



## Terms and Conditions ....

### Itinerary

Royal Gala Tours reserves the right to cancel or alter the tour itinerary as deemed necessary without prior notice. Tour alterations may occur because of factors outside the control of Royal Gala Tours, i.e. weather or road conditions. Any / all costs incurred by passengers as a result of cancellations shall be borne by the passengers. Due to the possibility of unforeseen events, the exact arrival and departure times cannot be guaranteed by Royal Gala Tours.

### Tour Cancellation

A minimum number of passengers are required to operate each tour. Royal Gala Tours reserves the right to cancel a tour if these minimum numbers are not met. In this case, an alternative tour or full refund shall be arranged as agreed between Royal Gala Tours and the passenger.

### Conditions of Travel

Passengers are to comply with the instructions of the representatives of Royal Gala Tours at all times. Passengers shall not remain on the coach whilst in a position of being unable to care for themselves, or if their behavior, as determined by the representatives of Royal Gala Tours, is offensive to other passengers. Royal Gala Tours will not be responsible for the expenses of such persons precluded from completing the journey for these reasons.

Consumption of alcohol, food or drinks (excluding water) is not permitted on the coach.

Royal Gala Tours does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage. Royal Gala Tours reserves the right to inspect hand luggage prior to boarding the coach. Please be aware firearms, explosives, volatile fuels and spirits may not be carried.

### Medical Condition

Passengers should advise a representative of Royal Gala Tours of any medical condition that may affect their journey. However, no responsibility shall be taken for such conditions by the representatives of Royal Gala Tours.

### Dietary considerations

Passengers should advise a representative of Royal Gala Tours of any dietary considerations that may need to be addressed prior to the commencement of the tour.

### Pickup Points

Royal Gala Tours pick up from a wide range of points as listed below.

Manjimup	Manjimup Visitor Centre
Bridgetown	Transwa Bus Stop
Greenbushes	Discovery Centre
Balingup	Village Green Forest Street
Mullalyup	Royal Gala Tour Office
Kirup	Transwa Bus Stop
Donnybrook	Transwa Bus Stop
Boyanup	Bus Stop (Hall)
Bunbury	Wollaston Train Station
Eaton	Bus Stop Eaton Shopping Ctr

Royal Gala Tour takes pleasure in presenting our brochure for 2017 / 2018. We would like to thank our fellow passengers for your wonderful patronage. We look forward to welcoming you and many new passengers aboard during the coming year.

Regards, Peter Gubler (Manager), and staff at Royal Gala Tours.

### Photo 1 Of Staff to come (updated)

Our South West is home to some beautiful and unique locations waiting to be discovered and explored. In this brochure we have included some new attractions and venues for your enjoyment.

Bunbury, the major city outside Perth, is an ideal holiday location with a wide range of 5 star and budget accommodation. Train and coach services to Bunbury operate daily from Perth, giving visitors the opportunity to join Royal Gala tours on one of their many day trips. Discover Bunbury attractions, Busselton, Margaret River, Collie, Boyup Brook, Donnybrook, Greenbushes, Bridgetown and the picturesque Ferguson Valley.

Our tours range from half day to 20 days, and cover many local attractions for you to explore.

### All our tours are inclusive of:

An 18 & 24 coaster and 46 seat luxury coach with easy access, comfortable reclining seats, restroom, video, heating and air conditioning, and drinking water.

All entry fees, morning and afternoon teas are included, while some of our tours include lunch or bring or buy your own lunch. This will be stated in your booking letter.

Prices are based on twin share accommodation for extended tours with single supplement also available.

Our experienced owner-driver and tour guide will ensure you have a pleasant journey.

Royal Gala Tours are proud of the accreditations and qualifications we hold, as they demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the safety and financial security of our customers.

**National Tourism Accreditation** Australian tourism businesses are a nationwide network of businesses that have achieved recognition for the documentation of their system of business management. This indicates that we have achieved nationwide acclaim and are committed to greater customer service and satisfaction.

## Bunbury Day Tours

### Bunbury - Margaret River Tour

#### 'Taste of Margaret River'

Every Tuesday & Saturday 8am

Cost: \$110

**Includes: Lunch, entry fees, morning & afternoon tea**

Depart along the Bussell Highway to Busselton. Extending 1.8km, the heritage-listed Busselton Jetty is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Jump on board the Jetty Train to the spectacular Underwater Observatory. Vass Virgin is a natural olive oil soap factory and hand blends a variety of luxurious natural body products. Experience the variety of extra virgin olive oils, exquisite olives and other delicious offerings. Sit back and enjoy a sumptuous meal at the historic Margaret River Hotel. Delight your taste buds at the Fudge Factory. Enter into a fascinating world of chocolate with free chocolate tastings and viewing windows. Visit Canal Rocks, an ancient and unusual rock formation extending along the Geographe Coastline near Yallingup. In wild and stormy weather massive waves smash against the rocks and churn through the canals. Enjoy afternoon tea, taking in the natural beauty, before heading back to Bunbury.

### Bunbury Morning Tour

Every Wednesday Morning 8am

Cost \$65 per person

\$110 per person for both AM & PM Tours

**Includes: Morning tea & entry fee**

Join us at Royal Gala Tours and discover the history of Bunbury! Bunbury's resident population of Bottlenose Dolphins is eager to make your acquaintance at the Dolphin Discovery Centre in Koombana Bay, Australia's most ecologically aware dolphin experience. Take in some local history at St Mark's Picton Church, the second oldest church in Western Australia. Travel back in time when we visit the Dardanup Heritage Park, hosting one of Australia's finest collections of heritage items, tractors and automobiles from our pioneering past. We return to Bunbury via the panoramic views of the city from Boulters Heights. Pickup at Bunbury Visitors Centre and selected Bunbury Hotels.

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### Bunbury Afternoon Tour

Every Wednesday Afternoon 1.00pm

Cost \$65 per person

\$110 per person for both AM & PM Tours

**Includes: Afternoon tea & entry fees**

Journey along the Leschenault Estuary to view historic Upton House and the Australind Church. The "Featured Wood Gallery Museum" showcases unique creative wood designs and displays of Australian, American Indian, US Civil War Era and American West history. Experience bygone days at King Cottage built in 1880 for a glimpse of fashion, machinery, tools and furniture of that era. Travel through the outer suburbs of Bunbury and visit the "Maidens" before exploring Big Swamp Wildlife Park with the kangaroos, native birds and ducks. Your day concludes with a drive along the Back Beach for a panoramic view from Boulters Heights and the black and white checkered Bunbury Lighthouse.

### A Little Bit of Country History

Every Thursday 8am

Cost: \$100 per person

**Includes: Lunch, entry fees, morning & afternoon tea**

We discover a little bit of country history. Enjoy the panoramic views as we climb the Darling Ranges to discover the beauty of the Wellington National Park and Wellington Weir. Relive historical aspects of the Collie Mining Industry with the Men of the Coalmines. Take a trip down memory lane and waltz back in time to the tunes of the Nickelodeon at the Collie Museum. Travel east to delightful Boyup Brook, where there is absolutely something for everyone - inspirational art sculptures, unique holograms, an impressive beetle and butterfly display, and of course the heart of country music. Visit the acclaimed Harvey Dickson's Country Music Centre with its Elvis and Johnny Cash record room, big blokes shed, rodeo, concert arena and much more before returning home to Bunbury via the scenic Preston Valley.

## Bunbury Hinterland

**Departs Every Friday 8am**  
**Cost: \$100 per person**

*Includes: Lunch, entry fees, morning & afternoon tea*

Join us at Royal Gala Tours as we discover 'Beyond' Bunbury. Travel the 'Golden Mile' straight to the core of the apple industry. Head to the very summit of the Darling Scarp and experience aspects of the mining and timber industries at the Greenbushes Discovery Centre. Continue on through the Blackwood River Valley to Bridgetown. Experience the magic of Balingup and enjoy the unique galleries and specialty shops of the main street. Delight your taste buds – sample the local produce and fine wines at Birdwood Park Winery. The magic continues as we travel through the countryside of Brookhampton, Preston Valley and into the delightful Ferguson Valley, to surprise the whimsical inhabitants of Gnomesville. Homeward bound, we travel the Ferguson Wine Loop, Wildbull Brewery and take in the breathtaking vista of the rich farmlands overlooking Bunbury.

## Day Tours

### CASINO, WATERTOWN OR IKEA

**Cost: \$45 per person**

*Includes: Transport, Crown or Watertown voucher*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Enjoy a day at the Casino, including a \$10 fun pack voucher; buy factory direct at Watertown with a discount voucher; let your furnishing imagination run wild at IKEA, or meet up with friends.

### Wagin Woolarama

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Cost: Adults \$55, Seniors \$50**  
*Includes, Transport only*

Check out more than 350 commercial exhibitors, and over 1000 sheep, cattle, horses and chooks, working sheep dogs, hourly fashion parades, art, photography and craft. Delight in the side shows, free entertainment, lifestyle displays, wool handling and shearing competitions. All this activity will make for an exciting day.

## Katanning Discovery

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Cost: Adults \$105 Seniors \$100**  
*Includes Transport only*

Take a tour of the new state-of-the-art complex at WA's biggest sheep selling centre in Katanning on an average working day. The \$25 million project was financed from the sale of the old Midland saleyards together with some Federal Government funding. After lunch, discover historical Katanning, Kobeelya School and the Old Flour Mill and Museum, before heading off on a train ride out into the countryside.

### Cirque Du Soleil: Kooza

**Friday 21st April 2017,**  
**Cost: Seniors \$155**  
*Includes: Transport & morning tea, pay your own entry*

No sawdust of course, and not much sweat in evidence, but *Kooza*, the venerable touring spectacular from Canada's Cirque du Soleil, has an old-school whiff of canvas and greasepaint that contributes much to the evening's vividness and immediacy. Created by director David Shiner in 2007, *Kooza* comes framed in a dreamy narrative, one that sees a child-like innocent captivated by a colourful, faintly sinister trickster who brings the space to life, and introduces the innocent to many amazing things.

### Balingup Small Farm Field Day

**Saturday 22nd April 2017**  
**Cost: \$25**  
*Includes: Transport from Bunbury*

Enjoy the Small Farm Field Day in the beautiful town of Balingup. This event attracts over 10,000 visitors and over 300 stalls. The day encourages people from small cottage industries to exhibit and sell their produce. Stalls, information booths, fashion parades, various demonstrations and a 'Speakers Tent' provide an opportunity to learn about a country lifestyle. There's something for everyone!

### Fremantle Prison, Cruise and Tour of Perth

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
**Cost: Adults \$140 Seniors \$135**  
*Includes: Transport, morning & afternoon tea and Lunch*

Fremantle Prison is one of Western Australia's most fascinating and significant historical attractions. The history of Fremantle Prison dates back to the early beginnings of Western Australia. Decommissioned as a maximum-security goal in 1991, the prison was continuously used as a place of incarceration for almost 140 years. Death row, solitary cells and gallows are a monument to a system of punishment that is uncomfortably recent. Sit back and relax with lunch on board a Captain Cook Lunch Cruise up the Swan River. Tour Perth on a double decker bus and enjoy the views of Kings Park before starting our journey home.

## Perth Garden Festival

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017,**

**Cost: Adult \$50, Seniors \$50 U12 \$25**

***Includes: Transport & morning tea, pay your own entry***

Perth Garden Festival is Western Australia's longest running and most prestigious garden, landscape and outdoor living event. Bursting with colour, the Perth Garden Festival delights visitors with stunning garden concepts, landscaped show gardens, breathtaking flora displays, sustainable living ideas, garden trends, innovative products and abundance of information on outdoor living.

## Whiteman Park

**Thursday 11th May 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$100, Seniors \$95**

***(Includes: Entries, & morning & afternoon tea and lunch)***

Lew Whiteman's love of nature, animals, antiques, and transport led to the development of Whiteman Park. Step back in time with a 6km train ride. Hop aboard a genuine vintage electric tram which connects the Village to Mussel Pool, meander through farmland, indulge yourself at the Lolly Shop. Visit the Pottery and Art shop, take a trip down memory lane through the tractor and transport museum before enjoying a lunch overlooking the village.

## Perth Craft and Quilt Fair

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Cost: \$60**

***Includes: transport & entry***

Have yourself in stitches or patch yourself up at this colourful exhibition. An inspirational day out for lovers of all crafts, whether expert or beginner. See amazing quilts and many other displays, join in workshops and be creative!

## AQWA and Whistlers Chocolate

**Friday 2nd June 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$95, Seniors \$90**

***Includes: Entry fees, morning & afternoon tea, BYO lunch***

The Aquarium of Western Australia (AQWA) is a privately owned aquarium in Hillarys, Western Australia. AQWA was Australia's largest aquarium when it opened and still possesses Australia's largest single aquarium and walk-through underwater tunnel. For over forty years Whistler's Chocolate Company has been making traditional chocolates and confectionery from recipes passed down from generation to generation. Whistler's is now Western Australia's oldest chocolate company and has become an iconic brand representing quality and good old-fashioned traditions.

## Truffles Tram and Pemberton

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Cost: \$105 Adults, Seniors \$100**

***Includes: Entries, morning, afternoon tea & BYO lunch***

The Wine and Truffle Co produce gourmet truffle products such as oil, honey, salt, mustard and more. Discover how they locate the rare and wondrous truffle. After lunch, take a journey on the Pemberton Tram, which conveys tourists through deep forest and picturesque countryside as well as recreating the history of the timber railways that were so important to the region.

## Mystery Tour

**Saturday 24th June 2017**

**Cost: \$110**

***Includes: transport & entry***

So close and yet so far away.

## Boddington Gold Mine Tour

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$110, Seniors \$100**

***Includes: Transport, morning & afternoon tea, BYO***

Look down into the South Pit where ore is mined. Watch giant haul trucks transport their loads, to be placed on an overland conveyor and transferred to the processing plant to be turned into gold. Watch the ore being fed into grinding mills in the processing plant, where steel balls grind it into a fine powder to be separated, ready for melting in an 1100°C furnace, and poured into molds.

## Christmas in July Dwellingup Dinner Train

**Friday 7th July 2017**

**Cost: \$135 per person**

***Includes: Dinner Train***

Head to Dwellingup, where in 1961 the town was destroyed by fire. Step aboard a steam train and experience the magic of the forest. All aboard the restaurant train complete with 1919 vintage dining car and 1884 club car. Drinks available at the bar. Enjoy a five course meal in the dining car, served from the on board wood stove, as we meander through a night forest softly floodlit from the train.

## Whale Watching

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Cost: Adult \$140, Senior \$135**

**(Includes: entries, whale cruise, M/A tea & BYO lunch)**

Witness and marvel at these majestic creatures of the ocean in the spectacular bays of Augusta. A day that will gladden the heart, a truly memorable encounter that will stay with you forever. Take time to ponder the beauty as we enjoy a BYO lunch before enriching our knowledge at the Augusta Museum. We meander on to Nannup, 'place of rest' as it is known in Aboriginal culture, which is exactly what we do for afternoon tea!

## Perth Craft & Wood Show

**Friday 4th August 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$50, Seniors \$45**

***Includes: Transport only***

For men and women who love to get creative with their hands, there are lots of bargains on tools and fabric to be found on this day! An inspirational day out for lovers of all crafts, whether expert or beginner. See amazing displays and join in workshops.

## Balingup Medieval Carnivale

**Saturday 26th August 2017**

**Cost: \$30**

***Includes: Transport from Bunbury***

The Medieval Carnivale is full of great fun, colour and fabulous costumes. Enjoy the medieval fighting groups, buxom wenches, jesters, kings and queens. The grand parade at 1pm is the centrepiece of the event. Dress up and be part of the fray. Food courts galore, market stalls, medieval dancing and singing. Step back in time in the quaint village of Balingup.

## Dowerin Field Day

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$65, Seniors \$60**

***Includes: Transport, morning & afternoon tea, BYO Entry***

Dowerin Field Day is one of the biggest annual machinery events in Western Australia. Displays include wine, small goods, tools, cars, bobcats, tractors, trucks and sheep shearing displays. All the fun of the fair and something for everyone.

## Araluen Tulips and Dawson's

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$85, Seniors \$80**

***Includes: Entry fees, morning & afternoon tea, BYO lunch***

Araluen Botanic Park is a unique world-class botanic park of great natural beauty and tranquillity. Every year volunteers plant over 50,000 bulbs to create the stunning Tulip Festival at Araluen. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it before exploring the wonderful world at Dawson's nursery - advanced trees, azaleas, camellias, roses, potted colour, herbs, indoor plants, fruit trees and a huge variety of perennials, trees and shrub lines. We have plenty of room under the coach for your purchases!

## Kings Park Wildflowers

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Cost: \$50 per person**

***Includes: Transport & morning tea, BYO lunch***

Delight in the annual magical colour spectacle of Kings Park and buy wildflowers from the friends of Kings Park native plant sale. Take in the breathtaking views from the treetop walk and discover the beauty of Perth.

## Mystery Tour

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

**Cost: \$140**

***Includes: Entry fees, morning & afternoon tea, lunch***

***"Around the world I searched for you."***

## Perth Royal Show

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Cost: \$50 per person, Under 12 \$30**

***Includes: Transport only***

Thrills and spills at the Perth Agricultural Show! Check out the agricultural, animal and regional exhibitions. Take a rest and enjoy the demonstrations in the central arena, wood chopping and stock horse display. For those wanting more excitement, thrills and spills, stroll through sideshow alley and take a hair-raising ride. Spend time at the craft, produce and fashion pavilions and don't forget your show bags. Something for everyone!!

## **Rottnest Island for a Day**

**Thursday 12th October 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$205, Seniors \$195 BYO Lunch**

*(Includes: Entries, Ferry ride, Train ride, M&A tea, BYO Lunch)*

Catch the ferry at Northport Beach for a cruise to Rottnest Island, which features some of the world's finest beaches and bays, as well as unique plant and animal life - including the famous quokka. A quick BYO lunch and a look through the historic museum will give an insight into the former 'Aboriginal open prison'. We head off for a unique train journey on "Captain Hussey" to the Gunnery and picturesque Oliver Hill Lookout. We return to the mainland and make our way into Fremantle for afternoon tea before the journey home.

## **Craft and Patchwork Tour**

**Tuesday 17th October 2017**

**Cost: \$85**

***Includes: Lunch, morning and afternoon tea***

Back by popular demand: Handcrafters House. Join us and see why people from around the globe talk about Handcrafters House and its amazing display of colour and fabrics. Next stop Kraft Daze Sewing World, with over 11 years in the sewing and patchwork industry, at this nearly 300sqm shop in Maddington you will find something to satisfy any crafty compulsion. Lucky last is Southlands Fabrics and Sewing Centre, a happy place filled with new techniques and projects all on display. Pick the brains of the like-minded creators at Southland Fabrics and Sewing Centre for your next creation.

## **Bridgetown Garden Festival**

**Saturday 4th November 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$90. Seniors \$85**

***Includes: Transport form Bunbury, Garden entry, morning & afternoon tea, BYO lunch***

Welcome in spring in Bridgetown, known throughout the South West as the Garden Town. Visit stunning gardens and exciting market stalls

## **Blues at Bridgetown**

**Friday 10th November 2017**

**Saturday 11th November 2017**

**Cost: \$30 Return**

***Includes: Transport only***

Hop on board the bus at Bunbury, Donnybrook Balingup to the Blues at Bridgetown. Various times available, phone Royal Gala Tours.

## **Donnelly River, Wood Gallery and Tram**

**Saturday 18th November 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$125, Seniors \$120**

***Includes, M/A Tea, Cruise, BYO Lunch***

Appreciate the unique hand-crafted works of over 290 Western Australian artisans covering many art forms. The unique wooden items for sale are crafted from ancient long-dead trees found on the forest floor, rejected from traditional milling processes, or salvaged from old structures and transformed into magnificent solid wood furniture, sculptures and woodturning. Take a tram journey into the forests surrounding Pemberton. All aboard for a romantic cruise in "Gigetta", down the Donnelly River. Take in the peace and tranquillity of this pristine environment.

## **Penguin Island and Abingdon Miniature Village**

**Friday 24th November 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$125, Seniors \$120**

***Includes: morning & afternoon tea and Lunch***

A five minute ferry ride across beautiful Shoalwater of Western Australia's favourite day trip destination. The star attraction is the little penguin, the smallest species in the world, which will entertain you with their feeding antics. The island and Marine Park abounds with other wildlife including wild dolphins, sea lions, stingrays, pelicans, king skinks and over 50 species of sea birds. Abingdon Miniature Village has an extensive display of scale model miniature buildings and railways. Many of the models are exact replicas of well-known historic buildings from Abingdon Village, part of the United Kingdom and Germany. Set amongst four acres of beautifully manicured gardens, it is a superb must see attraction to visit.

## **Garden City Shopping Spree**

**Thursday 30th November 2017**

**Cost: Adults \$55**

***Includes: Morning & afternoon tea,***

Garden City Shopping Centre has it all from free scooter hire, a customer lounge and for those who present their senior's card, a 10-20% discount on selected items. With over 180 specialty stores, shop till you drop. Relax and unwind as the bus takes you back to your destination.

## Patrons Christmas Get Together

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Cost: \$70, Per Person**

**Includes: Lunch, Entertainment and 2 drink vouchers**

Celebrate a wonderful year with Royal Gala Tours. Renew old acquaintances, make new friends and farewell 2017. Singing, entertainment and good cheer. Prize for the best Christmas joke or skit.

## Mandurah Christmas Lights

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Cost: \$95, Children \$65**

**Includes: Cruise and 3 course dinner**

Start your festive season off with a three-course meal at Cicerello's before embarking on a tour of the canals. Marvel at the extraordinary mass of lights that adorn the Mandurah Canals at this time of the year. This popular cruise sells fast! Book your seat early!

## Australia Day Fireworks - Bunbury

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Cost: \$25**

**Includes: Transport from Manjimup - Donnybrook**

Finish your Australia Day off with a bang! Celebrate with a picnic, dine out, or join friends at the foreshore in Bunbury to watch the amazing fireworks.

## Walpole WOW cruise and Treetop Walk

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Cost, Adults \$130, Seniors \$125**

**Includes: Cruise, Entries, Morning & afternoon Tea BYO Lunch**

Delight in the magnificent Karri Forests to Walpole. All aboard for an informative eco cruise on the Walpole Inlet with Gary Muir. View the Southern Ocean and enjoy a delicious morning tea before venturing into the main street of Walpole for lunch. Explore the famous treetop walk up among the Karri canopy. Relax with afternoon tea at Fernhook Falls.

## Mystery Tour

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Cost: Adults \$100, Seniors \$95**

**Includes: Entry fees, morning & afternoon tea, lunch**

"Somewhere over the rainbow."

## Wagin Woolarama

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Cost: Adults \$55, seniors \$50**

**Includes, Transport only**

More than 350 commercial exhibitors; over 1000 sheep, cattle, horses and chooks, working sheep dogs, hourly fashion parades, art, photography and craft. Delight in the side shows, free entertainment, lifestyle displays, wool handling and shearing competitions. All this activity will make for an exciting day!

## Mining, Wool and Train

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Cost: Adults \$105 Seniors \$100**

**Includes, Morning, Afternoon Tea and Lunch**

Take a tour of a replica coalmine in Collie, then travel onto Williams, named after the Williams River which flows nearby. The river was discovered by Captain Thomas Bannister in 1831. Admire quality woolen garments at the Wool Shed. Onwards and outwards to Kodja Centre and explore the lives of three pioneer woman of the district in Kojonup. Take a nostalgic trip on the historic zoo train into the bush and see the quirky monsters at Creepy Hollow.

## Balingup Small Farm Field Day

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

**Cost: \$30**

**Includes: Transport from Bunbury**

Join RGT at the Small Farm Field Day in the beautiful town of Balingup. This event attracts over 10,000 visitors and over 300 stalls. The day encourages people from small cottage industries to exhibit and sell their produce. Stalls, information booths, fashion parades, various demonstrations and a speaker's tent provide an opportunity to learn about a country lifestyle. Something for everyone!

## Fremantle Prison, Aviation and Army

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Cost: Adults \$140 Seniors \$135**

**Includes: Transport, morning & afternoon tea and Lunch**

Fremantle Prison dates back to the early beginnings of Western Australia. Decommissioned as a maximum-security goal in 1991, the prison was used as a place of incarceration for almost 140 years. Death row, solitary cells and the gallows are a monument to a system of punishment that is uncomfortably recent. The Aviation Heritage Museum provides a unique museum experience of civilian and military aviation through its extraordinary aviation displays. Between 1906 and 1908, coastal defense batteries were commissioned at Fort Arthur Head near the port and Fort Forrest a few kilometres north. The barracks were built between 1910 and 1913 to provide a home for the gunners.

## Extended Tours

### Wave Rock & Esperance – Bremmer Discovery

Friday 26th – Wednesday 31st May 2017

6 Days/5 Nights

Cost Adults \$1680. Seniors \$1650 S/S \$350

Includes DBB, morning & afternoon tea, entry fees, lunches

#### Day 1 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Bunbury – Hyden (L/D)

Travel through the Darling Scarp to Wagin, home of the Giant Ram. Continue on to Hyden to visit Wave Rock. Formed before the age of dinosaurs, it is one of the oldest rocks in the world. Wave Rock is an ancient granite formation that has been exposed to weathering processes for over 60 million years. Its wave shape is the result of wind and water erosion over thousands of years which have cut the base and left the overhang, making it look like a giant wave. Aboriginal people were the first humans who lived in the area. Painted hand marks can still be seen on rocks at the Humps and Wave Rock. Visit Mulka's cave: according to Aboriginal legend, Mulka was the illegal son of a woman who fell in love with a man with whom marriage was forbidden according to tribal law. Mulka grew up to be big and strong but could not hunt with a spear because of his poor vision. Mulka began to hunt and eat children. For that he was punished and thrown out of his tribe. He hid in a cave, which is now called the Mulka cave. Today, handprints can be found on the Mulka cave walls. It is believed that they belong to Mulka the Terrible. The story is said to be a warning to anyone who chooses to break tribal laws. Overnight in Hyden.

#### Day 2 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Hyden – Esperance (B/D)

Wave goodbye to Hyden and travel through the wheatbelt town of Lake King and onto mineral rich Ravensthorpe, home to a 340 million dollar nickel mine. Depart to the white, sandy, pristine beaches of the Recherche Archipelago that is Esperance! Visit Cape le Grand National Park, Thistle Cove and Frenchman's Peak. Explore Bandy Creek Boat Harbour, (if you're lucky you may see some fresh fish coming in to shore!). Overnight in Esperance.

#### Day 3 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> McKenzie – Esperance (B/D)

The Recherche Archipelago is made up of more than 110 coastal islands. Today, we embark on a cruise to Woody Island. Not only will we be able to appreciate the seals, dolphins and seabirds on our journey to the island—we will take a glass bottom boat tour to view the island marine life. Back on land, visit a fascinating collection of historical buildings at the Historic Museum Village.

Take in some shopping therapy at Mermaid Leather where they make products from fish skins. Journey along the Great Ocean Drive, and stroll along the boardwalk at Monjigup Lake Reserve where some of the Zamia palms are believed to be more than 1000 years old. Overnight in Esperance.

#### Day 4 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Esperance – Bremer Bay (B/L/D)

Back tracking to Jerramungup, we head towards Bremer Bay, a beautiful town situated on the South Coast of WA between Albany and Esperance and the Fitzgerald National Park. The town is located at the mouth of the Bremer River, on the Wellstead Estuary, named after the first settler of the area, John Wellstead. The bay was named by John Septimus Roe, who visited the area in 1831, after Sir James Bremer, Captain of HMS Tamar. The area was originally settled in the 1850s with the first homestead, the *Wellstead Homestead* and the first telegraph station both being built in 1875. A second telegraph station was built of stone in 1896 to replace the first one. The views are stunning! Stay overnight in this tranquil town.

#### Day 5 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Bremer Bay – Albany (B/L)

We stop in the small town of Manypeaks for morning tea. In Albany, discover Whale World and its 25 exhibits to view and explore; step aboard the Cheynes IV Whale Chaser and walk into a jaw-dropping exhibit of whale skeletons including the state's largest Pygmy Blue Whale skeleton on display. Photograph the natural wonders: the Gap, Blowholes and the Bridge. Our final stop for the day is the Albany Wind Farm. These giants in the sky are 65 metres high and the blades are 35 metres in length! The wind farm is now able to produce 21 megawatts of electricity. After dinner marvel at the stunning views of the city at night from Mount Melville and Mount Clarence (optional). Overnight in Albany.

#### Day 6 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Albany – Home (B/L)

The journey is not over yet! Enjoy morning tea at the Denmark Chocolate Factory. This will give all the chocoholics a chance to stock up! After all that chocolate we take you somewhere completely different - Dinosaur World, home of the only full T-Rex in WA! Get up close and personal with the giants of the Jurassic period or meander the adjoining gardens with the friendly birds. Our last stop is stunning Fernhook Falls, named after a fern cutting tool found in the area. Take a stroll along the board walk to the swimming pool and enjoy peaceful views of the beautiful forest. Enjoy our last afternoon tea before departing home.

## Top End Kununurra

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**  
**18 days 17 nights**

**Cost: Adults \$5240, Seniors \$5040 S/S \$1,560.00**

**Optional Cost; Scenic Flight Bungle Bungles & Diamond Mine Tour \$749 (Day 9)**

**Includes: Accommodation, Breakfast, Dinners, morning & afternoon teas. BYO lunch on 1 day**

### Day 1 Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Home – Geraldton (L/D)

Head north on the Great Indian Ocean Drive and take in magnificent scenery. Get a first-hand look into the regions multi-million dollar lobster industry by taking a tour of the LIVE lobster processing plant at the Indian Ocean Rock Lobster Factory, and indulge in a seafood lunch. Onward North to Geraldton for a sunset tour of the HMAS lookout, a memorial to 645 young Australian sailors who lost their lives when the HMAS Sydney II sank. When the HMAS Sydney II was built, she was the pride of the Royal Australian Navy fleet and named after Sydney, the capital city of New South Wales. Relax at the Ibis All Seasons Motel.

### Day 2 Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Geraldton - Carnarvon

(B / L / D)

Depart via historic Northampton and Port Gregory, once a convict hiring depot. The rich history of Murchison House has been shaped by the hands of pioneering battlers, wealthy wool merchants and even an Indian Prince! It is one of the oldest and largest properties in WA and is a family owned and operated business. Murchison House Station was founded in 1858 by Charles von Bibra to provide meat and wheat to lead miners at Galena, beef to the growing Perth market and remount horses to the British army in India. Kalbarri National Park is a photographer's delight at the Graham Ross lookout. On the road again to Carnarvon, a town founded in 1883, initially as a port and supply centre for the surrounding regions. It is named after Henry Herbert, 4th Earl of Carnarvon, a past Secretary of State for the Colonies. Enjoy a good night's rest at the Gateway Motel.

### Day 3 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Carnarvon - Karratha

(B/L/D)

Travel the North West Coastal highway, stopping for morning tea at the historic Manilya Roadhouse. Stay the night at Karratha, which derives its name from the cattle station with the same name. Karratha translates in local Aboriginal dialects as good country or soft earth. It adjoins the Port of Dampier, which was set up in 1968 to help with the processing and exportation workforce.

### Day 4 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Karratha - Port Hedland (B/L/D)

Explore the Burrup Peninsula. Located in Murujuga National Park is a small landmass with a large range of habitats, a diverse array of wildflowers and wildlife, and an ancient outdoor art gallery. The Burrup Peninsula is one of the most prolific Indigenous art sites in the world. It is believed that Aboriginal occupation of the Pilbara dates back more than 40,000 years. The Yaburarra people, who once inhabited the peninsula and the adjacent islands of the Dampier Archipelago, left a rich cultural heritage. The Burrup contains one of the most prolific sites for prehistoric rock art in the world. Linking the facility at Cape Lambert with the small holiday town of Point Samson is a white beach stretching for over 1km, the perfect vantage point to observe queues of iron ore bulk tankers waiting to dock at the port, turtles nesting or whales migrating just off the Cape. Tour Port Hedland, meaning "place of good water", and see the flatback sea turtle rookery located on the main beach front.

### Day 5 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Port Hedland - Broome (B/L/D)

Today we discover Cape Keraudren and its marine, terrestrial and oceanic animals. Morning tea at Pardoo Roadhouse and off we head towards Broome. We will come across Desault Bay, Frazier Downs and the Bidyadanga Community. The Karajarri people are the recognised traditional owners of the land, which is rich in history, art and culture. Discover La Grange Bay, False Cape, Gourdon Bay, Port Smith and Roebuck's Bay. Named after HMS *Roebuck*, the ship captained by William Dampier when he explored the coast of north-western Australia in 1699, Roebuck's Bay is bounded in the north by the town of Broome, and in the south by Bush Point and Sandy Point. Overnight in Broome.

### Day 6 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Broome Discovery (B/L/D)

Visit Gantheaume Point and check out the historic lighthouse built in 1906. Marvel at the prehistoric dinosaur footprints etched into the rocks on the beach over 130 million years ago. Anastasia's Pool was created amongst the rocks by the former lighthouse keeper for his wife, who suffered from arthritis and believed the salt water which filled the pool at high tide had possible healing properties. It is often said that Broome's pearling industry is as rich in culture as it is in pearls. Experience a fascinating insight to Broome's unique heritage at the pearling museum, learn about the perils of the deep and discover firsthand what made the pearl diver's life so hazardous and what drove so many to put their lives at risk. Enjoy the sunset at Cable Beach, a 22 km stretch of white sand beach on the eastern Indian Ocean about 6km west of Broome, Western Australia. Cable Beach was named after the telegraph cable laid between Broome and Java in 1889.

## Extended Tours continued

### Day 7 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Broome – Derby – Fitzroy B/L/D

Derby was famous in the 1920s as the terminus of the first scheduled aviation service in Australia, West Australian Airways Ltd. Their service began with their first flight on 5 December 1921. At one time the Perth to Derby service was the world's longest passenger airline route. Derby has played a major role in the Australian Royal Flying Doctor Service for the Kimberley Region. The Kimberley School of the Air is located in Derby. The school provides education to isolated primary-aged children living on cattle stations and in remote Aboriginal communities scattered throughout the 423,517 square kilometres of the Kimberley region. We visit the Boab Prison Tree, which is a large hollow *Adansonia gregorii* (Boab) tree just south of Derby. It is reputed to have been used in the 1890s as a lockup for Indigenous Australian prisoners on their way to Derby for sentencing.

### Day 8 Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Fitzroy Crossing – Kununurra (B/L/D)

Halls Creek is a busy service town for surrounding pastoralists, Aboriginal communities and travellers exploring northern Western Australia and Halls Creek. It is also the fourth fastest growing shire within Western Australia. Situated in the heart of the Kimberley, Halls Creek is the gateway to a range of world renowned natural attractions, including the World Heritage listed Bungle Bungle ranges of Purnululu National Park. Halls Creek offers a genuine insight into the spectacular Australian outback, covering some 142,908 square kilometres of predominantly desert and pastoral country. Warmun Community (also known as Turkey Creek) is a township and locality in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, located on the Great Northern Highway, 3009km northeast of Perth. Overnight in Kununurra

### Day 9 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Kununurra B/L/D

The Bungle Bungle Range in the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park is one of the most fascinating geological landscapes in Western Australia. From an aircraft it is an imposing sight. We take a two hour scenic flight on an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and Ord River Irrigation Area. Fly over the full expanse of Lake Argyle, the Ord Top Dam wall, Lake Kununurra and the Ord Irrigation Area. View the Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord River and Bow River. Experience spectacular aerial views of the whole Bungle Bungle Range in the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park. Orbit the fascinating Argyle Diamond Mine where rare pink diamonds are mined. Remember diamonds are a girl's best friend as we purchase a souvenir from the gift shop. Overnight in Kununurra.

### Day 10 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Kununurra, Bungle Bungles and Diamonds (B/L/D)

Wyndham is the oldest and northern-most town in the Kimberley region, established in 1886 as a result of a gold rush at Halls Creek. It is now a port and service centre for the east Kimberley with a population of 800. The original town site of Wyndham Port is situated on Cambridge Gulf, while Wyndham's Three Mile area is the residential and shopping area of the town. Relax at the end of the day and enjoy our surroundings on a sunset cruise that winds its way through Lily Creek and out into the open water of Lake Kununurra. The picturesque lagoon will have you reaching for your camera. Views of Sleeping Buddha will be enjoyed from Lake Kununurra before we turn the boat towards the Diversion Dam. As the sun sets, enjoy nibbles and dinner before returning to our hotel.

### Day 11 Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Kununurra Explore B/L/D

Ivanhoe Crossing is where the locals go fishing. It was once part of the main road to Wyndham, but was flooded after the start of the Ord Irrigation Scheme in the 1960s. Water flows over Ivanhoe Crossing year round and during the wet season the water level is too high for vehicles to pass. Discover East Kimberley Frangipanis, a company established in 2005 in Kununurra. The tropical climate and abundant fresh water of the Ord River Irrigation Area makes this a perfect place to cultivate a large range of beautiful frangipanis. The Ord River Irrigation Area enjoys winter sunshine, summer rain, and is free of many major horticultural pests and diseases, allowing pesticide-free production throughout the year. We end the day with a guided tour around Kununurra.

### Day 12 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Kununurra - Fitzroy (B/L/D)

We leave Kununurra as we back track to Fitzroy, reliving those wonderful adventures of the Kimberley. Stopping at Warmun Art Centre, one of remote Australia's most significant cultural institutions. It is owned and governed by the Gija people, with 100% of income returning to the community.

Halls Creek China Wall is a natural vein of sub-vertical white quartz rising up to six metres above the surrounding country in places. This striking formation transects the country for many kilometres, rising high out of the ground and then disappearing back into the earth again. Overnight at Fitzroy Crossing.

### **Day 13 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Fitzroy Crossing - Broome (B/L/D)**

Farewell to Fitzroy Crossing as we head to Broome. Located just 38 kilometres north of Broome, the Willie Creek Pearl Farm is perfectly situated on the scenic and protected tidal estuary of Willie Creek. Gain insights into the modern cultured pearling industry, from the seeding of an oyster to the harvesting and grading of a pearl, right through to the final stunning product on display in the showroom. Take the opportunity to cruise the spectacular azure waters of Willie Creek to see oyster panels suspended in their natural environment, and view huge barramundi and a range of other sea creatures in our aquaculture display. Take the opportunity to purchase Broome Pearls to accompany the Argyle diamonds.

### **Day 14 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Broome – Port Hedland (B/L/D)**

Farewell to Broome as we head down south to Port Hedland, discovering Eighty Mile Beach, where you can hear the sand squeak and swim in crystal clear water. See Sandfire Roadhouse and the De Grey River, named in 1861 by the explorer and surveyor Francis Gregory after Thomas de Grey, 2nd Earl de Grey who was, at the time, President of the Royal Geographical Society. Welcome back to Port Hedland Motel.

### **Day 15 Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Port Hedland - Mt Newman (B/L/D)**

The Yule River was named in 1861 by the surveyor and explorer Francis Gregory while on expedition in the area, after Thomas Newte Yule. Lunch at Fortescue Falls and explore the Karijini National Park, including Circular Pool, Kalamina Gorge and Joffre Falls. Newman sits on what was originally regarded as marginal cattle country. It was built in the 1960s by the Mount Newman Mining Company following the discovery of rich iron deposits on nearby Mount Whaleback. The discovery marked the start of the resource boom in Western Australia in the 1970s. The town takes its name from nearby Mount Newman, named in honor of A.W. Newman, an early explorer who died of typhoid fever just before reaching the area in 1896. Overnight at Mt Newman Motel.

### **Day 16 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Mt Newman - Meekatharra (B/L/D)**

Take a tour of Mt Newman Iron Ore Mine before setting off along the Great Northern Highway. Collier Range National Park is the home of the rare Pilbara Pebble-Mound Mouse. "25 Mile Well" on the Great Northern Highway has been restored as a monument to the many drovers and stockmen driving their charges through this rugged land. Meekatharra is a former gold rush town. The first settlement occurred in 1894. It is an Aboriginal name meaning 'place of little water' and is an area known to the Yamatji Aboriginal people. Meekatharra is a major supply centre for the pastoral and mining area and is a centre for sheep and cattle trans-shipment, initially by rail but now by road trains. It is also a base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and School of the Air. Just 3km from Meekatharra is a fascinating area of granite rock formations. Its reputation for picnics dates back to World War I, when Meekatharra's service men were welcomed home with a gala picnic and sports day at the granites. Since that day, the area has been known as Peace Gorge. Overnight at the Auski Motel.

### **Day 17 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Meekatharra - Dalwallinu (B/L/D)**

Off bright and early through the small communities of Nannine and Tuckanarra to Cue. Gold was discovered in 1892 and the town was named after early prospector Tom Cue. The town of Day Dawn, 8km south, was established within a year; by 1900 a hospital and cemetery were established between the two towns. Lake Austin and the town are both named after surveyor Robert Austin, who was the first European to explore and chart the area in 1895. Mount Magnet is an old gold rush town. The name was chosen during exploration of the region due to an isolated hill 5km North West of the town which had an extremely high iron content and affected the compasses of explorers. Paynes Find was named after the prospector, Thomas Payne, who was the first to discover gold in the area. Our final destination for the day is Dalwallinu, a Wheatbelt town on the world-famous Western Australian Wildflower Route. The name of the town comes from an Aboriginal word that means "place to wait a while" or "good lands". Overnight at Dalwallinu Motel.

### **Day 18 Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Home (B/L)**

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag as we make our way home through Wongan Hills, a wheat belt town settled in the 1900s, and named after "kwongan", an indigenous word for sand plain. In 1925 an agricultural research station was established about 5km north of the town, which assisted in the diversification. Enjoy lunch beside the Avon River and discover the suspension bridge and the Northam Visitors Centre.

## Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (4 days 3 nights)**

**Cost: Adults \$1140, Seniors \$1020 S/S \$190**

**Includes: Accommodation, morning & afternoon tea, Dinner, Breakfast, Entries, BYO 1 lunch**

### Day 1 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Home – Hopetown (L/D)

Travelling from home today, we stop for morning tea at Lake Muir Observatory, part of the Muir-Byenup wetland system and recognised as a Wetland of International Importance. Mt Barker is the gateway to the amazing South Coast and is framed by the spectacular Stirling (to the north) and Porongurup (to the south) Ranges. Lunch today is at Wellstead Heritage Museum, which draws you into the Wellstead Legacy. Early settlers labored tirelessly alongside their countrymen, both squires and convicts alike, often enduring extreme adversity to build an ethic, a pride, a collective spirit that would eventually forge our nation. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Bremmer Bay and the delights the area holds for our adventure. Overnight at the Bremer Bay Motel.

### Day 2 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Hopetown - Ravensthorpe (B/L/D)

Travelling today through the shire of Gnowangerup, we stop at the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre, which has been operational for over twenty years and was specifically created to conserve and research the endangered Malleefowl and its habitat. It is possible to see the Malleefowl in its natural environment and, if it is breeding season, to view the newly born chicks from a safe distance. Staying in Hopetown, Mary Ann Harbour was named in November 1865 by the sealer James Sale on the cutter *Mary Ann*. The *Mary Ann* was owned by whaling master John Thomas, who named it after his eldest daughter. Hopetown was established in 1900 as the port servicing the Phillips River goldfield, named after the first Governor General of Australia, John Hope, 7th Earl of Hopetoun.

### Day 3 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Ravensthorpe - Bremer (B/D)

Today's first stop is Fitzgerald National Park, one of the largest and most botanically significant national parks in Australia. Within the park are found nearly 20 per cent of Western Australia's flora species, many of which occur only within its boundaries. Morning tea in its lush surroundings and then depart for the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show. Free time for you to enjoy the Ravensthorpe Herbarium, situated next door to the Wildflower Show which holds many hundreds of botanical specimens collected from within the Ravensthorpe Shire. Experts on the local flowers are on hand each day for identification queries. Stop and buy your own lunch, Devonshire tea or warming soup. Browse the many stalls for books, cards, and products that feature the work of local artisans. Overnight at Hopetown Motel.

### Day 4 Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Bremer – Home(B/L)

Departing Hopetown, we stop for morning tea at Lake King, which boasts some of the southern Wheatbelt's best displays of Western Australian wildflowers. Onto Lake Grace, recognised for the most diverse flora in the world and named after 16-year-old Grace Bussell, the heroine who rescued people of the shipwreck of the *Georgette*. Off to Dumbleyung, whose name is of Aboriginal origin, coming from "Dambeling" which possibly means "large lake or inland sea" (although another source suggests it came from "dumbung", a game played with bent sticks and a hard piece of fruit). We then meander through Wagin and Collie, making our way home

## Kulin Bush Races and Wave Rock

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
3 days 2 nights**

**Cost: Adults \$780, Seniors \$765 S/S \$150**

**Includes: Morning & afternoon teas, accommodation, Lunch, dinner, breakfast BYO 1 Lunch**

### Day 1 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Home - Hyden (B,D)

Making our way through Williams, we explore the Woolshed and take the opportunity to shop. In Wickepin experience the life of Albert Facey, author of *A Fortunate Life*. Wickepin was formed in 1909 as a service centre for broadacre grain and sheep farming. The shire covers an area of 198,900 hectares and includes the towns of Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith and Tincurrin, with a combined population of approximately 720 people. Travel along the Tin Horse Highway to the town of Kulin. Explore the markets and entertainment at the race track before heading off to Hyden. Discover the legends at Mulkas Cave. Mulka was the illegitimate child of a forbidden love. The illegal union cursed the child and although healthy, large and strong, he was born cross-eyed, making him a poor hunter - this is not so good if you're a hunter-gatherer. Not being able to hunt well he eventually resorted to eating human children. Hippos Yawn and the Humps have a number of large granite rock formations and are located near Wave Rock. Overnight at Hyden Motel.

## Day 2 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Hyden – Home (B/L)

Take a guided tour of one of Australia's most famous landforms. This huge giant surf wave of multi coloured granite feels like it's about to crash onto the bush below. Stand under it and feel rock power from over 2,700 million years ago, before dinosaurs roamed the earth. A guided tour will give you an insight of how the landscape was formed. Other features around Wave Rock are the Lace and Wildflower shop, Wildlife Park and an enormous collection of thousands of miniature toy soldiers. Travel back to Kulin and place your bets at the award winning Kulin Bush Races. Much more than a day at the races, with novelty events, entertainment, live bands and delicious country style food. It is a family orientated event. Overnight at Hyden Motel.

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## Day 3 Hyden to Home

Located 70km east of Kulin, Buckley's Breakaway is a picturesque land form where erosion has cut through the orange laterite and formed spectacular white cliffs and gullies from the underlying clay. The gully is dominated by Cypress Pine, Blue Mallet and Box Poison, but it is the top of the "breakaway" which carries the most interesting plants. The natural garden has something in flower all year round. The Lake Grace Australian Inland Mission hospital is the only one in Western Australia and one of only three remaining in Australia. Experience this early twentieth century rural hospital that, in its time, serviced approximately 16,000sqkm. The Lake Grace Australian Inland Mission Hospital Museum contains the old-style wards, duty room, kitchen and laundry. Step back in time at the Wagin Pioneer Village. Take a siesta as we make our way home via Collie.

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## Extended Mystery Tour

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

4 Days 3 Nights

Cost: Adults \$995, Seniors \$980, S/S \$240

*Includes: entries, morning & afternoon tea, lunch & BYO 1 lunch*

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes. WHEN SHE COMES.

### Day 1 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October (L,D)

Welcome aboard to four days of mystery following the road, over the hills and faraway, to visit old hotels and picture theatres and into the Mia. Give me a home among the gum trees with lots of plum trees, a sheep or two and a kangaroo a clothes line out the back and a Royal Gala Coach.

### Day 2 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (B,L,D)

Today we pop along the way in our flying machine to see a grasshopper or a flying flea. With a scratch and an itch we jump in a ditch by the waterhole. Those magnificent men in their flying machines they go up tiddly up up, they go down tiddly down down. They enchant all the ladies and steal all the scenes with their up tiddly up up and their down tiddly down down.

### Day 3 Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October (B,L,D)

We head north to a place of a silver grey possum to belt out a tune on our accordion and see a wonderful display you never should miss. How many native plants can you grow in a West Australian garden? I'll tell you now of some that I know and those I miss I hope you'll pardon.

### Day 4 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October (B,L)

It's homeward bound with decorations in mind or a pressie to find. A gin or two may help with the mood as we all unwind and say goodbye to friends we have made along the way.

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse, all the stockings were hung by the chimney with care in the hope that St Nickolas soon would be there. There's a little ditty their singing in the city especially when they've been on the gin or the beer. If you've got the patience your own imaginations will tell you just exactly what you want to hear. Oompa pa Oompa pa that's how it goes.

## Ballooning, York and Toodyay

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

2 Days / 1 Night

Cost: Adults, \$520, Seniors \$500 S/S \$80

Optional Extra Ballooning \$300

*Includes, Entries, morning and afternoon tea, lunch*

### Day 1 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Home – Northam L D

Depart from the South West to Mundaring Weir to discover where the Golden Pipeline to Kalgoorlie all began. Travel through the picturesque Avon Valley to the quaint town of York, the oldest inland town in Western Australia, and home to over 2,000 people. Established in December 1979, the York Motor Museum is now recognised as one of the finest private collections of veteran, vintage, classic and racing cars in Australia. Housing the Peter Briggs collection of approximately 150 vehicles, the museum presents the evolution of motor transport with prime examples of the finest quality and workmanship from each era. The York Mill has its own remarkable history, from its inception as an internationally acclaimed Flour Mill established in 1892, to its present day life as a center for fine Western Australian arts and crafts. Visit Holy Trinity Church, completed in 1854 and consecrated in 1858. The interior is richly ornamented with glass designed by WA artist Robert Juniper. The original high altar and Walsingham Shrine feature Juniper's paintings. The church also contains a rare Albert Piesse pipe organ with eight bells. The Church is located on the eastern banks of the Avon River. Overnight at Northam Motel.

### Day 2 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Northam – Home B L D

Rise and shine for all those Balloonists brave enough to head up into the clouds. On landing, you will enjoy a champagne breakfast and be awarded with your Balloonatic Certificate. For those not ballooning, sleep in before taking in the delights of Northam. On our way home view adult emus, nests and chicks in their enclosed but natural bush setting and the incubation and hatching process in season. The emu shop offers products such as leather garments, carved and non-carved eggs, therapeutic oils, cosmetics, soap, feathers and emu meat. The Place of Plenty olive grove at Nardie homestead overlooks the Avon River, producing fresh olive oils with distinct flavours from several varieties of organically grown olives. The oils are cold filtered and bottled on site to ensure consistent quality. If you are looking for that special piece for your garden, look no further than at the Toodyay Emporium. Old world water pumps, garden benches, large outdoor bells, urns, door mats, wall decals, bird baths or a water feature will add that special touch to your garden. A large variety of terracotta and glazed pottery, antique furniture, kitchenalia collectables, cushions, rugs and many reproduction pieces complete the theme. Free time in historic Toodyay steeped in Moondyne Joe history. Make sure you visit one of the largest Christmas shops. BYO lunch before departing homeward bound.

## Mid West Marvels

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

(2 Days / 1 Night)

Cost: Adults \$480, Seniors \$460 S/S \$80

*(Includes DBB, M/A Tea, Entries, lunches)*

### Day 1 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Home – Cervantes L D

Morning tea at the old McLarty Homestead and on to the historic town of Bindoon, one of the towns passed through by the monks from New Norcia on their travels to Perth. Revel in the history of New Norcia on a guided tour before departing for the beachside town of Cervantes, home to the Pinnacles.

#### Overnight Cervantes

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### Day 2 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Cervantes – New Norcia – Home BL

An early morning tour to the Rock Lobster Factory to stock up on local seafood freshly caught. Marvel at the ancient structure of the Pinnacles in the Nambung National Park. Lake Thetis became isolated from the sea about 4800 years ago when sea levels dropped and coastal dunes formed around the Lake. It is one of only a few places in the world with living marine Stromatolites, or 'living fossils'. Stromatolites are like rocky lumps and have been dated to about 3370 years old. Our last wonder for the day is the Gravity Centre in Gingin. The Leaning Tower of Gingin is an awesome feat of engineering. It is a 45m tall steel structure, leaning at an angle of 15 degrees. Learn about the forces of gravity and how black holes are formed, and discover how sound travels at this learning centre before we travel home.

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**November**

13	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1 DAY	4
4	BRIDGETOWN GARDEN FESTIVAL	1 DAY	7
10	BLUES AT BRIDGETOWN	1 DAY	7
11	BLUES AT BRIDGETOWN	1 DAY	7
18	DONNELLY WOOD & TRAM	1 DAY	7
24	PENGUINS & ABINGTON VILLAGE	1 DAY	7
30	GARDEN CITY SHOPPING SPREE	1 DAY	7

**December**

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4	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1 DAY	4
10	PATRONS LUNCH	1 DAY	8
14	MANDURAH LIGHTS	1 DAY	8

**January 2018**

8	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1 DAY	4
26	AUSTRALIA DAY FIREWORKS	1 DAY	8

**February 2018**

5	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1DAY	4
10	WALPOLE WOW TREE TOP WALK	1 DAY	8
18	MYSTERY TOUR	1 DAY	8

**March 2018**

12	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1 DAY	4
10	WAGIN WOOLARAMA	1 DAY	8

**APRIL 2018**

9	CASINO, WATERTOWN or IKEA	1 DAY	4
21	BALINGUP SMALL FARM FIELD DAYS	1 DAY	8
27	FREMANTLE PRISON AVIATION ARMY	1 DAY	8

**MAY 2018**

7	CASINO WATERTOWN OR IKEA	1 DAY	4
17	BALLOONING YORK & TOODYAY	2 DAY	15

**JUNE 2018**

14	MID WEST MARVELS	2 DAY	15
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