



Hong Kong Gardening Society

Western Australia Wildflowers With Botanical Guide 11 – 24 September 2018 (To be finalized)

Itinerary

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| Tuesday | 11 Sept 18 | Depart Hong Kong

Arrive Perth |
| Wednesday | 12 Sept 18 | Along the Indian Ocean. Drive to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park; enjoy morning tea as you wander this interesting landscape. Lunch in Jurien Bay, a major base for the WA fishing industry. In the afternoon we meander through Lesueur National Park; the second most diverse flora region in WA. On to Port Denison and Dongara.
<i>Note: Entry to Nambung and Lesueur included.</i> |
| Thursday | 13 Sept 18 | After a visit to Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial we continue on the North West Coastal Hwy to Binnum with a bush morning tea amongst the flowers then via the Ajana Rd to Hawkes Head and Ross Graeme lookout in Kalbarri National Park. Lunch in Kalbarri. In the afternoon a visit to Bluff Point then via the coastal road to Northampton and later return to Dongara.
<i>Note: Kalbarri National Park entry included.</i> |
| Friday | 14 Sept 18 | East to Mingenew and the Coalseam Conservation Park where the Gregory brothers discovered coal exposed within the sedimentary layers of the banks of the Irwin River in 1846, now in good years its renowned for its native pink and white everlastings. Through the wheat, canola and wildflowers to Dalwallinu on the Great Northern Highway. |
| Saturday | 15 Sept 18 | We travel north along the Great Northern Highway into the Station and Goldfields country. From here the tour moves on to one of the most interesting features in the Goldfields, Jokers Tunnel, an east/west mining drive through a hill you are able to walk through. On to Yalgoo, a classic Outback Goldmining Town. In the afternoon it is out of the station country to the Wheatbelt towns of Morawa and Perenjori and return to Dalwallinu. |

Sunday	16 Sept 18	South to Wongan Hills and out through the wildflowers to cross the Great Eastern Highway. We take a walk in a number of Nature Reserves with our botanical guide before we come cross The Boot Mile, an interactive tourist display unlike any other before reaching Hyden.
Monday	17 Sept 18	We spend the day exploring the interesting features of the region, Wave Rock, Hippos Yawn, The Lace Place, Toy Soldier Display, Wildlife Park, Lazy D Farm and Mulkas Cave. During the day we hope to find Orchids, Verticordia, Cassia, Grevillea, Damperia and others, before returning to Hyden. <i>Note: All entries included.</i>
Tuesday	18 Sept 18	Travelling via the Tin Horse Highway to Kulin, Eucalyptus macrocarpa is the flora emblem of the Shire of Kulin, we take a walk along the Macrocarpa Walk Trail. To Lake Grace for lunch then back to the road we are on the lookout for Sundews, Hakea, Leptospermum, Chamelaucium, Synaphea and Acacia on the way to Albany.
Wednesday	19 Sept 18	The area of Australia which produces the widest variety of wildflowers, the great gem of the Great Southern is the Stirling Ranges. Enjoy bush walks with our botanical guide explaining and pointing out the vast array of flowers. Later we visit Mt Barker and an island of Karri, the Porongorups for another floral exploration. Return to Albany.
Thursday	20 Sept 18	On to the majestic Tinglewood Trees and the Valley of the Giants treetop walk then via Denmark and Walpole to the Karri Forests of Manjimup. After lunch we enjoy a delightful drive in the forest to Nannup, an interesting quirky town on the banks of the Blackwood River. Arriving at Abbey Beach resort on Geographe Bay.
Friday	21 Sept 18	Exploring the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and its diverse flora and fauna. From the wind/salt swept coastal shrubs to the majestic Karri Trees. We also visit Margaret River and stop off for a wine tasting before returning to Busselton. <i>Note: Wine Tasting included.</i>
Saturday	22 Sept 18	A morning visit to the Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observation 1.8km out to sea. After lunch in town we finish off the tour on the Swan Coastal Plain with its sandy alluvial soils supporting a whole new variety of flora and fauna.
Sunday	23 Sept 18	Depart Perth
Monday	24 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.

The six-month flowering season begins in the north in June and July on the vast outback plains of the Pilbara, Goldfields and Coral Coast where vibrant blooms contrast with pindan earth, rugged canyons and turquoise sea.

By September, it has moved south and reached Perth's botanical gardens, nature reserves and national parks, finishing with a flurry in October and November throughout the forests and coastal heaths of the South West, the region covered by this suggested itinerary. You can take in the spectacles of each region and season on the many the wildflower scenic drives and walking trails.

Sign-up.

The cost will be HK\$_____ per person (twin sharing) for members. Single Room Supplement is HK\$_____

Please note that this cost is based upon a minimum of ___ people signing up. Non-members/guests pay HK\$_____ (plus single supplement @ HK\$_____, if applicable) but this includes membership of the HKGS for the current year (2018).

A final quotation will be provided (should the number not reach ___) on the _____ for your consideration.

The tour price covers:

1. Round trip _____ transportation _____
2. Local transportation
3. ___ nights accommodation with daily breakfast and ___ meals including soft drinks
4. Entrance tickets to local sightseeing as per the itinerary
5. English speaking guide
6. Daily bottled water
7. All tipping

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. Personal expenses such as room service, internet charge, laundry, alcoholic drinks or beverages for personal consumption, fax, telephone call, optional activities, etc.
- d. Excess Handling and Insurance Charges.
- e. Insurance. Please kindly note that the full coverage travel insurance from your country of origin should be purchased in advance on your own.
- f. 4% surcharge if you pay by credit card

If you would like to sign up in this tour, please complete the required information in this email - click doris.leung@jebsholidays.com. This email link will also go automatically to Jessica, Ash, Doris and Graham

The Closing Date is _____

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

Many thanks,

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Chair

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