

## **Perth and the Margaret River Explorer- 6 Days**

### **WPMF**

#### **Departures:**

**2020:** 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 30 Oct, 27 Nov

**2021:** 1 Jan, 22 Jan

#### **Trip Overview**

If you've been wanting to experience the magic of Western Australia, now is the time. Go behind the scenes as you explore the renowned wine regions and sample local seasonal produce like a true foodie, whilst taking in the picturesque surrounds. Experience the iconic sights of Perth, as well as venturing off the beaten track as you become at one with nature and hear personal stories from the Indigenous locals at Cape Naturaliste. Unlock Western Australia's best kept secrets and experience them in style and comfort.

#### **DAY 1 WELCOME TO PERTH**

Your Private Driver meets you at Perth airport and transfers you to your hotel. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 11:00 and travel to Swan Valley, Western Australia's oldest wine region. The combination of soil quality, warm Mediterranean climate and the cooling breeze of the Fremantle Doctor result in excellent conditions for viticulture. Visit 180 year old Sandalford and meet the talented and passionate winemakers for an in-depth tour of the working winery followed by an exclusive hands on wine blending experience. Enjoy a delicious lunch with a sample a selection of the award-winning wines. Return to Perth and enjoy some time at leisure before coming together for a Welcome reception with local Western Australian wines and beers with local produce canapes.

**(LW)**

**Hotel: InterContinental Perth**

#### **DAY 2 STEPPING BACK IN ANCIENT HISTORY**

Leave cosmopolitan Perth behind as you head south and journey to Busselton. Explore vibrant waterside cafes and restaurants, then visit the town's iconic Jetty: measuring at over a mile, it is the longest in the Southern Hemisphere and a local icon. Take time to go for a stroll and enjoy the ocean vistas or take the train all the way to the end and visit the underwater aquarium. Wadandi people had been living in the area thousands of years before the first European settlers arrived. This afternoon return to nature and Make Travel Matter as you connect with the indigenous spirits at Cape Naturaliste. Experience a traditional Welcome to Country before heading on a scenic walk, listening to the humming sound of the didgeridoo. Hear from a local Indigenous guide as they explain how they interpret the land and their own personal stories. Return to your resort and enjoy a dinner of locally sourced, seasonal produce. **(B, DW)**

**Hotel: Pullman Bunker Bay**

#### **DAY 3 MARGARET RIVER WINING AND DINING**

Today is dedicated to the gastronomical delights of the Margaret River wine region. First up is the prestigious Leeuwin Estate, one of the five founding wineries of the now famous district. On your winery tour learn about its history and the unique features found only in this region. Hear about their world-renowned, award-winning wines and on-site art gallery. Finish your time here with a wine tasting perfectly matched with a selection of seasonal canapes. For lunch, visit neighbouring Voyager Estate and indulge in a four-course long lunch dining experience. In the afternoon, relax at your resort and enjoy its facilities before dinner. **(B, LW, DW)**

## **Hotel: Pullman Bunker Bay**

### **DAY 4 WILDLIFE AND FUN FREMANTLE** *Relaxed Start*

After a Relaxed Start this morning, travel north to meet some of the fantastic wildlife found along the shores of Penguin Island. Named after the colony of about 1,200 little penguins that live there, you might also spot sea birds, sea lions and wild dolphins swimming along your boat as you take a cruise in the Shoalwater Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Arrive in Fremantle, housing Western Australia's biggest port and a city with rich history. Founded as the Swan River Colony in 1829, the city saw exponential growth during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century gold rushes. Town highlights include the Fremantle Prison, a UNESCO World Heritage convict site, the listed Victorian and early Edwardian architecture of the West End and the landmark Esplanade Hotel, a historic lodging dating back to 1850 and your home for the next two nights. Take in the laid-back atmosphere as you enjoy an evening strolling among local eateries and bars, and perhaps take a close look at local legend Bon Scott's statue. **(B)**

**Hotel: Esplanade Hotel**

### **DAY 5 INSIGHT CHOICE FREMANTLE**

Take the day to discover Fremantle as you wish with Insight Choice. Take a short ferry ride to Rottnest Island, get on two wheels and discover this slice of outdoor paradise. There are dedicated bike paths for you to follow: cycle to the historic Wadjemup Lighthouse, the smaller Bathurst Lighthouse for spectacular views of 'The Basin' and surrounding reef, or venture to the West End to spot some of the resident fur seals. Keep an eye out for the quokkas, the only mammal native to the island, referred to as the happiest animal on earth. Perhaps snap a selfie with these friendly marsupials, who often pose for the shot. Alternatively, stay on mainland and join your Local Expert for a fun food focused walking tour visiting the best cafes, pubs, markets and restaurants. Hear entertaining stories whilst sampling some of the best artisan foods, ethnic flavours and refreshing drinks. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers and indulge in a Celebration Dinner in one of the local restaurants, toasting your adventures taken and memories made. **(B, DW)**

**Hotel: Esplanade Hotel**

### **DAY 6 FAREWELL WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

This morning your trip concludes after breakfast. Take your complimentary transfer to Perth Airport for your onward journey. **(B)**

## Highlights

**Day:**

1

**Type:**

Insight Experiences

**Location:**

Swan Valley

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Swan Valley

**Description:**

Visit 180 year old Sandalford Wines, one of Western Australia's oldest established in 1840, for an in-depth tour of the working winery followed by an exclusive hands on wine blending experience. It has an amazing history in the Swan Valley linked to the time of European settlement.

**Day:**

1

**Type:**

Authentic Dining

**Location:**

Swan Valley

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Swan Valley

**Description:**

After your winery tour and exclusive hands on blending experience at Sandalford Wines enjoy a 3 course fresh regional produce, innovative Australian cuisine lunch with wines in the multi-award winning restaurant.

**Day:**

1

**Type:**

Authentic Dining

**Location:**

Perth

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Perth

**Description:**

Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for your Welcome Reception with local Western Australian wines, beers and canapes.

**Day:**

2

**Type:**

Top Rated Highlights

**Location:**

Busselton

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Busselton

**Description:**

Explore vibrant waterside cafes and restaurants and visit the town's iconic Jetty, the longest in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Day:**

2

**Type:**

Make Travel Matter

**Title:**

Cape Naturaliste

**Description:**

Leave the digital world behind for a while as you immerse yourself back into nature during your walk around the headland and indigenous cultural experience.

**Day:**

3

**Type:**

Insight Experiences

**Location:**

Margaret River

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Leeuwin Estate

**Description:**

Spend the morning at one of the most prestigious wineries in the Margaret River region. The family winery produces many award-winning, world ranked wines each year. The Estate is the perfect location for a tasting of the famous Margaret River wine, matched with delicious canapes.

**Day:**

3

**Type:**

Authentic Dining

**Title:**

Voyager Estate

**Description:**

Visit another iconic stop in the Margaret River Region, Voyager Estate. Here, enjoy a four course long-lunch created using the freshest local produce.

**Day:**

4

**Type:**

Top Rated Highlights

**Location:**

Penguin Island

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Penguin Island

**Description:**

Keep an eye out for wildlife such as penguins, sea birds, sea lions and wild dolphins as you cruise along the shores of Penguin Island in the Shoalwater Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Day:**

4

**Type:**

Top Rated Highlights

**Category:**

Orientation

**Title:**

Fremantle

**Description:**

Discover Fremantle, Western Australia's biggest port city. See the Fremantle Prison, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and marvel at the Edwardian architecture of the West End.

**Day:**

5

**Type:**

Insight Choice

**Location:**

Rottneest Island

**Country:**

Australia

**Title:**

Rottneest Island

**Description:**

Explore Rottneest Island with Insight Choice. You can choose to follow the Wadjemup walking track to see the island at your pace or cycle through to the West end passing ideal snorkelling locations.

**Day:**

5

**Type:**

Authentic Dining

**Title:**

Fremantle

**Description:**

Come together with your fellow travellers and indulge in a Celebration Dinner in one of the local restaurants, toasting your adventures taken and memories made.

## Notes

### Title:

What's Included

### Description:

- Our highly-skilled Travel Director will ensure your journey is seamless, serving as your expert guide, consummate organiser, and friend overseas. Our Travel Directors have been newly trained in new and enhanced hygiene and physical distancing procedures. During your trip, they will operate with a duty of care and monitor the hygiene etiquette of our guests, reacting and advising as needed, to ensure high standards are maintained.
- Enjoy the comfort of Insight's luxury, air-conditioned coach and onboard washroom. Our customized luxury coaches are sanitized before the start of your trip and have always been kept to very high standards. Following the outbreak of COVID-19, we have taken additional measures to elevate our hygiene and sanitary practices in accordance with guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and as required, applicable government regulations.
- We carry your bags for you and promptly deliver them to your hotel door.
- Hotel and restaurant tips are included - you'll never have to worry about how much to give, nor search for foreign currency. We also include all taxes and portage charges at hotels.
- Stay connected with friends and family with our complimentary coach and hotel Wi-Fi (where available).
- From time to time, your Travel Director will enchant you with an Insight Flourish, which is a local specialty representing the destination.

## Hotels:

**InterContinental Perth-** InterContinental Perth, right in the heart of Perth CBD with contemporary and elegant rooms with modern facilities and luxury amenities. High speed Wi-Fi, deluxe bathroom amenities and a relaxing walk in rain shower, providing a sanctuary to retreat and unwind.

**Pullman Resort Bunker Bay-** Award-winning world-class hotel situated in the Margaret River wine region with absolute beachfront location with direct access to the white sands and turquoise waters of Bunker Bay. The luxury peaceful villas are situated in lush bush setting with Wi-Fi and swimming pool with sweeping ocean views

**Esplanade Hotel Fremantle-** With a rich history dating back to 1850 the hotel is an iconic landmark in Western Australia. The charming architecture, prime central location and historic importance means you can savour the culture and tradition of not only the port of Fremantle, but its bustling markets, lively bars and café scene along Cappuccino Strip will give you a taste of the 'Freo' lifestyle.

**Pricing:**

<b>Perth &amp; the Margaret River Explorer</b>
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<b>Code</b>	WPMF
<b>Days</b>	6 days

<b><i>Prices are Gross PP</i></b>
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<b>Tour TWN</b>	\$3,500
<b>Tour SG</b>	\$4,395
<b>Pre Accom - TWN - 1 nt</b>	\$177
<b>Pre Accom - SG - 1 nt</b>	\$294
<b>Post Accom - TW - 1 nt</b>	\$199
<b>Post Accom - SG - 1 nt</b>	\$360