Southern Comforts

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SOUTHERN COMFORTS - 7 DAYS

29 NOV TO 5 DEC 2021

Price from $2370 pp Twin Share and from $2650 SOLO room **See Notes

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 PERTH TO BRIDGETOWN

Meet Annette at Perth train station to catch the Australind Train to Bunbury where we will transfer to coach and head to Bridgetown. A visit and an exclusive tasting at the beautiful Bridgetown Cidery before walking to our hotel via the Bridgetown Art Trail. Check in to our hotel for the next 2 nights. Welcome Dinner tonight.

DAY 2 EXPLORING THE COMFORTS OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Today we continue to take in the south west's most scenic roads, visiting the colonial towns of Bridgetown, Nannup and Balingup, known as the golden triangle. All three towns boast a history that incorporates forestry and farming. Our first stop will be for morning tea at Chestnut Brae and hear a fascinating story about how it came to be. We will take in some history as we wander past the historic buildings that make Nannup a uniquely preserved colonial timber town and meet some of the local shopkeepers. Return to the bus and absorb the beautiful, restored railway bridge and the famous flood tree.

The road to Balingup follows the Blackwood River and takes you past the iconic Scott's Orchard where you will see fruit dripping from every tree. We will stop for lunch at the lovely Whimwood Estate Wines and meet Maree and Steve, whose desire for a tree change has created this picturesque winery alongside the Blackwood River. The wines are rather good as well. A tasting, of course, together with a platter lunch overlooking the vineyard. On the way home we will make a quick stop at the magical town of Balingup before arriving back in Bridgetown.

DAY 3 COMFORTS OF FRESH PRODUCE & WONDERFUL WINE IN MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON

Time for a wander around Bridgetown this morning before our drive to Manjimup and the start of a fabulous foody day. The extraordinary fertility of the soils in this region along with the purity of the rainfall makes this a food lovers paradise. The locals here are friendly. The owners are more than happy to show you through their farm and orchards to give you a greater appreciation of the forests and food made in this environment. Lots of wonderful stories if you ask the right questions! Naturally, more stunning scenery to take in as we make our way to the quaint timber town of Pemberton, where we can relax and enjoy our 4-night stay at the historic Forest Lodge Resort's beautiful and eclectic mix of accommodation overlooking the lake and the Karri forest.

Tonight, a sunset BBQ around the lake at our resort – a perfect setting for such a beautiful place.

DAY 4 COMFORTS IN MEETING THE LOCAL FARMERS

After a wonderful breakfast in the lodge, overlooking the lake, we will take a walk through the forest to visit the Gloucester Tree, climb if you dare or just enjoy the beautiful trees and the bright blue robins flittering around. We will be met here by our local Pemberton guide and start our tour through the forests, via the tallest climbing tree in the world, the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree, roadside stalls, avocado farms, chocolate (- its new! - TBA!!!) before heading to Cascade Falls for a chance to stretch your legs.

A visit to meet Dougy at the Strawberry farm will be followed by a visit to one of the most established wineries in the south west where you are invited to try their wines and organic cider. The day is complete with a late lunch held in the dining room of well-known local farmer David, who together with his wife Monica and son Jordan grow potatoes, marron, grapes, truffles, chocolate Labs, and more on his family run farm. The opportunity to enjoy and purchase his produce and wine is one many locals' envy and a very unique experience, making this a major highlight of our comforts journey.

Return to Pemberton for a relaxing evening around the lake and enjoying the comforts of the resort.

DAY 5 COMFORTS OF TOURING WITH LOCALS ON A BEACH & FOREST ECO TOUR

A fabulous adventure today with a Beach & Forest Eco Tour through the forests, the Yeagarup Dunes and to the coast. This experience is by 4WD vehicle and covers the unique terrain between the deep forests and the wild coastline with plenty of stops giving you opportunities for walks and photography. On the journey we will enjoy a picnic in the forest for lunch before heading out again on the Bibbulmun Track via the Beedelup Waterfalls and finishing at the beautiful Karri Valley Resort where we will stay for dinner. Bus transfers back to our hotel at the end of the day. (Optional 7km walk through the beautiful forest)

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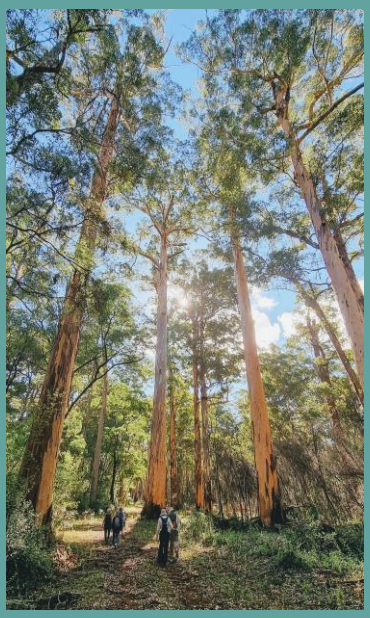

DAY 6 **A COMFORT HIGHLIGHT WITH A VERY SPECIAL DONNELLY RIVER CRUISE**

This morning enjoy some free time around the resort, there are wonderful walking trails to explore or maybe wander into town and see the boutique shops and the art galleries.

We will be picked up in the afternoon from our hotel for the Donnelly River Cruise down the pristine Donnelly River, which will include a sunset BBQ with Marron for dinner. This is an incredibly special evening arranged exclusively for Travel with Me and a fabulous way to finish our Southern Comforts experience

DAY 7 **RETURN TO PERTH**

Transfer this morning to our 11.20am coach that will take us back to Bunbury where we can jump on the train and continue to Perth arriving at 5.15pm.

INCLUSIONS

- Rail and Coach to Bridgetown with Annette
- 2 Nights accommodation Nelsons of Bridgetown
- 4 Nights accommodation Forest Lodge Resort *****SEE NOTES ON ACCOM**
- Welcome Dinner in Bridgetown
- Fully escorted by Local Guides
- Luggage transfers in Bridgetown
- Cider tasting at Bridgetown Cidery
- Morning tea Chestnut Brae
- Lunch at Whimwood Estate
- Transfers to Manjimup
- Truffle tasting and wine matching experience at Truffle Hill
- Lunch and tastings today as we explore Manjimup surrounds
- Daily breakfast at Forest Lodge Resort
- BBQ Dinner around the lake at the Forest Lodge resort
- A very special lunch in the dining room of a well known local farmer
- Beach and Forest Eco Tour including lunch
- Dinner at Karri Valley Resort
- Donnelly River Cruise
- A very special Sunset Dinner on the Donnelly River
- Touring as per itinerary
- Coach and Rail back to Perth with Annette

CONDITIONS

- Based on dates 29 Nov to 5 Dec 2021
- Subject to minimum numbers of 10 and maximum of 12
- Price based on twin share – SEE NOTES RE ACCOMMODATION
- Deposit of $200 due within 7 days of confirmation
- Final payment due 10 Oct 2021
- Amendment and Cancellation fees do apply and can be up to 100%
- Subject to availability and subject to change without notice
- Please ask your Travel with Me consultant for a competitive Travel Insurance quote

ALL MONIES WILL BE REFUNDED IF OUR REGIONAL BORDERS CLOSE DUE TO COVID-19

NOTES - SOLO Accommodation at Forest Lodge Resort

4 chalets which are very large with full size lounge and kitchen, laundry, and large deck. Has one separate bathroom and separate toilet. Linen, towels, and a hairdryer are provided. There will be 2 guests in each 2-bedroom chalet so own room but sharing bathroom with one other. Each room has queen size bed. Total of 8 guests.
2 standard rooms available for solo occupancy from an additional $120 on top of Solo Price.
I room in the Forest Suite available for twin share.