

The Travel Planner Wildflowers Group **09 – 17 September 2023**

Important Note – Prices are based on minimum number of paying passengers listed. Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including weather or road conditions. Prices are not guaranteed until paid in full.

Itinerary

DAY 01 – SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2023 ARRIVE PERTH

On arrival into Perth you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you will spend the following 2 nights. This evening you will enjoy a welcome dinner cruise on the Swan River. Sit back, relax and enjoy the unique opportunity to see the Perth City lights skyline while indulging in the delicious buffet dinner and dessert, complemented with beer, wine and soft drinks. **(D)**

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront

DAY 02 – SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023 PERTH

This morning start your wildflowers experience with visits to locations around the Perth region where you will find the finest blooms. Whilst the slope, soils and ancient granite outcrops of the Darling Escarpment are traditionally the ideal habitat and location to view wildflowers, their abundance varies and is dependent on sunshine. Areas such as Wireless Park, Gingin and Toodyay are also prolific at various times. Your experienced driver/guide will help you identify rare and delicate wildflowers including renowned everlastings, orchids, red and green kangaroo paw, banksias, bottle brush and Western Australia's most famous orange flowering Christmas trees. During the day at an opportune time, and hopefully close to gorgeous wildflowers, you will stop for a picnic lunch. This tour will highlight individual species and not carpets or fields of flowers, which you will find later on your trip travelling north. There will be ample time to identify and photograph flowers with many stops made along the way, returning to your hotel late this afternoon. **(BL)**

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront

DAY 03 – MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 PERTH – GERALDTON

An early start this morning as you leave Perth heading north with your first stop at Nambung National Park to view the mystical Pinnacles Desert. Discover the moon-like sandscape of these fascinating limestone formations. If time permits, you can also visit the Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre to learn more about the Pinnacles and the cultural and natural heritage of the area. Continuing north, your next stop will be the Coalseam Conservation Park in Mingenew, the true heart and soul of wildflower country. This area is famous for its stunning carpets of multi-coloured everlastings. Following a picnic lunch in the Conservation Park, you will continue on to Mullewa, deep in the heart of wildflower country and home to the rare wreath flower. These flowers' growth patterns are very mysterious with the colours varying each year from almost pure white, to pink, orange and red. This evening you will arrive in Geraldton for your overnight stay. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. **(BLD)**

Overnight: The Gerald

DAY 04 – TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

GERALDTON – KALBARRI

Following breakfast this morning, you will be taken on a tour of the city including the HMAS Sydney II Memorial. This is Geraldton's site for honouring the 645 Australian sailors who were lost off the WA coast during the World War II battle with the German ship HSK Kormoran. Continuing north, you will reach the stunning Pink Lake, also known as Hutt Lagoon, and Port Gregory for a tour before continuing on towards Kalbarri and stopping at Red Bluff in time for lunch. After checking into your accommodation, you will have the remainder of the afternoon free before heading out for dinner at the new Kalbarri Skywalk. With the pristine dark sky in Kalbarri National Park, this is the perfect place for stargazing, with clear views of the Milky Way through the telescopes provided or even with the naked eye. You will have dinner in this unique setting before returning to your accommodation. **(BLD)**

Overnight: Kalbarri Edge Resort

DAY 05 – WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

KALBARRI

This morning you will transfer to Kalbarri Jetty where you will head out to see for a spectacular whale watching cruise. An estimated 35,000 whales travel along this coastline on their round trip between Antarctica and the warm water along the Kimberley Coast, with Kalbarri one of the best places to see Humpback whales. Following the cruise, you will return to town for lunch before heading south to the Kalbarri Coastal Walk. With walking trails along sandstone cliffs plunging more than 100 metres to the ocean, the walk gives you the opportunity to spot the coastal wildflowers around the area, while walking from Island Rock to Natural Bridge. Arriving at Natural Bridge, you will enjoy sundowners while actually watching the sun go down. Returning to town you will have dinner at a local restaurant. **(BLD)**

Overnight: Kalbarri Edge Resort

DAY 06 – THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

KALBARRI

An early start this morning as you travel back to Kalbarri Skywalk in time to watch the sunrise and enjoy breakfast with this magnificent view. After breakfast today's touring will be spent in the National Park. Starting at Nature's Window where you can spot wattle and fringe lily, then continuing on to Z Bend Lookout which is home to honey myrtle, cowslips orchids, snail orchids, and many more, before finishing the morning at Warribanno Chimney with its carpets of everlastings. Following a picnic lunch at Ross Graham Lookout your afternoon tour will take in Hawks Head and Ross Graham Lookout and River Trail which takes you down to the river's edge, before returning to your accommodation. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. **(BLD)**

Overnight: Kalbarri Edge Resort

DAY 07 – FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

KALBARRI – FREMANTLE

This morning you will commence your journey back home stopping at Central Greenough. This historic settlement provides an excellent example of colonial expansion in the mid nineteenth century. The cultural heritage value of the area is well recognised and the process of conserving and interpreting the historic settlement has been a continuing project of the National Trust since the 1970s. You will stop for lunch here before continuing back to Fremantle arriving late this evening. **(BL)**

Overnight: Esplanade Fremantle

DAY 08 – SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023 FREMANTLE

Today you will have a full day free to relax and explore Fremantle on your own. You could go on a self-guided walking tour of the historic sights, visit iconic Fremantle Markets for some souvenir shopping, wander down South Terrace, otherwise known as the ‘Cappuccino Strip’, and take in the busy cosmopolitan mix of cafes and restaurants, or just enjoy your hotel facilities. This evening you will enjoy a farewell dinner. **(BD)**

Optional (at your own cost): Visit Rottnest island by Ferry, known for it’s spectacular scenery and maybe even get a Quokka selfie!

Overnight: Esplanade Fremantle

DAY 09 – SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023 DEPART PERTH

Following breakfast this morning you will have some free time for last minute souvenir shopping, a visit to iconic Fremantle Markets or sightseeing before your afternoon transfer back to the airport for your flight back home. **(B)**

Please Note: Stargazing and the whale watching cruise are weather dependant and may have to be changed on the day. Any wildflowers listed are currently blooming and are subject to change once the tour commences.

INCLUSIONS:

- Return transfers between Perth airport and hotels (depending on flights booked)
- Accommodation as specified in itinerary
- Meals as specified in itinerary
- Touring as specified in itinerary

EXCLUSIONS:

- All flights, airfares and airport taxes
- Meals not specified
- All drinks with meals unless specified
- Optional touring
- Items of a personal nature