

Australia's South West Walking Tour



Welcome to your next adventure.
Here are a few details to help you get prepared...

Getting to and from your Trip

Transport is via an air-conditioned coaster bus. The bus will take us down from Perth and back, and transport us to and from the walks each day.

Pre/Post Trip Accommodation Recommendations

With an early departure, we recommend staying the night in Perth for those coming from interstate or overseas. (The city of Perth is roughly 1/2hr away from the airport) There is no train line to Perth airport so your options are either a Taxi or an airport shuttle. All the below hotels are within easy walking distance from the pick up location.

- The Ibis on Murray Street
- The Comfort Inn on Murray Street
- Mantra on Murray
- Four Points by Sheraton on Wellington Street

Washing Facilities

There are washing machines at The Margaret River Motel and Bayside Villas but no washing facilities for your last two nights in Albany.

Phone Coverage and Charging

There is patchy phone coverage while you are on the track. Like most remote rural places, Telstra offers the best chance at reception. There is phone coverage when we return to town. There is free Wifi at The Margaret River Motel and also at the Best Western.

Climate

The climate is mild in September. The days can still be warm but the nights have started to cool down. There is the chance of a spring shower.

Food

All meals are included, with the exception of lunch on the last day, when you can pick something up on the drive back to Perth.

Breakfast comprises cereal, fruit, yoghurt, toast and spreads. There is also juice, a variety of teas and freshly brewed coffee.

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Lunch is self-made from supplied breads, salads and meats. On some days, the bus will bring us lunch on the track.

Dinners are delicious two course meals. On some nights your guides will prepare the dinner and on others we will visit a local restaurant for dinner. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Each day we provide tea, coffee and home-made cake for morning tea. Fruit is also available for snacks. You're welcome to bring additional snacks (e.g. muesli bars, nuts) if you feel you need them. There will be time for you to purchase additional supplies and alcohol throughout the tour.

Your out of pocket expenses for this trip include lunch on the last day, snacks if you need them and alcohol.

Drinks

There is plenty of opportunity to purchase alcohol while on tour as the shops are only a short stroll from your accommodation. Depending on what the group choose, we often enjoy a few of the local wineries and breweries on our way back to the accommodation each afternoon.

Medical Restrictions

As we operate in remote areas, guests will need to bring all of their own personal medications on tour. Whilst our guides are qualified in remote area or wilderness first aid and carry satellite phones, we do not carry epi-pens, Ventolin or other emergency medications. If a person requires urgent medical attention whilst on tour, it may take several hours or more for emergency services to attend the scene and take you to a medical facility. Under certain circumstances your tour consultant may request a medical certificate of fitness before you are cleared to participate on the tour. If pre-existing medical issues that will affect your ability to complete the tour or have an impact on other guests experiences, are not disclosed prior to the departure, we reserve the right to remove you from the tour. You can bring a cpap machine whilst on tour but you will need to purchase a single supplement.

Dietary Requirements

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We will do our best to cater for these whilst you are tour..

Access to Shops

Our accommodation is a short stroll from the town so there is ample time to purchase any needed items.

What to Pack

- Day-pack - with a thick waist strap to help take some weight off your shoulders. In wet weather, a waterproof cover or a bin bag to wrap your belongings in can be handy
- Shorts/long pants and shirts for walking - as many sets as you wish! Quick-dry material is best, especially for trousers. Don't wear jeans walking.
- Socks - whichever thickness you're comfortable walking in and as many pairs as you like
- Boots/shoes for walking (make sure you wear them in well - see note on footwear below)
- Windcheater or lightweight jumper for walking
- Waterproof jacket*
- Sun protection - hat (secure fitting and/or with chin strap), sun cream, sun glasses

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- Casual clothes for evenings
- Torch/headlamp (can be handy when twin sharing for getting up at night)
- Any preferred first aid supplies - such as your favourite blister treatment! (Your guide will carry a full first-aid kit)
- Water bottle/s or camelback - 2 to 3 litre capacity
- A lunch container (with freezer brick if desired)

*You have to expect some bad weather at any time of the year down here so bring wet weather gear even if the forecast is fine.

Optional items

- Waterproof pants. Some people love them and some hate them - personally, we don't wear them but there have been times when we have wished for a pair!
- Fly net (especially for walks in warmer weather)
- Camera and charger/batteries
- Gaiters for snake bite protection are recommended unless you are wearing long pants and long socks. They're also good for keeping sand out of your shoes.
- Sock protectors (to keep sand out of your boots)
- Robust sandals for wading/beach sections
- Bathers and towel
- Small towel to carry during the day
- Snacks and alcohol - there will be time to purchase more during the week if you need to. Some people like to have some muesli bars, nuts, lollies etc
- Walking poles

Emergency Contact on Tour

In the case of an emergency and family and friends are trying to get in contact with you and unable to reach you on your personal phone, please ask them to call the office on 1300 544 882. After hours or on the weekend there is an option on the voicemail which will direct them through to the duty managers personal mobile.

On tour in an emergency situation our guides will be carrying satellite phones.

Final Payment Due Date

Final payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks. We will send out a reminder email.

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 cancellation policy during covid restrictions here <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/>

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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.

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