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# WALKING WITH WILDFLOWERS

## Fitzgerald Biosphere

### ITINERARY



**Immerse yourself in the magical world of wildflowers during this unique, 5-day walking experience in WA's spectacular Fitzgerald Biosphere.**

Home to 20% of WA's flora, the Fitzgerald River National Park offers visitors unequalled floral diversity against a backdrop of quartzite ranges, coastal lagoons, granite cliffs, limestone ridges, valleys, woodlands, remote pristine beaches & dramatic coastal scenes. For the last 35 years the annual Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show has been exhibiting a unique collection of named flowers and attracting visitors from all around the world.

#### **DAY 1 - PERTH TO TOZER'S BUSHCAMP - BREMER BAY RESORT**

**2 KM WALK - 500 KM DRIVE**

We drive to the west side of the Fitzgerald River National Park and make our way to Tozer's Bushcamp where we do a short walk among the diverse wildflowers found here. Under the right conditions we may even see the Queen of Sheba orchid.

We drive 15 mins from Tozer's to the Bremer Bay resort to settle into the accommodation and enjoy dinner in the local restaurant.



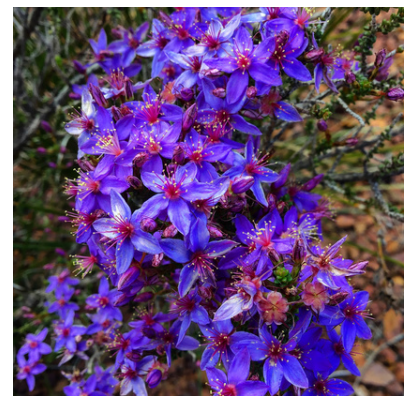




## DAY 2 - MAMANG TRAIL 13 KM WALK

We start early on a 12 km loop on the Mamang Trail along this unique coastal landscape. The walk back along the turquoise waters on stunning beach, will give us a good opportunity to see whales this time of year.

We drive back to Bremer Bay and rest before another delicious dinner.







### **DAY 3 - RAVENSTHORPE RANGE & WILDFLOWER SHOW**

**190 KM DRIVE 12 KM WALK**

We drive east to Ravensthorpe to walk along the ridge of the Ravensthorpe Range. Many endemic plants throughout this florally rich region are listed as rare or priority species including numerous Acacia varieties found in the Range.

Bring your cameras - you'll want to capture these beauties.

On the way, we stop at the Kukenarup Memorial for some special cultural interpretations & delightful orchids.

After our walk we'll attend the Ravensthorpe Flower Show, have scones and admire the floral displays. We'll be given access to the Herbarium, where hundreds of species are identified and kept.







## **DAY 4 - HAKEA TRAIL - HAMERSLEY INLET TO CAVE POINT**

### **12 KM WALK**

We will be driven westwards to the Hamerseley Inlet from where we will make our way east, back to the Cave Point. We expect to take whole day (5 - 6 hours) making our way back at a moderate pace with plenty of time to take photographs and soak in the spectacle and magic of the trail.

We will have lunch, morning & afternoon tea on the track.



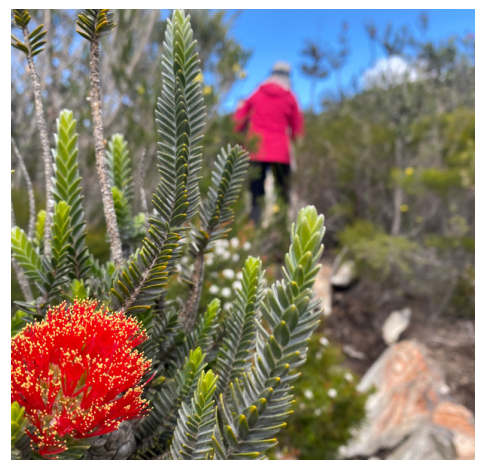
## **DAY 5 - EAST MT BARREN - HOPETOUN TO PERTH**

### **3 KM WALK & 590 KM DRIVE**

We return to the 'Fitzzy' one more time to hike East Mt Barren. This hike takes us to the top of a steep, rugged and spectacular trail from where we can get a superb view of the Culham Inlet to the east, the Barren Ranges to the west and the Eyre Range to the north.

On the trail, we are sure to come across a number of plant species that are endemic to this specific area, like Qualup Bells, Royal Hakea and Barrens Regalia.

Then we drive back to Perth making a couple of stops along the way.







## INCLUSIONS

- Pick up/drop off Perth / Fremantle
- 4 nights twin-share accommodation at Bremer Bay Resort and Wavecrest Village (single supplement available)
- All meals and snacks 5 breakfasts / 5 lunches / 4 dinners
- lots of healthy and delicious quality snacks
- Coffee, tea & water throughout
- Entry to the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show & Herbarium
- Five guided walks in the Fitzgerald River National Park, including the Mamang Trail, the Hakea Trail, East Mt Barren, Tozer's Bushcamp & Ravensthorpe Range and a drop into the Kukenarup Memorial
- Specialised guides passionate about wildflowers and experienced in this region
- Wilderness first aid trained guide
- All transfers to walks
- Whale watching when possible

We are a vegetarian company - **our lunches and brekkys are delicious!**

Dinner meals are prepared exclusively for us - however, there will be two dinner options to order off the menu, including meat based meals.

**\$3880 PP**

**MAX 10 PEOPLE**

**30% DEPOSIT TO SECURE YOUR SPOT**





## ABOUT THE FITZGERALD BIOSPHERE

Western Australia well deserves to be known as the wildflower state, supporting more than 12,500 plant species (8,952 endemic to the state).

The southwest botanical province is particularly extraordinary in its biodiversity and one of the world's 34 **biodiversity hotspots** where at least 1500 plant species that grow there have lost more than 70% of their natural habitats.

The Fitzgerald Biosphere, which includes the Fitzgerald River National Park, Ravensthorpe and Jerramungup, is a major component of the southwest's unique biodiversity. It is also one of only four Biosphere Reserves in Australia and one of Australia's most important biodiversity assets.

More than 2,000 floral species are found there, over 70% of them endemic.

That is, they grow nowhere else in the world.

### Why here?

In brief, when the supercontinent Gondwana started to separate 180,000 million years ago into what is now South America, Antarctica, Australia, Africa, India and Arabia, Australia's southwest broke up from India and evolved in isolation – tens of millions of years of isolation.

In addition to that, WA's southwest (also known as the Kwongan) was further isolated and its species protected from major extinctions caused by climatic changes such as glaciers, allowing for 'localised evolution.





## ABOUT THE ACCOMODATION

### BREMER BAY RESORT / WAVECREST VILLAGE/KARRIBANK

The warm and friendly staff of the **Bremer Bay Resort** have been welcoming our guests since 2020.

The Resort offers relaxing and comfortable accommodation in the beautiful coastal town of Bremer Bay with spectacular views from some rooms and easy access to the east side of the Fitzgerald River National Park.

Each room can be set up as twin-share or Queen solo, and has its own ensuite bathroom.

**The Wavecrest Village** is located about 2 kilometres north of Hopetoun and had been hosting us in their spacious and homely chalets since 2019.

Each chalet has three bedrooms: 1 King with ensuite (our single supp), and 2 twin-share or double rooms with a shared bathroom.

There is also a small kitchen, an open living rom and dining room and a small verandah.







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## YOUR GUIDES



### ABOUT ERIKA JACOBSON

**BA WRITING  
MA INTERNATIONAL & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
PHD TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING  
ENTREPRENEUR**

Erika is a creativity specialist, entrepreneur and a curious & passionate adventurer...who loves walking.

Part of the year she runs workshops, retreats and walking tours...helping people reconnect with nature, their creativity & self-expression.

Sometimes she speaks about it all. Part of the year she travels and writes. All year around she walks.

She has been a passionate traveller most of her life & has trekked in France, China/Tibet, Nepal, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the US, Kamchatka & Mongolia.

She loves wildflowers and is passionate about the conservation of biodiversity.

### ABOUT KIRRA DICONZA

**BSC MARINE BIOLOGY  
CERTIFIED YOGA TEACHER  
CONSERVATIONIST**

Kirra is an environmental scientist and lover of life. She enjoys exploring the abundance of beauty that mother nature has to offer and is zealous about the preservation of our lands and oceans.

Growing up by the beach, she developed a passion for the ocean which led her to major in marine biology.

She is a surfer, a yoga teacher and loves to inspire people to move, connect with nature and lead holistic lifestyles. She can often be found swimming or walking by the coast in Margaret River.