

5 day Albany and Margaret River Explorer

Pickup: 9am Day 1

Drop off: 5pm Day 5

Departing: Perth CBD

Inclusions: Private guide and vehicle daily, 2 nights accommodation at The Beach house at Bayside - Villa Balcony King including breakfast, 2 nights accommodation at Cape Lodge - Garden Deluxe Room including breakfast and dinner, general admission to Whale World, the national Anzac Centre, Valley of the giants, Underwater observatory and train at Busselton Jetty, lunch daily.

DAY 1 Perth to Albany

Your guide will meet you at your accommodation in Perth this morning for your tour to Albany. Albany, a port city, is the oldest European settlement in Western Australia and has a fascinating, rich history which has been preserved with British and French connections.

The drive between Perth and Albany is a historic route that was used by early settlers and mail couriers Cobb and Co. This morning we pass through the bustling rural towns that still bear all the trademarks of traditional country settlements.

Lunch today will be at Plantagenet Wines. The Great Southern wine is the largest region in Australia and is the second largest producer of grapes in Western Australia. Plantagenet Wines is named after the surrounding Mt Barker.

After lunch, we continue on we travel a short distance to Porongurup National Park.

Just 40kms north of Albany this beautiful National Park rises from the landscape like an island and is surrounded by forests of Karri Trees. This afternoon we enjoy the 1.5km walk trail that takes you through some spectacular forests to Castle Rock before a short climb to the Granite Skywalk, here we enjoy spectacular views across the park and undulating farmland to Albany on the south coast, Mt Gardner and Mt Manypeaks to the south-east and the Stirling Range to the north. Reboarding of your vehicle we make our final journey to your accommodation at Albany where you will spend the evening.





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DAY 2 Explore Albany Region

After a relaxing breakfast, join a tour at Whale World. This Historic Whaling Station is situated on the site of the old Cheynes Beach Whaling Company in King George Sound at Albany. Discover the fascinating whaling history of Albany. Whaling ceased operating mid-1970's

Afterwards we stop at a local restaurant for lunch before making our way to the "The Gap". Lookouts at both the Gap and natural Bridge provide outstanding views of the Southern Ocean and the coast from Bald Head to West Cape Howe. You can venture onto a universally accessible new viewing platform 40 metres directly above the surging seas in all but the worst weather conditions. From the gentle and mesmerising heaving of calm seas to the buffeting rush of wind and spray of winter storms the experience changes from day to day.

We re-board the vehicle and make our way to the National Anzac centre at Albany. The Albany Heritage Park was established by the City of Albany in 2010 to integrate various historical, natural, cultural and recreational assets located on Mount Clarence and Mount Adelaide.

The Park incorporates a range of significant pre- and post-European cultural and historical attractions – many with military connections – including Princess Royal Fortress, the Desert Mounted Corp Memorial, Padre White Lookout, and the Avenue of Honour.

We return to your accommodation this the afternoon where you will spend the remainder of your day at leisure.





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DAY 3 Albany – Pemberton

After breakfast, your guide will meet you at your accommodation for your tour to Pemberton; an old timber town that now enjoys a new lifestyle showing off its natural beauty of old growth Karri forests.

Departing Albany we make our way to the Valley of the Giants, located west of Denmark and east of Walpole on the Southern Ocean coast of Australia. Here, you will experience the aptly named Tree Top Walk, a stunning walkway positioned high in the red tingle canopy with majestic views of the wilderness.

This impressive forest, known as the Ancient Empire, is unique to this part of the world. The trees can reach heights of 130 feet, with trunks measuring up to 50 feet in circumference, making them some of the largest trees on earth. They are also quite ancient, with some more than 400 years old. In addition to the Tree Top Walk, a ground-level interpretive trail meanders around and even through some of the towering giants, similar to the paths found amid the redwoods of California. Marvel at the mystical grandeur of the tingle forest as you stroll along a 650-yard walk on a gentle gradient, with benches to stop and rest.

Reboarding the vehicle we make our way to Walpole for a café style lunch before making our final journey to your Margaret river accommodation where you will spend the evening.





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DAY 4 Pemberton - Margaret River

Today we discover the wineries of Australia's famous Margaret River. Producing only 1 percent of Australia's total wines, the Margaret River region produces 20 percent of Australia's premium wine. Varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Shiraz, Merlot, Chenin Blanc, Riesling and Verdelho. Today we will visit 3 wineries and enjoy a two-course winery lunch.

You will be taken to your Margaret river accommodation in the afternoon, where you will spend the remainder of the evening at leisure.

DAY 5 Margaret River – Perth

After breakfast this morning we head back to Perth via Busselton, where we stop at the Jetty, home to one of only five underwater observatories in the world. Ride the new electric Jetty Train out to sea, with 360 degree views across Geographe Bay, and take a tour through the Underwater Observatory where the pier's piles create Australia's greatest artificial reef, host to an awe inspiring "forest" of coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates.

