



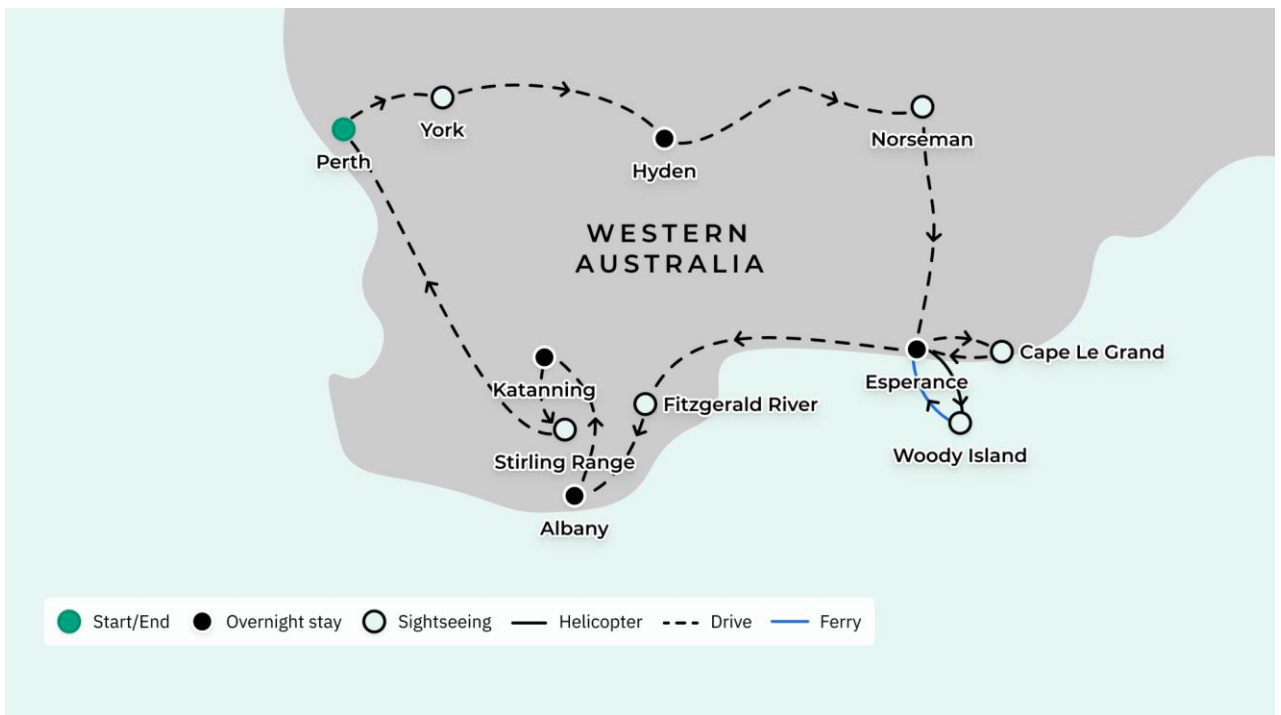
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A Small Group Tour

SMALL-GROUP GOLDEN OUTBACK & SOUTH WEST TOUR WITH HELICOPTER FLIGHT TO WOODY ISLAND & CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK VISIT

10 DAYS

PERTH – YORK – WAVE ROCK – HYDEN – ESPERANCE – WOODY
ISLAND – CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK – FITZGERALD RIVER
NATIONAL PARK – ALBANY – DENMARK – KATANNING – PERTH



ITINERARY



INCLUSIONS

- Nine nights of handpicked accommodation, including two nights at the five-star Parmelia Hilton Perth and one night at the luxury boutique Premier Mill Hotel
- Unique gourmet experiences, including nine breakfasts, four lunches and six dinners
- Discover the turquoise coast of Esperance Bay on a helicopter flight to Woody Island before exploring the local wildlife at the Nature Reserve
- Explore some of the most pristine beaches in Australia during a visit to Cape Le Grand National Park
- Witness the evolution of motor transport with a tour of the vintage vehicles at York Motor Museum
- 'Surf' one of Australia's biggest waves, rising 15 metres above the outback plain, at Wave Rock – a 110-metre multi-coloured granite cliff shaped like a wave about to crash onto the bush
- Enjoy the beauty of botanical wonderland Fitzgerald River National Park, where a tantalising variety of diverse landscapes, plant life and wilderness beg to be explored
- Guided cultural and bush food walking tour led by an Aboriginal Traditional Owner
- Explore an intact whale processing factory and fully-restored whale chasing ship on an interactive experience at Albany's Historic Whaling Station
- Venture 40 metres into the forest canopy and see 400-year-old giant eucalypts at The Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
- Private transportation throughout the tour, including roundtrip airport transfers
- The services of expert driver-guide and knowledgeable local guides
- All national park entry, sightseeing and tour fees per the itinerary

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DAY 1: ARRIVE IN PERTH

Tonight, meet your tour guide in the hotel foyer at 6.30pm before savouring a two-course welcome dinner showcasing local produce at Samuels on Mill — an elegant establishment inspired by Samuel Kingsford, who built the flour mill that influenced the street name back in 1833

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Accommodation: Parmelia Hilton Perth

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2: PERTH – YORK – WAVE ROCK – HYDEN

DATE

Departing Perth after breakfast we travel up through the Eastern hills and arrive at the historic wheatbelt town of York. York is the oldest inland town in Western Australia, situated in the Avon Valley, which is one of the most fertile areas of the State. Tour the York Motor Museum, which has an interesting range of vintage vehicles and is also home of the "Never Never Tours" Valiant ute used in the movie "Crocodile Dundee", which even has Paul Hogan's signature on the dashboard! We enjoy a morning tea on the banks of the Avon River and have some time to explore the heritage buildings of the town, prior to continuing our drive through the inland wheatbelt.

En-route to Wave Rock we will stop at the 'Dog Cemetery' a touching tribute to our canine friends. On arrival at Wave Rock, enjoy an easy walk around this fascinating geological formation. Rising 15 metres from the ground and more than 100 metres long, the rock looks like a giant surf wave of multicoloured granite about to crash onto the bush below. It's believed this amazing formation was more than 2,700 million years in the making. This evening head into the small town of Hyden to enjoy a real outback pub meal.

Driving Time Guide: Half Day Travel

Accommodation: Wave Rock Resort

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch



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DAY 3: HYDEN – ESPERANCE

DATE

This morning we take the short drive North to explore the Humps & Mulka's Cave. The name Mulka comes from an Aboriginal legend associated with the cave. Mulka was the illegal son of woman who fell in love with a man with whom marriage was forbidden according to their law. It is believed that a result of breaking these rules, she bore a son with crossed eyes. Even though he grew to be an outstandingly strong man of colossal height, his crossed eyes prevented him from aiming a spear accurately and becoming a successful hunter. Out of frustration it is said Mulka turned to catching and eating human children and he became the terror of the district. He lived in Mulka's Cave, where the imprints of his hands can still be seen, much larger and higher than that of an ordinary man.

After viewing the paintings and recovering from the story, we take a short walk around the woodland area. We continue through to the town of Ravensthorpe arriving at Esperance, where you'll embark on a short orientation tour before settling into your accommodation for the next three nights. Tonight, dine with the locals at a nearby restaurant.

Driving Time Guide: Full Day Travel

Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay Of Isles

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 4: ESPERANCE – WOODY ISLAND

DATE

Breakfast and Dinner Today, take to the skies in a helicopter and fly over the turquoise coast toward Woody Island. On arrival, enjoy a delightful morning tea on the Visitors Centre deck looking out over Shearwater Bay. Then, join an informative walking tour, learning about the history of Woody Island while also hearing about the local wildlife of this unique Nature Reserve. After free time to swim in the bay, sit back and relax among the views, or raise a glass at Blackjacks Bar, you will return to Esperance by ferry. Fine craft ales and pizzas at Lucky Bay Brewery will round out your evening.

Driving Time Guide: Part Day Travel

Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay Of Isles

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea and Dinner



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DAY 5:

ESPERANCE – CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK

DATE

Your adventure continues today at Cape Le Grand National Park, where you will explore, walk, relax and swim at some of the most pristine beaches in Australia. Admire the changing landscapes (from massive granite outcrops to freshwater pools), before visiting Hellfire Bay, followed by a picnic lunch on famous Lucky Bay – said to have some of the whitest sand of any Australian beach.

After lunch and a swim, enjoy a one-hour coastal hike over the headland at Whistling Rock, where your guide and vehicle will be waiting.

On your return to Esperance, take the time to explore the town at leisure.

Driving Time Guide: Half Day Travel

Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay Of Isles

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

DAY 6:

ESPERANCE – FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK – ALBANY

DATE

After breakfast, visit the small holiday village of Hopetoun. Following morning tea, enter the Fitzgerald River National Park, a botanical wonderland recognised by UNESCO as a biosphere of unique importance. Here lies approximately 20% of the state's plant species, 22 mammal species, 41 reptile species, and more than 200 bird species. As you traverse the park, you are given the opportunity to take a variety of short walks to admire the coastal scenery and flora. After an included lunch, it's back on the South Coast Highway en route to the city of Albany – where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Driving Time Guide: Full Day Travel

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Albany

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 7:

ALBANY – DENMARK

DATE

It's a diverse day today as we head into the South West and visit some of Western Australia's favourite holiday destinations. In the delightful small town of Demark we join a peaceful cruise and enjoy morning tea on the banks of the river. We then continue to the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk which is an internationally recognised nature-based tourism attraction, giving you a bird's eye view of some of the biggest timber giants on Earth – Western Australia's majestic tingle trees. Climbing 40 metres into the forest canopy and meandering through the treetops for 600 metres, the walk trail is the first of its kind, designed to maximise views and minimise impact. These giant eucalypts are found nowhere else in Australia, or on Earth as a matter of fact, and some have been standing for more than 400 years. Later this afternoon we join an Aboriginal Elder who will lead us on a gentle walk and share their knowledge of culture and bush food in this region. This evening there is the opportunity to free dine in one of Albany's many restaurants.

Driving Time Guide: Half Day Travel

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Albany

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

DAY 8:

ALBANY – KATANNING

DATE

This morning we visit Albany's Historic Whaling Station for a unique view and a self-guided interactive experience at the whale processing factory and whale chasing ship. The Cheynes Beach Whaling Company was the last whaling company to cease operations in Australia, closing in 1978. Opening in 1980 (known then as Whale World), it is now home to a museum on whales and whaling. A short drive takes us to the Torndirrup National Park where state-of-the-art viewing structures at The Gap and the Natural Bridge provide safe and accessible views of the beautiful and dramatic coastal environment. We complete the trilogy of National Parks 'Getting high in nature trail' when we visit the Granite Skywalk which is a suspended walkway on the huge granite outcrop of Castle Rock. A marvel of engineering, the two lookouts give spectacular views across the park and undulating farmland to Albany on the south coast and the Stirling Range to the north. For the fit and intrepid the two kilometre walk up from the Castle Rock picnic area passes through jarrah, marri and karri forest and by Balancing Rock to reach the base of Castle Rock and the lower lookout. Reaching the upper lookout requires scrambling through and over rocks and climbing a 6 metre ladder (Graded Class 5 Walk). Fortunately for those after a gentler afternoon, there is the option of a lovely stroll around the interpretive walk at the bottom of the climb. We continue our travels to our overnight destination, the luxury boutique Premier Mill Hotel. Previously the region's flour mill, and an iconic building in Katanning, it had fallen into disrepair, however is now back to the pride & joy of the wheatbelt town and a destination in itself. The silos have been transformed into modern and tastefully renovated rooms. After learning the fascinating history of the mill and heritage renovation, settle in with a pre-dinner cocktail at the 'Cordial Bar', prior to joining a dinner featuring local produce.

Driving Time Guide: Full Day Travel

Accommodation: Premier Mill Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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DAY 9: KATANNING – PERTH

DATE

This morning we are joined by a guide who gives us a locals perspective of Katanning, which is the most ethnically diverse regional town in all of Western Australia, with over 40 languages spoken. We venture out in the verdant country and may visit one of the local wineries. After lunch we travel back to Perth arriving late afternoon. This evening join your guide as we catch the ferry across the beautiful Swan River to enjoy a sumptuous farewell dinner at one of South Perth's finest restaurants as we view the CBD skyline at night.

Driving Time Guide: Full Day Travel

Accommodation: Parmelia Hilton Perth

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 10: DEPART PERTH

DATE

Your 10-day tour comes to an end after breakfast.

Meals: Breakfast



SNAPSHOT OF YOUR TOUR

Dramatic untouched coastlines, culture-rich towns and easy-going luxury — Western Australia's Golden Outback and South West are incredible regions of endless exploration. Wander out yonder on a journey of astounding contrasts and continuous marvels during a fully guided 10-day luxury small-group tour (max. eight guests). Let nature reveal her full spectrum of colour among beguiling attractions that must be seen to be believed – immerse yourself in the rich Indigenous culture of Australia, catch the biggest wave on land at Wave Rock, marvel at the Wheatbelt's picturesque farmland and share Lucky Bay's pure-white sands with lazing kangaroos. Enjoy exquisite interludes as you walk amid towering karri forests, unwind to the sounds of the sea, raise a glass over idyllic picnic spots and turn back the clock to where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia.



DESTINATION INFORMATION

Currency: AUD

Time Zone: AWST GMT +8

Climate: Mild climate with hot summers from December to February and cold winters from June to August.

Banking, accessing money & ATM: ATMs are widely available with credit cards widely accepted within the city. Cash is advised when visiting rural areas

Telephone: +61

Language: English

BEFORE YOU GO

Exclusions

- Flights
- Visas
- Meals/drinks not stated in the itinerary
- Optional activities/tours, personal expenses/transfers not mentioned
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Tips and gratuities
- Dining inclusions do not include beverages (unless otherwise stated). Menus are subject to change without notice.

Passports & Visas

A visa may be required. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they're holding a current visa for the countries they're visiting. If the traveller is on a non-Australian passport, a valid entry visa may be required.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 6-8 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours and processing time.

A valid passport with a minimum validity of 6 months beyond your return travel date is required for all passengers (including children and infants).

When travelling within Australia, please check current state & territory border entry requirements to ensure you're eligible to travel and have completed any required permits or passes.

Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly required. We recommend purchasing travel insurance as soon as possible after purchasing this package.

Your agent can assist you in purchasing travel insurance through our preferred provider. Please enquire for further information and to see if our policy is suitable for you.

Health & Vaccinations

Travellers are advised to check the vaccine requirements for their trip with their local health professional at least 45 days prior to departure, as some vaccines require 30 days or more to be effective. Please check with your health professional that you hold the appropriate vaccination entry requirements for your destination.

Guests may be required to provide evidence of proof of vaccination against Covid-19 from the ground operator prior to departure.

Important: The hotel, transportation and/or destination you are travelling to may have health, insurance and vaccination requirements in place. Please ensure you stay up to date with any requirements prior to your departure.

Covid-19 Entry Requirements

Please check with your local travel authority and with your airline for the latest travel requirements for Covid-19 for travel to, within and departing your visiting country.

Physical requirements

Travellers acknowledge that they are required to have a good level of health and fitness to undertake the activities in this tour. Further, travellers acknowledge and agree that neither the agent nor the tour provider will be able to provide medical or other assistance in the event that they are unable to complete any aspect of the tour as a result of their health or physical condition (nor is the agent or tour operator liable for any loss, damage, expense, injury or death arising from such).

Porterage

On occasion, porterage is not included, therefore at times you may be expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available. Please refer to inclusions if porterage is included.

BEFORE YOU GO

Baggage restrictions

Passengers are permitted one piece of baggage with a maximum weight of 12kg. Plus 1 small day bag per person.

Only soft-sided bags will be accepted on tour (i.e. duffel bag). Large, hard suitcases cannot be accommodated, and luggage limits are not able to be increased.

Excess baggage may be left at your Perth Hotel prior to tour departure

Dietary requirements

In most cases we can cater for special dietary requirements but please note that on occasion, this may not be possible due to location, lack of availability of ingredients, and other extenuating circumstances. It is always advised to carry supplies with you.

Any dietary requirements must be received least 30 days prior to your scheduled departure date. Failure to provide these details by this date may result in an inability to cater for your requirements.

Travelling in a group

Travelling as part of a group is a great way to experience a new destination and share experiences with like-minded people. We ask you to be understanding of your fellow travellers and respect each other's differences and to keep to the schedule set by your tour leader to ensure the smooth operation of the tour.

Group Size

Minimum number for this tour to operate is six guests. Maximum tour capacity is eight guests.

Age Restrictions

This tour is restricted to guests aged 15+

If you wish to travel with children aged under 15 years, or on your own private tour with friends, please enquire for further information. Please note that surcharges may apply.

Weight Restrictions

Each helicopter is required to operate within weight and performance limitations. Every flight has a maximum allowable total weight for passengers. It is a requirement of Australian Civil Aviation Safety legislation that passengers must advise (at the time of booking) their individual passenger weights (inclusive of clothing). Passengers will be weighed on the day of their flight to ensure that we do not exceed these aircraft limitations. Individual passengers (or a group of) in excess of 120kg per person may affect aircraft operating parameters and may not be able to join the activity.

Travel Distances

Travel on this tour is by road and to cover the sites in this itinerary each day has a guide on the approximate percentage of the day spent driving. Below is a guide to the approximate time this will be. Your guide on the ground will provide more details at the start of each day.

- Full Day Travel - 5 - 8 hours
- Half Day Travel - 2 - 5 hours
- Part Day Travel - up to 2 hours

PLEASE NOTE:

This tour will be visiting remote locations with basic amenities available. Hotel standards vary greatly and we will always use the best available options with private ensuite bathrooms.

The Premier Mill Hotel, Katanning only accommodates king bedding. A rollaway bed can be requested prior to the tour (at no additional charge). Alternatively, a single room can be reserved (subject to availability) for a surcharge.

We reserve the right to modify prices for marketing and commercial reasons. Please note that full terms and conditions apply. Refer to website's terms and conditions.

Package inclusions are correct at the time of purchase. Refer to your booking summary email for details.

ITINERARY AMENDMENTS, CHANGES & COVID-19

Occasionally our itineraries are updated prior to departure to incorporate improvements stemming from past travellers' feedback as well as updates from our ground operators. Please note that while we operate successful tours in this region throughout the year, some changes may be necessary due to inclement weather, public holidays, common seasonal changes to timetables and transport routes, and unforeseen circumstances. This can happen with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to the route. The order and timing of included activities may also vary from time to time.

In the event of a change in itinerary (due to safety or events outside of our control) which results in cancellation or change fees in respect of flights (or other parts of your travel) we will notify you as soon as practicable. You will be responsible for any associated costs or will otherwise have the right to a refund (less any costs incurred or paid to third parties).

Travelling with us post-Covid-19

Thank you for your support of the tourism industry – and choosing InStyle Adventures. We're excited to help you travel far and wide, especially to the amazing destinations on this tour.

As we continue to navigate the challenges facing the tourism industry, we would like to thank you for your patience with ever-changing border restrictions. As a result of difficulties encountered in sourcing staff in your destination, there may be some disruptions to service at accommodation, restaurants and places we visit.

What happens if you catch Covid-19 on tour?

In the unfortunate event that you do test positive to Covid-19 whilst on tour (or any person in your travelling party), our team will assist as much as possible to find available accommodation for your required isolation period. We can also assist with providing you options for your onward journey once the isolation has been completed.

Please note, whilst the tour operator can assist in a support capacity, it is the customers responsibility to arrange their isolation and onward journey themselves. Guests will also be responsible for any additional expenses incurred in the event they or any person in their travelling party, requires testing, quarantine or becomes infected with Covid-19.

