



Western Wedge Wildflower Safari

14 DAYS



DIRK HARTOG ISLAND | KALBARRI | MARGARET RIVER
ESPERANCE | KANGAROO ISLAND | TALL TIMBER

Imagine if distance was no longer a barrier for you?

This tour is carefully scheduled to coincide with many ecological events. On day one make a spectacular scenic flight at cliff-level along the Great Australian Bight, watching whales and their calves from above - a view that a rare few ever experience.

From there see the vast contrast of this gargantuan state from the turquoise coral filled waters off remote Dirk Hartog Island, the wildflowers in the sandy soil of Kalbarri right down to the high-rainfall Tall Timber country in the south where you will walk amongst the Valley of the Giants.

Join us for an experience that is above all others.

AirAdventure

Spend less time on the road and more time exploring remote Australia and Africa

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Just some of your tour highlights:

Immerse yourself in the history, wildlife and wilderness on the far away, Dirk Hartog Island

Kalbarri's sensational wildflower spectacular with a local guide

Explore the Tall Timber country and cruise the **World Heritage Nornalup Inlet**, Walpole

Australia's prettiest beaches at Cape le Grand, Esperance

Private tour of Kangaroo Island's diverse flora and fauna

Spectacular scenic flights: Sheer cliffs of the Great Australian Bight, Abrolhos Islands, Zuytdorp Cliffs, Cape le Grand many more...



Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Melbourne, Essendon – Ceduna – Eucla

This morning depart Essendon Airport, Melbourne, tracking for the remote regional centre of Ceduna. This area is renowned for exceptional oysters and whiting, which is what your lunch will feature. There's also an opportunity to visit a local indigenous art centre. Departing Ceduna your flight path will grant a perspective of the Nullarbor Plain and Great Australian Bight that most rarely ever see. An exhilarating low level scenic flight takes you over the enormous cliff faces in excess of 400 feet; spot migrating whales and calves. Touch down at tiny Eucla near the border of WA and SA. It is rare to be so isolated, offering an opportunity to enjoy a night stroll under a star-studded sky.

Accommodation is at the **Eucla Amber Motel**.

Flight time 4hrs 30mins total (3 flights)

Day 2: Eucla – Forrest – Kalgoorlie

Leaving Eucla, your pilot tracks north-west to the centre of Western Australia's gold country. Soar over the absolutely enormous 'super pit' open cut mine. Once on the ground you will be escorted on a private tour of the Super-Pit and then on to Kalgoorlie's marvellous architecture and the Hannan Miners Hall of Fame.

Accommodation is at **Rydges Hotel, Kalgoorlie**.

Flight time 2hrs 10mins total (2 flights)

Day 3: Kalgoorlie – Meekatharra – Dirk Hartog Island

Departing Kalgoorlie, with dusty gold fingers, fly over pastoral country arriving into Meekatharra for fuel before continuing to Shark Bay. A short land transfer to meet the ferry for the trip across azure waters to remote Dirk Hartog Island. Renowned for its history, natural beauty, spectacular landscapes and fishing, Dirk Hartog is an 'ark' for endangered wildlife and a great place for an island adventure. This most western point of Australia has seen it all, from early explorers to a major sheep station, the island is a melting pot of Australian history.

On arrival, time to settle in and soak up this 'castaway' atmosphere. Enjoy an evening around the campfire with a local aboriginal, sharing stories about the local culture, bush foods and medicine.

Accommodation for the next three nights is at the idyllic **Eco-Lodge on Dirk Hartog Island** right on the beach looking out over the Indian Ocean.

Flight time 2hrs 45mins total (2 flights)

Days 4 & 5: Dirk Hartog Island

Two full days to explore this remote island paradise by 4WD along beaches and bush tracks, as well as out on the water with your knowledgeable local guides. Learn about conservation, visit first explorers landing sites and view a multitude of local and migratory wildlife. This time of year sees hundreds of humpback whales congregating in the calm waters - a cruise should produce some unforgettable encounters with these gentle giants of the sea.

No flights on these days

Day 6: Dirk Hartog Island - Kalbarri

Depart the island after breakfast by light charter plane, giving you a great perspective of the island you now know well. Rejoin the Outback Jet at Shark Bay, then fly southwards to Kalbarri. Your flight path over the truly spectacular Zuytdorpf Cliffs arriving in Kalbarri in time for lunch. This afternoon visit the spectacular coastal gorges of Kalbarri on a private tour.

Accommodation for the next two nights is at the **Kalbarri Beach Resort**.

Flight time 1hr total (2 flights)

Day 7: Kalbarri

Picturesque and small, Kalbarri is a beachside town that happens to be one of the best places to witness the Western Australia wildflower event. Air Adventure guests are treated to a private tour of the coastal country as well as the Murchison Gorge and Nature's Window, allowing plenty of time to stop, photograph and identify the vast array of wildflower species.

No flight today

Day 8: Kalbarri – Abrolhos Islands – Margaret River

This morning bid farewell to Kalbarri before you are airborne, tracking south to make a spectacular orbit of the remote Abrolhos Islands en route to Geraldton for fuel. Continue southward to Busselton, where we swap the wings for wheels. A comfortable air-conditioned private vehicle is the best way to experience all that this region has to offer.

A day amidst the vines to experience the many treasures of this prominent wine producing region and delve beyond the vines and into coffee, cheese and chocolate! Lunch in a gourmet setting awaits at Vasse Felix, with a private wine tasting. Wineries visited may include Vasse Felix, Evan's & Tate and Cape Mentelle. Also the Margaret River Cheese and Chocolate Companies and Olio Bello Olive Oil.

Accommodation for the night is at the tranquil **Empire Retreat**. Set amongst vineyards; Empire is a luxurious and private retreat in heart of the Margaret River region.

Flight time 2hrs 10mins total (2 flights)

Day 9: Margaret River – Walpole

Depart Margaret River after breakfast for the quick flight across to the Tall Timber country. Met by your expert local guide, enjoy a private tour of this World Heritage forest and coastline. Driving through the giant Karri and Tingle trees offers a humbling sensation. Later this afternoon, venture into the Valley of the Giants and explore the forest canopy onboard the Treetop Walk.

Accommodation is at **Walpole Treetop Motel**.

Flight time 40mins

Day 10: Walpole – Albany – Esperance

This morning enjoy a cruise out on the Nornalup Inlet in this World Heritage area. The local guide here has been voted as one of the nations best and he will have your head spinning! The region is spectacular no matter what weather conditions the day presents. After lunch return to your aircraft and fly to Esperance via a brief refuel stop in Albany.

Accommodation for the next two nights is at the **Island View Apartments**, Esperance.

Flight time 1hr 10mins

Day 11: Esperance

Esperance was once the port for the goldfields of Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie, now after the addition of trace elements the area is rich pastoral land. Air Adventure guests soon discover the natural beauty of Esperance, while private touring to Cape le Grand where turquoise seas beat to a rhythm onto the granite coastline. Your guides will share another favourite place known as Hellfire Bay, protected from the open ocean and the ideal location for a revitalising swim. Adventurous guests will enjoy the climb to the Frenchman's Peak, offering a terrific panoramic view over the entire park.

No flight today

Day 12: Esperance – Kangaroo Island

Over the course of the day you will fly through a changing time zone, 1.5 hours, as your pilot navigates eastward, scenic flying from Esperance. Stopping on the Eyre Peninsula for fuel, before crossing the Investigator Strait landing on South Australia's Kangaroo Island.

Time to rest; accommodation for the next two nights is at **Aurora Executive Apartments**.

Flight time 4hrs 45mins total (2 flights)

Day 13: Kangaroo Island

Your two-day exploration is extensive and includes a private tour of Kangaroo Island's wildlife, flora and historic light houses. Venture to Seal Bay to join sea lions on their beach; you are provided the best vantage points for this incredible up-close experience. Vivonne Bay and Flinders Chase National Park offer guests the opportunity to spy upon koalas. Lunch is served within the Flinders Chase Interpretive Centre. You will then be guided to the site of the Remarkable Rocks, Cape de Couedic Lighthouse and Admiral's Arch.

No flight today

Day 14: Kangaroo Island – Essendon, Melbourne

Today continue your exploration of Kangaroo Island escorted by private vehicle, this time focussing on the growing Cottage Industries the Island has to offer including eucalyptus, wineries, apiarists and more. This afternoon pilots navigate homeward bound for Melbourne arriving approx. 1730.

Flight time 1hr 30mins total

Note: there are no fixed departure times for flights conducted on any day of this tour. Departure times will be determined on a day by day basis by discussion between the pilot, tour guide and participants.



About Us

Air Adventure Australia was founded by Rod Dyer (1925-2008). Rod, a pastoralist and bush pilot of over 10,000 hours pioneered 'Ellenbrae' cattle station in the Kimberley back in the 1960s. It was the combination of Rod's knowledge and love of the outback and flying that led him to launch Air Adventure. Since 1977, thousands of travellers have chosen Air Adventure to fly them to the Australia less-travelled. The company is guided by Rod's son, John Dyer who is also a pilot and very passionate about creating high quality travel experiences spanning the entirety of the Australian continent. His team at Air Adventure share his enthusiasm and dedication to create unforgettable travel for their guests.

What our past guests are saying about us:

"Air Adventure is obviously held in very high regard by all the places we visited & everyone, everywhere made sure we had the best time possible. We didn't want to come home and can't wait to travel again."
S. Sutton ACT - Flyaway Faraway

"This is one of the best things that we have done in our lives."
I. & J. Askew, Port Fairy - African Air Safari



Tour Details

Your aircraft:

Travel is in the privately chartered Air Adventure Outback Jet, Pilatus PC-12. This prop-jet aircraft is a fast, reliable outback machine capable of landing on gravel and remote airfields where others in larger aircraft can't. The Outback Jet is operated by Armada Aviation, which holds an Air Operators Certificate issued by CASA. All pilots are highly experienced and carry a Commercial Pilots License. It's equipped with state-of-the-art avionics and is all weather rated with impressive safety features. The interior is spacious with custom leather seating, climate control and clear windows (every seat is the window seat) making in flight viewing a joy.

Tour departs:

Essendon Airport, Melbourne on 23 August & 13 September 2021

Cost:

AUD 17,681 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive

Single accommodation please add AUD 1,035 (single accommodation is limited).

Price all inclusive of:

- All private charter flights crewed by a highly experienced Commercial Captain
- All accommodation
- All meals (except breakfast day one & dinner on final day. Morning tea on most occasions)
- All drinks (bottled water through to alcohol with dinner)
- All entries, permits, admissions, gratuities/tipping
- All trips, tours, transfers and excursions as outlined in itinerary
- Air safari escorted by experienced Air Adventure tour leader
- Qualified local and indigenous guides along the way

Not included:

- Items of a personal nature eg. phone calls, internet, travel insurance

20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date.

Places are limited.

Enquiries:

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact the friendly team at Air Adventure Australia. We can also assist with your travel arrangements pre and post tour.

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