



MID WEST WA AND WILDFLOWERS

Monday 30th August to Sunday 5th September, 2010

This 6 day small group tour travels in a luxury 24 seat coach and commences with guided touring of Perth and King's Park during Wildflower Festival. Then we make a grand circuit of the Coral Coast of Western Australia travelling as far north as Kalbarri 480kms north of Perth. We will see the spectacle of sweeping panoramas of wildflowers, the mysterious Pinnacles at Nambung National Park, the rugged grandeur of the Murchison River Gorge at Kalbarri and New Norcia - Australia's only monastic town. In addition to wildflower viewing our driver/guide will provide an informative commentary on the towns and regions which we visit. The tariff includes all meals, morning teas, accommodation and guided touring.



Day 1 Monday 30th August arrive Perth

You will have a courtesy transfer from Perth Airport to the Intercity Motel which will be your accommodation during your stay in Perth. A three course dinner is included and is served in the motel dining room.

Day 2 Tuesday 31st August Perth

After breakfast you will be met by your coach captain for the commencement of today's coach tour of Perth. At the East Perth Rail Terminal your fellow travellers from the Indian Pacific will join the coach. We tour one of the world's most isolated cities – Perth established in 1829, is gloriously situated on the banks of the Swan River. The tour highlights include a visit to the port city of Fremantle and the famed Kings Park where we will have a guided walk. The Park is a magnificent 400 hectare reserve which overlooks central Perth and hosts the annual Wildflower Festival.

Overnight: Perth



Kings Park and city of Perth



Kangaroo Paw

Day 3 Wednesday 1st September Perth to Dongara

Today we leave Perth travelling via the town of Muchea and the Bindoon region known for its wildflowers on our way to New Norcia, Australia's only Monastery town and famous for its Spanish architecture. The art gallery and museum at New Norcia will be highlights of our private guided tour. Then we continue through more wildflower areas to the town of Moora for lunch. Afternoon travel via the towns of Carnamah and Mingenew to the coastal town of Dongara first surveyed in 1852, it was originally established to service the needs of the surrounding community of pioneer settlers. Today, both Dongara and Port Denison are well known for their crayfishing, fishing and wildflowers.

Overnight: Dongara

New Norcia



Benedictines founded New Norcia in 1846. The original vision was to create a largely self-sufficient village based on agriculture. However, after the decimation of the local population by introduced diseases in the 1860's, the main activity was on giving a practical education to the indigenous children who were brought to New Norcia from all over Western Australia.

Day 4

Thursday 2nd September

Dongara to Kalbarri

After breakfast we depart Dongara towards Geraldton, passing through the Chapman Valley and the historic town of Greenough. We arrive at Geraldton in time for morning tea then visit the HMAS Sydney Memorial followed by a town tour which includes the striking St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral. Lunch will be at Northhampton – one of the oldest settlements outside Perth and classified by the National Trust as an Historic Town. We travel north to Kalbarri and the Murchison River via the coastal road and Horrocks. At Lynton we will see the convict ruins. As we head towards the Kalbarri National Park we will pass the new wind farms that generate electricity for the region. We will stop and view many wonderful wildflower locations along the way. As we approach Kalbarri we will visit Bluff Point and Red Bluff for the majestic views of the Indian Ocean.

Overnight: Kalbarri



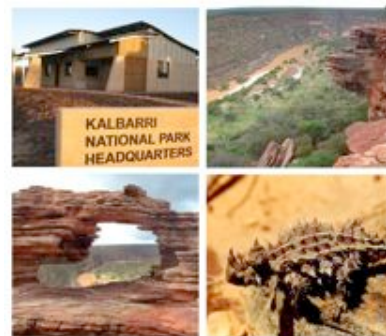
HMAS Sydney Memorial. Situated on Mount Scott, and overlooking Geraldton, this unusual and impressive memorial commemorates the deaths of the crew of the HMAS Sydney in 1941

Day 5**Friday 3rd September****Kalbarri to Geraldton**

This morning we visit the Kalbarri National Park which surrounds the town of Kalbarri. You will see the tremendous gorges of the Murchison River and abundant wildflowers. We will visit the stunning lookouts at Nature's Window, a natural rock formation high above the magnificent gorge and the famous Z Bend lookout.

Then we travel to Geraldton - the commercial centre of the Mid West exporting iron ore, mineral sands, grains and lobster. Today we will discover the Geraldton region seeing wildflowers famous to the area, learning of the history of this region and the architecture and significance of the city's buildings.

Kalbarri National Park occupies an area of 183,000 hectares and contains an area of rugged terrain and the Murchison Gorge. We will have the opportunity of 2 short walks to lookouts along the river gorge. At Z-Bend a 500m walk brings you to a breathtaking point where the gorge plunges 150 metres to the river below. Nature's Window is reached by 400m walk. This natural rock arch superbly frames the upstream view of the switchback course of the Murchison River.



Overnight: Geraldton

Day 6**Saturday 4th September****Geraldton to Perth**

Today we travel south via the coastal route discovering more wildflower sites enroute to Cervantes - a small fishing town and gateway to the extraordinary Nambung National Park. After lunch in Cervantes we visit the Pinnacles – hundreds of limestone pillars in the yellow sand desert of Nambung National Park. These extraordinary limestone formations vary in size and shape from the very small to 3.5m high. These unusually shaped rocks have been likened to tombstones, termite mounds and were thought to be a ruined city by some of the early passing mariners. We will have ample opportunity to walk and drive amongst the Pinnacles.

Leaving the Pinnacles we can enjoy our last wildflower scenes as we travel south to Perth where we arrive in the late afternoon.

Overnight: Perth



The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park

Day 7 Sunday 5th September Perth

Breakfast at your leisure. Tour concludes after breakfast.

Insights Tours is pleased to be able to offer an extension 4 day tour to see the wildflowers in the south west of Western Australia. Twin share tariff is \$1550

This tour will be conducted by the operators of our city tour and northern tour and is exclusive to Insights Tours. For further details or a brochure please contact Paul at our office.

General Information and conditions of booking

The cost of this tour is \$1760 per person

The cost includes:

1. all transportation as shown in the itinerary
2. accommodation on a twin share basis
3. all sightseeing excursions
4. all entrance fees
5. all meals
6. all taxes
7. guided touring as specified in the itinerary
8. services of Insights Tours escort from mid morning on Day 2 until end of tour

The additional costs are: any arrangements after breakfast on Day 7, drinks, and items of a personal nature.

Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit per person

Balance of \$1260 to be remitted by Monday 28th June, 2010.

To make a booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return to Insights Tours with your deposit.

Cancellations policy**For cancellations prior to or on Friday 28th May, 2010**

Refund of deposit amount less a \$250 cancellation fee.

For cancellations after Friday 28th May and before Monday 28th June, 2010

Cancellations attract a cancellation fee of 100% of the deposit amount. That is, there is no refund.

For cancellations on or after Monday 28th June, 2010

Cancellations attract a fee of 100% of the total tariff. That is, there is no refund.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover medical expenses and cancellation penalties. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance.

Accommodation

All accommodation is at 3 or 4 star motels during the northern wildflower tour and in Perth. All motel accommodation is air conditioned and has ensuite amenities. The cost of the tour is based on twin share accommodation. Single accommodation is available for a supplement of \$355.

Insights Tours

Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides so that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Passenger numbers are limited to ensure a comfortable travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit.

Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are being taken care of. There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above.

Coach touring

Insights Tours has chartered a luxury modern air conditioned 24 seat coach. Our coach captain will provide commentary during the tour and Insights Tours has arranged specialist guides for our visits to New Norcia and King's Park.

Luggage

We recommend you limit your luggage to one suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person.

Pre and post tour arrangements

Insights Tours can assist you in making your arrangements, We are official agents for Great Southern Railway – the operators of the Indian Pacific, The Ghan and The Overland.

Enquiries

If you would like further details or clarification of any matter, please contact Paul at Insights Tours: Tel: 0242 67 2535 or 0242 67 5530 E: paul@insightstours.com.au

BOOKING FORM

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Any special requirements or requests:.....

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Room type: please circle your choice: Twin Double Single

Payment

Cheque enclosed. (please make cheques payable to Insights Tours)

OR

Electronic / bank transfer. Our account details are:

- Name of account: Insights Tours client travel account
- BSB: 062 607
- Account number: 1013 1313

I / we acknowledge the general information and conditions of booking

Signature/s: