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## GOURMET SAFARI - MARGARET RIVER

### SAMPLE ITINERARY ONLY

#### **DAY 1 : L,D**

Morning departure from Perth by bus for Margaret River. We have a drive of 3 ½ hours to the beautiful **Smiths Beach Resort** with a stop for lunch along the way.

At Smith's Beach, you'll have a long stretch of pure white sand at your doorstep, the resort surrounded by national park. It's an incredible spot.

We're greeting with a glass of sparkling wine before you settle into your own private beach 'shack' – a smart little house all to yourself. Check out [www.smithsbeachresort.com.au](http://www.smithsbeachresort.com.au) <<http://www.smithsbeachresort.com.au/>>  
**PREVU PROPERTY** <<http://share.prevu.tv/8152/smiths-beach-resort.html>>

Welcome dinner

#### **DAY 2 : B, L, D**

Breakfast from the wonderful gourmet hamper provided – so nice not to have to face the world first thing!

Today we take the scenic Caves Rd south to the most south-western point in Western Australia and we'll 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 one of the characters of the area – riverboat captain Jan whose lobster fisherman husband provides the freshest catch for lunch on the river served with stunning Margaret River Chardonnays and Semillons.

We then return to the resort. You'll have time to walk along the beach, relax or have a massage.

Dinner tonight is a relaxed barbecue with a couple of local food and wine producers.

#### **DAY 3 – B, L**

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 a stroll around one of the west's best scenic spots - the cliffs at the mouth of the Margaret where you can watch the intrepid surfers ride breaks for up to a kilometre when the conditions are right.

We'll also have a walk through the incredible stands of ancient karri forest ...working up an appetite for a delightful extended lunch with one of Margaret River's long term residents and font of knowledge on food and wine – Vasse Felix's Michael Whyte who with his partner Fee Menzies Stirton owns an estate they call The Enchanted Forest, set on the banks of the Margaret River. [www.laforetenchantee.com.au](http://www.laforetenchantee.com.au)

Start with a glass of champagne and enjoy exquisite food prepared by the estate's private chef – all in truly picturesque surrounds.

Free evening

#### **DAY 4 – B, L, D**

Breakfast at the resort then checkout ready to move into town.

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. We also meet with Leeuwin Chef Danny Angove, a long time resident of Margaret River and a thoughtful and innovative cook.

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. Return to the resort to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Tonight we are moving to comfortable one bedroom apartments overlooking a little forest, tucked at one end of Margaret River township. Previous groups have wanted a bit of "town time", to browse the pretty galleries and local shops and head out for a coffee.

Dinner tonight is at Must Wine Bar, a short walk from our hotel.

#### **DAY 5 – B, L**

Breakfast and checkout then we visit some of the clever food producers in the area – Olio Bello which makes some wonderful olive oils and is winning legions of fans for its infused oils as well.

Then to the Margaret River Venison Farm, to have a taste of their products and 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 (a big hit on previous trips.)

Our last meal in the Margaret River area is at the sensational Vasse Felix winery where our friend Michael Whyte will take us on a tour of the winery with tastings and the opportunity to view Janet Holmes a Court's Art collection. Meet Chef Aaron Carr for one delicious course...followed by a cheese platter and wine tasting at the neighbouring biodynamic winery Cullens, one of the very first vineyards established in the region and home to some truly exceptional wins.

Drive to Perth and settle into our hotel (within easy reach of Perth's museums, art galleries, parks, restaurants, shopping). Tonight is a free night to relax.

#### **DAY 6 - Brunch**

Join us for a fabulous brunch with a glass of fabulous Sparkling wine in one of Perth's new favourites – the Greenzone Restaurant.

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:**

\$3057.00 per person twin share land content only

\$494.00 single supplement

#### **Includes:**

4 nights accommodation in Margaret River (3 at Smiths Beach Resort and 1 at Quest Margaret River) , 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.