



SOUTH COAST ECO-SAFARI!

November 11 – 19, 2020

9 Days/8 Nights - self-catering, lots of fun activities!



To celebrate the end of lockdown, we're heading to the fabulous South Coast on an exciting eco-safari & we hope you'll 'tag-along' with us! Join us as we explore the wild pristine beaches, breathe the salt air, check out the flora & fauna, socialize with like-minded travelers & show our support for the regions! We can't wait to get back to this stunning part of the world & we'd love to have your company!

Over nine wonderful days, our small convoy led by WA's best tour guide, Jeremy Perks, & his partner Jan Barrie, will visit some of the southern coastline's most spectacular spots. You don't need a 4WD to participate, but if you do have one there will be opportunities for an optional bit of four-wheel sand driving if you're keen (or jump in a spare seat)! There will also be a few dirt roads to traverse.

Our itinerary will take us from Esperance to Yallingup via the stunning West Australian coastline with stops in Hopetoun, Bremer Bay, Albany, Walpole & Manjimup (sorry, no children or pets permitted).

Gypsies with caravans, camper trailers, motorhomes or tents are welcome & we'll stay at regional caravan parks each night (most with all facilities). The tour is self-catering but we'll provide yummy Welcome & Farewell Dinners at local country pubs.

In addition to falling in love with the scenery & the chilled-out Southwest vibe, there will be lots of fun activities including outings to Fitzgerald River National Park, Stokes Inlet, Cape Le Grand & Lucky Bay as well as guided bushwalks, the Tree Top Walk, an optional WOW cruise on Walpole Inlet & an optional whale-watching cruise in Dunsborough where it's prime viewing time for humpbacks & southern rights. Thar' she blows! Great camaraderie & nature, too! How can you resist?

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – Arrive in Esperance *(Perth to Esperance is 700 kms)*

Meet up in Esperance by 3:00 p.m.

Introductory briefing by tour guide at 5:00 p.m. over sundowners (complimentary snacks - please BYO drinks). Note there will be a briefing each night thereafter to discuss the day's adventures & plan for the next day's activities. Tonight we enjoy a complimentary Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

(Please consider arriving early & doing some shopping in Esperance to support regional businesses!)

Overnight at RAC Esperance Caravan Park (Goldfields Road) - all facilities

Day 2: Thursday, November 12 – Esperance (100 kms)

A full day spent exploring the beautiful beaches & national parks around Esperance – Duke of Orleans Bay, Lucky Bay & Cape Le Grand, where we can enjoy an optional 4WD experience on the beach if you're feeling adventurous! Self-catering dinner in campground or treat yourself at one of the local restaurants (own expense).

Overnight at RAC Esperance Caravan Park (Goldfields Road)

Day 3: Friday, November 13– Esperance/Hopetoun (185 kms)

We drive from Esperance to Hopetoun via stunning Stokes National Park. We continue on to Hopetoun, check into our campground & have the afternoon at leisure to go beach combing, swimming, fishing (remember you need to have a fishing license & your own gear), or just relaxing. Potluck Supper tonight in camp – everybody brings a surprise dish!

Overnight at Hopetoun Caravan Park (all facilities)

Day 4: Saturday, November 14– Hopetoun/Bremer Bay (250 kms)

We drive from Hopetoun to Bremer Bay via Fitzgerald National Park (some dirt roads). We spend the day exploring the park & the lovely beaches stopping at Point Anne to look for whales. Lunch en-route. We check into our campground then drive up to Torrebus Hill for sundowners & great views (BYO chairs, snacks & drinks). Self-catering dinner in camp.

Overnight at Beaches Caravan Park, Bremer Bay (all facilities)

Day 5: Sunday, November 15– Bremer Bay/Albany (165 kms)

We drive to Albany via Cheynes Beach & Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve. We visit the Mt. Romance Sandalwood Factory & souvenir shop then check into our campground. We unhitch, then visit The Gap & Natural Bridge in Torindirrup National Park. We conclude our sightseeing with a visit to Mt Clarence which not only has stunning views over Albany & surrounds but is also the site of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial & the annual ANZAC service. You might want to leave some time in the afternoon to top up your groceries at the local shops. Self-catered dinner in camp or at a local restaurant (own expense).

Overnight at Albany Caravan Park (all facilities)

Day 6: Monday, November 16– Albany/Walpole (120 kms)

We drive from Albany to Walpole via the Valley of the Giants where we can soak up the forest atmosphere & enjoy the award-winning Tree Top Walk (our treat!). Lunch en-route. Potluck Supper tonight in camp – everybody brings a surprise dish!

Overnight at Coalmine Beach Caravan Park (all facilities)

Day 7: Tuesday, November 17– Walpole/Manjimup (120 kms)

After breakfast we take the optional award-winning WOW Wilderness Cruise in Walpole Inlet led by former Guide of the Year Gary Muir (includes morning tea). We then drive on to the timber town of Manjimup stopping to admire the Diamond Tree with picnic lunch en-route. We check into our lovely campground & have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to stroll through town or just relax & enjoy our surrounds.

Overnight at Fonty's Pool Caravan Park (all facilities)

Day 8: Wednesday, November 18 – Manjimup/Yallingup (175 kms)

We enjoy a scenic drive to Dunsborough where we go on an optional guided tour of Ngilgi Cave, or if you prefer, take a drive independently to gorgeous Meelup Beach or Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, then meet us for a complimentary ice cream treat at Simmo's. Tonight we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Caves Caravan Park in Yallingup (all facilities)

Day 9: Thursday, November 19 - departure

Early morning start for an optional whale-watching cruise in Dunsborough Bay. After the cruise, clients depart for Perth or other destinations independently. Or why not stay on in the area for a few days & celebrate your new-found freedom! If you do decide to stay on, please make your accommodation bookings direct & well in advance.

Please note that optional cabin accommodation may be available at some of our overnight stops (own expense) - please make your bookings direct & well in advance!

PRICE PER PERSON: \$899

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