



Westcoast Community Centre

3-Day Southern Forests Agri-Food Tour with Matters of Taste – Bus Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 April

***Departs: Wednesday 17 April 2024, Arrive by 7.45am for 8.00am departure
Tom Perrot Reserve, McCabe Street, Mosman Park***

Immerse yourself in a world of flavour and food. Unearth the fascinating rural life of primary producers in Manjimup and Pemberton.

Day 1 Wednesday 17 April:

Depart Perth on Matters of Taste private bus driven by Anthony and begin our journey south.

Farm Stop and lunch

We'll stop for lunch at this pretty 200-acre property amongst the rolling hills of Bridgetown. Food grown regeneratively, spray-free sold from a popular roadside stall is only one part of this modern, yet old-fashioned, family run enterprise. Lunch in the charming old shearing shed will set the scene for what is to come.

Fruit and Nut Farm

One of Manjimup's first farming families established this next beautiful property in 1950. Avocadoes, Pome fruit and cherries grow year round in abundance on the rich soil of this region. A personal tour of the farm with Ray Guadagnino will bring to life the history of a family creating their life in rural Western Australia.

Long table local produce dinner

Share plate dining tonight in town. The chef here is a long standing staff member of this country town establishment popular with locals and visitors alike. Using local produce, a beautiful tasty meal will fill the table and out tummies! Enjoy a spot of local wine appreciation, on the house, using the ingenious tasting bar.

Day 2 Thursday 18 April:

Breakfast in the hotel and a coffee pick-up in town before we head out.

Robotic dairy and heart morning tea

This is the most fascinating and delightful WA dairy. In 2022 the milk produced here won the coveted People's Choice in the national Dairy awards. The world's most glamorous, architecturally designed dairy where robotics give the herd more autonomy to thrive in a natural environment. Morning tea here is a treat where you'll hear from owners about the recent scientific research undertaken by UWA and the findings.

Chocolate in the forest

Such a fun stop! A wonderful husband and wife team run this unique, and very personal chocolate business with a big heart and big plans for the future. Theor Rocky Road has a cult following with our customers, individual chocolates offer stunning flavours and texture combinations and their perfectly sized chocolate bars are studded with local produce. Creating chocolate from scratch is their next ambitious project.

Jersey beef, lemons gold Kiwi fruit and avocado organic farm and dinner

The couple who run this stunning organic property use a production system that maximises nutrient density as well as taste. This is cutting edge agriculture – savvy consumers are wanting to know the nutritional value of produce they are buying and eating. Walk underneath the kiwi fruit canopy laden with fruit, visit the cattle and learn from the farmer how 100% grass-fed jersey beef is produced on this land. The day will finish on the farmhouse veranda with a BBQ beef dinner, overlooking the lake and avocado orchard, as the sun sets.

Day 3 Friday 19 April

Breakfast in the hotel and a coffee pick-up in town before we head out.

Brassica and mixed livestock farm

This is an important visit to a third-generation family farm where cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and kale along with fat lambs, cattle and hens grow and thrive in a regenerative environment. Meet a young farmer who is beginning to get the recognition from his peers he deserves; he's a leader in regen-agriculture and you can't help but be in awe.

From here we'll travel to Perth with a quick stop on the way home in Bridgetown for anyone who would like a bit of retail therapy or needs a bite to eat!

We'll arrive back to Mosman Park mid afternoon

**Cost is \$1610 single or \$1390 in twin share accommodation for members,
or \$1625 single or \$1405 twin share for non-members. Deposit of \$30 members / \$45
non-members with balance of payment due by Thursday 29 February**

Please read [Matters of Taste Terms and Conditions](#)

Please note –

To fully enjoy this tour, it is essential to have a certain level of fitness as we will be exploring farm paddocks and yards, and constantly getting on and off the bus throughout the day.

Tour cost include but not limited to –

3 days of food adventures with hosts Tracey and Anthony Cotterell. 2-nights accommodation with continental breakfast at Manjimup's newest accommodation, the Gallery Hotel. Completion of this brand new complex is scheduled for late 2023. All transport to Manjimup and return. Events/visits/meals as detailed above

Tour cost does not include

Food and beverages during breaks on journey to and from destination. Alcohol unless stated.