

10 DAY KARIJINI & NINGALOO EXPLORER

DESTINATIONS

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PERTH
EXMOUTH,WA



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Perth ✈️ Paraburdoo 🚗 Karijini National Park
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat Campground, or similar

Your tour starts with an included flight from Perth to Paraburdoo. As flight times are subject to change, if you are arriving from interstate we recommend an extra night in Perth prior to your tour.

On arrival in Paraburdoo, we will pick you up from the airport and head into the beautiful Karijini National Park in time for sunset drinks and dinner.

Note: Due to flight availability the itinerary may change slightly. On some departures guests will stay the first night in Tom Price and then head into Karijini National Park the following day. All departure dates will still go to all the same gorges and sights.

DAY 2

Destination	🚶 Kalamina Gorge, Dales Gorge
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat Campground, or similar

After breakfast today, we will head deep into the park to check out the spectacular Kalamina gorge. Though the path is rocky and uneven under foot this is one of the easier walks with a mostly gentle descent. At the bottom of the gorge, we will be rewarded by one of Karijini's perfect swimming holes where we can cool off.

After Kalamina gorge, we will take the opportunity to stop in at the Visitor's centre to check out the information about the park and grab yourself an ice cream or cold drink. After a picnic lunch, we will go to Dale's Gorge where we will spend the rest of the afternoon. Dale's Gorge, Circular Pool and Fern Pool are iconically Karijini. The stunning water holes with their deep red rocks and lush ferns, and waterfalls offer an experience you will remember for the rest of your life.

After spending some time here we will head back to camp for a meal under the stars.

DAY 3

Destination	🚶 Mt Bruce
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat Campground, or similar

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.

DAY 4

Destination	🚶 Hancock and Weano Gorge
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat Campground, or similar

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We'll 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. Highlights include Kermit's Pool and Handrail Pool.

DAY 5

Destination	Karijini National Park 🚗 Tom Price 🚗 Cheela Plains
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Cheela Plains Station, or similar

Before we say goodbye to Karijini we will walk from our campsite to Joffre Gorge. Navigating some fairly large boulders we'll find a natural amphitheatre, with a waterfall and a delightful paddling pool. A little further down the gorge it drops into the 'Olympic Swimming Pool' which is around a 200m swim with sheer cliffs either side.

After lunch we depart Karijini for Cheela Plains, a true outback station stay where you will be amazed by the night sky of the desert on an included astronomy tour.

DAY 6

Destination	Cheela Plains 🚗 Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Yardie Homestead Caravan Park, or similar

Enjoy 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. We will arrive with time to watch the sun set into the Indian Ocean.

DAY 7

Destination	Exmouth
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Yardie Homestead Caravan Park, or similar

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".

The tours are optional, but highly recommended. Alternative activities are available and can be arranged for those who do not want to do a whale shark tour.

OPTIONAL TOUR - WHALE SHARK SWIM

Spend the day swimming with the gentle giants of the ocean in the pristine waters of the Ningaloo Reef. Your tour includes transfers from your accommodation, morning tea, snorkelling gear and lunch.

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DAY 8

Destination	Cape Range National Park 🚗 Turquoise Bay
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Yardie Homestead Caravan Park, or similar

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 Yardie Creek gorge then head to Turquoise Bay on Ningaloo Reef for a swim and snorkel before heading back to Yardie Homestead for our last night.

DAY 9

Destination	🚶 Charles Knife Canyon 🚗 Ningaloo Reef
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Yardie Homestead Caravan Park, or similar

Having experienced Ningaloo from the water, today we will spend a bit more time on dry land. Known locally as the Badjirrajirra Trail, this 6.8km walk will take us into the heart of the Cape Range National park. With gorges cut into the limestone karst, the trail leads us through spinifex country offering views that seemingly go on forever.

Compared to some of our exploits in Karijini this trail will be relatively easy. The heat can definitely be a factor though, so we may have to augment today's itinerary if this is the case.

That said, after exploring the Charles Knife Canyon, we will head back to the blue waters of Ningaloo for another opportunity to snorkel. This time visit Oyster stacks with its rich array of marine life. Hopefully we will spot a turtle!

After another full day of exploring, we will head back to camp for the last night.

DAY 10

Destination	Exmouth ✈️ Perth
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Our last day! After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your included flight back to Perth.

Our tour team will do an airport drop off based around the first flight departure of the day. At the same time they will also do a drop off into the township of Exmouth for those on the afternoon flight. You will be able to catch a shuttle from Exmouth to the airport later in the day to make your flight.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy pack-free hikes on most days in some of Australia's most stunning terrain
- Explore the dramatic gorges, waterfalls and swimming holes of Karijini National Park
- Soak up the beauty of the Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park
- Swim in many of the idyllic water holes throughout Karijini, surrounded by deep red rocks, lush ferns and waterfalls
- Hike the spectacular Mt Bruce trail, offering incredible views of the Karijini Rainge
- Be amazed by the night sky of the desert on a guided astronomy tour at Cheela Plains Station
- Swim and snorkel in the crystal clear waters of the Ningaloo Reef at Turquoise Bay
- Hike deep into Cape Range National Park and explore Charles Knife Canyon

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, including the deep canyons, hidden waterfalls and swimming holes of Karijini National Park, the turquoise waters and abundant wildlife of the Ningaloo Reef, and the dramatic views of Cape Range National Park
- Fully escorted small group experience, with no more than 15 guests
- Included flights from Perth to Paraburdoo and Exmouth to Perth
- 25 meals, including 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners
- 9 nights camping under the stars in spacious semi-permanent tents
- Pack-free hiking in some of Australia's most stunning scenery
- Dedicated transport in an air-conditioned vehicle
- All national park entry fees and permits

Fine Print

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

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Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change Option

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1,248 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

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PRE AND POST HOTEL INFORMATION

You can enhance your holiday by arriving early or staying longer upon conclusion of the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation in Perth: from \$152 per room per night for double/twin/single, room only rate
- Post-tour accommodation in Perth: from \$152 per room per night for double/twin/single, room only rate

Please note: Pre and Post Hotel rates are on request and will be subject to availability at the time of booking.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This tour is 'Active';

Whether it's an Everest trek or a cycling tour through Europe, these tours are all about the great outdoors. Explore destinations away from the masses. You'll require a good level of fitness, but they are not technically challenging. At the end of an active day, you can expect to rest in comfort and explore the culinary delicacies of each region. You'll join an existing tour, not just with Inspiring Vacations guests

Accommodation and Camping Information

Comfortable camping in semi permanent eco tents. Due to flight availability, some departures stay overnight in a motel in Tom Price and/or Exmouth but all departures will still get to experience all the sites on our itinerary. All camping equipment is provided, except sleeping bags and pillows. The tents are semi permanent spacious four person tents, which will be used for one person if you are travelling as a

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solo, or two people if you are travelling as a couple. A mattress is provided to sleep on as well as a knee high stretcher bed. Sleeping bag hire is available for \$35 per person.

There are flushing toilets and showers at all of our accommodations, however during the day when we are out and about long-drop toilets will be available. There is also ample opportunity for swimming on most days.

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

Luggage Requirements

Due to health and safety requirements, please limit your luggage to one small-medium sized, soft sided bag per person – it has to be loaded and unloaded many times. 12 kg should be sufficient. If you're travelling as a couple, please pack two smaller bags rather than one large one. Sleeping bag, pillow, day pack and walking poles can be additional to your main luggage bag.

Suggested items to pack for your tour:

- Pillow, sleeping bag and sleeping sheet (in a sturdy plastic bag if they don't fit in your luggage);
- Day-pack – one with a waist strap is best to help take some weight off your shoulders;
- Shorts or trousers and shirts for walking – lightweight and quick-dry material are best;
- Casual clothing for evenings and rest days;
- Warm clothing in case of cold evenings and mornings – jumper, tracksuit pants, beanie;
- Waterproof jacket;
- Walking socks;
- Comfortable, sturdy walking shoes or boots (ankle support is recommended as many surfaces are rocky and uneven);
- Reef sandals or shoes for walking in water. Make sure they have good grip even when they're wet;
- Ankle gaiters/sock protectors suitable for hot weather (not plastic);
- Sun protection – hat, sunglasses, sunscreen (and consider your clothing);
- Bathers and a small swimming towel (lightweight so you can easily carry them);
- Bath towel;

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- Toiletries, hand sanitiser and personal medication;
- Reliable headlamp with spare batteries (much better than a torch because you can use both hands when wearing a headlamp);
- Any preferred first aid supplies such as blister treatment (your guides will carry a first-aid kit);
- Water bottle/s – 2 to 3 litre capacity;
- Fly net (to go over your hat);
- Insect Repellent;
- Camera and charger/batteries (You can use your battery charger on the bus while we are driving). A waterproof camera is great for the many swimming holes;
- Walking poles if you use them;
- A lunch container so your sandwich doesn't get squashed;
- Snacks for the walks if desired.

Single Supplement

No single supplement required on this trip. If you are travelling alone, you will receive your own tent at no additional charge

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Group Size

Between 2 to a maximum of 15

When travelling with a group, no matter the size, we ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

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Bedding requests

We do our best to meet your bedding preference, however, bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. All efforts will be made to meet your preference, however, any changes are beyond our control and limited by the hotel facilities and availability.

Tour Styles - This package is an Fully Escorted style.

To meet the needs of various types of travellers, we choose to operate various types of tours and depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip. The following descriptions of each tour style we hope will ensure that each traveller has appropriate expectations before they start their travels:

- Independent - On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible.
- Partially Escorted - A portion of these packages runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by an expert tour leader. Another portion is independent, whether conducted by rail, cruise or land, and you will travel between destinations on your own, with free time to explore at your own pace.
- Fully Escorted - This tour is fully escorted by an expert English-speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Who is operating this package

We have partnered with a wide range of third party operators who assist in fulfilling your booking and delivering an enjoyable on-tour experience. Each package will consist of multiple operators meaning both guides and fellow travellers may change day to day. But don't worry, regardless of the operator, you'll be in good hands to experience the most out of each destination.

EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)