# **Itinerary & Optionals**

#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE PERTH**

Arriving into Perth, we've ensured that you'll have time to relax or head out to explore the neighbourhood prior to meeting your Travel Director and fellow guests over welcome drinks at your hotel, and get excited for journey that awaits. To begin your discovery, you'll enjoy world-renowned WA wines and micro-brewery beers, accompanied by locally produced canapés, whetting the appetite for what lies ahead.

MEAL(S) HOTEL
Welcome Reception InterContinental

## **DAY 2 PERTH**

Enjoy a leisurely hotel breakfast followed by a local view of Perth with your Travel Director. This morning, you'll have time to explore Kings Park, one of the largest inner-city parks in the world with sweeping views of Perth. You'll be shown some of the 3,000 species of WA's distinctive flora. The afternoon is yours to discover and see what is of interest to you. Your Travel Director can give you recommendations to see some of Perth's architectural gems or recommend the best places for shopping. Dinner tonight has been carefully selected. We'll dine in the franking room of Perth's original General Post Office in the State Buildings amid the vibrant cultural and dining district.

**MEAL(S)**Breakfast
Dinner

## **DAY 3 PERTH - MARGARET RIVER**

Leave cosmopolitan Perth behind as we head south into the breathtaking Margaret River region and reconnect with nature. Your first stop will be Penguin Island, which lies in the heart of the ruggedly beautiful Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Here you'll get up close with playful dolphins, sea lions, penguins and cheeky sea birds as you cruise through the bay's wildlife Sanctuary. Back on land, you'll then continue south to the historic Busselton Jetty. This landmark has been standing for more than 150 years, giving back to the local community through natural conservation. Take a leisurely stroll to the end of the 1.84km timber jetty (or take the Jetty train for something different!). You'll then head to the unforgettable five-star Pullman Bunker Bay; nestled right on the beach and offering spectacular ocean views. In the evening, enjoy a farm-to-table dinner at the Other Side of the Moon restaurant. Here, you'll sample an array of delicious locally-sourced seasonal produce, matched with world-renowned Margaret River wines.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast **HOTEL** 

Dinner Pullman Bunker Bay Resort

#### **DAY 4 MARGARET RIVER**

This morning starts with a soul-stirring experience at Cape Naturaliste where you'll meet your Indigenous local guide, Josh. Josh will escort you around the Lighthouse precinct, where you'll have the chance to learn about the deep connections the Wadandi people have to the Cape region. You'll taste the native foods, discover bush medicine and observe traditional fire lighting. Listen to Josh recount stories of the Dreaming Spirits of this traditional area and enjoy a uniquely memorable didgeridoo experience. From Cape Naturaliste, sit back and soak up the scenery as you're driven through rolling vineyards. Upon arrival, an exclusive Margaret River food and wine tour awaits at the five-star rated James Halliday winery in Wilyabrup Valley. You'll be met by your local food and wine expert who will take you on a private guided walk through the vast vineyards. Indulge in a 7-course degustation with matched premium wines at the premier sub-region of the Margaret River Wine region. This afternoon, explore the picturesque town of Margaret River before returning to the luxury of your hotel.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

Lunch

### **DAY 5 MARGARET RIVER - ROTTNEST ISLAND**

This morning, your journey continues back up the beautiful south west coastline towards the historical port city of Fremantle. Here you'll swap city views for soft sand beaches as you cross the open ocean on a boat bound for a highlight visit to Rottnest Island. Cruising through crystal clear waters, enjoy the beautiful views and nature at its best. The star of the show will undoubtedly be the Quokka, the "smiliest" little animal on earth who will happily pose for a selfie. Rounding out another wonderful day, this evening you'll have the chance to sleep (almost) under the stars as you drift off in your eco-glamping tent.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

Dinner

#### DAY 6 ROTTNEST ISLAND - FREMANTLE

Waking up in the paradise that is Rottnest Island, take a moment with your morning cuppa and appreciate the islands natural remote beauty. Take a leisurely stroll along the white sandy beach and explore the boardwalks to Pinky's Beach Club. Later this morning, you'll embark on a guided road tour of Rottnest Island with a 'Local Specialist'. They'll show you some of Rottnest's most spectacular and lesser-known locations, giving you the unique chance to see the island's natural beauty, and learn about its history and culture. This afternoon, cruise back to seaside Fremantle with a new-found love of Western Australia. In Fremantle, you'll be immersed in the bohemian spirit, and meet up with your fellow travellers for your Farewell Dinner. Your trip will end in style with a seasonal farm-to-table menu at Bread in Common, paired with local wines.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast HOTEL

Farewell Dinner Esplanade Fremantle by Rydges

# DAY 7 FREMANTLE - FAREWELL FROM FREMANTLE

The perfect way to end your journey to Australia's magnificent west is with the discovery of the creative powerhouse of Fremantle, with a local resident. Uncover the city's secrets, including the legendary 'Cappuccino Strip' and marvel at the well-preserved local architecture. This morning, stock up on the local delicacies at the bustling and colourful Fremantle Markets, carefully chosen as the place to say our goodbyes. Here your spectacular journey through Western Australia will come to an end.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast