

Truffles & Other Hidden Gems of the Southern Forests

5 Days/4 Nights

10 to 14 June 2024

Inclusions

- Complimentary transfers from Mandurah
- Guide - Multi Award Winning local - **Peter Casonato**
- 4 nights accommodation in central Pemberton
- Visit a local Marron and Trout Farm
- Private Truffle Dinner and wine tasting at Silkwood Estate
- Meet the farmers at Three Ryans and Guadagninos
- A unique dining experience by the Peos family, farmers and winemakers in Manjimup for more than 90 years.
- Visit Australian Truffle Traders
- Truffle Hunt with expert Trufflers, Gidgee and Max
- Truffle Product & Wine Pairing Experience
- Private lunch at historical Dingup House and learn how to smoke trout with Pete
- Visit and Tour of Lady Croft Orchard with Bec and Sean
- Private 6 course Truffle dining experience with well known local chef

Price from \$3050 pp Twin Share/from \$3370 Solo



Itinerary

Day 1 ARRIVE PEMBERTON

Catch our courtesy transfers from Mandurah train station or drive to Pemberton for a 2.30pm check-in and meet Pete, your driver/guide, for a quick intro.

Your journey will take you through wonderful small towns and undulating countryside to arrive in Pemberton in the early afternoon. You will have time to settle into your accommodation and freshen up before we head out for our welcome dinner and an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 2 MEET THE LOCAL PRODUCERS

After a hot 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 another Pete, long time farmer in this region.

Lunch today is a private Lunch at Dingup House, the original home of the Giblets, founding family of Manjimup (built in 1870). This is now a BnB with tonnes of history and stunning gardens all around. Following lunch, and a trout smoking workshop, 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. We will sample their wines before indulging in a cultural feast in a unique facility overlooking the vineyard with a glass of complimentary wine in hand.

DAY 3 A TRUFFLE HUNT

We commence the day with a hot breakfast and then 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.

Lunch today is at Tall Timbers, with good food and a fabulous wine list, this restaurant features in all of our Gems tours.

Next a truffle hunt adventure to discover the alluring story of 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 Gidgee and Max who will lead us through the trees as they nose out the ripest of black truffles.

A short refresh break back at our motel and we are out for a fabulous private dinner at Silkwood Estate with Chef George. A wine tasting, of course, and a workshop on how to use Fresh Truffle with George.

Please remember that we are visiting working farms and not tourist sites therefore itinerary changes may occur due to their work commitments

DAY 4 EXPLORE MANJIMUP

We start the morning with a hot breakfast at a local café before heading out to meet Bec and Shaun at Lady Croft Orchard, one of the largest in WA, and learn of the developing varieties that are constantly changing for consumer demands.

Lunch today is at brand new, Hound & Hunter, Deli and Test Kitchen in Manjimup. Amazing truffle products, and more, to purchase here while you are enjoying lunch.

On our return travels we will call in to a local winery and prepare your tastebuds for the evening decadence ahead with a truffle product and wine pairing experience. A perfect opportunity to pick up some wine to enjoy with your evening meal tonight.

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

DAY 5 MANJIMUP BACK TO MANDURAH STATION

A surprise Gem this morning before a later breakfast at Two Little Blackbirds. Some time then at the Heritage Park and visitors centre for some last minute purchases, and where our time together ends.

Your complimentary transfer will collect you from the Manjimup Visitors Centre and take you back to Mandurah Station.

Fitness Level

Please note that this tour involves walking across some farmland which will be a mixture of terrains and will vary dependant on weather conditions. Clients must be able to get on/off the bus unaided, manage own luggage and occasionally be able to stand up for up to 30 minutes at a time.

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Based on departure 10 June 2024

- Subject to minimum numbers of 10 and max of 12 participants only
- Final payment due 45 days prior to departure
- 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 consultant for a competitive Travel Insurance quote



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