

Princess Royal Fortress



Approximately 2½ hours



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The **Princess Royal Fortress** was once Australia's western stronghold for the British Crown. The fortress dates back to 1893 and was the first federal defense building in Australia. It was built on a strategic location atop Mt Adelaide, with excellent views out over the sea.

See the two gun batteries dug into the ground for concealment, rather than the more common and grand fort-type battlements. The two batteries consist of Fort Princess Royal and Fort Plantagenet, and were manned by a small, permanent garrison that resided in the Albany Barracks. From 1893 to 1956, the guns of King George III Sound maintained their role as a deterrent, never firing an offensive shot. It was neither age nor enemy that silenced the guns of the Sound, but obsolescence with the advent of the missile era.

Enjoy some **free time** to wander on your own through **Albany Heritage Park** and the grounds of Princess Royal Fortress and discover its abundant history and heritage.

Notes:

Refreshments can be purchased at your own expense. The fortress is mostly wheelchair accessible. There will be no narration on the coach ride to and from the fortress. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Southern Wineries & Sights



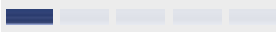
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Value



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Travel along Stirling Terrace, through downtown Albany, to enjoy the mixture of renovated historic buildings and the contrasting newer shops and central business district.

Pass the Courthouse, rotunda and the old Post Office, which now houses the Albany Branch of the University of Western Australia.

Drive past Middleton Beach and Dog Rock--a large granite rock in the shape of a dog's head.

Visit **Wignall's Winery**, set among manicured lawns and outstanding gardens. Wignall's winery is the perfect setting to enjoy a **wine tasting** and listen to the winemakers tell you about their passion.

The **Albany Wind Farm** is home to twelve giant wind turbines. There is a walkway around the base of the turbines and lookouts offer sweeping views across Torbay to West Cape Howe National Park, and the city of Albany to the east.

Pause a moment at the **Desert Corps War Memorial** and Mt Clarence Lookout. The memorial is a recast of the original statue erected at Suez in 1932. The granite blocks are the originals from the Suez and still bear the bullet marks.

A short **walk** offers 360-degree views over City of Albany, King George Sound, Michaelmas and Breaksea Islands and Oyster Harbour at Emu Point.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on holidays. To participate in the wine tasting portion of this tour you must be of legal age and accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

Corkage Policy: Onboard corkage fee is waived for one bottle of wine per person per tour for wine purchased during a Holland America Line shore excursion

Summer Cruise



Approximately 3 hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



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Enjoy a scenic boat **cruise** on the **King George Sound** in Albany. One of Western Australia's most spectacular harbors, King George Sound protects the historic city of Albany from the open sea.

The sound is bordered by the mainland to the north; by the Vancouver Peninsula on the west; and by Bald Head and the Flinders Peninsula to the south. Its waters are partially protected by Breaksea Island and Michaelmas Island.

See the two harbors located within the sound--Princess Royal Harbour and Oyster Harbour. Each benefits from excellent protection from winds and heavy seas.

If tide conditions permit, you will cruise close to shore to view the wilderness areas and the natural composition of this beautiful coastline.

Keep an eye out for dolphins, seals and the many seabirds that inhabit the area.

Watch a DVD about Albany, take the opportunity walk around the decks or just sit back and relax on the outside seating in front of the saloon or near the helm. The slow pace of the cruise offers peace and serenity.

Notes:

Wear non-skid shoes. There is no swimming offered. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Valley of the Giants



Approximately 7½ hours



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Value



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Enjoy a brief tour of Albany's highlights from the comfort of your coach.

Set out along the coast to experience the Tree Top Walk at the Valley of the Giants. This raised walkway takes you into the forest canopy on a 600-yard loop, with structures 40 yards above the ground at the highest point. The slope is a 1 in 12 incline.

Time permitting, you can walk the Ancient Empire trail and see the grand old red tinglewood trees that grow nowhere else in the world. Some trees are more than 17 yards in circumference.

A buffet lunch is offered at a restaurant with wonderful views across Wilson Inlet. You'll also visit a local winery and meadery, with its origins in Denmark, and don't miss the beautiful scenery along Mt Shadforth Drive. This is a wonderful day of stunning scenery and magnificent forests, with a taste of wines and life in southwestern Australia.

Notes:

Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes; bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Coach availability is extremely limited in Albany; the standard and size of vehicles used may vary. Vehicles may not be air-conditioned. Minimum age is 12 years. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Whale World



Approximately 2¼ hours



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The city of Albany grew up around the whaling industry. The original whaling station in Albany ceased operation in 1978 and now the museum left in its wake depicts the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of an industry that supported an entire community.

Heading south along the Flinders Peninsula, you will take in the picturesque scenery of King George Sound before arriving at **Whale World--Albany's historic whaling station**. Learn about the city's controversial history here and marvel at the world's largest collection of original marine mammal paintings by artist Richard Ellis of New York. This is the only museum in the world created from a working whaling station.

Notes:

There will be no narration on the coach ride to and from the Albany's historic whaling station.

Whale World & Coastal Scenes



Approximately 4 hours



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The city of Albany grew up around the whaling industry. You can learn about the city's controversial history at the **Whale World Museum** by heading south along the **Flinders Peninsula**.

Along the way, you will take in the picturesque scenery of King George Sound.

At the museum, take a 30-minute guided tour before you are free to explore on your own. The original whaling station in Albany ceased operation in 1978 and now the museum faithfully depicts the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of an industry that supported an entire community.

Marvel at the world's largest collection of original marine mammal paintings by artist Richard Ellis of New York.

In the **Malcolm Green Aircraft Display**, see an authentic whaling aircraft and a Catalina flying boat. Today, the restored whale chaser *Cheyne IV* stands high and dry as the centerpiece of the exhibit. This is the only museum in the world created from a working whaling station.

Refreshments can be purchased at your own expense.

Stroll along the **Torndirrup National Park trail to the Gap**, where you will see immense forces of nature at work.

Notes:

There will be no narration on the coach ride to and from the Whale World Museum. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Tour does not operate on holidays.