

Kalbarri

Distance: Max distance walked 12km in 1 day **Duration:** 6 Days / 5 Nights



Escape the cold this winter for a truly memorable adventure to the Coral Coast and Kalbarri National Park. Western Australia's Coral Coast is a stunning place, with peaceful gorges, spectacular coastline, beautiful wildflowers and amazing geology. This is the place where life first walked on the earth!

Over six days, you will enjoy a number of walks within Kalbarri National Park, a scenic flight and day trip to the "shipwreck" Abrolhos Islands, and the hidden gem, Mt Lesueur National Park. We will top off this fantastic walking tour with a morning walk amongst the Pinnacles. Excellent healthy food, comfortable accommodation and professional guiding will make your experience all the more enjoyable.

The Kalbarri walking tour is relatively easy going, with plenty of time to relax.

Level: *Easy to Moderate*

Give us a call if you have any questions!
08 8 6219 5164 or walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au

What our guests say:

"I recently completed a 6 day/5night walking holiday in the Kalbarri area with Inspiration Outdoors. It was a excellent trip, not only on the mainland but also the day spent on the Abrolhos Islands. Each day was different - walking in the Murchison Gorge, along the cliff tops around Kalbarri, and in the Mt. Lesueur National Park. Our guides, Adam and Imogen, were a wealth of information on the local history, the beautiful spring wildflowers not to mention the whales, dolphins, eagles and birds we so enjoyed spotting. The care and organisation of the trip was superb, with delicious home cooked evening meals plus hot tea and coffee with tasty home baked cake for morning teas along the track. Our group was very friendly and good fun. I certainly recommend this trip - it was a great experience."

Judith R, Trip Advisor, Sep 2017

2019 DEPARTURES:

21 - 26 August



Itinerary

Your guides will accompany you each day. The longest walk is about 10 km and the terrain is not too difficult. There is some clambering on rocks, but we take our time – there's no hurry. The itinerary plan may alter depending on local conditions and weather.



Day 1

Drive from Perth + Wildflower tour

Accommodation: Geraldton Best Western

Departing from Wellington Street in Perth, we'll head north to a little place called Hi Vallee Farm near Badgingarra – home to one of the ecologically richest heath lands in the world. Here we'll meet Don Williams, a local wildflower expert, who will take us on a gentle wildflower walk through the bushland on his property. We continue on to our accommodation at the Geraldton Best Western in the late afternoon and enjoy dinner at the restaurant there.

Day 2

A day tour of the Abrolhos Islands

Accommodation: Kalbarri Seaside Resort

It's an exciting day today as we hop on our own charter planes and fly over to the Abrolhos Islands, about 80 km off the coast of Geraldton. We'll take a scenic flight over the chain of islands, learning about their history and infamous shipwrecks, before setting down at East Wallabi Island. Here you can enjoy a short guided nature walk and a snorkel in the pristine waters.

We return to Geraldton mid/late afternoon and then head up to Kalbarri in time for sunset drinks and nibbles while your guides prepare you a delicious dinner.



Day 3

Murchison River Gorge Walking

Accommodation: Kalbarri Seaside Resort

We'll have a wonderful day today exploring some of the ancient gorges of the Murchison River. We'll visit Natures Window and walk the 9 km Loop Trail, which takes us from the top of the gorge wall, down into the beautiful gorge itself to walk beside the river. If the weather's nice, you might enjoy a refreshing swim in the cool water at lunch time.

In the afternoon, we'll have an easy exploration of the Z Bend Gorge where we will take a short stroll and soak up the tranquil atmosphere.

Day 4

Coastal cliff walking

Accommodation: Kalbarri Seaside Resort

The views along the Kalbarri coast are nothing short of spectacular – with pink and red layers of sandstone cliffs contrasted against the turquoise Indian Ocean. We'll walk the length of the Bigurda Trail in the morning. This trail stretches for 8 km along the top of the sea cliffs from Eagle Gorge to the Natural Bridge.

In the afternoon we'll explore the coastal areas closer to town, including a 3 km loop walk around Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley.

Day 5

Lesueur National Park

Accommodation: Cervantes Pinnacles Motel

We'll depart Kalbarri and head south this morning to Mount Lesueur. What this very small 'mount' lacks in height, it makes up for in biodiversity – with a huge variety of unique and beautiful plants and wildflowers, many of which are endemic to the area. It's a fairly easy and very interesting 6 km walk to the summit of Mt Lesueur where you can see the ocean in the distance. After our visit we head further south to Cervantes for the night.

Day 6

The Pinnacles and Drive to Perth

After a continental breakfast at our motel, we'll pack up and head to the Nambung National Park – home to 'the Pinnacles' – a collection of fossilised sandstone towers among a sandy desert. We'll stroll among the formations and enjoy the morning light casting long shadows on the desert floor. The visitor centre is excellent and well worth some time looking around.

We will have lunch on the way home and be back in Perth by mid afternoon (about 3.30 pm).

KALBARRI AND ABROLHOS ISLANDS, WA. NEAREST AIRPORT: PERTH



The Fine Details

Cost: \$2,075 per person

(\$2,475 single supplement)

What's included:

- All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 5 night's comfortable accommodation
- 5 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 6 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 6 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 5 delicious two course dinners
- Day flight to the Abrolhos Islands
- Wildflower tour at Hi Vallee Farm
- All National Park entry fees including the Pinnacles
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Perth CBD. We pick up our guests from the Tourist Coach Stand at 490 Wellington Street, near the corner of William Street at 8am on the morning of the departure. We can also pick up from Fremantle at 7:20am from the Parry Street car park (just let us know).

As we have a days travel ahead of us on the first day of the tour, it is not advisable to fly into Perth on the morning of the tour departure. We recommend staying (at least, it's a great city) one night in Perth before the tour. At the end of the tour, we generally return to Perth at around 3:30pm, and then on to Fremantle at 4pm.

If you are looking for accommodation in Perth close to the pick up spot, we recommend;

- The Ibis (on Murray Street)
- The Royal (on Wellington Street)
- Mantra on Murray (on Murray Street)
- Four Points by Sheraton (on Wellington Street).

All are within easy walking distance of the pick up spot.

Where do we stay?

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$400. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

We will be staying in 3 locations on this tour.

1 night at Geraldton Best Western.

3 nights at Kalbarri Seaside Resort.

1 night at Cervantes Pinnacles Motel.

In Geraldton we'll stay at the 3½ star rated Best Western Inn, offering spacious and well appointed rooms. We'll dine at the onsite restaurant.

Relax and enjoy three nights at Kalbarri Seafront Villas – centrally located, with spectacular river and ocean views. Villas are self contained so sit back and enjoy the view with a glass of wine in hand as your Inspiration Outdoors guides prepare you delicious two-course dinners each night.

Our final night will be spent at Cervantes Pinnacles Motel, a 3½ star property offering quality accommodation, comfort and friendly service. We'll eat in the onsite restaurant for our final evening meal.

Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

Average Temperature (degrees):

August: 10 min - 22 max

What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Jump onto our website www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on **08 6219 5164** (international calls dial **+618 62195164**) or email us at walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au.
- Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Just in case...

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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