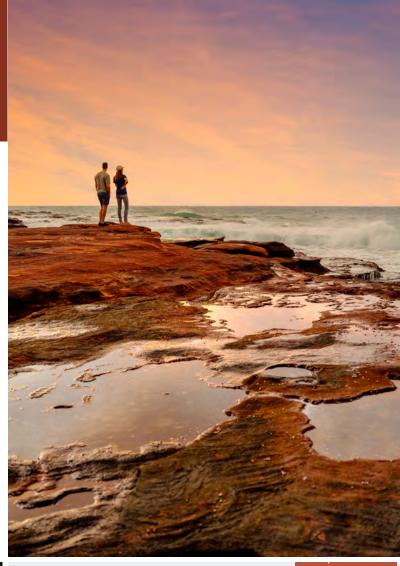


# Perth - Broome West Coast Explorer

# 13 Days/12 Nights

Uninterrupted stretches of white sandy beaches, untouched coral reefs just metres from the shore, breath-taking gorges and dazzling wildflower's displays: On this West Coast Adventure, you will visit the ancient Pinnacles, witness the striking Pink Lake, enjoy close encounters with friendly dolphins and swim with the largest fish in the world, the whale shark.









#### **Kalbarri National Park**

Marvel at nature's ability to carve the landscape. Explore the depths and heights of the river gorges and admire the floral beauty of the vast, rolling sandplains of Kalbarri National Park. Along the coast, wind and wave erosion has exposed the sedimentary layers in the sandstone cliffs that plunge more than 100 metres to the ocean.



# **Monkey Mia**

Surrounded by rusty red sand dunes, white sandy beaches and water teeming with wildlife, Shark bay is a nature lover's paradise. On a guided tour, you will get to explore the area's natural and cultural history first hand, both in and out of the water.



#### **Ningaloo Reef**

Crystal clear water harbours the world's largest fringing reef, a 260 kilometre long coral reef swarming with turtles, tropical fish, manta rays, humpback whales and the incredible whale shark. Unlike most other reefs, it's easy to access just by stepping off the beach. A snorkel and mask are all you'll need to experience this colourful and pristine reef.



#### **Bullara Station**

Bullara Station is perfectly located between Coral Bay and Exmouth in the Coral Coast region of Western Australia and has been owned by the Shallcross Family since the late 1950s. Enjoy the interaction with animals that roam freely and the uninterrupted night skies that will blow your mind. Relax and unwind from the stresses of every day, enjoy life on a working cattle station and experience rural Australia at its best.



# Karijini National Park

Two billion years in the making, Karijini National Park is Western Australia's second largest national park. Descend into ancient cavernous gorges, scale some of the oldest rocks on the planet, paddle in crystal-clear waterways and cool off with a swim beneath cascading waterfalls. There is also an amazing network of walking trails, ranging from easy to challenging, that wind through some of Australia's most awesome scenery.

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#### Day 1: Perth

Welcome to Perth! Claimed to be the sunniest capital city in Australia with over 3200 hours of sunshine each year. Yes, that's right, on average 8.8 hours of sunshine per day.

Today we recommend a visit to Kings Park, one of the biggest city centre park in the world. It's our top pick and rightly so. It grants epic views of the Swan and Canning rivers with skyscrapers perched on their banks. Astonishingly tall, white-trunked trees line the entrance road to this inspiring patch of green, which has a treetop bridge, bushland trails, manicured gardens and cafés.

If the beach is calling you Perth is almost unfairly blessed with extraordinary beaches. Transparent blue water with astounding visibility meets white silica sand that seems to stretch on forever.

#### Day 2: Perth - Cervantes

Approximate driving time 3 hours, 230 km

Pick up your rental car this morning in the city.

Leaving Perth travel north and you will soon arrive at Yanchep National Park. Enjoy a morning walk on one of nine walk trails in Yanchep National Park to meet the resident kangaroos, koala colony and wildlife of the woodlands and wetlands. Between September and October, the gardens and bushlands are also filled with the colour of spring wildflowers.

Continue north to Cervantes and the local icon "The Lobster Shack" for lunch. After lunch take a short detour to Hangover Bay and marvel in the peaceful serenity of this beautiful beach setting. In the late afternoon visit Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles and marvel at thousands of limestone spires formed over millions of years. Sunset is spectacular.

## Day 3: Cervantes - Geraldton - Kalbarri

Approximate driving time 5 hours, 395 km

Continue north stopping at peaceful Jurien Bay, home to some of Australia's rarest and most playful sea lion colonies. Setting your sights firmly on Kalbarri, pass through Geraldton, a great place for lunch along the lovely foreshore.

Before arriving in Kalbarri stop and marvel at the fascinating rock formations of Shell House and Grandstand Rock Gorge, Island Rock and Natural Bridge just south of tonight's destination.

#### Day 4: Kalbarri - Monkey Mia

Approximate driving time 5 hours, 415 km

Depart early this morning and prepare a packed lunch for the day ahead. First stop is the Kalbarri National Park and to the lookouts and hiking trails to gaze in awe at the ancient river gorge and rock formations. Nature's Window and Z Bend Lookout are highly recommended.

Continuing towards Monkey Mia stopping at the Hamelin Pool Stromatolites to meet the oldest living marine fossils on earth. Take a walk along a long white beach made of billions of tiny shells. Known as Shell Beach, it's one of only two beaches of its kind in the world. Arrive at Monkey Mia late afternoon.

#### Day 5: Monkey Mia

Today make the short drive back to Denham to join one of the local aboriginal elders for and educational guided kayak and snorkel adventure never to be forgotten. Travel through Francois Peron National Park stopping along the way to discover local bush foods, medicine plants and to be serenaded by some of the 230 bird species found in the area. You will be spending 3-4 hours paddling out across beautiful clear shallow waters and sheltered bays, with a stop at Person Homestead on the way home, to relax in a natural hot tub.

# Day 6: Monkey Mia – Denham – Carnarvon – Coral Bay

Approximate driving time 7 hours, 595 km

It is a long driving day, so we recommend to rise early and enjoy the morning sunrise over the calm waters of Shark Bay. Retrace your drive back to the main highway passing through Denham en route. Stop at Carnarvon to feast on fresh local seafood and tropical fruits from the region's plantations. Today's overnight destination is Coral Bay. From here, you are just a few steps and a short swim from the coral gardens of Ningaloo Reef Marine Park – home to some 500 species of fish and 300 varieties of coral.

## **Day 7: Coral Bay - Bullara Station**

Approximate driving time 1 hour, 70 km

This morning you join a full day Marine Eco Safari around the Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef. Depending on the time of year, you can see from the boat and swim with Whale Sharks, Humpback Whales, and Manta Rays. Encounter numerous fish, reef sharks, and other marine species and the beautiful coral gardens. Morning tea and lunch are also included on board of the boat.

Once you disembark you have a short drive to your overnight accommodation.

#### **Day 8: Bullara Station**

Today you have a free day to explore Cape Range National Park.

Pack plenty of water and a picnic lunch and take a drive around the cape. In the early morning, you are more likely to spot kangaroos, emus and lizards along the way. Spend your morning exploring the snorkel trails, relaxing on white-sand beaches and swimming in inviting lagoons, such as the aptly named Turquoise Bay. Make your way to Yardie Creek and explore the rugged red canyons of Cape Range on foot, following one of the bushwalking trails at Yardie Creek or Mandu Mandu Gorge. Return to your overnight accommodation via Exmouth.

## Day 9: Bullara Station – Tom Price – Karijini Eco Retreat

Approximate driving time 8 hours, 565 km

The drive from Bullara Station to Tom Price is a long and remote drive. You are travelling through the Australian outback so be sure to have plenty of fuel and water on board. Once at Tom Price it is a further 1.5 hours to Karijini Eco Retreat located inside Karijini National Park.

Set in the heart of Western Australia's Pilbara region, Karijini National Park is the second largest national park in Western and will take you on a journey through two billion years of the Earth's natural history.

## **Day 10: Karijini National Park**

Today is a free day to explore the National Park. Descend into ancient cavernous gorges, scale some of the oldest rocks on the planet, paddle in crystal-clear waterways and cool off with a swim beneath cascading waterfalls. There is also an amazing network of walking trails, ranging from easy to challenging, that wind through some of Australia's most breath-taking scenery. Alternatively join in a day tours on offer.

#### Day 11: Karijini Eco Retreat - Port Headland

Approximate driving time 6 hours, 390 km

Continue through Karijini National Park towards the Eastern Exit of the park. Stop at Dales Gorge and the beautiful Fern Pool. After a short break exit the park and travel north along the Great Northern highway to Port Headland.

Port Hedland is the gateway and central hub connecting the Pilbara and the Kimberley. The town has its roots in shipping and mining, and visitors have the unique opportunity to witness the operations of the world's biggest mining company. The award-winning Cultural and Heritage Trail allows visitors to explore Port Hedland's Indigenous and European history.

# Day 12: Port Headland – Cape Keraudren – Broome

Approximate driving time 7.5 hours, 640 km

Following the Great Northern Highway towards Broome taking a short detour at Pardoo Roadhouse to the Cape Keraudren nature reserve and wonderful views of the Indian Ocean. Re-join the highway and continue to Broome.

Built on the Pearling trade, Broome's rich and colourful history has created a multicultural melting pot that is reflected in the town's welcoming and laid-back feel. Cable Beach is one of the main draws to Broome but with easy access to the Cape Leveque and the Kimberley's it is clear to see why so many are drawn to the regions natural beauty.

#### Day 13: Broome

Today it is time to depart Broome.

Drop off your car at the airport or in the city.

Why not stay longer in this wonderful relaxed town or continue your journey deeper into the Australian outback with an adventure along the Gibb River Road.