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THE GOURMET SOUTH WEST

Welcome to Australia’s South West, where mouth-watering produce, world-class wine and ancient forests hide around every corner.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

Australia, Western Australia

7 days from AU$3,540 pp

Private

Journey Overview

Welcome to Australia’s South West, where mouth-watering produce, world-class wine and ancient forests hide around every corner. Gain an in-depth and unique insight into the renowned Margaret River wine region, on this self-drive gourmand’s adventure: uncover secrets from master winemakers, experience the art of fine food and wine matching, and explore the stunning Indian Ocean coastline. Then continue on to discover Albany’s incredible past and wander through the centuries-old Valley of the Giants. Western Australia has never been more enticing.

Journey Highlights

- Self-drive through WA’s gourmet heart, sampling local produce and fine regional wines
- Indulge at Margaret River’s award-winning Cape Lodge
- Uncover secrets from master winemakers in a private barrel tasting
- Feast your eyes on the stalactites, stalagmites and helictites of the vast Ngilgi Cave
- Wander through the centuries-old Valley of the Giants on a canopy walk



Itinerary

Day 1: Perth – Margaret River

Self drive* south to the gourmand's paradise, Margaret River. Meander through landscapes of sun-kissed vineyards, picture-perfect coastlines and towering karri forests. Bed down at Cape Lodge and dine on an innovative menu of local produce and the region's best wines.

Cape Lodge | D

Day 2: Margaret River

Enjoy a full day immersed in the Margaret River Wine Region. Meander from winery to winery with your private guide, gaining an in-depth understanding of the vineyards and their grapes, and meeting the vintners who put Margaret River on the map.

Begin with a barrel room tasting at a pioneering family vineyard, learning first-hand about the history of the region. Continue to an immaculate estate for a premium wine tasting, and a vineyard and property tour. Lunch will be a three-course feast at an award-winning winery that dates back to 1967. Learn about the art of fine food and wine matching from your friendly sommeliers, and finish with a scenic drive around the breathtaking Indian Ocean coastline. A glass of bubbles as the sun sets tops it all off.

Cape Lodge | BLD

Day 3: Margaret River – Pemberton

Today, self-drive to the extraordinary Ngilgi Cave. Hear stories about the cave's ancient evolution and the explorers who discovered it; traverse the extensive boardwalks, unearthing stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, and vibrantly coloured shawls.

Journey onwards to Pemberton along the Cape Leeuwin coastline. Along the way, pause at the towering Gloucester Tree, a dizzying 72-metre-high karri tree that was traditionally used as a fire lookout. Your accommodation tonight is Ampersand Estates, surrounded by sloping hillside vineyards, gardens and orchards.

Ampersand Estate | B

Day 4: Pemberton

Enjoy a day at leisure to discover the region's fascinating culinary heritage and natural wonders. Choose to join truffle hunters, canoe through winding rivers or swim in pristine lakes. Later, why not sip wines at the boutique cellar door just moments from your private cottage.

Ampersand Estate* | *B

Day 5: Pemberton – Albany

Journey onwards to the Valley of the Giants, home to the last forest of red tingle trees in the world. Wander high in the canopy on the Treetop Walk before arriving in the historic port city of Albany.

The Beachhouse at Bayside* | *B

Day 6: Albany

Uncover Albany's fascinating whaling history at Australia's last operating whaling station before an afternoon at leisure.

The Beachhouse at Bayside* | *B

Day 7: Albany – Perth

Return to Perth through the Stirling Ranges.

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Note

*Rental car not included.

Map


PERTH
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
BUSSELTON
MARGARET RIVER
PEMBERTON
ALBANY
WALPOLE
DENMARK
ARRIVE/DEPART
ROAD

Accommodation

Cape Lodge, Margaret River



Surrounded by stunning forest, lake and parkland scenery Cape Lodge is only minutes away from pristine beaches, spectacular coastline and the sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean - and neighbours the great Margaret River Wine Estates of Mosswood, Vasse Felix, Cullen and Pierro.

The Lodge has 22 beautifully appointed rooms and suites, with every detail -from flowers to champagne - enlisted to make staying here a luxurious experience. Its accommodation is set amid ten hectares of forest, parkland, vineyard, gardens and lakes. All rooms and suites are beautifully appointed, with neutral décor providing a backdrop for comfortable, contemporary furniture and furnishings and lovely en suite bathrooms.

Why we like it

- All rooms have garden or lake views
- Cape Lodge stands on the banks of its own private lake surrounded by famed Margaret River vineyards
- The Cape Lodge Lakeside Restaurant has been voted number four in the World for Food by Condé Nast Traveller
- The lodge has a beautiful free form swimming pool set in landscaped gardens
- Other facilities include bars and lounges, an all weather tennis court and beautiful gardens

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