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Music Tour

with **John Howie**

18 October to 2 November 2026

Visiting Perth, Fremantle, Rottnest Island, Margaret River, Pemberton, Albany, Esperance, Hyden (Wave Rock), and The Pinnacles



The Pinnacles National Park



**Including WA
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Join me for an experience you will never forget. This is a fabulous tour, visiting the beautiful south-west region of Western Australia, famous of its dramatic coastal scenery, tall trees, & semi-arid inland/wheat belt scenery. With the tour happening in October/early November, we should enjoy a spectacular display of W.A.'s world-famous wildflowers. The tour visits many iconic sites, including The Pinnacles, Wave Rock, & Rottnest Island. Plus, a feast of great Aussie music and bush poetry! – John Howie



Bluegrass Parkway

Bluegrass Parkway, from W.A., is Australia's most highly credentialed and experienced bluegrass band. The band places a high priority on presenting bluegrass in its most authentic traditional form; e.g., performances take place around a single microphone. Another feature of the band is the very entertaining on-stage repartee that takes place between band members.

DAY 1 Sunday October 18, 2026

Perth

Early afternoon: Our coach will do one pick-up at the airport, for those flying into Perth this morning. **Mid-afternoon:** Sightseeing coach tour of Perth, with local guide. See the Governor's Residence, Parliament House, Perth University and the impressive new multi-purpose Optus Stadium. Visit Kings Park and the spectacular Western Australian Botanic Garden, which displays over 3,000 species of W.A.'s unique flora. Learn about the incredible array of wildflowers found throughout W.A. **Evening:** Commencement of Tour dinner, including a few songs from John Howie. **Overnight:** Metro Hotel Perth City. (D)

DAY 2 Monday October 19, 2026

The Pinnacles / Perth

Travel north (via the coast road) to Nambung National Park, home of The Pinnacles (thousands of limestone pillars rising up to 5 metres high). These peculiar geological formations were formed by calcified limestone approx. 30,000 years ago. Before visiting The Pinnacles we visit The Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre. We will then visit the Lobster Shack, in the town of Cervantes, for lunch (excellent seafood). After lunch enjoy the Lobster Shack's Factory Tour, where we will learn about lobster processing and the multi-million dollar local lobster industry. Near Cervantes visit Lake Thetis, where we see, and learn about, stromatolites (living descendants of the earliest life-forms to appear on earth – literally living fossils). Return to Perth via the inland road (the Brand Hwy). **Evening:** Enjoy dinner at the excellent Old Shanghai Asian Food Court, in the Perth suburb of Northbridge. (B)

DAY 3 Tuesday October 20, 2026

Margaret River

Travel to the south-west corner of WA. Visit the port city of Bunbury, WA's second largest city. Enjoy panoramic coach tour of Bunbury. We may catch a glimpse of Bunbury's famous bottlenose dolphins. Continue on to Busselton, where you can go for a walk on the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere (or ride along the jetty on the electric and solar-powered train [optional]). Near the end of the jetty, visit Busselton's excellent Underwater Observatory (explore the depths of Geographe Bay, to witness incredible marine life). Then proceed to the town of Margaret River, located in one of the premium wine-growing regions of the world. Enjoy a panoramic coach tour of the town and surrounding vineyards. Visit local winery, Brown Hill Estate, for an informative introductory talk & wine-tasting. **Evening:** Dinner in our hotel's restaurant, including entertainment by excellent local duo, Scott Wise & Louise Marsh. **Overnight:** Stay Margaret River. (B,WineTasting,D)

DAY 4 Wednesday October 21, 2026

Margaret River

Today we explore the beautiful area immediately south of Margaret River. **Morning:** Visit the majestic Boranup Forest (karri trees, reaching heights of 50 metres or more), including a visit to Boranup Gallery (wood gallery & art gallery), if available. Then visit the beach at Hamelin Bay, where we may see some of the famous Hamelin Bay stingrays. Finally, guided tour of Jewel Cave (optional, as there are many steep steps). Explore 3 massive chambers adorned with glittering crystal formations.



Busselton Jetty



Kauri forest

Afternoon: Visit Cape Leeuwin (where the Southern & Indian Oceans meet). We'll allow time for you to do a half-hour guided tour of the spectacular Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse (optional). Back in Margaret River, visit impressive Surfer's Beach, then have time for shopping in Margaret River's main shopping precinct. **Evening:** A free night for you to explore Margaret River's restaurants & live music venues at your leisure. (B)

DAY 5 Thursday October 22, 2026

Pemberton

Morning: Travel to the inland town of Pemberton. Along the way visit the Beedelup Falls, in Greater Beedelup National Park. On arrival in Pemberton visit the local Visitor Centre (including museum). The south-west corner of WA is famous for its giant karri, jarrah, & tingle trees. We will see some amazing tall tree forests in this region. **Afternoon:** Visit one of the impressive 'climbing trees', on the outskirts of town....either the Gloucester Tree (used as a fire lookout tree) or the Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree. We then travel on the Pemberton Tramway, which travels through deep forests & picturesque countryside as well as telling the story of the timber railways that were so important in the region's development & growth. **Evening:** Enjoy dinner in our hotel followed by a fun-filled music/singalong session, hosted by John Howie. **Overnight:** Karri Forest Motel. (B,D)

DAY 6 Friday October 23, 2026

Albany

Drive through Shannon National Park, to the town of Walpole. On the outskirts of Walpole, do the 5km Knoll Scenic Drive, on a peninsula between two bodies of water. After morning tea in Walpole, do the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk in Walpole-Nornalup National Park. The raised, tree-top walkway gives you a bird's eye view of some of the tallest trees on Earth – W.A.'s majestic tingle trees. Then proceed to the town of Denmark. On the way visit Green's Pool & Elephant Rocks (granite rocks that look like elephants). Lunch & time to look at the interesting shops/art galleries, etc., in Denmark. **Afternoon:** Travel to Albany. Albany is the oldest European settlement in W.A., and was a major whaling station. On arrival, visit South Coast WoodWorks Gallery (lovely furniture; award-winning wood products). **Evening:** Enjoy dinner, and performance by the outstanding David Rastrick Jazz Band, at excellent Albany music pub/venue, Six Degrees. **Overnight:** Albany Motel & Apartments. (B)

DAY 7 Saturday October 24, 2026

Albany

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of historic Albany, with local guide. Take in magnificent views of King George Sound and Princess Royal Harbour. Head up to the Mt Clarence Desert Corp Memorial and Padre White Lookout, for amazing views of Albany. Walk along the boardwalk at Middleton Beach & drop in at the Albany Visitor Centre/old train station. Also, visit the excellent National ANZAC Centre. **Afternoon:** Visit the Gap and Natural Bridge, and Misery Beach (named Australia's Best Beach, in 2022), in Torndirrup N.P., on the outskirts of Albany. Finally, visit the oldest surviving house in W.A. – the Patrick Taylor Cottage Museum. **Evening:** Join John Howie, on a visit to one of Albany's top music venues; e.g., The Hideaway, White Star Hotel, Boston Brewing co., or Six Degrees (all 'optional'). (B)



The Lost Quays



David Rastrick Jazz Band



Scott Wise & Louise Marsh Duo



The Lost Quays is a well-known 10 voice male vocal group, from Fremantle, that performs sea shanties and other songs of the sea! The group performs both a cappella (unaccompanied) and with a sprinkling of guitar, mandolin & concertina. The Lost Quays perform with energy and good humour and relish a strong audience connection. As well as traditional & nautical folk material, from around the world, the group also performs some original material.

David Rastrick is a trumpet player, vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter/arranger, band leader and session musician, from the Albany region of WA. His Jazztrix Quartet jazz band play a wide array of jazz styles for your listening and dancing pleasure – from swing to Bossa Nova, soul-jazz blues, ballads and more. The band has a swingin’ repertoire of jazz classics as well as a set of tasteful and innovative original compositions.

Margaret River musicians, Scott Wise and Louise Marsh, look forward to entertaining us with vintage jazz, rhythm and blues, country music favourites, and even some well-chosen pop songs. Louise (tenor saxophone, ukulele and vocals) is a Margaret River General Practitioner (doctor). Scott is a musician (guitar and vocals) and guitar maker of over 50 years’ experience. They are both members of long-established Margaret River jazz and dance band, *Doxy*.

DAY 8 Sunday October 25, 2026

Hopetoun

Morning: Depart Albany, heading north-east to the coastal town of Hopetoun. Near Albany, visit the Stirling Range N.P., a botanic reserve, including the mighty Bluff Knoll (the highest peak of the Stirling Range). It’s one of the world’s most important areas for flora, with 1500 species, many of which grow nowhere else. The wildflowers, in October, should be fantastic. *Afternoon:* Heading east, visit the Fitzgerald River N.P....another botanical paradise. On arrival in Hopetoun, visit Barrrens Beach & 4 Mile Beach (pristine beaches), and East Mount Barren (for panoramic ocean views & diverse wildflowers). *Evening:* After dinner at one of Hopetoun’s excellent eateries, enjoy a fun-filled Bush Poetry session, hosted by John Howie. Please recite your favourite Aussie bush poem/s! *Overnight:* Hopetoun Motel. (B)

DAY 9 Monday October 26, 2026

Esperance

Morning: Travel to Esperance, where ‘the golden outback meets the Southern Ocean and a string of stunning white-sand beaches’. On arrival, panoramic coach tour of the town. *Afternoon:* Enjoy a 2 hour scenic wildlife cruise showcasing Esperance’s stunning coastline and nearby islands. Explore the Recherche Archipelago, home to fur seals, sea lions, Cape Barren geese and dolphins, with the chance to snorkel in remarkably clear waters. *Evening:* After dinner at our accommodation, a free night for you to relax or explore Esperance at your leisure. *Overnight:* Hospitality Esperance. (B,D)



DAY 12 Thursday October 29, 2026

Wave Rock, Hyden

Today we will explore Hyden’s various attractions. Enjoy the natural wonder of Wave Rock. More than 2.7 billion years old, rising 15 metres and stretching over 100 metres, this granite formation looks like a wave frozen in motion. Nearby is Hippo’s Yawn, a cavernous rock shaped like a yawning hippo. Our hostess (at Hyden Hotel), Sheenah Collins, has developed other amazing Hyden attractions – the Lace Place (an outstanding lace museum), the Toy Soldier Museum, Wildlife Park, & Pioneer Town Museum. You will be provided with a ‘Hyden Gold Pass’, which provides admission to all these attractions. *Evening:* After dinner John Howie will give an informative talk on Songwriting, & we will write a song together. Who knows...we might write a hit song?!! (B)



DAY 10 Tuesday October 27, 2026

Esperance

Morning: Visit Cape Le Grand N.P., east of Esperance. The rugged coastline has large granite outcrops, and idyllic white beaches. Inland, the rolling heathlands are home to pygmy possums, western grey kangaroos and a diversity of colourful wildflowers including dense thickets of showy banksia. We will visit Lucky Bay, featuring white sand, turquoise water – ideal for swimming – and the resident kangaroos, lounging on the beach. *Afternoon:* Visit the excellent Esperance Museum, offering glimpses into the region’s past and its connection to the land & sea. Then, enjoy the 38 km circular loop Great Ocean Drive, to the west of town, which includes Twilight Beach, Rotary Lookout, Observatory Point and the Pink Lake. *Evening:* Explore the local eateries. There are Indian, Chinese & Thai restaurants in Esperance. (B)

DAY 11 Wednesday October 28, 2026

Wave Rock, Hyden

Depart Esperance and head in a north-westerly direction, to Wave Rock / Hyden. Stop in Ravensthorpe where we will visit the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Herbarium (if available), and have lunch. Continue, through W.A.’s wheat belt, before arriving in Hyden. The region is known for its diverse wildflowers & other unique flora, including various Banksias, Mulla Mulla, & Grevilleas. *Evening:* After dinner at our hotel, enjoy a fun-filled singalong/music session. Please bring your instruments & voices, and join in! The hotel has a grand piano! *Overnight:* Hyden Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 13 Friday October 30, 2026

Perth

Continue in a westerly direction, to Perth. On the way visit the intriguing Corrigan Dog Cemetery, and the Tin Horse Highway, near the town of Kulin (see amusing roadside sculptures of horses, made out of farm junk). Have lunch in the town of York, the oldest inland town in WA. Enjoy panoramic tour of York, with many lovingly restored historic buildings. On arrival in Perth, check into our hotel. *Evening:* A free night, for you to explore Perth’s restaurants & live music venues. *Overnight:* Novotel Langley Hotel. (B)

DAY 14 Saturday October 31, 2026

Fremantle / Perth

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Fremantle, including a visit to The Roundhouse (originally a prison; oldest building in WA). Visit the bronze statue of the late Bon Scott (lead singer, AC/DC). Enjoy guided tour of historic Fremantle Prison (a World Heritage Site) & visit the outstanding W.A. Shipwrecks Museum. *Afternoon:* Free time in Fremantle. You may wish to visit The Record Finder (an outstanding 2nd hand record shop in Fremantle). *Evening:* You may like to enjoy a Fish ‘n’ Chips dinner (there are many excellent seafood establishments in Fremantle). After dinner enjoy a special performance by excellent local sea shanty group, The Lost Quays. *Overnight:* Metro Hotel Perth City. (B)

DAY 15 Sunday November 1, 2026

Rottneest Island / Perth

Today we visit Rottneest Island, 19 kms west of Fremantle. The island is known for its laid-back atmosphere (cars are not allowed on the island), its native wildlife (including the quokka...a small native marsupial), and its beautiful beaches & bays. Travel to & from the island by ferry. Enjoy Adams Coaches’ Grand Island Tour (incl. train trip to & from Oliver Hill Gun Fortification & Tunnels, light lunch, & coach tour of the island). *Evening:* Back in Perth, enjoy End of Tour Dinner, in our hotel, including performance by outstanding Perth bluegrass band, Bluegrass Parkway. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 Monday November 2, 2026

Home

Morning: After breakfast commence your journey home. Our coach will do 1 transfer to the airport, for those flying home this afternoon. If organising your own flight home, we suggest you don’t organise flights prior to 12 mid-day.

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The tour price \$ 6,395 per person, twin-share
Single supplement \$ 1,890

Included in the tour price:

- Travel in first-class chartered coaches throughout.
- Accommodation in well-located hotels and motels, on a twin-share basis, with private facilities, throughout.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Daily breakfast (except for Day 1); 6 dinners; 1 lunch; 1 wine-tasting.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Entry to all music performances specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- 1 coach transfer from Perth airport to our hotel, early afternoon, Day 1, and 1 coach transfer from our hotel to Perth airport, Monday morning, November 2nd. Please note: our group members planning to fly into Perth on Sunday October 18th, need to book flights that arrive no later than 1pm; tour group members planning to avail themselves of the coach (from our hotel to the airport), on Monday November 2nd, need to book flights that depart Perth no earlier than 12 midday.
- Coach tours of Perth, Fremantle, Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, York, & Rottnest Island, with local step-on guides in Perth and Albany. The coach driver does the commentary on Rottnest Island.
- 2 hour scenic wildlife cruise, in Esperance.
- 'Landing' fee, on arrival at Rottnest Island.
- Return ferry fare, from Perth to Rottnest Island.
- Grand Rottnest Island Tour (see details in itinerary).
- Sightseeing tour and wine tasting at a Margaret River winery.
- National Park fees.
- Tour management by John Howie

Not included in the price:

- Flights to and from Perth. Please talk to our Travel Consultant about flights.
Please note: everybody needs to be in Perth, ready to commence Sightseeing Coach Tour of Perth, at 2.30pm on Sunday October 18th.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified (as 'included' meals) in the itinerary.
- No morning or afternoon teas are included.
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.

Optional Activities: Jewel Cave. (Day 4). 1 hour guided tour. This is a spectacular cave, but quite a lot of steep steps involved. Cost, as at December 2025: Adults \$25; Seniors (60+) \$23. Probably 10% discount, p/p, if we get 10 or more people.

Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse guided tour. (Day 4). 30 minute guided tour. There are 176 steps to the top of mainland Australia's tallest lighthouse. Cost, as at December 2025: Adults \$22.

Please indicate (if you wish to go on any of the optional activities) by ticking the appropriate tick boxes, on the tour booking form.



John Howie is part of The Howie Brothers, one of Australia's leading country music / easy listening acts. John and his twin brother, Graeme, have been performing, recording, & writing songs for over 40 years and are renowned for their distinctive vocal harmony sound. John plays a variety of instruments, including piano, guitar, accordion, mandolin, ukulele, & drums. John has been running successful Music Tours & Music Cruises for over 30 years.

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the musical entertainment in the itinerary is unavailable, we will make every effort to replace that entertainment with similar performers/events.



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