

Kalbarri Coral Coast

Distance: 50km Duration: 8 Days / 7 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 eight days, you will enjoy a number of walks within Kalbarri National Park, the colourful everlastings of Coalseam National Park, a scenic flight and day trip to the "shipwreck" Abrolhos Islands, two nights on the remote and rugged Dirk Hartog Island, the Pinnacles, the dolphins of Monkey Mia and the hidden gem, Mt Lesueur National Park.

Excellent healthy food, comfortable accommodation and professional guiding will make your experience all the more enjoyable.

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

Level: *Easy to Moderate*

Give us a call if you have any questions!

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What our guests say:

"Had a fabulous time walking through the gorge, along the coast, snorkelling in the Abrolhos islands, seeing the flowers at Mt Lesueur and walking through the pinnacles. Tour guides - Sarah & Imogen ensured we ate great food, heard interesting stories, walked safely at our own pace, wonderful inspiring young ladies."

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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

Perth to Pinnacles + Yued Ponar Trail, Mt
Lesueur National Park
7km

We will leave the city at 7:30am and head to one of Western Australia's most iconic destinations. The Pinnacles (Nambung National Park) is one of the strangest landscapes you will ever experience. Take a short walk around this limestone "forest" before we hit the road again towards our first big walk.

Our afternoon walk is at the stunningly pristine Mt Lesueur National Park. One of the best wildflower spotting locations in WA, this 7 km loop walk has some fabulous views and many endemic wildflower species. There are definitely some challenges to this walk, with some rocky ground and a few ascents, but it is doable for the everyday walker, and well worth the effort.

After the walk, we will head the short distance to Jurien Bay, where we will stay at the Jurien Bay Motel Apartments, and dinner will be a typical country pub meal down at the local.

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Day 2

Wildflower tour at Hi Vallee Farm, Coalseam Conservation Park and Geraldton
3km

Wildflowers, wildflowers and more wildflowers! This is a really easy day, with a short drive out to Hi Vallee Farm in Badingarra, to meet local floral icon Don Williams and his wife Joy. Don will take us on a tour of his property, sharing all his knowledge from years in the bush. Whether you are a casual lover of colour, or a real flower geek, a few hours with this local character is a morning well spent.

After Don and Joy's place, we will head north (2.5hrs) and roll out the yellow carpet! Whilst you may never have heard of Coalseam Conservation park, you have definitely seen photos of the carpets of colourful everlasting flowers. We have timed the departure of this tour to give us the best chance to see the everlastings at their peak, but nature can be cruel, so there are no guarantees.

There is a flat easy 3km walk within Coalseam which we will do, taking our time to enjoy one of Western Australia's most memorable experiences.

From Coalseam it is about a 1.5 hr drive to Geraldton, where we will base ourselves for the next two nights at a local motel.

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Day 3

A day tour of the Arolhos Islands
It's an exciting day today as we hop on our own charter planes and fly over to the Arolhos 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.

B,L,D

Day 4

Kalbarri National Park, Murchison River Gorge, 9km.

We start the day with a 1hr 45min drive to Kalbarri. 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.

B,L,D



Day 5

Kalbarri National Park,
8km

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.

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Day 6

Drive to Denham, and across to Dirk Hartog Island

After all of the activity of the past few days, it is time to get some kilometres under our belt. We have about 375km to cover today. There are few stops along the way, but really we just need to smash it out, so we can get ourselves on the island! That said, there is no way that we will drive past the

3.5 Billion year old stromatolites in Hamelin Pool. That's billion with a "B".

We will be in Denham in the mid afternoon, in time for a ferry across to Dirk Hartog Island, where we will meet the locals and check into the eco resort. Hopefully we snag one of the famed Shark Bay sunsets, which are widely considered as some of the most spectacular in Australia.)

B,L,D

Day 7

Dirk Hartog Island,
14km + 6.5km optional extra

Today's adventure is truly unique. We will be tracing the steps of explorers, with a stunning walk along the western coast. The cliffs tower up to 150 high above the surging Indian ocean, which incessantly pounds the coast below. Keep an eye out for whales and sea birds, and spectacular rock formations. This is an energising walk, in the sea spray of the Indian ocean.

We have a couple of options for the length of the walk today, so take the challenge of the longer walk if you are feeling up to it, or choose the more relaxed option, if that is what you need.

After the walk, we will take sunset drinks before dinner at the lodge.

B,L,D

Day 8

Morning Ferry to Denham and the dolphins of Monkey Mia

We have an early morning ferry back to the mainland, but just as well, as we have a 10am date with the dolphins! One of Western Australia's much loved experiences, see the resident bottlenose up close and personal.

The tour ends just after lunch, with wet feet and a drop off at the airport. The flight back to Perth (not included in tour price ~ \$150-\$250; or more during peak season) is scheduled for 13:35, arriving in Perth at 15:35. For those returning to the East Coast, there should be plenty of time to make an evening flight.

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The Fine Details

Cost: \$3,195 per person

(\$3,595 per person with a 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
- 7 night's comfortable accommodation
- 7 healthy breakfasts – muesli, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 8 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 8 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 7 delicious two course dinners
- Day flight to the Abrolhos Islands
- Ferry crossing to Dirk Hartog Island
- 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 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 7:30am on the morning of the departure. We can also pick up from Fremantle at 6:50am 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.

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.

The tour ends just after lunch in Monkey Mia with an airport drop-off to Moneky Mia/Shark Bay airport in time to get the scheduled 13:35 flight (not included in tour price ~ \$150-\$200), arriving in Perth at 15:35. For those returning to the East Coast, there should be plenty of time to make an evening flight.

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 (please note that there are no single rooms available at the last accommodation on Dirt Hartog Island due to the small size of this eco resort). 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 4 locations on this tour.

1 night at Jurien Bay Motel.

2 nights at the IBIS in Geraldton.

2 nights at Kalbarri Edge Resort.

2 nights at Dirt Hartog Island Resort.

At all of the accommodations you will stay in comfortable ensuited twin share/double rooms. Breakfast and dinner will be enjoyed at the onsite restaurant or a local restaurant in the area.

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?

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- 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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