

AUSTRALIA'S
CORAL COAST
HOLIDAY PLANNER 2024



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WALKING ON A DREAM

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half of the image shows deep turquoise water with visible coral reef patterns. The bottom right corner shows a white sandy beach with a small, glowing fire or light source on the sand, possibly a campfire or a lantern, and some sparse vegetation. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and green, with the white sand providing a sharp contrast.

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

A place where coastal wonders meet ancient landscapes and the open road beckons you to adventure. Where gentle marine giants (whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays) invite you to cruise alongside them in their underwater paradise. Where pristine islands, spectacular rock formations and arid outback landscapes create a kaleidoscope of colour like nowhere else on earth. Wander ancient tracks to relive thousands of years of aboriginal history through the eyes and culture of our traditional owners. Feel the sand beneath your toes on endless white beaches and lose yourself amidst ancient gorges, dazzling carpets of colourful wildflowers and untouched coral reefs teeming with marine life.

Stretching along 1,100km of breathtaking coastline from Cervantes, two hours north of Perth, Western Australia, to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef, you'll find some of the best known and most loved attractions in Australia from the Pinnacles, a bubble-gum Pink Lake, Kalbarri National Park and Shark Bay World Heritage Area to Monkey Mia and the mesmerising Ningaloo Reef. Australia's Coral Coast is a boundless marine wonderland with open skies and otherworldly landscapes tied together by the **Coral Coast Highway** – one of the greatest road trips on earth.

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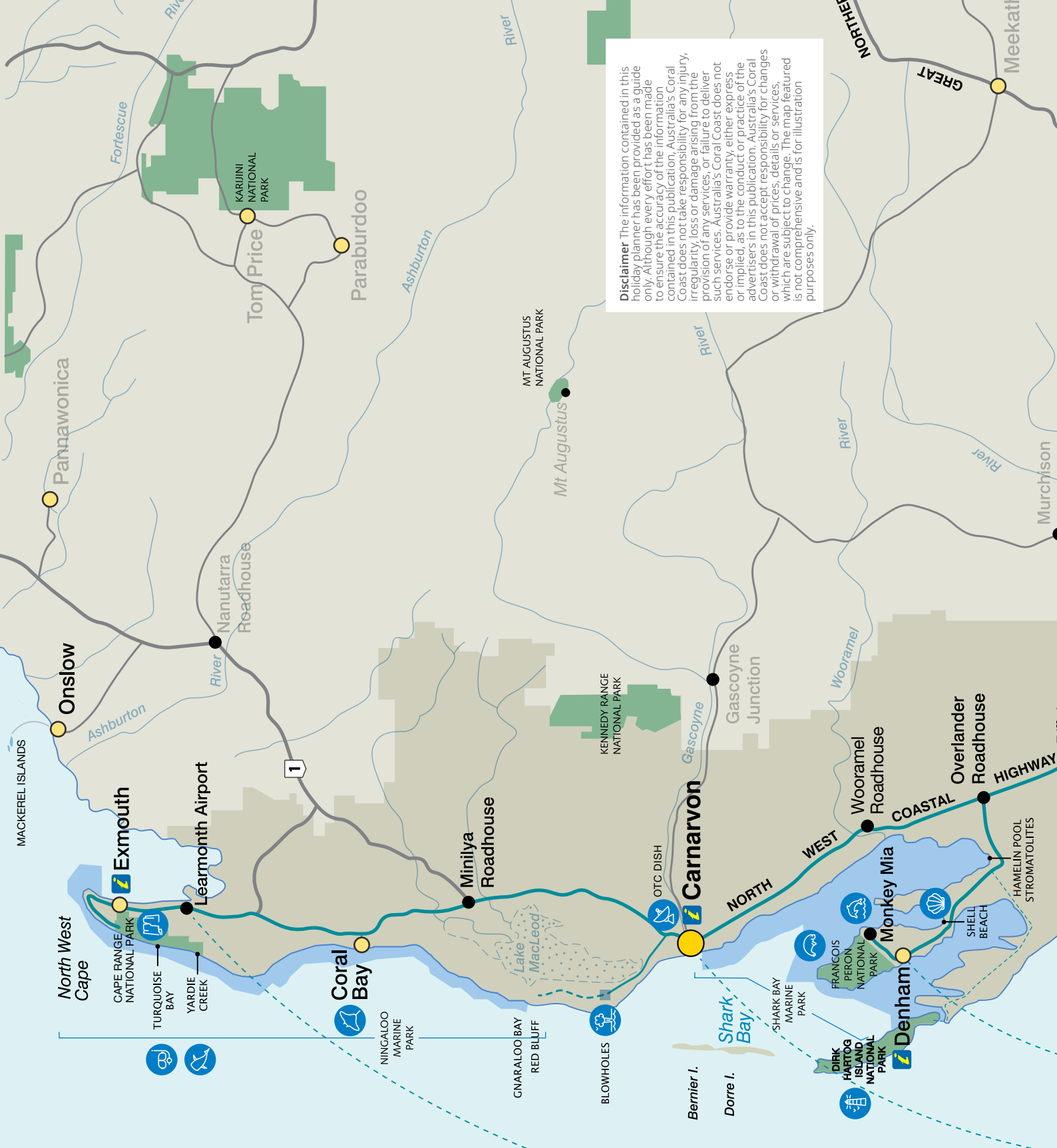
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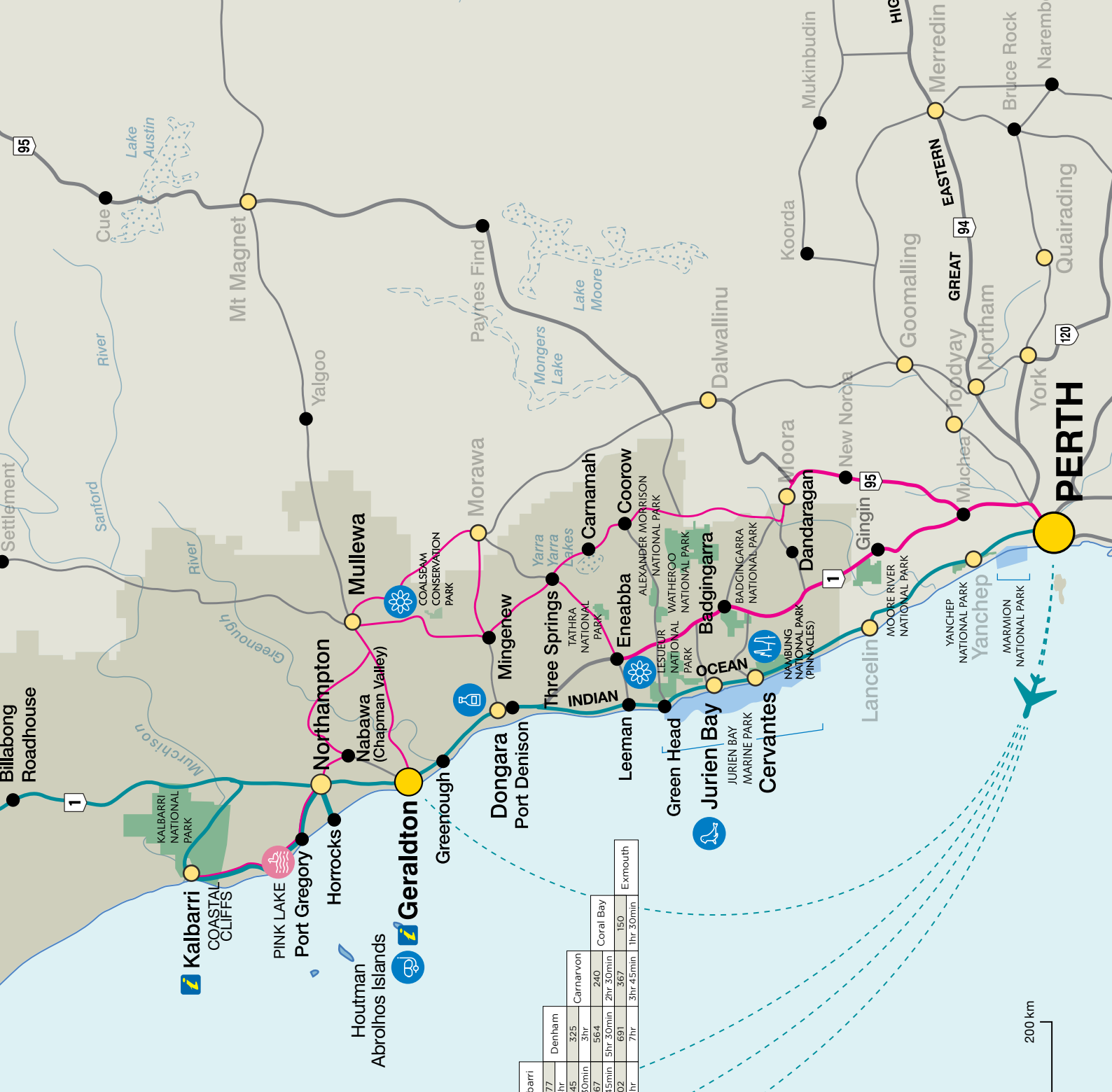
Australia's Coral Coast acknowledges the First Nations' people throughout the region and their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respect to all Aboriginal peoples; Elders past, present and emerging.



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AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

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Perth	Cervantes		Jurien Bay		Dongara		Geraldton		Kalbarri		Denham		Carnarvon		Coral Bay		Exmouth
200	2hr	26	15min	129	1hr 15min	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
220	2hr 30min	149	1hr 15min	195	2hr	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
349	4hr 45min	215	2hr 30min	387	2hr 15min	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
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838	8hr 30min	690	6hr	708	8hr	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
905	9hr	929	7hr	900	9hr	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
1132	11hr 30min	1068	8hr	835	8hr	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	
1260	13hr	1106	9hr	802	8hr	66	152	1hr	377	409	377	Denham	325	3hr 30min	150	1hr 30min	

Distance (kilometres)

Driving times

To convert from km to miles multiply by 0.621

0 100 200 km

LEGEND

- Coral Coast Highway
- Wildflower Country routes

ADVENTURE ALONG THE CORAL COAST

Here's some important information to help make your journey easier when you're planning a trip or travelling within Australia's Coral Coast.



♀ WHALEBONE BAY CAMPGROUND, DENHAM

GETTING HERE

For more information on getting to the Coral Coast, visit australiascoralcoast.com or contact the WA Visitor Centre on (08) 9483 1111.

Air

Departing from Perth, there are a range of aviation partners that provide air services into the Coral Coast region. Flight schedules change regularly so be sure to visit your aviation provider's website for current flight information.

QantasLink (qantas.com.au) flies to Geraldton and Exmouth (Learmonth).

Regional Express (rex.com.au) flies to Monkey Mia and Carnarvon.

Nexus Airlines (nexusairlines.com.au) flies to Geraldton.

Road

The Coral Coast region begins just south of Cervantes (198km north of Perth), and stretches north to Exmouth, spanning 1100km. Well maintained roads make driving an easy and enjoyable option.

Hire Cars are available from Perth and in all major towns in the region (Exmouth, Shark Bay, Carnarvon and Geraldton). For those with a love of camping, hire a 4WD Camper Trailer, available from Perth and Exmouth. A range of package tours are available which include transport to and from the region.

Coach: There are two bus services that run from Perth through the region and beyond. TransWA and Integrity Coach Lines both operate coach services through the region.

Fly+Drive

Drive one direction and fly the other! Enjoy the Coral Coast Highway, the 1,250km (800 mile) road trip from Perth to Exmouth; it's one of Australia's great scenic drives. Thanks to Avis, great one way hire car rental deals are offered between Perth and Exmouth; pair it with a Qantas flight and you've got an easy holiday.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Services

Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade
Phone: 000
emergency.wa.gov.au

Royal Automobile Club (RAC)

Emergency Breakdown Assistance
Phone: 13 11 11

Main Roads

Road conditions and information about WA roads
Phone: 13 81 38
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Bureau of Meteorology

WA Weather and Warnings
Phone: +61 8 9263 2222
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CLIMATE

Australia's Coral Coast enjoys a warm climate year round. Covering approximately 1100km of coastline from Cervantes to Exmouth, the region enjoys a Mediterranean climate in the south and a sub-tropical climate in the north. The best time to visit is between March and October, as wildlife experiences are the most impressive during this time. However, there is definitely plenty to see year round!

The sun can be fierce at times, and sun protection is required all year. It is not uncommon for the Coral Coast to be affected by cyclones during the summer period. For more information, contact the Bureau of Meteorology on 1300 659 210.

Average Seasonal Temperatures (°C)

	Dec Feb	Mar May	Jun Aug	Sep Nov
Cervantes & Jurien Bay	30	26	20	23
Geraldton & Port-Denison	31	28	20	24
Kalbarri	33	29	22	26
Monkey Mia & Denham (Shark Bay)	31	29	23	26
Carnarvon	31	29	23	26
Coral Bay & Exmouth	37	33	25	32

NATURE'S CALENDAR



♀ GNARALOO BAY, RED BLUFF



♀ LOBSTER SHACK, CERVANTES



♀ JURIÉN BAY MARINE PARK, JURIÉN BAY

WILDLIFE

	Best Time	Best Spots
Whale Sharks	March – August	Coral Bay & Exmouth
Humpback Whales	July – October	Coral Bay & Exmouth
Orcas	July – August	Exmouth
Turtles	Nesting: Dec – Feb Hatching: Jan – Mar	Dirk Hartog Island, Ningaloo & Mackerel Islands
Manta Rays	Year-round	Coral Bay
Dolphins	Year-round	Abrolhos Islands, Kalbarri, Monkey Mia & Ningaloo
Australian Sea Lions	Year-round	Jurién Bay, Geraldton & Abrolhos Islands
Dugongs	Year-round	Shark Bay & Ningaloo
Emus	Year-round	Denham town, Shark Bay & Exmouth town
Kangaroos	Year-round	Nambung National Park, Jurién Bay, Port Denison, Kalbarri, Shark Bay, Carnarvon
Birdlife	Year-round	Stockyard Gully National Park, Abrolhos Islands, Kalbarri National Park & Cape Range National Park
Black Footed Rock Wallabies	Year-round	Cape Range & Kalbarri National Parks
Echidnas	Year-round	Indian Ocean Drive, Kalbarri, Shark Bay & Exmouth

ACTIVITIES

EATING ROCK LOBSTER

YEAR-ROUND

Best Spots: Cervantes, Geraldton, Kalbarri

STARGAZING

YEAR-ROUND

Best Spots: Nambung National Park, Lake Thetis, Carnamah, Mullewa, Kalbarri

SURFING

MARCH – OCTOBER

Best Spots: Dongara, Port Denison, Kalbarri, Geraldton, Red Bluff, Exmouth

WILDFLOWERS

JULY – OCTOBER

Best National Parks: Nambung, Lesueur, Coalseam, Shark Bay, Cape Range, Kalbarri

Best Towns: Mullewa, Coorow, Three Springs, Chapman Valley, Kalbarri

WINDSURFING

OCTOBER – APRIL

Best Spots: Leeman, Dongara, Denham, Geraldton, Carnarvon and Exmouth

BEACH FISHING

YEAR-ROUND

Best Spots: Cervantes, Jurién Bay, Port Denison, Kalbarri, Shark Bay, Carnarvon and Exmouth

DEEP SEA FISHING

JANUARY – SEPTEMBER

Best Spots: Abrolhos Islands, Kalbarri, Carnarvon, Coral Bay, Exmouth

PRODUCE SEASON IN CARNARVON

BANANAS & PAPAYAS

YEAR-ROUND

SEAFOOD

YEAR-ROUND

TOMATOES, CHILLIS, CUCUMBERS, BUTTERNUT PUMPKINS

YEAR-ROUND

WINTER VEGETABLES

MAY – AUGUST

MELONS

OCTOBER – APRIL

GRAPES

NOVEMBER – JANUARY

MANGOES & TROPICAL FRUITS

NOVEMBER – MARCH



In 2023, new fishing restrictions came into effect within the region with the introduction of new seasonal dates and limit sizes. Before you cast your rod, visit fish.wa.gov.au

EVENTS CALENDAR

From food festivals, local grower's markets to wildflower displays, sporting events, and everything in between, here are some of the events being hosted in the Coral Coast in 2024.

EXMOUTH NIGHT MARKETS

KENNEDY STREET MALL | EXMOUTH
Once a month on Friday nights

DONGARA FARMERS MARKETS

TOWN PARK | DONGARA
First Saturday of each month

SHARK BAY DOWNWINDER 2024

DENHAM FORESHORE | DENHAM
7 - 8 January

KALBARRI COMMUNITY MARKETS

SALLY'S TREE (FORESHORE PLAYGROUND) |
KALBARRI
Every Monday during school holidays

GAMEX 2024

EXMOUTH
8 - 16 March

IWARRA WILUNGGAFESTIVAL OF ABORIGINAL ART AND CULTURE

GERALDTON FORESHORE | GERALDTON
6 April

Iwarra Wilungga -
Festival of Aboriginal Art and Culture

SPRAY THE GREY YOUTH FESTIVAL

FAUNTLEROY PARK | JURIE BAY
10 April

JAMBA NYINAYI FESTIVAL

CARDABIA (GUNJAYINDIYA) STATION | CORAL BAY
11 - 13 April

PEARLS AND PLATES

POST OFFICE ISLAND | ABROLHOS ISLANDS
12 - 14 April

SHORE LEAVE FESTIVAL 2024

GERALDTON
24 - 28 April

CARNARVON COURTYARD AND GASCOYNE FOOD MARKETS

CARNARVON CIVIC CENTRE | CARNARVON
May - October, Every Saturday morning

SHARK BAY FIESTA

DENHAM | SHARK BAY
17 - 24 May

DENHAM TRIATHLON

DENHAM | SHARK BAY
1 June

FAR WESTERN SPEEDWAY

SHARK BAY SPEEDWAY | DENHAM
6 July

SHARK BAY WINTER MARKETS

DENHAM | SHARK BAY
7 July

BEATS IN THE BAY 2024

DENHAM FORESHORE | SHARK BAY
31 August

KALBARRI ARTS & CRAFT GROUP 42ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION & SALE

THE ALLEN CENTRE (LOCATED BEHIND
KALBARRI VISITOR CENTRE) | KALBARRI
7 September

FINLAY'S OKTOBERFEST 2024

FINLAY'S KALBARRI | KALBARRI
26 October

Please note, the events calendar
is subject to change, scan here for
more information for what's on
in the region.







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An aerial photograph of a sandy beach on the left, transitioning into clear, turquoise water on the right. Several kayakers in blue and orange kayaks are visible in the water. The text 'BE PREPARED FOR AN AWESOME HOLIDAY' is overlaid in large white letters across the top half of the image.

BE PREPARED FOR AN AWESOME HOLIDAY

♀ DIRK HARTOG ISLAND, SHARK BAY

Mobile/Cell Phone Reception

It is recommended you purchase a Telstra SIM card as your phone carrier, given the regional coverage is more efficient in the Coral Coast.

Drive on the Left

In Australia, cars travel on the left of the road and speed is in kilometres (km) per hour. When overtaking, make sure you have a clear view of oncoming traffic and use your indicator to signal your intentions to other drivers.

Road Conditions

Sealed roads are easily accessible, but be aware that heavy rainfall can lead to road closures due to flooding. Unsealed roads are less reliable, especially during periods of high rainfall. Updates on road conditions can be found through Main Roads Western Australia (mainroads.wa.gov.au) or the local visitor centre.

Road Safety

The Coral Coast region is home to long stretches of road. Make sure you stop regularly to take a break from driving. We recommend sharing the driving where possible. The speed limit for open roads is 110km per hour, and 50km per hour in towns and built up areas. However, pay close attention to road signs along the way. When driving, refrain from using mobile devices, ensure you are always wearing your seatbelt, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Call Ahead

Where possible it's best to book ahead as tours, restaurants, accommodation and attractions may be booked out. You can plan or take inspiration from the information on australiascoralcoast.com or call ahead to one of the visitor centres.

Road Trains

When travelling through the Coral Coast, you're bound to come across road trains or extra-large trucks spanning around 60m in length. Only overtake if you can see clearly ahead, and be cautious that dust and stones can flick up on unsealed roads.

Fuel Up & Charge Up

We highly recommend tracking your fuel and stopping when possible. Food and fuel can generally be found every 100 – 300km, but LPG Gas and Electric charge stations are not available in all areas. Please keep in mind that not all fuel/petrol stations are open 24 hours.

Check where to find electric car charging stations here: australiascoralcoast.com/plan/getting-here-around

Watch Out for Wildlife

Particularly at dawn and dusk - make sure you're extra vigilant when driving. It is not uncommon to encounter wildlife such as kangaroos and emus, or stock such as cows and sheep wandering the road. Numerous cattle stations are unfenced, but if you do come across a gated road, be sure to leave the gate as you found it, (i.e. open or closed).

Stay Sun Smart

Be mindful of your exposure to the sun, particularly between 10am and 3pm when UV radiation is the most intense. Be sure to cover your skin where possible, and apply sunscreen regularly, especially if swimming. Also remember to drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.

Pick up a Park Pass

Visitor fees apply at national parks in the Coral Coast region and a range of passes are available to suit your holiday. Park Passes can be bought online and are also available at a range of outlets including selected visitor centres. Selected national park camp sites can be pre-booked at parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park-stay. This guarantees a great campsite in a range of incredible locations. For more information visit parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au or contact Parks and Wildlife on +61 8 9219 9000.

Day Pass

Entry to one or more parks on any one day.
Fee: \$17/vehicle and \$10/vehicle for concession card holders (up to 12 occupants, over 12 occupants \$8/person), \$10/motorcycle.

Holiday Park Pass

Unlimited entry to all parks for up to four weeks.
Fee: \$70/vehicle (up to 12 people), \$50 for 14 days, \$30 for 5 days

Annual All Parks Pass

Unlimited access to all parks in WA for one year. Valid for one vehicle, with up to 12 legally seated people. **Fees:** \$130 or \$80 for concession card holders. **Note:** Park passes do not include camping. Separate fees apply.

Flying a Drone

Check the Parks and Wildlife website (exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/drones-parks) before flying drones, as there are regulations in place to protect areas of Aboriginal significance, and areas with protected wildlife and flora.

STARGAZING IN THE CORAL COAST

📍 KALBARRI COASTAL CLIFFS, KALBARRI

Australia's Coral Coast has a range of locations and country towns that are best known for protecting dark night skies, so that visitors and locals alike can enjoy stargazing at its best.

Best day of the month

Stargazing is best on the days around a new moon with little moonlight in the night sky. There are about 10-12 days per month when moonlight is absent. It doesn't matter what season you go stargazing, as long as the night is cloud-free, you'll have a view of the stars.

January - April

If you've just enjoyed a Coral Coast sunset, stick around to see Venus! It's the brightest star-like object visible above the western horizon in the early evening. When it gets darker, turn your gaze to the south. See if you can find two fuzzy clouds above the horizon. You've just spotted the Small and Large Magellanic Clouds, two galaxies in our neighbourhood which are only visible in the Southern Hemisphere.

April - October

It's time to see the Milky Way in the early evenings! In April, the Milky Way rises from the south east. By mid-year it stretches high across the night sky. By August, the Milky Way is pointing down to the south west before it can be seen setting on the western horizon in October. In the heart of the Milky Way you'll find the Aboriginal constellation "Emu in the Sky". This special constellation is made up of the dark parts of the night sky. The emu's head is the large, oval-shaped dark area next to the Southern Cross constellation. Its neck stretches across between the two bright Pointers of the Southern Cross and the body lies across the thickest part of the Milky Way band of stars with its legs behind.

November - December

This is a great time for a dark sky and to count "shooting stars"! See the Leonid Meteor Shower in mid-November and the Geminid Meteor Shower in mid-December, two of nature's best. A meteor or "shooting star" can be as small as a grain of sand. It burns up upon entering the Earth's atmosphere causing a bright streak of light to appear in our night sky.

STARGAZING HOTSPOTS

There are a plethora of locations perfect for stargazing in the Coral Coast. Look out for still water ways and lakes that reflect the stars, making for amazing astrophotography.

Cervantes – just 1 km from Cervantes is Lake Thetis, hidden from the town's lights

Nambung National Park – The Pinnacles Desert is known for its dazzling night skies

Carnamah – Macpherson Homestead and Lakes Lookout

Coorow – Touche Road Lakes and Coorow Farm

Mingenew – Yandanooka Hall and Depot Hill

Morawa – Koolanooka Springs (dark sky location), and Morawa Windmill

Greenough – Flat Rocks Rd, South Greenough

Kalbarri National Park – inland gorge sites including Meanarra Hill and the Skywalk

Exmouth – Cape Range National Park and Sal Salis, a designated dark sky area

Shark Bay – Denham and Monkey Mia beaches

Red Bluff – north of Carnarvon you will find Quobba Station, famous for stargazing

Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum – discover just how important this tracking station was when man first landed on the moon

Australia's Coral Coast offers incredible stargazing opportunities, as the Milky Way shines bright above ancient otherworldly landscapes.

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR DOG IN THE CORAL COAST



Planning a holiday but can't bear the thought of leaving your pet at home? There are plenty of places within the Coral Coast that are pet-friendly. It's important to plan ahead as pets are not permitted in national parks and on certain beaches within the region.

National Parks

Western Australia's national parks are highly prized, with two Coral Coast areas also recognised as UNESCO World Heritage sites, providing a range of experiences for visitors and locals alike. As much as we love our domestic pets, there is a chance they will harm native animals.

Therefore, pets and other domestic animals are not permitted in national parks, but there are a few exceptions:

- Certified and trained assistance animals are permitted into a national park
- Your animal may travel in a boat in marine parks but must not enter or exit the boat within a marine park or nature reserve

Some good reasons why they are not permitted:

- Poisonous baits (1080) are often laid to control foxes; these are fatal to domestic animals
- If threatened, kangaroos and goannas may defend themselves and cause injury to domestic animals
- The sight, sounds and smells of pets can cause native animals great stress. It may even cause them to leave their homes and their young unprotected
- It is an offence (penalties will apply) to bring a domestic animal into a national park

Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and are not permitted in all areas of the park, only particular sites:

Indian Ocean Drive area

- **Nambung National Park** – no access, free basic dog kennels for park visitors are located at the Cervantes Rangers Station, which is open 7 days per week between 8am and 5pm. Call +61 8 9688 6000 for more information.
- **Lesueur National Park** – no access
- **Stockyard Gully National Park** – no access

Kalbarri

- **Blue Holes, Red Bluff and Chinaman's Beach** – no access
- **Kalbarri National Park** – no access, this includes the inland gorges and coastal cliff lookouts
- **Pelican feeding area** – no access between 8 and 9.30am daily

Shark Bay

- **Shell Beach** – not on the beach; allowed in the car park
- **Monkey Mia** – not in the dolphin interaction area; on lead in other areas of Monkey Mia
- **Stromatolites** – not at the car park or boardwalk; permitted at the Telegraph Station
- **Francois Peron National Park** – no access, heavy 1080 baiting
- **Dirk Hartog Island** – no access, heavy 1080 baiting
- **Edel Land and Steep Point** – no access, heavy 1080 baiting

Ningaloo

- **Coral Bay** – all beaches, no access
- **Town Beach, Exmouth** – small exclusion zone
- **Pebble Beach, Exmouth** – pet friendly, full access
- **Bundegi Beach, Exmouth** – small exclusion zone
- **Cape Range National Park** – no access, heavy 1080 baiting
- **Ningaloo Reef** (from Lighthouse Bay in Exmouth to Red Bluff in Carnarvon) – no access, designated turtle sanctuary
- **Mount Augustus & Kennedy Range National Parks** – no access, heavy 1080 baiting

Tips for travelling with your pet

Coral Coast is home to a range of pet-friendly locations from accommodation to restaurants, visit australiascoralcoast.com/plan/pet-friendly for more information.





MAGNIFICENT ITINERARIES

📍 HUTT LAGOON, PORT GREGORY

Our Coral Coast itineraries are the perfect guide to help plan your journey. Whether you choose to fly, drive or a combination of both, each of our itineraries have been carefully curated to suit a range of schedules and holiday requirements, so all you need to worry about is what to pack. For those seeking a full driving experience, check out our Coral Coast Highway round-trip itinerary.

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THE CORAL COAST HIGHWAY

The 1,250km (800 miles) Coral Coast Highway between Perth and Exmouth is one of Australia's great scenic drives, and has been referred to as one of the Greatest Road Trips on Earth. Along the way, you will discover some of Australia's best known and most loved attractions and two of Western Australia's three World Heritage Areas - Shark Bay and Ningaloo.

Your journey starts with charming fishing towns, the otherworldly Pinnacles Desert, friendly sea lions, hidden caves and picturesque wildflower country. Wander along walk trails, be awestruck at night by billions of stars and sample world-class rum at a local distillery before arriving at vibrant Geraldton with its rich maritime history. Soak up the city's culture, and take a flight or cruise to the pristine Houtman Abrolhos Islands.

Continue on to explore the ancient gorges and striking coastal cliffs of Kalbarri, and see the world's oldest and largest living fossils and breathtaking landscapes in Shark Bay. Carnarvon, WA's food bowl, is the southern gateway to Australia's largest fringing reef - Ningaloo, where you can swim with the 'Big 3': whale sharks, manta rays and humpback whales with tours departing Exmouth and Coral Bay. Coral Bay is a marine-lovers paradise, while Exmouth juxtaposes the beauty of the reef with the rugged splendor of Cape Range National Park.

Landscapes of every colour, incredible wildlife and marine interactions, foodie experiences and carefully crafted brews await.

FLY+DRIVE

Avis Australia has made it easier than ever to overcome distances by offering a great one way hire car rental deal between Perth and Exmouth, with a significantly reduced one-way relocation fee so you can fly one way with Qantas and drive the other.

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♀ TURQUOISE BAY, EXMOUTH



♀ KALBARRI SKYWALK, KALBARRI



♀ HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS, GERALDTON



♀ THE PINNACLES DESERT, CERVANTES

TRAVEL THE CORAL COAST HIGHWAY

🕒 10 DAYS 🗓️ 1 APRIL TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

📍 GALENA BRIDGE, KALBARRI

DAY 1

FLY PERTH TO LEARMONTH AIRPORT EXMOUTH

Take a morning flight from Perth to Learmonth Airport (gateway to Northern Ningaloo) with Qantas. Collect your Avis hire car and drive north to Exmouth.

Once you have entered Exmouth, stop at the **Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre** to learn about the area. Explore the town's breweries and eateries and make sure you've booked your mega-fauna tour.

Consider driving from Exmouth town to the Ningaloo Reef for a snorkel. If you're time poor, the **closest beaches to town and best for swimming are Bundegi and Town Beach.**

If you're a diver then a dive of the **Navy Pier** is an absolute must do experience.

Stay: Exmouth

DAY 2

SWIM WITH SOMETHING BIG!

When visiting Ningaloo Reef, be sure to **swim** with one of the **Big Three!** Whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales; also turtles, tropical fish and much more.

All **mega-fauna tours** are a full day because our tour operators have world-class, life changing experiences to show you! These tours are offered in both Coral Bay and Exmouth. Whale sharks and humpback whales are seasonal. Manta rays are year round.

Stay: Exmouth or Coral Bay



Did you know?

Ningaloo Marine Park, off the coast of Exmouth and Coral Bay, is the only place in Western Australia where you can experience an in-water interaction with whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays.

DAY 3

EXMOUTH TO CORAL BAY (152KMS/1.5HRS)

Get up before the sun - Exmouth is one of the few places where you can see the sun rise and set over the ocean.

Top spots to see sunrise are at **Town Beach, Shothole Canyon** and **Charles Knife Gorge**. The Exmouth Aerodrome where **Ningaloo Aviation** operates is near Charles Knife - why not consider a scenic flight over the Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park?

Driving south to Coral Bay, call into **Bullara Station**, a top spot for homemade scones and barista coffee.

Arriving in Coral Bay, consider an afternoon **Quad Bike & Snorkel** tour, exploring secret and hard to reach **Ningaloo Reef** locations. Want to get in the water? Join a **glass-bottom boat tour** of the reef with snorkel opportunities.

Enjoy fresh surf (seafood) and turf (beef) at **Bill's Bar**.

Overnight: Coral Bay

DAY 4

CORAL BAY TO CARNARVON - (238 KMS / 2.5HRS)

Drive south towards Carnarvon. On your way in to town pick up fresh local seafood and produce on the **Fruit Loop Drive Trail**, including the famous chocolate-coated mango smoothies.

Get up in the air for a **helicopter joy-ride** over the town and its breathtaking beaches. For a cultural experience visit **Gwoonwardu Mia** Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre which celebrates the region's Aboriginal heritage. Visit the **Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum** and discover the little known history of the role Carnarvon played in the manned space program and in the Australian communications industry. You'll be able to see the highly visible OTC Satellite Dish up close.

Overnight: Carnarvon

DAY 5

CARNARVON TO SHARK BAY - (335 KMS / 4HRS)

Get up early to explore some **incredible beaches around Carnarvon**. Approximately 40km south of Carnarvon, stop at **Bush Bay** and **New Beach** for a swim and picnic.

Turning right onto World Heritage Drive, stop at **Shell Beach** before visiting the **Shark Bay Discovery Centre** to learn about the area via displays; soundscapes, footage and interactive multimedia. Travelling with children? They will love the **nature playground** opposite the Centre.

Enjoy a **sunset wildlife cruise** from Monkey Mia before dinner.

Overnight: Denham or Monkey Mia



♀ NINGALOO MARINE PARK, NINGALOO



♀ CORAL BAY BEACH, CORAL BAY



♀ FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK, SHARK BAY

DAY 6

EXPLORE SHARK BAY

Wake up early to meet the Monkey Mia **bottlenose dolphins** who visit the shores daily from 7:30am.

Afterwards, get up close to more of Shark Bay's natural attractions; join a **4WD day tour** to **Francois Peron National Park** for a rugged adventure, enjoy a picnic at **Little Lagoon**, indulge in a hot tub soak at **Peron Homestead**, or find **one of (many) private beaches** in Denham or Monkey Mia for kayaking or swimming.

Overnight: Denham or Monkey Mia

DAY 7

SHARK BAY TO KALBARRI (385KM / 4.5HRS)

Wake up early, pack drinks and a snack and head out to the highway. Follow signs to **Eagle Bluff** for expansive views over the Indian Ocean. Between Eagle Bluff and Denham, stop in at **Ocean Park Aquarium**, a marine life rehabilitation centre, with stunning views from its restaurant **Oceans** which overlooks Tinkerbell Flats.

Driving south on the highway, take the turn for Kalbarri and stop in at the **Kalbarri National Park**. Make sure to visit **Nature's Window**, the **Skywalk** precinct and **Meanarra Hill Lookout**. Want to see it all from the air instead? Enjoy a **scenic flight over Kalbarri and the pink lake, Hutt Lagoon**.

End the afternoon watching **surfers at Jacques Point** followed by dinner at **Finlays**, Kalbarri's only microbrewery.

Overnight: Kalbarri

DAY 8

EXPLORE KALBARRI

Wake up early for the **Pelican feeding** on the foreshore daily from 8.45am. While in Kalbarri, snorkelling at **Blue Holes** is popular with big and small kids. Continue the adventures with a **Quad Biking tour at Wagoe Beach**, about 20km south of Kalbarri or from **Murchison Station**, 12km east of the town.

Families will love swimming in the sheltered waters of **Chinaman's Beach**, while the foreshore's **Nature Playground** will keep the kids well occupied.

Hike the **Bigurda Trail** along the Kalbarri Cliffs coastline, past Shellhouse Grandstand to Island Rock and Natural Bridge.

Overnight: Kalbarri

DAY 9

KALBARRI TO DONGARA-PORT DENISON (218KM / 2.5HRS)

Waking early, take George Grey Drive to make sure you see our pink lake, **Hutt Lagoon**, up close. Continuing south, stop in to Northampton and discover the town's rich history and Indigenous culture.

Take a day to learn about the **Houtman Abrolhos Islands** off the coast of Geraldton. Visit the **Museum of Geraldton**, shop for Abrolhos pearls at a local pearl shop, or enjoy a **scenic flyover tour**.

As you drive south to Dongara-Port Denison, stop at the **leaning trees of Greenough**. Spend sunset at the **ANZAC Memorial Soldiers II** before dinner overlooking the foreshore at Port Denison.

Overnight: Dongara-Port Denison

DAY 10

EXPLORE DONGARA-PORT DENISON TO PERTH

Before leaving Dongara-Port Denison make sure to stop at the **Illegal Tender Rum Co** for a rum tasting experience.

Back on the highway travel south towards Green Head. Spend some time **bushwalking** and spotting **wildflowers** (July to September) at **Lesueur National Park**.

Seeking something more adventurous? **Skydive Jurien Bay** offers 60 seconds of free fall with amazing views over the bay, plus a beach landing!

Stop into the coastal town of Cervantes and indulge in a seafood lunch at the **Lobster Shack**.

No trip to the Coral Coast is complete without a visit to Nambung National Park, home of the ancient **Pinnacles Desert**.

Return your hire car to the Perth Airport or CBD.



Reverse it

This itinerary can also be done in reverse. Visit CoralCoastHighway.com to learn more.

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE

The Indian Ocean Drive is a scenic journey commencing north of Perth through to the outskirts of Dongara-Port Denison. The Drive allows you to enjoy the coastal towns of Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Green Head, Leeman, Port Denison and Dongara. It is a picturesque yet relatively short road trip, making the destinations an easy weekend getaway or the first port of call on your journey north along the Coral Coast Highway.





♀ CLIFF HEAD, DONGARA-PORT DENISON



♀ JURIEBAY BEACH, JURIEBAY



♀ LOBSTER SHACK, CERVANTES

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Visit the Pinnacles of Nambung National Park



Tantalize your taste buds at Illegal Tender Rum Co, Dongara



Soak up the views from Three Bays Walkway, Green Head



Explore Stockyard Gully Caves, near Leeman



Camp at eco-campsites, Sandy Cape, Cliff Head and Milligan Island



Taste fresh seafood at the Lobster Shack, Cervantes



Land on pristine beaches with Skydive Jurien Bay



Experience a Sea Lion Tour, Jurien Bay



Spend the day at the picturesque Hangover Bay, Cervantes



Explore wildflowers in biodiversity hotspot Lesueur National Park, near Jurien Bay



Best time to visit:
Year-Round



Distance from Perth to the Pinnacles:
189km



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CERVANTES

Known across the globe for the fascinating Pinnacles Desert in Nambung National Park, Cervantes serves as the ideal base to enjoy a range of land and water-based activities. The coastal town is home to beautiful beaches for fishing and swimming as well as offering tasty fresh seafood.

Learn about Lake Thetis & thrombolites

Lake Thetis is one of only a few places in the world where you can see thrombolites, commonly regarded as “living fossils”. It is believed that the lake became isolated from the sea approximately 4,800 years ago after sea levels dropped and coastal dunes formed around the lake. Take a short walk along the 200m boardwalk (universal access) to the thrombolites where interpretive signage will give you an insight into what life was like at the dawn of time or continue along the path to complete the 1.5km loop walk around the lake.



Cervantes is located just 2 hours' drive north of Perth along the Indian Ocean Drive.

A working lobster factory

The Indian Ocean Rock Lobster Factory, or Lobster Shack, offers an insight into the region's multi-million dollar lobster industry by taking you on a journey through a live lobster processing plant. Pick up some delicious seafood to take away or enjoy a freshly cooked seafood meal at the beachfront restaurant and bar. The Lobster Shack also offers Australian sea lion tours, which take passengers to the islands around Cervantes.

Cervantes Art Trail

The Art Trail features 23 pieces of art throughout the town of Cervantes, and references a range of topics particular to Cervantes, from its Spanish history, to its relationship with the ocean. This trail was lovingly developed by the Cervantes Historical Society, and features sculptures and murals constructed from a range of materials including scrap farm machinery parts. Collect an art trail map from the visitor centre on Cadiz Street.

Lookouts & Trails

The Hansen Bay Lookout offers a picturesque view of the ocean, Lake Thetis and the Cervantes town site. For panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and Mount Lesueur, check out the Molah Hill Lookout located halfway between Cervantes and Jurien Bay. Another scenic lookout can be found in Beekeepers Nature Reserve about 18km north of Jurien Bay with views of the coastline, beaches and hectares of flora.

Admire the Flora & Fauna

Nambung National Park is a vast expanse of coastal heathland covering over 17,000 hectares, and is home to a range of amazing native

plants and animals. From late winter to the end of spring, wildflowers bloom spectacularly throughout the park, with species such as wattles, quandong, yellow tail flower, thick-leaved fan flower, white clematis, cockies tongues, parrotbush and banksia species all visible. Visitors will also delight in viewing wildlife such as western grey kangaroos, cockatoos, emus, bobtail skinks and the occasional bird of prey.

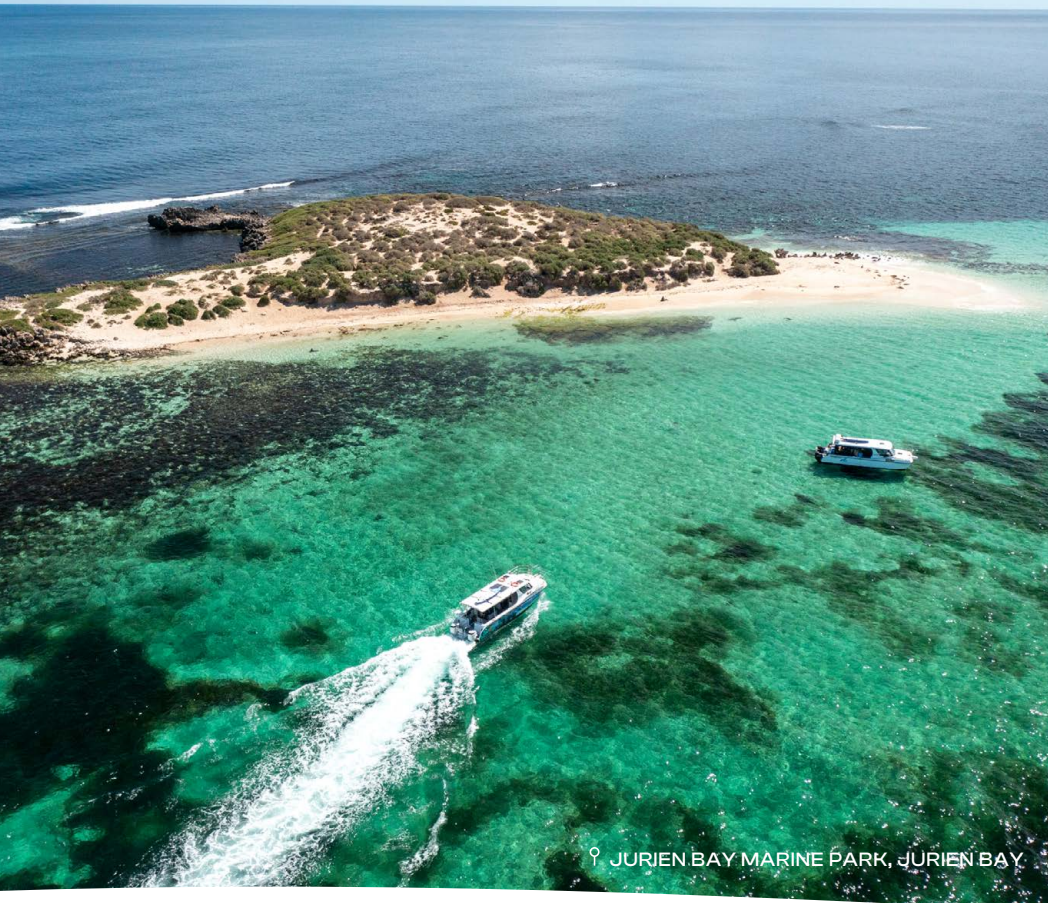
Head to Hangover Bay & Kangaroo Point

Located in Nambung National Park, Kangaroo Point and Hangover Bay are situated a short distance from the Pinnacles Desert. Facilities at both sites include barbecues, shelters and toilets. While Kangaroo Point is a great spot to launch the boat or enjoy a secluded BBQ or picnic, Hangover Bay lends itself to snorkelling, surfing and windsurfing.

Note: the area immediately north of Kangaroo Point is a marine park sanctuary zone.

Wedge Island

Wedge Island is located north of Lancelin and south of Cervantes on the Western Australian coast some 180 km north of Perth. The Wedge Island Protection Association (WIPA) was established in 1968 and continues to this day, with its objective to ensure we enjoy and protect the environment and community and to further the common interests of the association and its members. On your way through, visit Wedge Island to get a sense of the old pioneering spirit in the self sufficient lifestyle of yesteryear, a little slice of history.



♀ JURIEN BAY MARINE PARK, JURIEN BAY



Australian Sea Lion



♀ SANDY CAPE RECREATION PARK, INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE

JURIEN BAY

20 minutes drive north of Cervantes, Jurien Bay is a popular short-break destination offering a range of activities from wildflower spotting to snorkelling the Jurien Bay Marine Park, sea lion interactions and skydiving over pristine white beaches.

Jurien Bay Marine Park

The Jurien Bay Marine Park is sheltered by a string of islands and reefs that make the surrounding ocean perfect for water activities. Signs at the main beach and boat harbour share information about marine species and bird life in the area. Swimming is safe in the tranquil inland harbour and beaches, with the marine park also offering excellent conditions for windsurfing, kitesurfing, recreational fishing and crabbing.

Befriend an Australian Sea Lion

Jurien Bay is home to one of the main breeding grounds for the rare Australian Sea Lion. Hundreds of sea lions live in the Marine Park, on the isolated Buller and North Fisherman Islands and Essex Rocks. Dedicated sea lion tours depart daily from Jurien Bay so you can get up close and personal with these friendly creatures.

Skydive the bay

Get your adrenaline pumping and experience Jurien Bay from above! The multi-award winning Skydive Jurien Bay runs single, tandem and sports skydiving 7 days a week.

Explore Sandy Cape

Sandy Cape Recreation Park, 13km north of Jurien Bay, is a small, sheltered bay offering great beachfront camping, swimming, snorkelling, fishing and sandboarding. Licensed road vehicles are permitted and can use the beach between the high and low water line. Look for signage before fishing, as there are restrictions in certain places. There are 88 campsites in the main area which are accessible by 2WD, with eco toilets available, and camping is also permitted in the 4WD-only areas to the north and south of Sandy Cape. The campsites operate on a 'first come, first served' basis with a maximum stay of 4 nights. Camping fees apply and are payable to the caretakers onsite or the honour box, located in the information bay on the road into Sandy Cape.

Note: dogs are allowed at Sandy Cape, but need to be on a leash in some areas.

WWII Remains at North Head

4WD to North Head, following the tracks south from the Sandy Cape Information Bay, to find the well-preserved remains of a WWII radar installation with two intact shelters, original foundations and an underground tank. Due to their important military heritage, visitors are encouraged to treat the area and any remaining facilities with respect by parking in the designated parking area and walking the 300m to the shelters. Camping is not permitted and some areas are restricted fishing zones - refer to local signage.

The Turquoise Way

The 13.5km Turquoise Way trail is a sealed walking and cycling track stretching along the coast from Jurien Bay's marina to Hill River (half-way to Cervantes). Hire a bike and follow the trail for stunning coastal and Hill River estuary views. The trail is flat for the northern half of the ride with some undulations in the southern half.

Lesueur National Park

Lesueur National Park is a global biodiversity hotspot renowned for its extremely high native plant diversity - the park contains over 1,100 species, amounting to 10% of Western Australia's known flora. Although stunning all year, the best time to visit is between August and October when wildflowers burst into bloom. Follow the 18.5km one-way sealed loop road to see the best that the scenic Mount Lesueur has to offer, or set off on one of the walk trails. A short, easy walk leads from Drummond Recreation Area to the Iain Wilson Lookout or, for the more fit, continue on the 2.5km Gairdner Loop Trail or 4km spur trail to the summit of Mount Lesueur. The Cockleshell Gully Picnic Area is perfect for a picnic, with shady trees, tables and toilets. The 7km (Class 3) Yued Ponar Trail is moderately challenging and leads through a stunning variety of heathland wildflowers to sweeping coastal views at the summit of Mount Peron. Interpretive signage helps you to see the country through the eyes of its traditional Aboriginal owners, the Yued Nyoongar people. Experienced hikers can enjoy the 26km Yonga Trail, camping overnight in the National Park (bookings essential via the ParkStay WA website).



♀ MILLIGAN ISLAND, INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE

GREEN HEAD

Green Head is a small, friendly coastal town offering pristine beaches and a laid-back lifestyle providing the perfect holiday atmosphere. Situated on a headland, Green Head offers awesome fishing, scuba diving, snorkelling and swimming, and is home to a resident population of endangered sea lions. Green Head comes to life with colour when wildflowers bloom in spring.

Three Bays Walkway

This 2.8km fully sealed walkway allows visitors to immerse themselves in the coastal landscape, experience its natural beauty and learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the area. The three bays along this walkway are the stunning South Bay, the picturesque and protected Dynamite Bay and the calm Anchorage Bay.

Green Head's white sandy beaches, secret islands and stunning reefs make it an ocean lover's dream.

It's Dynamite

Dynamite Bay is ranked as one of Australia's best beaches. Enclosed by low-lying rocky cliffs, it's a safe swimming cove for children or novice swimmers.

Milligan Island

Between the towns of Green Head and Leeman you'll find Milligan Island, the only 'nature-based' short-term (maximum 72 hours) camping site within the Shire of Coorow. This eco camping site is nestled behind a dune amongst vegetation and is ideal for RVs or self-contained travellers. Only a short walk from the campsite lies a tranquil beach, shallow reef and series of small rocky islands. The area is popular for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, kite/wind surfing, surfing and fishing.

LEEMAN

Leeman is home to stunning turquoise waters, sandy white beaches and scattered islands harbouring diverse marine life. The coastline is popular for windsurfing and sailing, with picnic areas dotted along the way. Inland, you'll find the otherworldly Stockyard Gully National Park caves.

Surf & Dive Point Louise

The main surf break at Point Louise is a highlight for many, but its crystal-clear water is also a dream for snorkelling and diving. Marvel at the diverse array of tropical marine species along the reef or enjoy a kayak in one of the numerous bays a short drive north.

Caving at Stockyard Gully

Discover ancient limestone caves leading to an underground river system in the Stockyard Gully National Park, 20km inland from Leeman. Accessible by 4WD-only via the Coorow-Green Head Road and Cockleshell Gully Road, lush vegetation and a sandy river bed lead to the caves, with a tranquil picnic spot in the original upstream area.

Note: torches are required as the caves are completely dark. Take care when visiting as the area is subject to flooding after heavy rains. Look out for bats in the caves, and bee hives near the entrance. Dogs and camping not permitted.



📍 DONGARA-PORT DENISON, INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE



📍 PORT DENISON MARINA, DONGARA



📍 OLD MILL MOTEL, DONGARA

DONGARA & PORT DENISON

The twin towns of Dongara-Port Denison boast true coastal village charm, with the scenic Irwin River meandering between the two. Beautiful beaches provide ideal conditions for sailing, surfing, fishing, windsurfing, kitesurfing and swimming.

Sip on world-class rum and gin

Illegal Tender Rum Co is a multi-award-winning rum and gin distillery in Dongara. Visitors can join an in-depth distillery tour to learn about how they distil their internationally acclaimed spirits using only high-quality Australian ingredients.

Commemorate the ANZACs

Located along Port Denison's Ocean Drive, opposite the lookout, stand 15 silhouettes of ANZAC soldiers made of sheet metal which commemorate the ANZACs and their role in WWI. The Shire of Irwin and the Dongara Retired Serviceman's League commissioned this beautiful visual memorial to serve as a tribute to the ANZACs and act as a reminder of their contribution to the country. The best time to visit is at sunset.

Camping at Cliff Head

Located among limestone cliffs and overlooking stunning turquoise waters, Cliff Head is a free nature-based campsite 38kms south of Dongara that's suitable for 2WD and large caravans. There are three camping sections – Cliff Head North, Cliff Head South and Cliff Head Central, the latter being the largest. Facilities include eco-toilets, undercover area with sunk benches and tables, and a communal fireplace. Campers can stay for 3 nights within a 28-day period for \$20 per vehicle per night. Visit www.irwin.wa.gov.au for more information.

Movies under the stars

The Dongara-Port Denison Drive-In Cinema opened in the 1960s and is among a handful of its kind still operating in Australia. It screens new movies every second Saturday night from October until May and regularly during school holidays. Tune your car radio to the movie and gather on camp chairs or snuggle in the car to watch the big screen under the stars. An onsite kiosk offers meals and snacks.

Fishermen's Obelisk & Seafood

For sweeping ocean views, head to Port Denison's Obelisk. Stand on the boardwalk and watch the waves roll over the reef and the activity at the fishing boat harbour during lobster fishing season. Visitors can access seafood coming in on the boats, available for purchase from the local fish market.

Weekend Markets

Stop in at the Dongara Markets to stock up on local produce, arts and crafts. Held on the first Saturday of every month from 8:30am – 12:30pm at the Dongara Town Park.

Thungara & Heritage Trails

Dongara and Port Denison offer six walking trails, each with a different theme and point of difference. Traverse the towns' most scenic locations; stroll the banks of the Irwin River, enjoy scenic coastal views and spot native flora and fauna. Historical trails showcase the culture of the Shire of Irwin, including a 4km Heritage Walk which takes in 28 heritage buildings throughout the twin towns. See the visitor centre for more information on the historical trails.

Hit the beaches

Take a stroll along the coast or cruise along South Beach in your vehicle. South Beach is ideal for surfing, body boarding and kitesurfing, especially between November and January when shore winds and rolling waves make it perfect for downwinders, whilst Leander Reef, Granny's Beach and Nuns Pool are great for stand-up paddle-boarding and snorkelling. Don't have the gear you need? Fishing equipment, kayaks and bicycles can be hired from the Breeze Inn.



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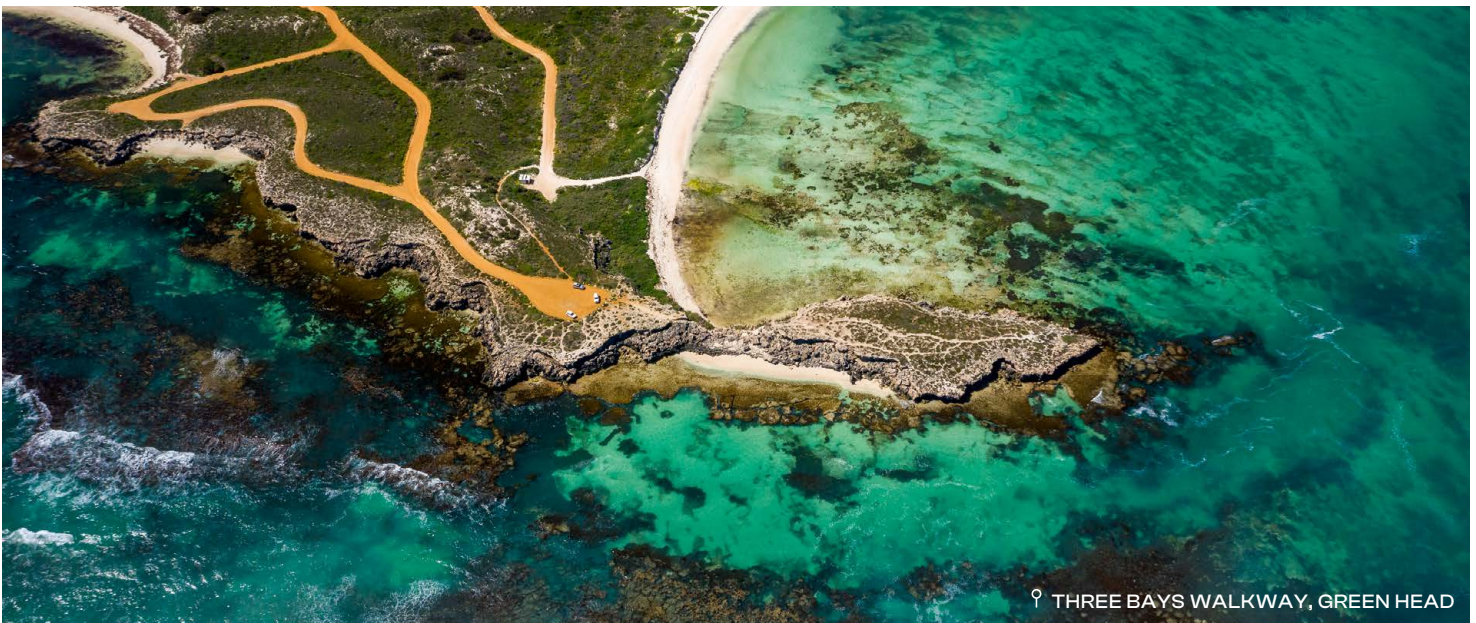
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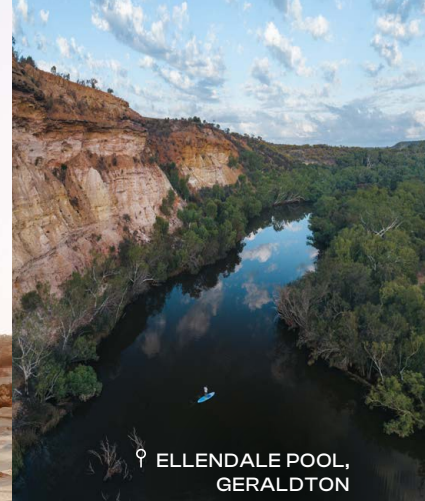
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♀ THREE BAYS WALKWAY, GREEN HEAD



♀ THE PINNACLES DESERT, CERVANTES



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♀ JURIEN BAY BEACH, JURIEN BAY

CRUISE ALONG THE INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE

 STAY FOR 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS  YEAR-ROUND

DAY 1

PERTH TO DONGARA (349KM/3.75HRS)

Wake up early and head north along the Brand Highway towards **Dongara-Port Denison and Greenough**, a 4 hour drive from **Perth**.

Head north-east and spend some time at **Ellendale Pool**, a stunning water hole carved out by the Greenough River and Hill escarpment. Stay overnight for a small fee or visit for the day and enjoy a picnic, swim or kayak.

Enjoy a **sunset** from the balcony of **Southerlys Harbour View Bar and Restaurant**. If visiting in Summer, kick back at the **Drive-In Cinema**. Seeking a more DIY dinner? Located at the Port Denison harbor, visit the **fish market** which sells fresh local seafood.

Overnight: Dongara-Port Denison

DAY 2

EXPLORE DONGARA

Find the iconic war memorial featuring 15 **ANZAC Memorial Soldiers** cut from metal. The sculptures can be seen on the Ocean Drive, next to Nunn's Pool in Port Denison.

When in **Port Denison**, visit **Illegal Tender Rum Co.** and join a distillery tour to discover how they create their multi-award winning rum and gin.

Looking for a guided tour? **New Leaf Connect** is the only locally owned and operated small group and transport provider that can show you the best of the Mid West region of Western Australia.

Stop at **Green Head** and explore the **Three Bays Walkway**, where you can enjoy a **beach walk or swim** in the sheltered bays of Dynamite, South and Anchorage Bays. Seeking a bushwalk instead? Try the new **Yued Ponar Trail** in **Lesueur National Park**.

Enjoy the evening with fish and chips at the beach or marina.

Overnight: Jurien Bay or Cervantes

DAY 3

JURIEN BAY TO PERTH (218KM/2.5HRS)

Wake up early and explore a little more. Take a sea lion tour in Jurien Bay, where you will encounter **endangered Australian sea lions** in their natural habitat, alternatively you can simply enjoy snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters. Want to get in the air instead? **Skydive Jurien Bay** offers 60 seconds of free fall with amazing views over the bay, plus a beach landing.

Driving south from Jurien Bay on the Indian Ocean Drive, stop at **Lake Thetis and the Thrombolites**. There is a 1.5km walking loop with a boardwalk to view these ancient micro-organisms. Enjoy lunch at the **Lobster Shack** in Cervantes.

Explore **Nambung National Park** - the home of the **Pinnacles**. Visit the **Interpretative Centre** to learn more about the area before returning back to **Perth**.



When travelling the Indian Ocean Drive keep an eye out for **Echidnas**, which can often be spotted during the day between Dongara and Jurien Bay.



♀ LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK, WILDFLOWER COUNTRY



WEEKEND OF WILDFLOWERS

 STAY FOR 2 DAYS MINIMUM  JULY TO OCTOBER

DAY 1

PERTH TO ENEABBA (280KM/3HRS)

Depart Perth and head north along the Brand Highway towards **Badgingarra**, where you can wander along the 2km **Badgingarra Nature Trail**. This trail will show off black kangaroo paws, smoke bushes, dryandras, hakeas, acacias, banksias, one-sided bottlebrushes, melaleucas, prickly moses and feather flowers.

Heading north toward **Eneabba**, continue 22km to **Western Flora Caravan Park**. There's often plenty of colour appearing beside the walking tracks around the park including orchids, hakeas, golden wattle, yellow myrtle, smokebushes, sundews, dampieras, daviesias, cats paws and native buttercups.

Overnight: Western Flora Caravan Park, Jurien Bay or Cervantes

DAY 2

GREEN HEAD TO PERTH (250KM/3HRS)

South of Eneabba is **Lesueur National Park**. Known for its incredible floral diversity representing 10% of Western Australia's total flora, the park features more than 900 species, many of which are not found anywhere else in the world. Try the following locations:

Drummonds, at the foot of Gairdner Range, offers an 8km hike (return) to the mesa of **Mt Lesueur**. Several different orchid types are found here. The initial section is flat with the ascent a switchback climb.

Cockleshell Gully Road provides great views of the Park - it's an 18km bitumen scenic drive showing propeller banksias, native cranberries, thryptomenes, starflowers, smoke bushes, bossiaeas (egg and bacon flower), verticordias, hakeas, grevilleas and leschenaultias.

Heading south along the Indian Ocean Drive towards Perth, turn off to the **Pinnacles** and **Nambung National Park**. You will find acacias, hibbertias, various orchids, cats paws, blue tinsel lilies, myrtle, banksias and casuarinas.

Overnight: Cervantes or Jurien Bay or continue to Perth



*Life is short.
Make time to stop
and smell the
wildflowers.*

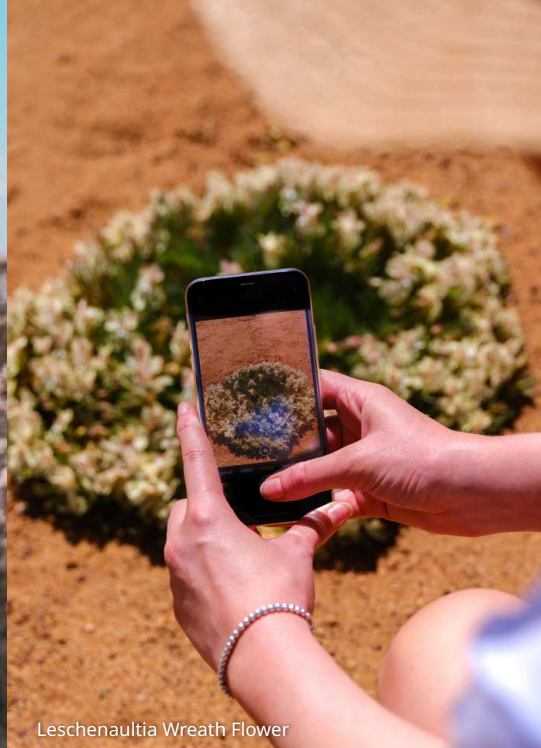
WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

Less than 2 hours drive north of Perth along the Brand Highway or Midlands Road, visitors will witness an abundance of colour as wildflowers bloom spectacularly during wildflower season (late July to early October). From Dandaragan in the south to Geraldton in the north, and the inland farming towns of Coorow, Carnamah, Eneabba, Three Springs, Mingenew and Mullewa, the region comes to life and offers a range of nature trails and heritage-focused activities along the Wildflower Way and Midlands Route.





♀ DEPOT HILL, MINGENEW



Leschenaultia Wreath Flower



WILDFLOWER COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Stay at wildflower haven Western Flora Caravan, Camping & Tourist Park



Find the rare Leschenaultia Wreath Flower at Pindar



See blankets of everlastings in Coalseam Conservation Park



Stargaze the dark skies of Astro-towns found in Wildflower country



Hike a variety of trails in the region



Camp amongst the flowers in Coalseam Conservation Park



Explore the beauty and wildflowers surrounding Depot Hill



4WD around Lake Logue near Eneabba and spot native wildlife



Enjoy a picnic and sunset on Mingenev Hill



Learn about historical buildings on the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail



Best time to visit:
Late July – early October



Distance from Perth to Coalseam:
390km



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📍 LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK,
WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

DANDARAGAN

The Dandaragan area is home to lush pastures and plentiful crops produced from fertile farming land, meaning that the area is home to an abundance of flora and fauna. In fact, the name “Dandaragan” is of Indigenous origin, and is believed to mean “good kangaroo country”. Dandaragan has a beautiful wildflower viewing area with most species flowering in late winter and spring.

The Dandaragan Way

A scenic drive from Regan’s Ford through Dandaragan to Badgingarra, offers views of creeks, rolling hills, historic buildings, marri trees and flocks of white corellas and cockatoos.

St Anne’s Church

This charming Anglican Church, constructed between 1885 and 1887 is made from local soap stone from Kayanaba, a nearby property, and features an interesting gothic arch at its entry.

Wolba Wolba (Aggie’s Cottage)

Situated on the Badgingarra Road, 7km from Dandaragan, this brick and stone cottage was erected in 1871 and is still used today by local craft and historical groups. The cottage is neighboured by a fresh water lake, which is home to a variety of water birds.

BADGINGARRA

Badgingarra is situated north of Dandaragan at the edge of the Badgingarra National Park. Renowned for its diverse bushland, the area comes to life during late winter and spring when wildflowers bloom.

Jingemia Cave at Watheroo National Park

It is believed that Jingemia translates to “Devils Hole” and once you locate it within Watheroo National Park - you will understand why! The cave almost looks like a sinkhole and is easy to view from the picnic shelter area located next to the cave’s opening. It is a short grade 3 walk from the car park to the cave. Entry to the cave is not permitted or advised due to the very steep climb in and out.

Badgingarra Nature Trail

The 3.5km Badgingarra Nature Trail departs from and returns to the Badgingarra Road House on the Brand Highway. This two-hour walk is incredible in spring, when the bushland is bursting with colour.

Marvel at Lesueur National Park

Covering almost 27,000 hectares, Lesueur National Park is renowned for its conservation, picturesque landscape and incredible biodiversity. Flora found within the park includes, acacias, hibbertias, leschenaultias, orchids, and kangaroo paws (including the rare black kangaroo paw). Flora flourishes in the months of spring, with beautiful wildflowers emerging from the heath. The Honey Possum is found only in the Kwongan area, in particular the Lesueur National Park. Karda Reserve is the perfect spot to set up camp and explore Lesueur National Park and surrounding parks. Other rare wildlife includes a variety of lizards, snakes, frogs & mammals. The Lesueur Scenic Drive is the most comprehensive way in which to explore the Park, as this passes the most picturesque areas, and is scattered with regular lay-bys allowing breaks to stop and take in the breathtaking scenery.

Vern Westbrook Walk

This 1.5km heritage and wildflower walk is situated 3.5km off the Brand Highway on North West Road, between the original Badgingarra town site and the town centre. In this area of unique biodiversity, learn about the 70 million year old history of the Yallalie Meteorite Impact Zone.

Iain Wilson Nature Trail

This 1.5km trail lies within the protected Badgingarra National Park and features many species of wildflowers including Badgingarra’s emblem, the black kangaroo paw. It is also home to numerous reptiles, emus, kangaroos and a variety of birds including bustards and wedge-tailed eagles.



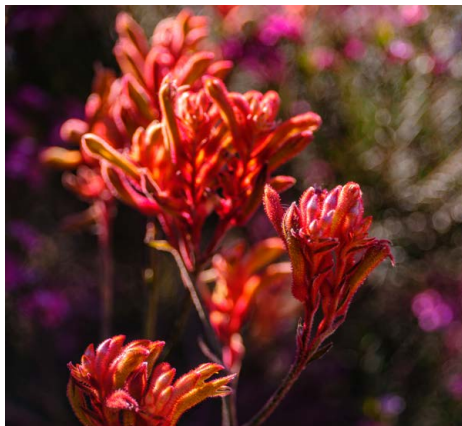
♀ COOROW FARM, COOROW

ENEABBA

The Eneabba sandplain is a world renowned biodiversity hotspot, supporting native vegetation known as Kwongan - the Aboriginal word for low, hard scrub and heathland. Kwongan of the Eneabba region is extremely diverse and includes many species.

Walk the Wildflowers of Western Flora

Western Flora Caravan, Camping & Tourist Park is an ideal place to base yourself when visiting for the wildflowers. It has a great number of individual species growing on the property, which can be explored via the walking trails. With plenty of space for the kids to play, and with kangaroos as neighbours, this is the ideal bush setting from which to explore wildflowers.



Tathra National Park

Located north-east of Eneabba this National Park is striking during the wildflower season. During spring, the Park is full of bush flowers and kangaroo paws.

Beekeepers Reserve

Located about 20km north of Eneabba, to the west of the Brand Highway, Beekeepers Reserve is an area in which a great variety of wildflowers bloom during peak season.

Sleep under the stars at Lake Indoon

Lake Indoon is the perfect spot to set up camp after a day of exploring. Enjoy a day on the water before taking advantage of the free campsite and spending a night under the stars (camping area includes BBQ facilities, fresh water and ablution facilities).

Four Wheel Drive Lake Logue

Lake Logue is a large seasonal freshwater lake. The 35km track is suitable for 4WD vehicles only and provides a variety of conditions, from knee-deep sand to mud flats to rocky ridges. Animal and bird life are abundant.



Fun fact

Tathra is a local Indigenous word meaning 'beautiful place'.

COOROW

Coorow is a charming, inland farming town with a strong agricultural history - the first settlers raised sheep and horses in the area. Remnants of the area's farming history are still evident today amid beautiful gardens.

Stargazing at Touche Road Lakes

Touche Road is a local gravel road where you can access a variety of outlooks across salt lakes. If you travel 8kms from town along Touche Road, you'll come across the lake system. From this point, there are various locations along the road. In winter, water reflects the beautiful Milky Way. In summer, the salt basins create a stark landscape framed by the night sky. There are remains of old fences across some of the lakes which make an interesting addition to images.

Coorow Farm & the Bart Mailey Memorial Trail

Take a walk along the Bart Mailey Memorial Walk Trail (1.2km) to the historic Coorow Farm whilst enjoying the stunning array of everlastings, pink fairy orchids and a range of other wildflowers. Alternatively, the Coorow Farm also offers a picturesque wildflower drive.

Alexander Morrison National Park

Located on the Central West Coast Sandplain, 50km west of Coorow, Alexander Morrison National Park is home to beautiful wildflower displays, particularly from August to October. The Park consists of low scrub on undulating sandplain hills, interspersed with small streams and tall eucalypts.



♀ CARNAMAH, WILDFLOWER COUNTRY



♀ THREE SPRINGS, WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

CARNAMAH

The Carnamah area is one of the richest parts of the state for flowering plants, which burst into colour during the annual wildflower season from late July until October.

Historic Carnamah

The Carnamah Historical Museum is located in an historic stone building, please visit their website for opening hours. Other historic buildings in Carnamah include the St Andrews Church (designed by Monsignor John Hawes), the Bank (now converted to an art gallery) and the Uniting Church (now converted to a café which is open during wildflower season).

Wildflower Country is one of the best spots in Western Australia to see wildflowers

Wander Macpherson Street

Take a stroll along Macpherson Street and learn about the town's history. Continue along the Walk Trail to Macpherson Homestead (built in the 1860s). Stop by to see the exterior of the restored homestead and its ruinous buildings. The front verandah offers a picturesque view of the Carnamah town site and surrounding farmland. The local community welcomes you to use telescopes and binoculars and enjoy an evening of stargazing here.

Stars and Sunsets at Salt Lakes

Walk from the centre of town up to the scenic Lakes Lookout (found 1km out of town on Carnamah-Eneabba Road) where you can peer out over the Yarra Yarra Lake System. Time your visit at sunset to watch the colours of the lake change. Depending on the season you might see salty pink lakes in summer, to the deep blue lakes in winter. A picnic shelter is located at the lakes lookout. As an alternative to the lookout, visitors can also access Yarra Yarra Lake via a good gravel road, approximately 16km off the Carnamah-Eneabba Road. During Spring, Yarra Yarra is a great place to stargaze. Much is visible with the naked eye and also a great time to get out your telescope.

Lake Indoon

12kms West of Carnamah, Lake Indoon is a popular destination for campers.

THREE SPRINGS

Located 20km north-west of Carnamah, Three Springs is a quaint country town decorated by beautiful wildflowers during late winter and spring.

Drive & Walk the Wildflowers

Take a drive from Robinson Road to Arrowsmith River Crossing in late July – October and witness a spectacular display of blooming wildflowers. Visitors can gain an insight into the history of the Three Springs area and see some of the region's magnificent wildflowers in season by taking a stroll along the Heritage Walk.

Visit the World's Largest Talc Mine

Take in the 360 degree panoramic view at the Talc Mine Lookout, located 10km east of Three Springs. This is the largest Talc mine in the world, with an annual production of 100, 000 tonnes.

Arrino Gardens

Learn about native plants and "bush tucker" at the Arrino Gardens, located 20km north of Three Springs. The garden is scattered with informative panels focusing on the history of the town site and significance of the native plants in the garden.

Pink Lakes

Just outside of Three Springs, you'll find a series of easily accessible lakes that turn varying shades of pink during spring. The most accessible is just south of town and lies alongside the Midlands Road.



♀ COALSEAM CONSERVATION PARK, MINGENEW



♀ DEPOT HILL, MINGENEW



♀ COALSEAM CONSERVATION PARK, MINGENEW

MINGENEW

Mingenew is located in the heart of Wildflower Country with blankets of stunning everlastings and various orchid varieties. Close to Coalseam Conservation Park, the town is nestled amongst stunning natural landscapes and is known for its friendly locals.

Coalseam Conservation Park

Located between Mingenev and Mullewa, Coalseam Conservation Park is arguably Western Australia's holy grail for wildflower lovers. Many different species transform the park into a carpet of colour in springtime showcasing the state's high diversity. Magnificent views are offered from the Irwin lookout and marine fossils are to be found embedded in the banks of the Irwin River below. All year round Coalseam Conservation Park provides a wealth of insight into the rich geological history of the region.

Note: Please keep to marked trails to preserve the flowers for the future.

The Plateau Loop at Coalseam

The 3.2km Plateau Loop trail starts at Miners Picnic area. Pink, white and yellow Everlastings spread out on either side of this trail as it crosses the Irwin River and takes you through a rare eucalypt woodland to the plateau ridge where you can enjoy sweeping valley views.

Camp among the Flowers

Pitch a tent at the popular Miners campsite in Coalseam Conservation Park – but be prepared for crowds during weekends and in the wildflower season. A limit of a three-night stay is imposed from July – October. Overflow camping is available for tents at Breakaway. Other RV friendly sites close to Mingenev include Enanty Barn and Yandanooka Hall.

Mingenew Hill

Located in town, Mingenev Hill is the ideal place for holiday makers to have a rest and view the stunning landscape from high above, for as far as the eye can see. Wander or drive over the railway line on Mingenev – Mullewa Road. It's perfect for wildflowers, picnics and shutterbugs alike! At the bottom of the hill is Drovers Rest - a great spot to take a break and discover Mingenev's rich droving heritage.

Sunset on Mingenev Hill

Enjoy endless views across Mingenev's beautiful breakaway country whilst overlooking a carpet of blooming wildflowers below. 'The Hill' is the perfect spot for a picnic lunch or a champagne sunset, the perfect finish after a day of exploring wildflowers.

Depot Hill

Just 12km northwest of Mingenev is Depot Hill Reserve which was used as a rifle range during World War II. Today it is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike overlooking the Irwin River. A meandering pathway on Depot Hill will give you unparalleled access to a rich, rare and colourful assortment of wildflower species. Grab lunch from the Mingenev Bakery, take a blanket and a camera and head off to discover one of Western Australia's true wildflower hotspots.

Yellow Flowers and Shining Stars of Yandanooka

Yandanooka is a tiny town located between Three Springs and Mingenev on the Midlands Road. Its name is of Aboriginal origin and thought to mean "plenty of hilly country in sight". During Wildflower season, we agree! With good winter rains Yandanooka is often blanketed in yellow everlasting carpets. RV friendly camp sites are available at Yandanooka Hall. Yandanooka is also a perfect location from which to enjoy stunning clear night skies.



♀ MULLEWA, WILDFLOWER COUNTRY

MULLEWA

Mullewa is one of the northern gateways to Wildflower Country and has long been known for the stunning displays of everlastings and flowering shrubs along roadsides and in surrounding nature reserves of the district. Two of the five walk trails in Mullewa are dedicated to wildflowers and are located on the outskirts of the town centre.

Drive the Wildflower Loops

The Northern Loop and The Southern Circuit take in Mullewa's natural beauty, outlying areas and unique historical and geographical features. The trails include special wildflower locations such as Coalseam Conservation Park and the fascinating Bindoo Hill, a glacial moraine where ice smoothed rocks dropped as the face of the glacier melted around 225 million years ago. Each site features a creative rusty steel sculpture with an interpretive panel to explain the main story associated with the place. A number have picnic tables and fire-rings, and all roads can be driven in standard 2WD vehicles (with care on unsealed sections).

Mullewa Bushland Trail

A 2.3km loop, the trail starts and finishes at the Mullewa Scenic Lookout, or can be accessed from the Information Bay on Gray Street. Interpretation signage focuses on natural heritage and indigenous culture.

Mullewa Wildflower Show

The Mullewa Wildflower Show is held in late August/early September and brings the best of the bush to the town with all that is flowering in the region, including wreath flowers, daisies, hakeas, grevilleas, orchids, eremophilas, wattles and many other local species.

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail

Celebrating the enormous contribution architect-priest John Hawes made to the region, the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail showcases a variety of buildings of his design and other sites significant to his life. Taking seven years to build, The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Peter and St Paul is a fantastic example of his work with the Priest House located next to the church.

Wreath Flowers of Pindar

Drive 30kms east of Mullewa to the little township of Pindar where you can spot the rare and exquisite Wreath *Leschenaultia* flower. Once at Pindar, you drive 10kms north on the Pindar-Berringarra Road (unsealed), the flowers are located on the shoulders of the road. Made from dozens of flowers with frilled petals of red, white and pink, be sure to pull over off the road (but not onto the flowers) to ensure road safety. These beautiful flowers bloom between August and October, with September often being their optimal month.





📍 COALSEAM CONSERVATION PARK, MINGENEW



📍 COALSEAM CONSERVATION PARK, MINGENEW

FIELDS OF EVERLASTINGS

🕒 STAY FOR 3 DAYS MINIMUM 📅 JULY TO SEPTEMBER

DAY 1

PERTH TO WILDFLOWER COUNTRY (390KM/4HRS)

Wake up early and head north of Perth along Midlands Road. Stop in the towns of **Coorow**, **Carnamah** and **Three Springs** for an abundance of **everlasting wildflower carpets**. Visit local information centres, where you can learn about sightings and directions.

Travelling north between **Mingenew** and **Mullewa**, a wildflower "must-do" is **Coalseam Conservation Park**. The Park is Western Australia's top spot for everlasting carpets in stunning white, pink and yellow as far as the eye can see. Nearby, **Depot Hill Reserve**, **Yandanooka** and **Mingenew Hill** are several locations where you can consistently find everlasting wildflowers in season.

If visiting on a weekend, call the Geraldton Visitor Centre to book a place on the **Chapman River guided wildflower walk**.

Overnight: Dongara-Port Denison or Geraldton

DAY 2

DONGARA TO KALBARRI (230KM/2.5HRS)

Head north along the coast to the **Chapman River Regional Park**; home to flowers, birds and reptiles. Alternatively, head inland to **Mullewa**, where you can explore the Everlasting Cultural Trails, and look along the highway for bush flowers and orange davesia (the bacon and egg flower).

Continue north to **Kalbarri**, taking the Ajana-Kalbarri Road into town. On the way in, stop at **Kalbarri National Park**, with its deep river gorges. The Park has roughly 800 species of native flora, many of which are endemic orchid species. Grab a **wildflower map** from the Visitor Centre and access the **Kalbarri Coastal Cliffs**, where walking trails light up with colourful wildflowers.

Overnight: Kalbarri or Port Gregory

DAY 3

KALBARRI TO PERTH (570KM/6HRS)

Taking the North West Highway, head east past Mullewa to the town of **Pindar** where rare wreath flowers are commonly found along the roadside. Alternatively, west of Mullewa is **Tenindewa**, where yellow gentlemen's buttons and everlastings grow wild. Start heading south again and you'll drive through **Canna** and **Tardun**, where orchids and everlasting fields bloom.

Wanting to experience wildflowers on tour? New Leaf Connect offer tours out of **Dongara-Port Denison**, Midwest Adventure Tours out of **Geraldton**, and D'Guy Charters out of **Kalbarri**.

Overnight: Geraldton or Perth



Find wreath flowers
around Pindar and fields of colourful everlastings in Coalseam Conservation Park



GERALDTON & SURROUNDS

JAMBINU

Geraldton, the only city in the Coral Coast, is rich with culture and history, which complement its laidback coastal atmosphere, beaches and sunny climate. A short drive south lies the historic town of Greenough and nearby Ellendale Pool, a picturesque natural waterhole along the Greenough River. Inland is Chapman Valley, with its rolling hills, scenic drives, wildflowers and a micro brewery, and Mullewa, situated in the heart of wildflower country and rich with heritage. To the west lies the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, a pristine archipelago brimming with beauty, marine adventures and history.





♀ HORIZON BALL, GERALDTON



♀ ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, GERALDTON



♀ YAMAJI ART CENTRE, GERALDTON

GERALDTON HIGHLIGHTS



Marvel at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands on a scenic flight, day trip, or live-aboard cruise



Enjoy Chapman Valley for a mountain bike ride, wildflowers, walk trail, or the fishing park



Relax at Ellendale Pool overnight or picnic for the day



Base yourself in Geraldton to explore wildflower hotspots



Visit the historical village of Greenough



Discover maritime history at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial and at the Museum of Geraldton



Find the Horizon Ball sculpture on Beresford Foreshore, picture perfect at sunset



See artworks from local Aboriginal artists from Yamatji Country



Shop for coloured pearls from the Abrolhos Islands pearl farms



Delve into Geraldton's vibrant food and beverage hot spots



Best time to visit Geraldton:
Year-Round

Best time to visit the Abrolhos Islands:
March-October



Distance from Perth to Geraldton:
4.5hrs or 413km



Nexus Airlines flies from Perth to Geraldton airport and in reverse. Qantas flies daily from Perth to Geraldton airport



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📍 POINT MOORE LIGHTHOUSE, GERALDTON

GERALDTON

The city of Geraldton has established itself as a trendy and diverse seaside destination with vibrant cafes, great food, street art and festivals, coloured pearls and boutique jewellery, and indigenous culture and art trails.

Watersports

Geraldton's coastline offers an array of water-based activities, including swimming, snorkelling, diving, surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing and stand-up paddleboarding. The central Town Beach is great for families with BBQs, free WiFi, picnic tables, a playground and a great waterpark for the kids as well as a Youth Precinct, and during the warmer months there are opportunities for fly boarding, jet skiing, wake skiing and tubing. Consistent summer winds have made Geraldton one of the world's top locations for windsurfing and kitesurfing, with Point Moore, Sunset Beach, St Georges Beach and Coronation Beach providing excellent conditions from October to April. During winter, Back Beach has ideal surfing conditions for beginners, whilst Sunset Beach, Greenough and Flat Rocks are popular for the more experienced with bigger swell. Coronation Beach, or 'Coros', is particularly popular for water sports with awesome fishing, windsurfing, swimming and kiteboarding opportunities alongside camping and BBQ facilities (nightly fee applies).

Yamatji Story

Immerse yourself in indigenous culture on the 195km Yamatji Drive Trail, featuring 14 sites of significance to the local Yamatji Aboriginal people of the Geraldton, Greenough and Mullewa areas. Brochures for the self-drive trail can be picked up from the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

Yamaji Art Centre

The Yamaji Art Centre in the city centre is an Aboriginal owned and operated gallery providing professional services to support and develop Aboriginal artists living in the lower Murchison region of Yamaji country. The centre focuses on sustaining cultural maintenance and arts practice while creating economic benefit.



HMAS Sydney II Memorial

A visit to the poignant HMAS Sydney II Memorial is a must. Commemorating the 645 Australian crew who lost their lives aboard the *HMAS Sydney II* during a WWII naval battle in 1941, the memorial comprises five symbolic elements: the Central Memorial structure, including the Dome of Souls; the Wall of Remembrance; the Wailing Woman; the Stele; and the Pool of Remembrance. Volunteer run tours commence daily at 10:30am (donations welcome).

Complete the story of the *HMAS Sydney II* at the Museum of Geraldton, open daily from 9:30am – 3pm (excluding public holidays). A short 3D film screening takes you 2500m beneath the sea to where the *HMAS Sydney II* and *HSK Kormoran* lie resting on the ocean floor.

Museum of Geraldton

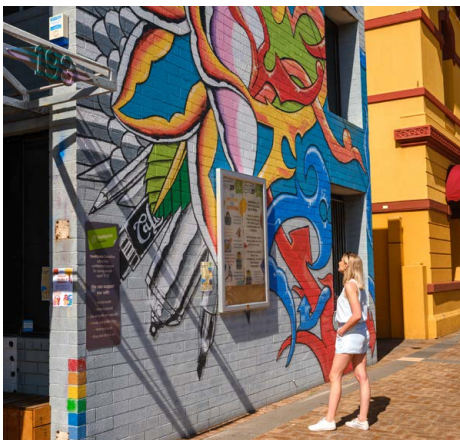
The Museum celebrates the rich heritage of the land, sea and people of the Greater Geraldton area. Discover riches from four Dutch shipwrecks – Batavia, Gilt Dragon, Zuytdorp and Zeewijk, in the Shipwrecks Gallery, and delve into the region's natural and social history in the Mid West Gallery.

The Monsignor Hawes heritage Centre & St Francis Xavier Cathedral

The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre and St Francis Xavier Cathedral provide insight into the life and work of Monsignor John Hawes. The centre's interactive video display, imagery and diverse collection of artefacts complement guided tours of the Cathedral next door, which run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays at 2:30pm and on Fridays at 4pm. The Cathedral is part of the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail.



📍 GERALDTON MARINA, GERALDTON



Art & Festivals

Pick up a Public Art Trail Map from the Geraldton Visitor Centre and set off on a self-guided tour around the city to discover colourful street art, local galleries, art installations like the Ilgarjiri (emu eggs sculpture), and decorated walls, paths and bollards. Check out Horizon, a giant glass sphere at the Beresford Foreshore, and don't forget to visit the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, housed in the heritage listed, turn of the century Town Hall building. Open daily (excluding public holidays), check their website for opening hours.

Whether it's an art and jewellery exhibit, weekend markets, music or comedy festival, or visiting museums and galleries, Geraldton always has something happening. Check the Visit Geraldton website for what's on.

Eat Street & Shopping

Dine in diversity - from freshly caught seafood to Middle Eastern flavours with a twist to rooftop and gin bars and the best locally made coffee and baked goods in town, Geraldton's food and beverage scene is constantly evolving and a top reason to visit.

Your visit isn't complete until you've tried fresh, locally caught Western Rock Lobster (crayfish), and it doesn't get much fresher than in Geraldton's Fishermen's Wharf. Join a local operator on a pot-pulling tour, buy seafood directly off the back of fishing boats from Brolos Fresh or enjoy lunch at Barnacles on the Wharf or at Skeetas Restaurant.

Don't forget to visit one of the pearl jewellers to purchase a unique, coloured Abrolhos Island pearl and learn about the Abrolhos pearling industry. The stores offer a range of pieces and pearl shades, including the stunning black pearl.

Wonderful Wildflowers

Visitors travel from far and wide to base themselves in Geraldton each year for wildflower season (July to October). From the Chapman River Regional Park to the Moresby Ranges, Mullewa and Coalseam Conservation Park, there are hundreds of wildflower species to be discovered, including everlastings, pom-poms, wreath flowers, orchids and Geraldton wax. Speak to the Visitor Centre for updates on what's blooming during the season.

Geraldton's culture is bursting at the seams, and there are plenty of ways to delve into the history and heritage of the coastal city.





♀ HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS, GERALDTON



ABROLHOS ISLANDS

The Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park encompasses a low-lying chain of 122 islands split into three groups: Wallabi, Easter and Pelsaert. Often described as the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean, there are few places in Australia with more biodiversity, and the Islands are recognised as a Hope Spot by ocean conservation organisation Mission Blue. Nature enthusiasts flock to the islands for fishing, bird watching, snorkelling and diving. Explore the islands by air or sea - scenic flights (from Geraldton or Kalbarri) provide the opportunity to admire the coral reefs and island formations from above, or live aboard experience on a luxury cruise.

Witness the Shipwreck Coast

There are currently 19 shipwrecks recorded off the Abrolhos Islands and another 31 lie waiting, yet to be discovered. Morning Reef is where the infamous Batavia was wrecked in 1629. Experienced divers can explore the Batavia shipwreck dependent on weather conditions.

Wildlife & Marine life

The islands are an important breeding ground for 35 species of sea birds, including the lesser noddy and crested terns. They are also home to another 19 species of land and shore birds, including the rare painted button quail found nowhere else, and the majestic white breasted sea eagle. Note: please keep to tracks, stay quiet and move slowly around bird colonies. Staying at least 50 metres away will help to protect young chicks and nesting birds.

Found on some of the islands is the cute Tammar Wallaby. Slightly larger than the famous Quokka, these marsupials have learned to adapt to their very remote island habitat and drink seawater where no fresh water is available!

The Islands are also the northernmost breeding ground of Australian sea lions. Once abundant, sea lions are now classified as 'endangered' in Australia. Keep an eye out for these cute creatures on the sandy beaches throughout the Abrolhos and at Geraldton's Foreshore groyne. Note: sea lions are wild animals. Stay safe and enjoy them from a distance.

Fishing

The waters surrounding the Abrolhos Islands are home to some of the ocean's most prized eating fish, such as baldchin groper, dhufish, snapper, coral trout and emperor fish. Fishermen often also catch octopus, scallops and the sought-after Western Rock Lobster. Note: check fishing regulations and exclusion zones before visiting, or join a local fishing tour.

GREENOUGH

A once thriving pioneer community in the 19th century, Greenough is today a charming settlement with significant history, restored heritage buildings, a scenic river and the iconic leaning trees.

Central Greenough Historic Settlement

Take a self-guided walk through the beautifully restored stone character buildings of the Greenough Historic Settlement and visit the Walkaway Station Museum, complete with refurbished locomotive and carriage (all open daily, entry fee applies). Enjoy a coffee or a bite to eat at the historic cafe.

Greenough Museum and Gardens

Just north of Central Greenough, the Greenough Museum is located in a beautifully restored two-storey homestead built between 1862-1880 for John Maley. Known locally as the King of the Flats, Maley was a miller, storekeeper, hotel proprietor, entrepreneur and father of 14 children. His wife, Elizabeth, was daughter to the first German migrants to Western Australia. Open daily, the Museum examines the social life of the Greenough Flats from Aboriginal time until today. View historic trees and wander the community veggie garden. Fact sheets are available in English, German, Dutch, French, Italian, Chinese and Korean.



♀ GREENOUGH, GERALDTON



♀ CHAPMAN VALLEY, GERALDTON

The iconic leaning trees

Buffeted by prevailing southerly winds, the leaning trees of Greenough (eucalyptus camaldulensis, or red river gum) are an iconic sight for travellers. Only on the windswept Greenough flats do these trees develop their distinctive leaning shape. A purpose-built parking area is located 21km south of Greenough for travellers to safely stop and take photographs.

Ellendale Pool

This scenic waterhole is located 45km south east of Geraldton. On your way there visit the Walkaway Station Museum, featuring an extensive collection of railway artefacts (check opening times with the Geraldton Visitor Centre). Make your way past impressive wind turbines before arriving at Ellendale Pool, where you'll be surrounded by giant gum trees and a rocky gorge. Ellendale Pool is part of the Yamatji Drive Trail and features interpretive signage celebrating the importance of the pool to Aboriginal and European history. Public facilities and barbecues are provided, camping permitted for a fee.

Greenough Wildlife & Bird Park

Located 30km south of Geraldton, the Greenough Wildlife & Bird Park offers visitors the chance to feed a kangaroo, hold a friendly lizard and meet dingos. You might even be able to watch Douglas the crocodile eat his lunch (check their Facebook for feeding days and times). The privately owned park has been rescuing and rehabilitating Australian wildlife for over 30 years. Open daily except Wednesdays.

CHAPMAN VALLEY

20 minutes north-east of Geraldton, the scenic Chapman Valley is home to beautiful rolling hills, scenic drives through farmland and a range of local attractions, such as an outback brewery and BBQ restaurant, lavender farm, rum distillery, aquaculture fishing ventures and more.

The ancient Moresby Range

The Moresby Range, formed some 50 million years ago, is an ancient exposed seabed for fossil deposits, which can be found in various places in the Range. View the ancient landscape from Mills Lookout and Wokatherra Hill. Explore the Range's wildflowers near Naraling Hall, Old Nolba Stock Route and Wandana Reserve, and discover seasonal blooms such as dampiera, grevillea, hibbertia and melaluca.

Food & farms

Explore Greenough and Chapman Valley for an ideal day of eating, drinking and exploring. Taste delicious local beer and enjoy a Kansas-style BBQ at the Burnt Barrel Outback Brewbq (open year-round, Friday to Sunday). Immerse yourself in history at the Chapman Valley Museum (check opening hours and seasonality at Geraldton Visitor Centre).

Fish, fish & fish

Fish your heart out for an hour or a day at the catch-and-release Chapman Valley Fishing Park. Gear is supplied and refreshments are available, with plenty of landscaped picnic and BBQ areas.

Mountain bike through nature

The Chapman River Nature Trail at Nanson provides a habitat for the endangered Ringtail Possum and Carnaby Black Cockatoo. Along the path you'll see nesting boxes for birds, along with trail markers and interpretive signage.



Wildlife tip

If you find a hurt animal and help is needed, please call the DBCA Wildlife Helpline on (08) 9474 9055 or FAWNA on 0438 526 660. Note the location, time of day and condition of the animal when you found it.



📍 ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, GERALDTON



GERALDTON COASTAL CITY FLY

🕒 STAY FOR 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS 🗓️ YEAR-ROUND

DAY 1

PERTH TO GERALDTON 1 HOUR FLIGHT

Book your flight to Geraldton, and arrange a hire car. **Avis** have offices at **Geraldton Airport**. Depart Perth Airport with Qantas or Nexus Airlines and collect your hire car on arrival.

Start with a drive and walk around the Geraldton Marina and foreshore to enjoy stunning panoramic ocean views. Head to **Skeetas Restaurant** for brunch then drive to Beresford Foreshore to see the art installation, **Horizon: Public Art** for an #insta snap. Follow this up with a visit to **Yamaji Art Centre** supporting local Aboriginal artists living in the Lower Murchison region of Yamatji Country. Enjoy lunch at **Flowvitality Cafe**, followed by a short walk to **Marine Terrace** where you'll be able to view the city's amazing street art.

Visit the **Museum of Geraldton**, a state-of-the-art facility and learn about the region's rich maritime, natural and cultural history, and the fascinating yet brutal Batavia story, a 'must' before your **Abrolhos Island** trip. See the inspiring **HMAS Sydney II Memorial** at sunset, built to honour the lost sailors of the HMAS Sydney maritime disaster in 1941.

Overnight: Geraldton

A city full of adventure awaits.

DAY 2

EXPLORE GERALDTON AND SURROUNDS BY AIR AND FLIPPER

Take a scenic flight with **Kalbarri Scenic Flights** or **Shine Aviation** to the **Abrolhos Islands** or head further north to the picturesque **Kalbarri region** including the fabulous **Pink Lake**. The Abrolhos Island full day adventure will land you on this uninhabited island to snorkel amongst coral and fish, view the bird-life or even see if you can spot a local Tammar Wallaby and the resident Australian Sea Lions. Enjoy a picnic lunch on one of the full day adventures. Other tour options are available if you want to pair the **Abrolhos Islands** with the **Pink Lake** all in one day.

Overnight: Geraldton

DAY 3

EXPERIENCE FRESH SEAFOOD

Start your day with a lobster pot pulling and harbour cruise. **Eco Abrolhos** will show you around Geraldton's harbour including Seal Rocks and African Reef, and show you how to pull a cray pot out of the water, anchor and hang in Champion Bay for some serenity and brunch.

More water action can be had with **Ultimate Watersports**, in a beautiful protected bay central to the city, where you can get into jet ski hire, jet ski tours, flyboard x, jet pack, SUP, kayaking, tubing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, skiing, wakefoiling and more. Operating from November to April on the Geraldton foreshore.

Explore the **Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre** which provides an insight into the life and work of Monsignor John Hawes, priest and architect. The Byzantine style **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** is one of his greatest masterpieces.

Flight: Depart from Geraldton to Perth on the afternoon flight.



♀ GERALDTON



♀ YAMAJI ART CENTRE, GERALDTON



♀ HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS, GERALDTON

GERALDTON FOUR DAY ADVENTURE

🕒 STAY FOR 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS 🗓️ YEAR-ROUND

DAY 1

PERTH TO GERALDTON (415KMS/1.5HRS)

Head north either along the Brand Highway or picturesque **Indian Ocean Drive**, this journey takes you through the coastal towns of Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Green Head, Leeman, and Dongara-Port Denison where there is plenty to discover. Consider a curated self-guided tour with **Dark Stry**, where you'll learn the hidden past of some of our most iconic locations, all from your own phone.

Heading further north, discover **Greenough's** historic charm just 20 minutes south of Geraldton and while you are there, visit the picturesque **Ellendale Pool**. Located approximately two kilometres north of the Greenough Historic Settlement, the iconic **leaning trees of Greenough** are a must-see when in the region.

Overnight: Geraldton

DAY 2

GERALDTON

Worked up an appetite for breakfast? Well, you're in luck because Geraldton has a booming café scene. Check out Marine Terrace and make sure to stock up your Instagram shots in front of the impressive public art that lines building and laneways of the city.

Learn about Geraldton's history by visiting the **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**. This beautiful building is some of famous architect Monsignor Hawes' finest work and is one of the region's jewels. Ahead of tomorrow's Abrolhos adventure, visit the **Museum of Geraldton** and learn about the Batavia Shipwreck and Houtman Abrolhos Islands history.

Make your way up to Geraldton's premier spot for honouring the fallen in the World War II battle off the Western Australian coast, **HMAS Sydney II Memorial** for a magic sunset.

Overnight: Geraldton

DAY 3

HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS

After breakfast arrive at Geraldton Airport for your **Houtman Abrolhos Islands** tour with one of local air charter operators. Be sure to pack your swimsuit and sunscreen for island exploring. They will probably fly over the Pink Lake, Hutt Lagoon for you as well so make sure to have your camera ready!

If you have more time book a live aboard 3 or 5 day tour with **Eco Abrolhos**. Private and fishing charters are available with **Apache Charters** and **Pelican Charters**.

Overnight: Geraldton

DAY 4

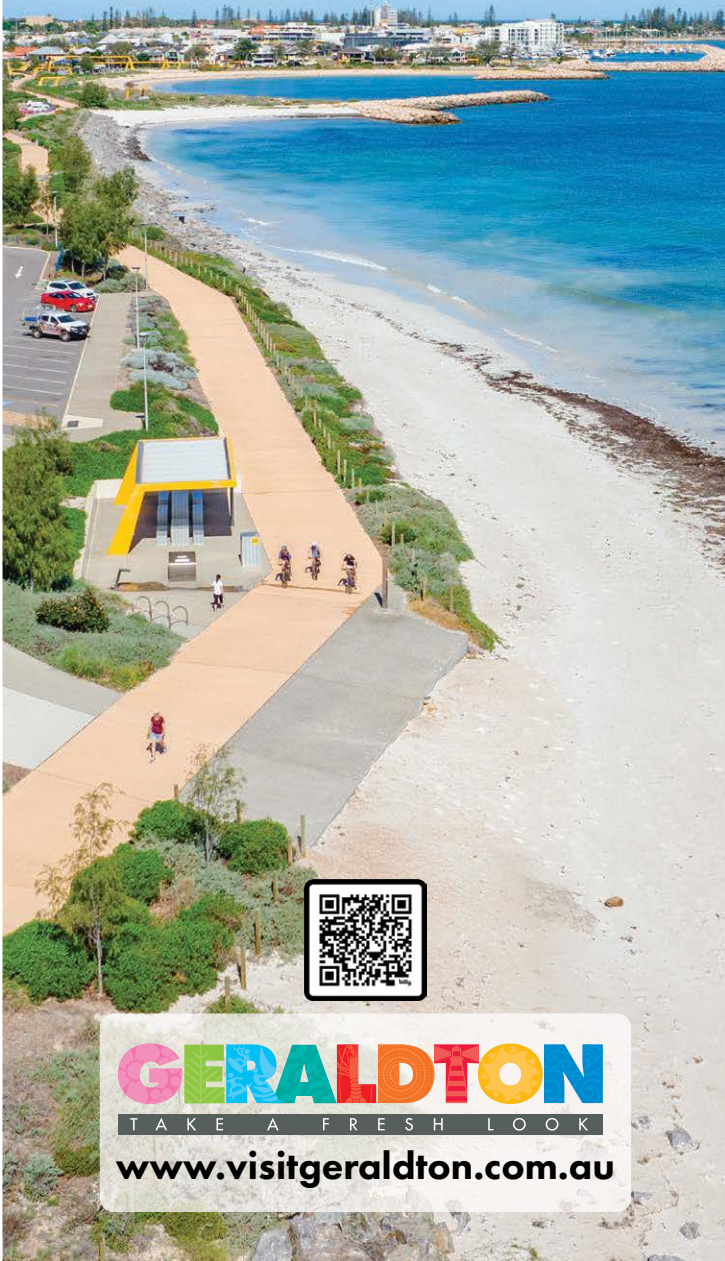
GERALDTON

The Geraldton region is rich in Aboriginal culture. Visit the Ilgarjiri Eggs designed by Yamatji artists and the **Yamaji Art Centre** and learn how this gallery supports Aboriginal artists living in Yamaji Country. The Yamatji Drive Trail maps can be collected from the Visitor Centre at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Shop for your holiday memento at **Latitude Gallery** or **Chimere Pearls** showcasing the amazing Abrolhos Pearls. Before you head back to Perth, take some time to explore the beaches and landscapes surrounding Geraldton, such as **Point Moore** to see the tallest 'metal' lighthouse in Australia.

Want to experience the heart of Geraldton with a local guide? Jump on tour with **Midwest Adventure Tours** and journey to unique and local attractions with a local and experienced guide.

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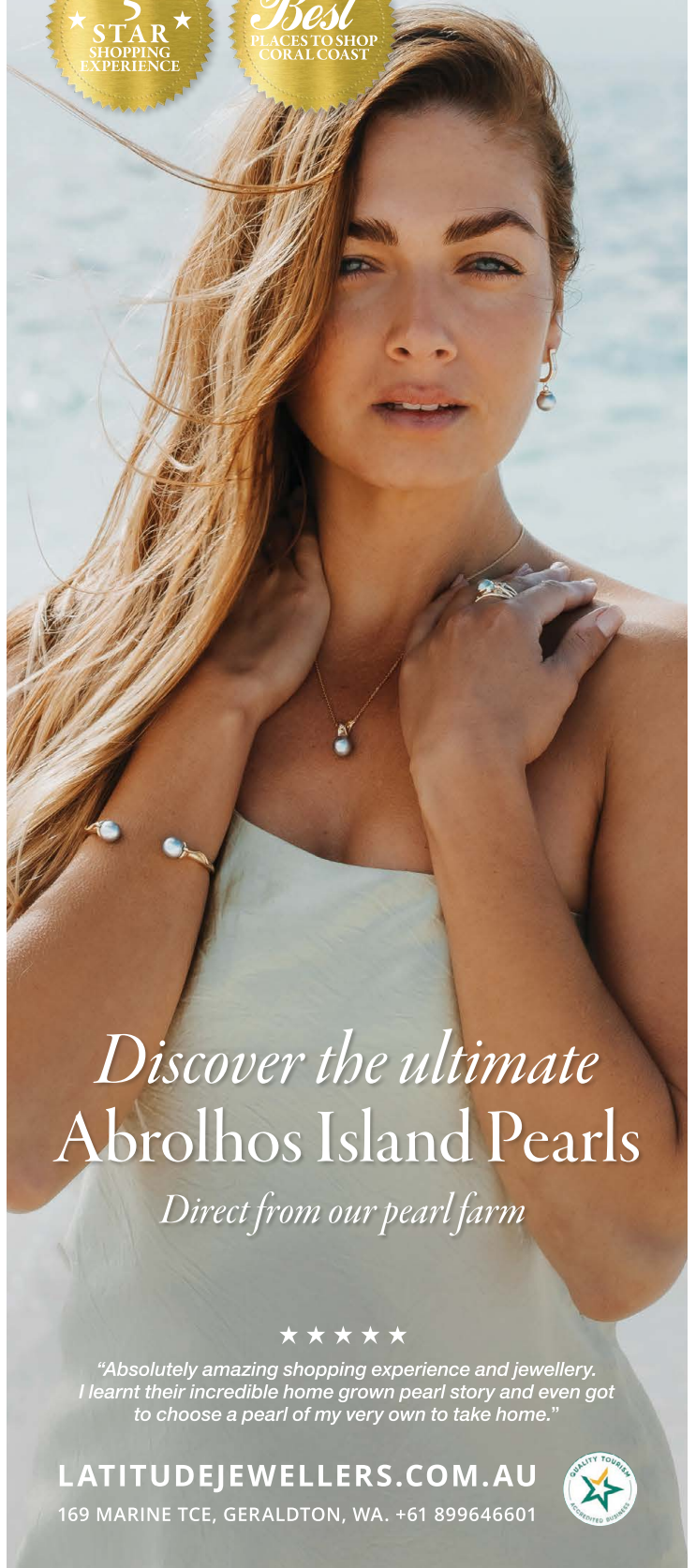


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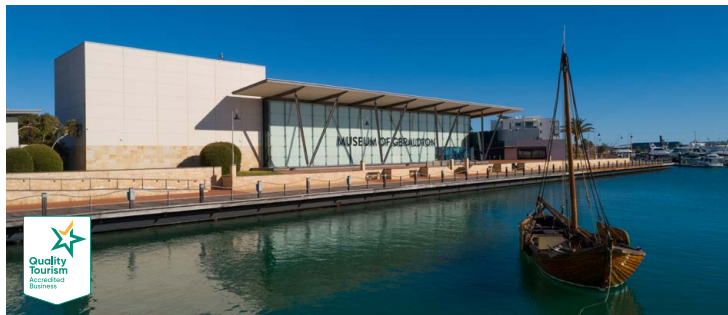


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🕒 STAY FOR 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS 📅 MARCH TO OCTOBER

DAY 1

PERTH TO KALBARRI (50 MIN FLIGHT + 162KM DRIVE)

Flight: Before booking flights, arrange to **hire a car** with **Avis Australia**. Depart Perth for **Geraldton Airport** with **Qantas** or **Nexus Airlines**. Collect your hire car and drive north to **the town of Kalbarri**.

Take the Nabawa-Northampton road north of the airport, which takes you through the Chapman Valley area. If you are travelling with kids, the **Chapman Valley Fishing Park** is 25 minutes drive north of Geraldton.

Looking for some culture instead? Drop into Northampton and visit **The Storytellers - Keepers of the Dreaming**. An Aboriginal tourism experience, Storytellers provide visitors with the opportunity to observe Aboriginal art and craft being created.

Once in Northampton, make sure to take the scenic drive option into Kalbarri so that you can see our **Pink Lake, Hutt Lagoon**. Visitors can walk around the lake or if you are seeking something more personalised, try the **Port Gregory Caravan Park's dune buggy tour**.

Overnight: Kalbarri

DAY 2

EXPLORE KALBARRI

With a full day in Kalbarri, there are just too many things to see, do and experience - but here are a few of our favourites:

- Explore Kalbarri National Park's ancient inland sites, including the **Kalbarri Skywalk**, Nature's Window, the Loop and Z Bend River Trails.
- Go **Quad biking** at Wago Beach
- **Scenic flight** to the nearby Abrolhos Islands and over Pink Lake with Kalbarri Scenic Flights
- **Bushwalking the Bigurda Coastal Cliff trail** between Eagle Gorge and Natural Bridge
- Snorkelling **Blue Holes beach**

End the day at Kalbarri's microbrewery, **Finlay's**, which also serves fresh, locally caught seafood from Kalbarri and Shark Bay.

Overnight: Kalbarri

DAY 3

KALBARRI TO PERTH (172KM DRIVE + 40 MIN FLIGHT)

Take the afternoon flight from Geraldton back to Perth so that you can spend the day really getting to know Geraldton.

As you drive into Geraldton on the North West Coastal Highway, turn onto Dean Street and follow it to the foreshore to **Horizon Ball**, Geraldton's #Instaworthy art sculpture.

There is more than a day's worth of experiences in Geraldton, so here's a few of our top picks:

- Culture creature: See emerging Aboriginal art at the **Yamaji Art Centre**
- Ocean lovers: Get down to the beach for a **jetski lesson** and **spot sea lions**
- Shop-aholic! Latitude Gallery has some incredible **Abrolhos Island pearl jewellery**.
- Pink from above: See the Pink Lake, Hutt Lagoon on a **scenic flight joy-ride**.

Flight: Depart Geraldton for Perth.

Discover a kaleidoscope of colours

KALBARRI & SURROUNDS

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Situated where the Murchison River meets the Indian Ocean, the town of Kalbarri is surrounded by the soaring inland and coastal gorges of the Kalbarri National Park and protected swimming bays like Blue Holes, superb walking trails, and over 1000 species of wildflowers.

To the south, the seaside towns of Port Gregory and Horrocks offer laidback beach getaways with great swimming, fishing, surfing and windsurfing. Don't forget to stop at Port Gregory's iconic Pink Lake (Hutt Lagoon). Inland of Horrocks is Northampton, one of Western Australia's oldest settlements, where you can experience Indigenous art, see heritage buildings and learn about the area's fascinating history.



📍 Z BEND RIVER TRAIL, KALBARRI



📍 NORTHAMPTON, KALBARRI



📍 KALBARRI FORESHORE, KALBARRI

KALBARRI HIGHLIGHTS



Explore Kalbarri National Parks Nature's Window and Kalbarri Skywalk



Visit Port Gregory's Pink Lake on foot, via a scenic flight or buggy tour



Learn about one of the oldest settlements in Western Australia, Northampton



Walk the trails of Kalbarri's Coastal Cliffs



Soak up the pristine coastline on a quad bike tour along Wagoe Beach



Swim at Horrocks Beach and enjoy great fishing, surfing and windsurfing



Meet Kalbarri's resident pelicans each morning at 08:45 for their daily feeding



Snorkel at Blue Holes and see thriving marine life and reef at this natural aquarium



Discover wildflowers in Kalbarri National Park during August - October



Indulge in freshly caught seafood at Finlay's whilst sampling their own craft brews



Best time to visit:
Year-Round



Distance from Perth to Geraldton:
4.5hrs or 413km



Qantas flies from Perth to Geraldton airport; Kalbarri is a further 90mins drive north.



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♀ OUR LADY OF ARA COELI CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON



NORTHAMPTON

Formally declared a townsite in 1864, Northampton is one of Western Australia's oldest settlements outside of Perth. Known for its friendly country charm, Northampton's main street is lined with historic character buildings, and the town is surrounded by rich, golden agricultural lands. Be sure to visit the wonderful Rose Garden when travelling through this character-filled town.

♀ Legends – Hometown Heroes

Here's a stop for die-hard footy fans – nine local AFL legends who made it big in the sport have been immortalised in life-size aluminium cut-outs on the main street of Northampton. Jamie and Patrick Cripps, Harry Taylor, Tarkyn and Andrew Lockyer, Daniel Chick, Paul Hasleby, Liam Anthony and Josh Kennedy are amongst the local footy heroes that have made the line up after having played for Northampton Football Club during their early years. Fans can then venture next door to the Miners Arms Hotel for a glass of 9 Legends Lager, available on tap, to round off the experience.

Northampton Railway Precinct

Explore the region's railway history, dating back to 1879, by venturing along the Gwalia Railway Station Walk Trail past remnants of the station and rail, and informative signage. The Mary Street Railway Precinct, opened in 1913, houses the station office, carriages, platform, weighbridge and railway memorabilia.

The Northampton Botanic Line

The Botanic Line is a bush-garden walking trail with plantings of melaleuca, grevillea, acacia, verticordia and everlasting wildflowers, grown from local native seed. Free to the public, the trail begins in Stephen Street and follows a path along the old railway tracks, past a replica of a rail sliding house and down the hill about 400 metres.

Hampton Road Heritage Walk

Visit the Northampton Visitor Centre, housed in the old Police Station building, and pick up a copy of the Hampton Road Heritage Walk brochure. The walk includes buildings such as Sacred Heart Convent, Our Lady in Ara Coeli Church and the Northampton Family Store, which has continued to operate as a drapery store since 1913. See Chiverton House Museum and the Northampton Motors and Machinery Restoration Shed, home to an impressive collection of vintage motors and machinery.

4WD to Wooleen Station

200km north of Mullewa and east of Northampton is Wooleen Station, located on heritage listed wetlands and home to an array of animals, birdlife and seasonal wildflowers. You'll need a 4WD to get here, it's perfect for those interested in ecology and the Australian outback way of life.

Aboriginal Art

The Storytellers – Keepers of the Dreaming, is an Aboriginal tourism experience giving visitors the opportunity to observe Aboriginal arts and crafts like painting, basket weaving, wood carving or burning, and jewellery being created. Each piece of art celebrates artistic and cultural integrity, and visitors can purchase artwork from the shop.

KALBARRI

The town of Kalbarri is neighboured by two distinctly different landscapes – ancient rust-red inland gorges to the east, and towering ocean cliffs moated by ocean waves to the west. The town offers a wealth of activities and attractions for people of all ages and interests, from swimming, fishing, cruising, surfing and hiking, to abseiling, quad biking, scenic flights, horse riding and whale watching.

Blue Holes Beach

Blue Holes is renowned for its exceptional snorkelling and thriving marine life. The area is a protected fish habitat, featuring sections of reef that are permanently submerged by the ocean (sub-tidal) as well as areas that are exposed at low tide (intertidal). Fishing at Blue Holes is banned, in order to preserve the unique environment.

Chinaman's Beach

Make the most of the clear, tranquil waters of Chinaman's Beach, near the mouth of the Murchison River. This swimming spot in the heart of town is popular with families thanks to its safe swimming conditions.



♀ KALBARRI TOWN, KALBARRI



♀ WAGOE BEACH, KALBARRI



♀ FINLAY'S, KALBARRI

Catch a wave at Jacques Point

Jacques Point, or 'Jakes', is renowned for its superb left-hand reef break along the point, and is popular with experienced surfers. Spectators can join in on the action by watching from the beach, whilst less experienced surfers can surf in Jakes Bay.

World-class fishing

Kalbarri boasts some of Western Australia's best shore and boat angling. Try estuary fishing for whiting and black beam, or drop a net for blue swimmer and mud crabs. Fishing charters are great for both serious anglers and novices, regularly returning with a bounty of fish including mackerel, tuna, snapper, dhufish, coral trout and bald chin groper. Western Rock Lobster (crayfishing) tours are also popular, with patrons often able to take home part of the catch.

Season Dates for catching demersal scalefish from a boat along the coastline from Cervantes to Kalbarri will be prohibited from: 1 February to 31 March (inclusive); 1 August to the beginning of the September/October school holidays; and end of the September/October school holidays to 15 December (inclusive). Visit fish.wa.gov.au for more information.

Whale watching

Join a whale watching tour between June and November and set off to see the humpback whales in their natural environment. Keep your eyes peeled for mothers and their calves as they migrate south towards their Antarctic feeding grounds. It's common to see whales breaching, spy hopping (popping their heads up out of the water), and pec and tail slapping.

Quad biking

For a different way to explore the coastline, ride your own quad bike or buggy along Wagoe Beach on a guided tour. Enjoy the wind in your hair whilst taking in breathtaking views and spotting migrating humpback whales (in season).

Soar over Kalbarri

A scenic flight over Kalbarri and its surrounds offers a unique and dramatic perspective of the ancient landscapes. Take in a true scale impression of the area's immense scope and scale, and witness the wonders of the National Park, Coastal Cliffs, nearby Pink Lake and the Houtman Abrolhos Islands from the best possible vantage point - the air!

Microbrewery & seafood

A trip to Kalbarri isn't complete without a fresh, local seafood meal. Head to Finlay's Microbrewery & Seafood Restaurant, a uniquely Australian outdoor dining experience with an onsite microbrewery and live music every Sunday.

Kalbarri has been referred to as Western Australia's favourite outdoors holiday playground

Nature Play

The Nature Playground on the Kalbarri Foreshore is an ideal activity for families, featuring an impressive flying fox, wooden lookout tower and shady trees to protect children from the sun. Parents can relax at picnic tables, with cafes and restaurants nearby.

Pelican Feeding

Meet Kalbarri's resident pelicans at 8:45am each morning, as they make their way to the grassed area on the Kalbarri Foreshore (near the intersection of Grey and Wood Streets). Here, local volunteers feed and share information about the pelicans whilst spectators watch on. This tradition began with a local Kalbarri fisherman, who cleaned his catch and threw scraps to the pelicans.

Wilderness Wildflowers

From July to October, over 1,000 species of wildflowers progressively burst into bloom around Kalbarri and throughout the Kalbarri National Park, particularly along the tops of the coastal cliffs and gorges. Many species are endemic to the region, including the Kalbarri spider orchid, cats paw and Murchison Rose. Contact the Kalbarri Visitor Centre for information on where to find seasonal wildflowers, or join a local guided tour with D'Guy Charters.



♀ NATURE'S WINDOW, KALBARRI

KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK

Kalbarri National Park is one of Western Australia's most spectacular parks, home to ancient gorges and otherworldly landscapes. Over 186,000 hectares in size, the park is located at the lower reaches of the Murchison River and encompasses inland gorge sites and the Kalbarri Coastal Cliffs. Delight in a myriad of unique wildflowers in season, and find ancient traces of the first life on land.



National Park entry fees apply when visiting the inland gorge sites. All sites within the National Park are sealed and accessible by 2WD, however please note it's requested not to tow caravans, boats or trailers into the National Park as minimal parking is available. Unhitch towed items in town before entering the National Park as no towed items are permitted at Z-Bend Loop or Nature's Window.

INLAND GORGE SITES

Over the past 400 million years the Murchison River has carved its way into the landscape, creating magnificent red and white banded gorges which stretch 80km towards the ocean. Explore the depths and heights of the river gorges and admire the flora beauty of the vast, rolling sandplains.

The iconic Nature's Window

Located just 500m from The Loop carpark, Nature's Window is one of Western Australia's most iconic natural attractions. Walk down a picturesque trail to view the rock formation that perfectly frames the upstream view of the Murchison River. Nature's Window is the beginning and end of The Loop Trail, an 8km walking trail (class four hike).

Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka)

Twin skywalks project 25m and 17m beyond the Murchison Gorge rim and sit 100m above the river in the Kalbarri Skywalk Precinct. Take in mesmerising views of rust-red gorge cliffs, river and bushland from high above, and spot Nature's Window on the other side of the gorge. Situated at the Inyaja Wookai Watju site (the West Loop), the universally accessible precinct features the skywalk, carpark, interpretive signage sharing the history and culture of the Nanda people, shade shelters, toilets and an eco-friendly kiosk (check opening days and hours with the Kalbarri Visitor Centre).

Z-Bend Lookout & Trails

Only 600m walk from the carpark is the Z-Bend Lookout, offering what many consider to be the most breathtaking view of Kalbarri National

Park. Below the lookout, the Z-Bend gorge plunges 150m down to where red river gums create a striking contrast of earthy hues of the Tumblagooda sandstone. The more adventurous and hikers will enjoy the 6km Four Ways Trail (Idinggada Yina) or Z-Bend River Trail, with steep descents and ladder climbs leading to river access with spectacular scenery. You'll even be able to view the ancient sea scorpion (Eurypterid) tracks and impressions left in the sandstone.

Ross Graham & Hawk's Head Lookout

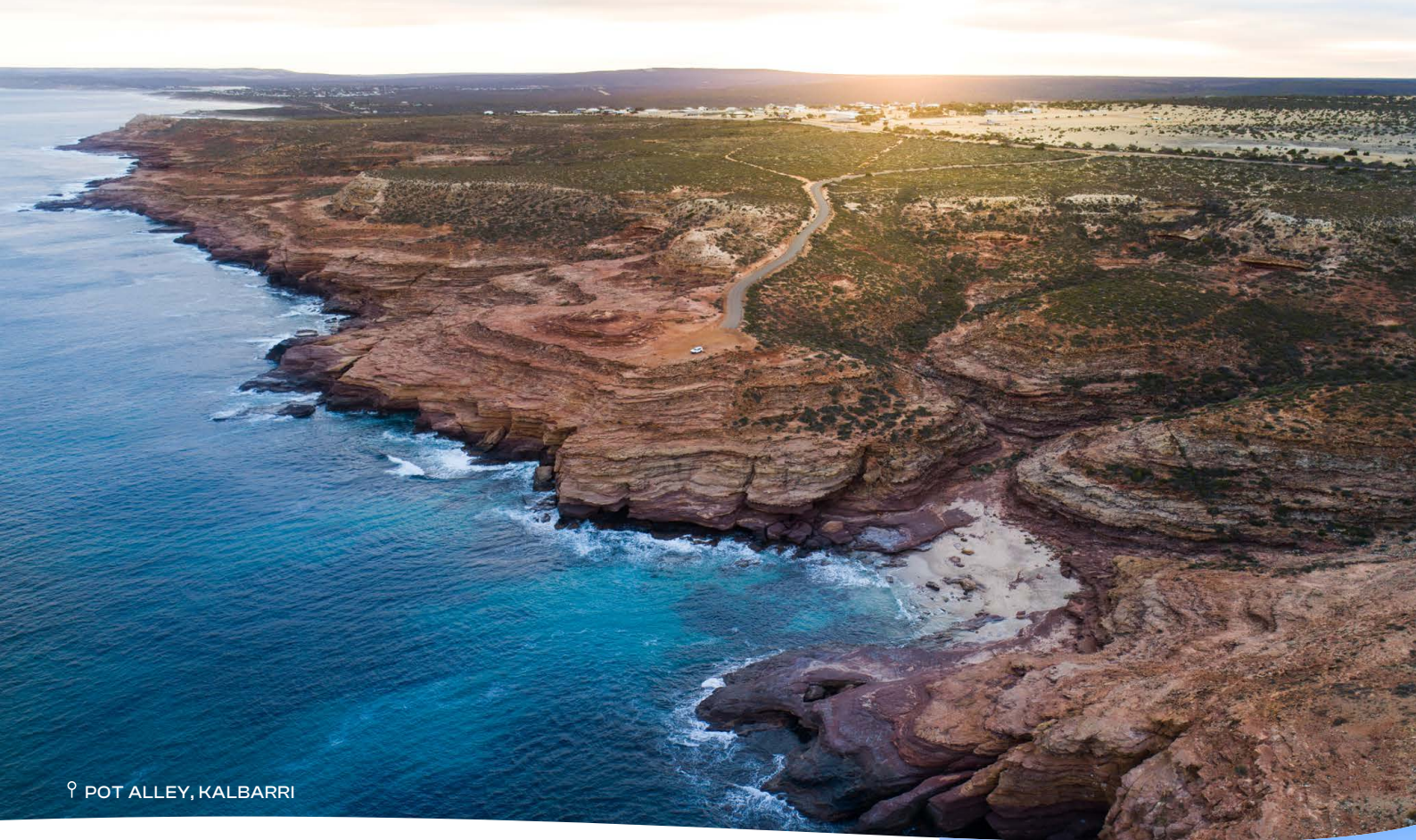
A short walk from the carpark, Ross Graham is the easiest place in the national park to access the Murchison River's edge. It's an ideal location to enjoy a walk or picnic along the river banks, whilst the Hawk's Head picnic area and wheelchair accessible lookout boast stunning views and the chance to spot rare black footed (flanked) rock wallabies among the rocks.

360° views at Meanarra Hill

Sitting 207m above sea level, Meanarra Hill is the perfect vantage point for 360° views of Kalbarri and the Murchison River flowing into the Indian Ocean. The Hill has a Welcome to Country and interpretive signage about the landscape and traditional owners: the Nanda people. It's ideal for photos, especially at sunset!

Drink up!

Drinking water is not available in Kalbarri National Park, so be sure to bring an adequate supply of 3 to 4 litres per person per day, or join an organised tour.



♀ POT ALLEY, KALBARRI

COASTAL CLIFF SITES

Kalbarri's coastline features magnificent, towering cliffs which plummet 100m down to the ocean waves below. Starting at Red Bluff, just south of town, the dramatic cliffs extend 13km south to the national park's southern boundary. These national park sites are free of charge. Numerous sign-posted pathways and lookouts provide safe exploration of the rugged coastline, with great vantage points to spot migrating humpback whales between June and November.

Natural Bridge & Island Rock

Natural Bridge and Island Rock are the southernmost sites of the Coastal Cliffs, both easily accessible from their carparks. Visitors can enjoy stunning ocean views and look out over the Natural Bridge for marine life including whales and dolphins. The resilient Island Rock was once part of the shoreline and now stands against the forces of the ocean as a solitary 'sea stack', reminiscent of the Twelve Apostles.

Bigurda Trail & the Grandstand

Getting its name from the indigenous word for a small kangaroo, the 8km (one-way) Bigurda Trail connects Natural Bridge to Eagle Gorge and provides stunning coastal views with great photo opportunities along the way. Make sure to stop at the Grandstand, located halfway along the trail, to peer into Kalbarri's deep cavernous cliffs from the walkway above. Marvel at seasonal wildflowers from July to November, and spot dolphin pods and humpback whales frolicking in the ocean.

Eagle Gorge

Take in views from the Eagle Gorge lookout, named after the wedge-tail eagles that nest in the area. These magnificent birds can often be seen soaring through the sky searching for prey. A stepped rocky path leads to a secluded beach so please use caution if you choose to explore this area.

Pot Alley

Pot Alley was named by local cray fishermen after losing many pots to this hazardous cove. Enjoy spectacular ocean scenery amidst the expansive rugged gorges, or walk the short track to the remove beach below (note: swimming is not recommended).

Rainbow Valley & Mushroom Rock Nature Trail

Informative signage takes you back 400 million years as you wander along the marked circuit that connects Rainbow Valley and Mushroom Rock. Allow between one and two hours for the walk, where you can marvel at the varied geological formations and see kangaroos feeding (best seen at dawn and dusk) amongst the coastal heath.

Red Bluff to Beach Trail (Gaba Gaba Yina)

Red Bluff beach is a popular location for swimming and fishing. Featuring a picturesque white sandy beach, contrasted against striking rust red rocks, the Bluff is particularly spectacular at sunset or for whale watching from the Pederick Lookout. Follow the Gaba Gaba Yina, a 1.4km hike down from the lookout to Red Bluff beach, for amazing views across the ocean and of impressive rock formations. The track is steep with loose surfaces, so be alert.



♀ KALBARRI COASTAL CLIFFS, KALBARRI



♀ MURCHISON RIVER, KALBARRI

HORROCKS

Authentic, accessible and affordable, Horrocks is an ideal family beach destination. Sheltered waters and world-class beaches offer great conditions for swimming, fishing, surfing, diving, stand up paddle-boarding, kayaking, kitesurfing and windsurfing.

Bowes River

The Bowes River Mouth is a scenic beach popular among surfers and fishing enthusiasts. During the warmer months a pontoon is moored for swimmers to enjoy, and the jetty is popular for fishing and squidding. 4WDers can let their tyres down at the River Mouth and enjoy driving along the white sandy beach (note: the sand is quite soft, best for experienced 4WDers).

The River Mouth is also home to an abundance of wildlife, including pelicans, black swans, ducks, heron, egrets, eagles, terns and osprey. Migrating humpback whales are commonly spotted in season from the Whale Watching Lookout, located on the lefthand side of Horrocks Road at the top of the hill, just before you enter the township.

Little Bay

4.5km north of Horrocks is Little Bay, a small, quiet campsite accessible only by 4WD. Sheltered waters, white sand dunes and an abundance of natural beauty make Little Bay a popular day trip and camping destination. Facilities include beach huts, a jetty, boat ramp, playground, grassy area and barbecue.

Indigenous Culture

The sandstone escarpment following the river is rich in Indigenous culture. Visit the ancient Willigully Caves, near the junction of Bowes River Road and Horrocks Road, which feature a stunning granite overhang and stencilled artworks (such as hands) on the rocks. The artworks were created by the local Nanda people to communicate their traditions and beliefs.

PORT GREGORY

Originally developed to serve the area's Geraldine Mine, Port Gregory is now a scenic fishing village encircled by 5km of exposed coral reef. The town is popular for fishing, snorkelling, diving and coastal 4WDing. Guided buggy tours operate between April and November and provide fascinating insight into the town's history, the coastline and the iconic Pink Lake (Hutt Lagoon).

Pink Lake (Hutt Lagoon)

The mesmerising Hutt Lagoon, also known as Pink Lake, is an iconic sight along the picturesque coastal road between Port Gregory and Kalbarri. The dreamlike lake draws visitors from near and far, and astounds onlookers with its vivid waters. The lake gets its colour from the presence of *dunaliella salina*, a carotenoid-producing algae, with the shade ranging from hot pink to red to lilac depending on the time of day, season and cloud cover.

The best time to visit is between 10am - 2pm when the sun is at it's highest point, cloudless days will also benefit the colour of the lake. It's hard to predict what the lake will look like at certain times of year, as it's a natural phenomenon controlled by the elements. Summer provides more intense sunlight and less cloud coverage, but could also lead to less water in the lake. On the other hand, winter would see a fuller lake but more cloud coverage.

A dedicated, unsealed parking area located along Port Gregory Road is the best place to stop to see the lake from the ground. Or, take a scenic flight for otherworldly views of the lake from above. Flights depart from Geraldton with Shine Aviation or choose to fly with Nationwest Aviation - Kalbarri Scenic Flights, departing from both Geraldton and Kalbarri.



Lynton Convict Hiring Station

Tucked away at the foot of rolling hills, the Lynton Convict Hiring Station's stone buildings once housed convicts who worked on the Geraldine mine and local pastoral stations. The convict facilities were built in 1853, and some of the buildings have been carefully restored. Stop by to stretch your legs and learn about the history of the station through informative signage.

Pro tip

Keep an eye on the hashtag #HuttLagoon on Instagram for current Pink Lake shots. There are dozens of photos posted every day, so you can get an idea of how the lake is looking.



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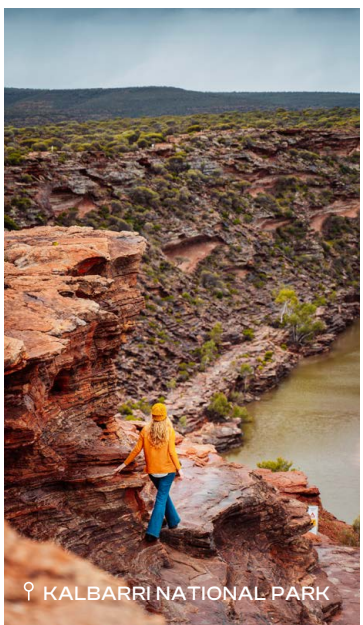
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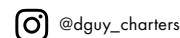
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SHARK BAY

GATHAAGUDU

Known as Gathaagudu, meaning 'two waters' to the local Malgana people, Shark Bay is rich with Indigenous culture and home to the iconic Shell Beach, quaint town of Denham, peaceful Monkey Mia, otherworldly Francois Peron National Park, idyllic Dirk Hartog Island and the westernmost point of mainland Australia – Steep Point.





♀ FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK, SHARK BAY



♀ DIRK HARTOG ISLAND, SHARK BAY



♀ SHELL BEACH, SHARK BAY

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Best time to visit Dirk Hartog Island:
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♀ FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK, SHARK BAY



♀ SHELTER BAY, SHARK BAY

SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA

A wonderland of world-class natural attractions, the Shark Bay World Heritage Area covers over 22,000sq km, 66% of which is marine based. The colourful and diverse landscapes, endemic flora and fauna and world-class examples of the Earth's ecological processes rank the area as one of our planet's most important wilderness regions.

Dugongs

The 12 species of seagrass found in Shark Bay cover over 4,000 square kilometres (approximately the size of the Perth metropolitan area), and support a high diversity of fauna such as dugongs, dolphins, fish, turtles and crustaceans. This sea grass is a vital food source for one of the most stable dugong populations in the world - over 10,000 dugongs, or 10% of the world's total dugong population, inhabit the Shark Bay region. Dugongs can be found year-round but are most active between September – May and can be encountered on a wildlife cruise or spotted on scenic flights over the area.

Turtles

Loggerhead and green turtles can often be spotted from wildlife cruises through the Shark Bay Marine Park. An estimated 70% of loggerhead turtles found in Western Australia nest in Shark Bay, at Dirk Hartog Island's Turtle Bay, Steep Point's Shelter Bay and Dorre Island. Dirk Hartog Island is home to Australia's largest, and one of the world's five most important, loggerhead turtle breeding colonies.

Hamelin Pool Stromatolites

Head to Hamelin Pool to see the world's oldest living lifeforms – the 3.5-billion-year-old stromatolites. Hamelin Pool is one of just two locations on earth where living marine stromatolites exist, and the location contains by far the world's largest colony. To get up close to the Stromatolites, book a 4WD & snorkelling tour taking you to exclusive access pristine beaches and stunning clear waters.

Note: the Hamelin Pool Stromatolites Boardwalk is currently closed. The Stromatolites can be seen from the Hamelin Pool quarry or from above on a scenic flight.

Stunning Shell Beach

Stretching over 70km with a depth of 10m, the pristine Shell Beach is made up of billions of tiny cockle shells and was named a top beach by National Geographic. On a still day, the ocean at Shell Beach transforms into a palette of intense greens and blues – and the water is incredibly salty, making it easy to float.

Sunset at Eagle Bluff

Located south of Denham, Eagle Bluff features spectacularly high cliffs and stunning views across the Denham Sound. A 200m walkway provides a great vantage point to lookout for turtles, rays and large fish cruising around in the shallows. Time your visit with sunset for an extraordinary experience.

Australia's westernmost point

Accessible only by experienced four-wheel drivers, Steep Point is known by Western Australians as a top land-based game fishing location. The area is also a great diving location full of rays, fish and colourful corals, and features the magnificent Zuytdorp Cliffs, which tower 200m above sea level. Steep Point offers camping at various locations and breathtaking views, including False Entrance and Thunder Bay Blowholes, and is the departure point for the barge to Dirk Hartog Island. Visit for the day on tour by boat, 4WD or scenic flight.

Cruise the bay for wildlife

Explore the Shark Bay Marine Park on an eco-tour from Denham or Monkey Mia. Home to more than 320 species of fish, cruises of the Marine Park always impress with turtles, dolphins, manta rays, whales (in season) and dugongs spotted on tour.

Explore without getting wet

Shark Bay's Ocean Park Aquarium protects rescued turtles, sharks and fish, and allows visitors to meet them up close on guided tours run by marine specialists. Tours run continuously throughout the day. The onsite Ocean's Restaurant offers great food and spectacular ocean views.



📍 DENHAM, SHARK BAY

Diving & Snorkelling

Divers are spoilt for choice in Shark Bay. The jewel in the crown has to be a day at Steep Point, exploring Monkey Rock, whilst the crystal-clear waters of Dirk Hartog Island offer excellent snorkelling conditions. Thrill seekers can try an up-close, no-cage dive in Ocean Park Aquarium's tank with lemon and sandbar sharks. Snorkel with the locals in crystal clear waters at Bottle Bay and Shelter Bay.

Scenic Flights

Explore the Shark Bay World Heritage Area on a scenic flight over the coast and landscape. There are ample opportunities to see manta rays, turtles, humpback whales (seasonally) and the elusive dugongs whilst flying over the area's iconic destinations. Watch the cliffs of Francois Peron National Park glow red and orange with a sunrise or late afternoon sunset flight. Flights depart from Monkey Mia Airport with a variety of tours on offer.

Little Lagoon

Denham's Little Lagoon is a spectacular stretch of calm water ideal for swimming, kayaking, and kite surfing. Laze about on the sandy beach, stroll around the lagoon and enjoy excellent BBQ facilities along the south shore. Home to multitudes of marine creatures and birds, the winding Little Lagoon creek is a good spot to practice the 'Shark Bay Shuffle' to avoid stone fish in the area.

DENHAM

Denham is the gateway to the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Positioned on the beachfront, the town offers a mix of accommodation, cafes and restaurants, and is the departure point for cruises and tours.

Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre

The Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre celebrates Shark Bay's ecosystem biodiversity and explores the area's World Heritage listing, history, natural landscapes and animals. Visit the HMAS Sydney II memorial and the Fire on the Water exhibition, with a 15-minute 3D film and accompanying exhibit telling the story of the battle between the *HMAS Sydney II* and *HSK Kormoran*, tracing the events of this World War II naval battle 200km off the coast of Shark Bay. The Rose de Freycinet Art Gallery houses visual art and photography of the region and touring exhibitions of celebrated artists. The centre is open daily except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

Fun on the Foreshore

Kids will love the shipwreck themed playground on Denham's Foreshore, with a nearby pontoon to jump off and swim around the bay. Add a flip-flop, jandal or holiday footwear to the "Thong Shack" – ask a local where it's located on Denham Beach!

Walking Trails

The 5km Nicholson Point trail meanders from Denham along the beach to Little Lagoon, showcasing a large range of plant species and bird life. Denham's Discovery Trail will take you past sites of historical significance in town, covering 2.3km.

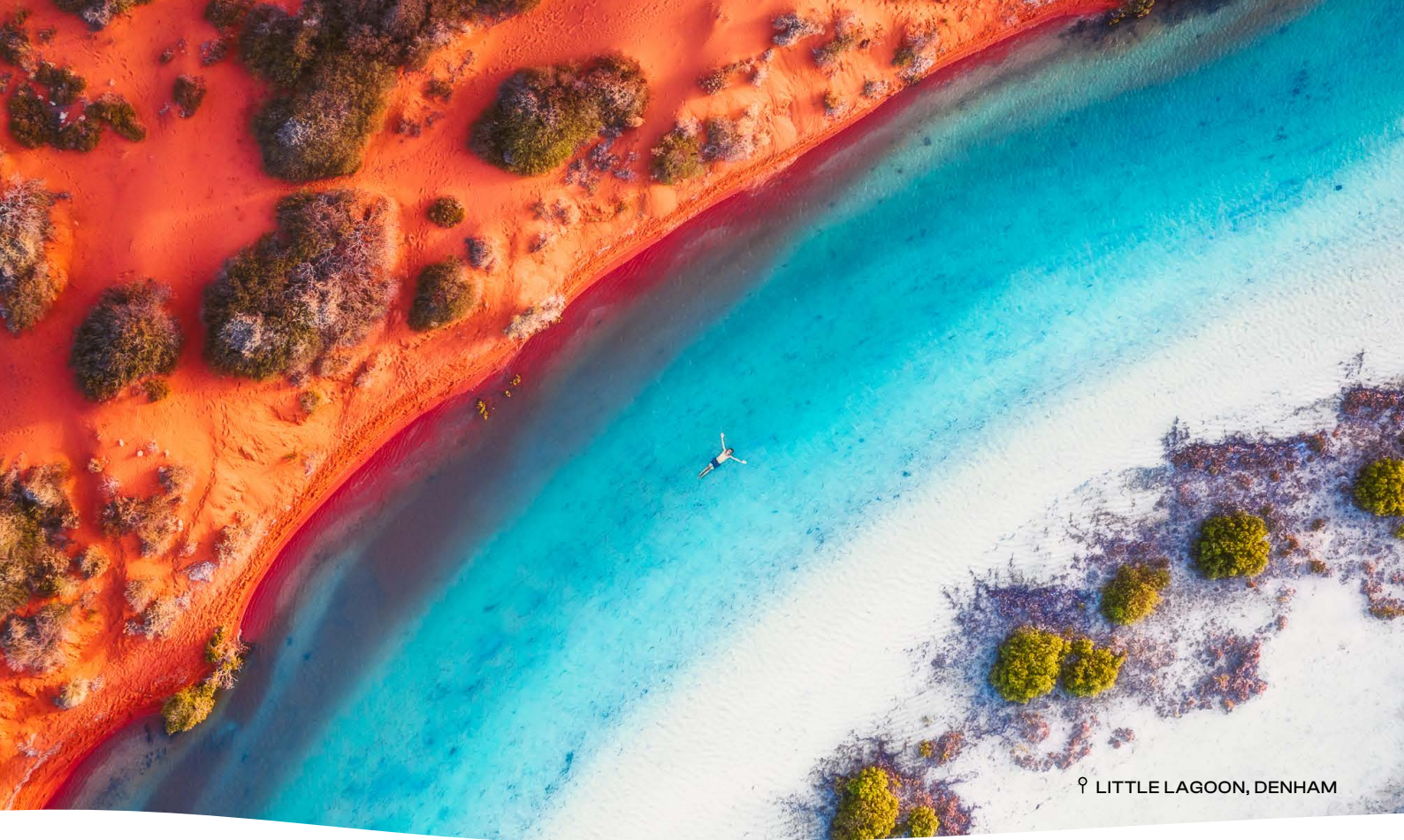
Kite Surfing

Shallow waters and summer winds make Shark Bay an ideal kite surfing destination for beginners and experts alike. Book a lesson or join a kite surfing safari from Denham.

Year-round fishing

The lure of catching the coveted pink snapper and many other species of fish attracts many recreational fishers to Shark Bay, and the area's protected waters sustain extensive seagrass beds which are key nursery areas for fish, prawns and scallops. Fishing tours from Denham are a great way to access the best local spots. Stop by the Visitor Centre for current fishing information.

Denham is the gateway to the Shark Bay World Heritage Area.



♀ LITTLE LAGOON, DENHAM

FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK

Otherworldly is an accurate description of Francois Peron National Park, where the desert meets the sea. The National Park is renowned for its contrasting red desert cliffs, white beaches and turquoise blue waters, along with its free roaming wildlife such as mammals, lizards and birdlife. Francois Peron offers a wilderness experience through arid shrublands, rolling sandplains and coastal scenery.



Road access is via the Peron Homestead and high clearance 4WDs are essential for travel further north into the park. Deflate your tyres by the Homestead, where a tyre compressor station is conveniently located.

Four wheel drive eco-tour

No 4WD? No problem! Explore Francois Peron National Park on a 4WD eco-tour. Shark Bay is a wildlife haven, home to 17 species of mammals, 98 species of reptiles and amphibians, and more than 230 species of birds. Spot bungarra and thorny devil lizards, emus and cormorant (birds) in this spectacular World Heritage area, and keep an eye out for the National Park's famous hydroplaning dolphins - an unusual technique for catching fish.

Aboriginal Cultural Tours

Guthaagudu (meaning 'two waters') is the Aboriginal name for Shark Bay, which is home to the Malgana people. Gain an Indigenous perspective into Shark Bay by joining a guided tour with a local Malgana guide. Learn about the area's history and its many plants and animals, try your hand at animal tracking, discover which plants make good bush tucker and medicine, and visit sites that have held cultural significance to local Indigenous people for thousands of years.

Hot tub at the Homestead

Only 7km into the Francois Peron National Park, the Peron Homestead is a historic site with a small interpretive centre, walk trail and 'hot tub', where visitors can soak in warm artesian waters that once supplied water to stock on the former Peron Station. The Homestead is accessible by 2WD vehicles and offers a glimpse into life in the 1950s, when the Park was a working sheep station. The interpretive centre depicts stories of Indigenous inhabitants, European colonisation and the highly successful conservation program,

Project Eden. The nearby lawn and barbecue are great for picnics. Guided tours operate from Denham, or take a self-guided walk using the Homestead's informative signage.

Camp on red dirt by blue waters

A range of designated basic campsites are located in Francois Peron National Park, most notably at Herald Bight, Big Lagoon, Bottle Bay and Gregories. Gas barbecues are supplied. Many campsites lead to top fishing spots along the coastline and are great places to spot marine life or bird colonies. You'll find prints left by emus, reptiles and mammals such as endangered bilbies.

Note: campfires and pets are not permitted in Francois Peron National Park, and visitors should bring their own water and remove their own waste.



Drink up!

Drinking water is not available in Francois Peron National Park, so be sure to bring an adequate supply of 3 to 4 litres per person per day, or join an organised tour.



Thorny Devil



Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures



♀ MONKEY MIA, SHARK BAY

Cape Peron & Skipjack Point

Cape Peron and Skipjack Point are found at the northern end of Francois Peron National Park and are joined by a 1.5km cliff-edge trail, the Wanamalu Trail. The trail provides excellent views of the coastline whilst informative signs along the way provide an introduction to the features of the area. Two viewing platforms at Skipjack Point offer striking coastal views and the opportunity to view Shark Bay's abundant marine life.

Beautiful Bottle Bay

Located on the western side of Francois Peron National Park, slightly south of Cape Peron, Bottle Bay is home to plunging red sea cliffs which frame a coastal landscape of red, white and blue. Bush camping, 4WD-ing and beach fishing are popular here in addition to swimming and boating.

Salt-lagoon Birridas

An unusual feature of Shark Bay is its gypsum clay pans, known as Birridas. These land-locked saline lakes support specially-adapted plant and animal species. The sea has also re-flooded some coastal Birridas, creating the inland bays of Big Lagoon and Little Lagoon, which are known for their beauty and thriving ecological significance. Big Lagoon is home to dugongs, dolphins and green turtles, and offers camping (4WD access only), whilst Little Lagoon is a natural nursery for crabs and whiting, and offers day-access only with BBQ facilities. Kayak the lagoons or see them from above on a scenic flight.

MONKEY MIA

Monkey Mia Conservation Park is home to the world-famous Monkey Mia dolphins, and is a must-visit destination for families, kayakers and nature lovers.

The bottlenose dolphins

The Indo-pacific bottlenose dolphins of Monkey Mia are famous for their daily ritual (stretching back over 40 years) of swimming to shore, giving you the opportunity to see wild dolphins up close. Stand at the water's edge of the 'dolphin experience area' and enjoy the thrill of dolphins approaching you in the shallows under the supervision of a Park Ranger. Being wild animals, the number of dolphins and time of day they visit varies, however they often visit the shore between 7:45am and 12pm. Arriving at 7:30am is recommended for the best experience.

Pearl farm tours

Shark Bay Dive operate tours to Blue Lagoon Pearl Farm, departing Monkey Mia Jetty at 9:30am daily. Take in the spectacular beauty and wildlife of the World Heritage listed Shark Bay Marine Park, then visit the working pearl farm and learn about all it entails. You'll have the chance to watch the seeding, cultivating and harvesting of pearls and learn about other facets of the industry.



Visitor fees apply when visiting Monkey Mia, including resort guests. National Park passes are not valid for Monkey Mia Conservation Park.



♀ DIRK HARTOG ISLAND, SHARK BAY

DIRK HARTOG ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

For those who love a little seclusion, Dirk Hartog Island National Park offers a peaceful retreat featuring beautiful scenery and white sandy beaches. The island was the site of the first recorded landing on Australian soil by Europeans in 1616. Now a National Park, the island's environment is being restored with the removal of all feral animals and the reintroduction of many rare and endangered animals in the Parks and Wildlife Service's Return to 1616 project.

Air or boat transfers and accommodation must be arranged in advance. 4WDs are required and vehicle access is from Steep Point via barge. Prior bookings are essential. Fishing and 4WD day tours depart from Denham.

Sleepover on the island

Visitors with high clearance 4WD vehicles can choose to camp at National Park campsites on the island (park entry and camping fees apply). Alternatively, guests can stay in a range of accommodation offered by the Dirk Hartog Island Lodge, located within the original limestone shearers' quarters built over a century ago.

Pink Lakes and secluded beaches

Water in every direction! Visit the impressive False Bay Blowholes and Surf Point Sanctuary Zone, where you can spot countless nervous sharks in the shallows. Guided and self-guided walks depart from the Lodge's Homestead and go past Rose de Freycinet Lake, aptly named due to its rose colour (best seen August – May). Day tours from Denham also offer the opportunity to go fishing, snorkelling and 4WDing.

Wildlife spotting

Head to Turtle Bay to spot the endangered loggerhead turtles, but be mindful not to disturb them – especially if you are visiting during the mating, nesting or hatching seasons (December – April). A variety of lizards, birds and frogs also inhabit the island, and rare mammals like the banded and rufous hare-wallabies are bouncing back from the brink of extinction in the absence of feral cats. Wildlife can be spotted from the secluded National Park campsites or on 4WD day tours or guided walks.

History and Heritage

Dirk Hartog Island was the site of the first recorded European landing on Australian soil, placing Australia on world maps for the first time. Captain Dirk Hartog arrived on the 'Eendracht' on October 25, 1616 leaving a pewter plate nailed to a wooden post at the site now known as Cape Inscription. Visit the site of Dirk Hartog's landing and the Cape Inscription Lighthouse, built between 1908 and 1910, on a guided day-tour to the exclusive northern end of the island, leaving from Denham (March-September). Learn more at the Shark Bay Discovery Centre in Denham.



Activities for everyone

You can spend your time doing as much or as little as you like at Dirk Hartog Island. Popular activities include fishing near the Blowholes, 4WDing and exploring the Wild Walks and Rockpools, swimming at secluded beaches like Surf Point, watching the last sunset in Australia on top of 600ft high cliffs and enjoying a BBQ beneath the stars.

*Find yourself
in the wilderness*

SHORT AND SWEET ITINERARY



♀ FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK, SHARK BAY



SHARK BAY FLY AWAY

 STAY FOR 2 DAYS MINIMUM  MARCH TO OCTOBER

DAY 1

PERTH TO SHARK BAY

Flight: Depart Perth for Shark Bay with **Regional Express (REX)**.

Fly from Perth to **Monkey Mia** airport, landing mid-afternoon. Before flying, make arrangements to hire a car or arrange an airport-transfer (stay in Denham).

Upon arrival, we suggest you ease into *Shark Bay Time* by enjoying an afternoon **swim** or beverage near the **beach**.

Sunsets in Shark Bay are spectacular - join a **sunset tour or cruise** to enjoy the view from some of the area's best vantage points.

After dinner look up and enjoy the **stars from the beach**. With very little light pollution, Shark Bay is a great place to absorb the immense vastness of constellations on show.

Overnight: Shark Bay

DAY 2

EXPLORE SHARK BAY

With a day in Shark Bay, there are just too many choices of things to see, do and experience, but here are a few of our favourite **full or half day tours**:

- **Francois Peron National Park** - 4WD, aboriginal bushtucker or kayaking tour
- **Scenic Flight** - see the area from above
- **Dive the Bay** - at Steep Point or in the Aquarium
- **Dirk Hartog Island** - visit for the day on a guided boat cruise for 4WDing and snorkelling

Enjoy your dinner, and then take part in an **Indigenous Night Tour** with **Wula Gura Nyinda** - a great way to immerse yourself in the cultural history of the Gathaagudu.

Overnight: Shark Bay

DAY 3

EXPLORE MONKEY MIA

Wake up early to **meet the Dolphins of Monkey Mia**. As they are wild animals, timing differs daily but the first feeding of the day is from approximately 7.45am.

The return flight to Perth is usually in the afternoon - make the most of your day by booking a **morning wildlife cruise**, sailing around Shark Bay spotting dugongs, turtles and rays.

Flight: Depart Shark Bay for Perth



Did you know

Regional Express (REX) flies into both Monkey Mia and Carnarvon from Perth.





Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre

Discover Shark Bay's rich history

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For more information and to plan your journey, visit CoralCoastHighway.com

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INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES

♀ FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK, SHARK BAY

Gain a fascinating insight into the world's oldest living culture as you spend time with the ancient custodians of the land and soak up their breath-taking connection with the natural world. There are a range of indigenous experiences offered throughout Australia's Coral Coast, from guided tours to art galleries, cultural centres and drive trails.

Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures

Shark Bay

Join Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures for a unique life changing experience never to be forgotten. Offering a range of Aboriginal cultural experiences, kayak and wildlife adventures, four-wheel drive tours, and overnight and extended tours in the magnificent Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Where the red sand from the desert meets the blue water of the Indian Ocean, immerse yourself in nature and indigenous culture to discover the ancient traditions of local Aboriginal people.

Yamaji Art Centre

Geraldton

Located in the heart of Geraldton, Yamaji Art provides professional services to support and develop Aboriginal artists living in the Lower Murchison region of Yamaji Country with a focus on sustaining cultural maintenance and arts practice while creating economic benefit. Yamaji Art Centre gives visitors an insight into the heritage and cultural stories of the Yamatji people.

Yamatji Drive Trail

Geraldton

Yamatji is the name used to collectively identify Aboriginal people from the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia. The term Yamaji comes from the Wajarri language and means "man" or "human being". From the sandy beaches of Champion Bay, the tranquil waters of the Chapman and Greenough Rivers, to the red dirt landscapes of the lower Murchison, the Yamatji Drive Trail encompasses history, art and natural beauty. The Trail can be driven in 1 to 2 days, depending on how long you choose to stay at each site. Accommodation options are available in Geraldton, Greenough and Mullewa.

Irra Wangga Language Centre

Geraldton

Housed within Geraldton's Bundiyarra Cultural Precinct, the Irra Wangga Language Centre works to preserve, share and promote the languages of the region's Aboriginal People. Here you can read and purchase books that recount Indigenous stories in language, with English translations, with some books coming complete with an audio pen which enables you to hear the stories in the words of the elders who spoke them. Irra Wangga runs weekly Wajarri language classes, open to anyone in the community. Be sure to set aside time to also visit the Aboriginal Yamatji War Memorial at Bundiyarra and pack a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds.

The Storytellers – Keepers of the Dreaming

Northampton

Located in the charming town of Northampton, The Storytellers - Keepers of the Dreaming is an immersive art gallery sharing the arts and culture of the local Nhandu people. Watch local artists in residence create beautiful pieces of artwork, which can all be purchased from the store. Located 40 minutes' north of Geraldton and an hour south of Kalbarri, this is the perfect stop along the Coral Coast Highway.

Gwoonwardu Mia

Carnarvon

Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre is a multipurpose centre that celebrates the culture and country. Based in Carnarvon, the centre has worked with people from each of the local language groups to celebrate and share their stories and culture. As you walk through the interpretive centre, you'll explore many themes ranging from stories of the land to the ancient and continuing culture of the region, through to station stories and tales from the town of Carnarvon. Explore exhibits like the Sky Dome, which showcases a timelapse video of a starry sky, with commentary about the ancient art of stargazing for the Aboriginal community.

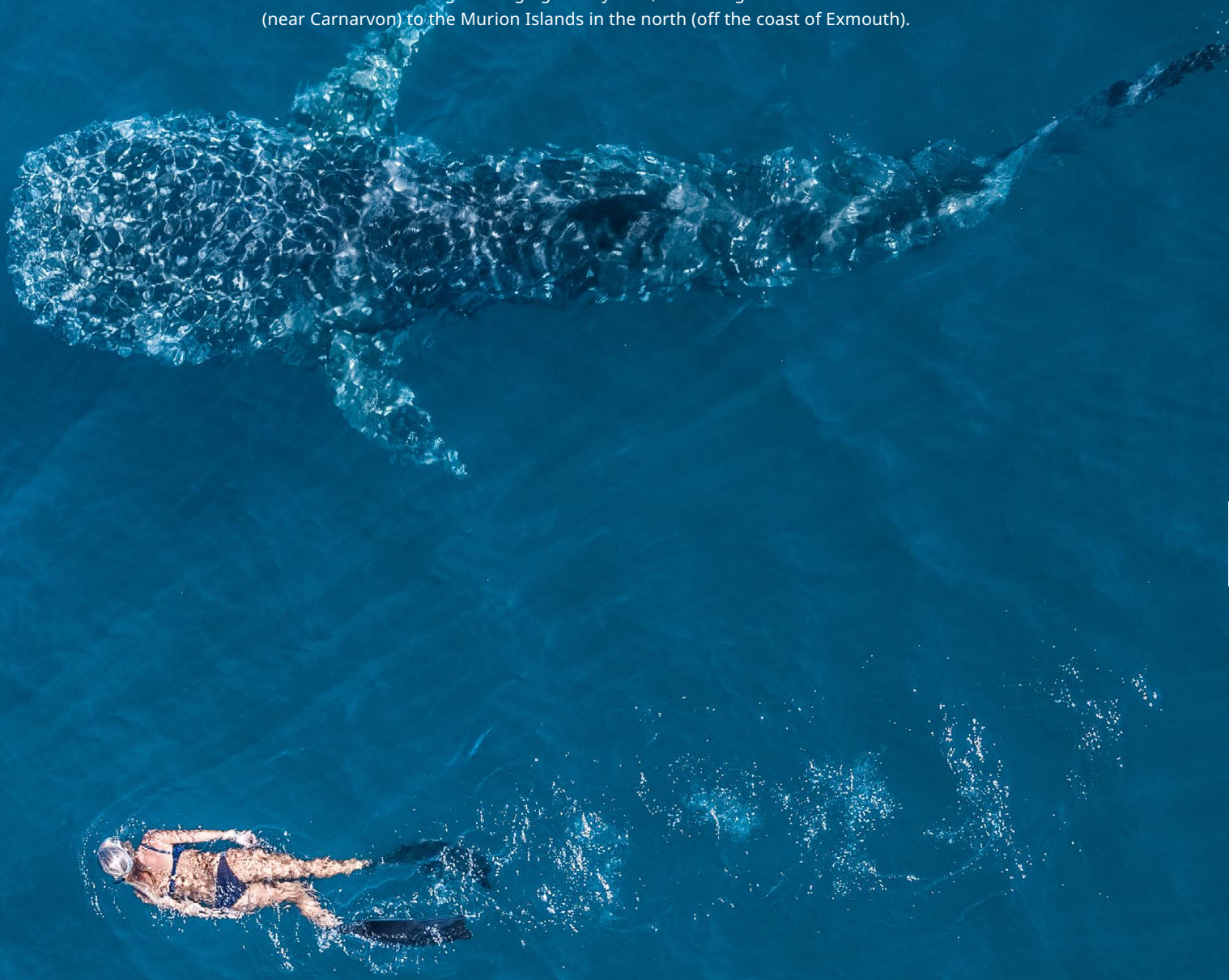
To discover more aboriginal tours and experiences within Western Australia visit waitoc.com.au



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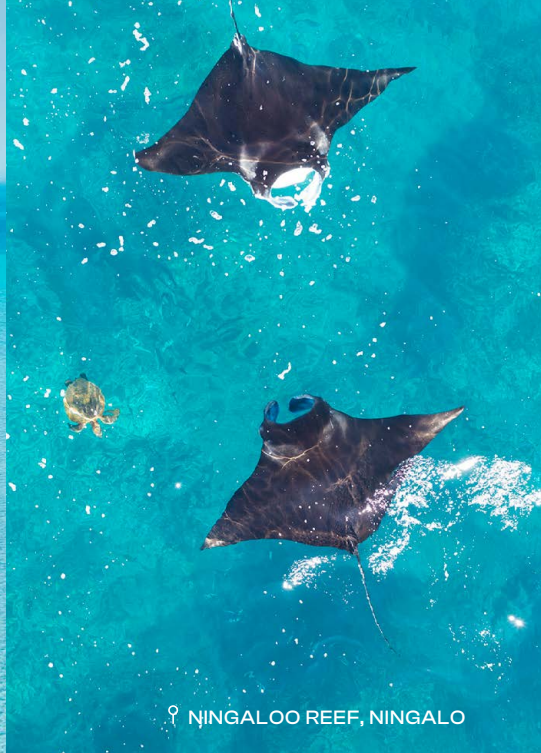
The towns of Carnarvon, Coral Bay and Exmouth each have their own unique appeal and are perfect bases from which to explore the underwater wonders and ancient landscapes that surround them.

Regarded as one of the last great ocean paradises, the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area is home to Australia's largest fringing reef system, stretching 300km from Red Bluff (near Carnarvon) to the Murion Islands in the north (off the coast of Exmouth).

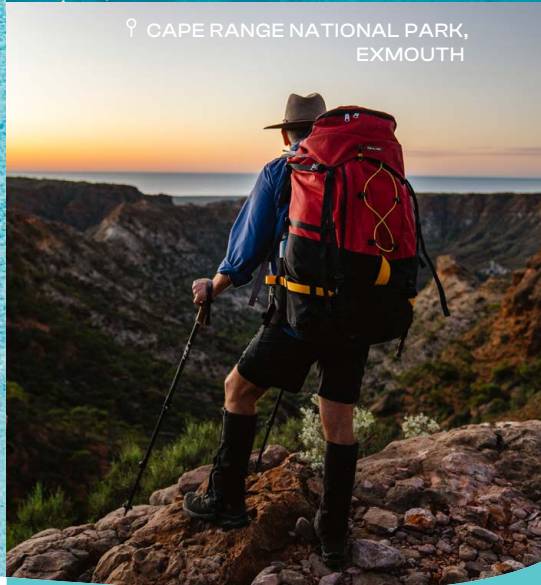




♀ WINDERABANDI POINT, EXMOUTH



♀ NINGALOO REEF, NINGALOO



♀ CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK, EXMOUTH

NINGALOO HIGHLIGHTS



Swim with Ningaloo's 'Big 3', whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays



Visit the Space & Technology Museum in Carnarvon to discover the town's space history



Join a glass-bottom boat tour to see the incredible coral gardens of Ningaloo Reef



Experience outback station life at one of Coral Coast's station stays



Hike Cape Range National Park's rugged canyons and gorges



Explore Exmouth's Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre



Learn the region's five Aboriginal language groups of the Gascoyne Region at Gwoonwardu Mia



Dive world class sites at Muiron Islands, Lighthouse Bay, and Exmouth's Navy Pier



Taste Carnarvon's produce along the 'Fruit Loop Drive Trail'



Fish from Carnarvon to Exmouth on a range of fishing experiences and tours



Best time to visit Ningaloo:
March – October



Perth to Carnarvon: 9hrs or 905km
Perth to Coral Bay: 11.5hrs or 1132km
Perth to Exmouth: 13hrs or 1260km



Qantas flies to Exmouth's Learmonth Airport from Perth (year round).
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📍 CARNARVON GOLDEN CLIFFS, CARNARVON

CARNARVON

Ideally situated between the Shark Bay and Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Areas, Carnarvon is a hub of adventure and simultaneously a great place to rest, relax and recharge. Enjoy an abundance of fresh fruit, vegetables and seafood in the subtropical oasis whilst learning about the Gascoyne region's Indigenous and colonial pioneering heritage.

The Cactus Garden

South River Road is home to the #InstaFamous "Cactus Garden". Why is it there? It's one man's hobby garden! The first cacti were planted some 15 years ago and now there are over 30 cactus plants – some of which are over 5m tall. Someone took a picture and put it on Instagram, and now the Cactus Garden is a must-see for visitors to town.

Weekend Markets

The Gascoyne Growers Markets operate every Saturday morning from late May to early October in front of the Visitor Centre. Market stalls offer local tropical fruits, homemade ice-creams, ready to eat meals and a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, honey, cakes, jams, relishes, plants and handmade crafts. The markets are plastic bag free, so don't forget your reusable bags!

Fascine Waterway & the HMAS Sydney II Memorial

Carnarvon's scenic central waterway, known as the Fascine, features several grassed picnic areas with barbecues, a swimming pontoon and children's playground, and is an ideal spot to catch the sunset whilst enjoying some local produce. Along the Fascine is an HMAS Sydney II Memorial, featuring 645 plaques to commemorate the lives lost aboard with WWII naval ship. The memorial was opened in early 2016 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the ship's sinking on 19 November 1941.

Heritage, Art & Cultural Walk Trail

Collect a guide from the Visitor Centre and set off along the Heritage, Art & Cultural Trail to learn about Carnarvon's heritage buildings and rich history. There are several striking historic buildings to discover along with public art, including a 26m long mural along Robinson Street which tells the town's history in a vivid way.

Carnarvon Tramway Walk Trail

This 2.5km walk trail connects the town with the Heritage Precinct, with interpretive signage sharing information on local flora and fauna. The Tramway Bridge across the southern arm of the Gascoyne River was constructed in the 1900s to transport good between the port of Carnarvon and the town centre.

Carnarvon Heritage Precinct

Immerse yourself in fascinating local history in the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct, home to the Kimberley Steam Train, Lighthouse Keepers Cottage, Shearers Hall of Fame and the One Mile Jetty Interpretive Centre. The Precinct is an ideal spot for bird watching or a sunset picnic amongst the mangroves. The Interpretive Centre comes to life with original artwork commissioned from a local Aboriginal artist, objects and photographs, and a large projection wall showcasing footage of the area. Entry to the Centre is via Sunsets Café, which is a great spot for breakfast, tapas or sunset drinks. Open daily from 9am – 4pm from April to October, with abridged opening hours from November to March.

Carnarvon Space & Technology Museum

Visit Carnarvon's Space & Technology Museum to learn about the town's little-known role in NASA's manned space program and Australia's telecommunications history. The Museum is located at the OTC Satellite Earth Station and has various interactive displays and experiences including the Apollo (capsule) simulation, planetarium movies, NASA memorabilia, the space theatre and space shop. Open daily between 9am – 4pm, April to September and between 10am – 2pm, October to March.



♀ THE FACINE, CARNARVON



♀ CACTUS GARDEN, CARNARVON



♀ POINT QUOBBA, NINGALOO



Gwoonwardu Mia – Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre

Gwoonwardu Mia – Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre is a multipurpose centre which celebrates the region’s five Aboriginal language groups. Discover the Gascoyne region’s Aboriginal history, art, heritage and culture through the Centre’s permanent collection, exhibitions, Artist-in-Residence program and ethnobotanical garden.

The food bowl of Western Australia

Carnarvon produces 80% of Western Australia’s total fruit and vegetable crops, and much of its seafood with a thriving prawn, scallop, crab and fishing industry. A drive along the North and South River Roads, aptly known as “the Fruit Loop”, will take you past working plantations and roadside stalls where you can purchase a wide range of fresh produce, preserves and tasty

snacks including dried fruit and ice-creams – make sure to try a choc-coated banana! Between March and November, freshly caught seafood can be purchased directly from local outlets and cooked prawns and crabs can also be purchased to takeaway.

Kitesurfing in the warmer months

Carnarvon has become increasingly popular for kitesurfers, particularly in the warmer months between November and January. The warm winds at Pelican Point make it the perfect location to explore by board during the day, with time to chill out at the local pub in the evening. Another popular spot is Tombstones at Gnaraloo Bay (150km north of Carnarvon) which is 4WD accessible only.

Picturesque shorelines

Travel a little out of town to discover quiet, secluded beaches. 40km south of Carnarvon you’ll find Bush Bay and New Beach, perfect for a swim and picnic. For a truly exclusive experience, join Coral Coast Helicopter Services on their Golden Cliffs Heli-Snorkel tour to Cape Cuvier, accessible only by boat or helicopter.

Kennedy Range and Honeycomb Gorge

160km east of Carnarvon lies the mighty Kennedy Range National Park, home to a variety of scenic walk trails of varying difficulty and the iconic Honeycomb Gorge – a rock face covered with hexagonal holes carved out by wind and water spray from a seasonal waterfall. The Range is 75km long and up to 25km wide, and is popular for photography, bush camping and hiking. 4WDs are required to explore the National Park, or you can join a guided coach or helicopter tour.

Mindblowing Blowholes

Located just 75km north of Carnarvon, the Quobba Blowholes are a dramatic spectacle; watch as the ocean is forced through sea caves before shooting up through holes in the rock. Depending on the swell, the spray often reaches up to 20m high. Fresh water is not available at the Blowholes, so be sure to pack an adequate supply before leaving town. Make a day of it and pack a picnic, or visit the Blowholes by helicopter and snorkel at the nearby aquarium.

Snorkelling the ‘Aquarium’

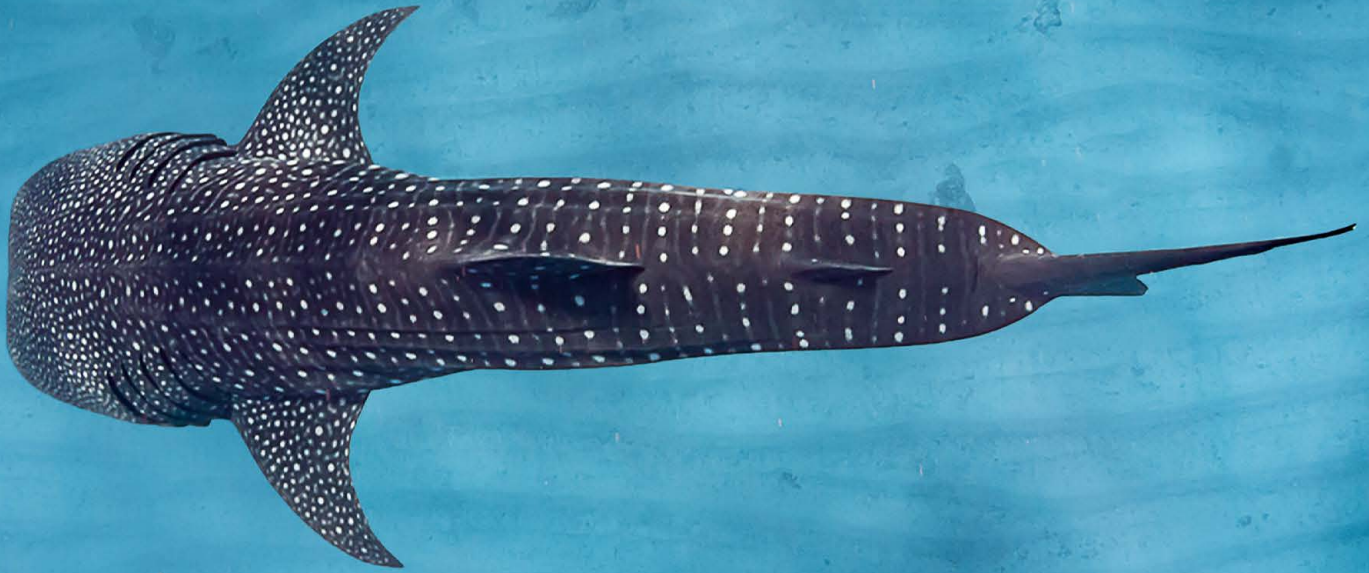
Located 1km south of the Quobba Blowholes, Point Quobba is a pristine beach protected by a coral reef. This calm, coral filled lagoon is fondly known by locals as ‘the Aquarium’. The area is popular for snorkelling, swimming, sun bathing, picnics and camping. Campers should be self-sufficient and are required to bring their own water and supplies. Camping fees apply, for more information contact the Carnarvon Visitor Centre.

Heli-snorkel shorelines

Travel a little out of town to find your own private beach, 40km south of Carnarvon, you’ll find Bush Bay and New Beach, perfect for a swim and picnic. Want it fancy? Join the Golden Cliffs Heli-Snorkel tour to Cape Cuvier, only accessible by 4WD, boat or helicopter. Coral Coast Helicopters also offer scenic flights and fishing tours departing from Carnarvon.



This coastline can be dangerous, so keep a wary eye on the tides and be careful of king waves.



Whale Shark, Ningaloo

NINGALOO COAST WORLD HERITAGE AREA

The Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area covers more than 600,000 hectares and includes Red Bluff, Gnaraloo, the Ningaloo Marine Park (encompassing the Ningaloo Coastal Reserves and Ningaloo Reef), Cape Range National Park, the Bundegi and Jurabi Coastal Parks and the Muiron Islands Management Area. Home to around 300 species of coral and 500 species of fish, the Ningaloo Reef - one of the world's largest fringing reefs - is just a few metres from the shore in places and easily accessed by snorkellers. The magnificent gentle giants of the sea - whale sharks - alongside manta rays, humpback whales, turtles, dolphins and an abundance of fish attract visitors from across the globe. The Ningaloo Coast and Exmouth Gulf are a designated 'Hope Spot', which are global locations considered critical to the health of the ocean. The concept was introduced in 2009 by marine science organisation Mission Blue, run by legendary oceanographer Dr Sylvia Earle.

The Big 3: whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays

Whale sharks, manta rays and humpback whales are the marine 'Big 3', and Ningaloo is one of only a few places in the world where you can swim with all three from a single location - sometimes on the same day!

Whale sharks are the world's biggest fish, growing up to 18m long, and cruising alongside one of these completely harmless giants is a bucket list experience. Ningaloo has the world's highest reliability rate of whale shark interactions, with tours departing from both Coral Bay and Exmouth between March and September (the season finishes slightly earlier in Coral Bay than in Exmouth). Check with a Visitor Centre or local operators for precise season dates.

Humpback whales visit the Ningaloo Coast between June and November each year, on their annual migration along Western Australia's coastline. Tourists can join a humpback whale interaction tour or whale watching tour from Coral Bay between July and October, and from Exmouth between August and October.

Manta ray interaction tours depart from Coral Bay year-round, a manta ray 'hotspot' and one of the few places in the world lucky enough to have a resident manta ray population - approximately 80 manta rays reside here. Manta rays are the largest of the ray family, growing to have a wing span of several metres wide and are harmless to humans (their tails have no barb). Coral Bay is one of the worldwide hubs for 'Project Manta', an identification and tracking program researching these majestic creatures.

How do whale shark and humpback whale tours work?

Whale shark and humpback whale interaction tours are full day experiences - you can expect to depart your accommodation at around 7am and return around 4pm or 5pm (courtesy coach transfers included to/from town). Both tours commence with safety briefings and a snorkel on the inner reef, whilst spotter planes locate the whale sharks or humpback whales (depending which tour you're on). Small groups are dropped into the water at suitable distances from the mega fauna, with a dive master as your guide to ensure you keep a safe distance, and tell you when you put your head into the water and start swimming! This 'drop' repeats several times throughout the day, with lunch and refreshments provided as part of the tour.

Swim with a sea turtle

Six of the world's seven species of sea turtle can be found in the waters of the Ningaloo Coast, with green, loggerhead, flatback and hawksbill turtles the most common. Sea turtles can be encountered year-round and are often snorkelled with on Ningaloo Reef's inner lagoon. Hatchlings may be sighted during turtle hatching season.



Please visit australiascoralcoast.com/see-do/marine-interactions/sea-turtles to read the "Turtle Watcher's Code of Conduct". The Code of Conduct will guide you on how to get the best opportunity to watch turtles during breeding season without disturbing their activity.



♀ OSPREY BAY, EXMOUTH



♀ WOORAMEL RIVER RETREAT, CARNARVON



♀ BULLARA STATION STAY, EXMOUTH

Turtle nesting

The Coral Coast is home to major turtle breeding sites, where turtles come ashore to lay their eggs. These locations are Dirk Hartog Island in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, the Ningaloo Coast (in particular, the Quobba Coastline north of Carnarvon, Maud's Landing in Coral Bay and Jurabi Coastal Reserve near Exmouth), the Muiron Islands and the Mackerel Islands. Turtles nest annually between November and March.

Turtle hatching

Just 6 weeks after nesting, turtle hatching begins! Hatchlings can be seen venturing down the beaches and into the oceans. Exmouth's Jurabi Turtle Centre, located just south of Vlamingh Head Lighthouse, provides information and guided turtle nesting tours from December to January. Guided tours allow participants to watch turtles nesting or hatching on a night tour in Cape Range National Park, under the guidance of an experienced Park Ranger.

Learn to dive

Ningaloo Reef's calm waters are the ideal location for your first attempt at SCUBA diving, or to continue your diving education. Operators in Coral Bay and Exmouth are PADI certified, offering half or full day lessons. Ningaloo has a range of dive site types, including shore, night, wreck, deep, reef and cave dives.

The Reef through Glass

Explore the reef without getting wet! Daily glass bottom boat tours depart from Coral Bay and Exmouth, with guides explaining how special the Ningaloo Reef is. Learn about the Reef's ecosystem, ancient coral formations and how we can protect it, and watch marine life cruise around the shallow lagoon water. Some tour options include snorkelling opportunities and can be an hour, half day or full day in length.

Cruise the Reef

Sail the crystal-clear Ningaloo waters on board a sunset cruise, half or full day reef explorer, 'learn to sail' experience or multi-day liveaboard cruise. Sailing tours are run from both Coral Bay and Exmouth.

Fantastic fishing

With a diverse range of game, sport, reef and fly fishing on offer, Ningaloo is recognised as one of the world's best fishing destinations. The waters surrounding Exmouth are home to over 40 different game fish, including all six Australian species of billfish. Fish from the shore, from a boat or cast a line from Exmouth's Learmonth Jetty. For beach fishing, try Point Maud in Coral Bay. Hire a boat or book a fishing charter from Carnarvon, Coral Bay or Exmouth, or try balloon fishing from Quobba Station and Red Bluff. Visit Exmouth in March for the annual GAMEX fishing competition.



Check sanctuary zones before fishing, or ask the nearest Visitor Centre for fishing guidelines in the Ningaloo Marine Park.

Scenic flights over Ningaloo

Take to the air and view the contrasting landscapes and Ningaloo Reef seascapes, spotting humpback whales and whale sharks (in season), manta rays, turtles and dolphins from above. These unforgettable sights are possible from light aircraft scenic flights from Coral Bay and Exmouth.

Secluded southern gateway

Along the coastline north of Carnarvon you'll find some of Ningaloo's most remote coastal wilderness locations, from Point Quobba to Gnaraloo Bay. Located at the southern end of Ningaloo Reef, this scenic stretch of coastline is home to towering cliffs, beautiful beaches and plenty of wildlife. Camp, 4WD or visit for a day by helicopter to enjoy great fishing, surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, snorkelling and wildlife encounters.

Outback Station Stays

The Coral Coast is home to a number of Station Stays – working cattle or sheep farms where you can stay overnight. Many stations are found in the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, such as Wooramel River Retreat, Quobba Station and Red Bluff, Warroora Station and Bullara Station. Stay in your caravan, pitch a tent, or occupy refurbished shearer's quarters with comfy beds. Some stations also have eco-tents and glamping options. From relaxing in artesian fed hot tubs to taking a hot shower under the stars, our stations stays guarantee a unique Coral Coast experience.



📍 CORAL BAY, NINGALOO

CORAL BAY

Coral Bay is a marine lover's paradise, with accommodation directly opposite the Ningaloo Reef and its calm bays. Aptly named Coral Bay due to the mesmerising coral gardens which lie mere metres from the pristine white sandy beach, this tiny, laidback seaside town is a must-visit destination for nature and wildlife lovers.

Mesmerising coral formations

Many of the best coral formations are only accessible with the help of a snorkel, dive or kayaking tour operator. Marine life is plentiful and you're likely to encounter timid reef sharks, dugongs and turtles among the expansive coral gardens, as well as resident manta rays. You'll be impressed by the cabbage coral formations at Asho's Gap, which are 5m in diameter!

Snorkel the bays

Situated on the doorstep of Coral Bay's accommodation, Bill's Bay and Purdy Point are calm and protected swimming locations ideal for families. This is a sanctuary zone, where fishing is prohibited, meaning there is plenty to be seen while snorkelling. South of Purdy Point is the aptly named Paradise Beach, with white sand, crystal clear waters and a shallow drift snorkel trail.

Sleep on the Ningaloo Reef

Explore the Ningaloo Reef in style aboard Sail Ningaloo's luxury catamaran. Go swimming, snorkelling and scuba diving along untouched coral gardens teeming with marine life. Extended/overnight tours depart from Coral Bay.

Game fishing for Mahi Mahi

Jump on board a fishing tour with Mahi Mahi – one of Coral Bay's expert fishing operators. Experience the excitement of sport fishing using top of the range quality tackle. Catch rates are impressive among the operators, meaning you're sure to have an action-packed fishing adventure!

4WD to secret spots

A 4WD approximately 10km north of Coral Bay allows you to traverse the coast heading north. The track eventually hits Ningaloo Station at the southern end of Cape Range National Park and opens up to the Point Cloates Lighthouse and Norwegian Bay Whaling Station ruins. This track is suitable for competent 4WD-ers only. Be sure to check with Exmouth's Parks and Wildlife office before you set off.

Seaside dining

Enjoy dining within walking distance of the beach – pick up breakfast from the bakery, enjoy a tasty meal at Fin's, try a delicious pizza at The Reef Restaurant, drink by the pool at Shades or try Bill's Bar; offering lunch and dinner in a modern setting with an alfresco area, beer garden and sports bar.

EXMOUTH

The northern gateway to the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, Exmouth is the perfect base from which to explore the otherworldly landscapes of the Cape Range National Park and the underwater wonders of the Ningaloo Reef. Eternally sunny, Exmouth enjoys approximately 320 days of sunshine each year!

Explore the Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre

The Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre is located in the Ningaloo Centre, Exmouth's state of the art visitor, research, education and community hub. Learn about the region's unique environment and history in the three engaging interactive display areas showcasing the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef, Cape Range National Park and Exmouth. The impressive 55,000 litre aquarium is one of Australia's largest live coral exhibits and is home to over 50 different species of animals native to the Ningaloo Reef. Enjoy seeing marine life and reptiles in their respective exhibits, ride the Red Bus, experience the Cyclone Room, discover the mysteries of a cave system, design and release your own digital fish and much more for all ages. Open daily.

Gulf side swimming

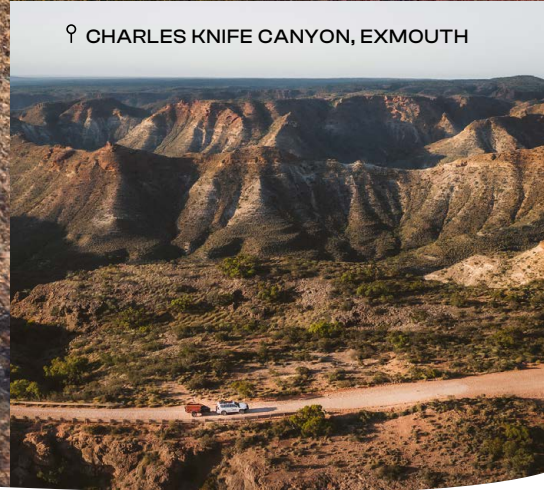
Located on the Exmouth Gulf, Town beach and Gulf side swimming at Bundegi offer an alternative to Ningaloo Reef swimming within the national park. These spots are ideal for morning walks and beachcombing, with local food trucks having you covered for a beach breakfast!



♀ WARROORA STATION, NINGALOO



♀ VLAMINGH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, EXMOUTH



♀ CHARLES KNIFE CANYON, EXMOUTH

Minderoo Foundation

The Minderoo Foundation Exmouth Research Laboratory adjoins the Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre. Viewing portholes within the Centre provide a bird's eye view of sophisticated temperature-controlled aquariums, where some of the world's best marine scientists are working to unlock solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing our ocean. Through the portholes you may have the chance to see researchers working with corals to restore damaged reefs, dangerous Irukandji jellyfish and even endangered sea snakes. Visitors can learn more about the program at minderoo.org/minderoo-foundation-exmouth-research-laboratory.

Spot an emu

Emus are regularly seen along the Coral Coast, particularly in the towns of Denham and Exmouth, where you'll see them wandering around the streets. Chicks will hatch around August, accompanied by their protective fathers. Please do not feed or approach emus, and be sure to give them the right of way on streets and paths.

Water play at the Spray Ground

Located in Exmouth's town centre, the Water Spray Ground is a fun place for children to play and learn about the amazing animals that call the Ningaloo coastline home. As well as being a great shaded place to cool off, each element of the Water Spray Ground tells a story about the cultural or natural heritage values of the Ningaloo region.

Jurabi Turtle Centre

The outdoor Jurabi Turtle Centre is open year-round and shares information about the marine turtles found along the Ningaloo Coast. From

December to March, guided Turtle Eco-Education Tours take visitors to search for nesting and hatching turtles in a safe and sustainable way.

Scenic view of Charles Knife Canyon

21km south of Exmouth, the razor-backed ridges and multi-coloured gorges of Charles Knife Canyon are an otherworldly spectacle. Whilst the Canyon is stunning from a scenic lookout, it can be fully appreciated from a light aircraft flight which truly showcases the mesmerising heights and depths of the gorges. The Range above Charles Knife Canyon is 320m high above sea level – the same height as the Eiffel Tower!

Spectacular Shothole Canyon

Witness the stunning Shothole Canyon and take in breathtaking views from the base of the Range whilst 4WDing. A marked walking trail allows you to get closer to the fossil laden layers of the sheer canyon walls – but be mindful to stay on existing walking trails. Alternatively, explore the gorge system and area's history with Ningaloo Safari Tours. The best time of day to visit the canyon is early morning or late afternoon.

Dive Exmouth's Navy Pier

Just north of Exmouth's township, the Exmouth Navy Pier is one of Australia's top dive sites, and considered one of the best shore dives in the world. Around 200 species of marine life inhabit the water beneath the pier. Night dives are equally amazing and are offered to advanced divers when tides are conducive. Dives can only be undertaken with Dive Ningaloo or Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks Ningaloo, the sole licensed operators. The Pier is on US Military soil, so your passport is required for entry.

Vlamingh Head Lighthouse

Located a short drive from Exmouth, the historic Vlamingh Head Lighthouse is over 100 years old. The Vlamingh Head summit is accessible by 2WD vehicles, and offers a great vantage point to witness both sunrise and sunset. Don't forget to keep an eye out for migrating humpback whales between June and November! Vlamingh Head also houses the remains of a World War II radar and anti-aircraft post, as well as informative signage offering a range of information on the history of the North West Cape, the Ningaloo World Heritage Area and local industry and wildlife.

Dive the northern bays

There are a number of dive sites in the Lighthouse Bay area, offering a wide variety of diving opportunities including the fascinating SS Mildura shipwreck site. The Labyrinth has a turtle cleaning station, Gullivers is a manta ray cleaning station and Dibley's Drop-Off is an amazing deep dive location reaching 27m. Other popular sites in Lighthouse Bay include Blizzard Reef and Helga's Tunnels. Divers to these sites enjoy views of coral formations, schools of tropical and pelagic fish, reef sharks and turtles.

A day at the Muiron Islands

Situated just 9.8 nautical miles off the North West Cape, the waters surrounding these two uninhabited islands is teeming with marine life. Amazing corals, fish, manta rays and snorkelling opportunities make the Muiron's well worth a visit. With great coral bommies and protected reef, the Muiron's also offer world-class diving. Dive and snorkelling tours to the Muiron Islands operate from Exmouth.



📍 SAL SALIS NINGALOO REEF, EXMOUTH

CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Covering more than 50,000 hectares, the ancient Cape Range National Park features deep canyons and mesmerising gorges, with limestone ridges providing a dramatic contrast to the 50km of unspoilt Ningaloo Reef coastline. Wildlife such as emus, red kangaroos, dingoes, echidnas and a variety of birds and reptiles are regularly sighted. In winter, the park comes to life with an abundance of wildflowers and boasts over 630 species of native flora. The Sturt desert pea and green bird flower are highlights.

Luxury glamping at Sal Salis

Just metres from the water's edge, on a remote stretch of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef, lies Sal Salis, an exclusive eco-friendly beach safari camp with 16 spacious wilderness tents. Dine under the stars and spend long, wonder-filled days underwater cruising alongside manta rays, whale sharks, humpback whales and sparkling shoals of fish that call this remarkable place home. Enjoy guided activities including kayaking and gorge walks, or simply relax and soak up the pristine environment that surrounds you. Open from March to November annually.

National Park camping

There are a number of camping bays available for a small fee, pre-booked online via parkstay. dbca.wa.gov.au. Most sites are accessible by 2WD vehicles. There are limited facilities and no power, so be sure to pack drinking water and supplies.

Turtles & birds of Mangrove Bay

Mangrove Bay is a must-see for bird enthusiasts. A variety of birds roost in the mud-flat lagoon at high tide and many feed on small fish and other marine life. View from a bird hide lodged among the mangroves – the most popular viewing times are dawn and dusk, with plenty of activity from mid-morning to lunch. It's also a great snorkel spot, especially to see turtles up close!

Milyering Discovery Centre

The Milyering Discovery Centre is located just inside Cape Range National Park and features informative displays and videos about the wonders of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. Check up on tide conditions with the Milyering Discovery Centre before snorkelling Turquoise Bay or 4WDing across Yardie Creek.

Family friendly beaches

Located near the Milyering Discovery Centre, Lakeside offers some of the best snorkelling in the Ningaloo Marine Park and is ideal for families. The Lakeside Sanctuary Zone markers are situated around 500m south of the parking area. South of Lakeside, Sandy Bay's wide stretch of shallow, clear waters are great for children and a favourite with kite surfers during summer. Osprey Bay is a top spot for turtle snorkelling, with camp sites and picnic facilities available.

Drift snorkel at Turquoise Bay

Turquoise Bay was named the #1 beach in the South Pacific and #3 in the world in Trip Advisor's 2022 Travellers' Choice Awards – and it's not hard to see why! The white, sandy beach gives way to turquoise waters and coral reef gardens just metres from the shore. The beach is ideal to sit back, relax and soak up the beautiful surrounds in the sunshine, splash in the shallows, or enter the water at the southern end of the beach and let the current take you over the reef for a fantastic snorkelling experience. This drift snorkel is not recommended for weak swimmers, and fins are recommended to help you exit the water. Please ensure you have obtained tide information from Milyering Discovery Centre before entering the drift snorkel. Go on your own, or join a guided snorkelling tour.



Currents can be strong at Turquoise Bay; be sure to follow safe snorkelling guidelines and to exit the water well before the northern point of the beach or the sandbar.



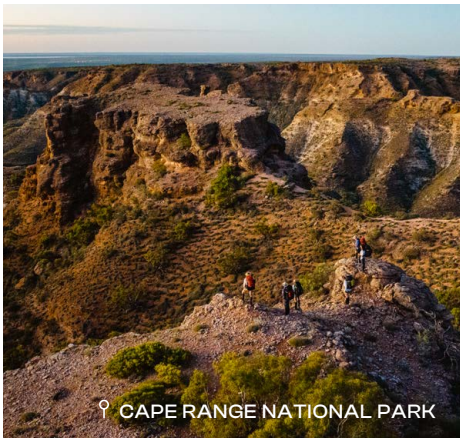
♀ OSPREY BAY, EXMOUTH



♀ MACKEREL ISLANDS



♀ KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK



♀ CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Oyster Stacks Snorkelling

This snorkel site offers great views of marine life, but only at high tide. Be careful when entering the water as the oyster shells and rocks can be sharp. It is best to enter the water at the end of the track and then snorkel north or south. Check with the Milyering Discovery Centre for tide times.

Hike and cave the Cape Range

Hike a number of walking trails or explore hidden caves in the Cape Range National Park on tour with Trek Ningaloo. Most caves are well hidden, can only be found with the help of a local, experienced guide and are home to local wildlife. Check at the Ningaloo Centre for ways to explore the caves.

Get gorge-ous at Mandu Mandu

Mandu Mandu Gorge has a fantastic 3km loop walking trail, which follows the rim of Mandu Mandu Gorge before descending into the gorge itself. Mandu is the third main layer of limestone and is the most easily visible layer in the National Park. This trail is steep in sections, but offers beautiful panoramic views of the stunning rugged landscape. Start your hike early in the day and keep your eyes peeled for the resident population of rare black-footed rock wallabies on the gorge walls.

Boating along Yardie Creek

Venture through the rugged landscapes of Cape Range National Park to find Yardie Creek, located at the southern end of the park. This rust-red gorge is home to an assortment of wildlife, including the rare black-footed rock wallaby. Explore the gorge along a walk trail, or sit back to enjoy the view from the comfort of a Yardie Creek boat tour.



MACKEREL ISLANDS AND KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

For those looking to extend their Ningaloo trip, the nearby Mackerel Islands and Karijini National Park would be fantastic additions to the itinerary, with both locations accessible via Exmouth. The Mackerel Islands offer a different underwater experience to the Ningaloo Reef, whilst Karijini offers spectacular gorge landscapes. The best time to visit both is March to October, however the quieter months provide some amazing nature experiences, especially turtle hatchlings at the Mackerel Islands.

Cape Range National Park is the northern gateway to Australia's Coral Coast.

SHORT AND SWEET ITINERARY



♀ OSPREY BAY, EXMOUTH



Humpback whales



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DAY 1

PERTH TO EXMOUTH (2 HR FLIGHT)

Flight: When booking flights, arrange to **hire a car**. Depart Perth for **Learmonth Airport** with **Qantas**. Collect your hire car and drive north to **Exmouth town**.

On the drive into town, consider stopping at **Charles Knife Gorge and Shothole Canyon** - you won't fully appreciate the size of this mountain range until you're on top or driving through it.

Depending on your arrival time, visit the **Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre** to learn about the town's history, Cape Range National Park and the Ningaloo Reef (see some of its marine life!).

Book yourself in for a **sunset sailing cruise**.

Overnight: Exmouth

DAY 2

EXPLORE EXMOUTH

With a full day in Exmouth, there are just too many things to see, do and experience - but here are a few of our favourite **full-day tours**:

- **Whale shark swim** (March to July)
- **Humpback whale swim** (August to October)
- **Turtle & Reef snorkel** (September to March)
- **Dive the Marine Park** - either the Navy Pier or Lighthouse Bay

Fancy going a little slower? Our top picks for half-day tours include boating **Yardie Creek**, drift snorkelling **Turquoise Bay** or kayaking the **Bundegi Sanctuary Zone**.

Enjoy your dinner and drinks at one of Exmouth's many restaurants - ranging from a casual burger to a freshly caught seafood platter.

Overnight: Exmouth

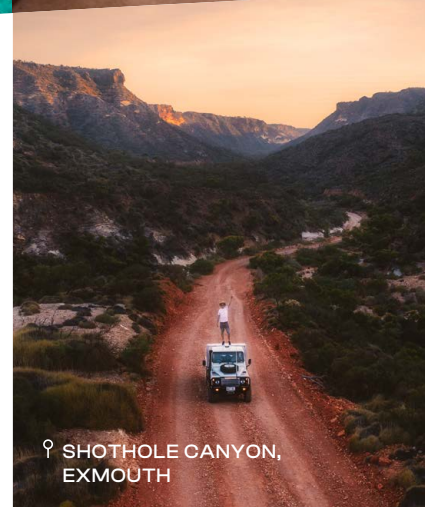
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EXMOUTH TO PERTH (2 HR FLIGHT)

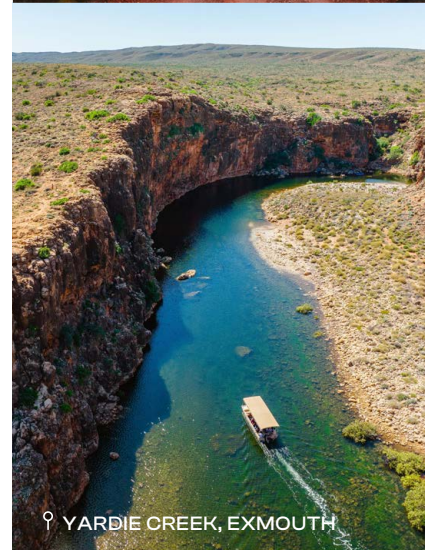
Wake up early and have your breakfast at one of the local cafes or restaurants.

Before your afternoon return flight to Perth, make the most of your day by joining a **morning/half day glass bottom boat tour** - cruise over the Mildura Shipwreck and snorkel the reef.

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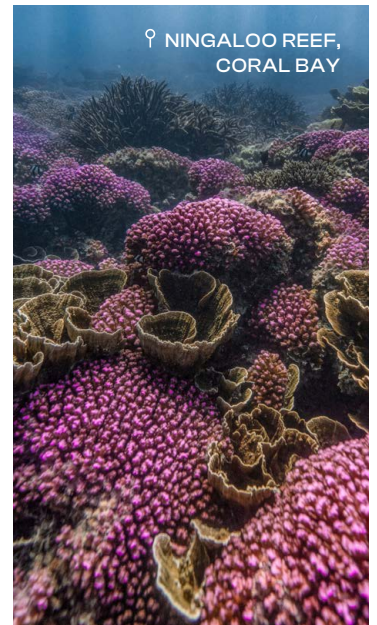


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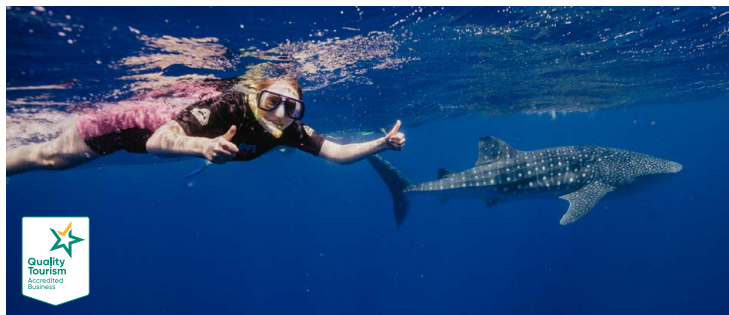


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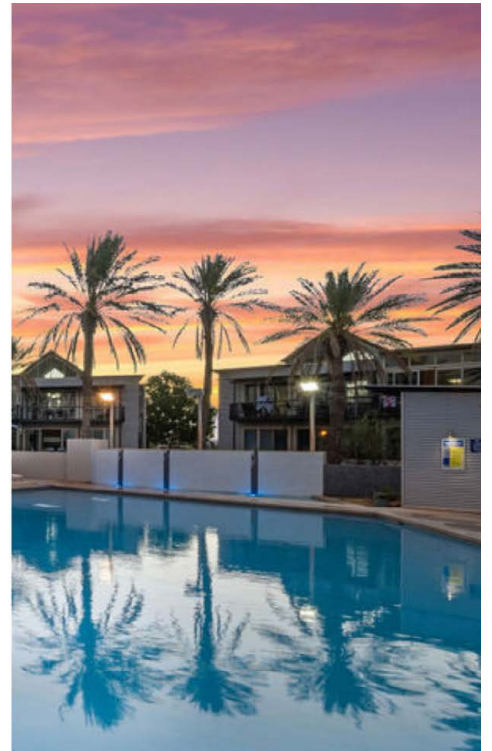
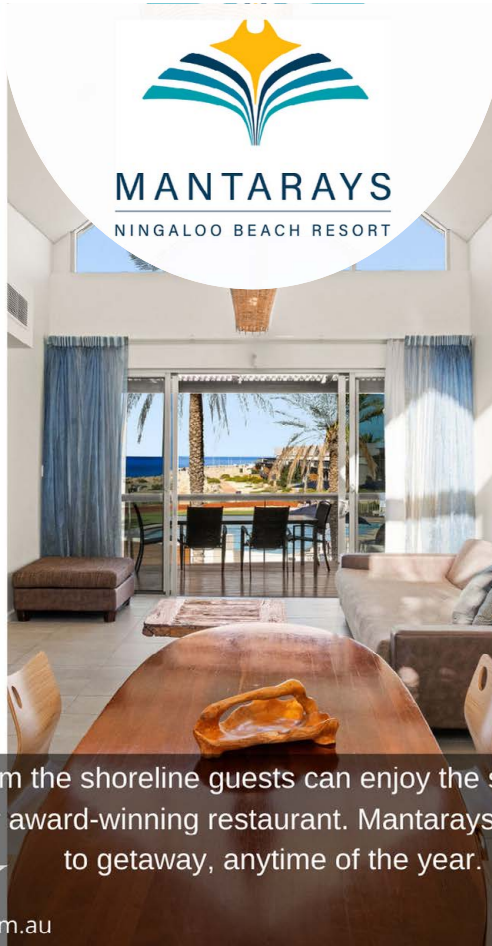


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