

Broome to Perth the Last Frontier

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21 Aug 2010
16 Days

Flights are included in the above price but why not travel on the Indian Pacific home from Perth, ask our office for a quote today



HIGHLIGHTS:

Wildflowers, Karijini (Unique EcoRetreat!) & Kalbarri National Park, Monkey Mia Luncheon Cruise, Dolphin Bay, Coral Bay, New Norcia, Port Hedland, Tom Price Mining, Ningaloo Marine Park

We go through **Sandfire**, named by early explorers who thought the sand was so hot it was on fire. Arriving in Port Hedland we enjoy a **guided tour of the BHP Iron ore loading facilities**.

[All Seasons Port Hedland 08 9173 1511](tel:0891731511)

Day 4: Port Hedland - Karijini National Park (BLD)

Large mounds of salt will be seen as we enter the attractive Pilbara Country on our way to **Karijini National Park** situated in the Hammersley Ranges. Experience the tranquility of **rugged gorges, bush ferns, crystal clear rock pools, tumbling waterfalls and marbled chasms and crevices through a massive Gorge System**.

After a picnic lunch we have a short walk to **Dale's Lookout** and **Fortescue Falls**, calling into the **Visitors Centre** then arriving at **Karijini Eco Retreat**; with **Unique deluxe ensuite tents, king or twin beds, natural ventilation and an outdoor deck in rugged natural outback surroundings**. View sunset on the gorge walls before we enjoy dinner at the **alfresco restaurant**. Appreciate the beauty of the night sky with spectacular light show far removed from the city lights.

[Karijini Eco Retreat](tel:0894255591)

[08 9425 5591](tel:0894255591)

Day 1: Home—Broome (D)

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[Oaks Broome 08 9192 9500](tel:0891929500) (2 nights)

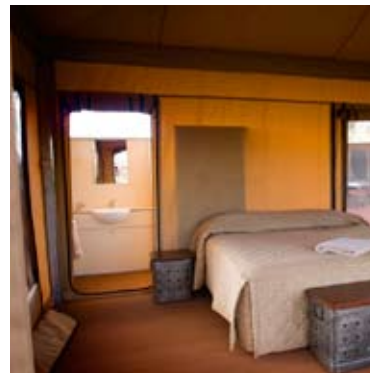


Day 2: Broome Sightseeing (BLD)

After breakfast we spend our day sightseeing in this interesting town. A visit to the **Pearl Luggers Museum** tells us of the wild days in this remote pearling town, reminding us of the dangers involved in the early industry. After lunch we visit **Willie Creek Pearl Farm** to see modern day methods of pearling from seeding to export marketing of this beautiful gem. This day you have the opportunity to purchase local pearls. We enjoy drinks as the sun sets over the beautiful coastline of **Cable Beach**.

Day 3: Broome—Port Hedland (BLD)

We head south today through the rugged West Australia countryside. A stark reminder of the difficulties faced by early explorers and settlers as they attempted to conquer the distance and loneliness.



Day 5: Karijini National Park—Tom Price Mine (BD)

This morning enjoy this amazing park with short walks to Hancock Gorge and Junction Pool Lookout, Oxer Lookout and Jaffre Gorge. We leave the park passing **Mt Bruce**, the second highest mountain in WA, on our way to Tom Price for lunch (own expense). After lunch we enjoy **a tour of the open cut iron ore pit with a local guide to hear Lang Hancocks stories & more!**

[Tom Price Hotel Motel 08 9189 1101](tel:0891891101)



Day 6: Tom Price—Exmouth (BLD)

We will pass through Paraburdoo, a Pilbara mining town where the huge open cut mine produces 17 million tonnes of iron ore every year. Our destination today is **Exmouth** surrounded by the **Ningaloo Marine Park**. Pearl Luggers visited here in the 1880's and during WWII the US Navy used the area as a submarine base. Today this area is popular for diving, snorkelling and fishing.

Pot Shot Motel 08 9949 1200

Day 7: Exmouth—Carnarvon (BLD)

We will follow the coastline to **Coral Bay** where we will have an opportunity for a swim. A **glass bottom boat ride in a sub sea explorer** will show us the coral and fish of the reef. After lunch of local fish and chips we cross the Tropic of Capricorn into the **Gascoyne Region**. Carnarvon is the main area in WA for fruit and vegetables, particularly bananas. A walk along the fully restored jetty will complete our day.

Gateway Motel Carnarvon 08 9941 1532



Day 8: Carnarvon—Monkey Mia (BLD)

If there have been recent rains wildflowers will be in profusion in this area, particularly paper daisies. 2009 was a cracker year with some late rain! We will enter **Shark Bay World Heritage Area** today. A visit to the old Hamelin Pool telegraph station, then Shell Beach where the oldest form of life, **Stromatolites**, are found before we make our way to Monkey Mia, and our highlight resort stay.

Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort 02 9948 1320 (2 nights)

Day 9: Monkey Mia Dolphin Bay Cruise (BL)

Today we have some free time to enjoy the **experience of the amazing wildlife**, at our doorstep in the most western region of WA first visited by William Dampier in 1699. We visit the new interpretive centre with its multi media display which focuses on the history and diversity of wild life in the area, then enjoy a **wildlife spotting cruise and lunch in Shark Bay**. See if you can see one of the **many species of Turtle, Whale, or Rare Birds the area is famous for, and don't forget Dolphins and Dugongs**. Our cruise is the perfect way to experience the diversity of marine life in this special area.

Day 10: Monkey Mia—Kalbarri (BLD)

We will head south today to **Kalbarri National Park** where **Hawkes Head Lookout** allows us grand views over the **Murchison River**. We **stop for Wildflowers** on the roadside before arriving in this beautiful coastal town with its spectacular cliffs and wild seas, contrasting with the **prolific wildflowers it is famous for!** Optional Scenic Flights may be booked, at own expense and subject to availability.

Kalbarri Palm Resort 08 9937 2333

Day 11: Kalbarri—Geraldton (BLD)

The new coastal road will allow us to realise the ruggedness of this area as we head south past the beta-carotene mine to Northampton. We enter the wheat belt area and will enjoy wildflowers as we wind our way through the hills to **Geraldton** the major port of this northern region. A visit to the **HMAS Sydney Memorial** will allow us spectacular views of the town and port area.

The new **Geraldton Museum** tells the story of the **Batavia Mutiny** and hardships experienced by early sailors and settlers.

Best Western Hospitality Inn 08 9921 1422



Day 12: Geraldton—Cervantes (BLD)

Today we follow the **wildflower trail** in search of the rare **wreath flower, kangaroo paws and paper daisies** as we head towards Cervantes. We will visit the **Pinnacles**, mistaken by the early sailors as a lost city; unique spikes of limestone ranging in size from slivers to giant columns.

Cervantes Pinnacles Motel 08 9052 7145

Day 13: Cervantes—New Norcia—Perth (BLD)

We proceed to **New Norcia** for a **guided tour** of this fascinating village established by Benedictine monks in 1846, visiting their extensive **art galleries, churches and educational facilities, as well as time in the gift shop**. We will then make our way through attractive agricultural areas to the Vineyards of the Swan Valley on our way into Perth. Our motel is located on the banks of the Swan River, part of the relaxing Burswood Casino Complex.

Holiday Inn Burswood 08 9362 5803 (3 nights)



Day 14: Perth City Tour & Perth Zoo (BD)

Today we will enjoy the highlights of this attractive city with a population of 1.5 million. From **Kings Park panoramic views** of the city centre and the Swan River will be a highlight as well as the 400 acres of natural bushland, cultivated gardens and walks. We will follow the Swan River to **Fremantle** to visit the **local markets**, enjoying the refurbished wharf area made fashionable by the America's Cup Challenge. Local fish and chips along the harbour area, or the many downtown coffee shops provide a suitable lunch venue (own expense). In the afternoon a visit to **Perth Zoo** with its famous breeding program for endangered species will be a highlight.

Day 15: Perth Free Day (B)

You will have a chance to explore this beautiful city today. A **free day** to enjoy an optional day trip to Rottnest Island, boat cruise to a local vineyard, visit the Mint or National Museum or just explore the shops and galleries of the city centre (own expense)

Day 16: Perth—Home (B)

A midday flight home (no red eye departures!). Our coach will drop off fellow travellers from Hornsby to Thornton as we head home.