



MURUJUGA / BURRUP

ROCK ART TOUR

Sat 31 July – Sun 8 Aug. 2021



FARA's annual Murujuga / Burrup Rock Art Tour provides a unique opportunity to explore and learn about this special place which was recently nominated to the World Heritage tentative list. Western Australia's Murujuga National Park, on the Burrup Peninsula near Karratha, has the largest concentration of ancient rock petroglyphs in the world. This Tour offers archaeological insight from highly experienced volunteer guides and cultural understanding through members of the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC).

It attracts people with a thirst for knowledge and curiosity about the largest agglomeration of rock art in Australia. Many Tourers become life-long advocates for the protection of Murujuga / Burrup's rock art and make lasting friendships on Tour. We look forward to introducing you to one another at a 'meet the tourers' session in late June 2021. We'll advise you of the details closer to the time.

Responsible walking

Please be aware that ALL PARTICIPANTS must be capable of covering terrain that includes rocky pathways and dry riverbeds with large boulders. We do not walk long distances without a break (max. approximately 2 km) and climbing is not required. However, it can be hot and the surfaces are consistently uneven. Walking poles with rubber ends may assist and participants are encouraged to pace themselves at all times. Walkers are grouped according to agreed ability and preferred speed. In the past, elderly participants of average fitness have all been extremely satisfied with their experience on the Tour, although agility levels may affect the extent of rock art seen. Binoculars would help to observe petroglyphs located away from the tracks.

Travel and accommodation options

In response to the changing requests of our participants, we have provided a number of options for you to consider in determining how you will travel, what accommodation and catering will suit you best, and what price you want to pay.

For those travelling on the coach, we stay at Gateway Motel Carnarvon one night on the journey north and one night on the return journey. The balance of six nights is spent at the Pilbara Karratha Holiday Park. If you are camping, there are roomy tents and you only have to put your tent up once (**Option 1**). Quality air mattresses are provided for sleeping in the tents. You may hire sleeping bags and pillows, or bring your own (compact) bedding. Cabin accommodation includes bed linen and towels (**Option 2**).

Accommodation costs are based on twin share arrangements. **You can pay an additional single supplement fee** for your own motel room, tent or cabin as detailed below. **Limited cabins are available** and will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

For self fly / drive travellers (Options 3 - 6)

Depending on your accommodation option, the six nights of the tour at Karratha is spent camping in roomy tents at Pilbara Karratha Holiday Park (**Option 3**). You only have to put your tent up once. Quality air mattresses are provided for the tents and you may hire sleeping bags and pillows, or bring your own (compact) bedding.

Or you can opt for Cabin accommodation which includes bedlinen and towels (**Option 4**).

Or you can provide your own tent/caravan, and eat with the other tourers (**Option 5**) -- **You will need to book your own tent/caravan site** at the Pilbara Karratha Holiday Park.

Or you can be totally self-sufficient (**Option 6**).

All accommodation costs are based on twin share arrangements. **You can pay an additional single supplement fee** for your own motel room, tent or cabin as detailed below. **Limited cabins are available** and will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

Please choose your option carefully and be aware that you are responsible for organising and covering the cost of anything that is not included in your option, in addition to your travel. **NOTE: hiring sleeping bags and pillows need to be done at the time of booking the tour, so they are packed on the bus in Perth.**

Choose	Items covered	Cost
Option 1	Coach travel + twin share <u>tent</u> & motel + all catering	3000
	Add single supplement:	
	motel x 2 nights	120
	tent x 6 nights	100
Option 2	Coach travel + twin share <u>cabin</u> & motel + all catering	3750
	Add single supplement:	
	motel x 2 nights	120
	cabin x 6 nights	530
Option 3	Self fly/drive traveller + catering + twin share <u>tent</u> x 6 nights	2350
	Add single supplement tent x 6 nights	100
Option 4	Self fly/drive traveller + catering + twin share <u>cabin</u> x 6 nights	2750
	Add single supplement cabin x 6 nights	530
Option 5	Self fly/drive traveller + all catering	1450
Option 6	Self fly/drive traveller with no added extras	1000
Extras	Sleeping bag hire	40
	Pillow hire	15
	3% additional fee on all PayPal transactions	+3%

Secure your place

To secure your place, pay your deposit as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out!

- Coach travellers' deposit is **\$800**
- Self fly/drive travellers' deposit is **\$400**

The **balance of payment is due by June 1 2021**.

Under certain circumstances (e.g. health or family reasons) your deposit may be wholly or partially refunded at the discretion of the FARA Committee. Any deposits not refunded

may be applied to the next year's tour costs. If not used for a trip the following year, the deposit will be forfeited.

There are two ways you can pay:

1. **Direct deposit:**
Friends of Australian Rock Art
BSB 633 000
A/c 159179159
Important! Include your own name in the transaction record.
2. **Cheque** to 'Friends of Australian Rock Art', posted to:
Susan Swain, Assistant Tour Coordinator
20 Bedwell Cres, Booragoon, WA 6154

NOTE: There are only 38 seats available on the coach and we are limited to 50 participants on the Tour. Your place will only be guaranteed on receipt of your deposit and your Medical Form.

Medical matters

Your health and safety are of vital importance to us. All participants are required to complete the Medical Form supplied by Cross Country Charters that is included with this email and available on the website. You will need to send this to the Assistant Tour Coordinator at the address above at the same time that you pay your deposit.

Your information will be treated with strict confidentiality. If the Tour Organisers are concerned that you may be at risk undertaking the Tour, we may request a letter from your medical practitioner confirming your ability to participate.

What to do now...

No.	Task	Tick
1	Read all of the information supplied, including the Murujuga general and cultural protocols for visitors	
2	Select your preferred options for travel, accommodation, catering and any additional costs.	
3	Ask any questions that you may have: tour@fara.com.au or Marie on 0417 322 698	
4	Confirm your booking by paying the deposit using one of the payment methods	
5	Complete the Medical Form, scan and email to tour@fara.com.au or post to Marie Ferland, PO Box 3309, East Perth WA 6892	
6	Make a note of the final payment date - 1 June 2021	
7	Pay final amount owing by 1 June 2021	
8	Attend 'meet the tourers' session when you receive the invitation; if you aren't in the Perth metro region, or are not able to make it, please contact us if you have any questions	

Notes on the Itinerary

Guided tours on Murujuga will be in small groups to ensure you get the most from the experience. Tour guides will be professionals and local community members who have had a long association with the rock art of Murujuga. Rangers and Elders from the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation also join us on some days. Special consideration has been given to the layout of the walks to ensure that various levels of physical fitness are catered for.

In the evenings a series of visiting speakers will provide more information and answer questions about Murujuga and the significance of the rock art to our human history and heritage. This is also a time to relax with fellow Tourers.

This is a reasonably intense program but Tourers can opt to take time out and sit under a tree, stay at camp, go to bed early or do anything that helps with the pacing, without creating undue risk or disruption to other Tourers. At all times we ask that you let the Tour Coordinator or Guides know if you are taking some time out.

Camping equipment



Tents supplied are easy to erect four-person, dome-style tents. For comfort, they are offered as twin-share. Remember that single accommodation incurs additional costs.

Air mattresses are also supplied. The air mattresses do have a small pillow but you may wish to bring your own that can also be used in the bus.

Bring a warm sleeping bag. If you don't have one, **please make arrangements in advance to hire one from us.**

Though most items are supplied and we have endeavoured to make your tour as relaxing as possible, helping hands are always welcome at meal times and during camp set up or dismantle. This will ensure that our travel schedule can be comfortably maintained.

What to bring?

- Strong walking shoes, sunscreen, hat and water bottle are a must for traversing the terrain in Murujuga National Park.
- Bush camping can be dusty and dirty (or muddy and wet) so we recommend bringing old, comfortable clothes. The day we visit Roebourne you may want something a bit smarter but definitely still casual!
- Though every effort will be made to keep items secure whilst camping with the group, it is also recommended to limit valuables. Cameras, phones, wallets, etc should stay with you in your daypack wherever possible.
- There is good mobile phone coverage across Murujuga and Karratha and we provide facilities for charging phones, tablets, cameras, etc.
- It can be very warm during the day when we are visiting the rock art sites and it is generally mild in the evening; at times it is cold, so please check weather forecasts for the Karratha close to departure.

Insurance

Cross Country Charters and FARA have the appropriate licences and public liability insurance for tours and excursions. However, FARA suggests that all travellers consider personal travel insurance to cover any personal losses.

Money

The need for cash should be minimal – mostly for roadhouse refreshments along the way, and during stops at Indigenous Cultural and/or Visitor Centres (gift items). ATMs are available in Karratha if the need arises, although visits to the town centre are limited.

Should you wish to purchase art on our day trip to Roebourne, credit card facilities are available at both arts centres.

Health and Safety

Your health and safety is of prime concern to us. The charter coach is equipped with a satellite telephone for 24-hour emergency communication. First-aid kits are at hand, although we recommend bringing your own where possible. If you are a qualified First Aid Officer please let FARA know, as this may be important information.

Weather

Keep an eye on the WA forecast as the tour date approaches, particularly if there are signs of wet weather. Being close to the coast, temperatures do not drop dramatically at night, however it can be cool and windy from time to time, particularly when camping.

Other relevant documents:

- **Itinerary, called Daily Schedule:** <https://www.fara.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020-Daily-Schedule.pdf> (the 2021 itinerary will be quite similar and available on the website shortly)
- **Medical form from Cross Country Charters** (this is your registration form for the tour): <https://www.fara.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CCC-Medical-Authority-Form.pdf>

For further information contact:

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We look forward to welcoming you on the 2021 Murujuga / Burrup Rock Art Tour!