



# 8 Day Track Highlights

## 2nd – 9th September 2024

### 8 Day Moderate Level Trek

Thank you for inquiring about the Highlights of the Bibbulmun Track Walk conducted by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation.

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation established to provide support for the management, maintenance and marketing of the Bibbulmun Track. We have been conducting guided walks on the Bibbulmun Track since 1997 and are pleased to be able to offer this extended itinerary combining day-walks with off-track accommodation. The 8-day highlights tour has been operating since 2004.

The Foundation manages over 300 volunteers who each own a section of Track assisting the Parks and Wildlife Service to maintain the Track and facilities to world-class standards.

The Foundation is self-funded and all proceeds from this trip support the ongoing sustainability of the Bibbulmun Track.

### The Bibbulmun Track

The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia is one of the world's great long-distance walk trails, stretching 1000km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the south coast. The Track passes through some of the most beautiful and peaceful coastal, forest and rural areas of Australia's south west. Along the way, 49 campsites each provide a three-sided sleeping shelter, tent sites, pit toilet, picnic table and water tank.

Over the years the Bibbulmun Track has won several WA and National Tourism Awards.

### Tour overview

The Highlights itinerary has been carefully compiled to enable you to experience a cross section of the Bibbulmun Track from the spectacular ocean views and coastal heath-lands in the far south, through the magnificent karri and tingle forest and up to the rolling hills and jarrah forests in the northern section.

We have selected a range of full and half-day walks and our bus will transport you to and from the Track each day. You will also experience some unique eco-tourism attractions in the region. Each evening we will return to comfortable accommodation in the rural towns and villages along the Track to relax and enjoy a delicious dinner.

On the walks, you need carry only a daypack containing your lunch, camera, water bottle, etc. From the rocky escarpments that provide exhilarating views, to the tranquility of the tall forests, our itinerary caters for walkers with previous and recent bushwalking experience.

*We hope that you can join us on this unique journey ... and discover the spirit of Australia's south west.*



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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Monday

#### Drive from Perth to Albany. Visit Mt Clarence

Leaving Perth by 7.30am, we travel south along the Albany Highway via the township of Williams (for a short break) stopping at Kojonup for lunch at a local cafe. Please have breakfast before we depart.

Located 409km south east of Perth, Albany is Western Australia's oldest settlement. During the 1840's and 1850's whaling was the main industry. On arrival we will take a trip to the top of Mount Clarence for spectacular views of the area. We will check into our accommodation late afternoon and get to know each other better over a delicious meal at a local restaurant.

### Tuesday

#### Coastal walk near Albany and towards Torbay (13.2km moderate walk)

We begin this section by spending some time at the Albany Wind Farm, through which the Track passes. The turbines supply up to 75% of Albany's power. The Track weaves in and around the coastal ridges providing a series of spectacular outlooks and dolphins are often sighted here. The low hardy coastal vegetation typical of this area produces a remarkable array of flowers over a wide period of the year. After passing an area where a second wind farm was commissioned in early 2012, we'll

enjoy a picnic lunch at a Bibbulmun Track campsite and then finish our walk at a look-out over Torbay and the expansive southern ocean.

A short drive after will see us arrive at our accommodation in Denmark, a picturesque village hidden amongst forest and rolling hills. There we will relax and freshen up before dinner.

### Wednesday

#### Coast, Karri & Boulders walk (15.3km moderate to hard walk)

Our walk starts near Denmark. The Track ascends through thick karri forest and winds its way past huge and jumbled granite outcrops leading to magnificent views across the south coast from the summit of Mount Hallowell. Descend through karri past Monkey Rock to Lights Beach then on past William Bay Campsite to our pick up point.

We then have time to relax and freshen up before dining in Denmark.

### Thursday

#### Walpole Inlet cruise and Tingle Forest walk (4.7km moderate to easy walk)

Leaving Denmark we drive 1¼ hours to Walpole where we join a cruise on the Walpole and Nornalup Inlets. This renowned cruise will give you a fascinating insight into the history and ecology of the area.

After a picnic lunch we'll walk for a couple of hours through the forest and at the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk for a birds-eye view of the magnificent tingle and karri trees from the elevated walkway. After checking into our accommodation, we'll enjoy dinner in the tiny town of Walpole.

### Friday

#### Giant Tingle and River Valley walk (11.1km moderate walk)

A short drive takes us to the Giant Tingle Tree. The walk from here leads us past some of the best karri, tingle and sheoak forest anywhere in the south west. The descent from Douglas Hill offers lovely glimpses into the Frankland River valley below where the Bibbulmun Track campsite is perched right on the bank of this largely unspoilt river.

We'll be transported back to our accommodation for dinner.



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**Saturday**  
**Karri Kingdom**  
**(10.7km easy to moderate walk)**

A scenic two-hour drive takes us to Pemberton in the heart of karri country. A further 30 minute drive takes us to the north of the town where the Bibbulmun Track winds through an area rich in logging history with a mixture of old growth and regenerating karri forest. We'll start our walk at Big Brook Dam and finish at Beedelup Falls.

**Sunday**  
**Rolling Hills and wildflowers**  
**(6.3km easy to moderate walk)**

Today we'll leave the tall timber country behind us and head for the rolling green hills of Balingup. Just south of the village, we'll walk through the Golden Valley Tree Park which features a unique collection of exotic trees from all over the world.

After lunch and a look through some of the delightful shops in the village we'll head north to Dwellingup.

**Monday**  
**Jarrah Forest**  
**and River Valley**  
**(8km moderate walk)**

A little over 7km walk through jarrah and some pine forest brings us to another campsite for lunch. A further 1km walk after lunch bring us to our pick up point on the banks of the Murray River. We'll head off to Dwellingup to explore the town before departing around 3pm for our final leg to Perth, arriving at about 5pm.

*The itinerary should be used as a guide only as it can vary due to weather, trail conditions and unforeseen circumstances. Our local guides have a profound knowledge of the Bibbulmun Track and will seek out the best alternatives where necessary.*



## TOUR PRICE JOINING FROM PERTH CBD

Tour cost p/p: \$2800 (predominantly twin share basis—see notes below)

Single supplement: add \$375 per person to the tour cost (see conditions further on).

All prices include GST. Minimum numbers must be reached before tour is confirmed.

## TOUR COSTS INCLUDE

- Motel/Chalet accommodation predominantly on a twin share basis (shared facilities in Nornalup and twin/triple share rooms in Dwellingup). Accommodation varies in standard according to what is available in each town. Refer to *What to Expect* below.
- All meals from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 8.
- Bibbulmun Track Deuter day pack & Bibbulmun Track water bottle per person valued at over \$250.
- All transport by private bus.
- Entrance fees and permits to national parks and attractions including Tree Top Walk and WOW Wilderness Cruise.
- Two passionate and fun Bibbulmun Track Foundation guides.

## TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

- Items of a personal nature.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Optional excursions.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Pre and post tour accommodation.
- Only one single supplement is available due to the availability of accommodation in some towns.



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## WHAT TO EXPECT

This tour is operated solely by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. The vehicle we use for transport is an air-conditioned Rosa Bus. We take a maximum of 15 passengers plus a driver/guide and guide. All luggage is carried on the bus. We prefer that you have two smaller soft shell bags rather than one large cumbersome suitcase.

We stay in a range of accommodation including motels, cottages and chalets. While we use the most appropriate accommodation available, participants should note that some of the towns through which the Track passes have very limited options for accommodating groups. The bedrooms are predominantly twin-share. However, at Nornalup facilities such as bathroom and common areas may be triple or quad-share. In Dwellingup, accommodation is a mixture of twin and triple bedrooms and a shared common area. Couples will be given their own bedroom but may need to share a bathroom.

The itinerary indicates the walking distances for each day. Some days are easier than others. We walk from valleys to ridge lines, and therefore there is a significant degree of undulation/hills in all walks. Participants should have *recent* previous experience walking in the bush for up to 15km in one day and also a good level of fitness.

Our guides are experienced outdoor leaders who are responsible for your comfort and safety. As much as possible we will try to take a leisurely pace, allowing plenty of time to look at the diverse scenery and ecology.

*Participants must remember that we walk as a group, going only as fast as the slowest walker. If however you are finding the pace too quick for you, guides may be able to suggest a shorter option. Please approach the guides about any concerns you have. They will do everything possible to ensure that you get the most out of the trip.*

## CLIMATE

The sections of the Bibbulmun Track on which we will be walking are greatly influenced by the cold Southern Ocean. In September temperatures can range between 8°C at night and 18°C during the day on the south coast. Northern sections of the Track can have temperatures from around 5°C to 20°C.

## FOOD AND WATER

Lunches and snacks will be supplied for each day's walk. You will be expected to carry your own water (about 1.5 litres on most days) and some lunch items that will be shared out amongst the group to carry to lunch on some days. We recommend that you use the daypack we supply to ensure you have room for these items.

Breakfast and dinner will be eaten at our accommodation or a restaurant in town. If you have any medical or cultural dietary requirements (including vegetarian, vegan or allergies) please advise us when you return your personal details form - we are happy to cater for you.

## ACCOMMODATION IN PERTH

You will need to book your own pre and post tour accommodation. For options in the Perth CBD visit [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com) and search for accommodation under the travel section. Previous participants have stayed at various hotels in the CBD.



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## HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING

Please find the booking form at the end of this document. Please send in the last two pages. If you require any assistance please contact us.

Please note that all bookings are subject to availability at the time the booking is received with a deposit. If the tour is full, you will be contacted and also placed on a waiting list.

## PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

After receipt of your booking form and deposit, we will forward some pre departure information. This includes recommended clothing lists and other details to help you prepare for the trip ahead.

## INSURANCE

Current comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended even if you reside in WA. The tour may be cancelled if minimum numbers are not reached. Whilst you will receive your moneys for the tour, other costs incurred such as airfares and accommodation will not be reimbursed by the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. The cost of travel insurance does not form part of the advised price and must be paid additionally. Also the bond is strictly non-refundable and non-transferable. Please see the section on refunds below.

## FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. For further information please refer to the booking form.

## SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

There is only one single supplement available on each tour. If you select this, we are obliged to charge an extra fee. This will entitle you to your own bedroom in Albany, Denmark, Nornalup and Pemberton. However in Nornalup you may have to share a bathroom and chalet common area with two other people. Additionally, in Dwellingup there may be no single rooms available. On this last night of the tour, bedroom and bathroom facilities may be on a triple share basis when a tour is full.

## TWIN /TRIPLE SHARE BASIS FOR SINGLE TRAVELLERS

The tour price is based on two people sharing a bedroom in Albany, Denmark, Nornalup and Pemberton. In Nornalup facilities such as bathroom and common areas may be triple or quad-share. In Dwellingup bedrooms and facilities may be triple share. Couples will have their own bedroom.

If you are travelling on your own, then we will twin/triple share you with someone of the same gender unless you specify on your booking form that you would like to purchase the single supplement.

Once the single supplement is taken, we can only confirm further individual bookings once another person of the same gender also makes a booking as they will need to share the same room. We hope you understand that we are limited by the available group accommodation that the smaller towns offer.



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## REFUNDS

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please note that deposits are strictly non-refundable and non-transferable. If you wish to cancel after full payment has been made, you will forfeit the following amounts:

- Cancellation of 26 days to 45 days before tour departure, 50% of total price.
- Cancellation of 16 days to 25 days before tour departure, 75% of total price.
- Cancellation of within 15 days before tour departure, no refund.

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency.

This policy will be adhered to, despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

## HEALTH AND FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be in good health and in good physical condition. Participants will be required to walk distances and terrain as per the itinerary. If there is any doubt, participants should contact their physician and the Foundation for advice. Each participant will be required to complete a medical and indemnity form when making a booking. It is vital that participants with medical conditions make them known on this form. Some walks are in remote areas and there can be considerable delays in reaching medical support. Evacuations can be prolonged and expensive. Medical and evacuation expenses will be the responsibility of the participant. International participants must have comprehensive travel/medical insurance but we recommend all participants consider taking out travel insurance.



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## **DELAY, CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF TOUR**

Prior to a tour departure, the Bibbulmun Track Foundation reserves the right to cancel, delay or alter any tour due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foundation including but not limited to dangerous weather conditions, dangerous Track conditions, minimum numbers not being reached or the inability of a contractor to fulfill any obligations. Where a tour is cancelled under such circumstances, a full refund of moneys paid on the tour cost will be made.

If a tour has already commenced, and a tour is terminated a proportion of paid funds, deemed to be appropriate by the Foundation, will be refunded to the client. No refunds will be made (in whole or in part) if an event is altered or delayed or any payment made by the Foundation for other cost incurred by the client.

## **PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL**

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation reserves the right to take photographs of the participants and use those images for promotional purposes.

In booking a tour, you give the Foundation the right to use images for such purposes. Participants unwilling for photos including themselves to be used, must identify themselves to the tour leader at the commencement of the tour.

**Please contact us should you have any questions.**

### **Bibbulmun Track Foundation**

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# REGISTRATION FORM 2024

**Personal Information**

**Your details**

**Your travelling partner's details**

Full Name:		
Preferred Name (if applicable)		
	Age at time of tour:      Gender: M / F / Other	Age on tour:      Gender: M / F / Other
Occupation:		
Address:		
	City:      State:      Postcode:	City:      State:      Postcode:
Email:		
Telephone:	Hm:      Wk: Mobile:	Hm:      Wk: Mobile:
Special medical /cultural dietary requirements (please be specific)		
How did you hear about the tour? (Please circle).	Bibb Magazine - Bibb Bytes - BTF Website - Facebook The Post Newspaper - Great Walks - The Senior Other _____	Bibb Magazine - Bibb Bytes - BTF Website - Facebook The Post Newspaper - Great Walks - The Senior Other _____
Travel Insurance #	Company: Policy/Receipt Number:	Company: Policy/Receipt Number:
Single Supplement	(add \$375 per person)    Yes      No	
Recent Bushwalking Experience		

# If you do not yet have your travel insurance details, please forward them as soon as possible.

**Payment**

Deposit necessary for booking      \$550 per person (strictly non-refundable and non-transferable).  
 Tour cost per person      \$2800 (twin share basis, conditions apply)  
 Single supplement      add \$375 per person to the tour cost (conditions apply).  
 All prices include GST.

**Payment Options (please tick one):**

Direct Credit. Contact your financial institution with the following details to deposit moneys into our account.  
 Deposit moneys into Bibbulmun Track Foundation, Bankwest, BSB: 306-061 Acc Number: 0173124.

**Please let us know when you have done this.**

Debit my credit card for the deposit only (\$550 per person) Visa or MasterCard (no credit card fee)

Debit my credit card for the full amount (\$2800 plus 2% credit card fee) Visa or MasterCard\*\*

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_ \_ \_

Name on the card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Full amounts or remaining amounts after deposit paid via any credit card will attract an extra 2% fee.*

Send with payment: Bibbulmun Track Foundation, U3 & 4, 62 Ord St, West Perth, WA 6005  
 Enquiries: 9481 0551 or [events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:events@bibbulmuntrack.org.au)

**Please complete the medical form over.**



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## MEDICAL / INDEMNITY FORM 2024

1) I \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) and \_\_\_\_\_

(full name of travelling partner if applicable) acknowledge and assume all risks associated with participating in the 8-day Bibbulmun Highlights Tour, and will hold the Bibbulmun Track Foundation & its Board, Executive Director, employees, servants, agents & members free from all liability, causes of action, debts, claims, & demands of every kind & nature whatsoever which may arise out of, or in connection with using the Foundations facilities or equipment, or participating in this tour.

2) My family doctor is \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

3) Will you be celebrating a birthday on tour? participant a) yes / no  
participant b) yes / no

4) During the tour I am likely to be taking the following prescribed medication:

Participant a) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant b) \_\_\_\_\_

for the following ailment(s):

Participant a) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant b) \_\_\_\_\_

5) Do you have any medical conditions: (please specify any allergies in those to specific food types, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc) other than already declared above?

Participant a) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant b) \_\_\_\_\_

6) Have you been in hospital or suffered any significant illness or incapacity in the last five years? If yes, please give details (date, condition etc).

Participant a) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant b) \_\_\_\_\_

7) In an emergency, please contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (w) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the 8-day Bibbulmun Highlights Tour is a group activity and I agree to abide by the decisions of the walk leaders. If I do not participate, or if I decide to leave the group for any reason I understand that I am not liable for recompense or recoup of fees and I will hold the event organisers free from any liability which may arise from my departure from the group. To the best of my knowledge I am in good health and will be fit enough to participate in the tour.

In signing this form I declare that I have read, understood and agree with the above and the booking terms and conditions as stated in the tour dossier. Also in signing this form I declare that to the best of my knowledge all I have written is true and correct.

Participant a) SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Participant b) SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the registration form.



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