FLY-DRIVE TOUR - PERTH TO EXMOUTH





Explore the remarkable coastline between Perth and Exmouth, gateway to Ningaloo Reef. This epic drive will take you through lunar-like landscapes and ancient red gorges, set against the everpresent turquoise hues of the Indian Ocean.

Travel from the Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles Desert through to Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park. See limestone spires formed over millions of years; spot humpback whales, sea turtles and manta rays; enjoy a river cruise or a camel trek; explore by kayak; or just relax on a perfect white beach.

What's Included?

Accommodation as detailed or similar on a room only basis unless otherwise shown

Private arrival transfers in Perth

Car rental

Please Note

This fly-drive can operate in either direction and can be tailor-made to your own requirements. The optimum months for this itinerary are between April and October.





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Day 1 Perth

After your flight to Perth you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

The sunny city of Perth is easy to explore on foot. Follow the waterside pathway along the Swan River, enjoy waterside dining at Elizabeth Quay or head out to the beaches of Scarborough or Cottesloe.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific Perth (4.5 Star Hotel)

Day 2 Cervantes (198 kms)

Collect your rental car and head north from Perth to the windsurfing hub of Lancelin. From here continue on into the Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles Desert. You can follow a driving trail or walking track, which weaves through thousands of golden limestone spires formed over millions of years. Other-worldly experiences include the stromatolites and strombalites at Lake Thetis.

Accommodation: Pinnacles Edge Resort (4 Star Hotel)

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Days 3-4 Kalbarri (378 kms)

Continue north along the coast. At Jurien Bay you can head out on a sea lion charter, whilst in Geraldton you can see more of the region's past, beautifully preserved at the Greenough Central Historic Settlement. As you head along the North West Coastal Highway explore 400-million-year-old river gorges, dramatic coastal rock formations and the spectacular pink waters of Hutt Lagoon. If you're travelling between June and November watch for the migrating humpback whales with their young. Spend a day exploring the Kalbarri National Park aboard a river cruise, on a camel trek or go self-guided and hike the trails.

Accommodation: Kalbarri Edge Resort (4 Star Hotel)

Days 5–6 Monkey Mia (399 kms)

A 2½-hour drive brings you to the start of the Shark Bay World Heritage Drive. The living fossils, unique landscapes and rare wildlife have earned this region its World Heritage status. At Hamelin Pool Stromatolites you're getting a glimpse of earth over 3.5 million years ago, for these are the oldest living marine fossils on the planet. At Monkey Mia you can enjoy wild dolphin encounters, explore by kayak and take wildlife cruises where you're likely to spot sea turtles, manta rays and dugongs playing.

Accommodation: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort (3.5 Star Hotel)

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Day 7 Carnarvon (349 kms)

Leave the dolphins behind and continue northwards to Carnarvon. This is known as the 'fruit bowl' of Western Australia as well as being a seafood lover's dream.

Accommodation: Hospitality Carnarvon (3.5 Star Hotel)

Days 8–9 Ningaloo Reef (366 kms)

You'll cross the Tropic of Capricorn on your drive today as you head for Exmouth, northern gateway to Ningaloo Reef and the Cape Range National Park. Between March and July experience the once-in-a-lifetime thrill of swimming with whale sharks. From June to November it's also possible to swim with humpbacks. Take a day to drive around the cape (the cool early morning is the best time to spot kangaroos and emu's), then spend the day snorkelling and relaxing on white sand beaches. Head to Yardie Creek for a gorge wildlife cruise or follow one of the bush walk trails at Yardie Creek or Mandu Mandu Gorge.

Accommodation: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort (4.5 Star Hotel)

Day 10 Departure

Today your tour comes to an end. Return your car to Exmouth and fly south to Perth or continue your travels in Australia.

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.