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# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S

## *Railways & Wildflowers Tour*

Visiting Perth, Rottnest Island, Dwellingup, Pinjarra,  
Margaret River, Pemberton, Albany, Esperance, Cape Le Grand,  
Kalgoorlie, Pinnacles National Park, Cervantes

5 to 19 September 2025



Includes  
over **\$2000**  
per person value  
in rail journeys,  
sightseeing tours  
and entrances!

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## Railways & Wildflowers Tour

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spot kangaroos at Lucky Bay in the postcard perfect Cape Le Grand
- Travel on the Bennett Brook Railway, a historic steam train
- Traverse the beautiful coastal road along the Great Ocean Drive near Albany
- Enjoy the iconic Valley of the Giants Tree-Top-Walk in Tingledale
- Discover over 300 different marine species at the Underwater Observatory in Busselton
- See landscapes dotted with colourful wildflowers such as bottlebrush, orchids and banksias



Photo: Jimmy Lamb

Take part in a memorable 15-day tour of Western Australia to experience the best food and wine, historic railways and spring wildflowers the state has to offer. Start by riding the Captain Hussey railway on Rottnest Island, the Hotham Valley SteamRanger in Dwellingup and the electric train along Busselton Jetty. Spend two days in Margaret River, enjoying a food and wine tour before relaxing on their beaches. Moving on, you'll see the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, ride the Pemberton Tramway through forests of wildflowers and experience the towns of Albany and Esperance. Finish by riding the historic Ruby Tram in Kalgoorlie to see the SuperPit Mine, travel on the Prospector Train, see the limestone spires in the Pinnacles National Park and view wildflowers in the Lesueur National Park.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Friday 5 September 2025 Perth

Arrive in Perth and enjoy a welcome dinner with your tour leader and group. *Overnight:* Perth. (D)

#### DAY 2 Saturday 6 September 2025 Rottnest Island – Perth

This morning, transfer by coach to Fremantle port for your ferry to Rottnest Island. On arrival, take some time to explore the main settlement (look out for quokkas!) before meeting our coach for the Grand Island Tour. The tour will take in all the island's must-see locations including a ride on the Captain Hussey narrow-gauge railway, Oliver Hill Gun and the Tunnel Fortification. The tour includes lunch. Return by ferry to Perth in the late afternoon where your evening is free. *Overnight:* Perth. (B, L)

#### DAY 3 Sunday 7 September 2025 Dwellingup – Pinjarra

This morning, transfer by coach for a ride on the Bennett Brook Railway, a steam train that



travels from Mussel Pool station to Village Junction Station. Enjoy typical bush scenery and return to the station for a railway workshop tour. Drive south to Dwellingup where you'll have free time for lunch. Afterwards, depart on the Hotham Valley Steam Ranger heritage train for a scenic journey through the Darling Range Escarpment to Isandra Siding and back to Dwellingup where you'll enjoy some free time in this charming town. Travel to the nearby village of Pinjarra and check into your hotel. *Overnight:* Pinjarra. (B)

#### DAY 4 Monday 8 September 2025 Busselton – Margaret River

After breakfast, transfer by coach to the Busselton Jetty Foreshore for a ride on the electric and solar-powered train along the jetty to the Underwater Observatory. Upon arrival, explore the depths of Geographe Bay to witness incredible marine life. Return to the foreshore by train and enjoy free time for lunch. Travel onto the Margaret River Region's most spectacular town, Yallingup and check into your hotel to enjoy free time. *Overnight:* Margaret River. (B)



#### DAY 5 Tuesday 9 September 2025 Wine and food tour of Margaret River

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before your gourmet wine and dine tour of Margaret River. This deluxe tour visits a five-star lineup of award-winning wineries: Leeuwin Estate, Xanadu Wines and Voyager Estate. Throughout the day you will be given the opportunity to taste an extensive range of high calibre wines, learn about the history and characteristics of Margaret River's wine region, enjoy lunch and the stunning scenery. Return to Yallingup in the late afternoon where your evening is free. *Overnight:* Margaret River. (B, L)

#### DAY 6 Wednesday 10 September 2025 Pemberton

This morning, travel south through the Boranup Forest and stop to view the towering Karri trees. Travel to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, situated at the most south-westerly point of Australia, the tip of a spectacular peninsula where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet. Enjoy free time for lunch in Augusta, before travelling via lush agricultural lands and forests veiled in a cascade of purple, white and yellow wildflowers to Pemberton, arriving in the late afternoon. Tonight, you will enjoy a two-course meal at your hotel in Pemberton. *Overnight:* Pemberton. (B, D)

**DAY 7 Thursday 11 September 2025**

**Albany**

After breakfast you'll travel on the Pemberton Tramway to learn about timber railways that were integral to the area's development and growth. Travel through Karri and Marri forests, resplendent with colourful wildflowers and over trestle bridges, rivers and streams. Return to town where there's time for lunch before travelling to the iconic Valley of the Giants Tree-Top-Walk in Tingledale. The walk is located in amongst the unique tingle trees, the biggest timber trees on earth and found nowhere else in the world. Travel onto Albany, arriving in the late afternoon. *Overnight:* Albany (B)



**DAY 8 Friday 12 September 2025**

**Albany**

This morning, you will visit the historic Whaling Station where you can explore the Cheynes Beach Whaling processing factory, the last whaling company to cease operations in Australia in 1978. Travel to the stunning Misery Beach and drive along the spectacular coastline, from Torndirrup National Park's to the Natural Bridge and The Gap. Return to town for free time at lunch before exploring the oldest surviving house in the state, the Patrick Taylor Cottage Museum, plus the Albany Visitor Centre/old train station and the National ANZAC Centre. Enjoy free time at dinner. *Overnight:* Albany. (B)

**DAY 9 Saturday 13 September 2025**

**Esperance**

This morning, we visit the Tree-in-the-Rock in Porongurup National Park and view some of the 700 native plant species and 300 macrofungi species found here. Pause at the Western Lookout in Stirling Ranges for spectacular views, before stopping at Jerramungup where you can have lunch. Travel via the Fitzgerald River National Park to Ravensthorpe to see the landscape dotted with colourful wildflowers such as bottlebrush, orchids, hakeas and banksias. Arrive in Esperance in the late afternoon, check into your hotel and enjoy a free evening. *Overnight:* Esperance. (B)



**DAY 10 Sunday 14 September 2025**

**Esperance**

This morning, you will traverse The Great Ocean Drive, a circular loop taking in some of the most beautiful coastal scenery Australia has to offer including pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters and snow-white sands. Visit the Lucky Bay Brewery for lunch, followed by a brewery tour. Later, visit the Esperance Museum which houses an excellent collection of historical artefacts, including a "W-Class" 919 steam locomotive. Finish the day by touring the Mermaid Leather Workshop, Australia's only fish and shark leather specialist. Return to the town for a free evening. *Overnight:* Esperance. (B,L)

**DAY 11 Monday 15 September 2025**

**Cape Le Grand – Kalgoorlie**

This morning, you'll drive south past colourful wildflowers and thick banksia to Cape Le Grand – an ancient, rugged coastline home to large granite outcrops, and idyllic white sandy beaches. Stop at the picture postcard setting at Lucky Bay, one of Australia's most famous beaches where you're likely to spot western grey kangaroos relaxing on the beach. For lunch, we'll stop at the historic Gibson Soak Hotel, which first opened in 1896, where you can have lunch. Arrive at Australia's largest outback city, Kalgoorlie, check into your hotel and enjoy a free evening. *Overnight:* Kalgoorlie. (B)



**DAY 12 Tuesday 16 September 2025**

**Coolgardie – Kalgoorlie**

This morning, you'll enjoy a ride on the early 20th century tram, "Ruby", visiting the SuperPit Mine, The Town Hall, the WA Minerals and Rock Museum, Timber Workshop and the historic town of Boulder while learning about the city's former tramways. Enjoy free time at lunch and travel to Coolgardie to visit their wonderful museum and old railway station before enjoying Devonshire tea under the gum trees at Warden Finnerty's Residence. Returning to Kalgoorlie, there's free time for dinner where you can dine on the balcony at the historic 1897 Palace Hotel. *Overnight:* Kalgoorlie. (B)



**DAY 13 Wednesday 17 September 2025**

**Pinnacles National Park – Cervantes**

Depart early with your breakfast boxes and travel on the Prospector train, once Australia's fastest operating passenger train service when its first opened in 1971. Disembark in the town of Toodyay and stop for lunch at the 1950s style Coca Cola Café and Museum, and transfer to the Pinnacles Desert in the Nambung National Park. Upon arrival, enjoy a private 4WD sunset tour of the lunar-like tall limestone spires, or Pinnacles and see a rich variety of blooming wildflowers and vistas of wattles. Arrive at the crayfishing town of Cervantes and check into your hotel. *Overnight:* Cervantes. (B,L)



**DAY 14 Thursday 18 September 2025**

**Perth**

This morning, you will visit the impressive Lake Thetis, one of only a few places in the world with living marine stromatolites and stop at Jurien Bay Beach, which is known for its playful sea lions. Visit the Lesueur National Park, a botanical oasis, home to almost 1,000 plant species including orchids, acacias, hibernias and melaleucas. During spring, the park transforms into a wildflower wonderland with its vibrant colours. Pause at the Lobster Shack in Cervantes, where you can enjoy lunch and return to Perth for your farewell dinner and reflect on a memorable tour together. *Overnight:* Perth. (B,D)

**DAY 15 Friday 19 September 2025**

**Perth**

Our tour comes to an end this morning after breakfast and hotel check-out. (B)

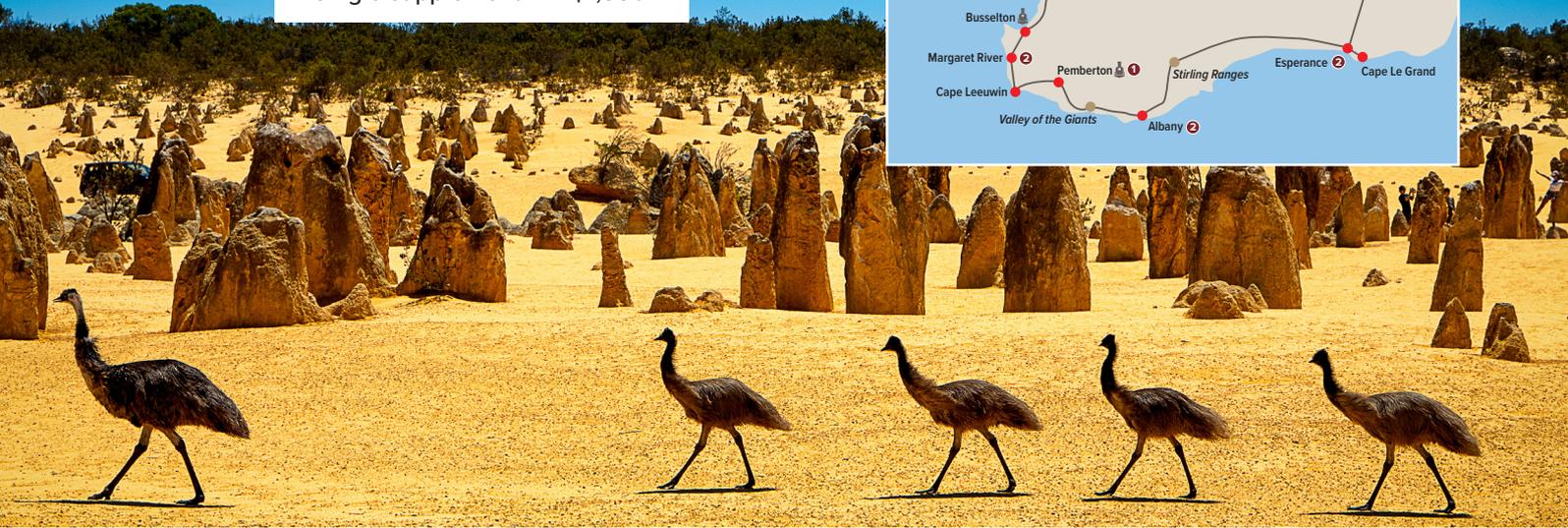
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## Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$7,990

Single supplement \$1,850



## Included in the tour price:

- 14 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class and moderate first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals: Breakfasts daily; three lunches, and three dinners.
- Seven heritage train and trams journeys and experiences.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout.
- Tour management by Travelrite.

## Not included in the price:

- Return flights.
- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B,L,D in the itinerary.



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## General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tours costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 2 December 2024. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

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**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

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