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A Journey to the West

From the renowned vineyards of surfing mecca Margaret River to the endearing native quokkas on Rottnest Island and the laid-back, historic cities of Perth and Fremantle, this journey has much to offer the discerning traveller. Become immersed in the beautiful traditional culture of Cape Naturaliste.



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The word "Wadandi" means "forest people by the sea", a literal description of a saltwater people. The Wadandi believed their spirits would travel through the caves that form a natural tunnel network in the limestone rock of the region, out to the horizon, where the sea meets the sky, and back to the Dreaming.



Quokka, Rottnest Island



Hay Shed Hill winery



Sugarloaf Rock

7 DAYS Perth • Penguin Island • Bunker Bay • Busselton • Cape Naturaliste • Margaret River • Rottnest Island • Fremantle

Discover

See the sights of Perth, including beautiful Kings Park, and make the journey to spectacular Penguin Island.

Explore

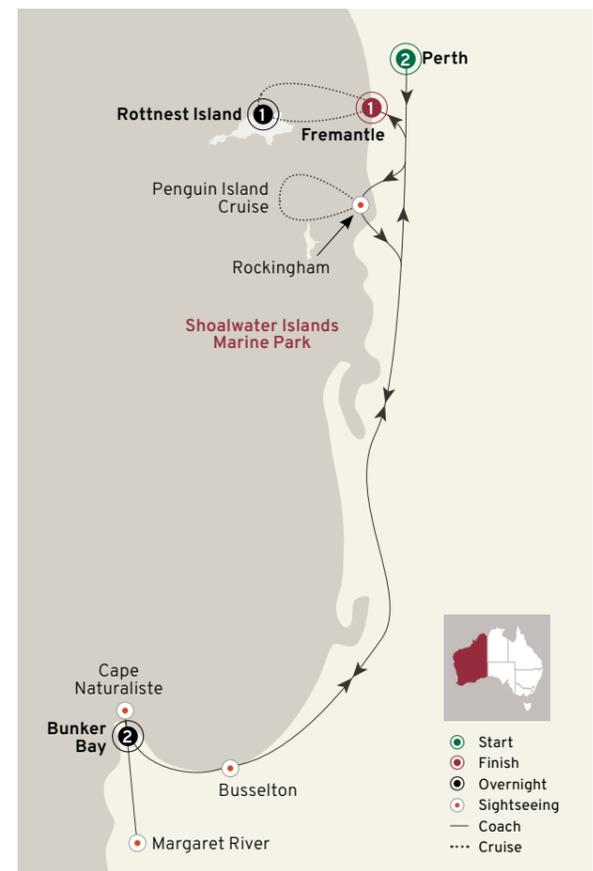
Experience Shoalwater Bay's important wildlife sanctuary and walk the length of wonderfully historic Busselton Jetty.

Immerse

Learn about Indigenous culture and bush tucker at Cape Naturaliste, and take a locally guided walking tour through historic Fremantle.

Relax

Visit the world-renowned winery region of Margaret River for an exclusive wine experience, then watch the sunset on Rottnest Island.





Fremantle



Hay Shed Hill winery

Choose this journey if you'd love to experience:

- A degustation lunch with matching wines at Margaret River
- Staying on WA's island paradise, Rottnest Island
- A traditional "Welcome to Country" ceremony at Cape Naturaliste
- The best of vast Western Australia

Dining

- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Dinner

Day 6: Rottnest Island – Fremantle

Wake up on the island paradise that is Rottnest Island utterly surrounded by friendly resident quokkas. Take a leisurely stroll along the white sandy beaches and perfect turquoise waters or just enjoy the seclusion of your island paradise from the balcony of your eco tent. Later this morning you will embark on a locally guided Discovery Rottnest tour of the island. **This 90 minute experience takes you to some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations.** You'll experience the island's diverse flora, fauna, history and culture and get the chance to spot a quokka or two. This afternoon you'll leave your island dream behind and cruise back to seaside Fremantle. After relaxing at your hotel, meet up with your fellow travellers for your Celebration Dinner. Local Western Australian wines will match with the seasonal farm to table menu.



- Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges
- Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle

This morning you will join your local expert guide for an immersive walking tour of historic Fremantle. Departing from the hotel, enjoy a relaxed, informative and conversational walk and talk that is designed to entertain and educate. Walk into the past, present and future and get unique insight into the well-preserved architectural heritage. End your walking tour at the vibrant Fremantle Markets or back at your hotel as your journey comes to an end. You will be transferred by private car to Perth Airport for your onward flight.

- Breakfast

Day 1: Welcome to Perth

On arrival in Perth spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening meet your Journey Director and new travelling companions at your hotel for a Welcome Reception with local Western Australian wine and beers along with local produce canapés.

- InterContinental, 2 nights

Day 2: Perth

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before you head out for a city tour. Your Journey Director will show you the must-see sights including Elizabeth Quay, Yagan Square and you will have time to explore Kings Park with its sweeping city views and some of the 3,000 species of the State's unique flora. This afternoon is free for you to relax or explore more of the city. Tonight, you will dine in the heart of Perth's historical, cultural and dining precinct at the State Buildings.

- Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Perth – Penguin Island – Busselton – Margaret River

Today you head to world-renowned winery region of Margaret River. Leaving Perth behind, your first stop is Penguin Island. With its white sandy beaches surrounded by crystal clear water, Penguin Island lays in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Here you will board your boat to cruise through Shoalwater Bay's Wildlife



Sanctuary to see bottlenose dolphins, Australian sea lions and sea birds such as Spinebills and Goshawks. Afterwards, you'll continue south to explore the historic Busselton Jetty that has been standing for more than 150 years. There is the chance to explore the jetty on foot or take the Jetty Train along this 1.7km timber piled jetty that is the longest in the Southern Hemisphere. Nestled on the white sandy beaches your accommodation for the night is the 5 star Pullman Bunker Bay. Enjoy dinner at the Other Side of the Moon Restaurant, where you will dine on an array of fresh locally sourced seasonal produce with local wines.



- Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 2 nights
- Breakfast, dinner with wine



Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

Day 4: Margaret River – Cape Naturaliste

Your day begins with a moving 'Welcome to Country' ceremony as part of your Indigenous experience at Cape Naturaliste. Your local guide will escort you on an interactive walk around Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct, where they interpret the land through the eyes of an Indigenous custodian, followed by an artefact interpretation and didgeridoo experience. From Cape Naturaliste you'll drive through the vineyard lined roads to your Margaret River winery experience. Upon arrival, the winemakers will take you on a guided walk through the rolling vineyard, followed by a Local Dining Experience at a degustation lunch with matching wines at Hay Shed Hill. After you have indulged in your long lunch, there is time to explore the quaint town of Margaret River before returning to your hotel.



- Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Margaret River – Rottnest Island

Leaving the wine country behind you journey back up the beautiful south west coastline towards Fremantle. Upon arrival, you will board your catamaran and escape across the open ocean to the magnificent and historic Rottnest Island. Kick back on soft sand beaches, see abundant marine life and meet the happiest little animal on earth, the quokka. Enjoy the last rays of the day with the sun setting over the west from your eco self-contained glamping tent.

- Discovery Rottnest Island
- Breakfast, dinner with wine

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