

Australia's South West Walking Tour

9 Days



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he south west corner of Western Australia is home to some of Australia's most magnificent forests, pristine beaches and rugged natural scenery. It is also home to some of this country's best walking trails. Join our Australia's South West walking tour for an intimate view of this wonderful region.

This nine day tour captures the best of Australia's South West's iconic walking trails - the Bibbulmun Track and the Cape to Cape Track. Walking between 10 and 16 kilometres each day, the walks range from easy to more challenging.

Each day you'll head out on a fabulous walk then return to comfortable accommodation each afternoon. In the evening, relax with fellow walkers as you meals are prepared by your professional guides. It is a perfect blend of activity and rest in a stunning landscape and the ultimate way to really experience the diverse beauty of this unique south west.

This tour is available for private groups of four or more people or see our scheduled departures.

Details

Arrive: Perth

Depart: Perth

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size: Max 12 guests

Average Age: 50-75

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate

Testimonials

Having travelled from the UK we wanted to see some of the flora, fauna and scenery of Western Australia. We were not disappointed with this trek as it had it all. Walking with a group of like-minded people, sharing experiences in the superb surroundings, being looked after by a great team and having the rewarding feeling at the end of completing a fairly challenging trek. Thank you to all at Inspiration Outdoors.

Debra, Best of the SW 2018





Highlights



Walk along cliff-tops, with sweeping views along the coast; descend onto splendid beaches, and watch the world-class surf rolling in.



WOW Wilderness Ecocruise on the beautiful Walpole and Nornalup Inlets.



From the ocean to the forest the Valley of the Giants will astound you.

What to expect



Comfortable accommodation which keep us close to the days activity.



Enjoy healthy breakfasts, delicious home-made morning teas, fresh picnic and packed lunches, fruit and hearty two course dinners each day.



Spring Departures Sep: 8 min - 18 max





Itinerary

Guided tour taking in the best walks on the Cape to Cape Track, Bibbulmun Track and the South West of Australia.

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Day 1 CAPE TO CAPE TRACK, SMITHS BEACH TO WYADUP

Departing from Perth, we head south to the Cape to Cape Track. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch in the picturesque seaside town of Yallingup before we start our short but spectacular walk.

There are a few rocky and hilly challenges early on but the deeply dissected red granite boulders and the turquoise oceans beyond are worth the effort. After a full day, we head to our accommodation in Margaret River.

Note: As we walk on the first afternoon, you will need to wear your walking clothes on the bus and have your day pack (water, camera etc) ready to go.

Activity: 7km walk

Meals: L, D

Accommodation: Margaret River Motel (or similar)

Day 2 CAPE TO CAPE TRACK, MOSES ROCK TO GRACETOWN

Today's 16 km walk on the Cape to Cape Track is relatively easy. Walk along cliff-tops, with sweeping views along the coast; descend onto splendid beaches, and watch the world-class surf rolling in. Get up close and personal with the massive red granite outcrops and boulders that typify the Western Australian coastline.

The day's walk finishes in Gracetown - where the sheltered bay is perfect for a refreshing swim to rejuvenate those tired muscles.

Activity: 16km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Margaret River Motel (or similar)

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Day 3 CAPE TO CAPE TRACK, REDGATE BEACH TO BORANUP FOREST

Today is our final day on the Cape to Cape Track and it's certainly a highlight! On today's 14 kilometre walk you will enjoy the fascinating Bob's Hollow, breathtaking cliff-top views of the coast near Cape Freycinet, and a walk through the cool and peaceful Boranup karri forest.

This afternoon we'll visit one of the many excellent Margaret River wineries for a tasting or two.

Activity: 14km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Margaret River Motel (or similar)

Day 4 BIBBULMAN TRACK, PEMBERTON

It's time to say goodbye to the Margaret River Region and head to Walpole for the next stage of our south west adventure.

On the way to Walpole, we'll stop in at Pemberton and have a 7 km walk in the heart of the forest. Brave souls can climb the rungs of the 72 metre high Gloucester Tree for a view over the forest canopy.

Activity: 7km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Pemberton Hotel (or similar)

Day 5 BOAT CRUISE AND BIBBULMUN TRACK WALK, WALPOLE

Take an early morning wander through town or have a sleep-in before we head out at 10 am to join a WOW Wilderness Eco-cruise on the beautiful Walpole and Nornalup Inlets. This excellent guided cruise will give you a fascinating (and often hilarious) insight into the local history and ecology of the area.

After lunch, enjoy a great 10 kilometre walk on the Bibbulmun Track west of Walpole. You'll start at the Giant Tingle Tree and head down through the forest, to emerge beside the inlet. From there it's an easy walk right into our accommodation.

Activity: 10km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bayside Villas, Walpole (or similar)

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Day 6 BIBBULMUN TRACK, CONSPICUOUS CLIFFS TO PEACEFUL BAY

Today we experience another fabulous 16 kilometre section of the Bibbulmun Track. Starting from Conspicuous Beach we first ascend to the Rame Head Campsite, enjoying the exercise and the spectacular coastal and inland views.

Thereafter it's an easy walk through inland heath back to the coast and a lovely walk, with great coastal views, around the coast and into Peaceful Bay. If the weather is nice we'll have a refreshing swim at Peaceful Bay before heading back to our accommodation in Walpole.

Activity: 16km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bayside Villas, Walpole (or similar)

Day 7 BIBBULMUN TRACK, MT HALLOWELL TO GREENS POOL

We start our 13 kilometre walk with an ascent up and over Mt Hallowell, with amazing boulder formations and spectacular views over the Denmark area and coast. We pass through Lights Beach and then on to Tower Hill where we encounter some amazing granite boulders.

We'll finish at the delightful pools and rock formations at Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks where you can take a swim in the cold but sheltered waters.

Activity: 13km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Emu Point Motel, Albany (or similar)

Day 8 BALD HEAD WALK

This is a challenging but spectacular return walk along a Flinders Peninsular to the easternmost point of Torndirrup National Park. It offers outstanding views, with King George Sound on one side and the Southern Ocean on the other.

Note: If the weather is very rough we will complete a more protected section of the Bibbulmun Track instead as this walk is very exposed and should not be done in stormy weather.

Activity: 15km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Emu Point Motel, Albany (or similar)



Day 9 RETURN TO PERTH PLUS SHORT JARRAH FOREST WALK

With a heavy heart we will leave the southern coast this morning and head north back towards Perth. Early October in the south west means wildflowers so we will stop for a short walk in the jarrah forests near Perth as we make our way back to the city. Jarrah forests are renowned for their diversity of wildflowers. Depending on the energy of group, we might take an easy stroll or if we are more energetic we climb to the summit of Mt Vincent (approx 2 hrs return). After our walk, we will continue on to the city arriving at around 5pm.

Activity: 4km walk

Meals: B

Departure Dates





Pricing

2022

\$2,585

Per Person

\$350

Deposit

Optional Extras

Single Supplement \$450

2023

\$0 Per Person

\$0

Optional Extras

Inclusions

All transport: private coach transport to and from

- Perth; as well as transport to and from the track each day.
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 8 night's comfortable accommodation
- 8 healthy breakfasts cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 9 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 9 lunches some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 8 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

Exclusions

• Lunch on the last day





Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au, find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/ Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au.

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancilation policy during covid restrictions here https:// www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.





About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor





