



ULTIMATE WEST COST EXPLORER

10-DAY | 9-NIGHT WEST COAST EXPLORER GROUP TOUR

Experience the stunning West Coast of Australia on our 10-day group package. Discover pristine beaches, the raw beauty of the Outback, and unforgettable natural attractions. Dive into the Ningaloo Reef, explore Karijini National Park's gorges and waterholes, and journey along the Coral Coast. Fully guided knowledgeable local guides.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 9 nights Accommodation
- Group Leader - Fully guided
- All transport from Day
- Nambung National Park (Pinnacles) Entrance
- Monkey Mia Dolphins
- Ningaloo Reef Marine Park
- Karijini National Park Entrance
- Camping (with facilities) (3 nights)
- Hostel Shared Dorm Accommodation (9 nights)
- 9 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners





Day 1: Welcome to the West Coast!

Depart the city and head north to Nambung National Park, where you'll discover the fascinating Pinnacles, ancient rock sculptures emerging from the desert. Continue your adventure through Geraldton, visit the stunning Pink Lake at Port Gregory, and finally reach the tranquil beach town of Kalbarri, where you'll spend the night.

Day 2: Sunday Kalbarri National Park

Discover the wonders of Kalbarri National Park on a short drive. Explore diverse landscapes, from Murchison Gorge to Nature's Window and the impressive Kalbarri Skywalk. Witness stunning coastal cliffs, spot dolphins and migrating whales, and soak in the mesmerizing sunset over the Indian Ocean.

Day 3: Monday Kalbarri to Shark Bay

Begin your day with an early departure to experience the breathtaking Shell Beach, a rare gem consisting entirely of shells. As we continue our journey towards Denham and Shark Bay, indulge in the serene beauty of Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, where you can unwind by the pristine shores or opt for a picturesque sunset sail aboard a local catamaran.

Day 4: Tuesday Monkey Mia to Coral Bay

Begin your morning by visiting the beach for an enchanting encounter with the dolphins of Monkey Mia. Afterward, take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque shores near Françoise Peron National Park, marveling at the stunning Western Australian coastline. Our next destination is Hamelin Pool, where you'll witness the captivating stromatolites, ancient marine rock formations that stand as some of the world's oldest and largest living fossils. Following a brief pause, we'll continue our journey along the highway, passing through Carnarvon, and eventually reach the exquisite Coral Bay, renowned as the 'Jewel of the Northwest.'

Day 5: Wednesday Coral Bay to Cape Range National Park

Immerse yourself in the captivating beauty of Coral Bay, a haven nestled alongside the breathtaking Ningaloo Reef, recognized as a World Heritage site. Delight in the option to snorkel, with equipment available for hire, or embark on a mesmerizing glass-bottom boat tour to witness the vibrant marine life thriving beneath the azure waters. With over 250 coral species and more than 500 fish species, the marine park offers a truly remarkable experience. Alternatively, consider an optional scenic flight, granting you a spectacular aerial view of the magnificent reef.

Day 6: Thursday Exmouth and Cape Range National Park

Indulge in a morning of beachside snorkeling within the captivating Cape Range National Park. Depending on the season, you can choose to explore the underwater wonders through snorkeling or scuba diving, with the chance to encounter magnificent whale sharks and graceful manta rays. Make sure to visit the remarkable Vlamingh Head Lighthouse, offering a rare opportunity to witness both the sunrise and sunset, creating unforgettable moments in this unique Australian destination.



Day 7: Friday Exmouth to Karijini National Park

Embark on an inland journey today, traversing the expansive cattle stations of the Pilbara region. Marvel at the striking red earth and abundant mineral deposits that define the sparsely populated Pilbara desert. In the afternoon, pass through the renowned mining town of Tom Price, known for its iron ore industry, before reaching your campsite nestled against the breathtaking Hamersley Range in Karijini. As night falls, don't miss the chance to be captivated by the awe-inspiring night sky, an experience that promises to be one of the most magnificent you'll ever witness.

Day 8: Saturday Karijini National Park

Embark on a captivating exploration of the magnificent gorges within Karijini National Park, an ancient landscape shaped over 2,500 million years. Capture stunning photographs of the unique landforms found in the Hamersley Ranges. Venture deep into the gorges, where you'll discover cascading waterfalls and refreshing waterholes, perfect for a revitalizing swim. Dales Gorge, Oxlers Lookout, Fortescue Falls, Fern Pool, Weano Gorge, and Hancock Gorge are just a few of the remarkable sites you can visit. This leg of the journey promises to be a true highlight. Kindly note that some gorge entrances require physical agility, as participants may need to navigate vertical ladders and boulders to reach certain attractions.

Day 9: Sunday Karijini to Pilbara Outback

Embark on a southbound journey through the expansive landscapes of the Pilbara region, passing by the notable outback mining town of Newman, known as the iron ore Mecca of the North. Traverse through vast historical sheep and cattle stations, some spanning over a million acres, as well as modern mining centers. As we near the end of our adventure, we will spend our final night together at one of our scenic outback campsites, cherishing the camaraderie and memories created along the way.

Day 10: Monday Pilbarra Outback to Perth & Tour End

After leaving early, we travel to the gold mining town of Mt Magnet. Continuing onward, we pass through the beautiful wheat and sheep farming districts before reaching the picturesque town of New Norcia. As the day comes to an end, we finally arrive in vibrant Perth. Your tour ends at 6pm in Perth. Make sure you organise onward travel for the following day.



Important to Note:

- The Group Tour element officially commences in Perth on Day 1 (Saturdays) at 7 am and finishes in Perth (Day 10) at approximately 6 pm. Onward travel or accommodation should be booked for this day.
- A strict luggage limit of 15 kg applies. Please bring a soft sided bag only.
- This trip requires a sleeping bag.
- The accommodation on this trip is a mix of Hostel – mixed gender multishare and camping in unpowered tents. The minimum age for this trip is 18 years old.
- It is a 'no frills' West Coast experience. You'll spend some nights of the trip sleeping at camping grounds in twin-share tents. While conditions can be basic, this is all part of the adventure.
- This trip requires a moderate to high level of fitness as it involves a lot of walking, allowing you to really get among nature. The hikes in Karijini National Park are challenging. Please bring sturdy, comfortable walking shoes and comfortable clothing. You will need two pairs of shoes, one that can get wet.
- On some days of the trip, you will spend several hours driving, often through very sparse areas of desert. Sit back and enjoy landscapes that you would miss in any other form of travel, and please read the itinerary carefully for travel time estimates.
- Temperatures in Western Australia can be extreme. During the day the weather can be hot (and the Australian sun is strong) so please bring appropriate clothing, use sun protection and drink plenty of water. In the evenings temperatures really drop, so ensure you have base layers and warm clothing.
- When you're not camping, you'll stay in multi-share accommodation that may be mixed gender dormitories.
- All times and distances subject to road and weather conditions.



Accommodation

- 9 nights multishare accommodation with shared facilities, 4 nights camping. There are no upgrade rooms available on this trip.
- To participate in this trip customers must be prepared to assist with preparing meals, cleaning dishes, collecting firewood, setting up and packing up camp every day, in all conditions.
- Accommodation on the West Coast consists of multishare accommodation and simple permanent tents when camping. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag or pre-purchase one from us for the nights spent camping. Please also provide your own pillow if you wish. Multishare accommodation may be in mixed sex dorms. Fee for the sleeping bag is to be confirmed - approximately \$20 AUD