

GTC GREENHILLS TRAVEL CENTRE

WILDFLOWERS, PERTH & INDIAN PACIFIC



20-day small group tour fully escorted from Maitland

Includes Return economy flights from Newcastle • Accommodation • Many meals • Private tour director • Transportation • *Indian Pacific* Gold Service • Entrance fees & gratuities • Sightseeing as per itinerary • Airport transfers

Departs 15 November 2019

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ITINERARY

Day 1 Newcastle - Perth

Transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Newcastle airport. Fly Newcastle to Perth and transfer to our hotel. (Dinner inflight)

Day 2 Wildflowers Coach Tour

Along the Indian Ocean Drive to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park; enjoy morning tea as you wander this interesting landscape. Lunch in Jurien Bay, a major base for the WA fishing industry. In the afternoon we meander through Lesueur National Park; the second most diverse flora region in WA, then onto Port Denison and Dongara. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 3 Wildflowers Coach Tour

After a visit to Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial we continue on the North West Coastal Highway to Binu with a bush morning tea amongst the flowers then via the Ajana Road to Hawkes Head and Ross Graeme lookout in Kalbarri National Park. In the afternoon a visit to Bluff Point then via the coastal road to Northampton and later return to Dongara. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 4 Wildflowers Coach Tour

East to Mingenew and the Coalseam Conservation Park where the Gregory brothers discovered coal exposed within the sedimentary layers of the banks of the Irwin River in 1846, now in good years it's renowned for its native pink and white Everlastings. Through the wheat, canola and wildflowers to Dalwallinu on the Great Northern Highway (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 5 Wildflowers Coach Tour

We travel north along the Great Northern Highway into the Station and Goldfields country. From here the tour moves on to one of the most interesting features in the Goldfields, Jokers Tunnel, a mining drive through a hill you are able to walk through. On to Yalgoo, a classic outback gold mining town. In the afternoon it is on to the Wheatbelt towns of Morawa and Perenjori and return to Dalwallinu. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 6 Wildflowers Coach Tour

South to Wongan Hills and out through the wildflowers to cross the Great Eastern Highway. We take a walk in a number of nature reserves with our botanical guide before we come cross The Boot Mile, an interactive tourist display unlike any other before reaching Hyden. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 7 Wildflowers Coach Tour

We spend the day exploring the interesting features of the region, Wave Rock, Hippos Yawn, The Lace Place, Toy Soldier Display, Wildlife Park, Lazy D Farm and Mulkas Cave. During the day we hope to find Orchids, Verticordia, Cassia, Grevillea, Damperia and others, before returning to Hyden. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 8 Wildflowers Coach Tour

Travelling via the Tin Horse Highway to Kulin, Eucalyptus Macrocarpa is the flora emblem of the Shire of Kulin, we take a walk along the Macrocarpa Walk Trail. To Lake Grace for lunch then back to the road, where we're on the lookout for Sundews, Hakea, Leptospermum, Chamelaucium, Synaphea and Acacia on the way to Albany. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 9 Wildflowers Coach Tour

The area of Australia which produces the widest variety of wildflowers, the great gem of the Great Southern is the Stirling Ranges. Enjoy bush walks with our botanical guide explaining and pointing out the vast array of flowers. Later we visit Mt Barker and an island of Karri, the Porongorups for another floral exploration. Return to Albany. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 10 Wildflowers Coach Tour

On to the majestic Tinglewood Trees and the Valley of the Giants treetop walk then via Denmark and Walpole to the Karri Forests of Manjimup. After lunch we enjoy a delightful drive in the forest to Nannup, an interesting quirky town on the banks of the Blackwood River. Arriving at Abbey Beach Resort in Geographe Bay. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 11 Wildflowers Coach Tour

Exploring the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and its diverse flora and fauna; from the coastal shrubs to the majestic Karri Trees. We also visit Margaret River and stop off for a wine tasting before returning to Busselton. (Breakfast & dinner included)



Pinnacles, Nambung National Park



Lesueur National Park



Kalbarri National Park



Mt Barker



Karri Forest, Manjimup

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Day 12 Wildflowers Coach Tour

A morning visit to the Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory, which stretches 1.8km out to sea. After lunch in town we finish off the tour on the Swan Coastal Plain with its sandy alluvial soils supporting a whole new variety of flora and fauna. Tour ends in Perth (Breakfast included)

Day 13 Perth

Take in the must-see sights of Perth and Fremantle with visits to Kings Park Botanic Garden and Cottesloe Beach, passing through some of Perth's most sought-after suburbs. Relax on a cruise along the Swan River passing the Royal Perth Yacht Club and the University of WA. (Breakfast included)

Day 14 Perth - Rottnest Island

Cruise along the Swan River to Fremantle before heading to Rottnest Island. Located 19 Kilometres off the mainland, the car-free island is an A class nature reserve and home to spectacular white sandy beaches, secluded bays, unique wildlife, shipwrecks, and a fascinating and colourful history. Enjoy a comprehensive coach tour and a full circumnavigation of the island with expert driver commentary. You're sure to encounter a Quokka! (Breakfast included)

Day 15 Perth

Free day in Perth. Tonight enjoy a Swan River cruise. (Breakfast & dinner included)

Day 16 Perth

Free day in Perth. (Breakfast included)

Day 17 Perth - Kalgoorlie. Indian Pacific

The comfort of your *Indian Pacific* cabin awaits, as does your first onboard dining experience in the elegantly-appointed restaurant car.

The afternoon is yours to relax, socialise and get acquainted with the novelty of rail travel. Lunch in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant awaits with culinary wonders prepared onboard by our talented chefs. Watch the ever-changing view transform before your eyes and get ready for your first off train excursion in the wild west town of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Day 18 Indian Pacific

Upon waking, set your sights on the vast horizon beyond the window - you have arrived on the edges of the sweeping Nullarbor Plain. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and step off the train for a short stop in Cook. Once a bustling railway community, now effectively a ghost town, Cook gives new meaning to the expression 'middle of nowhere'. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

Day 19 Indian Pacific

Arriving in Adelaide, prepare yourself for an entertaining stop in a beautifully-designed city renowned for international arts festivals, pop-up bars, and laneway restaurants. Feast upon the sights, scents and tastes of the extraordinary Adelaide Central Market - a mecca for locally-grown produce, multicultural treats and unexpected gourmet delights. Alternatively, board a coach for a highlights tour of Adelaide; visiting Adelaide Oval, Haighs Chocolate Factory and the Adelaide Hills for an unrivalled panorama from Mt Lofty Lookout before heading back to the train.

Over lunch, watch as pastures dissolve into tough mallee scrub on approach to Broken Hill. Known as the Silver City, Broken Hill is one of Australia's legendary Outback bases defined by its wide streets, country pubs and ties with the Royal Flying Doctors Service and School of the Air. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

Day 20 Indian Pacific

Wake up and enjoy breakfast as you wind your way into the heart of the magnificent Blue Mountains. Arriving at Mount Victoria station, you have the option to disembark and explore the world-heritage listed national park.

Your first stop is Scenic World, offering a range of experiences for nature lovers, bushwalkers and thrill-seekers. Strap yourself in for an adrenalin-fuelling ride on the steepest-incline railway in the world before journeying back to the top of the mountain in a cable car. Take in the panoramic views of the Three Sisters from within the Skyway and immerse yourself in the scenic Jamison Valley. From Katoomba, board a privately chartered train and be whisked away to Sydney Central Station where your journey comes to an end. Transfer back to Maitland. (Breakfast included)



Busselton Jetty



Rottnest Island



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Indian Pacific



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