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## **Gourmet Safari to Margaret River-Sample Itinerary** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - late light lunch, dinner**

8.45 Depart Perth for Margaret River (meeting point to be advised). Meet our guides Don Hancey and Peter Manifis - two of WA's top chefs and delightful blokes. We are aiming to leave Perth at 9am for **Bunker Bay Resort**. We're stopping at the town of Bunbury for a light lunch in the private dining room overlooking the water at beautiful restaurant Vat 2.

Arrive at glorious Bunker Bay Resort, our home for the next 4 nights, set on a perfect beach at the edge of a National Park. There's a good swimming pool, small gym and great spa and treatment rooms (you may want to make a booking in advance) Accommodation is in light airy villas with tea/coffee making facilities. We'll enjoy an easy and relaxing night with dinner at resort cooked by chefs Don and Peter - alfresco upmarket BBQ style.

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – B, lunch, light dinner**

Breakfast at the resort – one of the delights of being on holiday – one of the best breakfast buffets we've seen which you can eat on the deck with a view of the beach. Today we take the scenic Caves Rd south to the most south-western point in WA. Visit Hamelin Bay to walk the beautiful expanse of white sands. Visit Cape Leeuwin where two oceans meet. For the energetic, there may be the opportunity to climb the lighthouse. We have morning tea of freshly made scones and jam with tea and coffee in the shadow the lighthouse ...then on to meet two of the characters of the area – riverboat captain Jan and her lobster fisherman husband who is providing the freshest catch for lunch on the river served with stunning Margaret River Chardonnays and Semillons. We then return to the resort after visiting Margaret River Providore.

Dinner at the resort - light mezze style platters which will feature the delicious work of local smokehouse producers Midge and Juan famous. Accompanied by local wine.

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - B, lunch, dinner**

Breakfast at the resort. Mid morning we'll set off for the impressive Leeuwin Estate, home of the famous Leeuwin Estate Concerts, have a stroll through the grounds and then a behind the scenes tour where work is full on with this year's vintage.

View some of the artwork in the estate's elegant gallery and taste some of the fabulous wines in the cellar. We then settle into the wide expanse of restaurant to sample one perfect course....then over the hill to the stunning grounds of Voyager Estate for a walk through the vines and our 2<sup>nd</sup> course prepared by Chef Nigel Harvey, a recent gold plate award winner. Post lunch coffee is served at local coffee roaster Yahava Coffee who have some wonderful blends – including Gourmet Safaris own blend! Return to the resort to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Dinner includes a walk along the famous Busselton Quay as the sun sets over the water – lovely for East coasters! We start with beautiful sparkling Cape Mentelle wine on the deck of the acclaimed Goose Restaurant then move into the private dining room for a special 2 course dinner prepared by chef and owner Rhys Passmore.

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – B, lunch**

Breakfast at the resort. Mid morning departure for a leisurely drive to the famous Margaret River Berry Farm where we'll try some of the produce for morning tea then go to the cliffs at the mouth of the Margaret River and stand on one of the most scenic lookouts along the WA coast – watch the intrepid surfers ride breaks for up to a kilometre when the conditions are right. More outdoor action as we take a walk through the incredible stands of ancient karri forest ...working up an appetite for lunch with one of the queens of Margaret River – the famous Kate Lamont whose 5 course "food and wine conversation" will be one of the highlights of the trip. Her pretty restaurant is set on a beautiful stretch of water which also houses the Gunyulgup Art Gallery, filled with work from local artists and some great jewellery. Free night to relax or have dinner in the resort restaurant.

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – B, lunch**

Breakfast at the resort – take your time or have a last walk around the beach or national park – we'll leave at 11am and go and visit one of the clever new producers in the area – the Margaret River Venison Farm, have a taste of

their products and also hear the amazing health properties of deer antlers as a youth/beauty product – they have this substance powdered and mixed with some lovely local honey which was a hit on the last trip.

Our last meal in the Margaret River area is at the sensational Vasse Felix winery where our friend Michael will take us on a tour of the winery with tastings and the opportunity to view Janet Holmes a Court Art gallery. Meet Chef Aaron Carr for one delicious course...followed by a cheese platter at the biodynamic winery Cullens.

Last stop for the day is for a tour and tasting at Howard Park winery, makers of Mad Fish wines...we arrange ourselves decoratively in their impressive boardroom for a taste of some of their best then snuggle in for the return trip to Perth.

Settle into our hotel (centrally located and within minutes from the Hay St mall. Within easy reach of Perth's museums, art galleries, parks, restaurants, shopping). Tonight is a free night to relax.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Brunch**

The end of the official tour – we enjoy a lovely light brunch with a glass of fabulous Sparkling wine in one of Perth's most stunning panoramic spots – **Halo Restaurant at the Barrack Street Jetty** – a 10 minute walk away from the hotel along the riverfront. We say our farewells and free you up to go and explore Perth and lovely Fremantle down the road with all its outdoor eating spots, to drive out to the Swan River - its a great spot less than an hour from the centre...or to hop a plane home.

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### **Costs: \$2395.00 per person twin share land content only. Plus single supplement**

**Includes: 4 nights 5 star resort accommodation, 1 night accommodation in Perth, 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 lunches, 3 dinners accompanied by wine, all food and wine tastings, tours, tour guide and coach transport.**

**Note: This is a sample itinerary and subject to change. Times are to give an indication only. Meeting point and hotel in Perth to be confirmed.**

#### **Terms and conditions**

**Deposit and Payment:** A **non-refundable deposit** of \$300 per person is required on confirmation in order to secure your reservation. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure date.

**Special Requirements:** Please advise Gourmet Safaris of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc., as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness it is imperative that you bring with you motion sickness pills as we travel by boat and coach through sometimes winding roads.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice at the time of booking. Insurance covers cancellation fees payable for airline tickets, accommodation, loss of deposit, luggage etc. Normal travel insurance conditions apply. (Insurance may not cover trip cancellation due to pre-existing medical conditions). Please read your policy carefully.

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