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AROUND AUSTRALIA PORT MAC—DARWIN DARWIN—PERTH PERTH—PORT MAC



**53 days
Tuesday 26 July to
Friday 16 September 2022**

PORT MACQUARIE TRAVEL

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Day 1 (D): PORT MACQUARIE TO DUBBO – Tuesday 26 July, 2022

Welcome to our very special tour – virtually around Australia! Our incredible tour features the very best of Australia from the famous Red Centre to tropical Darwin across the epic Kimberley and follows the gorgeous WA coastline before taking us across the vast Nullarbor before arriving home. We are in for an incredible adventure. Today is a travel day so sit back and enjoy the service and facilities aboard our deluxe touring coach as we commence our tour. We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am stopping along the way to purchase lunch before arriving into our overnight accommodation in Dubbo (dinner in motel).

Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon, Dubbo (PH: 02 6882 4444)

Day 2 (BLD): DUBBO TO BROKEN HILL – Wednesday 27 July, 2022

This morning we drive to Nyngan for our morning break and then onto Cobar, a modern and highly productive mining town. From Cobar we travel west across the vast outback plains of NSW and on to Broken Hill, a place of huge skies and a sprawling desert landscape (breakfast and dinner at the motel).

Desert Sand Motor Inn, Broken Hill (PH: 08 8088 4122)

DAY 3 (BLD): BROKEN HILL TO PORT AUGUSTA – Thursday 28 July, 2022

Dominating the town is the “Line of Lode” which sits side by side with the Miners Memorial. Crossing the border into South Australia, we make our way to Peterborough for our lunch stop. We arrive mid-afternoon into Port Augusta. On arrival we stop in at the award winning Wadlata Outback Centre. Through impressive exhibits and audio-visual presentations, the culture of the outback, local history and incredible achievements of both the Aboriginal and European people who lived here are displayed. We make our way to our accommodation to settle in before dinner (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Railway Hotel).

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta (PH: 08 8642 4033)

Day 4 (BLD): PORT AUGUSTA TO COOBER PEDY – Friday 29 July, 2022

Our morning’s journey takes us to Woomera, a once closed defence town. Now open to the public, we gain an insight into its intriguing past at the nearby Woomera Rocket Range before visiting the Heritage Centre. We enjoy lunch at Glendambo roadhouse before continuing to Coober Pedy. Many of the residents of this opal-mining residents of this opal

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**COST: \$19750.00 per person
(Based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single supplement \$4850.00**

**A deposit of \$2000.00 per person is required upon
booking with final payment being 30 April 2022**

**Please advise correct spelling of your name (as per identification)
and any dietary requirements upon booking**

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

**Please see our Tour Inclusion list—as you can imagine the list is so big it is
its own brochure!!**

Renmark Club, which is our lunch venue today. We then stop at the tiny village of Paringa. It's here we have a fantastic view down the Murray River of lock 5. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs that were built back in the 1920s and 1930s. Fourteen locks are still in use today, including Lock 5 which we see today. This afternoon we make our way across the border and onto Mildura (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Renmark Club).

Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn, Mildura (PH: 03 5023 5833)

Day 51 (BD): MILDURA TO GRIFFITH: Wednesday 14 September, 2022

We have a travel day today as we continue east to Balranald this morning before crossing the vast Hay Plains to Hay. Located on the banks of the Murrumbidgee near a natural crossing and at the intersection of the Sturt, Mid-Western and Cobb Highways, Hay has always been an important centre of transport and communications. It was a port for the riverboats that plied these waters and was a staging depot for Cobb and Co coaches. We have time to stretch our legs and purchase lunch and then continue through to Griffith for our overnight stay (breakfast & dinner in motel).

Kidman Wayside Inn, Griffith (PH: 02 6964 5666)

Day 52 (BLD): GRIFFITH TO DENMAN: Thursday 15 September, 2022

We have an early start as we make our way through Forbes and Parkes before making our way to the Wellington Caves Complex. Here we'll be guided to the famous Cathedral Cave, featuring the Southern Hemisphere's and arguably the world's, largest stalagmite. The limestone structure measures at 15 metres high and 32 metres around its base. A fascinating experience enjoyed by all. From here we make our way to Denman for our final night on tour (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Grapevine Motel, Denman (PH: 02 6547 2303)

Day 53 (BL): HEADING HOME: Friday 16 September, 2022

Can you believe our epic journey is almost over?? We're on the road early today as we begin to make our way home. We stop in Singleton to visit the local Army Museum and enjoy our farewell lunch at the East Maitland Bowling Club. We arrive late afternoon back in Port Macquarie from an incredible Australian adventure (breakfast in motel | lunch at East Maitland Bowling Club).

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mining town live underground to escape the extreme heat in summer and stay cosy in winter. It's also known as the opal capital of the world so you may like to browse the gift shops (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Glendambo Shell Roadhouse).

Opal Inn Hotel Motel, Coober Pedy (PH: 08 8672 5054)

Day 5 (BD): EXPLORING COOBER PEDY – Saturday 30 July, 2022

Our day begins with a visit to the Umoona Opal Mine. Our local guide will introduce us to the region's history of Aboriginal and European settlement, view the story of the opal in an underground theatre and see fossil remains from the inland sea that once covered the area. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the tour as we visit Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Course, the only course in the world with reciprocal rights to Saint Andrews (the home of golf) in Scotland. Our sightseeing continues with the Big Winch Lookout and an underground church. After an interesting morning, we have time to wander the town to purchase lunch before heading to the Breakaways. This reserve consists of spectacular flat-topped, colourful mounds that have risen from the desert floor. Dinner tonight will be at John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant (breakfast in motel | dinner at John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant).

Opal Inn Hotel Motel, Coober Pedy (PH: 08 8672 5054)

Day 6 (BLD): COOBER PEDY TO YULARA – Sunday 31 July, 2022

We have a long travel day as we head across the border into the Northern Territory. Look out the window at the seemingly endless horizon where you truly get a sense of how vast this area is. As we travel west from Erldunda through the desert country dotted with spinifex and desert oaks, Mt Connor will be on our left. This sandstone mesa is often confused as Ayers Rock. We then make our way to Yulara, the gateway to the World Heritage Listed Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park. The rock itself rises 348 metres from the desert floor and has a girth of 9.4km. this evening we head out to the Sunset Strip for an experience of a lifetime as we watch the changing colours of this magnificent rock as the sun sets. Uluru puts on a remarkable light show as it changes from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes. We enjoy this special experience with a glass of sparkling wine and some nibbles before returning to the resort for dinner (breakfast and dinner at hotel | packed lunch included).

Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, Yulara (PH:08 8957 7714)

Day 7 (BD): EXPLORING ULURU AND KATA TJUTA – Monday 1 August, 2022

After breakfast, we are joined by our accredited guide who will enlighten us. First is the Mala Walk where we'll learn about Aboriginal perceptions of Uluru, its powerful spiritual

significance and how Anangu traditional owners and rangers are looking after the park together. This afternoon we head straight to Kata Tjuta or place of many domes. There are excellent views from an observation deck then plenty of time to walk among the ancient domes. Once at the Valley of the Winds lookout, we take some time to gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta before returning to our hotel. As darkness falls, the incredible Field of Light illuminates. Created by internationally renowned artist Bruce Monroe the 50,000 spindles of light illuminate the desert floor as far as the eye can see (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, Yulara (PH:08 8957 7714)

Day 8 (BLD): YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS – Tuesday 2 August, 2022

We say goodbye to Uluru National Park after breakfast and travel to Curtin Springs for some time to stretch our legs and look through the gift shop. We stop for lunch in Ertlunda before arriving in Alice Springs. Nestled between the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, “Alice” is famous for its beautiful desert landscapes and colourful outback characters (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Desert Oaks Resort Roadhouse).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Day 9 (BD): EXPLORING THE ALICE – Wednesday 3 August, 2022

We take in the sights of Alice Springs with a visit to ANZAC Hill for panoramic views of the town and the surrounding area. We take a look at the School of the Air, a service dedicated to educating students in remote areas before visiting the Old Telegraph Station and the original Alice Springs. With incredible indoor and outdoor displays, the story of the connection of Australia and the rest of the world through telegraph communication unfolds. After time to wander down Todd Mall to purchase lunch (own expense) we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Base. Hear the incredible history of one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world. Using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, it delivers extensive primary health care and 24-hour emergency service to those who live, work and travel throughout Australia. Tonight, we head to Earth Sanctuary – a World Nature Centre at Quandong Homestead to enjoy a mouth-watering bush BBQ. We’ll be treated to music and entertainment and experience the spirit of the outback through stories of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. We even learn how to cook a swagman’s damper! (breakfast at hotel | dinner at Earth Sanctuary).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Balladonia Hotel Motel (PH: 08 9039 3453)

Day 47 (BLD): BALLADONIA TO EUCLA: Saturday 10 September, 2022

Another early start today as we continue our journey east across the vast Nullarbor Plain. Our destination today is Eucla, where the drifting sands have all but buried the old telegraph station. We stop along the way to enjoy our picnic lunches arriving in Eucla later in the afternoon (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Eucla Motor Hotel (PH: 08 9039 3468)

Day 48 (BLD): EUCLA TO CEDUNA: Sunday 11 September, 2022

Not only is Head of the Bight a fantastic venue to view whales, it’s also well worth visiting to view the Bunda Cliffs. These cliffs are 70 metres or so in height and are the remains of an ancient ocean bed that was subject to geological uplifting millions of years ago. Something remarkable to ponder is the fact that as we drive across the Nullarbor, we are in fact driving across the floor of an ancient sea bed. From here we head to Ceduna (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel (PH: 08 8625 2008)

Day 49 (BLD): CEDUNA TO PORT PIRIE: Monday 12 September, 2022

We made it across the Nullarbor!! Today’s journey takes us through Minnipa and Wudinna to Kimba where we take our late lunch stop – look out for the Big Galah and also the silo art by Melbourne artist Cam Scale. The incredible silo depicts a young child in a wheat field at sunset. We pass by the small mining town of Iron Knob, then arrive in Port Augusta for an afternoon break before continuing on to Port Pirie for our overnight stay (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Kimba Gateway Hotel).

John Pirie Motor Inn (PH: 08 8632 4200)

Day 50 (BLD): PORT PIRIE TO MILDURA: Tuesday 13 September, 2022

This morning we travel through the small communities of Crystal Brook and Spalding to Burra where copper was discovered in 1845. We’ll stop for our morning break here. Travelling to Renmark, there is a delightful short river bank walk to the

Sandalwood oil, destined for some of the world's leading perfume houses. We head through the stunning Stirling Ranges National Park for great views of Bluff Knoll, the highest and one of the most spectacular peaks in south Western Australia. Keep your eyes peeled for the wildflowers that usually come out at this time of year. We enjoy our picnic lunches while soaking up the views. This afternoon we continue to Hyden where we check into our overnight accommodation (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Hyden Wave Rock Hotel Motel (PH: 08 9880 5052)

Day 44 (BD): HYDEN TO KALGOORLIE: Wednesday 7 September, 2022

We are met by our local guide to show us one of Western Australia's most famous landmarks, Wave Rock. Walk through the wildflowers and see the magnificent, prehistoric rock formation. Marvel at the shape and size of this phenomenon. Geologists believe the original formation was vertical but has been sculptured and coloured by chemicals over millions of years to form its wave like character. Later this morning we start our drive up to meet with the Great Eastern Highway which will take us through Coolgardie to Kalgoorlie-Boulder for our next two night's accommodation (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Quality Inn Railway Hotel, Kalgoorlie (PH: 08 9088 0000)

Day 45 (BD): THE GOLDFIELDS: Thursday 8 September, 2022

We are in for a very interesting day! We will put on a high visibility vest and safety glasses to experience a tour of Australia's largest gold producing mine, the Super Pit. We now have some free time in town to check out the shops and purchase lunch. Later this afternoon, we'll take a town tour. After a fascinating day in the goldfields, we return to our motel to freshen up for dinner (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Quality Inn Railway Hotel, Kalgoorlie (PH: 08 9088 0000)

Day 46 (BLD): KALGOORLIE TO BALLADONIA: Friday 9 September, 2022

What a day we have as we start our trek across the vast Nullarbor Plain. From Kalgoorlie we travel via Kambalda to Norseman. Located in the main street is the statue of the horse "Norseman". The famous horse allegedly pawed at the ground and unearthed a nugget of gold that started the Norseman gold rush. From here we turn to east and head out across this vast expanse of Australian landscape and onto our overnight stop, Balladonia (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Day 10 (BLD): THE WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES – Thursday 4

August, 2022 **DRIVERS DAY OFF**

This morning we take in the majestic Western McDonnell Ranges. The landscape in this area is outstanding! We stop at Simpsons Gap to see the soaring cliffs and enduring water hole before travelling to see the towering walls of Standley Chasm. Admire the glow from the reflecting sunlight to create a breathtaking display of colour, making it a must-see experience. We return to Alice Springs where we spend the rest of the afternoon is spent immersing ourselves in the cultural and heritage of Central Australia through visual and performing art at the Araluen Cultural Precinct. Learn about the Aboriginal dreaming and discover the local identities that helped shape and develop Alice Springs (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Standley Chasm).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Day 11 (BLD): ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK – Friday 5 August, 2022

Sit back and relax as we have a full day's drive to Tennant Creek. On our travels, we cross the Tropical of Capricorn and pause at Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia. We stop to visit the Karlu Karlu Devil Marbles, steeped in aboriginal legend as the eggs of the sacred rainbow serpent. We have time to marvel at the collection of massive granite boulders, that formed millions of years ago before continuing to Tennant Creek, a modern outback mining town, whose minerals include copper, gold and tin. We have time to settle into our motel and freshen up before dinner (breakfast and dinner in hotel | packed lunch included).

Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek (PH: 08 8962 2617)

Day 12 (BLD): TENNANT CREEK TO MATARANKA – Saturday 6 August, 2022

An early start this morning to make the most of our stay in Mataranka. Our journey today takes us through Renner Springs and Elliot to Daly Waters where we stop for lunch at the pub - a well-known spot for many of the air personnel who served in the Pacific during World War II. This afternoon, we continue onto Mataranka where we can enjoy the fantastic mineral pools (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Daly Waters Pub).

Territory Manor, Mataranka (PH: 08 8975 4516)

Day 13 (BLD): MATARANKA TO KAKADU – Sunday 7 August, 2022

A more leisurely start today as we head north, stopping in Katherine for our morning break. Lunch is in Pine Creek before we are set to experience the magic of Kakadu National Park, one of the world's greatest natural wonders with remarkable scenery and unique flora and fauna. Settling into our hotel in Cooida we'll have time to relax and soak up the peaceful surrounds and maybe enjoy a dip in the pool. Late afternoon we board our magical Yellow Water Sunset Cruise. Glide along the tranquil waters of the billabong, keeping an eye out for the native wildlife and hopefully a crocodile or two (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Mayse's Cafe).

Kakadu Lodge Cooida, Kakadu National Park (Ph: 08 8979 0145)

Day 14 (BLD): KAKADU TO DARWIN – Monday 8 August, 2022

Our first stop this morning is to explore the incredible rock art galleries, Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock. The walls of this rock have served as canvases for thousands of years, providing windows to a rich spiritual tradition. After our walk, we begin our journey back to Darwin, stopping at the Bowali Visitor Centre to pick up our lunch. At Adelaide River, we step aboard the thrilling Jumping Croc Cruise. With our knowledgeable guides leading the way, we learn more about these magnificent creatures while watching them as they propel themselves high out of the water to snatch their food from the safety of our boat. We continue to Darwin (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

For passengers joining today, you'll be picked up from the airport and transferred to the hotel before meeting your new travel buddies for dinner (dinner in motel)

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

Day 15 (BD): EXPLORE DARWIN – Tuesday 9 August, 2022 **DRIVERS DAY OFF******

Today we uncover the fascinating sites and interesting past of Darwin with a local expert. Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during World War II so we'll take a look at the city and learn the history of the bombings of Darwin. On our guided tour, we'll see visible reminders and relics left behind after the bombing devastated Darwin and seriously threatened Australia. On our tour we'll also visit the Darwin Military Museum. With an afternoon at leisure, we enjoy a delicious seafood dinner in Cullen Bay (breakfast in motel | dinner at Seafood on Cullen).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

Day 41 (BD): PEMBERTON: Sunday 4 September, 2022

We arrive in Pemberton, a town with quaint streetscapes that remain intact from the original settlement, for lunch before boarding the Pemberton Tram for an unforgettable tour. Shuffling out of Pemberton we'll pass the Saw Mill and descend deep into the Karri forest. Towering trees undulate across the valley with sunlight streaming onto their smooth trunks. It's a sensory experience as we witness wildflowers crawling across the forest floor, the sound of the native birds and the smell of fresh eucalypt. The tram meanders through the forest crossing bridges, stopping at Cascades and the Warren River Bridge where the Lefroy Brook joins the Warren River. Our tram returns to Pemberton before we explore the "Valley of the Giants" from the tree top walk. Amidst the tingle of foliage is the tree top walk that provides amazing views over the wilderness and opens up a world of birds and flowers most people never see. It's a peaceful experience with quiet spots to sit and reflect on the special nature of the forest. We arrive in the Albany, a town steeped in history of dramatic whaling, convicts and settlers (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Ace Accommodation Albany (PH: 08 9841 2911)

Day 42 (BD): ALBANY: Monday 5 September, 2022

The charming town of Albany marks the spot where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia. Much of their legacy remains today with colonial buildings standing proudly as museums, galleries and cafes. Albany is also known as the birthplace of the Anzac story and is home to the National Anzac Centre. The state-of-the-art museum uses multimedia, interactive exhibits and historical artefacts to create a deeply personal connection with the past and pay tribute to those who served in WWI. This afternoon we travel to nearby Discovery Bay. Built in the remains of a former whaling station, it is the only museum of its kind in the world. On our way back to town, we stop to view the southern coastline of the Torndirrup National Park. There are a number of natural attractions here including the Salmon Holes and Blow Hole – each providing great views of the coast (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Ace Accommodation Albany (PH: 08 9841 2911)

Day 43 (BLD): ALBANY TO HYDEN: Tuesday 6 September, 2022

We stop at Mount Romance Sandalwood Factory to learn about the benefits of the Sandalwood plant and discover the fascinating history of traditional medicines. Experience the world-class technology used to process Australian

white sandy beaches, crystal clear blue waters, rare marsupials and rich history, we are in for a wonderful day of discovery. The day includes return ferry to the island, lunch and a guided coach tour – as well as some free time to relax and enjoy this tranquil place (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch included on Rottneest Island).

Pan Pacific Perth (PH: 08 9224 7777)

DAY 39 (BLD): PERTH TO BUSSELTON: Friday 2 September, 2022

For some of us, our holiday has come to an end. After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight home (breakfast in motel).

For those of us staying on the tour, we leave Perth behind and arriving in Busselton, a town with a 1.8-kilometre jetty. After lunch in a restaurant on the foreshore we jump on the leisurely train, taking in 360-degree views across the Indian Ocean as we journey across the calm, clear waters. At the end of the jetty is the Underwater Observatory, giving us the opportunity to experience one of Australia's greatest artificial reefs. Descending 8 metres below the surface, we'll be led through the natural wonders that lie beneath the jetty. The reef is host to an awe-inspiring forest of vividly coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges and fish. Our accommodation is situated ideally with the beach at its back door so why not feel the sand between the toes and enjoy a stroll prior to dinner (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Equinox Cafe).

Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton (PH: 08 8755 4600)

Day 40 (BLD): MARGARET RIVER: Saturday 3 September, 2022

Witness the diversity of the Margaret River region today when we visit wonderful produce stores and see amazing landscapes. This morning we call into Vasse Virgin, a natural soap factory. Here we'll witness the soap makers at work as they hand blend a variety of luxurious natural body products using the finest extra virgin olive oil. Feel the difference in products at the various testing stations, especially for those who have allergies or sensitive skin. Next, we visit Mammoth Cave. The magical, gothic like limestone cave is a natural time capsule, home to the ancient fossil remains of the long-extinct giant animals known as Australian Megafauna. The Interpretive Centre will tell us more about the history of the caves after our viewing. Travelling to the rocky headland of Cape Leeuwin, we enjoy lunch before a walk up to the lighthouse, through an area often ablaze with wildflowers and the point where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet. A visit to the Margaret River region wouldn't be complete without a wine tasting, which is where we finish our day (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse).

Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton (PH: 08 8755 4600)

Day 16 (BLD): LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – Wednesday 10 August, 2022

Today we visit Litchfield National Park. With untouched rainforests, stunning waterfalls and magnificent scenery, Litchfield has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. We enjoy lunch at Litchfield Café before spending some time exploring the park. There are some great photo opportunities as we stop to see the magnetic anthills and see the cascading Florence Falls. For anyone looking for a swim – take a dip in the Wangi Falls plunge pool. Dinner tonight will be on board the Spirit of Darwin as we watch the sun set on the harbour (breakfast in hotel | lunch at Litchfield Café | dinner on Spirit of Darwin).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

DAY 17 (B): DARWIN AT LEISURE – Thursday 11 August, 2022

We have a day at leisure in Darwin today. Some suggestions include a visit to Crocosaurus Cove and Aquascene or you may like to book a day tour. This evening we have the opportunity to explore the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets. With the multicultural background of Darwin, be tempted by the delicious smells of food stalls featuring cuisine from across the world including Sri Lankan, Turkish and Greek. After dinner (own expense), find the perfect gift among the arts and craft stalls or be entertained by the fire twirlers, musicians and street performers. At a pre-arranged time, our coach will transfer us back to our hotel (breakfast in motel).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

DAY 18 (BLD): DARWIN TO KATHERINE – Friday 12 August, 2022

For some of us, our holiday has come to an end. After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight home (breakfast in motel).

We bid Darwin farewell as we head south towards Katherine. We stop at Adelaide River to visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery to see the military graves honouring those killed in the bombing of Darwin. From here we continue onto Pine Creek for lunch before arriving in Katherine. This evening we travel to Nitmiluk to enjoy a journey of discovery through the magnificent Nitmiluk Gorge. Be transported to the spiritual world of Jawoyn culture and history as we cruise down the tranquil waters. Witness the changing colour of the setting sun against the glorious backdrop of cliff faces before a delicious candle lit dinner under the sparkling stars (breakfast in motel | lunch at Lazy Lizard Tavern | dinner with Nitmiluk Tours).

Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine (PH: 08 8972 2511)

DAY 19: (BLD): KATHERINE TO KUNUNURRA – Saturday 13 August, 2022

We visit Argyle Homestead Museum, which offers a fascinating insight into the lives of the early pioneers in the region. Walk through the 1890s former home of the Durack family, who were a prominent farming family. The original homestead sat on Argyle Downs Station but had to be relocated due to the constructions of Lake Argyle. One of the many highlights will be an afternoon cruise that glides among numerous inlets and bays in search of local wildlife including Freshwater Crocodiles. Stay out on the water in an ideal setting to catch the last golden rays of the Kimberley sun – the first of many! (breakfast and lunch in motel | lunch at Lake Argyle Resort).

The Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra (PH: 1300 955 549)

DAY 20: (BD): EXPLORING KUNUNURRA – Sunday 14 August, 2022

For those of us who have booked an optional flight over the Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles), we will be collected early morning. For those of us not wanting to fly, this is the perfect opportunity for a sleep-in! After a slightly later breakfast, we take a tour of Kununurra. It is a relatively new town, established as the residential and administrative centre of the Ord River Scheme – a huge irrigation system that was developed in the 1970s. Our sightseeing will include a visit to the town centre and the Diversion Dam, Kellys Knob for excellent views over the surrounding irrigated land and Ivanhoe Crossing. We finish our tour in town where we have time to purchase lunch and have a look around the shopping precinct. Later this afternoon, we visit the Mirima National Park, also called Hidden Valley. Hailed by the locals as the mini Bungle Bungle range, the fascinating rock formations have taken shape over millions of years. It's the perfect opportunity to get an "on-ground" experience (breakfast and dinner in motel).

OPTIONAL: Bungle Bungle Scenic Flight

Embark on an incredible early morning scenic flight over Purnululu National Park to see the Bungle Bungle Range. See a maze of curious orange and black striped beehive shaped domes from above making it the Kimberley's best scenic views.

* Please advise at the time of booking this tour if you would like to include the optional scenic flight. This optional is an additional expense and has limited places available. It is subject to availability and weather conditions on the day.

The Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra (PH: 1300 955 549)

DAY 21: (BLD): EL QUESTRO – Monday 15 August, 2022

The Kimberley is one highlight after another and today is no exception. This morning we head to Wyndham, Western Australia's most northerly town. We visit the port area which still services the mining, pastoral, sugar and tourism industries. From the Five

Trees - this area is characterised by river red gums which have given up defying the prevailing winds and bent themselves almost parallel to the earth. From here we travel south to the town of Cervantes. This spectacular seaside town is the access point to the truly remarkable Nambung National Park, where the famous Pinnacles, rise out of the yellow sand dunes. The limestone pillars, standing two metres tall, are one of the state's foremost natural wonders and attract visitors from around the world. While discovering this phenomenon, look out for the gardens and bushlands filled with colour from the spring wildflowers. This will be one of the highlights of our tour! (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Cervantes Pinnacles Motel (PH: 08 9652 7145)

Day 36 (BLD): CERVANTES TO PERTH: Tuesday 30 August 2022

We make our way to the interesting town of New Norcia. Founded by Spanish Benedictine Monks, the town has had many purposes; a mission, a monastery, a provider of education and now, a place of spiritual retreat. On arrival we enjoy a tour of the town and a visit to the amazing Museum & Art Gallery. We also enjoy lunch at New Norcia Hotel, which began its life in 1927 as a guest house for parents visiting their children in the schools nearby. We continue to Western Australia's capital city, Perth (breakfast & dinner in motel | lunch at New Norcia Hotel).

For passengers joining the tour today, you will be met at Perth Airport for your transfer to the hotel. There'll be plenty of time to settle in and relax before dinner with the coach group arriving later today (dinner in motel).

Pan Pacific Perth (PH: 08 9224 7777)

Day 37 (BD): PERTH: Wednesday 31 August 2022

We embark on a sightseeing tour of Perth, the city with wonderful weather, beautiful beaches and an easy-going character. Our local expert will guide us through the unusual combination of skyscrapers and colonial architecture, among them, Parliament House, St Mary's Cathedral and Government House. We are treated to spectacular views over the city and river from Kings Park. Wander through Federation Walkway where we get a glimpse at the wildflowers dotted throughout the park. We travel to the historic port of Fremantle for free time. Fremantle is full of well-preserved heritage, including the convict-built colonial era buildings, the old jetty and the prison. The afternoon is free for shopping or personal sightseeing (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Pan Pacific Perth (PH: 08 9224 7777)

Day 38 (BLD): Rottneest Island: Thursday 1 September, 2022 **DRIVERS DAY OFF******

Today we cruise over the warm waters of the Indian Ocean onto Rottneest Island. With its

Day 31 (BD): EXMOUTH TO CARNARVON – Thursday 25 August 2022

We adventure to Coral Bay where we join our coral viewing vessel for a cruise around the Ningaloo Marine Park with its remarkable reef. Although the Ningaloo Reef is not as well-known as the Great Barrier Reef off the Queensland coast, it is just as spectacular. See the unique marine life through the crystal-clear waters and feel the white sand beneath your feet. After cruising we leave the North West Cape and travel to Carnarvon for the night (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Hospitality Carnarvon (PH: 08 9941 1600)

Day 32 (BLD): CARNARVON TO MONKEY MIA: Friday 26 August 2022

We take a look around Carnarvon this morning including the “One Mile Jetty”. Travelling south, we stop at Hamelin Pool to see a colony of Stromatolites (fossil micro-organisms) that date back to the beginning of life on earth. We enjoy lunch at the Telegraph Station before making our way through Denham and Shell Beach. Surrounded by rusty red dunes, white sandy beaches and water teeming with wildlife is Monkey Mia, our home for the night. We have the remainder of the day at leisure before dinner at the resort (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Telegraph Station).

Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort (PH: 1800 653 611)

Day 33 (BD): MONKEY MIA TO KALBARRI: Saturday 27 August 2022

With any luck, today we’ll experience Monkey Mia’s famous wild dolphin encounter. The friendly pod of bottlenose dolphins regularly swim to the shallows and interact with humans for a wonderful wildlife experience. From here we travel to Kalbarri for free time this afternoon (breakfast and dinner in motel).

The Edge Resort Kalbarri (Ph: 08 9937 0000)

Day 34 (BD): KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK: Sunday 28 August, 2022

Our local touring today takes us into the Kalbarri National Park. We stop at Hawks Head for fantastic views of the Murchison River and one of the gorges. Have your camera ready as we see Nature’s Window, a natural rock arch which frames the river view perfectly. Returning to Kalbarri township, there’s time this afternoon for a walk along the beach if anyone wishes to stretch their legs! (breakfast and dinner in motel).

The Edge Resort Kalbarri (Ph: 08 9937 0000)

Day 35 (BLD): KALBARRI TO CERVANTES: Monday 29 August, 2022

Our journey today takes us through to Geraldton where we take in the local sights including the port area, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and the HMAS Sydney Memorial. We continue through Dongara stopping briefly for a photo opportunity of the Greenough

Rivers Lookout on top of the Bastion Range, we can see where five mighty Kimberley rivers meet and flow into the ocean. Today’s real destination is El Questro Station – a million-acre cattle station and wilderness park. On arrival we enjoy an early lunch before a cruise through Chamberlain Gorge, a waterhole with towering cliffs and lively and interesting bird life. This afternoon we return to the resort (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at El Questro Station).

The Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra (PH: 1300 955 549)

DAY 22: (BLD): KUNUNURRA TO HALLCREEK – Tuesday 16 August, 2022

Departing Kununurra and travel to the Argyle Diamond Mine where we meet our destination specialist for a tour. Its Australia’s only major diamond producer, manufacturing the extremely rare and valuable pink diamonds as well as fine whites, intriguing champagne and cognac diamonds too. After our tour and lunch in the Mess, we continue south to Halls Creek, on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert (breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch supplied by Luridgii Tours).

Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek (PH: 08 9168 6101)

DAY 23 (BLD): HALLS CREEK TO FITZROY CROSSING –Wednesday 17 August, 2022

You’ll be amazed by this country and how the geology and topography changes as we continue travelling west through the magnificent red mountain scenery of the Kimberley to Fitzroy Crossing, one of Australia’s unique outback towns for lunch. At Danggu Geikie Gorge, take in the panoramic views and learn about the stunning geological features, wildlife and cultural significance of the gorge on a relaxing cruise. It’s been carved over millions of years by the mighty Fitzroy River, through part of an ancient limestone barrier reef which snakes across the west Kimberley (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Fitzroy Crossing Lodge).

Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing (PH: 08 9191 5141)

DAY 24: (BD): FITZROY CROSSING TO BROOME - Thursday 18 August, 2022

Our destination today is Broome but first we detour to visit the famous Boab Prison tree, one of the most unconventional lockups, capable of holding a number of prisoners. In the early days it was used as an overnight prison before their final trek into Derby. Here we can also have our photo taken in front of the water trough that locals claim to be the biggest in the southern hemisphere! We continue our last leg of the journey into

Broome, surrounded by white sandy beaches and clear blue water (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Oaks Resort Broome (PH: 08 9192 9500)

DAY 25 (BD): EXPLORING BROOME – Friday 19 August 2022

Situated on the coast of the Southern Kimberley region, Broome's rich and colourful history began with the mass migration of Japanese, Filipino and Malay pearl divers seeking their fortune and creating a melting pot of cultures that make Broome to multicultural town it is today. A local guide will showcase the best of Broome including Gantheaume Point, Japanese Cemetery and Chinatown. We'll also visit Pearl Luggers to uncover the history of pearling, explore the fascinating memorabilia and learn from the first-hand experiences from divers. Have your camera ready as late afternoon we'll drive to the famous Cable Beach to watch the magical sunset before an incredible dinner (breakfast in the motel | dinner at Cable Beach Club Resort).

DAY 26 (BD): EXPLORING BROOME – Saturday 20 August 2022

****DRIVERS DAY OFF****

Today we discover Broome at leisure with a free day. You may like to book a day tour or fly over the majestic Horizontal Falls (see optional below). Of course, some may just like to lay around the pool and relax – the choice is yours. All activities today are at your own expense before we meet up for dinner in our hotel to share our stories from the day (breakfast and dinner in motel).

OPTIONAL: Horizontal Falls Tour

Discover the incredible Horizontal Falls and the pristine beauty of the Kimberley region. Enjoy low level flying over the amazing islands of Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before the seaplane lands in the calm waters of Talbot Bay. Transfer to fast boat and enjoy the experience and incredible tidal power of this natural phenomenon as you are taken into the falls. Enjoy a laid-back island cruise before a freshly prepared meal on the houseboat.

* Please advise at the time of booking this tour if you would like to include the optional Horizontal Falls tour. This optional is an additional expense and has limited places available. It is subject to availability and weather conditions on the day.

Oaks Resort Broome (PH: 08 9192 9500)

Day 27 (BLD): BROOME TO PORT HEDLAND – Sunday 21 August 2022

It will be a very early start today as we travel through some of the most sparsely populated and remote areas of Australia as we skirt the Great Sandy Desert to the east and Eighty Mile Beach to the west. We'll stop en-route for our picnic lunches then deviate from Highway to view Eighty Mile Beach near Wallal Downs Station. From here we travel to Pardoo Roadhouse for an afternoon stop and then onto Port Hedland (breakfast and dinner in motel, packed lunch included).

Hospitality Port Hedland (PH: 08 9173 1044)

Day 28 (BLD): PORT HEDLAND TO TOM PRICE – Monday 22 August 2022

This morning we join the Great Northern Highway taking us to the Auski Roadhouse where we turn and head into the Hamersley Ranges and the Karijini National Park. With massive gorges, crystal clear rock pools and waterfalls, Karijini National Park, is one of Western Australia's most spectacular natural attractions. We travel through Yampire Gorge and onto Fortescue Falls and Dales Gorge for our picnic lunch stop. This afternoon sees us exploring the stunning National Park. From the stunning Oxer Lookout, we get uninterrupted views over the junction of Weano, Red, Hancock and Joffre gorges before arriving in Tom Price (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Tom Price Hotel, Tom Price (PH: 08 9189 1101)

Day 29 (BD) THE MINE AND KARIJINI NP– Tuesday 23 August 2022

Nestled deep in the Hamersley Ranges is the town of Tom Price, home to one of the world's richest Iron Ore deposits. We join Lestok Tours on an informative tour of the massive mining operation. The tour will give a good understanding of the magnitude of the operations (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Tom Price Hotel, Tom Price (PH: 08 9189 1101)

Day 30 (BLD): TOM PRICE TO EXMOUTH – Wednesday 24 August 2022

Today's is a long leg of the journey, so read your book, talk to new friends or watch the scenery roll by out the window. We stop for convenience breaks and to enjoy our picnic lunches before arriving in the coastal town Exmouth (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

Potshot Motel, Exmouth (PH: 08 9949 1200)