

Australian  
Wildlife Journeys





Common Wombat on Maria Island

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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 40,000 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.





# 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 a thriving aquaculture industry. The pristine waters are renowned for incredible marine encounters, providing the opportunity for you to swim with Australian Sea-lions and Bottlenose Dolphins, cage-dive with Great White Sharks or dive with the Leafy Sea Dragon or ethereal Giant Cuttlefish.

Within the region are several national parks to explore, that protect 270 species of birds and around 1,900 native plant species across a variety of habitats. 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, providing you access to Western Grey Kangaroos, Emus, Koalas, and Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats.

Owner, David Doudle, has spent 40 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. Whether you would like to shuck oysters fresh from the ocean, indulge in a seafood and wine pairing lunch or improve your photography skills with a multi-day workshop, the team is renowned for providing custom itineraries based on your passions and interests.

The team are ambassadors in keeping the region’s environments pure, pristine and sparsely populated, and provide you with opportunities to participate in local Koala and Rosenberg’s Goanna citizen science tracking programs.

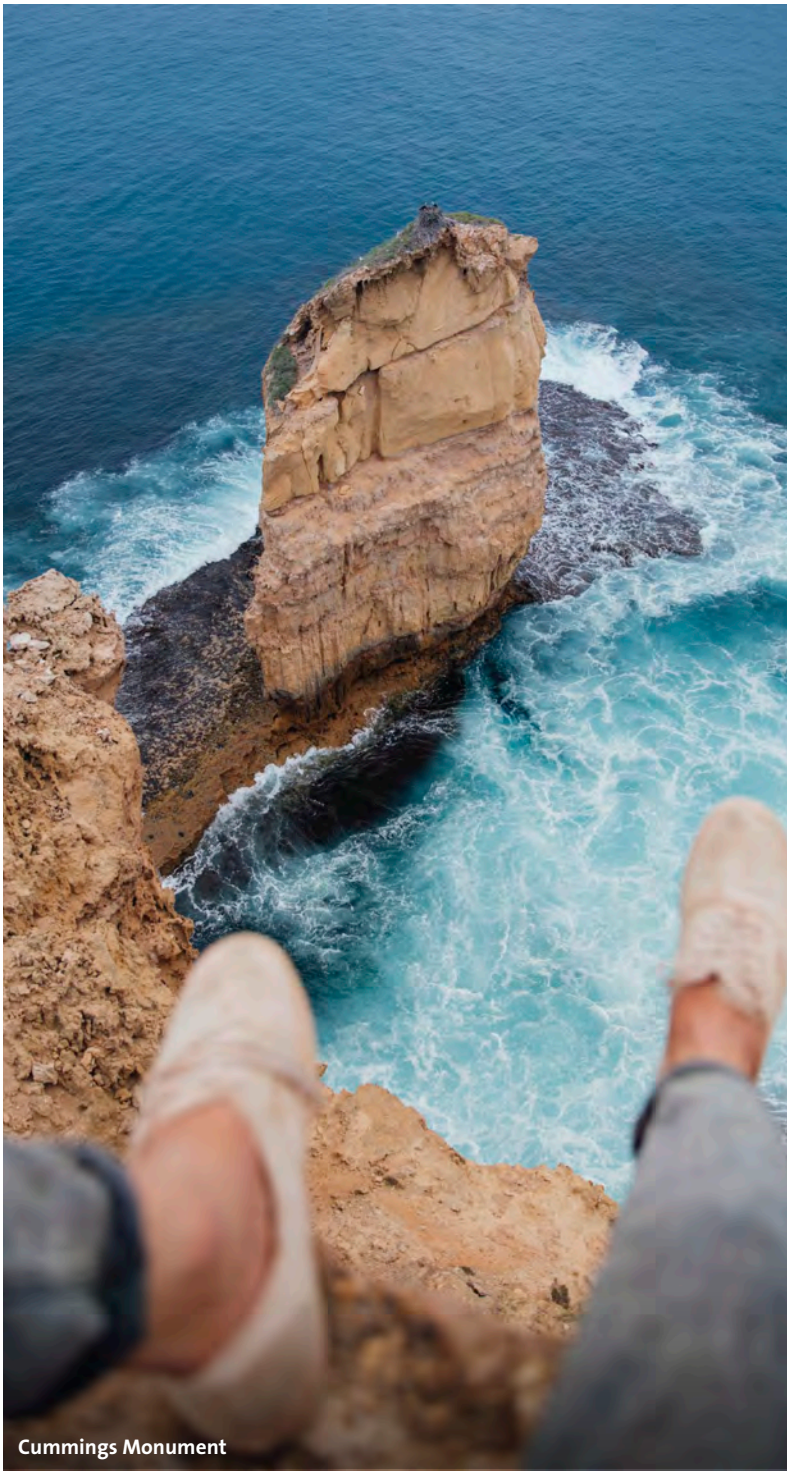
Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Port Lincoln Wildlife Encounters (S,P)	On Request	Year round	2 days	6
Eyre Peninsula Wildlife & Ocean Encounters (S,P)	On Request	Oct - late May	3 days	6
Winter Whale Watching & Wildlife Encounters (S,P)	On Request	Jul - late Sep	5 days	6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

Shared Group      Private Group Available

**REGION:**  
Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

**ACCESS:**  
Port Lincoln (PLO), 40 min flight from  
Adelaide Airport (ADL)

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Cummings Monument



## David Doudle

### AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SAFARIS

To spend time with David Doudle is to get a window into the fourth- generation farmer’s enchantingly free-range childhood. David grew up on a sheep and grain farm, by the cliffy edges of the Great Australian Bight. Spare time was spent exploring rock pools for abalone, going snorkelling and spear fishing, surfing remote breaks, sandboarding and trekking through the bush, constantly in search of adventure. It’s essentially what he does now, only with much more comfort attached.

These days, when David takes you to the rock pool where he, and later his kids, all learnt to swim, there’s no lugging a full esky, chairs, cricket bats and snorkelling gear 50 metres down, anymore. A cushy 4WD vehicle handles all of that. Similarly, when he takes you to one of the region’s first farming properties – settled in 1842 with the original homestead still intact – there’s drinks and a cheese platter accompanying the harmony of 160 native bird species. And while peering over stark cliff edges is exhilarating, it doesn’t compare to riding in a helicopter opposite the southern crust of Australia, allowing your eyes to sweep over sheep station country and sand dunes, schools of fish and footprint- free beaches, endless saltwater lakes and farmland. The diversity and sense of solitude never fails to astound David.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“We are really proud to be partnering with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, to contribute sightings with our guests, for several of our vulnerable species including the Rosenberg’s Goanna, Mallee Fowl and other rare bird species, echidnas and our local population of Koalas. It’s a terrific way to engage travellers of all ages and provide essential data so we can keep showing these amazing animals in our backyard!”*



# Eyre Peninsula Wildlife & Ocean Encounters

3 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS OCT - LATE MAY | MAX NUMBER: 6 PAX

Adventure and excitement in the water and out – this spectacular adventure combines amazing marine encounters, spectacular landscapes and Australia’s best seafood. Swim with Australia Sea-lions and dolphins. See wild Koalas, Emus, Osprey and goannas across stunning coastal national parks and shuck oysters fresh from the ocean at Coffin Bay.

**Day 1: Coffin Bay National Park.** Visit the internationally-significant freshwater wetlands at Big Swamp to see several species of waders including Pink-eared Ducks, stilts, plovers and swans. Venture out on a cruise joining a local oyster farmer where you will spot seabirds, seals and dolphins and learn about oyster farming. After delicious seafood platters for lunch, explore Coffin Bay National Park via 4WD, to see Emus, goannas, kangaroos, White-bellied Sea-Eagles and Osprey. **Port Lincoln Hotel or South Point Private Beach House**

**Day 2: Baird Bay.** Today, visit the magical destination of Baird Bay to swim with Australian Sea-lions and Bottlenose Dolphins. Experiencing sea-lions in their natural environment is rated as one of the ocean’s greatest interactive experiences, as they are fast, agile and playful like puppy dogs. A visit to Talia Caves and Cummings Monument provides you spectacular and uninterrupted views of the rugged limestone cliffs, iconic of the Great Australian Bight. **Port Lincoln Hotel or South Point Private Beach House**

**Day 3: Lincoln National Park.** A 4WD tour of rugged Lincoln National Park, will provide breathtaking vistas at every turn. Weathered



cliffs, vast sand dunes and Mallee eucalypts provide habitat for kangaroos, emus, Western Yellow Robins, Australian Pipits, Rock Parrots and Shingleback Skinks. In the afternoon, venture out to beautiful Mikkira Station to watch a colony of wild Koalas while you relax with a platter of local produce, wine and listen to the sounds of nature. **Port Lincoln Hotel or South Point Private Beach House**



Australian Sea-lion



Koala



Great White Shark

**Optional Extension:** Great White Shark Cage Dive. For an adrenaline rush, venture out on a day tour to the Neptune Islands for a chance to observe the Great White Shark via a cage or 360-degree underwater viewing pod.

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,855 AUD per person twin share (based on 6 pax)

## ICONIC SPECIES

Australian Sea-lion, Koala, Western Grey Kangaroo, Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat, Osprey, Emu, Port Lincoln Parrot, Rock Parrot, Western Yellow Robin, Blue-breasted Wren, Rosenberg’s Goanna, Shingleback Skink.

# Southern Eyre Peninsula Birdwatching

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS OCT - LATE MAY | MAX NUMBER: 6 PAX

Discover the Southern Eyre Peninsula’s remarkable birdwatching sites with local expert Fran Solly, in search of some of the region’s 270 bird species. A keen birdwatcher for more than 30 years and professional photographer, Fran will explore hidden hotspots to share iconic bird species such as Port Lincoln Parrots, Blue-breasted Fairy-wrens, Western Yellow Robins, Western Whipbirds and the endangered Southern Emu-wren.

**Day 1: East Coast and Mikkira.** Your ornithology journey starts at Port Neill before exploring other secluded coves, to spot migrant Ruddy Turnstones, endangered Hooded Plovers and a colony of Crested Terns. Following a picnic lunch on the beach, you will travel to Mikkira Station for a Koala and bird walk. This private property is a hotspot for Port Lincoln Parrots, Golden Whistlers, honeyeaters, Emus and occasionally Scarlet Robins, Blue-Breasted Wrens and Western Yellow Robins. **Port Lincoln Hotel**

**Day 2: Coffin Bay National Park.** Morning visits to coastal inlets and pristine swamps provides great opportunities to spot cormorants, teals, eagles, wrens, robins, parrots, ducks, pardalotes and honeyeater species. After a gourmet lunch in Coffin Bay and short Oyster tour, you will explore Coffin Bay National Park via 4WD to see some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in South Australia with Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Caspian Terns, Hooded Plovers, Red Necked Stints, Emu and Southern Emu-wrens our target species. **Port Lincoln Hotel**

**Day 3: Lincoln National Park.** You will spend the morning near the coastal hamlet of Tulka where

waders, Black Swans and numerous seabirds can be seen via a bird hide. Traversing through to the Lincoln National Park, Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagles, kites and harriers are raptor highlights before beautiful Memory Cove. Purple-gaped Honeyeaters, Striated Pardalotes, Australian Pipits, Western Yellow Robins and Blue-breasted Fairy-wrens are regional highlights before returning to Port Lincoln.

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,135 AUD per person twin share (based on 6 pax)

## ICONIC SPECIES

Port Lincoln Parrot, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren, Western Yellow Robin, Western Whipbird, Southern Emu-wren, Osprey, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Purple-gaped Honeyeater, Pink-eared Duck, Golden Whistler, Australian Pipit.



Sacred Kingfisher



Superb Blue-wren



Osprey



Port Lincoln Parrots





# 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 you 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 for Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Red-necked Wallabies, Short-beaked Echidnas and numerous bird species, with 260 species recorded. Nocturnal species are also a highlight for you to see, 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 your interests and seasonal conditions.

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

S Shared Group P Private Group Available

**📍 REGION:**  
The Southern Highlands,  
New South Wales

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Sydney (SYD)

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# Southern Highlands Wildlife Day Tour

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 11 PAX

Venture to the pristine bushland of the Southern Highlands, just 90 minutes from Sydney, to observe several of Australia’s most iconic species in the afternoon and evening with a nocturnal tour. With the help of our knowledgeable and passionate Naturalist Guides, you will have the opportunity to spot Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Koalas, Red-necked Wallabies, Wombats, Platypus and some of the 260 bird species that call the area home.

**Full Day: Southern Highlands.** Your wildlife adventure departs Sydney around midday, with groups limited to a maximum of eleven. Upon boarding the luxury Mercedes 4WD vehicle, you will escape the busy city afternoon to the tranquil environment of the Southern Highlands in search of Australia’s most beloved species.

You will be led by your expert wildlife guide across private farmland and bushland locations, learning about the importance of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor. After dinner at one of the oldest country inns in Australia, you are provided with the opportunity to go spotlighting with special flashlights, looking for the numerous nocturnal species in the region including Brush-tailed Possums, Greater & Sugar Gliders and Common Wombats, before returning to Sydney in the evening at approximately 10pm.

**PRICE:**  
From \$320 AUD per person



## 🚲 ICONIC SPECIES

Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Red-necked Wallaby, Common Wombat, Platypus, Brush-tailed Possum, Sugar Glider, Koala, Laughing Kookaburra, Rainbow Lorikeet, Tawny Frogmouth, Eastern Rosella, Eastern Water Dragon.



Common Wombat



Koala



Brush-tailed Possum



Rainbow Lorikeet





# Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours

It is little wonder that the state of Victoria is so popular with nature lovers, blessed with astonishing biodiversity in a concentrated area, easily accessible from cosmopolitan Melbourne. East Gippsland is one of the few regions of the world, with unbroken stretches of forests from the alps to the sea. Magnificent lush rainforests, coastal heathlands, giant eucalypt groves, pristine rivers and white sandy beaches, provide refuge for 50 native mammal species; including Australia’s two monotreme species, the Platypus and Echidna along with the world’s greatest songbird, the Superb lyrebird. You can also find 17 species of kangaroo, possums, gliders, Koalas, and wombats; 19 amphibians and 36 reptile species, including the Lace Monitor and Diamond Python.

West of Melbourne, the grasslands and low woodlands around the You Yangs, provide you with the opportunity see Eastern Grey Kangaroos and a colony of Koalas that Echidna Walkabout has been studying for over 20 years. Incredible insights in to each Koala’s history and social life will leave you amazed and inspired to protect this amazing marsupial. Inland from the coastal landscape of the Great Ocean Road, the cool, wet hinterland rainforests are home to Swamp Wallabies, possums, Short-beaked Echidnas, and a myriad of birdlife; while the tall eucalypt 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 for small groups of travellers since 1993. 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. The team has been internationally-recognised in wildlife in the wild conservation travel, having won the World Responsible Travel Award. You will have the opportunity to give back to Australia’s precious habitats, contributing to the weed eradication program to save Koalas; removing discarded fishing net along East Gippsland; or helping guides record wildlife sightings for atlas submission and citizen science programs.

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
Koala Researcher for a Day (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

**S** Shared Group      **P** Private Group Available      **L** Larger Groups Available

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

**✈️ ACCESS:**  
Melbourne (MEL)

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## Janine Duffy

### ECHIDNA WALKABOUT NATURE TOURS

In all the time Janine Duffy has spent in the wild with Australia’s native marsupials, especially Koalas and kangaroos, she’s noticed something curious: they make eye contact with humans. When it happens, Janine says it feels like they’re looking into your soul. The guide, conservationist and wildlife researcher describes it as unlike anything she’s experienced anywhere else in the world.

Janine runs Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours with her partner, Roger Smith. Their first date was to the You Yangs granite peaks outside Melbourne, where they now oversee a wild koala research project and lead tours through the dry, open woodland where a population of around 127 Koalas live. In the river valleys just downstream, they are planting thousands of trees in partnership with farmers, to ensure those Koalas’ future.

Every tour they do, be it through the eucalypt forests of East Gippsland, to arid Lake Mungo in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area, or along the breathtaking Great Ocean Road, is imbued with the philosophy that travellers use the world as their classroom. Guests might learn through pulling out weeds that harm the wildlife, listening to the findings of research projects or sensing empathy while watching creatures in their natural setting. Adult education takes many forms, and Janine’s bubbly nature and earnest passion – not to mention her other roles as wildlife foster carer and wildlife artist – makes her guests want to commit to a lifetime of study.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

“We strongly support the concept of privately-owned land to increase the habitat available to wildlife – this is essential if wildlife is to survive the upcoming challenges of climate change. Through our Koala Clancy Foundation, we plant koala food trees in river valleys and along creeks on private farmland near Melbourne – returning the indigenous flora to that denuded environment.”



# East Gippsland Wildlife Journey

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS SEP - LATE MAY | MAX NUMBER: 8 PAX

Immerse yourself in the magnificent biodiverse forests of East Gippsland, Southeast Australia’s Coastal Wilderness. You will give back to our wildlife for half an hour a day, through helping with a new wild Koala research project, remove fishing nets and plastic from beaches, and conduct bushfire -recovery wildlife surveys. Photograph wild Koalas in magnificent stands of giant eucalypts, walk in rainforests listening for lyrebirds and cockatoos. Photograph wallabies, kangaroos, wombats and Lace Monitors beside secluded rivers and waterways.

**Day 1: Lakes District.** Your East Gippsland exploration starts at the acclaimed RAMSAR wetlands of the Lakes District, full of waterbirds, before heading to an island sanctuary, boasting a thriving colony of wild Koalas, abundant echidnas, kangaroos, parrots, honeyeaters and seabirds. The region’s lush eucalypt forests, pristine estuaries and white sandy beaches, provide the opportunity to help record species sightings for conservation purposes. **Snowy River Homestead or similar**

**Day 2: Rugged Mountain Forests.** Today you will visit both dry and wet mountain forests, visit the famous Snowy River, and walk beside secluded waterways, with everchanging landscapes sure to captivate you at every turn. You will learn about the formation of these mighty forests that provide habitat for Superb Lyrebirds, Gang Gang Cockatoos, Satin Bowerbirds, Lace Monitors and Swamp Wallabies. Birds, reptiles and marsupials are abundant, but other human visitors are few. The day concludes with a classic Aussie dinner at the Homestead. **Snowy River Homestead or similar**

**Day 3: River Estuaries and Coast.** Gentle morning walks through lowland rainforest, coastal heathlands and rivers provide the opportunity to spot Swamp Wallabies, White-bellied Sea Eagles, cockatoos, kingfishers, swans, Eastern Whipbirds and huge goanna lizards. A visit to a complex dune system and 90 mile beach provides spectacular coastal vistas, before spending a little time removing old fishing nets that often trap and kill sea creatures. After a picnic in the bush overlooking the beach, you will explore the plains for wallabies, kangaroos and wombats with your guide. **Snowy River Homestead or similar**

**Day 4: Mouth of the Snowy River.** Experience the magnificence of the Snowy River mouth one last time, before a visit to Krowathunkoolong Keeping Place, an informative Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Bairnsdale. Here you will learn about how the Aboriginal people have lived amongst these captivating landscapes for thousands of years, before arriving back in Melbourne late afternoon.



Short-beaked Echidna



King Parrot



Superb Lyrebird

**PRICE:**  
From \$2,050 AUD per person twin share

## 🚗 ICONIC SPECIES

Koala, Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Swamp Wallaby, Short-beaked Echidna, Common Wombat, Yellow-bellied and Greater Glider, Emu, King Parrot, Superb Lyrebird, Satin Bowerbird, Lace Monitor, East Gippsland Water Dragon.



# Great Ocean Road

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 8 PAX

Appreciate the grandeur of one of the world’s greatest coastlines, the Great Ocean Road. Experience unforgettable sunsets over brilliantly-coloured limestone cliffs including the famous Twelve Apostles. Walk through dense rainforests of lush tree ferns and explore ancient volcanoes and plains. Led by expert wildlife guides, learn about the region’s iconic species such as kangaroos, Koalas, echidnas, King Parrots, Emus, rosellas, robins, honeyeaters and more.

**Day 1: Koala Researcher for a Day (also available as a day tour).** Start with a visit to the beautiful eucalypt forests of the You Yangs National Park, where you will have the privilege to see wild Koalas. Your Wildlife Guide and Koala Researcher will explain the behaviour and individuality of each of the Koalas you meet, before you help out with the “Make a Home for Clancy” conservation weeding project, habitat restoration and other citizen science applications. **Little River B&B or similar**

**Day 2: Rainforests and Twelve Apostles.** Today you will witness some of the world’s most spectacular coastal scenery, along the surging surf coast, before walking in the magnificent rainforests of the Otway National Park. Your Wildlife Guide will help you find parrots, kookaburras, Koalas, wallabies, echidnas, lizards and vibrantly coloured birds which make their home in the coastal heathlands. The panoramas at Twelve Apostles and the Loch Ard Gorge will leave you breathless, as you hear about shipwrecks of days gone by. **4.5 star B&B near Port Campbell**

**Day 3: Volcanoes & Lakes in a Savannah.** After one last look at the coast in the dramatic morning light, you will venture to the vast grasslands of the Western Plains. This region was created by many small volcanoes over the past two million years and is a great place to view raptors including Wedge-tailed Eagles and Brown Falcons. Lake Corangamite, the largest permanent lake in Australia, provides some quality birdwatching before the return trip to Melbourne.

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,620 AUD per person twin share

## 🚗 ICONIC SPECIES

Koala, Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Swamp Wallaby, Red-necked Wallaby, King Parrot, Crimson Rosella, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Falcon, Golden Whistler, Pied Currawong, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.



Koala



Eastern Grey Kangaroos



Flame Robin



Crimson Rosella





# 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. On this picturesque island, you are able to spot Kangaroo Island Kangaroos, Tamar Wallabies, Short-beaked Echidnas, Koalas and possums in abundant numbers.

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. Aside from world-renowned wildlife viewing, the island provides you with endless touring possibilities, from exploring studios with local artists, sampling regional produce including honey farms, wineries, gin distilleries and oysters, through to multi-mode adventure activities including four-wheel driving, hiking, ocean rafting and fat biking.

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, promising you good food, good wine and wildlife in the wild. Exceptional Kangaroo Island takes its responsibility to the environment, its guests and its community seriously. This is reflected in the company achieving advanced eco-tourism accreditation and its local partnership with KI Land for Wildlife, to regenerate local bushland and protect endangered species.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Kangaroo Island in Style (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	2 days	12
Kangaroo Island Investigator (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	3 days	12
Kangaroo Island Immersion (S,P,L)	Daily	Year round	4 days	12
Kangaroo Island Birding (Wild About Birds) (P,L)	On Request	Year round	3 days	12
Kangaroo Island Photo Safari (P,L)	On Request	Year round	3 days	12
Conservation Connection (P,L)	Daily	Year round	3 days	6

**S** Shared Group    **P** Private Group Available    **L** Larger Groups Available

**📍 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

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Remarkable Rocks



## Craig Wickham

### EXCEPTIONAL KANGAROO ISLAND

When Craig Wickham spots a goanna scuttling across the road, he doesn’t tell his guests to get out of the way. Instead, he invites them into the bush to see where it has come from. He knows that more often than not, the reptile is slinking away from a termite mound where it has just laid its eggs – a spot that’s the ideal temperature to ensure they hatch.

Crouching down to show people parts of nature they’d never usually know about, let alone see up close, is what gives Craig his buzz, and that’s after 30 years exploring his wildlife-packed island off the southern coast of South Australia.

When Craig bought the business in 1990, he remembers people would write letters wanting to make a booking, and later it was faxes. Photographs were used sparingly, still captured on film. “So much has changed in technology,” he says, “but the fresh scent of crushed eucalyptus leaves, the perfume of bright red bottlebrush flowers or the birdsong indicating a snake is near remain the same.”

Craig studied wildlife management and loves to bust perceptions of Australian snakes being hostile; instead, he shows his guests how calm and inquisitive they can be, if left alone and motionlessly observed. His version of transformational travel ranges from reframing the way we think about things, to pausing to engage all the senses. He tunes people into nature as well as into themselves. That might be stopping the car to gaze at endangered wallabies no one else has seen, or roaming through grapevines while talking to the viticulturalist, or tasting freshly distilled gin where it’s made, or visiting a hidden beach known only to local fishermen.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“One of the amazing things about Kangaroo Island is our community’s unified approach to assisting our threatened species. Conservation and sustainability are part of the island’s DNA, so partnering with Kangaroo Island Land for Wildlife and local scientists is a natural fit for us. It allows our guests to see firsthand what it’s like to live in this beautiful place and what needs to be done to keep it that way.”*



# Kangaroo Island Immersion

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 12 PAX

This celebration of Kangaroo Island’s wildlife, landscapes, produce, history, ecology, and lifestyle reveals the very best of Australia’s third largest island. Travelling in custom four-wheel drive vehicles, you will indulge in elegant picnics and superb local produce across stunning vistas. Engage in warm conversation with expert guides, observing many of Australia’s iconic animals across landscapes of solitude and splendour.

**Day 1: Island Life.** Start at Cygnet River which is home to Koalas, many parrots and bush birds. Learn about the Eucalyptus oil industry - perhaps the most original Australian product. Travel to the north coast and explore Stokes Bay with kangaroos, wallabies, Koalas and shorebirds being regular encounters. Visit a private property amongst the redgum forest and enjoy a seafood barbeque lunch. At Seal Bay, observe Australian Sea-lions and learn about the feeding and breeding behaviour of these photogenic creatures. If time permits, end the day at Bales Bay, a spectacular wilderness beach.

**Day 2: Flinders Chase Focus.** The vast wilderness of the west end of the Island is our focus, including a critical private refuge (Kangaroo Island Land for Wildlife) and Flinders Chase National Park. Check out wildlife surveys targeting tiny endangered mammals and get an introduction to the bush, giving context to the fire ecology experienced later in the day. Break for lunch in the bush, before heading into the National Park. Explore natural sculptures at Remarkable Rocks, see fur-seals resting at Admirals Arch and learn about the history of Cape du Couedic lighthouse.

**Day 3: East End Explorer.** Limestone cliffs, white sandy beaches, ice-age dunes, gentle rolling hills and peaceful lagoons typify the beautiful Dudley Peninsula. This eastern region is a microcosm of Kangaroo Island with gorgeous landscapes, exceptional food and wine, and a diversity of wildlife habitat. Explore Pennington Bay and the marine sanctuary of Pelican Lagoon, a tasting at False Cape winery before a delectable picnic lunch. Continue east to Cape Willoughby, the Devil’s Kitchen, Antechamber Bay, Baudin Conservation Park and the township of Penneshaw.

**Day 4: Fine Flavours.** Round out your Kangaroo Island experience by linking up with the locals. Meet the characters behind the fresh flavours in the local produce and discover their stories. Learn first-hand about the production processes and what makes this region such a celebrated culinary destination in a series of over-the-fence chats, tail-gate tastings, farm-gate visits, and cellar door experiences. Producers include the Islander Estate Vineyard, Fryar’s Free-range Eggs, Clifford’s Honey Farm, Kangaroo Island Pure Grain, Kangaroo Island Oyster Farm Shop, KI Olives and KI Spirits. Included tastings and



Australian Sea Lions



Short-beaked Echidna



Kangaroo Island Kangaroos

experiences may change seasonally according to availability.

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,984 AUD per person (touring only)

## ICONIC SPECIES

Kangaroo Island Kangaroo, Tammar Wallaby, Short-beaked Echidna, Koala, Australian Sea-lion, Long-nosed Fur Seal, Rosenberg’s Goanna, Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Cape Barren Goose, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo.



# Kangaroo Island Birding (Wild About Birds)

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 12 PAX

Kangaroo Island is a birdwatcher’s paradise, with the opportunity to spot almost one-third of the birds recorded in Australia. With magnificent coastlines and vast tracts of mallee and woodlands, seek out a broad range of species, including parrots, bush birds, raptors, seabirds, waterbirds and waders, with a significant number of endemic sub-species.

**Day 1: American River & Busby Islet.** Begin your three-day birdwatching adventure at American River where endangered Glossy Black-Cockatoos are frequent encounters in the bush, as are Grey Currawongs, Little Corellas, Galahs and Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes. After stopping at secluded locations known for waterbirds, you will have lunch, followed by a boat ride out to Busby Islet to observe seabird colonies protected in a restricted conservation area. Australian Pelicans, Royal Spoonbills, a range of cormorants, Australian White Ibis, and White-bellied Sea-Eagles are frequent sightings, as are Bottlenose Dolphins in the sheltered waters.

**Day 2: Flinders Chase & Seal Bay.** Start at Seal Bay for a privately guided tour where Australian Sea-lions share the beach with Caspian and Crested Terns, Sooty and Pied Oystercatchers and Hooded Plovers. Rock Parrots and Fairy Terns are chance encounters at Vivonne Bay and Little Penguins nest in burrows at Point Ellen. Both Seal Bay and Vivonne Bay provide the possibility of seeing Ospreys. Continue to the expansive wilderness of Flinders Chase National Park, where Cape Barren Geese, Tawny-crowned and Crescent Honeyeaters, Red and Little Wattlebirds, a couple of pardalote species, and Crimson

Rosellas, are birding highlights along with kangaroos, fur-seals and Koala observations.

**Day 3: North and East Coast.** Start with a session focussing on the endemic Glossy Black-Cockatoo recovery plan and private conservation efforts at Cygnet Park. Take in nearby Duck Lagoon, a freshwater billabong where typical encounters include White-eared, White-naped and Brown-headed Honeyeaters, Crimson Rosellas, Superb Fairy-wrens, teals, grebes, Yellow-billed Spoonbills and Black Swans. Latham Conservation Park is next stop, prime habitat for Glossy Black-Cockatoos, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Scarlet Robins, thornbills, and Golden Whistlers being regular observations. After a fresh seafood barbeque lunch, there are chances to observe Koalas, Crescent Honeyeaters, Eastern Spinebills, Purple-crowned and Rainbow Lorikeets. The destinations explored in the afternoon will depend on seasonality and success with observations so far. We might go to D’Estrees Bay and try for Southern Emu-wrens, or Nepean Bay for Beautiful Firetails, or the Cygnet River estuary.

**PRICE:**  
From \$2,955 AUD per person (touring only)



Eastern Spinebill



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

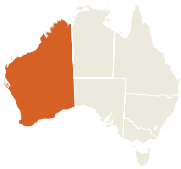
## ICONIC SPECIES

Glossy Black-Cockatoo, Hooded Dotterel, Cape Barren Goose, Scarlet Robin, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Golden Whistler, Purple-crowned Lorikeet, Australian Swan, Royal Spoonbill, Crimson Rosella.



Scarlet Robin





# 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 40,000 whales migrating to the area from June to late October. 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	Mid Jun - late Oct	Full day	14
Outer Reef or Island Dive & Snorkel (S,P)	Daily	Mar - late Oct	Full day	20
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

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**📍 REGION:**  
Exmouth, Western Australia

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## Debbie Ferguson

### EXMOUTH DIVE & WHALESHARKS NINGALOO

The first time Debbie Ferguson saw a Whale Shark was on her honeymoon. She and husband Mark wanted something to remember their special occasion with, and the enormity of the gentle, spotted giant – a filter-feeder that bears a vacuum-like mouth filled with 300 tiny teeth – definitely fit the bill. That was 2003, when Debbie was still working as a radiographer, spending her days indoors, often not glimpsing the outside world until after knock-off time.

Mark, a keen scuba diver and boat skipper, had ignited her interest in aquatic pursuits and soon the pair were dreaming of quitting city life. The World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Coast in Western Australia, where Whale Sharks consistently travel each March to August, became their answer.

Now, their office is the ocean, while diving, snorkelling and wildlife spotting is their nine-to-five. The pair bought Exmouth’s first eco-tourism business in 2012. Ningaloo, the world’s most accessible fringing reef, and the abundant activity within it, continues to enthrall them.

As well as snorkelling alongside long, docile Whale Sharks, from mid June onwards, the couple host Humpback Whale swims and encounters, as well as playful interactions with graceful Manta Rays – the ballet dancers of the sea.

Their scuba diving trips to sites that are 15 to 17 metres down reveal so many fish, the reef is all but covered. Swarms of bait fish twist and turn in unison, dodging predatory pelagic species while putting on an extraordinary visual show of nature in the wild. For Debbie, it’s all in a day’s work.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“We’ve never taken for granted that we live, work, and play in a World Heritage-listed area. While we’re passionate about showcasing the Ningaloo Coast and Ningaloo Reef to the world, we’re equally passionate about protecting it and preserving its unique and fragile ecosystem. We see donating our time, resources and a portion of tour costs, to marine science and research a non-negotiable. We encourage all our guests to get involved with Citizen Science on tour, to support projects like Project Manta, Wildbook for Whale Sharks, Centre for Whale Research Western Australia and Australian Parks & Wildlife Marine Research.”*



# Deluxe Whaleshark Swim

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS MAR - LATE AUG | MAX NUMBER: 20 PAX

The opportunity to swim with the Whale Shark is one of the world’s greatest interactive marine encounters. This fish, the largest of the shark family and the largest fish in the world at an average of 12 meters (40 foot) in length, is a harmless plankton eater, with their graceful and passive nature providing you an unforgettable day out on the waters of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park.

**Full Day: Ningaloo Marine Park.** Once boarding your beautifully equipped vessel, light aircraft will fly overhead directing us to the locations of the Whale Sharks to provide the best opportunities to encounter these magnificent fish. Throughout the day the on-board marine biologist will share interesting information with you about the Whale Sharks, how to identify the gender of the animal, typical behaviours, feeding patterns, how to take photos and more.

The return journey back to shore will often provide opportunities to see Ningaloo’s other megafauna, including Humpback Whales (June to late October), Manta Rays, Dugongs, Australian Humpback, Bottlenose and Common Dolphins. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and refreshments are served throughout the day, ending with a celebratory glass of sparkling wine or beer.

**Optional Extension: Outer Reef or Islands Scuba Dive & Snorkel Day Trip.** Discover the wonders of the Muiron Islands and Ningaloo Marine Park, regarded as one of the most beautiful underwater wilderness areas in Australia. You will spend the day exploring different snorkel and dive sites accessible

by boat only, with dolphins, rays and turtles all regular encounters. Snorkellers will be delighted to see colourful tropical fish including Parrotfish, Butterflyfish, Angelfish and Anemonefish amongst the spectacular coral bombies. Three species of turtle, Olive Sea Snakes, Manta Rays, Reef Sharks and surreal Nudibranchs are highlights for enthusiasts.

**PRICE:**  
From \$425 AUD per person

## ICONIC SPECIES

Whale Shark, Manta Ray, Spinner Dolphin, Bottlenose Dolphin, Green Turtle, Parrotfish, Butterflyfish, Angelfish, Anemonefish, Coral Bombies, Damselfish, Flutemouth Wrasse, Coral Trout, Potato Cod, Black-tip Reef Shark, Nudibranch.



Whale Shark



Manta Ray



Jazz II Vessel



Baby Turtle

# Deluxe Humpback Whale Swim

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS MID JUN - LATE OCT | MAX NUMBER: 14 PAX

Spiritual, thrilling and captivating are a few words to describe swimming with these giants of the ocean. You will have the incredible privilege of joining small groups of seven snorkellers with a guide & videographer, to record one of the most special intimate encounters of the ocean.

**Full Day: Ningaloo Marine Park.** A staggering 40,000 west coast Humpback Whales migrate through to the Ningaloo region, to rest after their long migration from the Antarctic. The spacious vessel has special permission to approach Humpback Whales within a distance of 50 metres, before you will slide into the water and approach the Humpback Whale under the careful guidance of the expert crew. Once in the water, you will be awe-struck by the whale song and close-up views of these majestic creatures. You will also enjoy a snorkel on the reef to enjoy the amazing tropical fish, rays, turtles and corals.

**PRICE:**  
From \$425 AUD per person

## ICONIC SPECIES

Humpback Whale, Dugong, Manta Ray, Australian Humpback Dolphin, Spinner Dolphin, Bottlenose Dolphin, Green Turtle, Parrotfish, Butterflyfish, Angelfish, Anemonefish, Coral Bombies, Damselfish, Flutemouth Wrasse, Coral Trout, Potato Cod, Black-tip Reef Shark, Nudibranch.



Clark's Anemonefish



Humpback Whale Swim

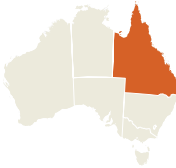


Humpback Whale



Green Turtle





# 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
Daintree Afternoon & Nocturnal (S,P)	Daily	Year round	Full day	7
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
Tropical Wetlands Birdwatching (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	7
Wet Tropics Photography Workshop (P)	On Request	Year round	2 days	7
Behind the Scenes with Researchers: Quolls (P)	On Request	Year round	Full day	4

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 Shared Group

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 Private Group

**REGION:**

Far North Queensland

**ACCESS:**

Cairns (CNS)

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Mossman Gorge



## James Boettcher

### FNQ NATURE TOURS

When James Boettcher was a kid, he thought everyone swung through the trees, slid down rapids and fashioned fish traps from spiky rainforest vines. Growing up in Cairns, the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest was at his fingertips. After finishing high school, he spotted an advertisement in a newspaper about guiding. To him, it sounded “like getting paid not to work” – it was exactly what he already did for fun. It was only when he started seeing his backyard through the eyes of visitors from around the globe that he understood the privilege of having grown up in such a raw, nature- dominated area.

The Daintree Rainforest is three times older than the Amazon, and James has been leading travellers through its wonders ever since. He started his own business, FNQ Nature Tours, in 2015 with the belief that tourism plays a major role in the voluntary preservation of this remarkable corner of the planet.

James loves to do things differently. Deftly avoiding larger tour groups that explore Cape Tribulation and the Daintree National Park each year, he runs a walk that begins as the light softens in the afternoon. It’s when a post-dinner spotlight walk reveals Boyd’s Forest Dragons, frogs, bandicoots, lizards, spiders and sometimes a possum or snake. No two nights are the same. He watches as people’s faces light up in wonder, and as strangers become family.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

“Our partnership with the Australian Quoll Conservancy affords our guests the exclusive opportunity to work along-side industry experts and assist in conducting valuable research that will aid in the preservation of Far North Queensland’s endangered wildlife. This behind the scenes tour provides you the opportunity to enter research locations not accessible to the public to observe the endangered Spotted-tailed Quoll.”



# Daintree Afternoon & Nocturnal

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 7 PAX

A visit to the ‘oldest continually growing rainforest in the world’ at night is the feature of this tour, encompassing the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park and Cape Tribulation area. A river cruise and interpretative guided walks by day and night, reveal a different side of the Daintree and opportunity to see rare marsupials of the forest.

**Full Day: Daintree & Cape Tribulation.** Leaving early afternoon, you will head north along the Great Barrier Reef Drive, one of Australia’s most scenic coastal highways, towards the world famous Daintree Rainforest. This ancient tropical rainforest spans 120,000 hectares and is estimated to be 180 million years old, boasting the highest diversity of rainforest mammals in Australia.

The region’s array of landscapes including waterfalls, mountain ranges, idyllic streams, deep gorges and dense rainforest provide incredible vistas at every turn. You will be captivated by a wildlife cruise of the Daintree River, full of opportunities to observe and photograph the region’s apex predator, the Saltwater Crocodile, along with iconic species such as the Boyd’s Forest Dragon, Ulysses Butterfly, Spectacled Flying-fox, White-lipped Tree Frog and Azure, Little & Sacred Kingfishers.

After your amazing cruise, you will continue to Cape Tribulation, where rainforest extends right to the shoreline, separated by beautiful white sandy beaches. After dining at one of the region’s finest restaurants, you will experience an interpretative guided nocturnal walk, where your guide will share information about crepuscular and nocturnal wildlife species, such as the Daintree River Ringtail Possum, Northern Long-nosed Bandicoot and Northern Bettong.



**PRICE:**  
From \$375 AUD per person

## 🚗 ICONIC SPECIES

Saltwater Crocodile, Boyd’s Forest Dragon, Green-eyed Tree Frog, Green Ringtail Possum, Azure Kingfisher, Little Kingfisher, Ulysses Butterfly, Rainbow Bee-Eater, Wompoo Fruit Dove, Olive-baked Sunbird, Victoria’s Riflebird, Spectacled Flying-fox.



White-lipped Tree Frog



Southern Cassowary



Daintree Rainforest



Saltwater Crocodile

# Tablelands & Crater Lakes

FULL DAY | PRIVATE  
DEPARTS YEAR ROUND | MAX NUMBER: 7 PAX

On this epic day adventure, you will experience a spectacular mix of habitats across the Atherton Tablelands; from lush rainforest, volcanic lakes, wetlands through to savannah country. Located in the highland region southwest of Cairns, this tour covers landmarks such as the Cathedral Fig Tree, Lake Barrine and Milla Milla Falls, and the unique opportunity to spot the Platypus, Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo and abundant songbirds.

**Full Day: Atherton Tablelands.** Departing early morning from Cairns, guests will travel up to the highlands of the Atherton Tablelands, to experience beautiful panoramic vistas across sections of this World Heritage-listed ecosystem. Upon arrival to the Danbulla State Forest, travellers will reach the famous Cathedral Fig Tree, a gigantic 500-year-old strangler tree measuring 50 metres high, with a trunk circumference of 39 metres.

Led by your expert guide, this is a prime area to spot the regions abundant songbirds, including the Red-backed Fairy-wren, Golden Bowerbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater and Australia’s very own bird of paradise, the Victoria’s Riflebird. Next stop is a visit to Lake Barrine, providing you with opportunities to see the Red-legged Pademelon, Musky Rat Kangaroo, Snapping Turtle, Giant Eel, Eastern Water Dragon and Saw-shell Turtle.

After a delicious seafood lunch, you will search for one of Australia’s most intriguing animals, the Platypus, with a very high likelihood of sightings. To finish off the day, take in the spectacular panoramas of Milla Milla lookout, an incredibly picturesque 18-metre waterfall, with the option to spend time at Lake Eacham or venture out to spot one of the area’s most iconic species, the Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo.



**PRICE:**  
From \$390 AUD per person (based on 4 pax)

## 🚗 ICONIC SPECIES

Platypus, Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo, Musky Rat Kangaroo, Red-legged Pademelon, Eastern Water Dragon, Saw-shell Turtle, Snapping Turtle, Tooth-billed Bowerbird, Atherton Scrubwren, Red-backed Fairy-wren, Golden Bowerbird, Bridled Honeyeater, Victoria’s Riflebird.



Platypus



Buff-breasted Kingfisher



Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo



Ulysses Butterfly





# 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 providing you access to an 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 almost 30 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.

Specialising in private luxury four-wheel drive touring, their team 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 you have the same guide for your entire Top End Experience.

Featured Experience	Days Departing	Season	Duration	Max Number
Three Day Kakadu & Arnhemland (S,P)	On Request	May - late Oct	3 days	6
Top End Luxury Lodges (P)	On Request	Apr - late Oct	5 days	6
Ultimate Luxury Safari Adventure (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

S Shared Group      P Private Group

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

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## Sab Lord

### LORDS KAKADU & ARNHEMLAND SAFARIS

You’d expect a man raised on a Kakadu buffalo and crocodile-hunting station to be a character, and Sab Lord doesn’t disappoint. He also knows everything – and everyone – there is to know in the outback, enabling him to unlock places and people that few others have access to.

Sporting a dog-eared Akubra hat, a permanent tan and a mouth that rolls out Aussie expressions, it’s easy to see why Sab was the private guide of choice for people like Nicholas Cage, Boris Johnson and, rumour has it, Meryl Streep (he won’t confirm or deny) as they explored Australia’s Top End.

Sab’s safari-style version of Kakadu, Arnhem Land and The Kimberley is rich in Aboriginal culture, woven with private viewings of enormous, 50,000-year-old rock art galleries, snacks of live green ants plucked from a tree, and bellowing buffalo calls across the Mary River floodplains. Nights are spent around a campfire, eating dinner beneath some of the brightest stars you’ll ever see while listening to the bushman’s tales.

In 2020, Sab clocks up 28 years of guiding people through frontier country. His lifetime of stories enhances the trips as much as the crocodiles lurking in the rivers and the waterbirds flying overhead. There are plenty – the station Sab grew up on became part of dual UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park. His father employed Aboriginal families who taught Sab their indigenous language and involved him in traditional ceremonies. His understanding of their culture has earned him the rare permission to share culturally significant sites and stories.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“The thing that I enjoy the most is sharing my understanding of the ecosystems and wildlife, through the eyes of Aboriginal people with guests. Noticing these changes in the ecosystems over time and being a custodian alongside the Aboriginal people has inspired me to appreciate our natural heritage and ask the question, what would this planet be like without wildlife?”*



# Three Day Kakadu & Arnhemland

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS MAY - LATE OCT | MAX NUMBER: 6 PAX

Experience one of the world’s most magnificent natural reserves across Kakadu National Park and Arnhem Land, as you venture through stunning floodplains, pristine estuaries, towering sandstone escarpments and tranquil waterfalls. Unearth the stories of ancient rock art in Arnhem Land with an Indigenous guide and spot crocodiles, marsupials, reptiles and many of the region’s 280 bird species.

**Day 1: Maguk & Yellow Water.** Your journey through Kakadu starts at one of the most beautiful and pristine waterfalls in the National Park named Maguk. A short walk through sub-monsoon rainforests of Paperbarks and a Pandanus lined creek leads to the base of a stunning plunge pool. After lunch, you will experience another Kakadu icon, the Yellow Water Cruise at sunset. This pristine waterway supports a truly wonderful variety of species including Saltwater Crocodiles, Comb-crested Jacanas, White-bellied Sea Eagles, Azure Kingfishers, ducks, stilts, egrets, spoonbills and Magpie Geese. **Lords Private Camp**

**Day 2: Jim Jim & Twin Falls.** Enjoy the magnificence of Jim Jim and Twin Falls set in the magnificent Arnhem Land escarpment. You will be captivated by the inspiring 200 metre high cliffs towering above you as you walk through subtropical rainforest, keeping an eye out for wallaroos and rock wallabies. Next, you will ride in the 4WD to access Twin Falls, to connect with a boat cruise showcasing the changing hues of the Arnhem Land Escarpment, before taking a walk to a delightful sandy beach.

Here, you will learn about the significance of this site to the Aboriginal people of Kakadu National Park. **Lords Private Camp**

**Day 3: Arnhem Land.** Today, you will explore the extraordinary beauty across Arnhem Land. The scenic drive to the Gunbalanya Aboriginal community provides some of the best panoramas in the Top End, showcasing floodplains, billabongs & sandstone escarpments. Upon arrival, you will visit the Injalak Arts and Craft Centre to meet and watch traditional local artists in action, before heading out with an Aboriginal guide to see incredible examples of rock art on Injalak Hill, acknowledged as some of the best rock art in Australia. On the way back, your guide will provide opportunities to spot Brolga, Jabirus, kingfishers, wallabies, lizards and occasionally Dingos.

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,770 AUD per person twin share



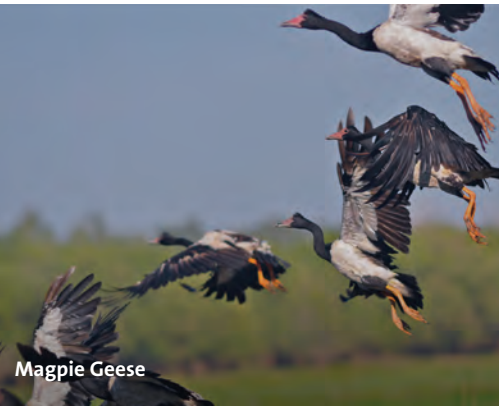
Saltwater Crocodile



Rock Art Injalak Hill

## ICONIC SPECIES

Saltwater Crocodile, Freshwater Crocodile, Mertens’ Water Monitor, Agile Wallaby, Wilkins’ Rock Wallaby, Dingo, Brolga, Magpie Goose, Comb-crested Jacana, Azure Kingfisher, Blue-winged Kookaburra



Magpie Geese

# Ultimate Luxury Safari Adventure

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS APR - LATE OCT | MAX NUMBER: 6 PAX

Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures and impossibly beautiful wilderness of Australia’s Top End. This is the ultimate Top End luxury private adventure for wildlife enthusiasts, with guests staying at Lords private permanent bush camp, Bamurru Plains Lodge and Davidsons Arnhemland Safaris Lodges, enjoying private access and activities such as airboating and 4WD safaris.

**Day 1:** Your epic Top End journey begins at Fogg Dam Reserve, a major waterbird feeding and roosting site before visiting billabongs covered with vivid lilies. Next stop is one of the most beautiful and pristine waterfalls in the National Park named Maguk, a scenic and tranquil place for you to enjoy a refreshing swim or spot the plentiful and vivid birdlife. **Lords Private Camp**

**Day 2:** Today, you will head to Arnhem Land, for a visit to Injalak Arts and Craft Centre to see traditional local artists in action. Head out with an Aboriginal guide to see incredible examples of rock art. Next stop is Davidson’s Lodge in the north-west corner of Arnhemland; a pristine wilderness area providing refuge for wallabies, flying-foxes, crocodiles, Dingoes, Leichhardt Grasshoppers and countless bird species. **Davidson’s Arnhemland Safari Lodge**

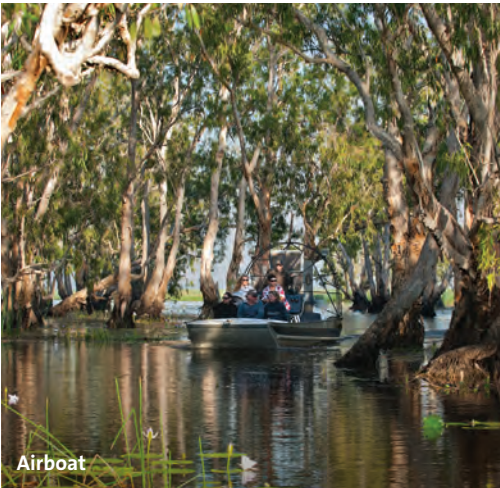
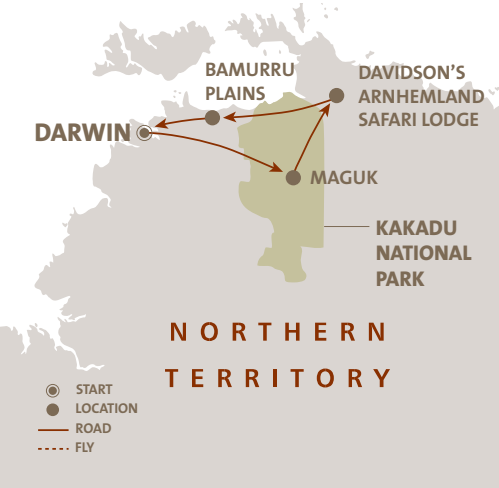
**Day 3:** Mt Borradaile is an Aboriginal sacred site nestled against the Arnhemland escarpment. You will be captivated by the rugged ranges fringed by idyllic billabongs, floodplains, paperbark swamps and monsoonal rainforests and caves, that have been occupied for over 50,000 years. Enjoy 4WD safaris, Aboriginal Art, and billabong cruises to see

abundant birds, reptiles and marsupials. **Davidson’s Arnhemland Safari Lodge**

**Day 4:** Led by your expert guide, you will enjoy some morning birdwatching and marsupial spotting, before arriving at Bamurru Plains; a safari-style camp surrounded by savannah woodland. Each individual safari suite is designed to blend with the surrounding habitat, where you will enjoy the sights and sounds of the bush, before sundowners on the floodplains. **Bamurru Plains Lodge**

**Day 5:** Today, you will have a choice of a variety of activities, from airboat rides to 4WD safaris. The floodplains of the Mary River region form one of the most significant ecosystems in Australia, teeming with wildlife, including Agile Wallabies, Saltwater Crocodiles, Jabirus, Brolgas, Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos, Red-winged Parrots and Australian Bustards. **Bamurru Plains Lodge**

**Day 6:** Enjoy an exhilarating trip out on the floodplains in an airboat, hearing the morning chorus of tens of thousands of Magpie Geese, spotting Saltwater Crocodiles and some of the 236 species of bird found at Bamurru Plains, before returning to Darwin.



Airboat



Black-necked Stork

**PRICE:**  
From \$6,890 AUD per person (based on 4 pax)

## ICONIC SPECIES

Saltwater Crocodile, Freshwater Crocodile, Mertens’ Water Monitor, Agile Wallaby, Wilkins’ Rock Wallaby, Dingo, Brolga, Magpie Goose, Comb-crested Jacana, Azure Kingfisher, Blue-winged Kookaburra.



Agile Wallaby





# 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 where you can 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,P)	Daily	Jan - late Apr	8 hours	50
Dunsborough Whale Watching (S,P)	Daily	Sep - early Dec	2.5 hours	90
Augusta Whale Watching (S,P)	Daily	Mid May - late Aug	2.5 hours	90
Albany Whale Watching (S,P)	Daily	June - late Aug	2.5 hours	30

**S** Shared Group      **P** Private Group

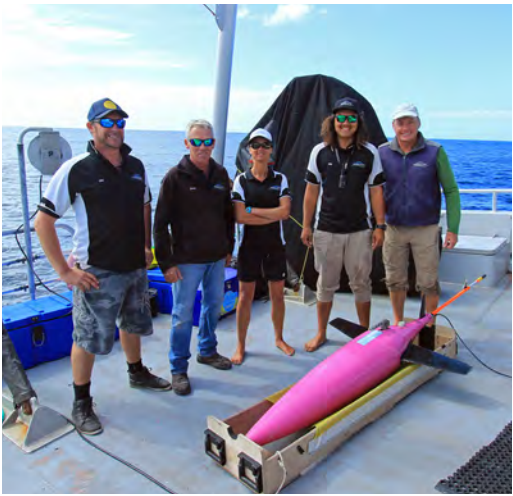
**📍 REGION:**  
Bremer Bay, Albany and Margaret River region, Western Australia

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

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Alison Maree Vessel



## Paul Cross

### NATURALISTE CHARTERS

Paul Cross has travelled more than 52 countries, but if you ask him to pick the most beautiful place in the world, it’s his ocean-lapped backyard every time. Growing up near Bunbury, south of Perth, Paul and his brothers spent every spare minute fishing, surfing and diving along the Western Australian coast.

Following his father’s advice to get a trade, he became a diesel fitter before working in earth moving and construction. But his passion for the ocean persisted. So when a friend told him a whale- watching business was up for sale, Paul jumped on it – even though he’d never been on a whale watching tour, let alone skippered a vessel, or owned his own business. That was a decade ago, and Paul has no intention of getting off the water.

Now, Paul spends his days marvelling at the largest Humpback Whale migration in the world, with over 40,000 playful cetaceans cruising along the WA coast each year. Paul’s charters witness fin slapping and breaching in the flirting grounds of Augusta, body rolls in the placid waters off Albany, and a bit of each in the calf teaching and resting nurseries of Dunsborough and Busselton.

Between January and April, he braves the swell on expeditions to observe Killer Whales that flock to a curious and remote feeding ‘hotspot’ in the state’s far south, opposite the tiny hamlet of Bremer Bay. Some 275 Orcas have been individually identified as regular annual visitors, but it’s believed there are far more pandas of the sea, eagerly hunting the abundant sea life below.

Paul’s focus is strongly interactive eco-tourism, so a marine biologist comes on every Naturaliste Charters tour, educating visitors about whale migration paths, the astounding numbers, their astonishing behaviours and the diversity of ocean species in Western Australia.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“We thrive on involving our guests in activities on board that contribute to research and support longer term conservation efforts. We regularly host research personnel on board and collect data ourselves too, including recording sightings, photographic identification and water quality information which contributes to understanding of species encountered and the broader marine environment.”*



# Bremer Canyon Killer Whale Expedition

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS JAN - LATE APR | MAX NUMBER: 50 PAX

One of the world’s greatest full-day oceanic expeditions departs from the beautiful town of Bremer Bay, the gateway to the Bremer Canyon and an immense aggregation of Killer Whales. You will be awestruck by the these apex predators engaging in a variety of activities from hunting to socialising in family groups.

**Full Day: Bremer Canyon.** Departing Bremer Bay Boat Harbour early morning, you will board Naturaliste Charter’s long-range expedition vessel purpose-built for the Southern Ocean. Your expert crew will delve into the Killer Whale’s biology and ecology, before arriving to the Bremer Canyon area, one of the most amazing marine environments on earth.

It is common for pods of Killers Whales to approach and surround the vessel and you will often witness these magnificent creatures hunting. The spectacle of these predators chasing and devouring their prey is breath-taking, with seabirds such as albatross and shearwaters surrounding the vessel. On-board, expert marine biologists will share information with you about the pod’s social behaviours, along with other facts about the local marine ecology. The day of unforgettable encounters is fully catered, with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided, with the expedition returning at 4:30pm. Transfer connections from Albany with the Busy Blue Bus connect with the vessel’s departure and return.

**PRICE:**  
From \$385 AUD per person



## ICONIC SPECIES

Killer Whale, Bottlenose, Striped & Common Dolphin, Long-Finned Pilot Whale, Sperm Whale, Hammerhead, Oceanic Blue and Whaler Shark, Australian Sea-lion, Long-nosed Fur Seal, Wandering Albatross, Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Wilson’s Storm Petrel.



Killer Whale



Wandering Albatross



Killer Whale

# Dunsborough, Augusta or Albany Whale Watching

FULL DAY | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS MID MAY - EARLY DEC | MAX NUMBER: 90 PAX

Witness the pristine coastlines and tranquil waters of the Southwest region of Western Australia, which provides the perfect backdrop for you to regularly observe Humpback Whales, Southern Right Whales, Dwarf Minke Whales and the possibility of spotting the largest ever creature on earth, the Blue Whale.

## Full Day: Margaret River Locations or Albany.

After boarding your luxurious and spacious vessel mid-morning or mid-afternoon, your passionate and expert crew will commence an exciting and informative presentation, delving into the biology and ecology of the great whales that are migrating through the area, as well as information about the other marine and birdlife that visitors are likely to encounter.

From mid-May to late August, the picturesque seaside town of Augusta is one of the best locations in Australia to view Humpback Whales as they make their epic migration north, filling the beautiful Flinders Bay area, whilst Humpback and Southern Right Whales fill King Sound George off Albany from June to late August.

From September to early December, you can experience the southern migration of the great whales, with many mothers in tow with their calves. From Dunsborough the whales return to the feeding grounds of Antarctica, with the opportunity to spot massive Blue Whales in the calm waters of Geographe Bay, as they too head south. Aside from the incredible whale encounters, you may also spot Long-nosed Fur Seals, White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Ospreys, petrels, shearwaters, Australasian Gannets and dolphins.



**PRICE:**  
From \$90 AUD per person

## ICONIC SPECIES

Humpback Whale, Southern Right Whale, Dwarf Minke Whale, Blue Whale, Bottlenose & Common Dolphin, Australian Sea Lion, Long-nosed Fur Seal, Osprey, Flesh-footed Shearwater.



Blue Whale



Humpback Whale



Southern Right Whale





# 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
5 day Tasmanian Wildlife & Wilderness (S,P)	Tue (S)	Late Sep – late April (S) Year round (P)	5 days	12
8 day Wildlife Encounter & Iconic Tasmania (S,P)	Tue (S)	Late Sep – late April (S) Year round (P)	8 days	12
6 day Tasmanian Devil Encounter (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

S Shared Group      P Private Group Available

**REGION:**  
Tasmania

**ACCESS:**  
Hobart (HBA) or Launceston (LST)

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Cradle Mountain



# Karin Beaumont

## PREMIER TRAVEL TASMANIA

At Karin Beaumont’s high school, there was a subject called ‘adventure’. Choosing it changed the course of her life. Until then, Karin’s captivation with nature and the outdoors had been an off-duty pastime.

But passion lurked. She distinctly remembers, at age seven, hearing about a science competition on the children’s TV show, Wonder World. “The prize was a trip to Antarctica”. It planted a seed in her mind that germinated in 1995, when she won a scholarship to do her university honours on the icy South Pole. Her land base was Tasmania, the last chunk of land between Antarctica and mainland Australia.

While completing her PhD in zoology, Karin voyaged to Antarctica seven times, but she fell just as much in love with the island state, where she’s now spent more than half her life.

A deep connection to the land and the environment sees Karin target places that are less visited. With her childhood sense of wonder still firmly in place, she leads visitors into an incredibly green, almost mystical, Lord of the Rings-feel grotto filled with prehistoric ferns and the tallest flowering heath species in the world. Other times, she’ll uncover the isle’s ancient geology along the western coast, where the immensity of the formations still makes her feel deeply humble.

Closer to the capital city, Hobart, she’ll help travellers search for the rarely seen Platypus – a duck billed, egg-laying mammal, something only experienced guides can find – in the rivers of Mt Field National Park. Or, tuning into guest’s special interests, she’ll tap into her many local contacts to plan a surprise, perhaps to an artist’s studio or a little local farm.

## CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“We are passionate about Tasmania’s endemic wildlife and their natural habitats. For many years we have been actively supporting Tasmanian Devil research and inspired a number of our partners overseas to contribute and assist with their conservation. We feel that it is a privilege to experience Tasmania’s untouched wilderness, hence our company philosophy strongly supports the concept of responsible tourism practices.”*



# 5 Day Tasmanian Wildlife & Wilderness

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS LATE SEP – LATE APR (S), YEAR-ROUND (P) | MAX NUMBER: 12 PAX

Travel deep into the heart of Tasmania, where ancient rainforests, rugged mountains and sparkling highland lakes provide prime habitat for marsupials, including quolls, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and the most famous resident, the Tasmanian Devil. Indulge in Tasmania’s acclaimed wines, local produce and visit historic convict settlements on Maria Island.

**Day 1: Cradle Mountain.** Join your guide in Launceston for the trip to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain National Park. On route, you will stop at Latrobe for a chance to see Platypus in their natural environment, before enjoying lush rolling farm vistas and alpine bush through to the Cradle Valley. **Cradle Mountain Hotel**

**Day 2: Dove Lake.** Enjoy the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake, including spectacular dolerite vertical columns and sculpted mountains. Your expert guide will share the endemic fauna and flora species of the region on nature walks, including magical forests of Pandani, Sassafras, King Billy Pines and species such as echidnas, Pademelons and wombats. At dusk, you have the option to join your guide on a night spotlighting tour. **Cradle Mountain Hotel**

**Day 3: Central Highlands.** Depart the Cradle Valley and travel to Tasmania’s Central Highlands also known as ‘The Heart of Tasmania’. Your guide will share the history, geology and ecology of Lake Ada, a barren but beautiful landscape. At dusk, you may have the chance to observe wombats, wallabies, quolls, possums and Tassie Devils. **Thousand Lakes Lodge**

**Day 4: Mount Field National Park.** Experience

the extraordinarily diverse Mount Field National Park, the oldest National Park in Tasmania. Be mesmerized by the lush forest landscapes and waterfalls, from eucalyptus temperate rainforests boasting the tallest flowering tree in the world, to alpine moorlands. You will have the opportunity to spot several marsupial species, endemic birds and hopefully wild Platypus after a delicious lunch. **Grand Chancellor Hobart**

**Day 5: Maria Island.** This morning, you will travel to the seaside village of Triabunna to board a ferry to cross the Mercury Passage to Maria Island. This unique island national park sits just off Tasmania’s east coast with historic ruins, sweeping bays, rugged fossil cliffs and abundant wildlife, including wombats, Cape Barren Geese, Tasmanian Pademelons, Forester Kangaroos. Your incredible journey ends in Hobart.

**PRICE:**  
From \$3,095 AUD per person twin share

## 🚲 ICONIC SPECIES

Common Wombat, Tasmanian Pademelon, Forester Kangaroo, Platypus, Tasmanian Devil, Spotted-tailed Quoll, Short-beaked Echidna, Green Rosella, Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle, Yellow Wattlebird, Pink Robin



Tasmanian Devil



Quoll



Platypus



Short-beaked Echidna

# 8 Day Wildlife Encounter & Iconic Tasmania

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS LATE SEP – LATE APR (S), YEAR-ROUND (P) | MAX NUMBER: 12 PAX

Over one-third of the ‘island’ state is reserved as a conservation area and this epic adventure traverses through some of the most scenic parts, including the World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain, Freycinet National Parks, Central Highlands, Maria Island and the Tasman Peninsula.

**Day 1 – 5:** See 5 Day Tasmanian Wildlife & Wilderness itinerary.

**Day 6: Tasman Peninsula.** The focus of today is the beautiful Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic Site. Set in tranquil gardens and native bushland, Tasmania’s famous convict settlement site harbors a dark history which your experienced guide will bring to life. You will visit the famous geological features of the peninsula as you explore the rugged coastline. In the afternoon, meet Tasmania’s enigmatic character, the Tasmanian Devil at a local conservation centre. **Grand Chancellor Hobart**

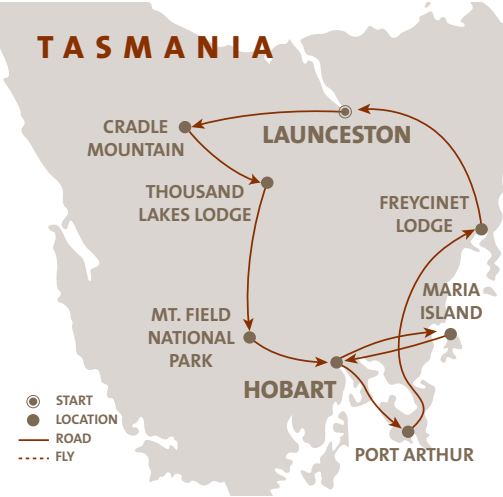
**Day 7: Freycinet & Wineglass Bay.** Start your day with a tour of the historic village of Richmond where you can soak up the nostalgia of colonial times, before a relaxing scenic drive along Tasmania’s East Coast to the Freycinet Peninsula; an area of exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. After enjoying some marsupial and bird spotting, your guide will provide an interpretative walk up to the world-famous Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities, with views across Freycinet National Park. **Freycinet Lodge**

**Day 8: Freycinet to Launceston.** This morning depart the beautiful East Coast and continue your journey to Launceston, for an introductory tour of Tasmania’s largest northern city. Explore the scenic Cataract Gorge where the South Esk River forces its way through sheer rocky cliffs. Evoke memories of the genteel Victorian era as you stroll in the landscaped gardens, before your epic journey ends after lunch.

**PRICE:**  
From \$4,995 AUD per person twin share

## 🚲 ICONIC SPECIES

Common Wombat, Tasmanian Pademelon, Bennett’s Wallaby, Forester Kangaroo, Platypus, Tasmanian Devil, Spotted-tailed Quoll, Short-beaked Echidna, Green Rosella, Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle, Yellow Wattlebird, Pink Robin, Australian Fur Seals, oystercatchers, cormorants.



Green Rosella



Beach Picnic



Common Wombat





# 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 you to the island’s many charms, centred around 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 waiting for you.

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 you 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	Jun - late Aug	3 days	8

**S** Shared Group      **P** Private Group Available

**📍 REGION:**  
Maria Island, Tasmania

**📍 ACCESS:**  
Hobart (HBA)

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bookings@mariaislandwalk.com.au



## Georgia Currant

### THE MARIA ISLAND WALK

There are so many wombats on Maria Island, “they’re a tripping hazard”, Georgia Currant jokes. The young guide has spent countless family holidays on the isle off the east coast of Tasmania, so she’s got firsthand experience.

In keeping, she makes a point of introducing people to the particularly docile marsupials around the convict settlement of Darlington, as she leads them on the four-day Maria Island Walk.

As one foot is placed in front of another, she might also recount the ghost stories she’d dramatically tell her friends in the Maria Island penitentiary, making use of tuna cans and an ouija board to try and contact the spirits. Her playful laughter indicates a cheeky personality beneath the knowledge and insights into this special place.

Being outdoors is Georgia’s happy place; she’d rather sleep under the stars on a beach than go bar-hopping, and her awareness of how precious the environment is, is acute. As the hike continues along remote beaches, she’ll point out where to walk; a misstep could ruin a shorebird’s delicate nest; a discarded apple core could sicken a native mammal unused to the parasites within it.

A walk with Georgia is also a journey to huge granite rock formations covered in orange lichens that once formed a natural land bridge to mainland Australia. Tasmanian Aboriginals walked across it before sea levels rose, resulting in them becoming the most isolated humans on the planet for the longest amount of time. Significant indigenous sites are teamed with interactions with Tasmanian Devils – a key, disease-free sanctuary population used to preserve the state’s iconic creatures.

### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

*“Being a critical refuge for local plant and animal species, our team is actively involved in propagating and planting native and heritage listed trees on the island, wildlife monitoring programs in partnership with organisations such as Birdlife Australia and Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service and ongoing beach clean-up programs. These efforts were recognised in our team being judged Best Ecotourism Operator in the country at the 2019 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards.” - Ian Johnstone (Founder)*



# The Maria Island Walk

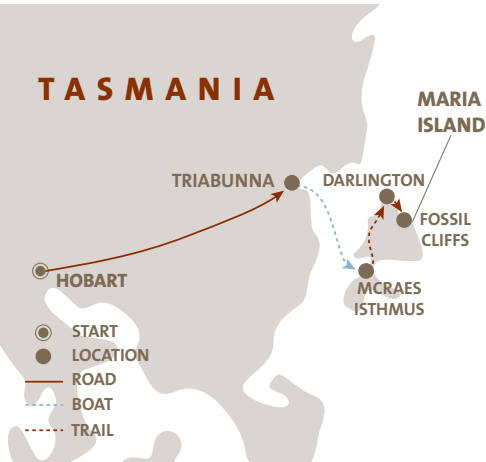
4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS OCT - LATE APR | MAX NUMBER: 10 PAX

This four day guided walk combines intimate wildlife encounters, fascinating history, pristine white sand beaches, and locally sourced gourmet food. In small groups of 10 guests and 2 guides, you will explore the World Heritage-listed island with gentle walks by day and enjoy elegant private accommodation and candlelit gourmet dining each night.

**Day 1:** Upon transferring from Hobart, you will cruise across to Maria Island via the sparkling waters of Mercury Passage to a sandy isthmus, home to oystercatchers, terns, gannets, gulls and albatross. Once passing the crystal azure waters of Shoal Bay, you will settle into the tranquil Casuarina Beach camp, with the opportunity to spot echidnas, Pademelons, wallabies and Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos. After a fine Tasmanian gourmet dinner, guests can stroll along the beach at sunset with a glass of wine. Distance: 3-12 kms. **Wilderness Glamping at Casuarina Beach Camp**

**Day 2:** Wake up to the busy chattering of the wattlebirds and, from the comfort of your bed, watch the morning sun sparkle through the forest. After a delicious breakfast, it's time to start your journey along five beautiful beaches. Watch dolphins play in the surf, sea-eagles soaring overhead and abundant wombats, wallabies and kangaroos feeding. After this perfect day, you can relax with fellow walkers, before enjoying a candlelit dinner of the finest Tasmanian food and wine. Distance: 14km. **Wilderness Glamping at White Gums Camp**

**Day 3:** Today your expert guide will take you inland to the heart of the Island, where you will wander through the world's largest stand of giant Tasmanian blue gums, with optional hike to the peaks of Mt Maria or Bishop & Clerk. It's a 700 metres climb through rare "cloud"



rain forests with breathtaking views. The World Heritage-listed settlement of Darlington awaits you in the afternoon where you'll enjoy a final night banquet at Bernacchi House, looking out for the Tasmanian Devil. Distance: 6-17 kms. **Bernacchi House**

**Day 4:** The day commences with a trail walk through spectacular woodlands and forests, before arriving at the dramatic limestone cliffs, showcasing fossils from a 280 million year old sea bed. Once arriving back at Darlington, photograph opportunities for Common Wombats, Forester Kangaroos, Bennett's Wallabies, Cape Barren Geese are plentiful, before a farewell lunch to reminisce about the



Fossil Cliff

amazing four days walking across this beautiful Island. Distance: 4 kms

**PRICE:** From \$2,550 AUD per person twin share

## ICONIC SPECIES

Common Wombat, Forester Kangaroo, Bennett's Wallaby, Pademelon, Tasmanian Devil, Cape Barren Goose, Tasmanian Native Hen, Yellow Wattlebird, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Hooded Dotterel, Flame Robin, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Swift Parrot



Candlelight Dining

# Maria Island Winter Escape

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS | SHARED & PRIVATE  
DEPARTS JUN - LATE AUG | MAX NUMBER: 8 PAX

Winter is a beautiful time to visit Maria Island with this three day lodge based experience perfect for exploring the historic northern end of the island along with seasonal wildlife events; including spotting Tasmanian Devils emerging from their dens, Common Wombats with their joeys, Tasmanian Native Hens having territorial squabbles and Cape Barren Geese building nests.

**Day 1:** After boarding a ferry to cross the Mercury Passage en route to Darlington, you will enjoy a short walk to the historic Bernacchi House, with the option to relax around the house or take a nature walk to the stunning Painted Cliffs or Fossil Cliffs to watch the sunset over the water. It is common to see grazing Common Wombats, Forester Kangaroos, Bennett's Wallabies, Cape Barren Geese, Tasmanian Native Hens, with a keen eye spotting pairs of beautiful Flame Robins darting around. Delicious fresh Tasmanian produce and fine wines by candlelight will be served by the guides. **Bernacchi House**

**Day 2:** After a leisurely and relaxed breakfast, there's plenty of time to enjoy the surroundings before you choose your walking trail for the day. For the adventurous, there is the choice of the island's two towering mountain peaks of Mt Maria or Bishop & Clerk providing stunning views towards Tasman Island, Freycinet, Schouten Island and the Ile Des Phoques. On arrival back, you will be entertained by native birds, wallabies and pademelons delicious local wines on the deck before a scrumptious dinner where guides will amaze you with the many fascinating stories of Maria Island. **Bernacchi House**

**Day 3:** After breakfast, you will have a final chance to explore Darlington, the convict settlement and industrial ruins of his World Heritage site. A farewell lunch will be served overlooking Darlington before guests board the boat for Triabunna and the return trip to Hobart, with the opportunity to spot cormorants, gulls, terns and albatross species. **Bernacchi House**

**PRICE:**  
From \$1,490 AUD per person twin share

## ICONIC SPECIES

Common Wombat, Forester Kangaroo, Bennett's Wallaby, Pademelon, Cape Barren Goose, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Hooded Dotterel, Flame Robin, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Green Rosellas, Grey Fantails, Black-headed & Strong-billed Honeyeater



Spotted Pardalote















Common Wombat




Cape Barren Goose
















Australian Coastal Safaris

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marine Mammals	 Australian Sea-lions	BV	BV	BV	BV		X	X	X		BV	BV	BV
Land Mammals	 Koala	B	B						BV	BV	BV	B BV	B
	 Western Grey Kangaroo	BV	BV	BV	BV					BV	BV	BV	BV
	 Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat												
Birds	 Osprey							N	N	N			
	 Emu								N	N	N	N BV	BV
	 Port Lincoln Parrot								N	N	N	N	N
	 Rock Parrot								N	N	N	N	N
	 Western Yellow Robin						N	N	N	N	N	N	N
	 Blue-breasted Wren								N			N	
Fish	 Great White Shark												
Reptiles	 Rosenberg's Goanna	B	B									B	B






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Boutique Wildlife Tours













		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Land Mammals & Monotremes	 Eastern Grey Kangaroo						B	B	B	B	B		
	 Red-necked Wallaby						B	B	B	B	B		
	 Common Wombat					B	B	B	B	B			
	 Short-beaked Echidna					B	B	B	B				
	 Platypus							B	B	B			
	 Brush-tailed Possum					B	B						
	 Sugar Glider						B	B	B	B	B		
	 Koala	B	B	B	B	B					B	B	B
Birds	 Laughing Kookaburra										N	N	
	 Tawny Frogmouth								N	N	N	N	
	 Superb Lyrebird						N	N	N				
	 Eastern Rosella									N	N	N	
Reptiles	 Eastern Water Dragon										B	B	

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Echidna Walkabout  
Nature Tours

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Land Mammals & Monotremes	 Koala	B	B						BV	BV	BV	BV B	BV B
	 Eastern Grey Kangaroo	BV	BV	BV	BV				B	B	B		
	 Swamp Wallaby												
	 Short-beaked Echidnas												
	 Yellow-bellied & Greater Glider	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
	 Grey-headed Flying Fox			B	B		X	X	X		BV	BV	BV
Birds	 King Parrot						X	X	X				
	 Superb Lyrebird					N	X	X	X	N			
	 Satin Bowerbirds						X	X	X				
	 Cuckoos						X	X	X	N	N	N	
	 Scarlet Honeyeater						X	X	X				
Reptiles	 Lace Monitor					X	X	X	X				

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Exceptional Kangaroo Island




		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Land Mammals & Monotremes	 Kangaroo Island Kangaroo	B	B	B					BV	BV	BV	BV	B
	 Tammar Wallaby	B	B						BV	BV	BV	BV	
	 Short-beaked Echidna						B	B	B				
	 Koala	B	B				BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	B	B
Birds	 Glossy Black-Cockatoo	N	N	N	N	N	N	BV	BV	BV			
	 Hooded Dotterel	N	N						N	N	N	N	N
	 Cape Barren Goose					N	N	N BV	N BV	N BV	BV		
	 Scarlet Robin												
	 Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	N	N									N	N
Marine Mammals	 Australian Sea-lion	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV
	 Long-nosed Fur Seal	B	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV			B	B
Reptiles	 Rosenberg's Goanna	B	B	B		X	X	X	X				B






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Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks Ningaloo

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fish	 Whale Shark	X	X							X	X	X	X
	Build up of Mass Fish, Congregation Cods, Mobular Rays, Pelagic Fish	X	X									X	X
	 Manta Ray	X	X	X								X	X
	Coral Spawning	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Grey Nurse Sharks	X	X	X	X	X						X	X
	Sharks: Grey Reef, Black Tip, Tiger, Tawny, Lemon, Hammerhead	X	X									X	X





Marine Mammals	 Humpback Whale	X	X	X	X	X			BV	BV	BV	X	X
	 Dugong	X	X			BV	BV			X	X	X	X
	 Spinner Dolphin	X	X									X	X
	 Bottlenose Dolphin	X	X									X	X
	 Orca	X	X	X							X	X	X





Marine Reptiles	 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
Land Mammals & Monotremes	 Platypus								B	B	B		
	 Green Ringtail Possum												
	 Musky Rat Kangaroo												
	 Tree Kangaroo												













Birds	 Southern Cassowary						B	B	B	N	N BV	BV	BV
	 Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	N	BV	BV		X	X	X	X		B	B	B
	 Tooth-billed Bowerbird	B									B		
	 Victoria's Riflebird	*courtship display											

Reptiles & Amphibians	 Boyd's Forest Dragon	B	B								B	B	B
	 Saltwater Crocodile	N	N	BV	BV						B	B	N
	 Green-eyed Tree Frog												
	 Leaf-tailed Gecko												

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Lords Kakadu & Arnhemland Safaris		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Reptiles	 Saltwater Crocodile	X	X	X								X	X
	 Freshwater Crocodile	X	X	X								X	X
	 Mertens' Water Monitor	X	X	X								X	X
Land Mammals	 Agile Wallaby & Wilkins' Rock Wallaby	X	X	X								X	X
	 Dingo	X	X	X								X	X
Birds	 Blue-winged Kookaburra	X	X	X								X	X
	 Magpie Geese	X	X	X	BV	BV	BV					X	X
	 Brolga	X	X	X								X	X
	 Comb-crested Jacana	X	X	X	BV	BV	BV					X	X
	 Black-necked Stork	X	X	X	BV	BV						X	X
	 Azure Kingfisher	X	X	X	BV	BV	BV	BV				X	X
	 Great Billed Heron	X	X	X								X	X

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Naturaliste Charters		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marine Mammals	 Killer Whale	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Sperm Whale		B BV	B BV	B BV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Long-finned Pilot Whale			B BV	B BV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Humpback Whale	X	X	X	X	B	B	B	B	B	BV	BV	X
	 Southern-Right Whale	X	X	X	X	X	B	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	B BV	X
	 Blue Whale	X	X	X	X	B	B	X	X	B	B BV	B BV	X
	 Long-nosed Fur Seal						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Australian Sea Lion	BV	BV	BV	BV	BV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Birds	 Flesh-footed Shearwater					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Wandering Albatross					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	 Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross												X
	 Brown Skua												X






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Premier Travel Tasmania

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Land Mammals & Monotremes	 Tasmanian Devil	BV		B	B	B						BV	BV
	 Platypus	BV							B	B	B		BV
	 Tasmanian Pademelon					B	B	B		BV	BV	BV	
	 Forester Kangaroo	B	B							BV	BV	B	B
	 Common Wombat	BV	BV			B	B	B					
	 Eastern Quoll					B	B					BV	BV






Birds	 Short-tailed Shearwater				BV	BV *migrate to Northern Hemisphere	X	X	X	B			
	 Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle	B							N	N	N	N	N
	 Green Rosella	B	B							N	N	N	N
	 Orange-bellied Parrot				X	X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N
	 Little Penguin	BV						N	N	N	BV	BV	BV









Marine Mammals	 Australian Fur Seals										B	BV	BV
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The Maria Island Walk

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Land Mammals	 Common Wombat	BV	BV				B	B	B				
	 Forester Kangaroo	B	B						BV	BV	B	B	B
	 Bennett's Wallaby	B BV	B BV	B							BV	BV	BV
	 Pademelon	BV					B	B			BV	BV	BV
	 Tasmanian Devil	BV	BV	B	B								

Birds	 Forty-spotted Pardalote										N	N	N	N
	 Cape Barren Goose						N	N	N	N				
	 Tasmanian Native Hen	N BV							N	N	N BV	N BV	N BV	N BV
	 Yellow Wattlebird										N	N	N	N
	 Hooded Plover	N	N	N							N	N	N	
	 Swift Parrot	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			N	N	N	
	 Scarlet & Flame Robins								N	N	N	N	N	
	 White-bellied Sea-Eagle										N	N	N	

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