



Cape to Cape Guided 'End-to-End' 8 Day Ultimate Experience

Thank you for booking with Cape to Cape Explorer Tours to experience the Margaret River Region and the Cape to Cape Track. Please read through the following information to ensure you have the best Cape to Cape experience possible.

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights package

Distance: 124km, walking 13-21 km / day for 7 days

Difficulty: Moderate



What to Expect

45 days prior to your tour commencing you will receive an automated invoice for your final payment.

Three weeks prior to your Cape to Cape experience, you will receive an email from us with this overview and preparation document outlining your Cape to Cape Explorer Tours experience.

On the first day of your tour: 8am you will meet a CCET staff member at the Perth Ambassador Hotel (196 Adelaide Terrace, Perth CBD) and depart for the Margaret River Region. After arriving in Dunsborough late morning, you will meet your guide and embark upon the first leg of the Cape to Cape Track.

Your walk includes stunning and wild coastal landscapes, physical challenge and new friendships, without carrying a heavy pack. Experience food & beverages from the finest local producers and establishments, including: Cape to Cape Moveable Feast, The Common Bistro, Vasse Felix Estate, Brewhouse, Cape Grace Winery, Margaret River's No. 1 restaurant – Miki's Japanese Open Kitchen, as well as a diverse selection of locally-produced artisan products.

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!



Location

In the far southwest 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: Perth pick up

Walk Cape Naturaliste to Yallingup 13km

Enjoy complimentary morning pick up from the Perth Ambassador Hotel (196 Adelaide Terrace, Perth CBD) in the Cape to Cape Explorer Tours' transfer vehicle. We will take a rest stop at the Crooked Carrot half way through the journey, giving you the opportunity to grab something to eat, a coffee on the go or to use the bathroom. After meeting one of our expert guides in Dunsborough, you will head directly to Cape Naturaliste, your first taste of the Track. Cape to Cape Explorer Tours will provide you with a fresh gourmet roll and snacks for you to enjoy at Sugarloaf Rock, 3kms into your hike. Please note that you will need to have your water bottles filled and your pack ready for the hike.

Dinner that evening will be a BBQ of fresh local seafood in Gnarabup where you will settle in for the next 7 nights.

Day 2:

Yallingup to Moses Rock 16.75km

From Yallingup, pass over the granite headland at Torpedo Rock and on to the fabled Smith's Beach. After Smith's Beach 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. Ascend over the ridge again, meandering through coastal tee tree and back onto the wild southwest facing coast. Weave through stunning areas of limestone cliff and granite before walking through the stunted vegetation and granite fields of Moses Rock.

Overlooking the dramatic scenery enjoy a Vasse Felix wine tasting and nibbles, before returning to your accommodation for a freshly prepared 'eat-in' meal from Cape to Cape Moveable Feast.

Day 3:**Moses Rock to Gracetown 13kms**

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 that form the famous climbing buttresses of Willyabrup Cliffs. After passing the cliffs, the Track drops back down onto the beach, passing the famous, though severe, surfing breaks of Gallows and Guillotines. The coast then turns decidedly rocky as it ducks and weaves over picturesque granite boulders and finally into the pretty hamlet of Gracetown. Relax here and enjoy an afternoon swim to sooth the muscles and mind!

After today's walk we drop in for a personalised wine tour at Cape Grace Winery, accompanied by a local cheese and antipasto grazing platter. Return to your accommodation for a delicious evening meal. If you plan on indulging in a massage during your week with us, tonight is the perfect opportunity.



Gracetown to Gnarabup 20km

Beginning at the picturesque hamlet of Gracetown, follow the low 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.

Dinner will be an amazing feast at Miki's Open Kitchen (Japanese) before heading back to your accommodation to recover for the night.

Day 5:

Gnarabup to Boranup Forest 21.5km

From the limestone ridge at Prevelly you will head down into the sheltered creekline 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 makes it all seem easy!

Marvel at one of the region's amazing caves on your way home from the forest, before relaxing with another delicious freshly prepared meal from Cape to Cape Moveable Feast.

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 through the coastal heath and past Foul Bay Lighthouse. From Cosy Corner we come in to the township of Margaret River for a relaxed sundowner meal at the popular brewery, The Brewhouse.

Day 7:**Cosy Corner to Cape Leeuwin 19km**

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.

A celebration dinner will then take place at The Common, where we share a fantastic slideshow of the last seven days together and certificates are issued to those who successfully completed the Cape to Cape Track.

Day 8: Depart for Perth

8am we depart for the city via the Margaret River Farmer's Market in the Cape to Cape Explorer Tours Bus. At 12:30pm you will arrive in Perth where you can either be dropped at the airport or at a central CBD location.

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Package Includes:

- Complimentary transfers between our central pick up points in Perth / the Perth Airport and Margaret River.
- 7 x days fully guided walking, with full emergency support: expert local guides carry first aid and communications equipment.
- 7 x nights 4 star accommodation at the popular Margarets Beach Resort.
- All catering with a focus on fresh and healthy food, using local produce and exploring the foodie delights of the region.
- 7 x fresh breakfasts.
- 7 x packed lunches, including gourmet meat / salad roll, juice box and track snacks (lunch on your final travel day is not included).
- 6 x evening meals; the final night's celebration dinner at a local restaurant is not included in the price.
- Opportunities will be provided for you to visit local wineries and purchase beverages of your choice.
- Photos taken throughout the week will be transferred via Dropbox with a link to the trip photos and final slideshow distributed to you after your walk free of charge.
- 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.

