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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWERS 2008

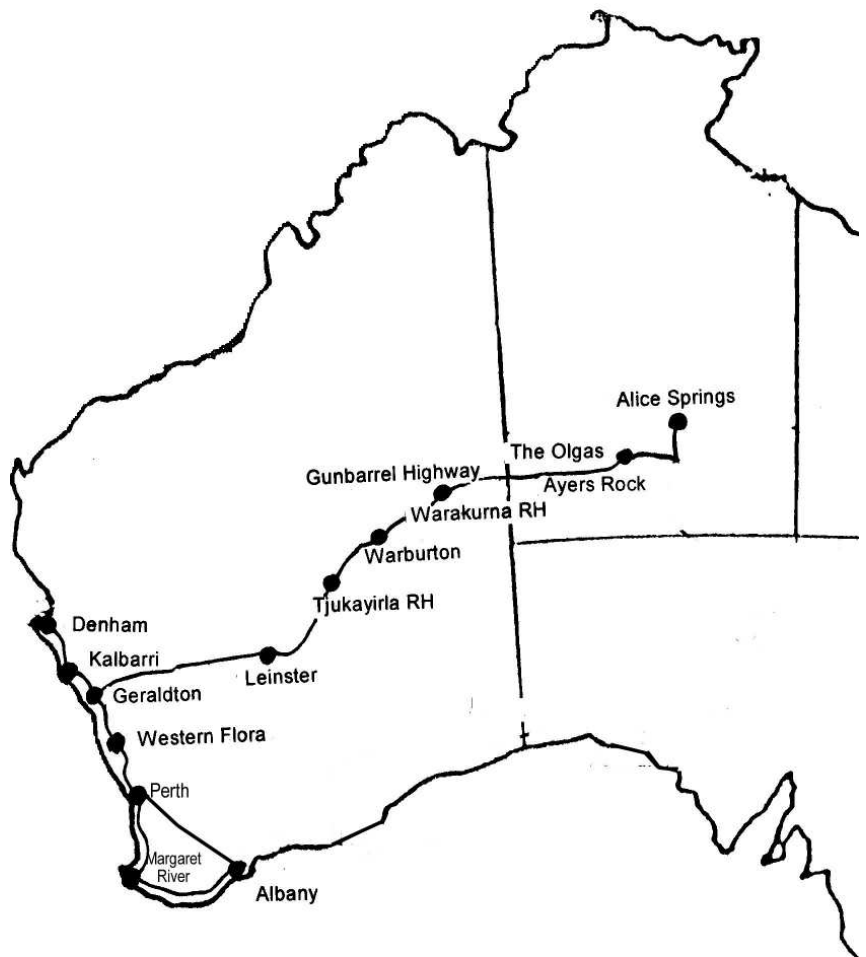
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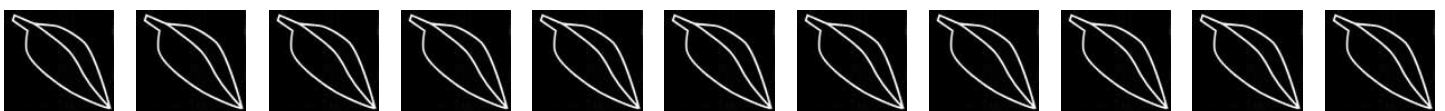
A camping expedition through Central Australia and South West Western Australia to see the WA Wildflowers blooming at their peak.

We also visit the dugongs and dolphins at Monkey Mia and spend time at the Stromatolites at Hamelin Pool. We will see many unusual plant species at Kalbarri NP and Western Flora, a private property with a remarkably display of wildflowers.

Our guide will be Dick Burns, botanist. Dick has travelled and guided with us extensively over the last eight years. Dick will be on hand to find and identify some of the vast range of wildflowers occurring in Central Australian and the South West



BOOKINGS: Can only be confirmed with the payment of \$250 deposit. Final payment falls due 45 days before departure. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Outback Track Tours Pty Ltd'. We also accept VISA, MASTERCARD and BANKCARD. All credit card transactions over \$250.00 will attract a 3% fee. **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance against loss of possessions, accident and cancellation through unforeseen circumstances. Insurance is available at the office. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a camping tour, however cabin accommodation is available at some of the places where we camp, a refund is not given for unused camping portion if you choose to stay in accommodation. If weather, road conditions or other circumstances necessitate a change in itinerary, the decision to make such changes is solely that of the Tour Guide.



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DEPARTURE DATE:

11th September, 2008

FARES:

\$3,460pp Ex Alice Springs – Perth
Minimum: 12 pax

INCLUDED IN FARE:

- Travel by air-conditioned OTT 4WD vehicle.
- All meals unless specified denoted as B – breakfast, L- lunch & D - dinner.
- All National Park entrance fees.
- Albany tour.
- Dugong cruise at Monkey Mia.
- All camping fees.
- All camping gear including two-person tents, foam sleep mats, tables and chairs.
- Any additional flights, cruises and side excursions are optional extras.
- Note on the itinerary, "Bush Camps" do not have facilities; "Camps" are at Caravan Parks with full facilities, National Park campsites have limited facilities.

DAY 1 (11 SEP) ALICE SPRINGS

Today we meet all passengers at the Heavitree Gap Resort. If you require pickup in the city please advise us on booking. Please arrive 30 minutes before 7.00AM departure time. We travel from Alice Springs to Uluru. We will also have the chance for a sunset viewing of the Rock.

CAMP: ULURU (LD)

DAY 2 (12 SEP) AYERS ROCK/KATA TJUTA

Time to climb or walk around the world's largest monolith and visit the fantastic Cultural Centre. We can experience the traditions of the area. This afternoon we visit Kata Tjuta and walk the 'Valley of the Winds'.

CAMP: ULURU (BLD)

DAY 3 (13 SEP) GIBSON DESERT

We travel west from Uluru and pass the spectacular Petermann Ranges and also visit historical Lasseters Cave. We start our infamous crossing of the Gibson Desert, through remote red desert country, predominately Aboriginal land.

We will enjoy frequent stops to enjoy the wildflowers.

CAMP: WARAKURNA (BLD)

DAY 4 (14 SEP) GIBSON DESERT

We call in for a chat with the weathermen at Giles Weather Station before travelling through the Gibson Desert, where there is often a carpet of white and pink daisies at this time of year.

CAMP: TJUKAYIRLA (BLD)

DAY 5 (15 SEP) LEINSTER

Amidst the rugged terrain we complete our Gibson Desert crossing and red dust gives way to rich goldfields. We arrive at Leinster, a haven amongst the dust of the Gibson!

BUSH CAMP (BLD)

DAY 6 (16 SEP) MOUNT MAGNET

As the Gibson Desert gives way to pastoral farming land, we pass through a former gold mining town, Mount Magnet and reach the Indian Ocean at Geraldton.

CAMP: GERALDTON (BLD)

DAY 7 (17 SEP) MONKEY MIA

Visit Shark Bay and see the friendly dolphins at Money Mia. Experience an unforgettable Dugong cruise, one of the few places that Dugongs are found in the world. (included)

CAMP: DENHAM (BLD)

DAY 8 (18 SEP) KALBARRI

Today we depart Denham and make our way to Hamelin Pool, where we can see the ancient Stromatolites and Shell Beach, a 110km stretch of unique Australian coastline comprising of tiny shells. We travel south to see the wildflower spectacular at Kalbarri NP.

CAMP: KALBARRI (BLD)

DAY 9 (19 SEP) KALBARRI

We discover the wonderful sights in the Murchison Gorge including Nature's Window and a visit to the magnificent coastal scenery of Red Bluff and Mushroom Rock. There will be time to restock on your necessary incidentals.

CAMP: KALBARRI (BLD)

DAY 10/11 (20 & 21 SEP) WESTERN FLORA

We arrive at Western Flora, a 160 acre park set in the north Eneabba sand plains. This privately owned property is famous for its spectacular range of flowering plants and contains one of the most diverse areas of flora in the world – with up to 29 native species per square metre. We have a walk with owner of Western Flora and Native

Plant enthusiast, Alan Tinker. He shows us the unique plants on the property.

CAMP: WESTERN FLORA (BLD)

DAY 12 (22 SEP) THE PINNACLES

After a relaxing time at Western Flora we head for the Nambung National Park, to see the spectacular Pinnacles. A moonscape of coloured quartz is studded with fantastic limestone pillars ranging in size from stony 'twigs' to 4 metre high columns. Before and after The Pinnacles are the Eneabba and Badgingarra areas, the heart of wildflower country. Each bend of the road reveals new delights including the giant red flowers of Mottlecak, "*Eucalyptus Macrocarpa*". In the afternoon we pass through New Norcia, a Benedictine Monastery and township.

CAMP: PERTH (BLD)

DAY 13 (23 SEP) PERTH - ALBANY

Today, as we travel south, the vegetation changes to forests, with new plants to find in the understorey. We arrive at Albany situated on the magnificent King George Sound. This was for a while a centre for whaling, but for us it is the centre for another incredible assemblage of wildflowers.

CAMP: ALBANY (BLD)

DAY 14 (24 SEP) ALBANY TOUR

After a morning walk along the Ellen Cove Boardwalk with vistas of the beautiful King George Sound and a diversity of flowers (including Albany banksias), we see some of the districts natural wonders – Mt Clarence, the Natural Arch and the Blowholes.

CAMP: ALBANY (BLD)

DAY 15 (25 SEP) GLOUCESTER TREE

Today we travel to Margaret River with more magnificent displays of wildflowers and huge karri and jarrah forests are features of our journey through the South West. We will have a visit to the imposing Gloucester Tree and have the opportunity to so the Red Tingle Walk, suspended through the tall trees (optional extra). Tonight, we experience a real outback-style camp at Taunton Farm.

CAMP: TAUNTON FARM (BLD)

DAY 16 (26 SEP) PERTH

Today we explore the magnificent coastal National Park, - The Leeuwin – Naturaliste National Park. There are over 100 limestone caves in the area. We have the chance to explore this area before making our way to Perth and the end of the tour.

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