



PILBARA & WEST COAST EXPEDITION

PERTH - BROOME

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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DAY 1 – Perth

Your journey begins in Perth, where you'll be welcomed by your friendly and professional Tour Directors. This afternoon, enjoy an informative Perth city tour, including the scenic Kings Park, with time to wander among its peaceful gardens and enjoy sweeping views across the Swan River. This evening, come together for a special welcome dinner to mark the start of your expedition. **D**

Stay: 1 night at the DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront.

DAY 2 – The Pinnacles - Geraldton

Leaving the city behind, we head north along the Indian Ocean Drive to Nambung National Park, home to the Pinnacles Desert. Here, thousands of limestone spires rise eerily from the sand, creating one of Australia's most surreal and iconic landscapes. A true highlight of the journey. After time to explore this natural wonder, we continue to the coastal city of Geraldton, where we settle in for the night. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at the Ocean Centre Hotel

DAY 3 – Geraldton – Denham – Monkey Mia

Continuing north along the North West Coastal Highway, today's journey takes us to Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve, one of the few places on Earth where ancient marine stromatolites, often called living fossils, can be seen. These extraordinary formations offer a glimpse into life on Earth over 3.5 billion years ago. We also visit the historic Hamelin Pool Telegraph Station, before making our way to Shark Bay and the charming seaside town of Denham. Our final stop is Monkey Mia, where we'll spend the next two nights. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at the Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort

DAY 4 – Exploring Shark Bay

Today is all about exploring the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, recognised for meeting all four UNESCO natural World Heritage criteria. Head to the beach to meet the local bottlenose dolphins that often swim close to shore*. Later, enjoy a three-hour catamaran sailing adventure through Shark Bay Marine Park, keeping watch for dugongs, dolphins, sea turtles, and other marine life. The afternoon is yours to relax at the resort. **B.L.D**

**Note: As the dolphins are wild, sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

DAY 5 – Monkey Mia – Carnarvon

After a leisurely start this morning, visit the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre, where interactive exhibits bring to life the region's extraordinary natural and cultural history. Learn about the unique ecosystems, Indigenous heritage, and the pioneering stories that shaped this remote corner of Western Australia. As we travel further north along the coast, watch the landscape transform into fertile plains and rugged outback scenery. Arriving in Carnarvon mid-afternoon, enjoy a short town tour to discover its rich heritage before checking into our overnight accommodation. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at the Carnarvon Motel.

DAY 6 – Carnarvon – Exmouth

We continue our journey north through rugged Pilbara landscapes before arriving at Coral Bay, a laid-back coastal paradise. After soaking up Coral Bay's charm, journey onward to Exmouth, the vibrant gateway to Ningaloo Reef. This region is a marine wonderland, home to manta rays, turtles, and seasonal whale sharks. Check in for three nights at the luxurious Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, ideally positioned on Sunrise Beach. Relax in style and prepare for unforgettable reef adventures ahead. **B.L.D**

Stay: 3 nights at Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

DAY 7 – Ningaloo Reef Discovery cruise

Ningaloo is an untouched 300km long fringing barrier reef that protects a shallow, brilliant white sandy lagoon of



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clear tropical waters. It is one of only a few places on earth where you can access the coral reef from the beach.

On a half day discovery cruise on Ningaloo Reef learn about the diversity of marine life in the park and take the opportunity for some snorkelling in the park's pristine waters (accompanied by guides - equipment is provided). Return to the resort for a leisurely afternoon before dining together at the award-winning Mantarays Restaurant.

B.L.D

Note: Guests who have pre-booked the optional full-day whale shark swim will be collected from the resort and rejoin the group in the evening.

DAY 8 – Cape Range National Park - Yardie Creek Gorge

Discover Cape Range National Park, a spectacular place of rugged limestone ranges, breathtaking deep canyons and 50 kilometres of pristine beaches. The area is well known for the striking contrast of its turquoise waters, white beaches and red ochre landscape.

Enjoy a cruise through the dramatic Yardie Creek Gorge. This ancient gorge has deep blue water, red limestone cliff faces and a wonderful array of birds and wildlife including the rare black-footed rock wallaby. There's also a walking trail to the top of the gorge - the views down the creek and out to Ningaloo Reef are simply spectacular. After a picnic lunch we'll visit Milyering Discovery Centre to learn about the marine park and local environment through interpretive displays and audio-visual facilities. We then return to Exmouth for our third and final night at the Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort. **B.L.D**

DAY 9 – Exmouth - Dampier - Karratha

Time to get back on the road leaving Exmouth behind us and travel out via the Burket Road and north to Nanutarra. We continue via the Fortescue River before arriving in the port town of Dampier to visit the Red Dog sculpture. This famous kelpie cattle dog was well known for his travels through the vast Pilbara region. Take in the town of Dampier before heading to the Burrup Peninsula to view ancient petroglyph engravings dating back 30,000 - 45,000 years ago. We finish our day in Karratha, situated on Nicol Bay, where we spend the night. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Karratha International Hotel

DAY 10 – Karratha - Millstream-Chichester National Park - Karijini National Park

Our route today takes us through the rugged landscapes of Millstream-Chichester National Park, a region of escarpments, tree-lined creeks, and tranquil waterholes. The run-off from the Hamersley Ranges flows via the Fortescue River into an underground aquifer that feeds the waterholes within the park.

Millstream used to be a pastoral lease which ran for over 100 years, and today we'll visit the historic Millstream Homestead before continuing to Karijini National Park, where we check into the unique Karijini Eco Retreat for two nights in tented cabins with ensuite bathrooms. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Karijini Eco Retreat

Note: Evening temperatures can be cool, we recommend warm sleepwear.

DAY 11 – Exploring Karijini National Park

With red earth beneath your feet and ancient escarpments on the horizon, the beauty of Karijini National Park beckons. As one of Western Australia's most dramatic and remote landscapes, today promises a journey through deep gorges, cascading waterfalls, and emerald-hued swimming holes. Begin with a guided walk through Weano Gorge, where sculpted rock walls and hidden pools showcase the park's geological past. Take in the breathtaking panorama from Oxer Lookout, perched above the point where four gorges meet in a cathedral of stone.

Continue to Tom Price for a guided mine tour and gain insight into the region's rich mining history. Then, explore other sections of Karijini, including Dales Gorge and Fern Pool - a sacred, tranquil oasis perfect for a refreshing swim. Return to the Eco Retreat by late afternoon for some well-earned rest, before gathering beneath a star-strewn sky for dinner. **B.L.D**

DAY 12 – Karijini National Park - Port Hedland

Setting out, we continue our way north bound for Port Hedland which is one of the largest towns in the Pilbara. Due to the massive mining operations in the region, the town is home to Australia's largest tonnage port facility. This afternoon we visit the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre for an interesting behind the scenes look at the workings of



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the Port Hedland iron ore port. After a quick presentation we board one of the Seafarers launch service boats and circumnavigate the entire port, with insightful commentary from your local skipper. After your tour we check into Port Hedland accommodation for our overnight stay. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Hedland Hotel Port Hedland

DAY 13 – Port Hedland - Broome

The Great Northern Highway takes us further north as we travel the scenic stretch of highway towards Broome. Pass between Eighty Mile Beach and the Great Sandy Desert, arriving in Broome, a tropical outpost steeped in pearling history. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner overlooking the Indian Ocean, the perfect finale to this unforgettable West Coast expedition.

B.L.D

Stay: 1 night at Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa

DAY 14 – Broome

This morning, we say farewell. Enjoy a slow morning and your final breakfast followed by a transfer to Broome Airport. **B**

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