



The 24th On Your Bike Tour will be “Rounding the Capes” from Capel (Cape L) to Cape Leeuwin to Cape Naturaliste and back to Capel through the world famous Margaret River region. While the region is best known for its wineries with over 100 cellar doors in the area, there are also many other attractions including art and craft galleries, historic lighthouses at both capes, numerous spectacular limestone caves, the beautiful Boranup Forest, the majestic Blackwood River and world famous surf beaches. Enjoy all this and more over nine days of riding through the best cycling country this state has to offer.

Day 1 – Saturday 27 October

*Perth to Capel by coach 200 km
Capel to Busselton 49 km*

After having lunch at Capel it's *On Your Bike* for an afternoon ride along the quiet back roads as we make our way along an inland route to Busselton. After setting up camp, take some time to explore some of the attractions in Western Australia's latest city. Well worth a look is the recently refurbished Busselton Jetty which stretches 1.8 km across Geographe Bay and is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.



Day 2 – Sunday 28 October

Busselton to Margaret River 64 km

Today we head south along the quiet, flat roads of the coastal plain as we ride through open farmland on an inland route. After morning tea at Kaloorup we leave the coastal plain, the roads become undulating and the farmland starts to give way to patches of forests as we head towards Rosa Brook. We then turn west towards Margaret River and our home for the night at Gloucester Park. If you don't get enough time to explore everything in Margaret River, don't worry, we will pass through the town again in a few days time.



Day 3 – Monday 29 October

Margaret River to Augusta 61 km

Today we back track to Rosa Brook before continuing our inland route to the Southern Ocean. As the road narrows we pass several wineries and encounter a short section of gravel road on our way to morning tea on the banks of the Blackwood River, the largest river in WA's south. We then continue, crossing the Blackwood River again at Alexandra Bridge before eventually arriving at Augusta and our home for the next two nights at the Turner Caravan Park, nestled on the banks of the Blackwood River.



Day 4 – Tuesday 30 October

Rest Day in Augusta

Rest day – time to explore! Augusta stands high on the slopes overlooking the Hardy Inlet and a splendid vista of trees, tranquil estuary waters and the wild ocean beyond, creating a setting for that perfect photograph. Enjoy a relaxing 2 hour cruise on the Blackwood River, cycle down to Australia's tallest mainland lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin where the Indian Ocean meets the Southern Ocean, or go spelunking at Jewel Cave, about 10 km out of town.



Day 5 – Wednesday 31 October

Augusta to Prevelly 65 km

After heading south for the first three days, today we turn and head north along the beautiful tree lined Caves Road past some of the glorious caves that give the road its name. Jewel Cave, Lake Cave and Mammoth Cave are all within easy reach. After a morning tea stop at Hamelin Bay we continue past the caves as we travel through the beautiful Boranup Forest. Get your cameras ready, this area gives some of the best photographs of young groves of Karri. As we leave the forest and come back into farmland, we turn off Caves Road and head into the beachside town of Prevelly, situated at the mouth of the Margaret River and famous for its top class surfing. Much of this area is still scarred by the devastating bushfires in late 2011, but there are signs of nature's resilience as the bush springs back to life.



Day 6 – Thursday 1 November

Prevelly to Gracetown 34 km

A short ride today as we make our way back into Margaret River before zigzagging our way north along the back roads to Cowaramup Bay Road. For those that wish to avoid all the traffic, there is an alternative route along the “Rails to Trails” from Margaret River to Cowaramup Bay Road. This picturesque trail follows the old railway route and has very gentle grades and some quaint little timber bridges. For those that want to explore a bit further there is an optional 2 km detour to Cowaramup, including the statue “Free as a Cow”. After the rail trail rejoins the road route we head west into Gracetown and our home for the night at the Gracetown oval and hall. After setting up camp, take advantage of this short day and take a swim in Gracetown's sheltered bay.



Day 7 – Friday 2 November

Gracetown to Yallingup 39 km

Another short day as we wind our way north through the heart of the Margaret River wine region. En route we will pass some 18 wineries, Margaret River Nougat, the Margaret River Chocolate Company, the Bootleg Brewery and the Natural Olive Oil and Soap Factory. Many of these also have cafés so there is no excuse for going hungry on this day. After many twists and turns we eventually arrive at Yallingup and our home for the night at the Caves Caravan Park. After setting up camp, take a walk along one of the walk trails and discover the beauty of this coastline, or take a swim in the legendary surf.



Day 8 – Saturday 3 November

Yallingup to Dunsborough 45 km

With our legs having had a chance to recover after two days of short distances, today we tackle the hilliest day of the tour. We leave the surfboards behind and pass through Dunsborough on our way to Cape Naturaliste for morning tea. On the way back from the cape we take a detour into Eagle Bay and follow the beautiful Meelup Beach before rejoining Cape Naturaliste Road and returning to Dunsborough. Tonight we are staying at the Dunsborough Country Club and after our final dinner there is the traditional *On Your Bike* Concert to keep us all entertained.



Day 9 – Sunday 4 November

*Dunsborough to Capel 58 km
Capel to Perth by coach 200 km*

Our last day is a flat ride along a series of back roads between Dunsborough and Busselton followed by a short stretch on the wide shoulders of the Bussell Highway before turning off into Tuart Drive. After a morning tea stop we continue along Tuart Drive through the Tuart Forest National Park before taking some more back roads into Capel. After lunch we bid our final goodbye... until next year's tour.

