



Hong Kong Gardening Society

Western Australia Wildflowers The largest floral show on Earth! 16 – 25 September 2018



Itinerary

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| Sunday | 16 Sept 18 | Depart Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific CX 171Q 16SEP HKG/Perth ETD 1450 ETA 2235 Arrive Perth Met on arrival and transfer to hotel Hotel: <i>Travelodge</i> (https://www.travelodge.com.au/hotel/perth/) |
| Monday | 17 Sept 18 | At 0900 depart on a viewing of several private gardens in the Darling Range countryside near Perth. These gardens are not manicured but are natural gardens, set in attractive surroundings. Also visit a nursery specialising in native Australian plants. |
| Tuesday | 18 Sept 18 | At 0900 depart on a city tour of Perth with emphasis on Perth's fine parks and gardens. |
| Wednesday | 19 Sept 18 | At 0800 pick-up at the hotel and depart on a 6 day North – West Wildflower Tour. Drive north of Perth and journey through Gingin and Badgingarra, looking for the unusual <i>Xanthosia tomentosa</i> (Mt. Lesueur Southern Cross) which flowers only in this area. Continue via Eneabba and on to Dongara for our first overnight. |



Thursday **20 Sept 18**

Continuing in a northerly direction in our search for wildflowers, we are introduced to the City of Geraldton. At this time of year the inland usually presents carpets of colour. Continue to historic Northampton which was classified by the National Trust of Australia in 1993. The town exudes a friendly country charm, with historic buildings lining the main street. It is surrounded by rich, golden agricultural lands. At Port Gregory visit the fine coastal cliffs before arriving in the seaside town of Kalbarri for overnight.



Friday **21 Sept 18**

Today we explore some of the Murchison River Gorges and, as always, depending on Mother Nature, will be looking out for spreads of Everlastings. Continue to Binu and the port city of Geraldton for overnight.

Saturday **22 Sept 18**

Depart for Mullewa, well known for an abundance of wildflowers in Spring and one of the few places in Western Australia that the elusive "wreath flower", (*Leschanaultia Macrantha*) grows. Continue to Coalseam Conservation Park, known for its wide range of annuals and perennials which are due to the Park's diverse habitat range and its location between sand plain and arid country. Overnight in Dongara.



Sunday **23 Sept 18**

This morning, make our way to Mingenew, Morawa and Perenjori, looking out for floral delights and seriously watching out for the ever elusive *Leschanaultia Macrantha*. Hopefully we will also discover a new variety of *Dampiera*, with some Tinsel Flowers thrown in for good measure. The final night is spent at Dalwallinu.

Monday

24 Sept 18

Depart at 0800 and head south through the Wongan Hills to New Norcia, the only monastic town in Australia. In 1846, a Benedictine mission to the local aboriginals was established here by two Spanish Benedictine monks. Continue via Bindoon to Perth.

We will arrange for access to a room at the hotel, to freshen up before the flight back to Hong Kong later this evening.

Depart Perth with Cathay Pacific
CX 170Q 24SEP Perth/HKG ETD 2355 ETA 0745(next day,25Sep)

Tuesday

25 Sept 18

Arrive Hong Kong



The wildflower collection in Western Australia is the largest on Earth. With more than 12,000 species, over 60% of which are found nowhere else on Earth, they colour the landscapes from coast to forest and city to outback.

A reasonable level of mobility is required, as time is spent walking in the bush looking at flower species. If your mobility is limited and you are content to do what you can, you are most welcome – notwithstanding the few steps of the vehicle.



Your Driver and Tour Guide, John Perkins, has 40 years in the tourism industry and has been conducting Wildflower Tours for many years. He has taken care of leading specialised Japanese Wildflower tour groups and has shown them flowers they had only ever seen in books. His knowledge of botany is derived from his many years in the field and his keen interest to learn the botanical and common names of the vast variety of Australian wildflowers. Most importantly, if the flowers are there, John knows where to find them!

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Sign-up.

The cost will be **HK\$28,830 per person (twin-sharing) for members**. Single Room Supplement for the scheduled tour is **HK\$2,670**. The Single Room supplement for the three nights in Perth **HK\$1,400**.

Please note that this cost is based upon a minimum of 12 people signing up. **Non-members/ Guests pay HK\$29,430** (plus Single Supplement **HK\$4,070** if applicable) but this includes membership of HKGS for the current year (2018).

The tour price covers:

1. Special Economy Class fare Hong Kong/ Perth/ Hong Kong
2. Transfers to and from the airport and to and from the departure point of the scheduled coach tour.
3. 3 nights accommodation with daily breakfast in Perth and 5 nights accommodation on the scheduled coach tour including meals and soft drinks.
4. Entrance tickets to local sightseeing as per the itinerary

The tour price does not include:

- a) Transportation to and from the coach boarding point or bus terminal prior to the commencement or after the completion of the tour program.
- b) Transportation/ Accommodation/ Sightseeing/ Meals not as listed in the itinerary.
- c) Visa Fees: Please make sure that you have got your valid passport and visa before your entry to Australia.
- d) Personal expenses such as room service, internet charges, laundry, alcoholic drinks or beverages for personal consumption, fax, telephone calls, optional activities, etc.
- e) Excess Handling and Insurance Charges.
- f) Insurance. Please kindly note that the full coverage travel insurance from your country of origin should be purchased in advance on your own.
- g) Tipping
- h) 4% surcharge if you pay by credit card.

Please note that all of the above is subject to change without notice.

If you would like to sign up in this tour, please complete the required information in this email - click [Doris Leung](#). This email link will also go automatically to Jessica, Ash, Doris and Graham

The Cut-off Date is **10 August 2018**

Let me know if you have any questions or if we can assist in any way.

Many thanks,

Jessica Park,
Chair

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Places we will visit...

