

Itinerary

Day 1 **Holland Tracking**

- Day one commences, bright and early at 8.30am from Albany (Kinjarling), as we travel to the Sandalwood Factory for morning tea. We resume our journey, via Mt Barker, Cranbrook, Tambellup to Broomehill, and partake in wine tasting and a commemorative lunch at Henry Jones Café. After lunch we visit the departure point where John Holland and his crew left to forge a new road to the Goldfields
- We wind our way via 'the track' to Lake Ewlyamartup and then to Badgebup Church before heading for Nyabing for afternoon refreshments at "The Hub". We set up camp at the Holland Tank Rock and end the day with a 'community campout and sundowner' at 5.00pm. This is a great opportunity to hear Aboriginal Noongar stories, stargaze and meet some of the locals around the campfire

Day 2 **Wheatbelt and Farmlands**

- The tour departs the Holland Tank Rock campsite at 9.00am. We travel via the Silver Wattle Hill Reserve and pay a visit to a nearby farming property for a morning cuppa and a chat about local farming practices
- We head to Newdegate to replenish stores and then view the array of painted wildlife featured on wheat silos and check out the Observatory
- Our next stop is for lunch near Dragon Rocks Reserve a 322km² nature reserve listed on the Register for the National Estate as it is home to rare species of plants and animals
- We continue onto Emu Rocks Road take a walk to the top of the rock and reward our efforts with afternoon tea by the lake. We exit via the dog proof fence, off the track and back onto the Hyden-Norseman Road and head for Wave Rock Resort our accommodation for two nights. A jaunt down the road to Hyden for an evening commemorative meal and drinks at the Hotel

Day 3 **Waves and Humps**

- A refreshing early morning walk to Wave Rock and 'Hippo Yawn' and we head for the Car Museum at a local farming property for morning tea

- We depart again for the Humps and Mulka's Cave, and learn the name's link to an Aboriginal legend of forbidden love between skin groups and visit a 'gnamma hole', which are man-made cavities that supplied the main source of water for Aboriginal people
- After a picnic lunch we stop off at the Wildlife Centre and Museum in Hyden and enjoy afternoon refreshments
- A sundowner by the lake ends our touring day before returning to the Wave Rock Resort for an evening BBQ

Day 4 Woodlands, Rocks and Trails

- The day starts along the Norseman-Hyden Road, with our first stop to a farming property before heading to McDermid Rock (361 metres high) where we can 'stretch our legs' and have lunch
- We take the Victoria Rocks Road and head for Victoria Rock to climb the rock and pause to appreciate the beauty of the Australian outback
- We head off again to Gnarlbine Rock, a granite rock that lies within a 260 ha heritage listed reserve, to view the well and plaques that commemorate the early explorers before continuing on to Coolgardie
- After setting up our campsite, just outside Coolgardie, we celebrate with a 'sundowner' at either 'The Gorge' or the Lindsay Lookout

Day 5 Old Camp, the Golden Mile and Nickel Boom

- We start Day 5 by travelling to Coolgardie, visiting the local tourist sites including Warden Finnerty's House for morning tea, wander through Ben Prior's Museum, the old garage museum and history museum
- We head for Kalgoorlie-Boulder via Hannan Street, have lunch at the historic York Hotel, built in 1901 by John Crothers. We take a look at Hannans North Tourist Mine, the WA Museum of the Goldfields, view the 'Big Pit' before driving down Burt Street (Boulder) towards Kambalda
- A stop at Red Hill Lookout to learn about the nickel and gold mining days before departing for a quick trip to Kambalda East and West (including the Kambalda Recreation Centre).

- We head back to Coolgardie to freshen up before reconvening for a drink and evening commemorative meal at the Denver City Hotel

Day 6 Burra Rock, Caves and Wood Lines

- We depart Coolgardie via a quick detour at the old Nepean Nickel Mine then head for Burra Rocks for our morning stop before travelling on to Caves Hill
- We walk around the rocks, learn about the geology of the Goldfields and try our hand at 'bird watching' before lunch
- Our next destination is the township of Widgiemooltha (the name is related to the peak of an emu), where we take a look at the Wanaway Well, dams and the pioneer cemetery
- Afternoon tea is scheduled near the Cardiff Castle mine before we continue onto Norseman to the next campsite on the 'Old Coach Road'. We end our day at the Norseman Hotel for dinner and drinks

Day 7 Dundas Gold and Coach Lines

- Day seven we visit the Regent Shaft, the State Battery and School of Mines Museum. WA was the only state that these offered ore-crushing facilities to assist gold prospectors and small mines
- After morning tea, we take the Old Coach Road, visiting a selection of historical sites, grab a bite to eat and continue heading to the old Dundas townsite and Bromus Dam (time permitting)
- We visit Indigenous cultural sites including the landmark of Mt Jimberlana, outcropping as part of an east-west norite dyke system (note below) that holds significance for the Ngadju peoples and which rewards with spectacular views from the top. (Note: the dyke is an mafic-ultramafic intrusive that extends for at least 180 km has a maximum width of 2.5 km and follows the general easterly trend of the other members of the Widgiemooltha Dyke Suite
- Our sundowner today, is courtesy of Beacon Hill, overlooking the town and Lake Cowan. We join together for a country meal around the campfire, share the significance of connection to land and place and enjoy an 'emu dance'

Day 8 Lakes and Breakaways

- We pack up our campsite and depart along the Norseman-Hyden Road and partake in morning tea overlooking Lake Johnston, of which the region holds significant interest to geologists and mining companies, alike for the nickel deposits
- We stop for an early lunch at the Breakaways, travelling through Hyden and onto Tressies Museum at Kalgarin
- We travel to Kondinin (The Shire stretches over 7,340 kms) for afternoon tea at the Coffee and Cake shop, visit the Light Horse Memorial at Yerakine Rock (time permitting) then head for our evening B&B accommodation and dinner meal at Kulin

Day 9 Call of the Birds

- We pack up 'leaving only footprints' and travel to Lake Grace, along the Tin Horse Highway. A quick visit to the conservation area on a nearby lake, then morning tea and wine tasting at 'Walkers Hill Vineyard', Australia's most inland winery, where shiraz and chardonnay grapes have flourished despite the earth being filled with ironstone
- A brief stop at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre, Inland Mission then we travel to Pingrup to view the grain silos (part of the 'Public Silo Trail' and enjoy coffee at the Store Café 6343, before heading to Yongergnow Malleefowl Sanctuary for a late lunch. We enjoy a scenic look over the Stirling Ranges from Bluff Knoll, before a wine tasting and afternoon tea at a local winery in the Porongurup Range. A calm drive back to Albany brings a close on the Holland Track – Woodlands, Rocks & Trails Outback Wilderness tour of the Great Southern outback and the Goldfields