

IN THE WILD

nature & wildlife tours

small groups
2 to 8 people



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**TOURS
PROGRAM
2013 - 2015**



"This is such a complete wildlife experience - mammals, reptiles and birds"
Martin, Wildlife Guide



Tour 2: Koalas & Kangaroos IN THE WILD! 1 Day

Interact with wild animals in their natural habitats on this full day, fully-inclusive eco-tour, led by an experienced Wildlife Guide.

Walk through natural bushland to meet wild koalas, then learn about each one's history from your Wildlife Guide and Koala Researcher. Help remove Boneseed weed and make a difference to koala habitat.

Join wild mobs of Kangaroos on the plains and in open Bushland. Their natural instinct is to flee humans, but with care we often get close enough to take photographs and observe their complex social life.

Your Wildlife Guide will help you find and understand parrots, fairy-wrens, emus, possums, wallabies and lizards too.

LOCATION: The You Yangs and Serendip - National Park properties on the Great Western Plains 45 minutes west of Melbourne.

DURATION: 1 Day - approx 8 hours

DEPARTURES: daily from Melbourne city 8.40 to 9:30am all year, except Christmas and Boxing Days. **Returns:** to Melbourne 5 to 6pm.

TOUR GROUP SIZE: 2 to 8 adults

MEAL INCLUDED: a substantial picnic-style bush lunch with traditional Billy Tea

Volunteer/Conservation component: Just by being there you are helping wildlife: part of your tour cost goes to research. Optional other activities include: searching for koalas and other wildlife, recording of wildlife sightings, hand-pulling of Boneseed (an invasive weed that threatens koala habitat).

Tour 1: Wildlife Conservation Journey 4 Days

Connect with nature on this fully-inclusive small group journey into the wildlife-rich forests of Australia's coastal wilderness.

Visit magnificent stands of giant eucalypt forest, walk in rainforest, along untouched ocean beaches and beside secluded rivers in search of wallabies, koalas, goanna lizards, gliding possums, lyrebirds, parrots, black swans and many other birds.

Help conserve the beautiful places and wildlife you see. Your Wildlife Guide will teach you to find wildlife, record and submit your sightings to Australia's highly respected bird and mammal atlases.

Each night return to the comforts of owner-operated lodge-style accommodation.

LOCATION: East of Melbourne in south-east Australia. Visit Raymond Island, Lake Tyers Forest Park, Snowy River National Park, Cabbage Tree Palms, Cape Conran Coastal Park and the mouth of the Snowy River.

DURATION: 4 days

DAYS OF DEPARTURE: On request, Sundays September through May except through Christmas/Boxing Days (Dec 25 and 26)

MEALS INCLUDED: 4 lunches, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION: 3 nights at lodge-style "Snowy River Homestead" overlooking the Snowy River

download a full itinerary and prices at www.echidnawalkabout.com.au



"This tour is the best way to see wild Kangaroos and Koalas as they really are"
Bill, Wildlife Guide



Tour 3: Great Ocean Road 3 Days

Absorb this dramatic coastline on a fully-inclusive small group journey. See wildlife IN THE WILD with an experienced Wildlife Guide. Stay at 4.5 star accommodation in iconic locations. Dine as guests of the owners on a secluded farm overlooking the ocean.

Join your Wildlife Guide to find wild Koalas, Kangaroos, Echidnas and birds – both of the sea and the land – in their natural habitats. Walk along the beach and feel the waves of the mighty Southern Ocean. Photograph wildflowers in species-rich heathlands. Let yourself be driven along a hidden river as it opens up into a wonderland of lakes and wetlands. View the plains from the top of an extinct volcano.

With 20 years of experience in this region, we can show you the highlights and the hidden secrets of this magnificent area.

LOCATION: West of Melbourne in south-east Australia. Visit Serendip, You Yangs, Great Otway NP, the Great Ocean Road, Twelve Apostles, volcanoes and lakes of the Western Plains.

DURATION: 3 days

DAYS OF DEPARTURE: On request, except through Christmas/Boxing Days

MEALS INCLUDED:
3 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION:
2 nights at 4.5 star boutique properties

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Tour 4: Croajingolong Journey 4 Days PRIVATE TOUR

Relax in luxury, surrounded by wildlife beside Croajingolong National Park!

See wild koalas, watch wild kangaroos and enjoy the chorus of parrots, cockatoos, swans and honeyeaters – all within a short distance of your luxury apartment. There's no rush on your private journey.

Your experienced Wildlife Guide will take you into the secret spots in this magnificent wilderness. Wander through gum-tree forests full of birds, cruise a quiet coastal lake, stroll along a remote beach gazing at the wild Southern Ocean.

The tour begins with a short flight from Melbourne or Sydney, so this tour can be part of a through journey: Melbourne to Sydney or Sydney to Melbourne.

LOCATION: East of Melbourne in south-east Australia. Visit Croajingolong NP, Gipsy Point and the Mallacoota Lakes

DURATION: 4 days

DAYS OF DEPARTURE: On request, except through Christmas/Boxing Days.

MEALS INCLUDED:
3 lunches, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION: 3 nights at lodge-style Gipsy Point Lakeside Boutique Resort

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"The wildlife we see on this trip is brilliant! Every time it's something different"
Paul, Wildlife Guide



"So much wildness and wildlife in one place – I love it. Croajingolong is paradise"
Janine, Wildlife Guide



Tour 5: Mungo Outback Journey 3 Days

PRIVATE TOUR

Discover the animals and history of the Outback at Lake Mungo in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area. Travel expansive red dirt plains sprinkled with Kangaroos, Emus and Pink Cockatoos. Walk in the shade of Desert Pines searching for brilliant parrots and sleepy lizards. Climb ancient sand dunes with an Aboriginal Guide who will show you the stone tools and artefacts of his culture.

Your private journey is conducted by experienced Wildlife and Aboriginal Guides who reveal Mungo's arid land wildlife and ancient Aboriginal Heritage.

Experience the peace of the Australian Outback whilst staying in the small town of Wentworth beside the junction of Australia's iconic rivers, the Murray and Darling.

LOCATION: North-west of Melbourne, near the small towns of Wentworth and Mildura. Visit Mungo NP, the junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers and sand dune desert country.

DURATION: 3 days

DAYS OF DEPARTURE:
On request, March through November

MEALS INCLUDED:
3 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights at friendly 4 star motel beside a bird-filled billabong.

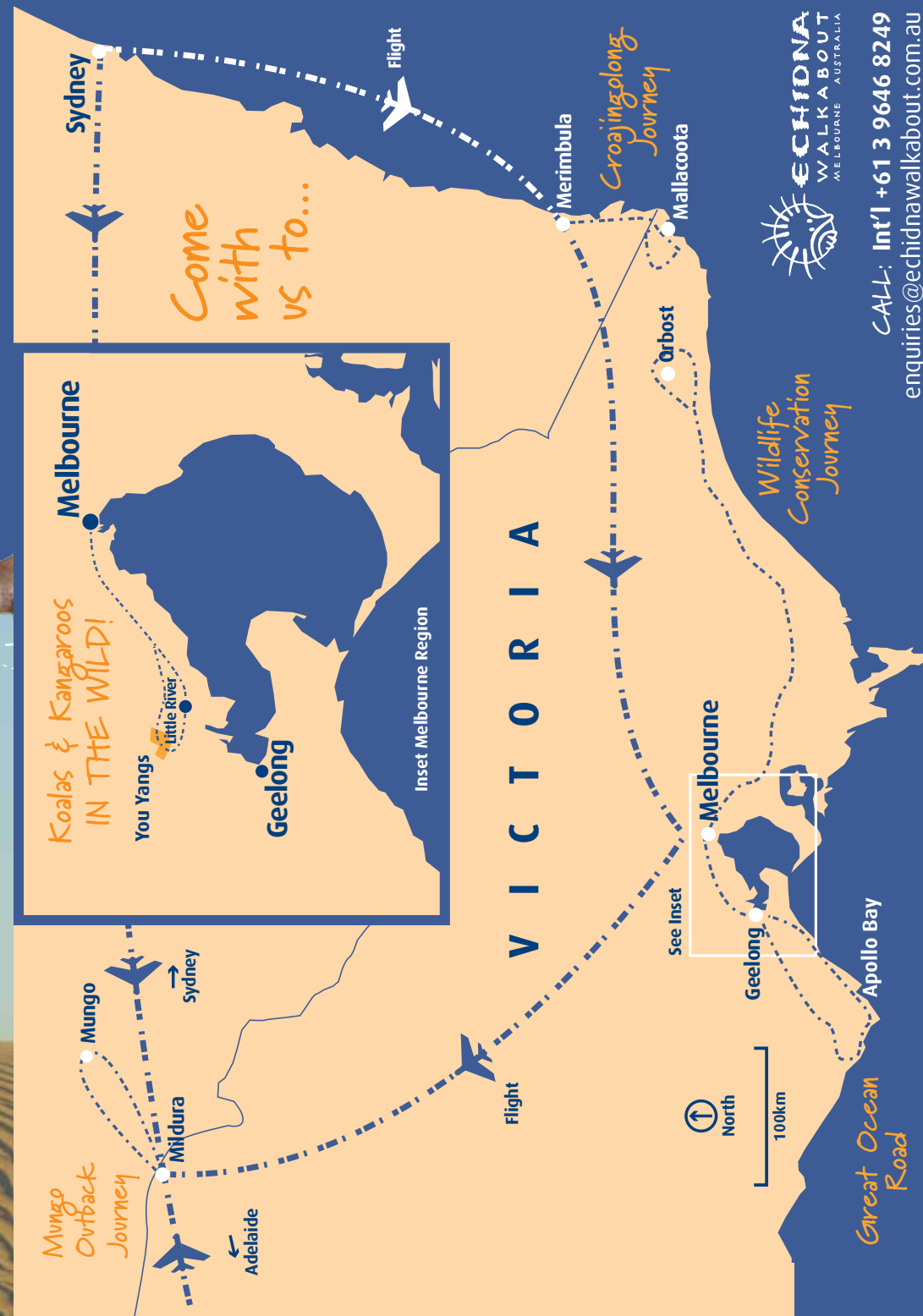
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"Seeing a vast horizon filled with Kangaroos and walking the same land as generations of Aboriginal People - this is my Australia"
Roger, Wildlife Guide



Photo: Harry Nanya Tours



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UNDERSTANDING AUSTRALIA'S WILDLIFE... IN THE WILD

All animals we visit are wild. Wildness is dynamic! We'll help you experience nature at its best, where each day is a new mystery and each encounter is unique. Where what matters most of all is the wildlife.

You'll see the natural behaviour of these wild animals by approaching slowly and quietly without disturbing them.

While we focus on the big mammals – kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, possums and wombats – we're also keen to show you birds, reptiles, frogs and insects too!

Highly trained Wildlife Guides, Field Guides and a comprehensive research program ensure you will see the best wildlife possible.

How to book

CALL: International: +61 3 9646 8249

In Australia: 03 9646 8249

EMAIL: enquiries@echidnawalkabout.com.au

Office hours are 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday. Outside of those hours a phone message can be left on our answering machine and will be responded to promptly.

For details, terms and cancellation conditions go to: www.echidnawalkabout.com.au

Make a Home for Clancy Koala!

Clancy is a 2 year old wild male koala. He's left his mum and needs a home. All the good spots in his area are taken by bigger, stronger males. But you can help!

Pull out a weed that is degrading koala habitat, help us take notes about koalas and other wildlife or remove rubbish. You can be a part of our wildlife's future.

Just one year of Koalas & Kangaroos IN THE WILD will create a new home for a wild koala like Clancy. Come and meet him and his family!

For more information go to:

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"Koalas are amazing. I spend most of my time with them and they surprise and delight me constantly!"

Mary, Koala Researcher



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