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Welcome, 2017 National Local Roads and Transport Congress Delegates!

Thank you for choosing to travel to Albany for the National Local Roads and Transport Congress. The following itinerary will provide a snapshot of our City. Your planned tour will highlight key transport issues in the Great Southern Region as well as providing opportunity to explore some of the key attractions of the region.

Although it is impossible to fit all aspects of the region within one familiarisation, we have endeavoured to provide you with a broad overview.

Casual dress for travelling and daily activities is recommended. Include enclosed walking shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent and a waterproof coat/jacket (for sea spray at the Gap!).

Your hosts and tour guides are a wealth of knowledge, please ask lots of questions along the way.

For more general information on Albany head to www.amazingalbany.com.au

If you have follow up questions post-tour please direct these toward your City of Albany contact and they will redirect your questions accordingly:

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About Amazing Albany

Albany, the thriving cultural and administrative hub of the Great Southern region of Western Australia, is less than an hour away by air from WA's capital city Perth and a mere 4.5 hours by road.

Albany sits on the south coast of Western Australia, widely regarded as one of the most incredibly beautiful and diverse coastlines in the world – in equal turns stunningly gorgeous and fearsomely rugged. The region boasts beaches which are routinely named among the best in Australia, such as the incredible Little Beach, the aptly-named Elephant Rocks in Denmark and of course our iconic Middleton Beach, just minutes from Albany's CBD.

There truly is something for everyone in Albany, from gourmet wine-lovers, to intrepid 4WD explorers, to backpackers – and everyone in between. World-class wine, food, fishing, surfing, swimming, diving, hiking, mountain biking, whale-watching, four-wheel-driving, camping and myriad other activities are all on offer within minutes of town.

Experience the legend that shaped a nation at the National Anzac Centre, Lonely Planet's "Top Pick" of experiences in Albany, a state-of-the-art, award winning, interactive museum overlooking King George Sound. Walk with the ANZACs and experience the Great War through their personal stories. Follow them from Albany in 1914, to the Middle East, to Gallipoli and across the Western Front, and for too few, home to Australia and New Zealand.

The Gap is one of the most fearsome and formidable rock formations on the south coast, the new viewing platform allowing visitors to safely get up close and personal with the raw coastline. Check out our striking wind farm overlooking the spectacular Sandpatch beach – a testament to Albany's aspiration to be a green city.

Visit the Botanical Gardens, Australian Wildlife Park and Whaling Museum at Discovery Bay and see the gentle giants up close on a whale tour in our magnificent King George Sound. Head slightly further afield (less than an hour's drive), to our beautiful neighbours Denmark, Porongurup and Mt Barker offering stunning scenery, more top-notch restaurants and wineries, and a wealth of activities and attractions.

Visitors can also take a short trip to the Porongurup National Park or the Stirling Range National Park, home to Bluff Knoll, the highest peak in WA and one of the only places in the state which experiences snowfall. During spring the National Parks are filled with wildflowers, a truly beautiful sight to see.

From January through to April travellers can visit the Bremer Bay Canyon where they can view by charter boat the largest known group of killer whales in the Southern Hemisphere.

Amazing Albany is the jewel of the Great Southern. We hope you enjoy your stay in one of Australia's most sought after tourism destinations.

Albany Showcase and Tour Itinerary

1100 Meet at **Albany Entertainment Centre** carpark pickup point and join the fully guided bus tour.

Tour of **Albany Port** from where grain and woodchips are shipped worldwide.

1130 Drive via **Chester Pass Road**, along **Menang Drive** (Stage 1 of Albany Ring Road and through to **Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH)** receival site on **Down Road**.

CBH is Western Australia's main agricultural grain handler, using a combination of rail and road transport to shift grain from all parts of the Great Southern region to the Albany Port.

1200 Stop for lunch at **Oranje Tractor Winery** and enjoy their lovely selection of organic wines and fresh local produce.

1300 Drive along **Link Road** - proposed Stages 2 & 3 of the **Albany Ring Road**..

1330 Drive back towards town via Hanrahan Road and along Frenchman Bay Drive, visit **Albany Wind Farm with views of the stunning Albany coastline**.

1400 Head further along Frenchman Bay Road to the new universally accessible lookout and platform over the crashing waves at **the Gap and Natural Bridge**.

1430 Travel to the Mounts to visit the **Desert Mounted Corps Memorial** and **Padre White Lookout** for stunning 360 degree views.

1530 Bus to deliver delegates to drop off points:

- Albany Entertainment Centre
- Best Western Motel
- Dog Rock Motel
- Quality Inn Banksia Gardens