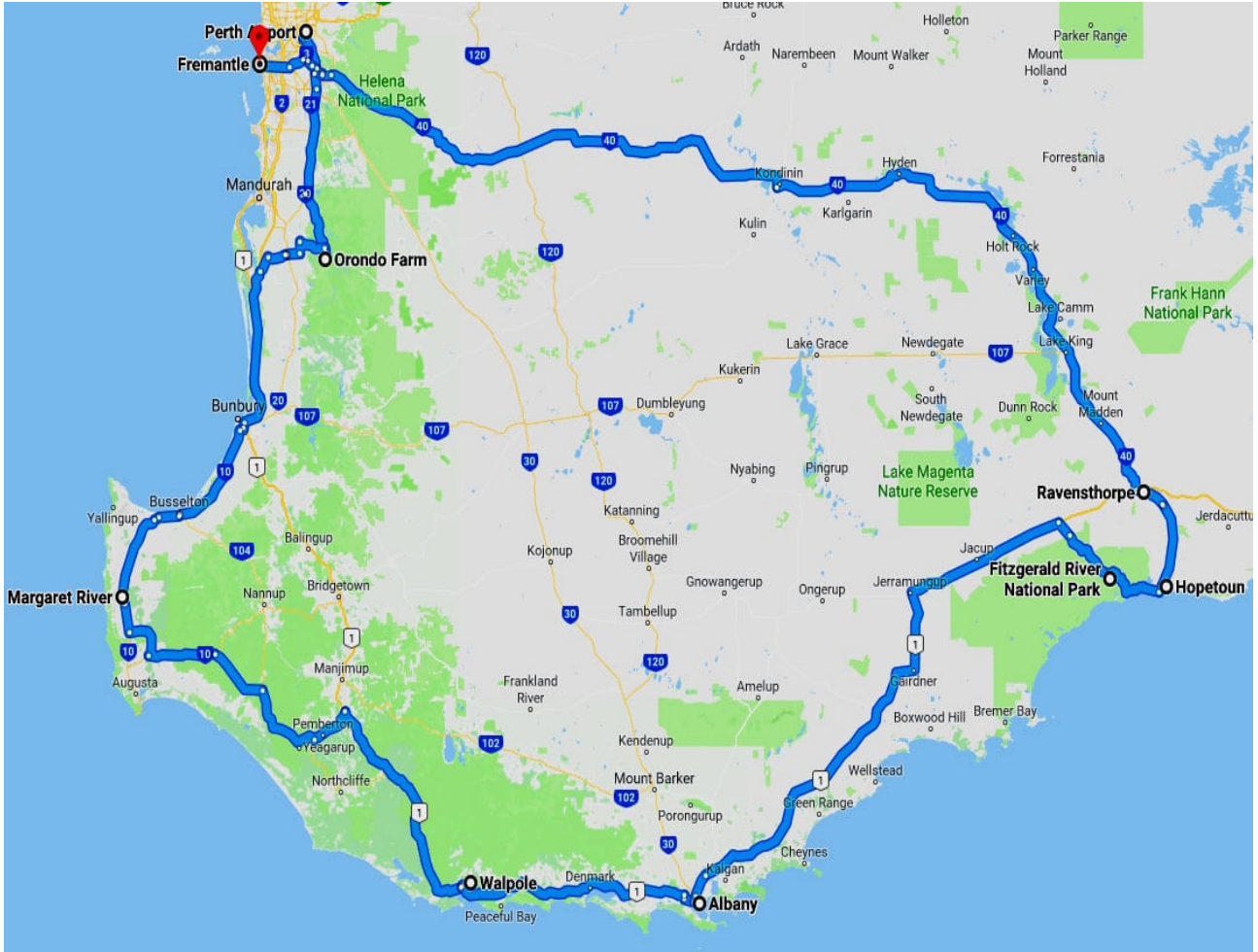
- Perth (1 night): Ingot Hotel – located close to Perth Airport, provides a complimentary airport shuttle service, and within walking distance to the Grove Farm Reserve and the Swan River. [www.ingothotel.com.au](http://www.ingothotel.com.au)
- Margaret River (2 nights): Margaret River Hotel – combination 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 \$TBA Land Content Only - Early-Bird Special: book before 30 September 2020

AUD \$TBA Land Content Only

AUD \$TBA Single Supplement

For competitive Economy, Business or First Class 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=dinner
- 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 hotels and motels offer this service)
- Lecture and site visit program
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Use of audio headsets during the site visits
- 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 13-day Natural Landscapes & Garden Tour of Western Australia involves:

- Most days involve walking on uneven terrain, and includes guided walks through the Porongurup National Park, Fitzgerald River National Park, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve 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)
- 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

Making a Tentative Reservation before the tour price has been published

### ASA INTENTION TO TRAVEL APPLICATION FORM

Some ASA tours fill almost immediately. Don't miss out! You can register your 'Intention to Travel' by completing this application and returning this to ASA with a AUD \$100.00 per person deposit. Once the tour price has been published, the itinerary and ASA Reservation Application Form will be sent to you. From the time you receive the itinerary you will have two weeks to either:

- Send us a completed ASA Reservation Application Form together with an additional deposit of AUD \$400.00 per person. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation. At this time your deposit of AUD \$500.00 is subject to the tour's Booking Conditions.

Or

- CANCEL your Intention to Travel in writing. ASA will refund your AUD \$100.00 per person deposit, less a \$33.00 service fee (including GST).

### 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. ASA's ability to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs, your health and safety and the health and safety of other tour members, is of paramount importance to us. For this reason the ASA Reservation Application includes a Medical Information section. As a general guideline, you must be able to accomplish each of these activities without assistance or support:

- walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions
- walk confidently on and over uneven surfaces
- climb at least 3 flights of stairs
- embark and disembark from ferries, buses and trains



- walk up and down steep slopes
- walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15-20 minutes
- organise, manage and carry your own luggage
- follow and remember tour instructions
- meet punctually at designated times and places
- administer your own medication

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# Intention to Travel Application

TOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TOUR DATES \_\_\_\_\_

## Booking before the tour price is available

Some ASA tours fill almost immediately. Don't miss out! You can register your 'Intention to Travel' by completing this application and returning this to ASA with a AUD\$100.00 per person deposit. Once the tour price has been published, the itinerary and ASA Reservation Application Form will be sent to you. From the time you receive the itinerary you will have two weeks to either:

- Send us a completed ASA Reservation Application Form together with an additional deposit of AUD\$400.00 per person. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation. At this time your deposit of \$500.00 AUD is subject to the tour's Booking Conditions.

### OR

- Cancel your Intention to Travel in writing. ASA will refund your AUD\$100.00 per person deposit, less a \$33.00 service fee (including GST).

## 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

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

ASA's ability to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs, your health and safety and the health and safety of other tour members, is of paramount importance to us. For this reason the ASA Reservation Application includes a Medical Information section.

As a general guideline, you must be able to accomplish each of these activities *without assistance or support*:-

- walk & stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions
- walk confidently on and over uneven surfaces
- climb at least 3 flights of stairs
- embark and disembark from ferries, buses and trains
- walk up and down steep slopes
- walk at a steady pace and no less than 1 km every 15 - 20 minutes
- organise, manage and carry your own luggage
- follow and remember tour instructions
- meet punctually at designated times and places
- administer your own medication.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payment by (please indicate):  Cheque  Direct Debit (see below)  Credit Card (see below)

## 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  
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Email  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Signature  
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