



**Itinerary:** 11-day West Coast tour (Perth – Broome)  
**Pax:** 17 total

### **Day 1**

We'll pick you up early in Perth and head north to Nambung National Park to explore The Pinnacles. These are ancient natural rock pillars' that rise out of the surrounding landscape.

We will follow the coast and make our way up through Beekeepers Nature Reserve and take a look at the leaning trees; a bizarre natural phenomenon where River Red Gum trees have grown horizontal due to the strong winds.

We'll head in-land to the historic town of Northampton to see Western Australia's very own Pink Lake at Port Gregory before continuing on to our farm stay where we will stay for the next two nights.

**Highlights:** The Pinnacles, the leaning trees and the Pink Lake

**Meals provided:** L, D

### **Day 2**

This morning we visit Kalbarri National Park to see where the Muchusion river cuts through the Tumblagooda Sandstone to create deep gorges in the rock. We'll brave the cantilever Kalbarri skywalk that sits 100 meters above the gorge creating a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape.

We visit Nature's Window, a natural rock formation providing a perfect viewing platform and photo opportunity. Afterwards we'll make our way down into the gorge.

In the afternoon we will have time to look at some of the local wildflowers the area is well-known for. We'll also spend time by the Kalbarri coast made famous for its numerous ship wrecks.

**Highlights:** Kalbarri skywalk and Nature's Window

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

### **Day 3**

As we continue north, we'll stop at the Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve; here you will see rock-like structures called marine stromatolites. They are very rare and are believed to be 3.5 billion years old.

We'll make a visit to Shell Beach in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area; a beach made up of millions, if not billions of tiny shells. It's also worth taking a moment to observe the fence which is a crucial structure for Project Eden; a conservation project limiting feral animals onto the Peron Peninsula.

We'll then head inside the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre to learn about the history of the area, including the landing of Dirk Hartog in 1616.

Our next stop, Denham's Little Lagoon; a magnificent stretch of calm water ideal for swimming or taking in the view of the sandy beaches, and observing the birdlife.

Tonight, we will camp on the Peron Peninsula.

**Highlights:** Shell Beach, Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre and Little Lagoon

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

### **Day 4**

We start the morning with the famous dolphin feeding in the coastal town of Monkey Mia. Meet the friendly resident Monkey Mia dolphins who have been swimming to the shore for years to interact with humans.

We then take the Wulyibindi Yanayina walk, a great place to spot the thick-billed grasswren along with many other bird species including the Mallee Fowl, or you can just relax at the beach by the bay.

Later in the afternoon we'll make our way to Coral Bay where we will camp for the next two nights.

**Highlights:** Monkey Mia dolphins and Wulyibindi Yanayina walk

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 5

Today you get to enjoy the magnificent turquoise waters of Coral Bay, the perfect introduction to the breathtaking beauty of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef. Here you can come face-to-face with fascinating marine creatures like whale sharks, manta rays, dugongs and turtles.

Whether its going out for a swim with the whale sharks, snorkeling with the Manta rays, quad biking around the dunes, or a stroll around the bay. Your guide can organise your optional activity for the day.

Whale Shark Safari Approx. \$470pp\*

Swim with Mantra Rays Approx. \$250pp

1-hour Coral vieing on Glass Bottom Boat Approx. \$60pp

Other option: Quad bike tour \$220

\*We need to know at the time of booking whether you'd like to swim with Whale Sharks. Please select the 'extra activity' option at check out so we can arrange it for you.

It's possible to do any of the tours offered by Coral Bay Eco Tours, simply let your guide know on the first day when you are picked up in Perth.

**Highlights:** World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef

**Meals provided:** B, D (no lunch)

## Day 6

This morning starts with a walk to see nature's Coral Bay Shark Nursery. This a unique opportunity to see reef sharks in their natural habitat as they congregate at Skeleton Bay, part of the Ningaloo Marine Park.

We explore the Ningaloo coast (Cape Range National park) including a visit to Yardie Creek Gorge, lighthouses and pristine coastal reefs as well as beaches en route to Exmouth. There will be plenty of swimming opportunities.

Tonight, we will camp in the Exmouth region.

**Highlights:** Coral Bay Shark Nursery, Yardie Creek Gorge, lighthouses and pristine coastal reefs

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 7

Today we have a morning stop at the Pot Shot Memorial in Exmouth before we start heading in-land. You'll learn the truly amazing story of strength, survival and the never-give-up attitude of our soldiers during WW2.

We then make our way through iron ore country to the must-see Karijini National Park. We make stops on route to take in the views and observe the rugged scenery.

Tonight, we camp in Karijini National Park.

**Highlights:** Pot Shot Memorial, Karijini National Park.

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 8

Known for its ancient rock and breathtaking gorges, crystal-clear waterways and stunning waterfalls, today we explore Karijini National Park.

This morning we'll embark on the spider-walk of Handcock Gorge and take a dip in Kermit's Pool.

In the afternoon we'll head to Dales Gorge for a refreshing swim at Fortescue Falls. We'll also visit Fern Pool with its small twin waterfalls, one of the most beautiful spots in the park.

Tonight we camp in Karijini National Park.

**Highlights:** Handcock Gorge, Kermit's Pool, Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Fern Pool.

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 9

This morning we stay in Karijini National Park to explore Hamersley Gorge. This is a dramatic gorge, full of colour, texture and reflections making for a fantastic swimming opportunity. This is a favourite among many because the upper and lower parts of the gorge allow for plenty of swimming and stunning photo opportunities.

From here we move on to our bush camp nearby.

**Highlights:** Hamersley Gorge

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 10

Today we make tracks back to the coast and on route we pass the controversial abandoned town of Wittenoom. A part of Australian history, the blue asbestos mining area was closed down in 1966 due to health and environmental concerns. We won't stop here but a chance to hear about the history of the area.

We stop at the historic town of Marble Bar, known as one of Australia's hottest towns. We will take a look at the town before making our way out to the Coongan River. This is where the town gets its name, the early pioneers thought a colourful bar that crosses the Coongan River was marble but it turned out to be a unique type of Jasper. The Jasper creates a stunning backdrop and is well-worth a look.

We will bush camp nearby.

**Highlights:** Marble Bar

**Meals provided:** B, L, D

## Day 11

Today we take in the pristine coastline at Eighty Mile beach which lies between Port Hedland and Broome. The white sandy beach is the longest uninterrupted beach in Western Australia, extending for 220 kilometres! It is well-known for its shore-fishing and popular with shell collectors, also a great spot to relax or take a morning stroll.

The beach is a RAMSAR Marine Park which means it is an important site for bird migration and the perfect spot to bird watch.

After our morning at Eighty Mile we make a stop at Sandfire Roadhouse and visit the Roebuck Plains before taking in some of the sights of Broome.

**Highlights:** Eighty Mile beach, Roebuck Plains, Broome.

**Meals provided:** B, L

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