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ECHIDNA GROUPS – Melbourne, Australia

***In the Wild* - Full Day & Half Day Tours – ex Melbourne**

We are Melbourne's Wildlife and Aboriginal Culture Specialists

Wildlife - *In The Wild* - 1 day & ½ day Modules

The following one day and half day tour modules, ex Melbourne, Australia, have been chosen by some of the world's top travel and business corporations, both for pleasure and for business.

We have taken our well known FIT Savannah Walkabout and carefully modified it to allow groups of most sizes to experience wildlife *in the wild* plus, on some tours, to meet Aboriginal people and learn about their Culture. A Sunset Dinner tour has also been included.

These exciting tours are suitable for most people in most age groups who have a normal level of fitness. The tours are ideal for:

- Cruise Ships shore excursions
- Special Interest groups - especially wildlife, birds, indigenous culture, educational, zoos
- Conference and Incentive groups
- Corporate groups

INBOUND GROUP TOUR EXPERTISE

Echidna Walkabout understands the precise nature and high demands of inbound Group Touring. We operate a wide range of high quality Group Tours which focus on Wildlife and Aboriginal Culture. Our dedicated division, Echidna Groups, provides the high standard of service and logistical support your group requires. With over 15 years experience under our belts we are confident our group experiences will ensure you and your clients are totally satisfied.

TRANSPORT, PRICING and TOUR TEXT

Our prices are provided with or without transport included. All pricing is Net. If you require our rate sheet please contact:- Roger Smith – Echidna Groups roger@echidnawalkabout.com.au

The tour text in the following tour descriptions is indicative only and can be modified by us to suit your groups' requirements. *To avoid misunderstandings please only modify these descriptions with our consent.*

THE TOURS – Click on code to go to details on following pages

GTSX – Kangaroos & Koalas – full day with standard lunch

Suggestion: for groups with lower budgets who want a great day out in the bush

GTSW – Kangaroos & Koalas – full day, Aboriginal Culture & BBQ lunch with beer and wine

Suggestion: for groups who would like a full day of high quality Australian experiences

GTKK – Kangaroos and Koalas – half day (am or pm)

Suggestion: high quality for groups with limited time eg. Cruise Ship shore excursions

GTS – Sunset dinner - Kangaroos and Koalas – pm/evening, Aboriginal Culture, 3 course bush dinner with wine and beer. Suggestion: Great as an alternative to dinner in the city at the end or start of Australia-wide touring.



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Tour Code: GTSX – full day

KANGAROOS & KOALAS *In The Wild*

Includes Bush lunch with Billy Tea



The GTSX is a budget version of our full day group tour. This relaxing full day tour includes our wonderful Kangaroos and Koalas but does NOT include an Aboriginal Culture experience. Lunch is a simple bush picnic without beer or wine. For an Aboriginal component and best quality lunch inclusion on this tour please see the GTSW.

Duration: Full Day – 8 hours

Operates: any time of year

Group Size: 12 to 40+

Includes:

Naturalist Guide, Bush lunch with Billy Tea.

Transport:

You can supply transport or we can – please see our Echidna Groups rate sheet.

Itinerary

Imagine seeing a mob of kangaroos bounding right past you and seeing wild Koalas in the forest of a National Park! This tour is an informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife of Australia. In the company of an expert nature guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting. You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne.

Enjoy a Bush Lunch with Billy Tea. After lunch we head to a nearby national park to see Koalas in the wild. Your nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. Our Koala Research Project ensures we regularly have multiple sightings of these shy creatures in the wild.

At the end of the day the tour returns to Melbourne.

Note: Depending on weather, season and tour timing the wildlife experiences on this tour may be reversed so that we see the koalas first and kangaroos after lunch

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Tour Code: GTSW – full day

KANGAROOS & KOALAS *In The Wild*

Includes Aboriginal Culture and BBQ Bush lunch with beer and wine

The GTSW is a more refined version of our budget GTSX. Like the GTSX this relaxing full day tour includes our wonderful Kangaroos and Koalas but also includes a genuine Aboriginal Culture experience and a delicious BBQ lunch with wine and beer.

Duration: Full Day – 8 hours

Operates: any time of year

Group Size: 12 to 40+

Includes: Naturalist Guide, Aboriginal cultural exchange AND delicious BBQ bush lunch with wine and beer.

Transport:

You can supply transport or we can – please see our Echidna Groups rate sheet.

Itinerary

Imagine seeing a mob of kangaroos bounding right past you and seeing wild Koalas in the forest of a National Park! This tour is an informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife of Australia. In the company of an expert nature guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting. You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne.

During a delicious Bush Lunch you will meet and talk to Aboriginal people and learn about their culture. You'll also hear the evocative music of the didgeridoo.

After lunch we head to a nearby national park to see Koalas in the wild. Your nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. Our Koala Research Project ensures we regularly have multiple sightings of these shy creatures in the wild.

At the end of the day the tour returns to Melbourne.

Note: Depending on weather, season and tour timing the wildlife experiences on this tour may be reversed so that we see the koalas first and kangaroos after lunch

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Tour Code: GTKK – half day

KANGAROOS & KOALAS *In The Wild*

Includes morning or afternoon refreshments



The GTKK is a great trip to offer to groups that have time or budget constraints. It is also suitable where groups can be split to run in the morning and in the afternoon. It is best suited to - and used regularly by - Cruise Ships or Conferences where groups can be split for example to:- 120 pax in the morning and 80 in the afternoon

Duration: Half Day - 5 hours

Operates: any time of year - AM or PM

Group Size: 12 to 120+

Includes: Naturalist guide, morning or afternoon refreshments

Transport:

You can supply transport or we can – please see our Echidna Groups rate sheet.

Itinerary

Imagine seeing a mob of kangaroos bounding right past you and seeing wild Koalas in the forest of a National Park! This tour is an informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife of Australia.

In the company of an expert nature guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting. You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne.

Next we head to a nearby national park to see Koalas in the wild. Your nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. Our Koala Research Project ensures we regularly have multiple sightings of these shy creatures in the wild.

At the end of the day the tour returns to Melbourne.

Note: Depending on weather, season and tour timing the wildlife experiences on this tour may be reversed so that we see the koalas first and kangaroos later

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Tour Code: GTS – afternoon and evening

SUNSET DINNER WITH KANGAROOS & KOALAS *In The Wild*
Includes Aboriginal Culture and Bush Dinner with beer and wine



Because Melbourne is often the first or last port of call for Australian group tours the GTS is the perfect day module to begin or end a trip in Australia. As a starting module it is a wonderful introduction to all that is iconic to Australia – wildlife, Aboriginal people and outdoor living. It will bond the group together and help them feel at ease in Australia. It is also used as a farewell module - a way of saying goodbye over dinner in the bush with all the sights and sounds of Australia nearby - including an Aboriginal farewell to the evocative sounds of the Didgerdoo!

Duration: afternoon and evening – 6 hours

Operates: any time of year – PM (afternoon and into the evening)

Group Size: 12 to 40+

Includes: Naturalist guide, Aboriginal cultural exchange, 3 course bush dinner with wine and beer

Transport: You can supply transport or we can – please see our Echidna Groups rate sheet.

Itinerary:

Enjoy the peace of the evening and a bush dinner on this informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife and Indigenous Culture of Australia.

You will see Koalas *in the wild* in the beautiful Australian bush. Your expert nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. Our Koala Research Project ensures we regularly have multiple sightings of these shy creatures in the wild.

Imagine seeing a mob of kangaroos bounding right past you! In the company your nature guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting. You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne.

The tour is timed to coincide with sunset which is the best time to see large flocks of waterbirds return to the Serendip Sanctuary to overnight in safety and to see four species of kangaroos and other animals arouse themselves for their night time feeding. There is majesty and movement right across the sanctuary as the sun drops quietly into the savannah.

During dinner you will meet and talk to representatives of the Aboriginal tribal community. You will hear Aboriginal stories direct from the lips of Aboriginal people and hear the evocative music of the Didgeridoo. This is not a staged show but a shared experience where cultural interchange occurs in the traditional oral fashion. You will also learn about modern Aboriginal life. A delicious three course bush dinner is provided at Serendip.

The tour returns to Melbourne mid evening.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

EXPERT GUIDES

First class standards in guidance are the hallmark of Echidna Groups. Our in-house nature guide training program ensures that all guides have an in-depth working knowledge of how to look after large groups. On top of this our guides also have a thorough understanding of the places and environments your guests will encounter. Vehicles and guides carry two way radios which link them to our office and to emergency services at all times.

AIRPORT MEET & GREET AND TRANSFERS

Many groups require Meet & Greet services and airport and/or intra-city transfers. We have many years experience in these service areas and are more than happy to provide pricing for Meet & Greets and Transfers as required. Please request our rate sheet for more details.

ABORIGINAL CULTURE (and add on DANCE PERFORMANCE)

Echidna Walkabout works closely with the Wathaurong Aboriginal people to provide genuine Aboriginal involvement in many of our tours. Our GTSW and GTS group tours both have an Aboriginal Cultural component in them.

Add on Dance Performance: You can incorporate a spectacular Aboriginal Dance performance into most of our tours. Please ask us for prices for this wonderful add on.

TRANSPORT

We provide a wide range of modern 4 star, air conditioned and heated coaches to suit any group size. Seats are cloth covered, fully upholstered and comfortable. High quality interpretation is provided by our guides through state of the art public address systems.

Reduced rates are applied if you wish to use your own coach.

GROUP SIZES - Day & half day

Our Group Tours Rate Sheet covers groups from 12 people upwards. We can however arrange special tours for smaller groups. Please contact us with your request and we'll be happy to price it for you.

PRICING POLICY

Our Group Tours are priced at very competitive Net Rates. These Rates are generally set annually from 1st April through to 31st March. At times we may amend prices in the current period due to external factors such as variations in fuel and food prices. We suggest that you always check with us prior to finally pricing a tour. However we will always adhere to pricing that has been provided at the time of booking. Please request our Full Day & Half Day Group Tours Rate Sheet. All tours have two price structures – with or without transport.

FOC POLICY All tours include ONE ONLY FOC guide/tour leader per vehicle.

PICK UPS

All Group tour departures are ex Melbourne city from your designated location.



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EXTENDED GROUP WILDLIFE TOUR MODULES

We organise and have guided thousands of international visitors on extended wildlife tours throughout south-eastern Australia.

We have expertise in wildlife, bird watching, Aboriginal Culture, land forms, biology, botany and many other nature based activities.

Tour duration varies from 4 days to 14 days in Victoria, NSW and South Australia. Accommodation can be anything from 4 star tented camping all the way up to 5 star hotels or a mixture of these. Transport includes anything from small coaches to large coaches, charter aircraft or multiple transport options. Send your tour concepts to us and we will help you get the very best out of your itinerary.

Please ask for separate information sheets on extended tours



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