



# Karijini and Ningaloo Reef

10 Days



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# Karijini and Ningaloo Reef

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 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 with 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. 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

We were fortunate to have the fabulous Heather and Lucas as our guides for 10 days. They were always professional and communicated frequently with us regarding the forthcoming activities. Their climbing/ hiking skills made us feel safe in the challenging gorge areas. They were always encouraging and conscious of our abilities whether hiking or snorkelling. Heather and Lucas were always respectful when explaining the local Indigenous history, Dreamtime stories or environmental issues. Their attention to detail whether it be safe driving, checking tent conditions or preparing delicious two course meals was constant. Prawns and champagne overlooking Ningaloo reef at sunset was the highlight. Heather and Lucas' personalities made for a fun, relaxed and informative trip. I would highly recommend this tour.

Phyllis - August 2023

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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 comfortable foam mattresses.



Apr: 20 min - 34 max  
May: 15 min - 29 max  
Jun: 12 min\* - 25 max  
Jul: 10 min\* - 23 max  
Aug: 12 min\* - 26 max  
\*Karijini can be colder

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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. Please note every effort will be taken to keep to this itinerary, however it is subject to change, due to road conditions, weather conditions, national park closures, hotel closures or any other disruptive event.

## 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 dinner.\*

It is quite important to enable our trip to commence on time, please book on to the below flights based on current Qantas schedules:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday tour start days : QF1620 | Perth 13:30 - Paraburdoo 15:20
- Thursday tour start days: QF1622 | Perth 14:30 - Paraburdoo 16:20
- Saturday tour start day: QF1630 | Perth 07:30 - Paraburdoo 09:20
- Sunday tour start day: QF1624 | Perth 14:50 - Paraburdoo at 16:20

Please also see 'Arrival Flight Details' section on our Planner document.

\* 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:

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Accommodation:

Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground (or similar)

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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 where the displays will take you on a journey of places and people. This is an opportunity to interact with the First Nations culture of Karijini National Park. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch, and then go to Dale's Gorge where we will spend the rest of the afternoon. The stunning water holes in this area with their deep red rocks, 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 our meal together, under the stars.

**Activity:** Short, rocky, uneven gorge walking

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground (or similar)

## Day 3

### MT BRUCE

Mt Bruce is Western Australia's second highest peak. It is known as Punurruha to the First Nations people. It 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 beginning of this walk is relatively flat and easy however once we begin the ascent it can get a bit rocky with a few switchbacks. There is a chain attached to the rock face which provides assistance for the more narrow sections. This walk has no shade cover so you will need to be prepared with sun protection and lots of water.

This is a challenging 9.5 km return walk will take us most of the day and is definitely worth the effort. Your guides will help you to navigate the landscape and you will be rewarded with panoramic views of the surrounding Hammersley Ranges.

We'll head back to camp for a well-deserved dinner.

**Activity:** 9.5km, challenging walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground (or similar)

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## 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 Spider Walk and Kermit's Pool.

**Activity:** Short, rocky, uneven gorge walking

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Karijini National Park - Eco Retreat campground (or similar)

## Day 5

### HAMMERSLEY GORGE, DRIVE TO CHEELA PLAIN

We are venturing further afield today to the very western side of the national park - Hamersley Gorge. It will take us an hour and a half to drive there this morning, but you will be enraptured by the ever changing scenery on the drive. The organic shapes of geology of Hamersley Gorge is interesting in itself as the bedding planes cascade into the water. It almost looks as if the land has tipped sideways! There is a shaded lookout at the top and we will embark on the short walk along the rock staircase down into the gorge to be rewarded with a dip in the gorge pool.

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

**Activity:** Short walk

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Cheela Plains Station Stay (or similar)

## 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. Our camp will be set up when we arrive so we can quickly settle in and enjoy our first dinner near the ocean.

**Activity:** Travel Day

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Yardie Homestead Caravan Park (or similar)

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## Day 7

### OPTIONAL WHALE SHARK OR GLASS BOTTOM BOAT TOUR

Ningaloo Reef, located along the coast of Western Australia, is a pristine and ecologically diverse coral reef system. It is renowned for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant marine life, and as a sanctuary for the largest fish in the ocean, the whale shark. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a unique and breathtaking underwater experience for snorkelers, divers, and nature enthusiasts.

We have two optional tours that you can choose from depending on your swimming ability and how comfortable you feel in the water. If either do not appeal, then you may prefer to spend the day relaxing at camp. The whale shark tour is a full day experience out on the open water. You will go beyond the reef to witness the whale sharks, the oceans gentle giants. They are surprisingly graceful and slow-moving which makes it accessible to swimmers however you will need to feel confident in your swimming ability in open water conditions (Strong Swimmers Only - must be able to swim 200m unassisted).

The glass bottom boat half-day snorkeling tour takes you where our tour leaders can't. This 4-hour morning tour brings you to calmer waters within the Ningaloo Lagoon that teems with marine life. It serves as a critical habitat for various species of fish, turtles, and other marine creatures, making it a snorkeler's paradise.

Lunch is included on the whale shark tour. For those staying at camp or going on the glass bottom boat tour your guides will provide lunch. For the prices of the optional tours please see the trip planner. We have booked the deluxe whale shark tour.

**Activity:**

Optional Tours

**Meals:**

B, L, D

**Accommodation:**

Yardie Homestead Caravan Park (or similar)

## Day 8

### YARDIE CREEK WALK AND SNORKEL TURQUOISE BAY

Today we will explore Cape Range national park, with a series of short walks, snorkeling and swimming 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 to Turquoise Bay for a swim and snorkel. Turquoise bay has a gentle current that allows you to just float along the reef, carried along by the tide. It's most relaxing!

Your guides will create you a delicious dinner to enjoy when we get back to camp.

**Activity:**

Short walks, swim, snorkel

**Meals:**

B, L, D

**Accommodation:**

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## Day 9

### CHARLES KNIFE CANYON LOOKOUT

Having experienced Ningaloo from the water, today we will spend a bit more time on dry land. There are plenty of walk trails though this area portraying the interesting limestone karst and spinifex country

Compared to some of our exploits in Karijini these trails are 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 swim. Hopefully we will spot a turtle!

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

**Activity:** 6.8km walk and snorkel

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Yardie Homestead Caravan Park (or similar)

## Day 10

### DEPARTURE DAY

Our last day!

After breakfast you will be transferred to either:

- 9:30AM Ningaloo Visitors Centre in town
- 10:30AM Learmonth Airport

Due to guides relocating the vehicle to Tom Price on this day, we can only provide the one transfer as listed above.

Note : Should Qantas reschedule their flight to require an earlier arrival than 10.30AM, we will move this departure transfer to provide adequate airport check in time.

Please read the 'Getting to and From Trip' information in the Trip FAQ document.

**Activity:** Travel Day

**Meals:** B

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# Departure Dates

03 Jul 2025	-	12 Jul 2025	22 Jul 2026	-	31 Jul 2026
07 Jul 2025	-	16 Jul 2025	26 Jul 2026	-	04 Aug 2026
15 Jul 2025	-	24 Jul 2025	30 Jul 2026	-	08 Aug 2026
19 Jul 2025	-	28 Jul 2025	03 Aug 2026	-	12 Aug 2026
27 Jul 2025	-	05 Aug 2025	07 Aug 2026	-	16 Aug 2026
31 Jul 2025	-	09 Aug 2025	11 Aug 2026	-	20 Aug 2026
04 Aug 2025	-	13 Aug 2025	15 Aug 2026	-	24 Aug 2026
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10 Jul 2026	-	19 Jul 2026			
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18 Jul 2026	-	27 Jul 2026			

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# Pricing

## 2025

\$3,699 Per Person  
\$350 Deposit

### Optional Extras

\$45 Sleeping Bag Hire  
\$575 Whale Shark Tour  
(Participant)  
\$299 Whale Shark Tour  
(Observer)  
\$99 Glass Bottom Boat  
Snorkelling Tour  
(Apr-Sep)

## 2026

\$3,735 Per Person  
\$350 Deposit

### Optional Extras

\$45 Sleeping Bag Hire

## Inclusions

Transport is by an air-conditioned tour coach  
Professional guiding and support each day by 2 tour leaders  
Emergency support: tour leaders carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit  
Semi-permanent tented camp (shared facilities)  
All National Park entry fees  
All camping equipment, except a sleeping bag and pillow  
9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 two course dinners  
Pre-dinner nibbles each night  
Karijini National Park - Hancock Gorge  
Karijini National Park - Kalamina Gorge walk  
Ningaloo Marine Park - Turquoise Bay  
Cape Range National Park - Yardie Gorge Trail  
Cape Range National Park - Charles Knife Canyon & Badjirrajirra Walk trail

## 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](http://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](mailto: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:

- 84 days or more prior to departure, we will refund your deposit minus \$50 administration fee
- between 30 and 84 days prior to departure, loss of deposit
- between 24 and 29 days prior to departure, we charge a cancellation fee of 25% of the total booking cost
- between 15 and 23 days prior to departure, we charge a cancellation fee of 50% of the total booking cost
- 14 days or fewer prior to departure, we charge a cancellation fee of 100% of the booking cost.

Please see our cancellation policy [https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/booking\\_conditions/](https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/booking_conditions/)

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.

Our privacy policy can be found here: <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/privacy-policy/>

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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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