

Wattletree Garden Tours

# Western Australia Wildflowers Broome to Perth 2022



*17 days of highlights - Broome, Cape Leveque, Karijini and Kalbari National Parks, Monkey Mia, Mullawa and Perth*

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### Tour highlights

- Local experienced operators!
- Peak Wildflower season
- Most meals
- Monkey Mia
- Broome
- Exclusive Cape Leveque tour
- Tom Price mine tour
- National Parks
- Coral Bay Cruise
- Rottneest Island experience
- Shark Bay Cruise
- Freemantle tour

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#### Day 1: Wednesday 17/8/22 Brisbane to Perth Meals D

Fly from Brisbane to Perth and transfer to hotel. Welcome dinner in or near hotel.

*Manta on Murray or similar for 2 nights*

#### Day 2: Thursday 18/8/22 Perth Sightseeing Meals B L

A great taster tour taking in Perth and Fremantle including the Western Australian Cricket Ground (WACA) and the affluent Western Suburbs of Perth, known as Millionaire's Row before reaching Cottesloe Beach. Travel on into historic Fremantle to see the Round House and the Fremantle wharf before an included fish and chops lunch at Kailis Fish Market Café. Next we will have a guided tour of Fremantle Prison before some free time to wander. We will then venture back to Perth stopping at the Blue Boat House and Elizabeth Quay.

#### Day 3: Friday 19/8/22 Perth to Broome Meals B

After catching a morning flight to Broome we will undertake a tour beginning at Willie Creek with an to learn about the pearl-culture of the area. Next we travel to Chinatown to visit Sun Pictures, the world's oldest operating picture gardens. Then it is on to Matso's Brewery to enjoy a beer tasting hosted by one of Matso's knowledgeable staff, including their famous ginger beer. We will then visit Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War before travelling on to the Japanese Cemetery. We then visit Broome Port, which is known for being the largest deep-water access port servicing the Kimberley region and then Gantheaume Point known for its red rock cliff face, dinosaur footprints & Anastasia's Pool. We will make a stop at the picturesque Cable Beach before Gantheaume Beach for refreshments and nibbles while watching the sunset.

*Broome Time Resort or similar*

#### Day 4: Saturday 20/8/22 Broome Meals B L D and morning & afternoon tea

Early start today to tour Cape Leveque in our 4WD coach. Travelling over rugged terrain we will head north to One Arm Point, also known as Ardyaloon, to visit this remote Indigenous community with amazing views of the Buccaneer archipelago. Here, we enjoy a guided visit to the Trochus Shell hatchery and Aquaculture Centre and get an insight into aquaculture and the strong connection the Bardi Jawi have to their country as saltwater people. Next stop is Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm situated on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula. Enjoy a chef prepared lunch followed by a Pearl Farm Tour. For the inner adventurer, next is an exhilarating 2-hour sea safari on the Buccaneer Archipelago famed for enormous tidal rush, standing waves and intense whirlpools. There may be an opportunity to take the Scenic Flight (must be pre-booked) back to Broome to be advised. The coach will return to Broome and dinner will be in the hotel tonight.

#### Day 5: Sunday 21/8/22 Broome to Port Hedland Meals B D

Western Australia has some world class beaches including the 80 mile beach that we will travel alongside today. Lunch will be at Sandfire Roadhouse (own expense) before heading on to the iconic sign of the Rabbit Proof Fence, the longest unbroken fence in the world. Finally, we head to Port Hedland where we will go to the wharves to see some of the biggest ore carriers in the world before finding our hotel in time for dinner.

*Hospitality Inn Port Hedland tbc*

#### Day 6: Monday 22/8/22 Port Hedland to Karijini BD

To the south of Port Hedland is the scenic and mineral rich Pilbara area. Travel into Karijini National Park for Fortesque Falls – the only permanent waterfalls in the park, enjoy lunch here (own expense) before heading across the park to Oxer Lookout. The lookout stands at the junction of the Joffre Gorge, Weano Gorge, Red Gorge and Hancock Gorge. Tonight we will stay in the local area to enjoy the national park.

*Auski Tourist Village or Karijini Eco Retreat tbc*





#### **Day 7: Tuesday 23/8/22 Tom Price to Exmouth Meals B D**

This morning we will travel to Tom Price, the mining town perched high in the Hamersley Ranges, which is headquarters for operations of the world's richest iron ore deposit. We will take a tour of this incredible mine which includes viewing the Haul Truck workshop area, touring the main pit, viewing working trucks, shovels and drills, the crushing and screening plants and the train load out area. Depart Tom Price for Exmouth a modern township on Exmouth Gulf. Today will be an interesting but long travel day with a wide variety of landscapes.

*Exmouth Hotel to be confirmed*

#### **Day 8: Wednesday 24/8/22 Exmouth to Carnarvon Meals B D**

Today we travel to Coral Bay where we have arranged a special cruise with Ningaloo Ecology Cruises. Through the specially designed Glass Bottomed Boat, large glass panels, we will see the Ningaloo Reef's beautiful schools of fish and amazing coral from the windows. Continue on to Cape Range National Park and take a walk around the outside of the lighthouse and check out the interpretive displays while soaking up panoramic views of the ocean and Cape Range National Park. Just below the lighthouse is the site of World War II radar station and anti-aircraft positions, as well as the famous wreck of the SS Mildura. If you're visiting between July and October, keep an eye out for migrating humpback whales from your vantage point on the hill. Later continue to Carnarvon for the night with dinner in our hotel.

*Wintersun Caravan and Tourist park – chalet accommodation*

#### **Day 9: Thursday 25/8/22 Carnarvon to Monkey Mia B D**

Following a tour around Carnarvon, we'll depart for Hamelin Pool. This is one of only two places in the world where living marine stromatolites exist. These living fossils contain microbes similar to those found in 3.5 billion year old rocks- the earliest record of life on earth. We will visit Shell Beach and Denham, Australia's most westerly town before arriving in Monkey Mia with dinner in our hotel.

*Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort to be confirmed*

#### **Day 10: Friday 26/8/22 Monkey Mia B D**

A tour highlight today at Monkey Mia where we have the chance to not only see the Dolphins but hopefully get the chance to hand feed them. Also included today is a 2½ hour cruise on the calm waters of Shark Bay where we watch mother dolphins and dugong playing with their young, turtles, sea snakes and sharks. A free afternoon to relax or join in an optional tours this resort offers. Dinner is included in the hotel tonight.

#### **Day 11: Saturday 27/8/22 Monkey Mia to Geraldton B D**

Leave Monkey Mia to visit Kalbarri National Park to admire the gorges cut by the Murchison River. The coastal scenery is breathtaking and a photographers delight. We pass the former copper town of Northampton before reaching Geraldton.

*Ibis Styles or similar*

#### **Day 12: Sunday 28/8/22 Geraldton Meals B**

Explore for wildflowers today in the areas around Mullewa and the Coalseam Ranges. We will talk to the locals to find some of the best wildflower locations. We will also visit the Mullewa wildflower show which is on for 4 days Thursday to Sunday on the last weekend in August. Later return to Geraldton.

#### **Day 13: Monday 29/8/22 Geraldton to Perth B L**

First stop today is the Lobster Shack at Cevantes where we will have a self guided tour before some lobster for lunch. Next we head to the Pinnacles in the Nambung National Park which are another photographer's delight with the unusual limestone pillars stark in contrast with the sand and banksias. We will then journey to New Norcia to see the Spanish style buildings around the Benedictine hamlet before heading into Perth.

*Manta on Murray or similar for 4 nights*

#### **Day 14: Tuesday 30/8/22 Perth – Perth Wildflower day B L**

We visit locations all around the Perth region in search of the finest wildflowers. Visit areas that are renowned for its guaranteed wildflowers but areas such as Wireless Park, Gingin and Toodyay are also prolific at various times. Our experienced guide will help you identify rare and delicate wildflowers including everlasting daisies, orchids, Kangaroo paw and Proteaceae. We stop for our included lunch (venue dependant on itinerary).

#### **Day 15: Wednesday 31/8/22 Rottneest tour B L**

Our tour operators (Adams) offer the most comprehensive tour of spectacular Rottneest Island. We will start with the interesting boat cruise to the island, then an historic train ride and coach transfers to see the amazing fauna and flora of the island, stunning beaches, woodlands and incredible salt lakes. This 4 hour tour takes in all of Rottneest's must-see locations featuring the Wadjemup Lighthouse, Henrietta Rocks, Oliver Hill Gun Fortification and Tunnels and the majestic look-out point at the rugged Cathedral Rocks and Cape Vlamingh. Lunch is included with the tour. Finish the day by exploring the island settlement or enjoy a drink at the Rottneest Quokka Arms Pub. Then ferry - transfer - hotel!

#### **Day 16: Thursday 1/9/22 Perth B D**

A great day for native plant lovers and gardeners. The Kings Park annual wildflower show aims to celebrate the beauty of our native flora. The whole area including the nature reserve should be spectacular with wildflowers together with show gardens, plant shows and trade features. Situated only a few minutes from the centre of Perth, Kings Park has a wonderful atmosphere with views over the Swan River and the Perth CBD. Farewell dinner in the hotel or a nearby restaurant.

#### **Day 17: Friday 2/9/22 Perth to home B**

Transfer to the airport flight home with flight times to be advised.

## Pricing Details

<b>Full tour price excluding flights</b>	<b>\$8995.00</b>
<b>Tour deposit—deductible from final tour price</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Single supplement</b> <b>- if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put you in contact with others who are keen to share.</b>	<b>\$1980.00</b>

### 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
- Travel to and from Rottnest Island
- 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)

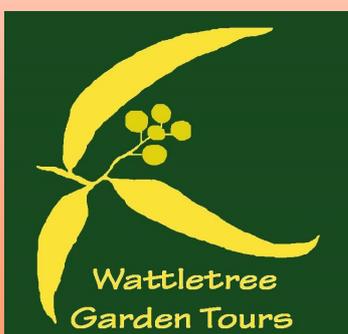
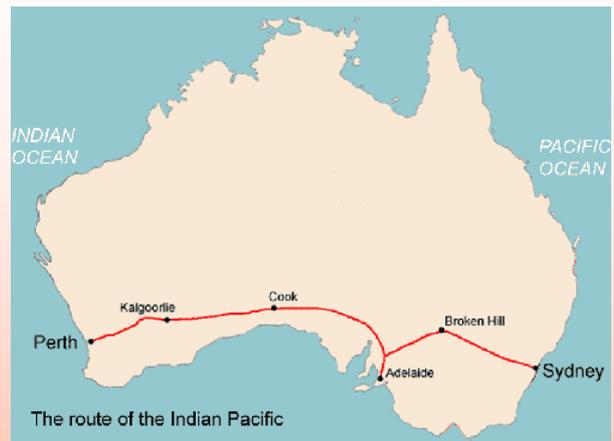
### The tour price excludes:

- 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.**

## Indian Pacific Train journey option

A few people have expressed interest in returning from Perth on the Indian Pacific train. This iconic train trip covers 4 days and 3 nights from Perth to Sydney. The best departure is on Sunday 4/9/22. If you are interested in this option please let me know and I can send you full pricing options (from \$2995pp twin share).



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