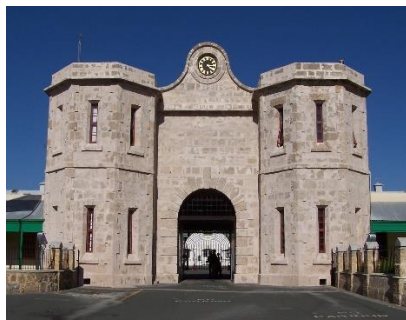


TOGETHER WE TRAVEL!



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ESCAPE TO PERTH
8 Days
Fully Hosted
7 – 14 September 2024

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kings Park
- Perth Mint
- Fremantle Gaol
- Margaret River
- Swan River Cruise
- Rottnest Island
- Swan Valley

INCLUDES:

- **Private Single Room** in Quality Accommodation
- **Meals** as per the itinerary, 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 5 Dinners
- **All Sightseeing** Tours as per itinerary
- **Entrance fees** during sightseeing
- **Tour Host** – Departs from Brisbane
- Perth **Airport Transfers** as per itinerary[^]
- Local Driver/Guides

EXCLUDES:

- **Flights**
- Airport Transfers outside times stated in itinerary
- Additional **meals or tours** other than stated in itinerary
- Beverages, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included

Priced from \$5,482* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is correct as at 28 November 2023. [^]Check with reservations prior to booking your flights to ensure you can transfer with the tour host. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Running of the tour is subject to minimum numbers being met. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1 – Saturday 07 September 2024
Arrive Perth

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Welcome to Perth, where urban cool meets natural beauty! Bustling with inner city parks, local culture, turquoise beaches and only a short trip to beautiful wineries and wonderful local produce. We can embrace the best of both worlds in Perth. Soak up sunny days and city lifestyle before travelling to nearby regions. We'll wander Fremantle's portside culture, cruise along the Swan River and discover the hidden gems of Margaret River.

On arrival at Perth Airport, we meet our driver and are transferred* to our hotel for check in.

There is time to settle into your room and refresh before meeting the group at tonight's **Welcome Dinner**.

Accommodation – Rydges Perth King Square or similar (7 Nights)

Please check with reservations for the Airport Transfer time, before booking your flight. There will only be one group transfer.

Day 2 – Sunday 08 September 2024
City Sights

B-D

This morning after breakfast we embark on a **sightseeing tour** of Perth, a city with wonderful weather, beautiful beaches and an easy-going character.

Our local guide will take us through the unusual combination of skyscrapers and colonial architecture, among them, **Parliament House, St Mary's Cathedral** and **Government House**. We are then treated to spectacular views over the city and river from **Kings Park**.

Inside the historic premises of the **Perth Mint**, our guide will introduce us to the most famous coins and medals ever made in Australia, we have the chance to hold a large bullion bar and even see a traditional gold pour in the old melting house. Take some time to wander through the grounds, bullion trading room and the shop.

Later today, we visit the imposing **Bell Tower**. Filled with incredible history and boasting a unique and distinctive design, it has become an icon for Perth. The historic ring of bells was given to the people of Western Australia as part of the national Bicentennial celebration and among them includes the twelve bells of St Martin in the Fields. We will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive demonstration on the art of chiming a bell, learn about the history of the bells and receive a bell chiming certificate.

We're only a short distance from the hotel, so we'll take a leisurely walk back to the hotel and have time to relax and refresh before this evenings dinner.



Day 3 – Monday 09 September 2024
Fremantle

B-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we board the coach and travel to the historic port of **Fremantle**. This town is full of well-preserved heritage including the convict built colonial era buildings, the old jetty and the prison.

We visit the **Western Australian Maritime Museum** which is perched on the shoreline of the Indian Ocean. The museum is symbolic of Fremantle's past, present and future as a coastal city and port. It houses several unique galleries that explore WA's relationship with the sea. From leisure boats and handcrafted sailing boats to commercial pearl luggers, the museum inspires visitors to discover WA's affinity with the ocean. We will have time to view some of the permanent galleries, and if you'd like to enter one the special exhibitions this can be done so at your own expense.

Late morning we will be transferred to **Old Fremantle Prison** for a "**Behind Bars**" tour, giving a true insight into life as a prisoner. Step inside and discover the prison's history as a maximum security gaol from 1887 to 1991. Find out how a convict built prison transformed into Western Australia's primary place of incarceration for men, women and children. Walk back in time through the Main Cell Block and exercise yards whilst we learn about the daily routine of the prisoners and the realities of life on the inside.

Returning to the hotel, freshen up before we meet for dinner.

Day 4 – Tuesday 10 September 2024
Day at Leisure

B-D

Today we have a full **day at leisure in Perth**.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast this morning before perhaps visiting a gallery, wandering through a museum or even book a day tour (*own arrangements and expense*), the choice is yours.

Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that needs assistance or would like company.

This evening we will meet in the hotel before making our way to **Matilda Bay Restaurant**, located on the water's edge, where we are treated with stunning views of yachts dotted across the bay and the glistening city lights as we share our stories from the day over dinner.



Day 5 – Wednesday 11 September 2024
Margaret River

B-L

After breakfast we spend the day discovering the hidden gems of **Margaret River**, known for its world class wine, abundance of local produce and unspoilt coastline.

First call this morning is at **Vasse Virgin**, a natural soap factory. Here we'll witness the soap makers at work as they hand blend a variety of luxurious natural body products using the finest extra virgin olive oil. Feel the difference in products at the various testing stations, especially for those who have allergies or sensitive skin.

Next we will be visiting the **Margaret River Chocolate Company** who have been busy creating mouth-watering handmade chocolates for us to taste.

Then sit back and relax as we enjoy a long lunch amongst the rolling hills, natural bushland and manicured gardens of **Aravina Estate**. This is sure to be a beautiful day as we taste Margaret River's finest local ingredients. Time permitting you may like to wander the gallery and marvel at the classic car collection while here too.

Arriving back in Perth, dinner this evening will be at leisure. You may like to order room service or go out to a local restaurant. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that needs assistance or would like company.

Day 6 – Thursday 12 September 2024
Rottneest Island

B-L

After breakfast this morning we are in for a real treat!

Located just off the coast in the warm clear waters of the Indian Ocean, **Rottneest Island** is a spectacular world of white sandy beaches, crystal clear blue waters, abundant marine life, rare marsupials and rich history.

Our day includes transfers from the hotel, return ferry to the island, lunch and a guided tour including Oliver Guns and Tunnel Tour – as well as some free time to relax and soak up this tranquil place. So make sure to bring your cameras and for those that wish to take a swim, include your bathing suit and towel in your day pack.

Returning to Barracks Street Jetty late afternoon, we'll take the short back to our hotel for an evening at leisure.

Stay in and enjoy the hotel facilities or you may like to try another local restaurant. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that needs assistance or would like company.



Day 7 – Friday 13 September 2024
Swan Valley

B-L-D

Following breakfast it's time to relax and enjoy the city skyline and picturesque landscape as we escape the hustle and bustle of Perth on a **leisurely cruise into the upper regions of the Swan Valley**.

On our journey, we travel upstream to the prestigious **Sandalford Estate**.

Upon arrival, we will enjoy an **exclusive, behind the scenes, cinematic tour** of the winery. Then we'll be delighted with a **gourmet grazing table lunch** in the winery restaurant, complete with a **tasting**.

Back on-board, a delicious selection of desserts awaits along with live entertainment for the trip back to Perth.

Freshen up upon our return and then we will all come together for our farewell dinner in the hotel.

Day 8 – Saturday 14 September 2024
Depart Perth

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After an amazing week in Perth, our tour comes to an end today. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before needing to check out.

We will be transferred to Perth Domestic Airport where we say farewell to our fellow travellers as we all make our way home.

Please note: *Do not book any flights prior to speaking with reservations and confirming what time the coach will be departing.*

All care has been taken in preparing this itinerary however changes can happen.