

Wattletree Garden Tours
South West of WA
Spring Tour 2026



*16 days to explore the South West starting in Perth, Busselton,
Margaret River, Walpole, Albany and York
Wildflowers, Gardens and National Parks*

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Tour highlights

- Local experienced operators!
- Peak Wildflower season in SW
- Whaling museum
- Well located accommodation
- Wow Eco cruise
- Tree tap walk
- Freemantle cruise
- Sculpture parks
- Many meals
- Pemberton tram
- Private gardens
- Kings Park

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Day 1 Tuesday 6th October – Home to Perth (meals in flight, D)

Our tour will start in Brisbane or Perth airport with flight details to be confirmed. We will then meet our coach and transfer to the beachside Rendezvous Carousel Motel. Dinner tonight will be in the hotel restaurant.

Rendezvous Carousel at Scarborough or similar for 3 nights.

Day 2 Wednesday 7th October Perth (B,L)

First head to Patsy Durack's rose garden in the hills area before a visit to the Perth Observatory which looks back over Perth. We will call into the wonderful Zanthorea nursery to have a look at their display garden and lovely native nursery. Next stop is the Rose and Crown pub for lunch. After lunch we will drive back into Perth to see the new Optus stadium in the Crown casino precinct before heading back to the beach via Cottesloe beach.

Day 3 Thursday 8th October – Perth (B)

This morning we will start by visiting Perth's star garden attraction - Kings Park Botanical garden. We will have a guided visit and free time. After lunch (own expense) we will take the Captain Cook cruise on the Swan River to Freemantle. There we will visit the Maritime museum and then travel to our hotel via Cottesloe Beach.

Day 4 Friday 9th October – Perth to Busselton (B, D)

This morning we will check out and then head to Dwellingup to visit the Orondo garden which is a large cool climate garden. Looks great. Pinjarra is our lunch stop before we drive to the huge Wellington Dam Mural near Collie. Dinner will be in our hotel which is right across the road from the iconic Busselton jetty.

Hilton Garden Inn or similar for 4 nights

Day 5 Saturday 10th October - Busselton area (B)

Some free time this morning before meeting at 9.30 to walk on the Busselton Jetty and visit the underwater observatory. After the visit you are then free to explore the town centre which is very near to our hotel. It is highly recommended that you visit the Courthouse which has been restored as a museum and cultural centre. At 3pm we will meet to drive to the nearby Ambergate nature reserve for a short walk to spot some wildflowers.

Day 6 Sunday 11th October – Busselton (B, Wine)

This morning we head south with our first visit to Happ's pottery for a quick demonstration and chance to explore the gallery. There is also a honey tasting option on site. Next we drive to visit Cape Naturaliste which has some great wildflower reserves and iconic lighthouse. We will then drive to Dunsborough for some free time for lunch and perhaps a visit to the locally famous Simo's ice-cream shop. After lunch we will visit a local nursery and then the Flame trees winery for wine and cheese tasting. Later drive back to our hotel.

Day 7 Monday 12th October – Busselton (B)

Meet our coach this morning to drive to the nearby wharf to head out on to the water to undertake a Whale watching cruise. We will use All Sea Charters into Geographe Bay from Busselton. We hope to see Humpback and Southern Right whales which you use the sheltered bay at this time of the year. The cruise takes about 2.5 hours. This afternoon is free for individual exploration.

Day 8 Tuesday 13th October Busselton to Margaret River day (B, MT, Wine)

Check out of hotel this morning to head towards Margaret River with first stop being at Annie-brook farm where we will have an included morning tea. We will then continue to Preverly Beach or Canal rocks to see a little of the local coastline before arriving in Margaret River for some free to explore and have lunch. We will meet to undertake the short river



walk to look for wildflowers before heading to the Voyager estate for a tour of the estate and some wine tasting. Check into our apartment style hotel in Margaret River.

Please note that this is a self catering accommodation with a full kitchenette so please be prepared!

Margarets in Town apartments or similar for 2 nights

Day 9 Wednesday 14th October Augusta day (L)

Today we will head out of town to see the most interesting Margaret River Sculpture garden with impressive large timber sculptures throughout the local bush. Next is a visit to see Jewell cave and, for those keen, the forest walk. We will make our way into Augusta to the hotel for lunch. After lunch we will visit the Cape Leeuwin lighthouse for a walk and a visit to the museum. On the way back we will at the community Organic garden in Margaret River.

Day 10 Thursday 15th October Depart for Walpole (D)

After check out we will head a little north with our first stop being the peaceful Beedelup Falls and then on for the short walk to see the Gloucester tree. This will be followed by some free time in the timber town of Pemberton for lunch (good bakery here!). After lunch we will take the Pemberton tramway for a ride into the forest and to a local waterfall called the Cascades. The tramway was set up in 1914 to haul timber to the mill and now operates as tourist train run by volunteers. We will then head towards Walpole stopping at an art trail loop called the Swarbrick art loop on the way. This short walk is in beautiful spot with some interesting sculptures along the way. Dinner tonight will be in our hotel.

Tree Top Hotel or similar for 2 nights

Day 11 Friday 16th October Walpole (B)

Meet this morning at 9.15 to head to the pier for our WOW Eco -cruise on the river to see some beautiful wilderness. The operator is a real guru of the area and provides great commentary on tour. We will stop at the furthest location and go for a short walk over the dunes with great views over the Southern Ocean. I did this cruise in 2024 and loved it. After some free time for lunch in town we will travel to see the Valley of the Giants with the famous tree top walk. I also hope to be able to visit a local orchid grower - Orchidup nursery.

Day 12 Saturday 17th October Walpole to Albany (B, D)

Today we travel further east with the first stop being along the coast at Elephant Rock and Greens Pools for a short walk and photo stop. We will stop for morning tea stop in Denmark before continuing to Albany. Upon arrival we will visit the Recollections of War – which is a private collection of memorabilia open by appointment only. Some free time for lunch in Albany will follow before arriving the wonderful Anzac museum and Mt Clarence Forts complex. This is a self guided walk with an audio guide. Later check into our waterside hotel with dinner on site tonight.

Hilton Garden Inn or similar for 3 nights

Day 13 Sunday 18th October Albany day (B, L)

We will explore around Albany today with our first visit to see the wind farm south of Albany. It is a chance to get up close to the wind turbines set looking over the windy bay below. We will then continue to the famous Whaling station which is also the location of a quite interesting regional botanical garden. Today we will have a light lunch in the Whaling station café and some free time to look around the whaling station. Next stop is the Natural Bridge rock formation set in a spectacular location on the waters edge. We will call into visit another sculpture park – this one created by a chainsaw artist before arriving back to the hotel.

Day 14 Monday 19th October Stirling ranges and Mt Barker and back to Albany (B, D)

North of Albany is the Stirling Range National Park which is a large tract of interesting forest and some wildflowers. First visit is the so called Tree in the rock. This apparently is a tree growing in a rock! We will undertake a few lookouts on the Mt Stirling Drive and stop for morning tea along the way. Free time for lunch today in Mt Barker with a number of good options. Heading south again towards Albany we will call into the Banksia Farm – a private garden that has opens for charity events and occasional groups like us. Dinner tonight will be in our hotel.

Day 15 Tuesday 20th October Albany to Freemantle (B, L, D)

Late start before driving to Wagin – Big Ram, then to the Williams woolshed, group lunch, then onto Freemantle for some free time before our farewell dinner in the hotel.

Rydges Esplanade Hotel in Freemantle or similar for one night

Day 16 Wednesday 21st October York to Perth and then fly home (B)

This morning we will drive West towards Perth with the timing to be determined by our flight east most likely in the am.

Pricing Details

Full tour price excluding flights	\$6995.00
Tour deposit—deductible from final tour price	\$ 500.00
Single supplement - if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put you in contact with others who are keen to share.	\$1995.00

Important dates

1. Deposit – Payable asap to secure a place as seats are limited, please complete booking form.
2. Final payment 60 days before departure

The tour prices includes:

- Good hotel accommodation
- Internal exclusive coach travel with local operators
- Boat cruises as indicated
- Entry to all sightseeing, national parks and gardens as detailed in itinerary
- Quality meals listed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner MT = morning tea) - 23 in total
- Accompanied all the way with garden guide – Brian Sams
- Airport transfers (for whole group only—other arrangements to be made as required)

The tour price excludes:

- Air fares
- All items not stated as included
- Travel insurance—recommended for all travelers. Please discuss if you need help to organize.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.



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