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ADVENTURE SOUTH WEST

Join the TRUE NORTH in Esperance and discover the endless beaches that skirt Cape Le Grand. Encounter the wonders of the Bremer Bay Canyon. Indulge in delicacies from the sea - perhaps washed down with a bottle or two from the revered cellars of Margaret River. And prior to disembarking in Fremantle, revel in the party atmosphere of WA's favourite island playground - Rottnest Island. Includes joining flight from Perth to Esperance.



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Day 1 Perth

Your adventure begins in Perth – capital of the sprawling state of Western Australia. Occupying the entire western third of the Australian continent, Western Australia is Australia's largest state but despite its vastness, the state has just 2.6 million inhabitants representing only 11% of the nation's population. The capital is a modern and vibrant city that has been ranked as one of the World's Most Liveable Cities. Not a bad starting point for your adventure and it's just a short flight to the town of Esperance, on the state's stunning south coast. On arrival, we will transfer you to the on-board luxury of the TRUE NORTH and the delights of our renowned galley.

Day 2 Middle Island



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Middle Island is the largest of more than 100 islands and islets that make up the Recherche Archipelago, a chain of islands stretching 230km from Esperance to the Great Australian Bight. Go ashore to visit pristine Lake Hillier, first discovered in 1802 by Matthew Flinders who took samples from the lake and mentioned its existence in his journal. Lake Hillier will delight your eye, the contrast between the pink hue of the lake and royal blues of the Southern Ocean is simply striking. Enjoy a delectable lunch as TRUE NORTH cruises to Woody Island. The island is named for its towering tall trees, a rare sight in this Archipelago. Wander along one of the islands many walking trails and enjoy close encounters with curious birds and lazy lizards or take a plunge into the crystal-clear waters of Shearwater Bay and explore the marine life on the interpretive snorkel trail. The adventure boats will also be standing-by for guests who would like to wet a line!

Day 3 Duke of Orleans Bay

A short overnight cruise will take us to our anchorage at the secluded Duke of Orleans Bay. The area is home to numerous colonies of New Zealand fur seals and schools of bottlenose dolphins. Explore the underwater world on a dive or snorkel, enjoy a swim in the crystal clear waters or relax under the shade of one of our colourful umbrellas! Take a stand up board for a paddle or explore the coastline in one of our twin kayaks. Fishing boats will depart in search of tasty herring, tailor and whiting or set off to deeper reefs in search of pink snapper and dhufish! When you're not on excursion, relax onboard TRUE NORTH and enjoy our renowned cuisine in air-conditioned comfort. The licensed open-air bar will definitely be the spot to witness another spectacular 'West Coast Sunset'.

Day 4 The Bremer Bay

The Bremer Bay deep sea canyon lies 70 kilometres off the small town of Bremer Bay. The discovery of this biological hotspot is relatively new, marine scientists first visiting the site only a few years ago. During a short period over summer, a cold, salty current flows from the Antarctic, filling the canyon with nutrient filled water. This phenomenon attracts one of the Southern Hemispheres biggest seasonal populations of killer whales along with sharks, dolphins, sperm whales and giant squid. Make your way to the bow of TRUE NORTH for some optimal viewing! Our afternoon anchorage will be in the turquoise waters of Bremer Bay, this area is renowned for having some of the most beautiful, pristine white, beaches in the world. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the beach, swimming, snorkelling or fishing!

Day 5 Albany

Sample our fruit platter and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast before exploring the town of Albany. The town is the oldest colonial settlement in Western Australia, predating Perth and the port of Fremantle. Albany is well known for being the departure point of troop convoys bound for the First World War. Join a town tour to discover it's fascinating Aboriginal and European history and, visit the National ANZAC centre, honouring Australia and New Zealand's involvement in the First World War. There will also be opportunity to visit the town's historic Whaling Station - explore a historically preserved whale processing factory and whale chasing ship, the only experience of its kind in the world. Alternatively, join our knowledgeable guides for a fishing session targeting herring, King George whiting, flathead, cobbler and pink snapper. Then it will be time for cocktail hour on-board the TRUE NORTH before another unique dining experience.

Day 6 Hamelin Bay



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This morning we wake in picturesque Hamelin Bay. Be amongst the first on deck and join an early morning fishing expedition in one of the adventure boats or, join a shore party and meet the curious local stingrays who congregate along the water's edge to feed on scraps left by fisherman. The combination of friendly stingrays, plus the interesting fish and plant life in the bay make it an excellent snorkelling location. Afterwards, join a tour of the world-renowned Margaret River wine region. Sit back, relax and enjoy the informative commentary aboard our luxury coach while we guide you along the south west wine trail to culinary heaven! An exquisite lunch will showcase the finest of Margaret River's local farm produce and fresh seafood harvested from the area's pristine ocean.

Day 7 Cape Naturaliste

Begin the day with a leisurely walk around the rugged coast of Cape Naturaliste, these walking tracks are some of the very best in the Margaret River region, offering breath-taking views. The adventure boats will depart for a scenic meander along the coastline, be sure to keep your eye out for a local colony of New Zealand fur seals. Hopefully the keen fishers will continue to delight our chefs with an abundance of freshly caught fare! How about a visit to the settlement of Dunsborough - this is one of the state's favourite seaside resorts. In the afternoon the TRUE NORTH will shift anchorage to Eagle Bay. This long stretch of white sandy beach skirts stunning azure water and has a Mediterranean feel - without the crowds! Enjoy a cool beverage and hors d'oeuvres on the beach as we drink-in a blazing West Aussie sunset!

Day 8 Rottnest Island

Have you ever dreamed of swimming with wild dolphins? Experience an exhilarating and unique wildlife encounter that

will stay with you forever. With all equipment provided (including wetsuits), interact with these fascinating creatures amongst the sheltered waters of Rockingham's bays and islands. Then we're off to Rottnest Island! A protected nature reserve, it's home to the quokka, a small wallaby-like marsupial recently famed for posing in 'selfies' with celebrity visitors! There will be plenty of opportunity for beach combing on the Island, relaxed snorkelling in waist deep water or perhaps join today's quest for the catch of the day! Our divers can enjoy the warm waters of the Leeuwin current and explore reef which feature a variety of hard corals and fish, unique swim throughs, channels and caves! Alternatively, bus or bike your way around the island at your own leisure. Rottnest Island will prove to be a fun filled, action packed afternoon!

Day 9 Fremantle

With a vast and remarkable coast now discovered in style, it's time for your early-morning disembarkation in the port city of Fremantle.

Please Note:

Charter flight between Perth and Esperance is INCLUDED in the tariff. This is a sample itinerary only. Prevailing conditions, local arrangements and indeed, what we discover on the day, may cause variation. Helicopter flights can be purchased additional to the indicated tariff as a package or individually.

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The TRUE NORTH allows discerning adventurers to experience wilderness in surroundings more akin to one of the world's most exclusive hotels. Guests are able to take advantage of a number of lavish vantage points including a sundeck, a forward observation lounge, a ship's lounge and an alfresco bar. The ship's naturalist presents interpretative information on plasma screens and, an internet cafe enables convenient communication with the outside world. A popular venue on any North Star cruise, the lower deck dining room offers the ultimate in comfort and uninterrupted vista - large panoramic windows ensure that guests never miss any of the action, even when they are enjoying the 'finest in fine dining'. All cabins feature stylish decor, en-suite facilities, in-house entertainment and satellite telephones. The Explorer Class staterooms and the River Class cabins offer king size beds that can be converted to singles and the Ocean Class twins feature roomy single beds. Multiple expedition boats provide guests with greater opportunity to do "what they want, when they want" and, to add yet another dimension to adventure, most cruise options feature an onboard helicopter! The purpose built TRUE NORTH is able to explore the upper reaches of shallow river systems - guests need only step

out of their cabins to experience wilderness and, the latest in computer controlled motion stabilizers ensures a



comfortable ride.

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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Upper Deck

Explorer Class

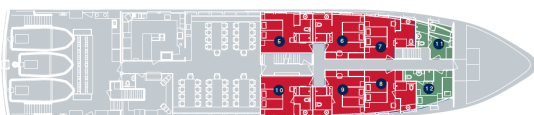
1. Bradshaw
2. Dampier
3. Durack
4. Parker King



Main Deck

River Class & Ocean Class

5. Prince Regent River
6. Mitchell River
7. Berkeley River
8. Drysdale River
9. Hunter River
10. King George River
11. Camden Harbour
12. Lacepede Islands



Lower Deck

Ocean Class

13. Koolama Bay
14. Montgomery Reef
15. Jackson Falls
16. Kings Cascade
17. Imperieuse Reef
18. Atlantis Bay



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