



Karijini and Ningaloo Reef

10 Days



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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 at your absolute best, with the perfect blend of activity and rest.

Our Karijini National Park tour 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.

To see more photos from our Karijini tours, visit our [Flickr page](#).

As this tour takes us to some remote places it is one of our comfortable camping-based tours. Each guest will stay in a semi permanent tent, with a cosy camping bed.

Details

Arrive:	Paraburdoo
Depart:	Exmouth
Duration:	10 Days
Group Size:	Maximum 15
Average Age:	55-75
Activity Level:	Moderate to challenging

Testimonials

A very well organized and run tour. Our 2 guides, Malcolm and Campbell, led our group of 14 in a professional, but entertaining manner. The gorge vistas were spectacular, and each gorge had its own highlight and character...it was never mainstream or boring. Karijini seems to be not widely known on the tourist path but this will change as word gets out. There was plenty to do each day or you could kick back for a bit, so the programming of attractions and activities was a big plus for my wife and I. I have recommended this tour to all my friends since arriving home.

David

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Highlights



Walk, swim and explore the ancient gorges of Karijini National Park.



You will never see more stars than out in the desert. It is spectacular!



Swimming with the Whalesharks is an experience you'll never forget.

What to expect



All walks are less than 10km and the only thing you'll carry is a daypack.



Toilets and showers are at all of the campsites. We have 3-person tents with knee-height stretchers and inflatable mattresses.



April: 20 min - 34 max
May: 15 min - 29 max
June: 12 min - 25 max

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Itinerary

Explore Karijini and Ningaloo Reef over nine glorious days. Red earth, spinifex, cool deep gorges and stunning snorkelling on a picture perfect coral reef.

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Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY. FLY INTO PARABURDOO DRIVE TO KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

We will pick you up from the airport at Paraburdoo and head into the beautiful Karijini National Park in time for sunset drinks and dinner.*

Please see 'Arrival Flight Details' section to see which flight to book onto.

* Please note : The itinerary for each tour may have variations due to flight arrival times, gorge access, weather conditions and other factors beyond our control. Rest assured our team of professional guides will bring you a very memorable experience.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: D

Accommodation: Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground

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Day 2 KALAMINA GORGE, KARIJINI VISITORS CENTRE AND DALES GORGE

First up 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. After a picnic lunch, we will go to Dale's Gorge where we will spend the rest of the afternoon. Dale's, 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.

Once we have had our fill, we will head back to camp for meal under the stars.

Activity: Short, rocky, uneven gorge walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground

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Day 3

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.

Activity: 9.5km, challenging walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground

Day 4

HANCOCK AND WEANO GORGE

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 the Slider Walk and Kermit's Pool.

*Due to a recent incident, Handrail pool at the end of Weano gorge has been closed indefinitely.

Activity: Short, rocky, uneven gorge walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground

Day 5

WALK UP MT NAMELESS, DRIVE TO CHEELA PLAINS (VIA TOM PRICE)

This morning you will say farewell to Karijini and begin your journey to the West Coast. The rocky peak of Mt Nameless (Jarndunmunha) dominates the landscape as you drive towards Tom Price. We will follow the trail, along the ridge line to the top of this significant mountain. This is a 4.5km, class 4 return walk with some challenging sections but rewarding views!

For those after an alternative to hiking Mt Nameless, there is a mine site tour which leaves from the visitors centre or you may wish to spend the morning relaxing in the township of Tom Price at a local cafe.

In the afternoon we depart Tom Price for Cheela Plains, a true outback station stay where you will enjoy a delicious meal under the spectacular desert night sky!

Activity: Short walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cheela Plains Station Stay

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Day 6

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. There will be plenty of rest stops to stretch your legs.

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

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Yardie Homestead Caravan Park

Day 7

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 are available and can be arranged for those who do not want to do a Whale shark tour.

(Lunch is included on the Whale Shark tour)

Activity: Optional Tour

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: Yardie Homestead Caravan Park

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Day 8

YARDIE CREEK WALK AND SNORKEL TURQUOISE BAY

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 a delicious dinner.

Activity: Short walks, swim, snorkel
Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Yardi Homestead Caravan Park

Day 9

CHARLES KNIFE CANYON AND SNORKEL OYSTER STACKS

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.

* Oyster stacks snorkelling site is only accessible at high tides - your guides will check the tide chart and decide on an appropriate alternative if necessary.

Activity: 6.8km walk and snorkel
Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Yardi Homestead Caravan Park

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Day 10

DEPARTURE DAY

Our last day! After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Perth, or alternatively make your own onward travel arrangements.

Please note: 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 who decide to catch an afternoon flight. You will be able to catch a shuttle from Exmouth to the airport later in the day to make your flight.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B

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Departure Dates

15 Apr 2022 - 24 Apr 2022
19 Apr 2022 - 28 Apr 2022
23 Apr 2022 - 02 May 2022
01 May 2022 - 10 May 2022
09 May 2022 - 18 May 2022
17 May 2022 - 26 May 2022
25 May 2022 - 03 Jun 2022
02 Jun 2022 - 11 Jun 2022
10 Jun 2022 - 19 Jun 2022
16 Jun 2022 - 25 Jun 2022
20 Jun 2022 - 29 Jun 2022
24 Jun 2022 - 03 Jul 2022
28 Jun 2022 - 07 Jul 2022
02 Jul 2022 - 11 Jul 2022
06 Jul 2022 - 15 Jul 2022
10 Jul 2022 - 19 Jul 2022
14 Jul 2022 - 23 Jul 2022
22 Jul 2022 - 31 Jul 2022
26 Jul 2022 - 04 Aug 2022
30 Jul 2022 - 08 Aug 2022
03 Aug 2022 - 12 Aug 2022
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Pricing

2021

\$2,995 per person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

\$35 Sleeping Bag Hire

\$395 Whaleshark tour (adult)

\$360 Whaleshark Tour (concession)

\$215 Whaleshark Tour (observer)

Inclusions

- 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
- 8 morning teas
- 7 lunches
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 9 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning

Exclusions

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Whale Shark Tour

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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).

Cancellation Policy

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

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancellation policy during covid restrictions here <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/>

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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About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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