

Karijini National Park and Ningaloo Reef

Distance: Various walk lengths up to 10km **Duration:** 10 Days / 9 Nights

RUNS FROM PARABURDOO TO EXMOUTH in Western Australia



Level: **Moderate to Challenging**

Explore the dramatic gorges of Karijini National park, and soak up the beauty of the Ningaloo reef on this amazing guided tour. This is an active holiday that will leave you feeling on top of the world, with the perfect blend of activity and rest.

Our Karijini National Park and Ningaloo reef tour is designed to give you an in depth walking tour of Karijini as well as an opportunity to swim with the whale sharks and snorkel on the Ningaloo reef. There is plenty of time to swim in many of the gorges and ample time to relax and take in the tranquil atmosphere and beautiful landscapes. By flying into Paraburdoo and out of Exmouth we have minimised driving time.

Due to the remote locations we visit this tour is a comfortable camping tour. Keep reading below for some more information on what to expect.

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

What our guests say:

"Our land abounds in nature's gifts, of beauty rich and rare." This is the Pilbara – beautiful, unique, timeless. I loved every moment of my time in Karijini and Chichester. I loved the walking, the swimming, the scenery and the energy of the place. My fellow walkers were great company and spending time with them only added to the experience. Inspiration Outdoors provided relevant pre-trip information and the trip itself ran so smoothly. The guides were professional, knowledgeable and hard-working, and they were also kind, patient and good company. Their daily preparation and care for the group was outstanding. The camping was comfortable and easy and the food, just delicious
Felicity, QLD, Trip Advisor

2020 DEPARTURES:

2 - 11 May 2020
15 - 24 May 2020
28 May - 6 June 2020
10 - 19 June 2020
23 Jun - 2 July 2020
6 - 15 July 2020
20 - 29 July 2020



Itinerary:

Some of the walks are easy and some are quite challenging, but all are spectacular and you are often rewarded with a refreshing swim at the end. You only carry a day pack as you walk and there is often the option to turn back when you wish. All walks are less than 10 km but each has its challenges. The terrain is rocky and there is a lot of ascending and descending – both for the peaks and the gorge walks. A reasonable level of fitness, mobility and balance is required to fully enjoy the trip.

N/B The itinerary may vary according to conditions and advice.

Day 1 - Fly into Paraburdoo

Arrive in Paraburdoo. Transfer to Tom Price

We will pick you up from the airport at Paraburdoo for the 80km transfer to Tom Price where we will spend the night and enjoy our first meal together.

Accommodation: Tom Price Caravan Park.
Meals: D

Day 2

Tom Price to Karijini + Dales Gorge

By morning tea time, we will be relaxing in one of Australia's most beautiful gorge systems! We'll spend the rest of the day exploring Dales Gorge, with Circular Pool, Fortescue Falls and Fern Pool all offering wonderful swimming opportunities.

In the evening we set up camp and relax into our home away from home for the next three nights at Karijini.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat campground
Meals: B,L,D

Day 3

Knox Gorge, Kalamina and Joffre Gorge

We'll spend the morning enjoying Knox Gorge. It's a steep descent into the gorge with some loose rock but there's no prize for first place so we'll take our time and then enjoy wandering beneath the towering gorge walls as far as we can go.

After lunch we'll look down into Joffre's Gorge from its spectacular lookout before making our way to the lesser visited Kalamina Gorge. Here we'll enjoy an easier walk with the opportunity to enjoy some peace, tranquility and another lovely swim.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat campground.

Meals: B,L,D



Day 4

Mt Bruce

Mt Bruce is Western Australia's second highest peak. The Mt Bruce walk trail is a fantastic ridge walk, with some steep and rocky sections along the route. From one side you'll have the vista of Karijini Range; from the other an iron ore mine! The 9.5 km return walk will take us most of the day and is definitely worth the effort.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat campground.

Meals: B,L,D



Day 5

Hancock and Weano Gorge then drive to Tom Price

We'll pack up camp this morning before heading out to explore two of the most iconic gorges in Karijini – Hancock and Weano. The walks are challenging in places, but not difficult. Both involve some wading and clambering on rocks and ledges; and both reward us with fantastic jade pools nestled deep within the narrow gorge walls.

In the afternoon we'll say goodbye to Karijini and head for Tom Price where we will spend a night in cabins at Tom Price Caravan Park. A little break away from your tents.

Accommodation: Tom Price Caravan Park.

Meals: B,L,D



Day 6

Mt Jarndunmunha (Mt Nameless) and Cheela Plains

We can walk directly from our camp to climb Mt Jarndunmunha this morning. It's a fairly steady ascent all the way to the summit but the views over Tom Price and surrounds are great.

After lunch we'll have a look around Tom Price before heading for a true outback station stay at Cheela Plains where we will be amazed by the night sky of the desert on an included astronomy tour.

Accommodation: Cheela Plains Station Stay.

Meals: B,L,D



Day 7

Drive to Exmouth

Time to rest the legs on a travel day. Western Australia is a big place so it will take us much of the day to get across to Exmouth. On route we will take a drive up through the spectacular Charles Knife Canyon.

We will arrive with time to set up the tents one more time and then watch the sun set into the Indian Ocean.

Accommodation: Yardie Homestead Caravan Park.

Meals: B,L,D

Day 8

Optional Whale shark or snorkelling tours

What is a trip to Ningaloo without the opportunity to swim with the whale sharks? Some of our guests have said the experience is “one of the best things I have ever done in my life”.

High praise!

The tours are optional, but highly recommended. Alternative activities will be arranged for those who do not want to do a Whale shark tour.

Accommodation: Yardie Homestead Caravan Park

Meals: B,D. (Lunch is included on both the Whale Shark and snorkelling tours)

Day 9

Cape Range National Park

Today we will explore Cape Range national park, with a series of short walks, snorkels and swims along the coast.

Spot rock wallabies and an incredible array of sea life on this wonderful day. We will explore Mandu Mandu gorge and Yardi Creek gorge then head to Turquoise Bay on Ningaloo Reef for a swim and snorkel before heading back to Yardi Homestead for our last night.

Accommodation: Yardie Homestead Caravan Park

Meals: B,L,D



Day 10

Ningaloo Reef Snorkel

Our last day! We will get you to the airport in time for your flight but not without the opportunity to have one last snorkel and swim on Ningaloo Reef.

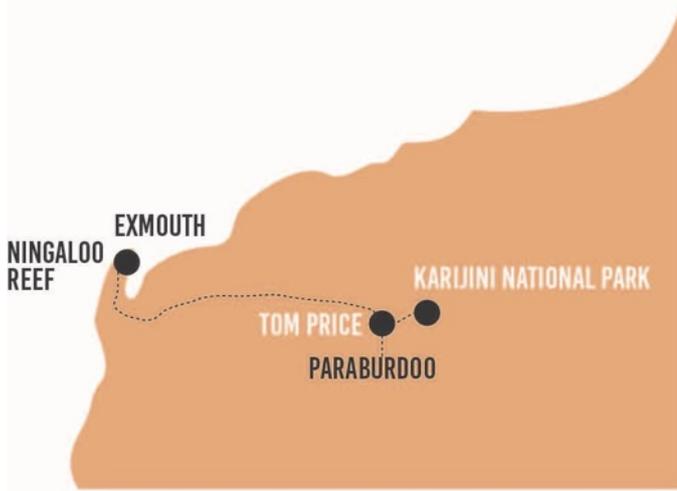
After heading back to the campsite for a quick shower and lunch we will have you on the plane back to Perth feeling amazing with a great sense of achievement and a fabulous set of memories.

Meals: B, L

KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK AND NINGALOO REEF WA.

Arrival Airport: Paraburdoo

Departure Airport: Learmonth (Exmouth)



The Fine Details

Cost: \$2,995 per person

What's included:

- Transport is by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach
- Professional guiding and support each day by 2 guides
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 9 night's accommodation at campsites
- All park entry fees
- All camping equipment, except a sleeping bag and pillow
- 9 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 9 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 8 lunches
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 9 delicious two course dinners
- Astronomy tour at Cheela Plains
- Excellent itinerary and planning

Where do we start from?

This tour starts in Paraburdoo in Western Australia and ends in Exmouth. You will need to fly into Paraburdoo the day the tour starts and catch an afternoon flight out of Exmouth the day the tour finishes. As Paraburdoo is a mine there is no accommodation there, we stay at Tom Price for the first night which is about 80km away. On the first day of the tour we will collect you from Paraburdoo airport and take you to Tom Price.

We will drop you off in the afternoon on the last day of the tour straight to Learmonth airport to catch an afternoon flight through to Perth or elsewhere in Exmouth if you have post accommodation organised.

Is this tour for me?

This tour has been designed for active people with a love of nature and a bit of an adventurous streak. The majority of our guests are over 55 years old and walk, cycle or swim regularly (but not run half marathons!).

This is not a "hard core" hiking experience. Our guests are not content to sit on a bus all day but nor are we about forced marches. Our focus is on delivering a tour that does not rush, and has a good balance of activity and rest.

For the most part the walks are not particularly long however they do require walking over a lot of rocks which can be



challenging for some people not used to balancing. This is however something that can be improved prior to the tour.

Tell me more about the camping experience...

This is a camping tour with lots of comfort. (As we like to say it's a camping tour for non campers!) Each person will have the use of their own tent (they are really easy to put up and we will help you) as well as a knee high stretcher bed and self inflating mattress. Even if you are travelling with a friend or a significant other you will have access to your own tent or you are more than welcome to share. You will need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag or you can hire a sleeping bag from us for \$35 (to cover dry cleaning at the end of the tour).

There are toilets and showers at all of the campsites.

We also stay 1 night, on Day 5 of the tour in cabins at Tom Price Caravan Park.

A holiday isn't a holiday if there isn't time to relax and reflect on the day's adventures. Our guides are there to make sure your camping experience is enjoyable and will carry out all the campsite duties, of course any help is always appreciated. You'll spend the nights relaxing on comfortable armchairs enjoying the sights and sounds as you sit around the campfire, recapping the highlights of the day with your fellow travel companions.

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. Your resourceful guides will ensure that fresh local produce and ingredients are used when available.

Average Temperature (degrees):

April: 20 min - 34 max

May: 15 min - 29 max

June: 12 min - 25 max

How many guests will be on the tour?

This tour is guaranteed to depart and does not require a minimum number of guests. The maximum guests on this tour is 15.

Accompanying the group will be 2 guides from Inspiration Outdoors who will cook, drive and look after all of your needs while on tour.

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...

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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