

## Australian Guided Tours

### Southern Wonders

**Operator:** AAT Kings

**Days:** 9

**Start:** Perth

**Finish:** Perth

**Our price:** Check [www.experienceaustralia.com](http://www.experienceaustralia.com)

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### Overview

This tour will take you to the highlights of south-western Australia: Perth, Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, Cape Le Grand, Kalgoorlie and Wave Rock. You will be well looked after by a driver and a tour director and comfortably transported in a luxury coach with 2-door access, restroom, reclining seats, and panoramic windows.

Accommodation for this **premium escorted tour** is in twin share rooms (with private facilities) in centrally located hotels. All breakfasts, six dinners, and one lunch are included in the price. Airport transfers are also included.

### Highlights

- View wildflowers (August-November)
- Margaret River Caves
- Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
- Explore Margaret River
- Lunch at Palandri Winery
- See the Gloucester Tree
- Valley of the Giants
- Tour Albany and Whaleworld
- Mining Hall of Fame
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Spectacular Wave Rock
- Walking tour of Fremantle
- Cruise the Swan River to Perth
- Aboriginal Cultural Experience
- Fossils at Mammoth Cave

## Tour itinerary

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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### Day 1: Arrive Perth

On arrival in Perth you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a city tour of Perth including Kings Park from where you can see the broad expanse of the Swan River. Tonight enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your Tour Director and fellow travelling companions. **D**

*Accommodation: Rydges, Perth.*

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### Day 2: Perth - Margaret River

This morning travel to the Forest Heritage Centre, deep in the Jarrah Forest of Dwellingup. Travel south through Busselton, a popular holiday resort on the shores of Geographe Bay. Visit the Margaret River Caves and explore awe-inspiring Mammoth Cave, home to ancient fossil remains of extinct animals. Continue to Margaret River, one of Australia's premier wine growing regions. **B D**

*Accommodation: Australis Margaret River, Margaret River, 2 nights.*

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### Day 3: Margaret River

Enjoy a scenic journey through the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and see Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. Later enjoy a tour, tastings and delicious lunch at Palandri Winery. This afternoon there is time to explore Margaret River including the ever-popular Margaret River Chocolate Factory. **B L**

### Day 4: Margaret River – Albany

View the enormous Gloucester Tree, the highest fire lookout tree in the world. Journey through the Valley of the Giants with its huge Tingle and Karri trees. Explore the canopy of the tingle forest along the Tree Top Walk. Continue to Torndirrup National Park, home to the Natural Bridge and the Gap, then visit Whaleworld for a fascinating insight into the region's seafaring past. **B D**

*Accommodation: Comfort Inn, Albany.*

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### Day 5: Albany – Esperance

Visit the Anzac Memorial and enjoy the panoramic views. Travel to Bluff Knoll Lookout to witness the rugged beauty of the Stirling Ranges. Continue to Esperance and see the Pink Lake. **B D**

*Accommodation: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles, Esperance.*

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### **Day 6: Cape Le Grand – Kalgoorlie**

Travel into Cape Le Grand National Park for coastal views. Continue through Norseman to the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie. Stop at the Golden Superpit Lookout for an amazing view of Australia's largest open cut gold mine. An orientation tour of this historic gold mining town will reveal unique turn of the century buildings including the famous Exchange Hotel and Hay Street. **B D**

*Accommodation: Rydges, Kalgoorlie, 2 nights.*

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### **Day 7: Kalgoorlie**

Spend this morning at the Mining Hall of Fame. Try panning for gold, witness gold bullion being poured and go underground for a tour of the Mining Reserve. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service for an insight into the work of this great Australian icon. There is the opportunity this afternoon to explore this gold town at leisure. **B**

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### **Day 8: Wave Rock**

Travel through the former ghost town of Coolgardie, recently rejuvenated following new ore discoveries. Journey to Wave Rock. This striking rock formation, resembling a gigantic wave, was formed from granite over three million years ago. Continue to York, Western Australia's most historic inland town, before travelling on to Fremantle. **B D**

*Accommodation: Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle.*

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### **Day 9: Fremantle – Perth**

Time this morning is at leisure to explore the Fremantle markets and busy harbour. Discover the heritage of Fremantle on a walking tour including the Round House. Learn how the Swan River is part of the Dreaming Trail of the area. This afternoon enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Swan River to Perth, arriving at approximately 5.00pm. You will be transferred to Perth Airport for your onward flight. **B**

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