



19th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show
11th – 16th September, 2012
Wild about Orchids'
Burswood Convention Centre, Bolton Ave, Burswood, Perth, Western Australia

CONFERENCE TOURS
(PLEASE NOTE SEATING IS LIMITED ON ALL TOURS)

The selection of tours for conference registrants has now been finalised, details of which appear below. Please complete the tour booking form and together with payment, forward it to the address indicated.

All tour coaches will depart from Burswood.

[CLICK HERE FOR BOOKING FORM](#)

TOUR NO 1. Wildflowers and Native Orchids. Wednesday 12th September, 2012 \$ 70.00

September is a great time to view wildflowers and native terrestrial orchids in and around the Perth suburbs. This tour will visit various orchid locations around Perth and of course not forgetting Wireless Hill Park which is adorned with natural bushland and orchids. This tour has been a regular for visitors to Perth in recent years and offers outstanding value. The tour is lead by very experienced native orchid enthusiasts who know just where to go and a packed lunch is included. Tour will depart at 9am and return by 4pm approximately.

TOUR NO 2. Swan Valley Tour. Friday 14th September, 2012 [Half Day Tour](#) \$ 85.00

Swan Valley Tour. Friday 14th September, 2012 [Full Day Tour](#) \$130.00

Enjoy the picturesque Swan Valley, Perth's premium food and wine destination which is only 25 minutes from the CBD. Immerse yourself in the natural and scenic beauty of the area whilst tantalising your taste buds with premium wines, gourmet food, boutique beers, fine chocolates and other delights of the region. Both these tours include lunch at a Swan Valley winery. Half day tour will depart at 12noon, Full day tour will depart at 9.30am and includes visit to Caversham Wildlife Park to see koalas, kangaroos etc. See our web site for more details of these tours.

TOUR NO 3. Home visits and orchid nursery. Saturday 15th September, 2012 \$ 70.00

Take this opportunity to visit the orchid houses of some of Perth's orchid fraternity. Local hobbyists have kindly volunteered to invite you into their homes to see firsthand how and where they grow their own orchid collections in diverse environments. This tour will also visit Perth's largest orchid nursery – Ezi Gro Orchids home to a vast array of orchid genera. This tour includes morning & afternoon teas and lunch (BBQ) at Ezi Gro. Tour will depart at 9am and return to Burswood by 4pm approximately.

POST CONFERENCE 5 DAY TOUR \$880.00 per person twin share or double only

SOUTH WEST ORCHID TOUR 5 days 17th – 21st September, 2012

This is a tour is for the orchid enthusiast wishing to see firsthand, the vast array of Western Australian terrestrial orchids and be able to view and photograph them in their natural environment. The tour will visit the south west corner of the state, famous for its picturesque scenery, wineries and a great area to see the magnificent terrestrial orchids. The tour will be led by Andrew Brown. Andrew is a conservation biologist and taxonomist at the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation and is a well-known expert on Western Australian orchids, having authored/co-authored many papers and 6 books on them. Andrew also has lots of experience in leading tours to see orchids in their natural environment.

The cost of this 5 day tour is \$880 per person. Accommodation in the southwest is limited to a few places that can accommodate tour groups over twenty –usually bed & breakfasts, cottages etc. However we have secured accommodation in good quality hotel/motels giving people a choice of bedding arrangements of twin share or double. Please advise as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing a room so that suitable arrangements can be made with others of same gender. Those wishing to have a single room will have to pay double the rate i.e. \$1760.00 The tour, complete with expert tour guides (3), includes all coach hire, accommodation and meals – full cooked breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. The tour will consist of 3 x 20 seater coaches enabling greater access to remote areas and still protecting the environment. At \$176/day this is outstanding value for a tour of the West Australian southwest and access to bio-diversity hot spots. [MORE INFO](#)