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Western Australia: Wildflowers, Wineries and Private Gardens of the South West 2025

4 SEP – 16 SEP 2025

Code: 22526AU

Tour Leaders: Sabrina Hahn, Craig Lidgerwood

Fitness Level

Level 2 - Intermediate

For people with energetic lifestyles and very good mobility

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

Overview

- Sabrina Hahn leads this diverse tour visiting WA's best wineries, gardens and natural landscapes during the state's famed wildflower season. Sabrina will be assisted by botanical artist Craig Lidgerwood.
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Kings Park International Park Breeding Program hosted by Senior Plant Breeder, Digby Growns.
- Visit Albany, the Porongurup National Park and Fitzgerald River National Park; 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.
- Attend the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and visit the herbarium which holds over 3000 botanical specimens.
- In the Margaret River region visit Bill Mitchell's award-winning garden.
- Enjoy a 3-course wine-paired lunch at Leeuwin Estate's award-wining restaurant and visit its art gallery and gardens.
- Journey by 4WD to view the giant karri forests in Warren National Park and the Yeagarup Dunes to view 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.
- Enjoy a riverboat cruise of Oyster Harbour and the Kalgan River: learn about Aboriginal history, the exploration by early seafarers and settlers, and the diversity of flora and fauna.
- View the natural geological features of Torndirrup National Park; we walk to the lookouts at both The Gap and Natural Bridge.
- Explore Cypress Farm, the home of Professor Kingsley Dixon - Foundation Director of Science at Kings Park and Botanic Garden.
- Visit the private garden of John Banasiewicz who is the president of the Western Australian Fern Society. His garden is a magnificent demonstration of his passion for plant collection.

Overnight Fremantle (2 nights) • Gnarabup Beach (2 nights) • Walpole (1 night) • Albany (3 nights) • Bremer Bay (2 nights) • Katanning (1 night) • Fremantle (1 night)

Testimonials

The Wildflowers, Wineries and Private Gardens of the South West provided a comprehensive insight into the natural wonders of the south west, with tour leaders full of energy and keen to showcase the best of the south west. Elaine, VIC

Our group... came to the tour with a wide range of botanical knowledge but with a shared appreciation of the natural environment and enthusiasm for experiencing new vistas and insights. A rewarding and memorable experience. Peter & Felicity, VIC

Introduction

Kwongkan is the Noongar Aboriginal word for the geographical floristic region of the south-west of Western Australia. It covers the coastal and inland sand plains 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 and 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 sand plains rich in diversity and the ancient granite domes of the Porongurup Range to some of the most prestigious wine areas of Margaret River.

Leaders

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 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.

Craig Lidgerwood

Accomplished Botanical artist who exhibits widely, Craig leads garden tours with Stephen Ryan, whose 'Dicksonia Rare Plants Manual' he illustrated and also with horticulturalist, Sabrina Hahn. Craig joined ASA in 2009 and co-leads tours to France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Madagascar, New Zealand & Western Australia.

Craig's working life began in the arts but moved to the travel industry 24 years ago. He has since travelled extensively recording, photographing and drawing plants in their natural habitat.

In the late 1980s Craig studied drawing and watercolour at the Council of Adult Education, Melbourne, and art classes in the Macedon Ranges. From 2006 to 2011 Craig attended botanic art classes with renowned

artist Anita Barley and attended various botanic art workshops through the Mt Macedon Horticultural Society with established botanic artists. In 2008 he illustrated Stephen Ryan's book, the *Dicksonia Rare Plants Manual* and in 2010 Craig and his artwork were featured on ABC television's Sunday arts program, *Art Nation*.

Exhibitions include *The Art of Botanical Illustration 2010 & 2012*, Melbourne Botanic Gardens, *Botanica 2012 & 2013*, Sydney Botanic Gardens, *Capturing Flora: 300 years of Australian botanical art*, a major retrospective at the Ballarat Art Gallery (2012), and also in 2012 Craig's first solo exhibition, *An Inquisitive Eye: the Botanical Art of Craig Lidgerwood* was held at the Sofitel Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne.

Craig's passion for travel has seen him visit parts of Eastern Europe, South America, South and Eastern Africa, Madagascar, India, North Western USA, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Craig is an adventurous traveller, trekking in Eastern Nepal, Kilimanjaro, the Andes and the Inca Trail, Darjeeling and Sikkim. Craig has also spent three months walking in southwest France, the French Pyrénées and Corsica.

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 & dinners indicated in the detailed itinerary: B=breakfast, L=lunch and D=dinner.

Fremantle - 2 nights

Day 1: Thursday 4 September, Arrive Fremantle

- Welcome Meeting and Drinks at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges

Meeting Point: Please meet in the foyer of the hotel at 6pm. Our tour begins at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges. The official check-in time for the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges is 2 pm. Tonight we meet at 6pm for welcome drinks at the hotel. (Overnight Fremantle)

Day 2: Friday 5 September, Fremantle – Perth – Fremantle

- Exclusive tour of Kings Park breeding program of Australian native plants hosted by Digby Growns
- Kings Park Botanical Garden tour showcasing native Spring wildflowers
- Orientation walk of Fremantle
- Welcome 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 Growns, Senior Plant Breeder at Kings Park International Park Breeding Program, giving us a rare behind-the-scenes tour 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 view 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.

Our afternoon orientation walk takes us past the Fremantle Prison, built as 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 our walk on the 'Cappucino Strip' with its mix of cafes, restaurants and pubs for which Fremantle is now famous.

Tonight we enjoy our welcome meal at a local restaurant. (Overnight Fremantle) BD

Gnarabup Beach - 2 nights

Day 3: Saturday 6 September, Perth – Dwellingup – Gnarabup Beach

- Orondo Farm, Dwellingup: Guided tour of the private gardens & morning tea

This morning we travel 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 a guided tour and morning tea.

In the afternoon we continue our drive south to Margarets Beach Resort which is located 10km from the town of Margaret River on WA's spectacular South West Coast. (Overnight Gnarabup Beach) B

Day 4: Sunday 7 September, Gnarabup Beach – Yallingup – Margaret River – Gnarabup Beach

- Bill Mitchell's award-winning garden, Yallingup
- Leeuwin 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 with heathland flora, Bill was driven 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 enjoy a 3-course lunch at Leeuwin Estate showcasing the best local and South West produce complemented with matching wines. Leeuwin Estate is also famous for its gardens and its art collection of paintings and artworks including works by John Olsen, Arthur Boyd, Sir Sidney Nolan, Lloyd Rees, Albert Tucker and Fred Williams. (Overnight Gnarabup Beach) BL

Walpole - 1 night

Day 5: Monday 8 September, Gnarabup Beach – Pemberton – Walpole

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

This morning we journey south to the tingle forests of 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 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 6: Tuesday 9 September, Walpole – Valley of Giants – Albany

- The Horsetail Walk, Visitors Centre Walpole-Nornalup
- Cruise with a local expert to explore the biodiversity of the Walpole Wilderness
- Valley of the Giants: Tree Top Walk & the Ancient Empire Walk

Following a short flora walk in the vicinity of the Walpole-Nornalup Visitors Centre, 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 Albany Motel and Apartments, our home for three nights. (Overnight Albany) B

Day 7: Wednesday 10 September, Albany Area

- Porongurup National Park
- Windfarm Walk, Albany
- Torndirrup National Park: The Gap & Natural Bridge Lookouts

This morning we explore the wildflowers and natural landscape of 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.

In the afternoon we return to Albany. In Sandpatch, we walk along the wind farm trail. We experience breathtaking coastal views, spectacular carpets of wildflower heathlands and the majestic site of the Albany wind farm.

We end the day with a visit to Torndirrup National Park, known for its rugged coastlines which feature coastal heaths, granite outcrops, sheer cliffs and steep sandy slopes and dunes. Here we follow a raised pathway across the top of the exposed granite ramparts to the lookouts at The Gap and Natural Bridge, both providing outstanding views of the Southern Ocean and the coast from Bald Head to West Cape Howe. (Overnight Albany) BL

Day 8: Thursday 11 September, Albany Area

- Kalgan Riverboat Cruise
- Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve

This morning we enjoy a four-hour riverboat cruise of Oyster Harbour and the Kalgan River. During our cruise we learn about Aboriginal history and Dreamtime stories, exploration by early seafarers and settlers, and the diversity of local flora and fauna which includes pelicans, dolphins, sea eagles and fur seals. Around 7km up the Kalgan River we may disembark for a pleasant walk along the short riverside trail to view wildflowers and old Aboriginal fish traps. Morning refreshments including homemade damper will be provided.

This afternoon 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. (Overnight Albany) BL

Bremer Bay - 2 nights

Day 9: Friday 12 September, Albany – Fitzgerald River National Park – Bremer Bay

- Fitzgerald River National Park: a Biodiversity Hotspot

The Fitzgerald River National Park is the largest and most botanically significant national park in Australia, featuring more than 1,800 species of plants, 75 of which 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 Bremer Bay, our home for the next two nights. (Overnight Bremer Bay) BLD

Day 10: Saturday 13 September, Bremer Bay – Ravensthorpe – Bremer Bay

- East Mount Barren, Fitzgerald River National Park: Guided walk with Nathan McQuoid, specialised ecologist
- Wildflower Show, Ravensthorpe
- Dunns Swamp Road, Hopetoun: Guided walk

This morning we drive to East Mount Barren to see the endemic and often spectacular wildflower species. We will have a guided walk with ecologist Nathan McQuoid through eucalyptus woodlands and wildflower country.

The afternoon we visit the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show where Sabrina will take us around and explain different plant groups and how they evolved. There are over 1000 different species of plants collected from two national parks and over 3000 species in their world class herbarium.

We also stop along Dunns Swamp Road that has a collection of unusual and endangered eucalypts that should be in flower. (Overnight Bremer Bay) BLD

Katanning - 1 night

Day 11: Sunday 14 September, Bremer Bay – Jerramungup – Badgebup – Katanning

- Orchids of Jerramungup Sports Ground
- Long Table Lunch at Badgebup
- David & Sue Thompson's Moojepin Farm, Katanning

This morning we travel to the town of Jerramungup, located in the Great Southern agricultural region, 454km southeast of Perth. Here we hope to view several species of orchids including *Caladenia pulchra* (Slender spider orchid) and *Caladenia radialis* (Drooping spider orchid) which are endemic to the south-west region of Western Australia.

From Jerramungup we continue 134km west to Badgebup, a 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.

This afternoon we meet with David and Sue Thompson at their mixed cropping and sheep farm near Katanning. In addition to selling mutton, they have established 'Moojepin Bushfoods', selling saltbush, samphire, ice plant, pig face and beach banana. We tour the farm's plantations and greenhouses before continuing to Katanning for the night. (Overnight Katanning) BL

Fremantle - 2 nights

Day 12: Monday 15 September, Katanning – Waroona – Fremantle

- Cypress Farm, Waroona incl. buffet lunch
- Farewell Dinner at Bathers Beach House Restaurant

Today we visit Cypress Farm, the property of Professor Kingsley Dixon and Lionel Johnston. This garden is a 'work in progress' having suffered damages from the 2024 bushfire, 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.

In the late afternoon we arrive at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, our home for the last night. Tonight we enjoy our farewell dinner at Bathers Beach House, a seafood restaurant located on the beachfront. (Overnight Fremantle) BLD

Day 13: Tuesday 16 September, Fremantle – Jandakot – Perth Airport

- Private garden of John Banasiewicz, Jandakot
- Transfer to Perth Airport arriving at 12.30pm

This morning we travel to Jandakot to visit the private garden of John Banasiewicz. John is the president of the Western Australian Fern Society and his garden is a magnificent demonstration of his passions for plant collecting. Paths weave around the garden, densely planted with the understory filled with a wide collection of ferns, palms, thousands of bromeliads, cycads, cordylines and heliconias, creating the effect of a tropical and lush haven. Pockets of bamboo, ponds containing water lilies, many cactus plants and a fascinating display of Bonsai trees add to the many facets of this beautiful garden. Overall the garden is designed in shades of green with splashes of colour from bromeliads and some unusual anthuriums. There are several shade houses containing his collection of tassel ferns and elkhorns. There is also a productive vegetable patch, and fruit and nut trees, all contained in acres of natural bush, with the drive way showing off many cultivated and tended native plants.

From Jandakot we transfer to the Perth Airport where our tour officially ends at approximately 12.30pm. B

Accommodation

All hotels/motels provide rooms with private facilities. A hotel list will be given to all participants prior to departure, in the meantime a summary is given below:

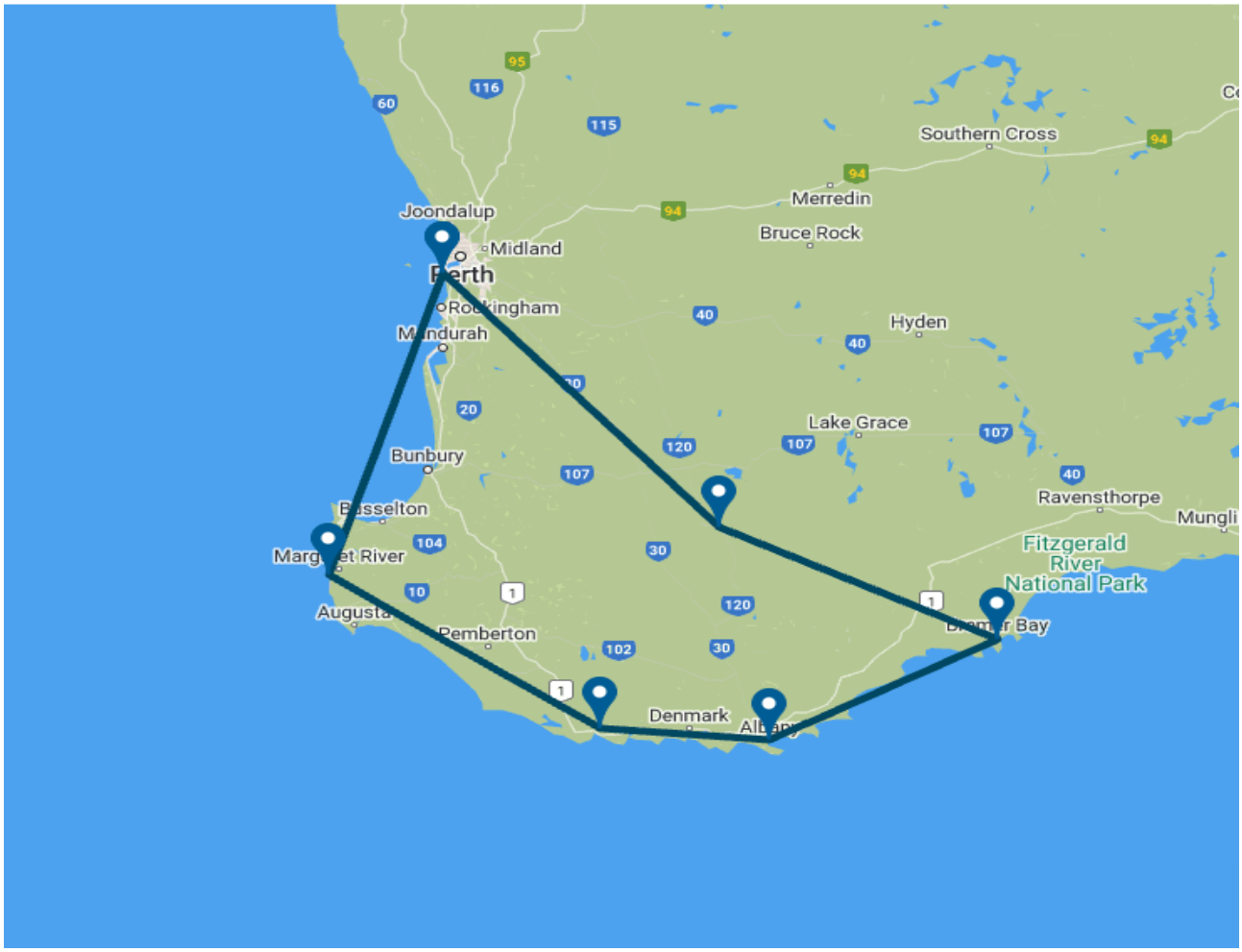
- Fremantle (2 nights): 4-star Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges – located in the heart of Fremantle overlooking the parklands and harbour.
- Gnarabup Beach (2 nights): 4-star Margarets Beach Resort – located 10km from Margaret River, on WA's spectacular South West Coast, and just 500m from pristine Gnarabup Beach.
- Walpole (1 night): Tree Top Walk Motel – located in the centre of Walpole, 17kms from the famous Valley of the Giants.
- Albany (3 nights): Albany Motel & Apartments – centrally located in the harbour town of Albany, close to cafés, restaurants, shops and foreshore.
- Bremer Bay (2 nights): Bremer Bay Resort – located in the heart of town, a short walking distance from restaurants and cafés. Accommodation is provided in motel rooms.
- Katanning (1 night): Premier Mill Hotel – housed in a beautifully restored, iconic former flour mill.
- Fremantle (1 night): 4-star Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges – located in the heart of Fremantle overlooking the parklands and harbour.

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/twin room for single occupancy throughout the tour. 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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Fitzgerald River National Park
Pemberton
Denmark

Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD $8890.00 Land Content Only – Early-Bird Special: Book before 30 September 2024

AUD $9090.00 Land Content Only

AUD $1090.00 Single Supplement

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Accommodation in twin-share rooms with private facilities in a combination of hotels and basic motels.
- 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 6, and Kalgan Riverboat Cruise Day 8
- 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 the motels
- Personal spending money
- Arrival airport transfer
- Luggage in excess of 20 kg (44 lbs)
- Travel insurance

Fitness Criteria & Practical Information

Fitness Level

Level 2 - Intermediate

For people with energetic lifestyles and very good mobility

You must be able to:

- manage at least five to six hours of physical activity per day with ease.
- walk at a regular to moderate pace over rocky or uneven terrain; some stretches may include steeper slopes. The program includes several guided walks through Western Australia's national parks.
- climb a few flights of stairs without duress.
- cope with extensive coach travel. The daily schedule generally involves an early-morning departure between 8.00-8.30am, concluding in the late afternoon between 5.00-5.30pm.
- manage your own luggage at most hotels.

For a complete list of fitness requirements for this tour see www.asatours.com.au/fitness-level/

Fitness Levels
Please also view the fitness criteria required for our tours, graded from Level 1 to Level 3, at www.asatours.com.au/fitness-level/

All ASA tours are active programs suitable for people with a good level of mental and physical fitness and good mobility. They are not suitable for people who lack stamina, have difficulty walking at the group's pace or who have mobility issues. An unavoidable aspect of every tour is the need to manage walking, stair-climbing and standing for long periods of time.

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. Before enrolling on an ASA tour please read the fitness requirements carefully.

Booking Conditions

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.

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 ☐

Covid Certificate

It is a condition of travel that all ASA travellers are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Participants must send ASA a copy of their vaccination certificate at the time of submitting their Reservation Application Form.

☐ A copy of my current Covid certificate is enclosed.

Travel Plans

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

Please contact ASA if you require any assistance with pre- or post-tour accommodation.

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

Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information

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

☐ fish ☐ poultry ☐ red meat ☐ dairy products

☐ eggs ☐ pork ☐ nuts

☐ Other _____

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 _____

Medical Information

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. **You must also be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.** 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?	◯	◯
2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces?	◯	◯
3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted?	◯	◯
4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted?	◯	◯
5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage?	◯	◯
6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places?	◯	◯
7. Can you administer your own medication?	◯	◯
8. You do NOT have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour?	◯	◯

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.

	YES	NO
1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program?	◯	◯

If yes, please specify

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If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

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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.

	YES	NO
1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances?	◯	◯

If yes, please specify

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2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything?	◯	◯

If yes, please specify

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Do you carry an epipen?	◯	◯
3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs?	◯	◯

If yes, please specify

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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.

	YES	NO
1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour?	◯	◯

If yes, please specify

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If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

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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, Liability and Booking Conditions

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 the inherent dangers, risks and uncertainties in travel and those beyond ASA's control and understand they may occur before or 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 only for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services associated with 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 booking, preparing for, travelling to, on and from or cancelling any tour.

I release and indemnify ASA with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of preparing for, 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 preparing for, 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; and
   d. any event or happening beyond ASA's control
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of any tour, part of a tour or of my continued participation on a tour for any reason (subject to ASA's refund conditions below).

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, services, terms and conditions. If a service provider cancels or does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, and does not give a refund, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

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

ASA's liability in respect of any tour cancelled or changed will be limited to the partial refund of amounts you have paid, less an administration fee of $500 and other costs and charges of third party service providers. No compensation will be payable to you by ASA where ASA cancels or changes a tour, or any part of a tour.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate and in the best interests of health, safety and wellbeing of tour participants. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

Booking Conditions

DEPOSITS

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

CANCELLATION FEES

If you cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 75 days before departure: your initial deposit of $500.00 is non-refundable.**

75-31 days prior 50% of total amount due

30-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

**$250.00 of this amount (ie 50% of your deposit) 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 or services 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. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to 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

ASA CULTURAL TOURS

Payment Form

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

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Date Money Transferred _____

Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard, Visa & 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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