

# ACROSS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

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## Expedition Highlights

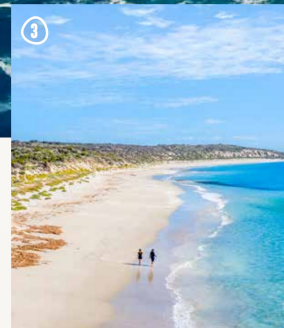
- › Get close to the large stingrays and eagle rays that swim in the shallows of Hamelin Bay
- › Hike the spectacular coast of Cape Naturaliste & Point Ann
- › Indulge in a tour and cellar door experiences in the award-winning Margaret River wine country
- › Climb Cape Leeuwin lighthouse, the tallest on mainland Australia, to take in the view over the Southern Ocean
- › Stroll through breath-taking Jewel Cave at Augusta and learn about its formation over thousands of years
- › Meet the friendly kangaroos and explore the sweeping white beach of Lucky Bay
- › Discover the diverse islands of the Archipelago of the Recherche and follow the snorkel trail at Shearwater Bay
- › Learn to shuck your own delicious oysters fresh from the waters of Coffin Bay

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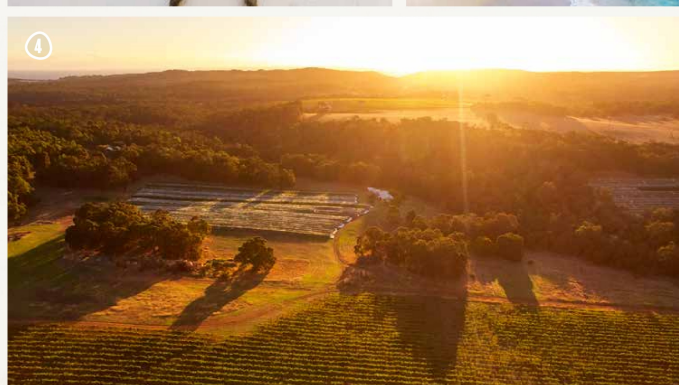
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## ITINERARY: 13 NIGHTS > BETWEEN FREMANTLE AND ADELAIDE

### DAY 1: DEPART FREMANTLE OR ADELAIDE

Board in Fremantle at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

Board in Adelaide at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

### DAYS 2-13: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

*Your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expedition experience. Each direction has slight differences to allow for timing, winds and tides.*

#### CAPE NATURALISTE & DUNSBOROUGH

Cape Naturaliste is known for its spectacular scenery and some of the best walking tracks in the Margaret River Region. Today explore these walking trails, and visit the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse before spending some free time in the charming town of Dunsborough. Later, visit stunning Meelup Beach for sunbathing and swimming, followed by sunset drinks on the beach.

#### HAMELIN BAY & MARGARET RIVER

Hamelin Bay, a serene sandy bay, is famous for the abundance of stingrays that swim in the shallows. Snorkel or wade alongside these giant rays, before a walk to a nearby lake for birdwatching. Spend the afternoon in the beautiful Margaret River wine region, and relax on a luxury coach tour to enjoy tastings and cellar-door visits at leading wineries.

#### AUGUSTA

Augusta is our gateway to the naturally beautiful South West. Today, climb the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, built in 1896, and discover the exploration history of the region. Explore Jewel Cave, known for its crystal-encrusted decorations of delicate helectites and stalagmites. If there is time, explore the township at your leisure.

#### BREAKSEA ISLAND & TWO PEOPLE'S BAY NATURE RESERVE (Fremantle to Adelaide voyage only)

Named for its weather-beaten appearance and the protection it offers, Breaksea island is home to playful and curious fur seals and Australian sea lions. Spend time observing them in their natural habitat. This afternoon, explore Arpenteur Nature Reserves to spot rare birds including the Red-winged Fairy-wren and New Holland honey-eater, and swim from the beach.

#### ALBANY (Adelaide to Fremantle voyage only)

Discover the town of Albany with a choice between the whaling station tour on the edge of Torndirrup National Park, or the Point Possession Heritage Trail along the cliffs to enjoy magnificent views. Later, learn the history at the Brig Amity Replica and Museum of the Great Southern.

#### BREMER BAY & POINT ANN

This tiny coastal town is renowned for having some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Spend the afternoon swimming, snorkelling or relaxing on the beach. The tranquility of the surroundings, and the opportunity to observe the unique marine life of the area, make Bremer Bay a memorable stop.

In the afternoon we visit Point Ann, located in the Fitzgerald National Park. The Point Ann platform is known to be a good vista for lookouts, while the 1.5km easy bush walk follows the site of the original rabbit proof fence, with superb views over Point Charles Bay. (Fremantle to Adelaide voyage only)

#### WOODY ISLAND, RECHERCHE ARCHIPELAGO

The Recherche Archipelago is a vast group of islands and rocky outcrops scattered across the blue waters of the Southern Ocean. Explore Woody Island for hiking and birdwatching, and experience the snorkel trail at Shearwater Bay.

#### LUCKY BAY & CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK

Known for massive granite peaks, rolling heath-lands and sweeping beaches, Lucky Bay is popular with kangaroos who laze on its soft white sand. We will enjoy a swim or hike a section of the Le Grand Coastal Trail, where you may spot pygmy possums, western grey kangaroos and many native wildflowers. Enjoy time on the beach with the curious kangaroos.

#### YOKINUP BAY & CAPE ARID NATIONAL PARK

The pristine and remote wilderness of Cape Arid is an important conservation area for 1,100 species of plants and more than 160 bird species. Relax on Yokinup Bay's broad white beaches washed by blue seas, and birdwatch at Thomas River estuary. We may have the opportunity to explore historic whaling station ruins.

#### GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

Our crossing of the Great Australian Bight is an exciting moment for those who love the sea. The Great Australian Bight Marine Park protects southern right whales and is home to 80% of the Australian sea lion population.

#### NUYTS ARCHIPELAGO (Adelaide to Fremantle voyage only)

Today, arrive at the marine reserve of the Nuyts Archipelago. Once the location of whaling and sealing activity, today the Archipelago is a Conservation Park for endangered species. Spot wildlife including numerous birds and native marsupials, sea eagles, Australian sea lions, penguins, fur seals and dolphins.

#### STREAKY BAY (Fremantle to Adelaide voyage only)

Streaky Bay and surrounding regions are known for their great variety of landscapes, from untouched native scrub land and farming land to cliffs and surf beaches. This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the town, ending at the museum.

#### COFFIN BAY

We arrive in tranquil Coffin Bay this morning to swim, snorkel or kayak, looking out for marine life as we explore the water ways. This afternoon, experience a once-in-a-lifetime culinary experience at Coffin Bay Oyster Farm. Done waders and sit at the Saltwater Pavilion to taste oysters fresh out of the sea and learn how to shuck an oyster. Prepare for a seafood taste sensation!

#### KANGAROO ISLAND (Adelaide to Fremantle voyage only)

Today, discover the northern coastline of Kangaroo Island, where feelings of space and freedom fill the senses and steep cliffs give way to white-sand beaches. Swim in the clear waters of Emu Bay and visit secluded Stokes Bay, where a rock-enclosed pool provides a protected swimming spot. Stroll along the beach looking for penguins, dolphins, or seals.

#### DAY 14: ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Disembark in Adelaide at 2:30pm

Disembark in Fremantle at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the CBD or airport is included (Fremantle, Perth & Adelaide).

### KANGAROO ISLAND FOR TRUE EXPLORERS



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