Educational Tours

Rottnest Voluntary Guides Association offers tours crafted to spark curiosity and captivate interest in the rich history, sustainability practices, and ecological wonders of Wadjemup/Rottnest Island.

The various educational tours and activities on the island are designed to re-engage students and ignite curiosity that they can take back with them, while enjoying the island's fresh air and interacting with the guide's compelling narratives. Through these stories, historical figures (and even star constellations) transform into captivating characters, accompanying you on a journey reminiscent of a classroom adventure.

Capacity, locations, and availability varies by tour.

All Educational Tours can be booked online via Rottnest Island Authority

The following intended as examples only:



Behind the Scenes (Tour by Bicycle)

Visitors are often unaware of the unseen cogs steadily working to keep Wadjemup, Rottnest Island clean and green. Discover how you can help reduce the ecological footprint on the island.

• **Duration:** 90 Minutes (approx.)



Bickley Battery Walk

Let the coastal views from the military watchtower sink in as the guide draws the crowd to attention with stories from where they stand. Their wealth of knowledge brings to life the tangible reality of the site.

• **Duration:** 50 Minutes (approx.)



Pioneers and Prisoners

The stories of Wadjemup, Rottnest Island in the 1800s are told with deep respect and acknowledgement. From the use of the island as a place of incarceration and a boys' reformatory, to early European voyages.

Duration: 50 Minutes (approx.)



Oliver Hill Gun and Tunnels

Take your band of explorers down into a maze of underground military tunnels, and watch silence fall as they learn about these gritty, mechanical remnants of World War II.

• **Duration:** 50 Minutes (approx.)



Reefs, Wrecks and Daring Sailors

Energise history lessons with tales of treasure, drowned ships, and treacherous sea journeys. Beginning at Salt Store, you will walk to discover coastline-forming events and the exploration of early European vessels.

• **Duration:** 50 Minutes (approx.)



Sustainability (Tour by Bicycle)

Rottnest is an exceptional example of unsustainable practices in the 19th century having an impact on the Island more than 150 years later. On the other hand, it is also a wonderful example of the implementation of sustainable practices.

• **Duration:** 90 Minutes (approx.)



The Changing Face of Rottnest (Tour by Bicycle)

Set off on your bikes to explore the island's wilderness, following the story of Rottnest's eco-evolution. See the real-world results of eco-friendly projects, connecting these abstract ideals to the dirt and grit of working with nature.

• **Duration:** 2 Hours (approx.)



Wadjemup Museum

Guided through mixed media displays that tell the rich history of Wadjemup. With a theatrette, audio experiences, and an interactive touchscreen; Wadjemup Museum has the power to change how you experience the island.

Duration: 30 Minutes (approx.)



Whitecaps and Wilderness Walk

The classroom comes alive with stories told in nature. Warm currents igniting sea life, secretive creatures in the undergrowth, ancient tree roots from the island's beginning; there is more to the natural world than what you see.

•Duration: 50 Minutes (approx.)



Stargazing (Evening Tour)

In the peace and seclusion of Rottnest Island, far from the lights of the city, this nighttime oasis offers a star display like no other. Watch your group settle into the stories of constellations forming, minds boggling with new space know

• Duration: 50 Minutes (approx.)



Wadjemup Lighthouse

Venture to the highest point on Rottnest, where the exposure of the windblown viewing platform will inspire awe in even the most sceptical of your group.

• Duration: 30 Minutes (approx.)

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