



# Australian Wildlife Journeys

Australian Wildlife Journeys is a group of expert independently owned and operated wildlife tourism operators, who have joined together to raise awareness of Australia as a world class destination for authentic and sustainable encounters with wildlife in the wild.

Members of the group have a passion and commitment to provide in-depth information about Australia's diverse wildlife species, and are dedicated to the conservation and regeneration of Australia's natural heritage.

Central to these touring experiences is the guarantee of knowledgeable high-quality guiding, interpretation, and hospitality that connects visitors with nature, fosters learning and respects local communities and environments.





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# There's nothing like Australia's wildlife

Australia's natural beauty and unique wildlife is a major drawcard for international visitors, and with good reason. Our country is blessed with some of the most intriguing mammals within the animal kingdom, more than 80 per cent of which are found nowhere else on Earth.

Of the 828 bird species found on our continent, around 45 per cent are only found here. In fact, it has recently been determined that no other continent has contributed so greatly to the evolution of birds, with most of the world's species having Australian ancestry.

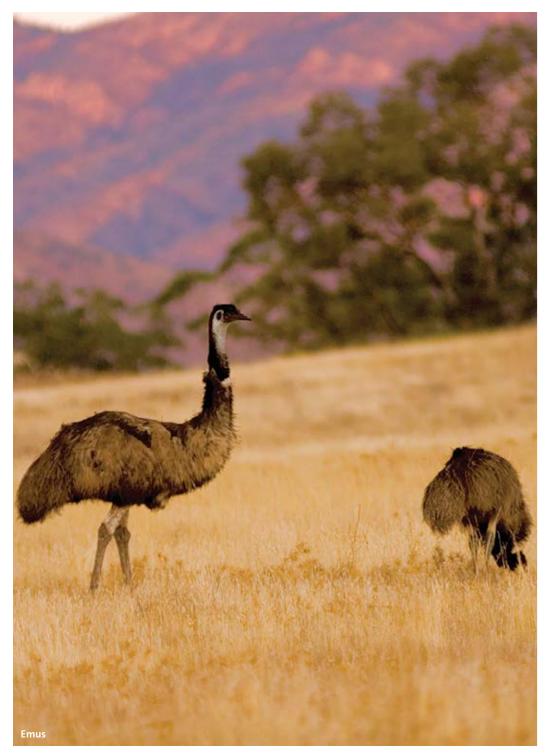
And the life in the waters surrounding Australia is simply extraordinary. Our coral reefs include the Great Barrier Reef, the largest living structure on earth and one of the most complex ecosystems. On Australia's west coast, the Ningaloo Marine Park is the world's largest extensive fringing reef, home to the graceful whale shark, and 50 per cent of the Indian Ocean's coral species. Along the southern Australian coastline, 85 per cent of fish, 90 per cent of echinoderms (starfish, sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and 95 per cent of molluscs are considered endemic, with new species being discovered every day. Our oceans support over 5,000 species of fish, more than half of the shark and ray species in the world, six of the seven known species of marine turtles, and tens of thousands of species of invertebrates.

More than half of the world's cetacean species: whales, dolphins and porpoises, are found in Australian waters. The world's largest population of Humpback Whales, estimated to be more than 30,000 individuals, travel along the coast of Western Australia every year to breed in the warm waters on their migration from Antarctica. This is mirrored on Australia's east coast where over 20,000 Humpback Whales make a similar journey.

We also have the most reptiles and lizards of any nation, with 869 species, 93 per cent of which are unique to our continent. A highlight for many visitors is to spot the largest living reptile and apex predator, the Saltwater Crocodile, found in abundance in the northern parts of the country.

With so many species spread across stunning and diverse habitats including tropical rainforests, coral reefs, coastal heaths, wetlands and swamps, sandy deserts, and Eucalypt woodlands, it is little wonder why Australia is recognised across the globe as a wildlife enthusiast's paradise.

Australian Wildlife Journeys invites you to join us, let us share our knowledge with you, and help you discover why there's nothing like Australia's wildlife.

















### Arkaba

Arkaba is a five-room luxury homestead on a private wildlife conservancy in South Australia's ancient Flinders Ranges. Here you have the privilege of exploring 60,000-acres of privately-owned and carefully protected outback in all-inclusive Wild Bush Luxury with expert field guides and a maximum of 10 guests.

Against the backdrop of the Elder Range and Wilpena Pound, ancient sea beds and salt lakes have given way to spectacular rock formations, cypress pines and river red gums; this is an incredibly old landscape supporting a varied population of spectacular birds. You'll be on the lookout for Emus, Ringneck, Mulga, Red-rumped and Elegant Parrots, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Black Goshawks, Black Kites and Rufous Whistlers to name but a few.

It is also one of the best locations in Australia to see macropods. The largest living marsupial, the Red Kangaroo, is in very healthy populations, as are Western Grey Kangaroos and Common Wallaroos, which are uniquely adapted to the rock out-crops of the ranges. Arkaba's new wildlife viewing hide provides an ideal vantage point for all kinds of wildlife coming to drink. Not only a place to see, but to watch all the fascinating interactions that occur between species.

The Arkaba team immerse you in the story of the land through informed field guiding, South Australian food, wine and accommodation that exudes a real sense of place. Field guides generously share not only the region's unique wildlife but stories of early explorers, pioneer settlers and of the first Australians of the Flinders Ranges, the Adnyamathanha people. Guided walks and safari drives take an interactive and interpretative approach, incorporating identification and tracking of the rich array of species that call this staggeringly beautiful wildlife conservancy home.

Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Every Thu and additional departures on Fri during Mar, Apr, May, Aug & Sep.	Mid Mar - Mid Oct	4 days	10
Daily	Year round	3 days	10
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#### **9** REGION:

Flinders Ranges, Outback South Australia

#### ACCESS:

5 hour drive or 1.5 hour private charter flight from Adelaide or Regional Express flight Adelaide (ADL) to Port Augusta (PUG) & 90 minute road transfer.

#### **CONTACT:**

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### Australian Coastal Safaris

South Australia's Eyre Peninsula is Australia's ultimate temperate aquatic playground, featuring striking coastlines, vast sand dunes, rugged offshore islands, secluded coves and incredible marine encounters.

The pristine waters are a sanctuary for some of Australia's most unique and curious marine creatures including dolphins, Giant Cuttlefish, Leafy Sea Dragons, and Southern Right Whales. The region has become renowned for offering opportunities to interact with these wild marine creatures, such as swimming with Australian Sea-lions; or cage-diving with Great White Sharks.

Within the region are several national parks protecting native fauna and flora. The rugged limestone cliffs of the Eyre Peninsula are a sanctuary for Osprey and White-bellied Sea Eagles and numerous other seabirds. Venturing further inland, the region is home to distinctive rock formations, and a variety of plants and animals, including Western Grey Kangaroos, Emus, Koalas, and Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats. The Southern Eyre Peninsula alone is home to 270 species of birds and around 1,900 native plant species within a variety of habitats.

Owner, David Doudle, is a fourth-generation farmer, and has spent 30 years exploring the local area. He and his team's knowledge of the area and the longstanding relationships they have with the local communities, make touring across the region with Australian Coastal Safaris an unforgettable experience. A central focus for the company is designing custom itineraries based on what guests are especially looking for, and delivering a personal service which provides great memories. The team is passionate about preserving the region and are ambassadors in keeping the environments pure, pristine and sparsely populated, to ensure that guests can enjoy these experiences and exceptional habitats well into the future.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Port Lincoln Wildlife Encounters (S,P)	On Request	Year round	2 days	6
Eyre Peninsula Wildlife & Ocean Encounters (S,P)	On Request	Oct - late May	3 days	6
Winter Whale Watching & Wildlife Encounters (S,P)	On Request	July - late Sep	5 days	6
Three Day Southern Eyre Peninsula Birding (S,P)	Wednesdays	Sep - late May	3 days	6
Port Lincoln & Coffin Bay Photography Workshop (S,P)	On Request	Year round	3 days	4
S Shared Group P Private Group Available				

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**REGION:** Eyre Peninsula, South Australia ★ ACCESS: Port Lincoln (PLO), 40 min flight from Adelaide Airport (ADL) **CONTACT:** +61 472 682 490 info@australiancoastalsafaris.com.au

















# Boutique Wildlife Tours

The Southern Highlands, is located around 110 kilometres (70 miles) southwest of Sydney, in New South Wales. The region sits between 500m and 900m above sea level as part of the Great Dividing Range; Australia's most substantial mountain range and the third longest land-based range in the world.

The Great Western Wildlife Corridor is a key link through the Southern Highlands for wildlife migration between the southern Blue Mountains World Heritage area and Morton National Park further south. The area was historically cleared for farming, but contains a series of significant fragments of remnant woodland vegetation on private and public land, that act as stepping stones for fauna to move through various habitats.

Several rivers flow through the region, including the Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, and Paddy's river, providing the opportunity to see one of Australia's most curious creatures, the Platypus. In recent years, several properties have been established as Koala sanctuaries in the area and it has been estimated that over 3,000 Koalas reside in the Southern Highlands, making it the largest Koala population in southern New South Wales. The region is also a key habitat Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Red-necked Wallabies, Short-beaked Echidnas and numerous bird species, with 260 species recorded. Nocturnal species are a highlight for visitors including Brush-tailed Possums, Greater Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Common Wombats.

Boutique Wildlife Tours has been offering unique small-group wildlife viewing experiences out of Sydney since 2010 and is part of the family-owned Activity Tours Australia group. The company has a strong focus on quality interpretation from guides, allowing for a high degree of customisation depending on guest interests and seasonal conditions.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Southern Highlands Wildlife Day Tour (S, P)	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat & Fri from Apr 2019	Year round	10 hours	11

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**REGION:** The Southern Highlands, New South Wales ★ ACCESS: Sydney (SYD) **CONTACT:** +61 2 9436 1333 info@boutiquetoursaustralia.com.au



















### Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours

The state of Victoria is blessed with an abundance of wildlife in its diverse habitats. East Gippsland is one of the few regions in the world that has a large unbroken chain of forest stretching from the alps to the sea. The diversity of ecosystems ranges from magnificent lush rainforests, coastal heathlands, giant eucalypt groves, pristine rivers and estuaries, through to white sandy beaches.

This region is amazingly rich in fauna with 50 native mammal species; including two monotreme species, the Platypus and Echidna; 17 species of kangaroos, possums, gliders, Koalas, and wombats; 19 amphibians and 36 reptile species, including the Lace Monitor and Diamond Python.

The grasslands and low woodlands around the You Yangs are home to more than 200 bird species, as well as being a key habitat for Eastern Grey Kangaroos, possums and Koalas. Inland from the coastal landscape of the Great Ocean Road, the cool, wet hinterland rainforests are home to kangaroos and wallabies, possums, Short-beaked Echidnas, and a myriad of birdlife; while the tall eucalypts forests of the Great Otway National Park are alive with vividly coloured parrots and cockatoos, as well as 38 species of butterfly.

Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours has been providing high quality nature and wildlife experiences in these regions for small groups of travellers for almost 25 years. With an enduring passion for wildlife and dedication to protecting nature, their vision is to bring people and wildlife together for mutual benefit and ensure the free-living future of Australian wildlife. Guests contribute to projects that actively helps wildlife; for example, weeding to save the local Koala population; collecting a discarded fishing net; or helping guides record birds for atlas submission.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
East Gippsland Wildlife Journey (S,P)	Mon	Sep - late May	4 days	8
Great Ocean Road (S,P)	Tue, Fri	Year round	3 days	8
Kangaroo & Koalas In the Wild (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	Full day	10
Tawny Frogmouths & Sandpipers 2 day Birding (P)	On Request	Year round	2 days	25
Mungo Outback Journey (P)	On Request	Mar - late Oct	4 days	8
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Koalas (P,L)	On Request	Year round	Full day	10
S Shared Group P Private Group Available L Larger	Groups Available			

**REGION:** East Gippsland, Great Ocean Road, and Melbourne. Victoria

ACCESS: Melbourne (MEL)

**CONTACT:** +61 3 9646 8249 enquiries@echidnawalkabout.com.au

















# Exceptional Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island is Australia's third-largest island, and more than one third of it is protected as National and Conservation parks. Half the native bushland remains just as it was when British explorer Matthew Flinders named it in 1802, providing a natural habitat for a rich variety of animals: Kangaroo Island Kangaroos; Tammar Wallabies; Short-beaked Echidnas; Southern Brown Bandicoots; possums; and bats, which can be seen all year round. Many of the island's plant and animal species are either threatened or exist nowhere else in Australia, such as the Sooty Dunnart, which is unique to Kangaroo Island.

Hundreds of rare Australian Sea-lions gather on the long sandy beachfront at the Seal Park Conservation Park, one of the only places in the world where you can wander within metres of the animals as they laze on the beach.

The island is home to more than 260 bird species, including the rare Glossy Black Cockatoo, which is one of 14 birds with a Kangaroo Island sub-species. The region is also famous for its honey which comes from the only remaining strain of pure Ligurian Bees in the world.

Multi award-winning tour operator Exceptional Kangaroo Island has been introducing guests to Kangaroo Island's unique wildlife since 1990, offering small group and luxury private four-wheel drive touring, as well as special interest programs, which promise good food, good wine and wildlife in the wild. Exceptional Kangaroo Island takes its responsibility to the environment, its guests and its community seriously, which is reflected in the company achieving advanced eco tourism accreditation and developing an operational code of ethics. They will create an itinerary for you celebrating the best that Kangaroo Island has to offer.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Kangaroo Island in Style (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	2 days	12
Flinders Chase Focus (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	Full day	12
Island Life (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	Full day	12
Kangaroo Island Birding (P)	On Request	Year round	3 days	12
Kangaroo Island Photography (P)	On Request	Year round	3 days	12
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Echidnas or Glossy Black Cockatoos (P,L)	On Request	Year round	Full day	12
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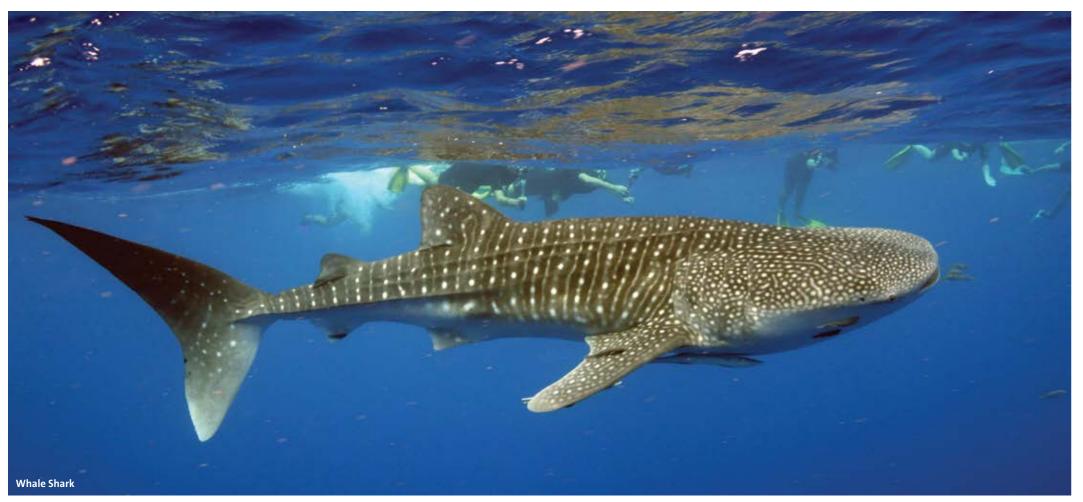
**REGION:** Kangaroo Island, South Australia

#### ACCESS:

Kingscote (KGC) - 20 minute flight from Adelaide Airport (ADL) or 90 minute drive & 50 minute ferry from Adelaide to Penneshaw

#### **CONTACT:**

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### Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks Ningaloo

Fringing Western Australia's north-west coastline, World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef Marine Park is one of the world's largest and most magnificent fringing coral reefs. This intricate reef system stretches for more than 260 kilometres, and at some points, is only metres from beautiful secluded sandy beaches.

The reef is home to a myriad of marine life, including the largest fish ever found, the Whale Shark. Ningaloo is the only place in the world where visitors can swim with Whale Sharks every day from March to August, when the plankton rich waters draw them close to the reef in search of food.

Humpback Whales are also in abundance, with more than 30,000 whales migrating to the area from June to November. Manta Rays cruise along the reef between April and November; while in October and November, Green, Loggerhead and Hawksbill Turtles begin their mating season and nesting on the beaches along the coastline.

With a bio-diversity of around 300 species of coral, an assortment of uniquely coloured nudibranchs, and more than 500 different species of fish, the warm pristine waters of Ningaloo Reef are an impressive destination all year round.

As the region's original eco-tourism operation, Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks Ningaloo has been taking guests to experience the aquatic treasures of Ningaloo Reef for more than 20 years. The company specialises in small group tours for Whale Shark swims, Humpback Whale swims and whale watching, and scuba diving and snorkelling. Their long-term commitment to preserving the area has contributed to the team of guides providing guests with the region's best places for diving and snorkelling, along with reliable and exciting interactions with the local wildlife.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Deluxe Whaleshark Swim (S,P)	Daily	Mar - late Aug	Full day	20
Deluxe Humpback Whale Swim (S,P)	Daily	Aug - late Oct	Full day	14
Outer Reef or Island Dive & Snorkel (S,P)	Daily	Mar - late Oct	Full day	20
Ningaloo Open Water Dive Course (S,P)	Daily	Mar - late Oct	3 days	6
Ningaloo Underwater Island Photography Course (S,P)	On Request	Mar - late Oct	Full day	4
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Manta Rays (P)	On Request	Mar - late Oct	Full day	20
S Shared Group P Private Group Available				

**REGION:** Exmouth, Western Australia

★ ACCESS: Learmonth Airport (LEA) – 2 hour flight from Perth Airport (PER) **CONTACT:** +61 8 9949 1201 bookings@exmouthdiving.com.au Green Tree F















### **FNQ Nature Tours**

Tropical North Queensland is a wildlife enthusiast's paradise, being the only place in the world where two World Heritage Listed areas exist side by side (Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef); an exceptionally rare combination of ecology.

The Wet Tropics World Heritage Area is extremely rich in biodiversity, with 2800 plant species and 663 vertebrate animal species, including 65 percent of Australia's fern species, 30 percent of Australia's orchid species and 35 per cent of Australia's mammals. Being the oldest tropical rainforest in the world, the landscapes provide living examples of some of the earliest flowering plants and a fascinating insight into the diversity, evolution and survival of many rainforest species.

This is the area where the world's songbirds emerged, currently home to forty percent of Australia's bird species including bowerbirds, kingfishers, riflebirds, fruit doves and the endangered Southern Cassowary. Boasting the highest diversity of rainforest mammals in Australia, the Bennett's and Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo, Spectacled Flying-fox, Daintree River Ringtail Possum and Northern Long-nosed Bandicoot are popular sightings.

These spectacular landscapes are also prime spots to observe reptiles, amphibians, monotremes and butterflies, including the Platypus, Saltwater Crocodile, Boyd's Forest Dragon, White-lipped Tree Frog, Green-eyed Tree Frog, Snapping Turtle, Leaf-tailed Gecko and the electric blue coloured Ulysses butterfly.

After 10 years of guiding nature and wildlife safaris in Northern Australia, James Boettcher established FNQ Nature Tours in 2015, with a firm belief that tourism is the key to the protection and conservation of the region. Expertly led small group tours are available across the Daintree Rainforest National Park, Atherton Tablelands, Crater Lakes and Cape Tribulation regions, designed for nature minded travellers desiring a personal, educational and interactive experience.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Cape Tribulation & Daintree Ultimate Nature (P)	On Request	Mar - late Jan	2 days	7
Daintree Exclusive (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	7
Tablelands & Crater Lakes (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	7
Far North Queensland: 3 day Birding (P)	On Request	Year round	3 days	7
Wet Tropics Photography Workshop (P)	On Request	Year round	2 days	7
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Tree Kangaroos (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	4

P Private Group

**REGION:** Far North Queensland ★ ACCESS: Cairns (CNS) **CONTACT:** +61 400 732 883 info@fngnaturetours.com.au

















### Lords Kakadu & Arnhemland Safaris

Kakadu National Park, in Australia's Northern Territory, is one of the world's most magnificent natural reserves. With 280 bird species, 77 mammals, more than 10,000 insect species, 1600 species of flora, 132 reptiles and more than 50,000 years of Indigenous history and culture, the area is a World Heritage-listed for both its natural and cultural significance.

The wetlands of Kakadu are a bird-watcher's paradise, with areas such as Yellow Water Billabong attracting many enthusiasts due to the immense concentration of birds, especially in the dry season, including Magpie Geese, Whistling Ducks, Great Egrets, Royal Spoonbills and Black-winged Stilts.

One-tenth of all Saltwater Crocodiles in the Northern Territory are found at Kakadu. Along these vast floodplains, it is common to see Melaleuca forests that provide habitat for Agile Wallabies and nesting sites for birds such as the Black-necked Stork (Jabiru).

Lords Kakadu and Arnhemland Safaris is a family-owned, award-winning company that has been connecting guests to the Top End's remarkable natural beauty and indigenous culture for more than 27 years. Historically, the Lord family were pioneers of the Kakadu region. Owner, Sab Lord, was raised on a buffalo and crocodile hunting station, and his appreciation of the wilderness is linked back to his earliest childhood memories. Since then, his team have become key advocates in protecting and preserving Kakadu and Arnhem Land.

The company only offers private luxury four-wheel drive touring and has special access to award-winning properties such as Bamurru Plains Safaris Lodge & Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris Lodge; the only external tour operation to have this arrangement. The company also has special permission granted by traditional owners to visit areas of the Northern Territory inaccessible to other tour companies, ensuring guests have the same guide for their entire Top End Experience.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Three Day Peek Kakadu & Arnhemland (P)	On Request	May - late Oct	3 days	6
Top End Luxury Lodges (P)	On Request	Apr - late Oct	5 days	6
Lords Safaris, Davidson's & Bamurru Plains (P)	On Request	Apr - late Oct	6 days	6
Kakadu Birding Tour (P)	On Request	May - late Oct	3 days	6
Kakadu & Arnhem Land Photography Tour (P)	On Request	Apr - late Oct	5 days	6
Private Charter (Kakadu, Arnhemland or Kimberleys)	On Request	May - late Oct	3-14 days	6
P Private Group				

**REGION:** Kakadu and Arnhemland, Northern Territory

ACCESS: Darwin (DRW)

**CONTACT:** +61 438 808 548 lordssafaris@bigpond.com



















### Naturaliste Charters

The Bremer Canyon off Western Australia's southwest region, has become one of the most sought after whale watching expeditions across the globe, with over 100 Killer Whales (Orcas) returning to the submarine canyon each year from January to April; the only place in Australia where you can reliably encounter Killer Whales in the wild.

The offshore marine environment of the Bremer Canyon supports an incredible diversity of wildlife. As well as encountering Killer Whales over 95% of the time, other species seen include Bottlenose, Striped and Common Dolphins, Long-finned Pilot Whales, Sperm Whales, Australian Sea-lions, Giant Squid, Oceanic Sunfish and even rare beaked whale species. It's also a pelagic birdwatchers dream, with an astonishing array of seabirds including albatross, shearwater and petrel species.

Located at the edge of the Margaret River region, the picturesque seaside town of Augusta is one of the best locations in Australia to view Humpback Whales and Southern Right Whales as they make their migration north through the Ngari Capes Marine Park. Further north, Dunsborough is known for its tranquil waters and white sands, being the perfect backdrop to observe Humpback Whales and Blue Whales, as they escort calves back to Antarctica.

Naturaliste Charters has been offering spectacular eco-adventures within the region for over 20 years. Paul and Alison Cross purchased the business in 2009, with the organisation recognised as a leader in the responsible travel sector. The team is actively engaged with scientific projects with on-board research personnel, continuous improvement of environmental programs, water quality surveys, acoustic monitoring of whales, support of community groups and innovative educational programs for guests venturing out to see some of the ocean's rarest and spectacular creatures.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Bremer Canyon Killer Whale Expedition (S)	Daily	Jan - late Apr	8 hours	50
Dunsborough Whale Watching (S)	Daily	Sep - early Dec	2.5 hours	90
Augusta Whale Watching (S)	Daily	Mid May - late Aug	2.5 hours	90

Shared Group

**REGION:** Bremer Bay and Margaret River region, Western Australia

#### ACCESS:

Bremer Bay is accessible from Albany (ALH), Margaret River is a three-hour drive south of Perth (PER).

#### **CONTACT:** +61 8 9750 5500 info@whales-australia.com.au



















### Premier Travel Tasmania

One third of Tasmania's land mass is national park and UNESCO World Heritage wilderness, providing an extraordinary diverse habitat for an abundance of native Australian wildlife.

The isle state boasts a mix of expansive ancient temperate rainforests, spectacular coastlines, rugged mountains and sparkling highland lakes, providing refuge and habitat for a rich array of rare and endemic plants and animals. In fact, more than 60% of all species found across Tasmania's alpine region are found nowhere else on earth.

Australia's largest expanses of cool temperate rainforest are found in Tasmania. These forests date back over 60 million years, when Australia was attached to Antarctica, Africa, South America and New Zealand as part of the Gondwana supercontinent. This contributes to the region being renowned as a prime spot for marsupials including quolls, bandicoots, bettongs, potoroos, kangaroos, wallabies, pademelons and wombats, with 33 native terrestrial species recorded.

Premier Travel Tasmania is a leading provider of premium small group tours, tailor-made private tours and self-drive adventures, and has been offering specialised encounters with nature across Tasmania since 1996. The company's aim is to share Tasmania's diverse flora and fauna, pristine wilderness, rich heritage, gourmet food and wine, and local characters with you. The team consists of local guides who know Tasmania intimately and share their stories in a meaningful way.

At the core of the company's ethos is to preserve Tasmania's endemic wildlife and their natural habitats, and it makes major contributions towards research to save the world's largest carnivorous marsupial, the Tasmanian Devil, from habitat loss and disease.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
6 - 8 day Tasmania's Wildlife & Wilderness (S,P)	Wed (S)	Late Sep - late May (S) Year round (P)	6, 7 or 8 days	12
6 day Private Tasmania's Wildlife & Wilderness (P)	On Request	Year round	6 days	12
4 day Private Tasmania Wildlife Encounter (P)	On Request	Year round	4 days	12
1 day Birdwatching Mt Field National Park (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	12
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Wombats (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	12

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**REGION:** Tasmania

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Major Mitchell Cockatoo













### SEIT Outback Australia

The Red Centre is considered the spiritual heart of Australia, with incredible desert landscapes and iconic landmarks such as Uluru, Kata Tjuta, and Kings Canyon captivating countless visitors. The Anangu people of Uluru have been the traditional custodians of this ancient land for many generations, balancing the intricate relationship between people, plants, animals and the landscape.

The area is an important habitat for Red Kangaroos, Common Wallaroos and numerous raptors and bush birds including Black Kites, Black Breasted Buzzards, Brown Falcons, Nankeen Kestrels, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Pied Butcherbirds. Reptiles are also abundant with Thorny Devils, Sand Goannas, Central Netted Dragons and Blue-tongued Lizards commonly seen. The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is a sanctuary for 21 mammals, 73 reptiles and 178 birds with many of these animals being culturally significant, often referred to as ancestral creatures in Aboriginal legends.

SEIT Outback Australia is a small group tour company that offers visitors educational and immersive experiences in and around Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. The acronym SEIT stands for Spirit, Emotion, Intellect and Task, which perfectly describes the company's philosophy to touring. This is derived from a promise that visitors will leave with a better appreciation of life in the outback and a new found understanding of the inextricable connection between the wildlife, the land and the culture in Central Australia.

SEIT Outback Australia's guides hail from all parts of the globe, but have one thing in common - they speak from experience and from the heart. Touring in small groups with a maximum of eleven people is key to SEIT Outback Australia's operation, allowing for a more personalized and interactive experience.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
SEIT Mt Conner 4WD Adventure: Wildlife & Cattle Station (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	Full day	11
SEIT All - Uluru & Kata Tjuta (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	Two 5-hour tours	11
SEIT Patji: A True Aboriginal Experience (S,P,L)	Tue, Thu, Sat	Year round	Full day	9
SEIT Red Centre Iconics Tour: Uluru, Kata Tjuta & Kings Canyon (S,P)	Tue & Fri (Uluru to Alice Springs), Sat & Mon (Alice Springs to Uluru)	Year round	3 days	8
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**REGION:** Uluru and Red Centre













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# The Maria Island Walk

World Heritage-listed Maria Island is located just off Tasmania's east coast and is known for its historic ruins, picturesque bays, rugged cliffs and mountains and amazing fossils. But for many visitors, it's the island's remarkable collection of rare birds and animals, largely unaffected by human presence, that is the highlight.

When the island became a national park in the 1970s, a variety of threatened and endangered species were introduced, and it became an island sanctuary, leading to its nickname as 'Tasmania's Noah's Ark'. The island is home to all of Tasmania's endemic birds, including the Yellow Wattlebird, Green Rosella and one of Australia's rarest and smallest birds, the endangered Forty-spotted Pardalote, which has only five remaining population groups, of which Maria island is the largest remaining stronghold.

The Maria Island Walk was introduced to showcase the island's many charms to a new band of travellers that valued authentic wildlife encounters in remote and tranquil settings, combined with world-class hospitality. The walk is a 'soft adventure' experience, where backpacks are light, the food is gourmet, the wine is Tasmania's best, and each night there is a comfortable bed.

Central to the company's philosophy is the importance of creating a connection between walkers and guides, and a personalised, intimate experience, with a maximum of ten guests led by two professional guides.

The walk has received widespread acclaim for its environmentally friendly practices, contribution to conservation projects, and leadership in the eco tourism and walking sectors. The team takes great pleasure in offering an authentic Tasmanian experience, bringing to life local history and culture, rare Tasmanian wildlife, and spectacular scenery. Testimony to the success of this unbeatable formula is the string of national and state awards that has made The Maria Island Walk one of the most desired guided walking experiences in Australia.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
The Maria Island Walk (S,P)	Daily	Oct - late Apr	4 days	10
Maria Island Winter Escape (S,P)	Fri, Sat, Mon	Jun - late Aug	3 days	8

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**REGION:** Maria Island, Tasmania ★ ACCESS: Hobart (HBA) CONTACT: +61 3 6234 2999 bookings@mariaislandwalk.com.au















### Wildlife Coast Cruises

Located southeast of Melbourne, Phillip Island is renowned for spectacular coastal scenery, abundant marine wildlife and important seabird colonies. The island is surrounded by contrasting coastal and marine ecosystems - from tranquil mangrove-lined inlets to the wild surf of the Bass Strait, it boasts long stretches of sandy beaches, fascinating basalt and granite cliffs and caves, remote crystal blue bays and rugged rocky outcrops.

Abundant marine wildlife can be seen around Phillip Island including Common and Bottlenose Dolphins, the largest colony of Australian Fur Seals on the continent at Seal Rocks, Little Penguins, and three species of whales in winter: Humpback, Southern Right and Orcas. Birdwatchers will be delighted to see the wide diversity of birds, including raptors, wader birds, and seabirds, with highlights including White-bellied Sea Eagles, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Australasian Gannets and the Shy Albatross. This area is thought to support 26,000 Little Penguins, 45,000 pairs of Short-tailed Shearwaters and one of the largest breeding colonies of Crested Terns in Victoria.

Wildlife Coast Cruises has been showing locals and visitors the spectacular wildlife and coastal scenery around Victoria's Phillip Island, Seal Rocks, Westernport Bay and Wilsons Promontory for more than 20 years. A long-term ambassador in the field of eco-tourism, Wildlife Coast Cruises boasts many environmental and tourism accreditations, and offers a range of up close and personal wildlife experiences aboard their comfortable vessels, enabling you to experience everything that Victoria's magnificent waterways offer.

The team believes strongly in conservation through appreciation, and are passionate about engaging guests in the experience. The captain and crew have a thorough knowledge of local wildlife, habitat and history, which is shared with guests through engaging commentary and warm hospitality.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Seal Watching Cruise (S)	Daily	Year round	2 hours	120
Winter Whale Cruise (S)	Daily	Jun - early Aug	4 hours	80
Dolphin & Whale Cruise (S)	Daily	Jun - early Aug	3.25 hours	80
Wilsons Promontory Full Day Cruise (S)	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	Late Nov - mid Apr	Full day	65
Wilsons Promontory Whale Cruise (S)	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	Sep - mid Nov	6 hours	65
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Whales & Dolphins (P)	On Request	Year round	Custom	20

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**REGION:** Cowes - Phillip Island, Victoria ACCESS: Melbourne (MEL), 90 minutes by car to Cowes from Melbourne CONTACT: +61 3 5952 3501 info@wildlifecoastcruises.com.au

Arkaba	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Australian Coastal Safaris	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Red Kangaroo													Australian Sea-lions	BV	BV	BV	BV		x	x	x		BV	BV	BV
Common Wallaroo													Koala	В	В						BV	BV	BV	B BV	В
Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby													Western Grey Kangaroo	BV	BV	BV	BV					BV	BV	BV	BV
Emu	BV	BV										BV	Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat												
Australian Ring-neck Parrot									N		N	N								N	N	N			
Wedge-tailed Eagle						N							Osprey Emu							N	N	N	N	N BV	BV
Rainbow Bee-eater			x	x	x	x	x	x	x				Port Lincoln Parrot								N	N	N	N	N
Red-capped Robin	N						N	N	N	N	N	Ν	Rock Parrot								N	N	N	N	N
Shingleback Lizard					x	x	х		В	В	В		Western Yellow Robin						N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Barking Gecko						x	x	x		В											N			N	
Painted Dragons					x	x	x	x					Great White Shark												
													Rosenberg's Goanna	В	В									В	В

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KEY Peak viewing/ best time to visit for species Likely sighting chance Moderate sighting chance

Boutique Wildlife Tours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Eastern Grey Kangaroo						В	В	В	В	В			Koala	В	в						BV	BV	BV	BV B	BV B
Red-necked Wallaby						В	В	В	В	В			Eastern Grey Kangaroos	BV	BV	BV	BV				В	В	В		
Common Wombat					В	В	В	в	В				Swamp Wallabies												
Short-beaked Echidna					В	В							Short-beaked Echidnas												
Platypus							В	В	В				Yellow-bellied & Greater Gliders	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x
Brush-tailed Possum					В	В							Grey-headed Flying Fox			В	В		x	x	х		BV	BV	BV
Sugar Glider							В	В	В				King Parrot						x	x	x				
Koala	В	В	В	В	В					В	В	В	Superb Lyrebird					N	x	x	x	N			
Laughing Kookaburra										N	N		Satin Bowerbirds						x	х	x				
Tawny Frogmouth													Cuckoos						x	x	x	N	N	N	
Superb Lyrebird						N	N	N					Scarlet Honeyeater						x	x	х				
Eastern Rosella									N	Ν	N		γ <sub><i>K</i></sub> η source.												
Eastern Water Dragon										В	В		Lace Monitor					х	х	х	х				
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KEY Peak viewing/ best time to visit for species Likely sighting chance Moderate sighting chance No viewing/tour not available Nesting Breeding BV Baby viewing

Exceptional Kangaroo Island	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks Ningaloo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kangaroo Island Kangaroo	В	В	В					BV	BV	BV	BV	В	Whale Shark	x	x							x	x	x	x
Tammar Wallaby	В	В						BV	BV	BV	BV		Build up of Mass Fish, Congregation Cods, Mobular Rays, Pelagic Fish	x	x									x	x
Short-beaked Echidna						В	В	В					Manta Ray	X	x	x								x	x
Koala	В	В				BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	В	В	Coral Spawning	x	x			x	х	х	x	x	x	x	x
Glossy Black Cockatoo	N	N	N	N	N	N	BV	BV	BV				Grey Nurse Sharks	x	x	x	x	x						x	x
Hooded Dotterel	N	N						N	N	N	N	N	Sharks: Grey Reef, Black Tip, Tiger, Tawny, Lemon, Hammerhead	x	x									x	x
Cape Barren Goose					N	N	N BV	N BV	N BV	BV			Humpback Whale	x	x	x	x	x			BV	BV	BV	x	x
Scarlet Robin													Dugong	X	x			BV	BV			x	x	x	x
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	N	N									N	N	Spinner Dolphin	X	x									x	x
Australian Sea-lion	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	Bottlenose Dolphin	x	x									x	x
Long-nosed Fur Seal	В	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV			В	В	Orca	X	x	X							X	X	X
Rosenberg's Goanna	В	В	В		X	x	x	x				B	Green, Loggerhead and Hawksbill Turtles	x	x								N	x	x
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FNQ Nature Tours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Kakadu & nland Safaris	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Platypus								В	В	В			C	Saltwater Crocodile	x	x	x								x	x
Green Ringtail Possum													Reptiles	Freshwater Crocodile	x	x	x								x	x
Musky Rat Kangaroo													<b>S</b>	Mertens' Water Monitor	X	X	X								X	x
Tree Kangaroo													slammals	Agile Wallaby & Wilkins Rock Wallaby	x	X	x								x	x
Southern Cassowary						В	В	В	N	N BV	BV	BV	Land Ma	Dingo	x	х	x								х	x
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	N	BV	BV		x	x	x	x		В	В	В		Blue-winged Kookaburra	X	x	x								x	x
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	В									В				х х	x	x	x	BV	BV	BV					x	x
Victoria's Riflebird	*courtship display												3	Brolga	x	x	x								x	x
Boyd's Forest Dragon	В	В								В	В	В	Birds	Comb-crested Jacana	x	x	x	BV	BV	BV					х	x
Saltwater Crocodile	N	N	BV	BV						В	В	N	1	Black-necked Stork	x	x	x	BV	BV						х	x
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Leaf-tailed Gecko														Great Billed Heron	х	x	x								x	x

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Naturaliste Charters	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Premier Travel Tasmania	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Killer Whale	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Tasmanian Devil												
Sperm Whale		B BV	B BV	B BV	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Platypus	BV							В		В		BV
Long-finned Pilot Whale			B BV	B BV	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Tasmanian Pademelon					В	В	В		BV	BV	BV	
Humpback Whale	x	x	x	x	В	В	В	В	В	BV	BV	x	Forester Kangaroo	В	В							BV	BV	В	В
Southern-right Whale	x	x	x	x	x	В	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	x	Common Wombat	BV	BV			В	В	В					
Blue Whale	x	x	x	x			x	x		B BV	B BV	x	Eastern Quoll					В	В					BV	BV
Long-nosed Fur Seal						x	x	x	x	x	х	x	Short-tailed Shearwater				BV	BV *migrate to Northern Hemisphere	X	x	X	В			
Australian Sea Lion	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle	В							N	N	N	N	N
Flesh-footed Shearwater					x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	Green Rosella	В	в							N	N	N	N
					, v	X	v		v	X	×		Orange-bellied Parrot				x	x	x	x	x	x	N	N	N
Birds					x	X	X	X	x	x	X	x	Little Penguin	BV									BV	BV	BV
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross												x	are												
Brown Skua												x	Australian Fur Seals										В	BV	BV

SEIT Outback Australia	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	The	Maria Island Walk	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Thorny Devil					x	x	x	x					•	Common Wombat	BV	BV				В	В	В				
Central Netted Dragon & Long Nosed Dragon													<u>_</u>	Forester Kangaroo	В	В						BV	BV	В	В	В
Blue-tongue Lizard					x	x	x	x	В	В	В		d Mamma	Bennett's Wallaby	B BV	B BV	В							BV	BV	BV
Sand Goanna					x	x	x	x					Lan	Pademelon	BV					В	В			BV	BV	BV
Perentie					x	x	x	x						Tasmanian Devil	BV	BV	В	В								
Black-breasted Buzzard				N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			Forty-spotted Pardalote									N	N	N	N
Wedge-tailed Eagle				N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			Cape Barren Goose						N	N	N	N			
Whistling and Black Kites				N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			Tasmanian Native Hen	N BV							N	N	N BV	N BV	N BV
Zebra & Painted Finch													5	Yellow Wattlebird									N	N	N	N
Budgerigar			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			Bir	Hooded Plover	N	N	N						N	N	N	
Major Mitchell Cockatoo						x	x	x						Swift Parrot	x	х	x	х	x	х	х	N	N	N	N	
														Scarlet & Flame Robins								N	N		N	N
Red Kangaroo													1	White-bellied Sea Eagle									N	N	N	

\*Wildlife sightings and breeding cycles dependent on rainfail

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Wildlife Coast Cruises	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Australian Fur Seal	B BV	BV									В	B BV
Common Dolphin												
Bottlenose Dolphin Humpback Whale												
Humpback Whale	x	x	x									x
Southern Right Whale	x	x	x						х	x	x	x
Orca		X	X	х				х	x	x	x	
Cormorants: Pied and Black-faced												
Shy Albatross											х	х
Australasian Gannet												
Crested Tern												N
Short-tailed Shearwater					х	x	x	x			N	
Little Penguin	N	N							N	N	N	N

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### Plan your trip

Australia is a vast land with enormous diversity, so knowing where to start planning your journey can sometimes be overwhelming. With so much to discover, the Australian Wildlife Journeys website is the perfect resource to get started on planning your Australian adventure.

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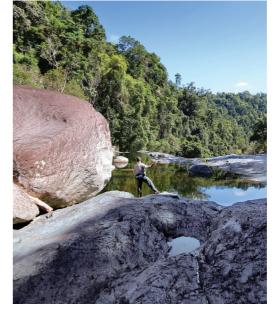












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