



MURUJUGA / BURRUP

ROCK ART TOUR

Sat 23 – Sun 31 July 2022



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 and oldest 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 mid-June 2022. 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. Optional 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 tour experience, although agility levels may affect the extent of rock art seen. Binoculars would help to observe petroglyphs located away from the tracks.

Itinerary: Perth to Karratha - 2 days travel (1540 km)
Karratha, Murujuga and surrounds - 5 days/6 nights; see detailed tour itinerary
Karratha to Perth - 2 days travel (1540 km)

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 (details on p. 2).

For those travelling to Karratha by coach, we will be staying at the Gateway Motel in Carnarvon for one night on the way up, and another on the return journey. The balance of six nights will be spent at the Pilbara Karratha Holiday Park.

Cross Country Charters: 4 experienced and qualified staff (drivers/guide, cook & assistant)

Vehicle: 5-star, late model 33-seater, long distance touring coach with safari trailer. It is air conditioned, with seat belts, PA, a comprehensive first aid kit and satellite phone.

We look forward to welcoming you on our 2022 Murujuga / Burrup Rock Art Tour!

Accommodation and travel options and costs

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. All Accommodation costs are based on twin share arrangements. You can pay an extra 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. Cabin accommodation includes bed linen and towels.

If you are camping in Karratha, (Option 1) there are roomy tents which only have to be put up once. Quality air mattresses are provided and you may hire sleeping bags and pillows, or bring your own (compact) bedding. **NOTE: hiring sleeping bags and pillows needs to be done when booking the tour, so they are packed on the bus in Perth.**

Fly/self-drive travellers paying your own travel costs you have

- three accommodation options:
 - camping (Option 1)
 - one-bedroom cabin (Option 2)
 - two-bedroom cabin (Option 3)
- or you can provide your own tent/caravan, and eat with the other tourers (Option 4) **NB: you will need to book your own tent/caravan site** at the Pilbara Karratha Holiday Park.
- or you can be totally self-sufficient and just join us on our daily tours (Option 5).

Costs

- **Option 1: Camping, Catering & Coach to/from Karratha**
 Per person (pp) x 6 days **\$3,000**
 (If fly/self-drive to/from Karratha: own travel expense and arrangements)
 Camping fees (twin share) – 6 nights, catering (B, L, D) and camping equipment
 Coach transport around Karratha only, as per tour itinerary*
- **Option 2: One-bedroom Cabin, Catering & Coach to/from Karratha**
 pp x 6 days **\$ 3,700**
 (If fly/self-drive to/from Karratha: Own travel expense and arrangements)
 Cabin fees - (twin share) – 6 nights, catering (B, L, D) and campsite facilities
 Coach transport around Karratha only, as per tour itinerary*
- **Option 3: Two-bedroom Cabin, Catering & Coach to/from Karratha**
 pp x 6 days **\$ 4,000**
 (If fly/self-drive to/from Karratha: Own travel expense and arrangements)
 Cabin fees - (twin share) - 6 nights, catering (B, L, D) and campsite facilities
 Coach transport around Karratha only, as per tour itinerary*
- **Option 4: Catering & Coach transport* (No Accommodation or Travel)**
 pp x 5.5 days **\$ 2,400**
 Catering, (B, L, D) and campsite facilities for meals
 Coach transport around Karratha only, as per tour itinerary*
- **Option 5: Karratha Coach transport & tour for day – Day tourers:**
 pp x 1 day **\$ 190**
 (No Accommodation/Camping or Catering)
**NB: Options 1, 2 and 3 include Pre and Post Tour arrangements (below).
 If not required, these costs will be deducted.**
- **Pre-Tour: Coach transport to Karratha, Motel at Carnarvon, Catering 2 days @ \$ 225**
- Motel accommodation (twin share) - 1 night, half board (D, B); Catering (lunch x 2)
Post-Tour: Coach from Karratha, Motel at Carnarvon, Catering 2 days @ \$ 225
 Motel accommodation (twin share) - 1 night, half board (D, B) ; Catering (lunch x 2)

Additional Costs:

Single Supplement - 6 nights camping in Karratha (subject to availability)	\$ 175 pp
Single Supplement - 6 nights in One-bedroom cabin (subject to availability)	\$ 770 pp
Single Supplement - 1 night motel (subject to availability)	\$ 60 pp
Sleeping Bag x 6 days	\$ 50 pp
Pillow Hire x 6 days	\$ 10 pp
Lunch – Karratha (per day)	\$ 25 pp
Dinner – Karratha (per day)	\$ 35 pp

***Not included:** Flights and transport to/from airport, Karratha & caravan park, unless travelling on a pre or post tour by coach

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**
- Fly/self-drive travellers' deposit is **\$400**

The **balance of payment is due by 1 May 2022.**

Under certain circumstances (eg. 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:
Chris Swain, FARA Treasurer
20 Bedwell Cres, Booragoon, WA 6154

NOTE: There are only 30 seats available on the coach and we are limited to 40 participants on the Tour. Your place will only be guaranteed on receipt of your deposit and your Medical Form (currently being updated).

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 Judith Hugo, Tour Coordinator at the address below at the same time that you pay your deposit – together, **the deposit and medical form reserve your place on the tour.**

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 Judith Hugo on 0439 090 321	
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 Judith Hugo 3/10 Onslow St, South Perth WA 6151	
6	Make a note of the final payment date – 1 May 2022	
7	Pay final amount owing by 1 May 2022	
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.
- For further information, see Cross Country Charters [Suggested Packing List](#).

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, although visits to the town centre are limited. Should you wish to purchase art on our day trip to Roebourne, all arts centres have credit card facilities.

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/Daily Schedule](#)
- [Medical form from Cross Country Charters](#) is **your registration form** for the tour: This is currently being updated to reflect Covid safety requirements.

For further information contact: Judith Hugo, 2022 Tour Coordinator (M) 0439 090 321
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