

# Hidden Gems



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## TRUFFLES & OTHER HIDDEN GEMS

27 JUNE TO 1 JULY 2022

Price from \$2685 pp Twin Share and from \$2915 SOLO room

### TOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

#### PERTH TO MANJIMUP

Commence your journey with a private coach transfer which will take you through wonderful small towns and undulating country-side to arrive in Manjimup. You will have time to settle into your accommodation and freshen up before transferring to your welcome dinner at the "Cabernet Restaurant" with a complimentary drink and an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers

#### DAY 2

#### MEET THE LOCAL PRODUCERS

After a continental breakfast, we commence our agricultural knowledge of the Southern Forests area with a tour of our local marron and trout farm, where you will meet some of the characters that farm the region. We then visit a local orchard in the depth of apple season and learn of the developing varieties that are constantly changing for consumer demands.

We then move on to a private lunch with Chef Deb at "Sooma" Restaurant. Deb, one of our most unique chefs, will indulge you in a feast of Marron & Trout displaying her creative flair on our local produce.

Following lunch, we take a tour of 3 Ryan's egg farm. The Ryan's are one of the traditional farmers of the area cultivating a range of our stable vegetables.

This evening we are off to Peos Estate where we will meet Vic and Bente who will be our hosts for the evening. After a vineyard walk with Vic, we sample his wines before indulging in a cultural feast in a unique facility overlooking the vineyard with a glass of complimentary wine in hand.

#### DAY 3

#### EXPLORE MANJIMUP

We start the morning with a hearty continental breakfast before commencing our day.

This morning we visit the locals that sort and pack our produce ready for delivery to retailers.

We then move on to lunch with Chef Raj at Cilantros restaurant where he will display his Indian heritage in our local produce.

The afternoon will see us call in to local producers where you will meet some of the characters that farm the region and sample produce, where you will have an opportunity to roast some fresh chestnuts and of course purchase some fresh produce.

Our next port of call is Tall Timbers Restaurant, where you get to experience over twenty wines which are all produced in the Southern Forests area with a tapas dinner showcasing the local produce

#### DAY 4

#### A TRUFFLE HUNT AND A VERY SPECIAL FINISH

After our continental breakfast we will meander into Manjimup to discover the Manjimup Heritage Park, which provides a unique experience that combines both museums and recreational activities in the same place. Guided entry to all three museums is included in your tour of the Heritage Park precinct.

We go on a truffle hunting adventure and discover the alluring story Australian black truffles (*tuber melanosporum* or Périgord truffle) and how they came to be sought after by the world's best chefs.

The Booth family take us for a wander amongst the hazelnut and oak trees in their orchard and engage the services of Truffle dogs Molly, Gidgee and Max who will lead us through the trees as they nose out the ripest of black truffles. Experience the excitement of digging up a truffle yourself: the heady aroma of truffle the moment it is unearthed is unforgettable. You will have the opportunity to purchase a truffle and discover the joy of cooking at home with this remarkable ingredient.

On our return travels we will call in to a local winery and prepare your tastebuds for the evening decadence ahead, and possibly pick up some wine to enjoy with your evening meal.

Dinner will be a delight for your senses where you will be treated to a private five course Truffle exclusive dining experience with Chef Joe Ditri.

For more details call:-

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After coming from Northcliffe, Joe moved to Perth and was a chef at "Fraser's Restaurant" in Kings Park for 16 years. During this time Joe was awarded 2 gold medals at the "Restaurant of Champions" and in 2006 was awarded the "Western Australian Young Chef of the Year". After then spending 3 years as head chef at Brika's Restaurant in Perth, Joe decided to move back to Manjimup to be closer to family and the fresh produce and food of the area which inspired his original journey.

#### DAY 5

#### MANJIMUP BACK TO PERTH

After breakfast and a visit to a very special Hidden Gem, our time together ends, and your private coach transfer will collect you from the hotel and take you back to Perth.

#### INCLUSIONS

- Escorted by Travel with Me Director, Annette Porter
- Private coach transfers between Perth City and our Manjimup accommodation.
- All transfers in Manjimup
- Multi award winning local guide, Peter Casonato
- 4 nights' accommodation in Deluxe rooms at Manjimup Motor Inn
- Daily Breakfast
- Welcome Dinner at Cabernet Restaurant (well known for local produce – Farm to Fork approach)
- Exclusive lunch with Chef Raj
- Truffle hunt with expert Trufflers, Molly, Gidgee and Max
- 2 local winery tastings
- Exclusive 5 course Truffle dining experience with Chef Joe Ditri
- Entry into the State Timber Museum and the very interactive Power Up Museum
- Wine tasting card at Tall Timbers
- Tapas and Truffle Pizza dinner at Tall Timbers Craft Brewery
- A very unique dinner by the Peos family, farmers and winemakers in Manjimup for more than 90 years.
- More hidden gems included.

#### CONDITIONS

- Based on departure 27 June 2022
- Subject to minimum numbers of 10 and max of 12 participants only
- Deposit of \$200 due within 7 days of confirmation
- Final payment due 10 May 2022
- Itinerary and pricing are subject to availability and subject to change without notice
- Cancellation and Amendment fees will apply and can be up to 100%
- Please ask your Travel with Me consultant for a competitive Travel Insurance quote

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