

Western Australia Wildflowers (MODERATE PACE)

12 Days Tour Only\$5799Single room\$1400

2026 Departure Dates 10th September 2026

Tour Highlights: City Sightseeing Tour of Perth, Fremantle, WA Maritime Museum, a 'Behind Bars' tour, Busselton, Jetty Train & Underwater Observatory, Margaret River Chocolate Company, Mammoth Cave, Lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin, Wine Tasting, Pemberton's Valley of Giants, Pemberton Tram, Albany, National Anzac Centre, Torndirrup National Park, Stirling Ranges National Park, Esperance, Cape Le Grand National Park & many, many wildflowers. Accommodation & meals as per itinerary, Coach touring & commentary, fully hosted by our friendly staff

Day 1: Welcome to Western Australia where our spring tour will take us to one of the richest wildflower areas in the world! Today is a travel day as we meet at Perth.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific, Perth

Included Meals: Dinner

Day 2: We embark on a sightseeing tour of Perth with our local expert who will guide us through the unusual combination of skyscrapers and colonial architecture. Among them is Parliament House, St Mary's Cathedral and Government House before being treated to spectacular views over the city and river from Kings Park. The Park gives epic views over of the Swan and Canning Rivers and the skyscrapers perched on their banks – a vision not to be missed. Wander through Federation Walkway where we get our first glimpse at the wildflowers of the west as they are dotted throughout the park. After free time to purchase lunch, we visit the imposing Bell Tower. Filled with incredible history and boasting a unique and distinctive design, it has become an icon for Perth. The historic ring of bells was given to the people of Western Australia as part of the national Bicentennial celebration and among them include the twelve bells of St Martin in the Fields.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific, Perth Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3: The township of Fremantle is full of well preserved heritage including the convict built colonial era buildings, the old jetty and the prison. Our first visit is at the Western Australian Maritime Museum which is perched on the shoreline of the Indian Ocean. The museum is symbolic of Fremantle's past, present and future as a coastal city and port. From leisure boats and handcrafted sailing boats to commercial pearl luggers, the Museum inspires visitors to discover WA's affinity with the ocean. Next, we transfer to the Old Fremantle Prison for a 'Behind Bars' tour giving us a true insight into life as a prisoner. We enjoy lunch at Cicerello's, a WA icon, who have spent over 100 years fortifying the best fish and chips before time at leisure to explore Fremantle further.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific, Perth Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4: We depart Perth this morning and make our way south through Mandurah to Bunbury. Bunbury is the largest town in Western Australia outside Perth and a major port and commercial centre for the south-west. Our morning visit is to the **Dolphin Discovery Centre**, offering a vast exhibition about dolphins and marine environment. From Bunbury we now head to Busselton where we can purchase lunch. There are numerous cafes and a great bakery in town. Our next destination is the memorable Busselton Jetty, extending 1.8 kilometres across stunning Geographe Bay, it is the longest timber piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. We jump aboard the leisurely train, taking in the 360-degree views across the Indian Ocean as we journey across the calm, clear waters. At the end of the jetty is the **Underwater** Observatory, giving us the opportunity to experience one of Australia's greatest artificial reefs. Descending eight metres below the surface, we'll be led through the natural wonders that lie beneath the jetty. From here we check into our local hotel where we spend the next 2 nights. Accommodation: Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: Today we discover the true gems of Margaret River, known for its world class wine and incredible scenery. First, we head to Mammoth Cave. The magical gothic like limestone cave is a natural time capsule, home to the ancient fossil remains of the long extinct giant animals known as Australian Megafauna. The Interpretive Centre will tell us more about the history of the caves after our viewing. Next, we travel to Cape Leeuwin. The historic lighthouse is situated at the most south westerly tip of Australia, standing at the point where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. Of course, a visit to Margaret River is not compete without visiting the Margaret River Chocolate Factory before returning to our accommodation.

Accommodation: Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6: After breakfast we drive to Pemberton, a pretty timber town known for its magnificent tall trees. On arrival in town we board the Pemberton Tram for an unforgettable ride out of Pemberton, past the Saw Mill and deep into the Karri forest. The tram meanders through the forest, crossing six bridges, stopping at the Cascades and at the Warren River Bridge where the Lefroy Brook joins the Warren River. Just east of Walpole is an area known as the Valley of the Giants in the Walpole National Park. This afternoon we divert off the main highway and travel through this dense forest of unique hardwood tingle trees where we are booked for a Tree Top Walk – we explore the world-famous forest of gigantic tingle trees from 40 metres up in the canopy! This world-class tree-top walk soars gently upwards amidst the tingle foliage and opens up a world of birds and flowers that most people never see. Later this afternoon, we continue on through Denmark and onto Albany where we settle into our next two nights' accommodation.

Accommodation: Mandala Ace Albany Hotel, Albany Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: The town of Albany marks the spot where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia. Much of their legacy remains today with colonial buildings standing proudly as museums, galleries and cafes. Albany is also known as the birthplace of the Anzac story and is home to the National Anzac Centre. The state of the art museum uses multimedia, interactive exhibits and historical artefacts to create a deeply personal connection with the past and pay tribute to those who served in WWI. Next, we travel nearby Albany's Historic Whaling Station. Built in the remains of the former whaling station, it's the only museum of its kind in the world. We spend the afternoon at Torndirrup National Park. There are a number of spectacular natural attractions here including The Gap and Blow Hole – each providing great views of the coast. At Salmon Holes, we take an easy 10 minute walk to the lookout where we have a chance to see one of the most picturesque beaches in the region.

Accommodation: Mandala Ace Albany Hotel, Albany Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: We head through the stunning Stirling Ranges National Park for great views of Bluff Knoll, the highest and one of the most spectacular peaks in south Western Australia. Keep your eyes peeled for wildflowers that usually come out at this time of year. We enjoy our picnic lunches while soaking in the views. We continue to Esperance, located on the beautiful heart shaped bay called "Bay of Isles".

Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles, Esperance Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9: This morning, we explore the Cape Le Grand National Park – just to the east of Esperance. It is one of the most accessible of the many National Parks in the area and one of the most spectacular with coastal headlands, abundant wildlife and some of the best beaches in the world.

Heading back to Esperance we have time at leisure.

Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles, Esperance

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Today we head through wildflower regions again this morning through to Hyden where we have lunch on arrival. We are then met by our local guide to show us one of WA's most famous landmarks, Wave Rock. Walk through the wildflowers and see the magnificent, prehistoric rock formation. Marvel at the size and shape of this phenomenon. Geologist believe the original formation was vertical but has been sculpted and coloured by chemicals over millions of years to form its wave like character. Accommodation: Hyden Wave Rock Hotel Motel, Hayden Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 11: Today we make our way back to Perth, enjoying our packed lunches enroute. In Perth, we visit the Perth Mint. Inside the historic premises, our guide will introduce us to some of the most famous coins and medals ever made in Australia. We'll also have the chance to hold a large bullion bar and even see a traditional gold pour in the old meting house.

Our **farewell dinner** awaits us whilst we share the highlights and stories of our tour with our fellow passengers.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific, Perth

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 12: With our bags packed full of wonderful memories, we are transferred to the airport for our respective return flights. We arrive home from our incredible trip to South West WA.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Health and Fitness

This is a Moderate Paced Tour– Medium level of fitness required.

Travelers must be able to meet the below fitness level requirements or have a carer who is available to assist. GVH Staff are not able to assist with those who have reduced mobility or other health problems. It is Your responsibility to arrange for such a carer if so required:

- Participate in guided walking tours with time to rest every 20 minutes
- Participate in walking tours on uneven ground, including bush tracks and sand
- Get on and off multiple transport types unaided including train, coach and boat
- Manage you own luggage or with the help of your own carer
- Not suitable for guests needing wheelie walkers or wheelchairs

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