



2020 TRIP NOTES 12 DAY PERTH TO BROOME



Itinerary

DAYS 1-2 PINNACLES DESERT & KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK

Depart Perth and head north to Nambung National Park to explore the amazing formations of the Pinnacles Desert, before continuing our journey through the scenic coastal town of Cervantes and into Geraldton, the second largest town in WA. The Hampton Rd historical walk is a great way to get a feel for early life in this beautiful area. Passing the pink lakes en route, we soon reach our accommodation in the pretty seaside town of Kalbarri. In the rugged terrain and seclusion of Murchison Gorge, located in Kalbarri National Park, we explore Nature's Window and Z-Bend Gorge – an exhilarating 150m descent into the heart of the gorge. Feeling adventurous? Give abseiling a go or join a sunset cruise (own expense). (LD/BLD)

DAYS 3-4 SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Today's drive northbound will take us to the Shark Bay World Heritage area where we base ourselves for 2 nights. Visit beautiful Shell Beach – one of only two beaches in the world made entirely from shells and greet the world famous Monkey Mia dolphins. Spend a free day on the beach or opt for a sailing adventure to see more dolphins and even dugongs in this awesome location. (optional, at own expense and subject to availability) (BL/BLD)

DAYS 5-6 CORAL BAY

Visit the fascinating stromatolites at Hamelin pool, the world's oldest living organisms, and the agricultural town of Carnarvon enroute to Coral Bay. This stunning seaside town is famous for its idyllic beach and the underwater world of Ningaloo Reef just off shore. Optional activities here include glass bottom boat rides, snorkelling adventures, quad bike rides and more. Alternatively, hire a snorkelling set and kick back on the beach, exploring at your own leisure. In the evenings spot kangaroos along with the array of birdlife. *Note that all optional activities are at your own expense and subject to availability (BL/BLD)

DAYS 7-9 KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Today's drive will take us around 600km's inland to the heart of the Pilbara and for many, the highlight of our tour, Karijini National Park. Along the way we take in a guided mine tour at Tom Price to find out what drives the Pilbara before heading to the Karijini Eco Retreat for a luxury

wilderness experience under the amazing outback stars. Two full days of adventure is just the perfect amount of time needed to explore Karijini National Park and its amazing gorges. Formed over 2,500 million years ago, the Hamersley Ranges are some of the most unusual landforms on earth. Deep in the gorges you'll come across cascading waterfalls and fresh, still waterholes that are ideal for swimming. Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Fern Pool, Circular Pool, Weano Gorge and Hancock Gorge are just some of the unforgettable areas we'll visit. Definitely a highlight. (BLD/BLD/BLD)

DAY 10 THE PILBARA

Say your sad farewells to Karijini this morning as we travel towards the coast and the iron ore town of Port Hedland. After lunch we continue on towards the Pilbara region, where we spend the night together on an overnight station stay. (BLD)

DAYS 11-12 EIGHTY MILE BEACH & BROOME

Stop in for a stroll on eighty mile beach before arriving in sunny tropical Broome! A town tour starts in Chinatown where our local guide will share fascinating stories of this colourful precinct. Take a drive through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old Pearlising Masters homes then view the aqua waters of Roebuck Bay at Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War. We then stop at Matsos Broome Brewery to sample their hand made ales and famous ginger beer. Afterwards, visit the Japanese Cemetery and Broome Port, the base for many of today's Pearlising vessels. Then take an easy paced walk at Gantheaume Point known for dinosaur footprints and hear the story of Anastasia's Pool. We then drive down onto Cable Beach for sunset (subject to beach conditions). Relax and enjoy a stroll, or a swim as you watch the sun disappear into the horizon. (BL/B)





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Please note that this is an indication only. All details are subject to change according to local conditions, itinerary updates and other circumstances beyond our control.

Itinerary Facts

DAY 1 PERTH TO KALBARRI

Day Highlights:
Nambung National Park & Geraldton
Distance Travelled:
570km
Meals Included:
Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kalbarri Edge Resort - ensuite room

DAY 2 KALBARRI

Day Highlights:
Z-Bend Gorge & Nature's Window
Distance Travelled:
20km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kalbarri Edge Resort - ensuite room

DAY 3 KALBARRI TO MONKEY MIA

Day Highlights:
Shell Beach
Distance Travelled:
400km
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Monkey Mia Resort - ensuite room

DAY 4 SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE

Day Highlights:
Monkey Mia Dolphins
Distance Travelled:
20km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Monkey Mia Resort - ensuite room

DAY 5 MONKEY MIA TO CORAL BAY

Day Highlights:
Hamelin Pool & Carnarvon
Distance Travelled:
580km
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Ninglooo Bay Lodge - ensuite room

DAY 6 CORAL BAY

Day Highlights:
Ningaloo Reef
Distance Travelled:
0km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Ninglooo Bay Lodge - ensuite room

DAY 7 CORAL BAY TO KARIJINI

Day Highlights:
Mine Tour & Tom Price
Distance Travelled:
600km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Karijini Eco Retreat, Deluxe Eco Safari Tent - ensuite

DAY 8 KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Day Highlights:
Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls & Circular Pool
Distance Travelled:
50km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Karijini Eco Retreat, Deluxe Eco Safari Tent - ensuite

DAY 9 KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Day Highlights:
Weano Gorge & Hancock Gorge
Distance Travelled:
50km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Karijini Eco Retreat, Deluxe Eco Safari Tent - ensuite

DAY 10 KARIJINI TO PARDOO STATION

Day Highlights:
The Pilbara
Distance Travelled:
485km
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Pardoo Station Twin Rooms - shared facilities

DAY 11 PARDOO STATION TO BROOME

Day Highlights:
Eighty Mile Beach & Broome
Distance Travelled:
460km
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Mangrove Resort - ensuite room

DAY 12 BROOME

Day Highlights:
Clean clothes!
Distance Travelled:
0km
Meals Included:
Breakfast
Stay Overnight:
You are welcome to book additional accommodation or depart for your forward arrangements.



Accommodation

On the 12 Day Perth to Broome, we range Double/Twinshare Accommodation as follows:

NIGHTS 1 & 2 KALBARRI

The studio rooms at the Kalbarri Edge Resort each include a queen and a single bed, private bathroom and a kitchenette.



NIGHTS 3 & 4 MONKEY MIA

The private rooms at the Monkey Mia Resort are air-conditioned and feature ensuite bathroom facilities.



NIGHTS 5 & 6 CORAL BAY

The private rooms at the Ninglooo Bay Lodge are air-conditioned and feature ensuite bathroom facilities.

NIGHTS 7-9 KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Three nights glamping in the comfortable and well appointed Deluxe Eco tents at Karijini Eco Retreat, featuring twin beds, ensuite bathroom, quality bedding and linen and a deck.

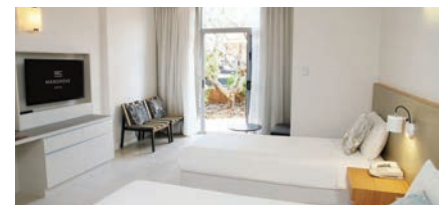


NIGHT 10 PARDOO STATION

Check into the basic, yet comfortable Twin Rooms at Pardoo Cattle Station. Shared bathrooms.

NIGHT 11 BROOME

The Mangrove Resort is close to town and overlooks the azure waters of Roebuck Bay.





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Important Information

Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Meals

This tour includes: 11 x Breakfasts, 11 x Lunches, 8 x Dinners

Our healthy meals feature fresh ingredients, salads and local flavours. We cater for necessary dietary requirements where possible, so please discuss with us when booking. Meals NOT included are: dinner at Monkey Mia (1nt), dinner in Coral Bay (1nt) and dinner in Broome (1nt). Allow approximately \$200pp.

Inclusions

- Experienced Guide
- Meals as specified
- Twinshare Accommodation
- National Park Entry Fees
- Karijini Deluxe Eco Retreat
- Tom Price Mining Tour
- Broome Sights Tour

Optional Activities

- Abseiling – allow approx \$30 per person
- Swimming with Manta Rays – allow approx \$180 per person
- Swimming with Whale Sharks (seasonal, April to July only) – allow \$350-\$370 per person
- Glass Bottom Boat Rides – allow approx \$50 per person
- Kayaking – allow approx \$30 per hour
- Sunset Camel Ride on Cable Beach – allow approx \$100 per person

What to Bring: Checklist

- A torch (ideally a head torch)
- A broad-brimmed hat with sun visor for all round protection
- Swimming costume and towel
- Bath towel
- Walking/trekking shoes
- Personal water bottle (ideally 1.5L capacity)
- Small day pack
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent & sunscreen
- Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- Warm jumper

Note: Maximum bag weight limit is 15kg - no suitcases

Itinerary Notes

Fitness Level: Moderate

This itinerary involves some clambering over rocks, wading in water by torchlight, walking on rocky creek beds that are unstable underfoot and ascending/descending into gorges. The ability to swim and a reasonable level of fitness and being sure on your feet is required to participate.

Western Australia is a big state, so travelling significant distances is necessary to fully experience the highlights. You will soon discover that they are well worth the journey.

FREE Hotel Pick Up

Kimberley Wild offers free pick up at 7am from selected CBD hotels in Perth. Please advise where you are staying and let us know if there are any changes. We appreciate your patience if we are running a little late. You being there on time will help make sure we are! Have your mobile phone turned on in the morning in case we need to reach you. Call 1300 73 88 70 if you are concerned you have missed pickup.

Tour Style

This is a West Coast Expedition: perfect for those seeking to experience the real West Coast in depth.

Important Notes!

1. It is essential that you call the Kimberley Wild office on 9193 7778, the day prior to departure to confirm pick up, and provide a mobile number for any late notifications.
2. Departures are all subject to regional weather conditions and road closures.
3. Space in the vehicle is limited so please keep luggage light – bring only essentials in a small soft bag, MAXIMUM 15kg. Suitcases are NOT suitable. Excess luggage must be left in Perth or sent to a forward destination.
4. Due to distances covered, this trip involves early departures on some morning and frequent stops between destinations.
5. Kimberley Wild reserves the right to assess the fitness capability of passengers prior to tour departure.
6. It is your responsibility to advise Kimberley Wild if you have any dietary requirements or medical conditions (including allergies).
7. Our guides also appreciate the assistance of one or two group members in preparing/clearing meals. It is essential that all our groups leave the properties and camps they stay in as they found them for the next travellers - the regions we visit on the West Coast and in Australia's northwest are often pristine wilderness and it is our responsibility to ensure it stays this way.

Vehicles

Tours are operated in custom-built, 21 seat trucks with a PA system and built-in storage (no risky trailers!). These comfortable, strong remote area vehicles allow our small groups extra space (including standing room), are fully air-conditioned and fitted with adjustable air-vents, reclining seats, map pockets and footrests. It is important that when booking an outback adventure in remote West Australia, you understand that the roads we travel on are isolated and can be heavily corrugated. Rest assured, these are the conditions for which our trucks are designed.

Power & Phone Reception

Telstra users will get phone reception in most towns and the occasional remote hot spot. There will be long stretches where we are out of phone range. Power points will be accessible on most nights for recharging cameras and other electronic equipment.

Travel Insurance

It is essential that you have travel insurance that covers medical expenses, including emergency repatriation. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not provided. Travellers may bring a personal supply from Perth if desired – preferably no glass bottles. Enroute, alcohol can be purchased in some locations.

Climate

This trip travels from the temperate climate of the Perth region into the more challenging environment of Australia's northwest, which has a Wet Season (DEC to MAR) and a Dry Season (APR to NOV). During 'the Wet' most 4WD roads and National Parks are closed. Our tours operate during 'the Dry', when it can get surprisingly cold overnight, depending on where you are – in Broome it can get down to 12°C, while in Karijini, it can fall as low as 5°C! During the day, we usually enjoy 28 to 30°C. Note: in September and October, as 'the Wet' approaches, temperatures increase accordingly and it can be very hot during the day. It is essential that you are prepared for this – ask our office for advice prior to booking.

