



Cape to Cape 8 Day 'End-to-End' Detailed Itinerary

Experience the full diversity of the Track with an adventure of a lifetime on a Cape to Cape End-to-End self-guided. Journey over 135km along the spectacular coastline from Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin sharing insights and knowledge with Track specialists, Cape to Cape Explorer Tours.

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights package

Distance: 135km, walking 14-22 km/day for 7 days

Difficulty: Moderate



What to Expect

Your walk includes stunning and wild coastal landscapes, physical challenge, and gourmet evening meals. Each day indulge in the fresh, local, gourmet catering that Margaret River is famous for, and walk in the knowledge that your safety and comfort are being taken care of by Cape to Cape to Cape Explorer Tours. Enjoy all that this long distance walk has to offer without carrying a heavy pack.

Our professional, local guides have extensive knowledge and experience interpreting the natural beauty of the Track. We've been hiking, surfing, fishing, and foraging in this local environment all our lives – Nobody knows the local spots, local stories, local food and local wildlife better than us! We are happy to share this knowledge with you whilst transferring you to the track each day.



Location

In the far south-west corner of Western Australia, a broad peninsula projects into the Indian Ocean – ancient, wild, and stunning. Running north to south along its western edge, is the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, the setting of the 135km Cape to Cape Walk Track, and backdrop to the Margaret River region.

Beginning at Cape Naturaliste in the north, the Cape to Cape Track meanders through windswept limestone ridges, deserted white beaches, giant granite marbles, and towering Karri forest to finish up at Cape Leeuwin in the south.

The Margaret River Region is renowned internationally for stunning scenery, world-class beaches, gourmet food, and fine wines.



Itinerary

Day 1:

Cape Naturaliste to Smiths Beach 16.75km

Begin the hike at Cape Naturaliste, the first section of the Cape to Cape Track. This starts with a gentle downhill stroll on the 'access-for-all' section of track to the stunning vistas of Sugar Loaf Rock. The Track then runs along an extended section of carved limestone sea cliffs before reaching the coastal hamlet of Yallingup. After Yallingup pass over the granite headland at Torpedo Rock and on to the fabled Smiths Beach. Walk in to your accommodation at Smiths Beach this afternoon and settle in.

Day 2:

Smith's Beach to Moses Rock 16km

From Smiths the topography changes quickly as giant granite marbles dominate near Canal Rocks. Travel high over the ridge and past Rotary Lookout, before dropping back down on to the beach at Injidup. Travel up high over the ridge, through the coastal tee tree and back onto the wild south-west facing coast. Weave through stunning areas of limestone cliff and granite before ending at the fantastic Moses Rock where a CCET staff member will collect you and return you to your accommodation with your evening meal.

Day 3:

Moses Rock to Gracetown 16.25kms

The Track rises high over several large limestone headlands before flattening out on Willyabrup Beach. A wonderfully constructed staircase then guides walkers up and onto the stunning sea cliffs of Willyabrup Cliffs. After passing the cliffs, the Track drops back down onto the beach, passing the famous, surfing breaks of Gallows and Guillotines. The coast then turns decidedly rocky as it weaves over picturesque granite boulders and finally into the pretty hamlet of Gracetown. Relax here and enjoy an afternoon dip before a CCET staff member will collect you with your dinner.

Day 4:**Gracetown to Margarets Beach Resort 21.5km**

Pack up your gear this morning as you will be moving accommodation today. Your walk begins at the picturesque hamlet of Gracetown, following the coastline to the historic settlement of Ellensbrook. From Ellensbrook, the Track quickly leaves the coast and meanders through sand dunes and past Ellensbrook homestead and Meekadarbee Falls. Visit the isolated coves of Gnoocardup and the turquoise bay of Kilcarnup. Marvel at the centuries-old osprey nest in Horseshoe Bay and then take in some of the world's finest surfing coastline at Prevelly. You will walk into your new accommodation at Margarets Beach Resort in the coastal settlement of Gnarabup this afternoon.

Day 5:**Margarets Beach Resort to Boranup Forest 22km**

From the limestone ridge at Prevelly head down into the sheltered creek line of Boodjidup Brook. Continue on and experience the white sands of Boodjidup before reaching historic Redgate Beach. Next is very likely one of the best sections of the Cape to Cape Track: the scenic coastal cliffs at Bob's Hollow and Contos (although we may be biased as CCET have adopted and maintain this leg!) Enter the majestic Karri forest, home to the world's third tallest hardwood! A longer day, but the solid track under foot and afternoon shade of the karri forest make it all seem easy! A CCET staff member will collect you from the forest with a delicious meal for you to enjoy in the comfort of your accommodation.



Day 6:**Boranup Forest to Cosy Corner 20.5km**

Start amongst the tall Karris of Boranup Forest, home to an array of wildlife and wildflowers in season. Head south, back into the coastal heath, and down onto the stunningly beautiful Boranup Beach. 7kms of sand walking later, find the protected Hamelin Bay, home to some of the Cape's friendliest stingrays who love a feed of freshly caught fish! Continue on past the many islands and headlands until you arrive at the stunning Cosy Corner. Here, you will be collected with a meal to reheat in your room.

Day 7:**Cosy Corner to Cape Leeuwin 20.5km**

The last leg of the Cape to Cape Track faces more into the south than the rest of the coast. True wilderness with limited road access, the sights are reserved for the local hooded plovers and you. Granite headlands are broken up by long sections of shoe-sucking sand. Formidable, but every step takes you closer to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and the moment of celebration!

Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely morning and check out of your accommodation by 10:00am.

Package Includes:

- 7 x days walking one of Australia's most stunning coastal tracks
- 7 x days emergency support and satellite communication equipment
- Comprehensive Track notes and maps to keep you on the right track!
- 7 x nights accommodation at coastal villas and apartments
- All transfers between accommodation and the Track
- 7 x fresh breakfasts including cereals, yoghurt, fruit juice, fresh fruit and wood fired bread and fruit toast
- 7 x packed lunches, including gourmet meat / salad roll, juice and track snacks
- 4 x hef prepared reheatable evening meals; The other meals are left open for you to choose at a local restaurant (at your own cost)
- Alcoholic beverages are not included, but opportunities will be provided for you to purchase beverages of your choice.
- Cape to Cape Track completion certificate.
- All planning, logistical, administrative and on-ground support, including intimate knowledge of weather patterns, creek crossings and Track conditions.

