

Thank you for reaching out and expressing interest in our Australian City tours. With over 30 years of experience as a **travel consultant and tour operator**, we specialize in crafting personalized itineraries **for nature-based tours** across Australia.

We collaborate directly with clients and also partner with travel companies worldwide—often serving as the go-to choice for international companies planning Australian tours.

We would be thrilled to assist with your travel plans.

The following pages have further information on day tours out of Melbourne and Sydney as a starting point for your consideration.

We can be flexible as to whether you would like to just take one of those during your stay or whether you would like to link two or more together radiating out from a base in the city. We would also be pleased to design a personalized tour travelling further afield during that timeframe if that was your preferred option.

**To book:** Let us know what length and location of tour may suit you best and **which dates** you would like us to consult with our specialist birding guides for availability.

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## **TOURING WITH INALA**

Inala has an excellent team of specialist natural history guides who come from a wide range of conservation, science and academic backgrounds. While all are unique, they have in common the ability to deliver exceptional birding and wildlife experiences. Your guide will illuminate the ecology of the habitats you pass through and in addition to the birdlife will inform you of the incredible wildlife, botany, geology and history of each special corner of Australia.

All prices are in AUD\$, include GST and are valid to 31 March 2025. Further information about the <u>Inala Nature Reserve</u> and our <u>Australia-wide</u> and <u>International</u> group tours can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Prices for children 11-15 yrs. are 50% off adult prices. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult on a tour.

- Bookings are essential as we must first ensure the availability of our guides. Please let us know which dates suit you best.
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MALLEE AND BOX-IRONBARK WOODLANDS



COASTAL
HEATHLANDS,
WOODLAND AND
FORESTS



**WET FORESTS** 



### 1.1 MELBOURNE

### MALLEE AND BOX-IRONBARK WOODLANDS

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 6 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

Birding in the drier woodlands of central Victoria to look for Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Long-billed & Little Corella, Little, Purple-crowned & Musk Lorikeets, Shining Bronze-cuckoo, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, and a range of Honeyeaters like Yellow-tufted, Fuscous and Black-chinned. En route you will look for Laughing Kookaburra, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, White-browed Babbler, Brown Treecreeper, Speckled Warbler, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, Little & Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown Goshawk and Restless Flycatcher.

Further on you reach the extensive Greater Bendigo National Park, a vast area of mallee woodlands, heathy mallee and box-ironbark woodland. Birds you can expect here include Crested Bellbird, Gilbert's Whistler, Shy Heathwren, Variegated Fairy-Wren, Purple-gaped, Yellow-plumed, Tawny-crowned, Blue-faced, Singing & White-fronted Honeyeaters, Brush & Common Bronzewings, Noisy Friarbird, Red Wattlebird, Chestnut-rumped, Yellow, Buff-rumped & Inland Thornbills, Western Gerygone, Olive-backed Oriole, Crested Shrike-tit, Peaceful Dove, Painted Button-Quail, Black Falcon, Collared Sparrowhawk, Southern Boobook, Hooded, Scarlet & Red-capped Robin, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-browed, Dusky & Masked Woodswallows, Black-eared, Horsfield's Bronze & Pallid Cuckoos, Red-rumped Parrot, Eastern Rosella and Diamond Firetail.

Return to Melbourne late afternoon.





### 1.2 MELBOURNE

## COASTAL HEATHLANDS, WOODLANDS AND FORESTS

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 6 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

Today you head south-west of Melbourne to the start of the famous Great Ocean Road, where you will visit the extensive heathlands of the Anglesea area, both along the coast and inland. Your will search firstly for the region's most elusive and secretive species, the Rufous Bristlebird.

Other species to be found in this region include Brush Bronzewing, Blue-winged Parrot, Peregrine Falcon, Hooded Plover, Southern Emu-wren, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, Grey Currawong, Spiny-cheeked, Tawny-crowned, Crescent & Singing Honeyeaters, Eastern Curlew, Striated Fieldwren, Satin Bowerbird, Black-faced Cormorant, Kelp & Pacific Gulls, Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone, Pacific Golden Plover and Grey Goshawk. If you are lucky, and depending on time of the season, you may see large numbers of migratory Short-tailed Shearwater offshore as well as Fluttering Shearwater and Shy Albatross.

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### 1.3 **MELBOURNE -**WET FORESTS TOUR

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

MEALS INCLUDED: Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 6 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

Heading east of Melbourne you will commence birding at a small reserve containing tall stands of Mountain Ash - the largest flowering plant in the world, and a dense gully supporting a small temperate rainforest. The star bird of these forests is undoubtedly the Superb Lyrebird, and you shall endeavour to secure a good sighting of this iconic species. In this location, you should also connect with a few birds that are on the very western edge of their range in Victoria, including Brown Gerygone, Wonga Pigeon and Black-faced Monarch. Here you have a good chance of seeing Pilotbird, Large-billed Scrubwren, Satin Flycatcher, and Red-browed Treecreeper. Other birds you may see here include Superb Fairy-Wren, Eastern Rosella, Grey Butcherbird, Australian King Parrot and Mistletoebird.

The topography and woodland types change as you extend deeper into the Bunyip State Park as do the birds, ranging from foothill woodlands with a heathy understorey that contain species such as Scarlet Robin, Southern Emu-wren, Pallid & Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Crescent, White-eared, New Holland & Brown-headed Honeyeaters, Australian Raven, Rufous Whistler, Grey Currawong and Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo.

Further along you reach areas of riparian forest, dry ridge forest and finally wet sclerophyll forest. Birds' characteristic of these habitats include Beautiful Firetail, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brush Cuckoo, Pied Currawong, Eastern Yellow Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Rose Robin, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Rufous Fantail, Cicadabird and Golden Whistler.

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**ROYAL NATIONAL PARK** 



**NORTHERN BEACHES** 



**WESTERN SYDNEY** 



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### **2.1 SYDNEY**

## **ROYAL NATIONAL PARK**

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 7 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

Your specialist birding guide will show you a diverse selection of key birds in a wide range of habitats (riverine forest, dry sclerophyll woodland, coastal heath) at Australia's oldest national park. This extensive and diverse park has so much to offer and its location on Sydney's southern edge will allow you to experience an excellent snapshot of Australia's bush and birds in the space of a single day. There are plenty of scenic vistas and comfortable walks all easily accessible by car.

Birds you may see include Crimson Rosella, Australian King-parrot, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Azure Kingfisher, Laughing Kookaburra, Superb and Variegated Fairy-wren, Dollarbird, Crested Shrike-tit, Treecreepers, Fantails and Finches.

Several key regional target species are also possible in the park, including NSW's only endemic bird, the enigmatic Rockwarbler. Superb Lyrebirds are readily seen, heath specialists like Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, wet forest summer migrants, and an excellent array of parrots.





# 2.2 **SYDNEY** WESTERN SYDNEY

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 7 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

There is a diverse selection of key birds in a wide range of habitats (riverine forest, dry sclerophyll woodland, wetlands and non-native grasslands) around the surprisingly bird-rich expanse of Western Sydney. You will visit some of the last remaining stretches of Cumberland Plain Woodland which provides invaluable habitat to a fantastic array of species not seen elsewhere in Sydney.

All the sites you visit are easily accessible by car, involve short walks, and often birding from vehicle. This tour is a great option for those who want to maximise the number of species they can add to their lists in a single day. In Autumn/Winter a day list of 70 is possible, and in Spring/Summer over 100 species!

Birds you may see include Rainbow Lorikeet, Eastern Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Laughing Kookaburra, Superb Fairy-wren, Bell Miners and an array of honeyeaters, cockatoos, finches and waterbirds. Some of the highlight species for this tour include Crested Shriketit, Pink-eared Duck, raptors, cuckoos and song larks. Eastern Grey Kangaroos may be seen during the day.





# 2.3 **SYDNEY**NORTHERN BEACHES

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 7 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

This tour is a great option for those looking for an experience with some great scenic opportunities, local Aboriginal cultural sites, wildflowers and of course, a great diversity of fantastic birds as well. You will visit heathy ridge-lands, wet forest gullies and coastal rock platforms.

This tour is a good chance to see a great diversity of forest and bush birds such as Lewin's Honeyeater, Scarlet Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Rufous Fantail, Variegated Fairy-wren, Mistletoebird and Eastern Yellow Robin. On the beaches and wetlands, you may see Summer migrants, shorebirds and waders for example Egrets, Cormorant, Ducks, Marsh Lapwings, Australasian Darter, Sooty Oystercatcher, Crested Terns, Pacific Golden Plover, Red-necked Stint, Sanderling and Grey-tailed Tattler.

Raptors you may see during the day include Pacific Baza, Black-shouldered Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, Peregrine Falcons, Osprey and White-bellied Sea Eagle.





# 2.4 **SYDNEY** INNER-SYDNEY

TOUR NAME: Full Day Tour

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Morning Tea and Lunch.

COST FOR 1 PERSON SOLO: \$950 COST FOR 2 – 4 PEOPLE: \$525 pp.

**LENGTH OF TOUR:** Approx. 10 hrs **START TIME:** 7 AM – 4 PM

**TRANSPORT:** Walking and Vehicle.

#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION:**

This tour is perfect for those with limited time who want to get a real taste of Australian birds and bush without leaving the city. You will visit several excellent sites that demonstrate just how accessible and diverse birding can be in the harbour city. Some of the key species you will look for include the imposing Powerful Owl, enigmatic Tawny Frogmouth, dainty Red-necked Avocet, and secretive Eastern Whipbird, alongside a host of forest passerines and larger wetland specialists. This can be a very flexible tour for those with particular targets or depending on the season.





## **INALA SMALL GROUP TOURS**

### GROUP TOURS AROUND TASMANIA

Tasmania is our home. We have a deep passion for sharing her natural wonders. On our carefully crafted small group tours; usually 7- 10 days duration; you can expect all **12 endemic birds, a world class pelagic, endangered Swift Parrot and critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot**. Iconic mammals include Tasmanian Devil, Platypus, Echidna, Wombats and Eastern Quoll.

This tour is perfect for birders, photographers and all nature lovers who are seeking a well-balanced, comfortably paced tour with great variety, quality food and accommodation and high calibre guiding. Here is a link to our website for all our upcoming itineraries, dates and prices for <u>Tasmania Small-Group Tours</u>.

### GROUP TOURS AROUND AUSTRALIA

Our <u>small-group tours visit many parts of Australia</u> and many of our scheduled tours run back-to-back from one area to another, so that you can design the best trip for you. If what you're after isn't here though, we specialise in making bespoke personalised nature and birding tours to meet your needs, dreams and birding desires, so don't hesitate to get in touch if we can ever help in any way in the future.

### INTERNATIONAL GROUP TOURS

Inala had spread its wings. Join us as we explore the many riches of the natural world outside of our Australian home.

Our specialist guides have often lived, guided and birded in many other continents. We are building our international tours carefully, ensuring high quality, unique offerings with specialist guides and the same exceptional attention to detail that you will know from our Australian tours. We ensure we support local operators and guides in the countries we visit and engage with any local conservation projects.

Our tours now include **Uganda**, **Romania**, **Estonia**, **Hungary**, **South America**, **Mongolia**, **Borneo**, **China**, **Kenya and Papua New Guinea**. We would always be pleased to send through additional information on request or please <u>visit our website</u> for further details, costs and to download a pdf of each itinerary.



