

Western Australian Naturalists' Club

6 Day Post ANN 2016

Abrolhos Island Tour



Trip Dossier

Ex Perth
14th -19th October 2016

Birds – Botany - Sea Life - History

Enjoy the company of other nature enthusiasts as you experience the natural wonders and history of Western Australia's Abrolhos Islands

The Houtman Abrolhos is an archipelago of 108 islands and rocks located about 80 km off the mid- west coast of Western Australia. The islands are renowned for their extensive array of marine life and bloody history.

They are also home for many tropical seabirds and a diverse array of wildlife.

As well as time spent ashore there will be plenty of time to snorkel in the clear waters where you may also hopefully come across bottle-nosed dolphins and sea lions.

Some of the birds found on the islands include the common and lesser noddys, roseate, sooty and bridled terns, shearwaters, osprey, sea eagles, cormorants, storm petrels and the red tailed tropic bird.

Your vessel and home for the time spent on the islands is the *Eco Abrolhos*, one of the largest vessels working out of Geraldton. At 35 metres she can accommodate 38 passengers in twin share cabins with en-suites. She is an eminently stable, reliable and comfortable platform to enjoy the wonders of the Abrolhos Islands. All accommodation areas, as well as other internal areas in the vessel, are fully air conditioned.

The sea crossing to the islands can be rough and lasts around 2 1/2 hours. Participants should note that landings may entail embarking and disembarking from inflatable vessels or dinghies.

Itinerary

Day 1 Perth to Geraldton

Depart Perth for Geraldton at 07.00hrs. Today's drive will take us through the coastal sand plains as we head north to Geraldton. Our goal is to get into Geraldton early enough to be able to visit the Maritime Museum which has an excellent display about the islands and their history.

Accommodation - MV *Eco Abrolhos*

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Days 2 – 5 Abrolhos Islands

The next four days will be spent looking at the birds, marine wildlife and historical sites on the Wallabi, Easter and Pelsaert group of islands.

Accommodation -MV *Eco Abrolhos*

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Day 6 Geraldton to Perth

After breakfast we leave Geraldton and head south to Perth. We will travel via the Mount Lesueur National Park or the Pinnacles Desert and should arrive back in Perth late afternoon.

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NOTE: The above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice at the time.

Tour Costs

COST: AUD\$ 2,390.00 per person based on a group of 20 participants

Departs: Friday 14th October 2016 Perth - Pick up points to be advised

Returns: Wednesday 19th October 2016 Perth – Drop off points to be advised

Min. No. of Passengers: 20 **Max. No. of Passenger:** 25

Tour Payments

Deposit:	\$500.00 per person	At time of booking
Second Payment:	\$1000.00 per person	9 th July 2016
Final payment:	Balance owing	9th September 2016

Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.

Tour Information

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be on board the MV *Eco Abrolhos*.

Meals:

All meals on board the boat are included. Dinner and Breakfast in Geraldton plus lunches when travelling to and from Geraldton are also included.

Most special dietary requirements can be catered for with notice.

Meals included as indicated; B. Breakfast L. Lunch D. Dinner

Weather:

Days are usually mild with temperatures around the mid 20's C. The nights are cooler with minimum temperatures around 20°C. The average water temperature in October is 20° C.

Clothing:

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information sent to you about one month prior to departure. However in general comfortable casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts during the day and warmer shirts for the evenings. A light Spray Jacket is also recommended. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a must. Also footwear for wet landings recommended.

Included:

- Transport by coach; Perth to Geraldton, Geraldton to Perth
- Accommodation on board MV *Eco Abrolhos*
- All meals as per the itinerary
- All National Park entrance fees

Not Included:

- Travel Insurance (Very Strongly Recommended).
- Snorkeling Equipment
- All other private expenses.
- Alcoholic or Carbonated Beverages (wine, beer and some pre mixed drinks can be purchased on board at reasonable prices)
- Pre & Post tour accommodation and flights

Booking

Book on-line at

www.coateswildlifetours.com.au/Book-Now

or

To make a personal booking or for further information please contact

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BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

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DEPOSIT, PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A \$500.00 deposit per trip is required at time of booking.
- A further payment of \$1,000.00 is required 95 days prior to departure.
- Balance required 35 days prior to departure.

ITINERARY DEVIATIONS

Many factors may affect Eco Abrolhos's ability to provide any particular itinerary. These include weather, mechanical difficulties or other unforeseen circumstances. We agree to use reasonable endeavours to provide a cruise in accordance with our published schedules and itineraries. However, we do not guarantee itineraries and they do not form part of your contract with us.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We strongly recommend that participants take out comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking.

Should you need to cancel your bookings, we ask you to notify us at your earliest convenience. The earlier the written cancellation is received the smaller the cancellation penalty will be.

All deposits and final payments will be refunded if Coates Wildlife Tours / Eco Abrolhos Accommodation cancels the charter due to circumstances beyond their control.

For cancellations made by members the refund and cancellation charges that will be payable depend on the departure date of the cruise and the amount of notice provided.

Days prior to cruise departure

180 days or more	Full Refund
179 – 90 days	Deposit amount
89 – 60 days	40% of total fare
59 – 36 days	50% of total fare
35 days or less	100% of total fare

Please note: 'Total Fare' is the total amount payable to us for your booking.