WESTERN AUSTRALIA’S ROAD TRIPS GUIDE

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WALKING ON A DREAM

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tourism Western Australia acknowledges Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of Western Australia and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal West Australians and honour their continuing connection to Country, culture and community. We recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions made by First Nations peoples across many generations in shaping Western Australia as a premier destination.

ESPERANCE | KEPA KURL
Western Australia boasts a wondrous line up of spectacular natural events and attractions, many of which are only found in a handful of locations on Earth. At particular times or seasons of the year, they offer unique opportunities for travellers to experience the State’s nature at its best.

**Wildlife highlights calendar**

**Whale sharks**
- Jan - Mar

**Marina rays**
- Jan - Feb

**Dugongs**
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**Natural phenomena calendar**

**Wildflowers**
- Jun - Jul

**Horizontal Falls (boat trip)**
- Apr - Jul

**Staircase to the Moon**
- Mar - Apr

**Coral spawning**
- Apr - Sep

**Waterfalls**
- Apr - Jul

**Pink Lakes**
- Apr - Jul
SHORT TRIPS FROM PERTH

Blending urban cool with raw natural beauty, Perth (Boorloo) is a place where relaxation and adventure go hand in hand. Uncover the city’s artistic side in its cultural precinct and entertainment hubs, and embark on a fascinating Aboriginal walking tour through Kings Park and Botanic Garden (Kaarta Koomba), one of the biggest inner-city parks in the world.

Explore countless sandy stretches of coastline from Yanchep Lagoon in the north to Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) in the south. Don’t forget to stop at Fremantle (Walyalup) - famous for spearheading the Australian craft beer scene. Then there are the wineries of the Swan Valley, all just a short drive from the city’s centre.

ROTTNEST ISLAND

Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) is a holiday haven of pristine beaches, aquamarine bays, bike tracks and walking trails. It’s also home to the happiest animals on earth – quokkas. The best part? The car-free, conservation-minded reserve is only a short ferry ride from the mainland, but a world away from city life.

ROCKINGHAM

Discover the pristine islands and reefs of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park when you travel just 40 minutes south of Perth. Here you’ll encounter a vast array of marine creatures and experiences, from penguins to dive wrecks and snorkel trails. Pods of wild dolphins pay regular visits to these waters, so take the chance to swim with them, or stay dry and watch them from a boat tour as they ride the bow waves beneath you.

THE PINNACLES

Venture out of Perth to take in the mystical yet natural shapes of an otherworldly landscape in Nambung National Park. On your way, explore Indian Ocean Drive and stop to greet friendly kangaroos, try sandboarding and taste Cervantes’ famed seafood delicacy – the Western Rock Lobster. Travel between July and October to discover WA in full colour as wildflowers bloom across the coastal landscape.

FREMANTLE

A day out in this eclectic and eccentric port city brings you up close and personal with fabulous artisanal food, hand crafted beers, great coffee, quirky boutiques and a lively music and arts scene. Against a backdrop of the world’s best preserved 19th century port streetscape, call in at the Little Creatures brewery, or explore the many hidden pockets of restaurants and bars. Journey to ‘Freo’ from the city along the Swan River on a Captain Cook Cruise, and spot river dolphins along the way.

SWAN VALLEY AND THE HILLS

Western Australia’s oldest wine region is a patchwork of grapevines and galleries, cellar doors, breweries, riverside walking trails and fresh produce stalls. Take a 25-minute self-drive from the city centre or embark on guided tasting tour via a Swan River cruise, kayak, limousine, private car or even horse-drawn wagon. Extend your drive into the Perth Hills with its with tree-cloaked valleys, striking granite outcrops, wineries of the Bickley Carmel Valley and the Bibbulmun Track.

AVON VALLEY

First established in 1831, most of the Avon Valley is a National Trust showpiece. The main streets of towns such as York, Toodyay and Northam are pretty as a picture, dotted with galleries, antique stores, museums, B&Bs and charming old pubs. Fronting onto the slow-roaming Avon River, Northam delivers the defining Avon Valley experience. From April to November, you can watch the sunrise from a hot-air balloon.
Embark on awe-inspiring wilderness adventures from Broome (Rubibi) with breathtaking beauty at every turn. This fascinating region offers plenty of ways to uncover its best-kept secrets - from an Aboriginal walking tour through the mangroves and mudflats of Roebuck Bay, to a scenic flight over the waters of the mighty Horizontal Falls (Garaanngaddim). This is a chance to step away from everyday life and head off the beaten track. Descend into cavernous gorges and crystal-clear waterways, then end each exhilarating day under a star-studded sky at a top-class resort with stylish accommodation and fine food.

**ECO BEACH**
Head south past the picturesque coastline of Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nadulagun) to the unforgettable Eco Beach Wilderness Retreat. Make the most of your day with an ocean swim or dip in the infinity pool with its endless horizons. Relax in sought-after hammock hangs on the beach after an a la carte lunch, or revel in an unforgettable Mud and Bubbles experience with healing mangrove mud. Extend your stay overnight in dune-top villas or garden eco tents in this pristine Kimberley environment.

**JAMES PRICE POINT**
Marvel at the azure waters and the picture-perfect Kimberley coastline when you head just 50km north of Broome for a perfect day out. Drive atop spectacular red cliffs that loom over pristine white sands of the warm Indian ocean. Pack a picnic and spend a peaceful day swimming and relaxing, just like the locals do.

**BEAGLE BAY**
Beagle Bay is one of four Aboriginal communities on the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome. It’s home to the Nyul Nyul people who’ve existed in this rugged but pristine coastal environment for thousands of years. It’s also home to the Beagle Bay Sacred Heart Church.

**LOMBADINA**
Revel in natural wonders at Lombadina on beautiful Thomas Bay. Relax on white sandy beaches, catch a fresh feast of mud crab, or take a kayak tour and spend time snorkelling in waters abundant with sea life. You can even join a 4WD tour to see the ancient footprints. The new Djarindjin campground on sealed Cape Leveque Road has modern facilities and a communal firepit.

**CYGNET BAY**
Just north of Lombadina is the Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm, accessible year-round on a sealed road. Pearl Farm tours give an insight into how pearls are cultivated and a visit by boat to Waterfall Reef appears to defy logic as it “rises” from the ocean on a receding tide. Stay overnight in the new glamping tents on the bay, and enjoy the licensed restaurant that overlooks it, complete with infinity pool and tastings of pearl meat.

**WILLIE CREEK PEARLS**
Get the complete pearl experience, from the history of pearling in Broome, to modern pearl farming and jewellery manufacture. Join the Willie Creek Pearl Farm Tour to cruise Willie Creek’s sapphire waters and view live Pinctada Maxima oysters suspended in their natural environment amongst the native flora and fauna.

**HORIZONTAL FALLS**
The surging waters of Horizontal Falls must be seen to be believed. Prepare for an action-packed adventure amid hundreds of islands that make up the Buccaneer Archipelago. This natural tidal phenomenon serves up breathtaking viewing options. Witness the unique rush of water that squeezes through narrow cliff passages from a seaplane, scenic flight or helicopter; or board a popular, adrenaline-packed jetboat ride through the falls.

**SHORT TRIPS FROM BROOME**

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Exmouth is your gateway to the magical Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu). At 300 kilometres, it’s the largest fringing reef on the planet and home to a plethora of once-in-a-lifetime experiences, like swimming with whale sharks, and snorkelling above coral gardens teeming with tropical fish. Plenty of wonders abound above ground too, including extraordinary surf breaks and sheltered swimming spots, in this acclaimed marine playground.

CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy a day of spectacular limestone ranges, with winding canyons that adjoin pristine beaches fringed by turquoise waters. Of course, these aren’t empty landscapes. Wildlife is abundant throughout the Cape Range National Park. Walk the hiking trails for a chance to see emus, echidnas, lizards, wallabies, dingoes, kangaroos and a variety of birds.

TURQUOISE BAY AND OYSTER STACKS
Easily accessed from Exmouth, these two snorkelling spots shouldn’t be missed on any visit to this part of the world. Turquoise Bay is consistently voted amongst the best beaches on Earth. The waters are clear and inviting with pristine coral gardens just footsteps from the beach.

WHALE SHARKS
This is the iconic Ningaloo experience. The chance to snorkel with these gentle giants is the opportunity of a lifetime, attracting visitors from all over the world. Ningaloo’s whale shark season runs from March to July, however, the season stretches through September or even October, when sightings become less common.

MARINE ADVENTURES
It’s not just about whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef. There is also a huge variety of whales to see, including humpbacks (see them June to November and swim with them August to October), minkes, pygmy blue whales and orcas. See dolphins, dugongs and an impossible number of fish, and swim year-round with manta rays in Coral Bay. Snorkel around the reef and spot all manner of coral and crustaceans.

EXMOUTH’S CRAFT BREWS
You’ve been drinking in the scenery, now drink a tasty craft beer or two, and enjoy a bite to eat over some live music. Froth Craft Brewery boasts a superb beer garden and menu in the heart of town. Whalebone Brewing Company has a more industrial vibe, and is run by two families who wanted to deliver true-to-style brews enjoyed with mates and family.

NINGALOO REEF FROM ABOVE
Flying over Ningaloo Reef is an excellent way to spot the wildlife, aquatic and other creatures that either call it home, or are just passing by. You’ll also enjoy stunning views of a rugged coastline fringed with pearl-white beaches. Some flights will even take you inland over the rust-red landscapes to see that this really is where the outback meets the reef.

TURTLE HATCHING
The Ningaloo coast is one of the world’s major breeding areas for sea turtles. During the breeding season (between December and March), Green and Loggerhead turtles make their way up the beaches to lay their eggs. Take a tour for the opportunity to watch the hatchlings make their scramble to the water’s edge.

QUAD BIKING
With bush tracks, deserted beaches and rocky plains, there is plenty of wide-open land to explore around Exmouth, and no more exhilarating way to do so than on a quad bike. There are a number of tours to choose from in Coral Bay, and you don’t and you don’t need any experience to join in the fun.
ARDI CULTURAL DRIVE
Broome, Lombadina, Cygnet Bay

The glittering Timor Sea hugs rust-coloured cliffs in a land where ancient secrets reveal themselves to all who care to listen. Welcome to Yawuru, Bardi and Nyul Nyul country, immersing you in age-old Aboriginal culture backed by the captivating coastline of the wild and wonderful Dampier Peninsula.

**LEG 1**
Broome to Beagle Bay and Mercedes Cove

Head north of Broome (Rubibi) in your four-wheel-drive vehicle (tours are also available), and follow the newly-sealed Cape Leveque Road to the Dampier Peninsula and Beagle Bay Aboriginal Community. Here, you can step inside the Sacred Heart Church and admire its unique pearl shell altar. Grab a takeaway lunch and head off road to Mercedes Cove Coastal Retreat. Learn about the Nyul Nyul country and a culture that has been connected to this land and sea for more than 40,000 years. Choose your accommodation from self-contained cabins and eco tents, and you can watch migrating whales from your verandah (July to October).

**LEG 2**
Mercedes Cove to Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm

Head north along the Cape Leveque Road for the sheltered waters of Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm - Australia’s oldest pearl farm open to the public. Learn how they cultivate and harvest some of the finest South Sea pearls on earth - pearl meat is on the menu at the restaurant, servicing day tours and guests staying in the glamping tents or powered sites.

**LEG 3**
Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm to Lombadina

Head east along the main road until you reach One Arm Point (Ardyaloon) Community. Here you can take a tour at the Ardyaloon Hatchery and witness the power of the Kimberley tides as it sweeps past the coastline. From Ardyaloon, retrace your tracks south to join the Bardi community of Lombadina. Let the custodians introduce you to their beautiful stretch of white sand beach and join them on a fishing, crabbing, kayaking, snorkelling or whale watching tour.

**LEG 4**
Lombadina to Broome

Stay overnight at Lombadina, or alternatively at Djarindjin’s Camping with Custodians campground on the Cape Leveque Road.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Migrating whales (July-Oct)
- Buccaneer Archipelago
- Aboriginal cultural experiences
- Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm
- Waterfall Reef
- Cape Leveque
- Fishing and crabbing
- Camping with Custodians campgrounds
- Pender Bay

**DURATION**
3-4 days

**BEST TIME**
May to October

**TRADITIONAL COUNTRY**
Yawuru, Bardi and Nyul Nyul

**VEHICLE**
4Wd (2Wd options via sealed roads)

**START**
Broome

**END**
Broome

**DURATION**
3-4 days

**BEST TIME**
May to October

**TRADITIONAL COUNTRY**
Yawuru, Bardi and Nyul Nyul

**VEHICLE**
4Wd (2Wd options via sealed roads)
Plunge deep into the rugged, red reaches of the Kimberley with its majestic caves and cavernous gorges 350 million years in the making. Experience the region’s legendary king tides, and sidestep the wet season by planning your visit between May and October.

Head east of Broome (Rubibi) and you’ll soon find yourself in Derby — land of the boab trees and coastal areas that are home to the largest tidal movements in the southern hemisphere. Insights into the region’s history, heritage and culture can be discovered with a visit to the Boab Prison Tree, Wharfinger’s House Museum, Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre, and Kimberley School of the Air.

Stay an extra night and hop on a half-day scenic flight of Horizontal Falls (Garaanngaddim) — one of only two horizontal waterfalls in the world, and the 1,000 islands and islets of the Buccaneer Archipelago.

Camping is not permitted at Tunnel Creek, but there is a campground in Windjana Gorge. For more accommodation options, continue to Fitzroy Crossing.

Fitzroy Crossing is one of the oldest occupied locations in Australia, with 20 significant cultural sites, including ancient rock art of the Gooniyandi. Take the 90-kilometre journey east to the Mimbi Caves where Aboriginal guides will lead you through the enchanting underground labyrinth.

Return to Broome, or alternatively drive on to Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang).
GREAT SOUTHERN DRIVE

Albany, Denmark, Mount Barker

Set your soul free as you embark on an epic four-day journey into the Great Southern Wine Region. You’ll visit vineyards, food and wine events, towering forests, and hillsides blanketed with wildflowers on a trip where days start and end at the ocean. It will be your constant companion, its waves falling rhythmically on secluded beaches, matching time with the beat of your own adventurous heart.

LEG 1 368km
Perth to Mount Barker

Head south along Albany Highway through the Wheatbelt to Mount Barker. A couple of cellar door stops and a long lunch overlooking panoramic vineyards, is a wonderful introduction to this hub of the Great Southern Wine Region.

LEG 2 75km
Mount Barker to Porongurup National Park and Albany

Take a detour east and get walking through the Porongurup National Park. This is a haven for more than 100 species of birds, with 750 varieties of plants filling the park to create a kaleidoscope of colour and sound, especially during wildflower season (September to November). It is also home to the Granite Skywalk at Castle Rock, a moderate-rated hiking experience with wondrous views.

It’s a 45-minute drive to historic Albany (Kinjarling). You’ll find a delightful array of restaurants, taverns and accommodation options among the town’s heritage buildings and surrounding wineries. Make sure to visit the National ANZAC Centre that looks out over Albany’s dramatic King George Sound. Experience the heroic ANZAC legend through moving history and tributes to those who served.

Be sure to visit at Misery Beach - crowned Australia’s dreamiest patch of sand in 2022.

LEG 3 54km
Albany to Denmark

Follow the scenic coastline west to Denmark, where the tall timber southern forests meet the sea. From the centre of town, Scotsdale Tourist Drive leads into the rolling hills for a feast of local wines, arts and delicious produce.

The region’s boutique accommodation, luxury forest retreats, camping grounds and caravan parks offer a further taste of country hospitality.

Then there’s Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks, where the giant granite boulders dotted in the ocean need to be seen to be believed.

LEG 4 Denmark
430km to Perth

Head north and drop in to any of Mount Barker’s wineries and produce stores you may have missed on the way down. Retrace your tracks on Albany Highway and break the four-hour journey to sample a little Wheatbelt life, history and culture at the Kodja Place in Kojonup or the outback town of Williams.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Granite Skywalk, Porongurup National Park
- Stirling Range National Park
- Taste Great Southern
- The Gap
- Luxury retreats
- Valley of the Giants
- National Anzac Centre
- Whale watching (May-Aug)
- Boutique wineries
- Greens Pool and Elephant Rocks

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Wadjuk and Menang

BEST TIME
All year round

VEHICLE
2WD

START
Perth

END
Perth

DURATION
3-4 days
GREAT OCEAN DRIVE

Esperance, West Beach, Blue Haven Beach, Twilight Beach, Ten Mile Lagoon, Eleven Mile Beach

Heralded as having some of the finest beaches in Australia, Esperance (Kepa Kurl) packs a coastal punch that’s hard to beat. It may be just a 40-kilometre loop, but it will take you along one of the most enchanting stretches of oceanside road you’ll ever see. There’s hour upon hour of snorkelling, surfing, and splashing to enjoy.

LEG 1 | Esperance to Observatory Point
Grab a coffee and settle in to the first section of your Great Ocean Drive, stopping at West Beach, Blue Haven Beach, Salmon Beach, and Fourth Beach. Marvel at the granite boulders and formations rising from the water. Watch out for schools of salmon that run along the coast (December to February).

LEG 2 | Observatory Point to Ten Mile Lagoon
Esperance (Kepa Kurl) is fringed by a limestone reef, creating a ribbon of protected swimming holes at many of the beaches along the Great Ocean Drive. Twilight Beach is the pick of the best.

This leg will also take you past Nine Mile Beach to the protected Ten Mile lagoon. Don your flippers and try to spot a Leafy Sea Dragon among the abundant marine life.

LEG 3 | Ten Mile Lagoon to Esperance
The Great Ocean Drive turns inland once past Eleven Mile Beach. It’s worth the stop to visit this gorgeous lagoon for a swim or snorkel. If you’re feeling particularly carefree, you can take the plunge at Skinny Dip Bay.

Return to Esperance via Pink Lake. Contrary to its name, the lake has returned to a whiter colour, but still offers brushstrokes of pink hues of Lake Hillier, join a scenic flight. Once back in town, take a stroll through the acclaimed museum village, with its galleries, craft shops and restored heritage buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Taylor St Jetty
• Twilight Beach
• Wind farms
• Rotary Lookout
• Lucky Bay Brewery
• Esperance Stonehenge
• Observatory Point
• Snorkelling
• Dolphins and whales (Jun-Oct)
• Swimming

START Esperance
END Esperance
DURATION 1-2 days
BEST TIME All year round
TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Wudjar

VEHICLE 2WD

BEST TIME
All year round

DURATION
1-2 days

START
Esperance

END
Esperance
CAPE TO CAPE  
NATURE & INDULGENCE

Busselton, Margaret River, Dunsborough, Yallingup, Cowaramup, Augusta

Few regions in the entire world contain such a striking combination of treasures. Tall tree forests tower over clusters of vibrantly coloured wildflowers. Fragrant scrub edges a coastline of pale sandy beaches; and inland, aged vines frame the cellar doors of some of country’s best dining experiences.

Then there’s the Cape to Cape Track - 135 kilometres of spectacular walking among ever-changing scenery - which book-ends the tantalising Margaret River region.

Begin your day in the charming Margaret River township and head south towards Augusta, driving though the surrounding lush, green forests. Take a guided (Jewel and Lake Caves) or self-guided (Mammoth Cave) tour into an underground wonderland with dazzling stalactites and stalagmites.

Continue south and keep a look out for the famous rays of Hamelin Bay – they’re wild yet tame, and call this beach home. Don’t miss the many boutique wineries and galleries peeking through the trees as the perfect spot for lunch before making your way to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. Take in the epic views where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet.

Head north and you’re clearly in chardonnay country. Choose from a picture-perfect lunch spot in Yallingup, Dunsborough, or at a local winery. You can also discover the natural wonder of Ngilgi Cave on a unique Aboriginal cultural tour. Drink in the scenery of the calm north-facing coastline of stunning Geographe Bay. From the beautiful beaches at Eagle Bay, Meelup and Bunker Bay, catch amazing sunsets and do some whale watching in season. Take a break from driving with a walk along the longest timber jetty in the southern hemisphere - Busselton Jetty.
SOUTH WEST NATURE & WINE DRIVE
Bunbury, Margaret River, Pemberton, Manjimup

Surrender yourself to the salty spray of waves and towering forests, to premium wines and exquisite local produce, to the enticing bounty of land and sea; and to a four-day, 749-kilometre jaunt through spectacular scenery on world-class wine country.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Cheese and wine tasting
- Bunbury Dolphin Discovery Centre
- Truffle Kerfuffle (Jun)
- Pemberton marron
- Truffle hunts (Jun-Aug)
- Bunbury arts trail
- Gloucester Tree
- Hiking
- Busselton Jetty

LEG 1
Perth to Harvey and Bunbury
185km
Get your first taste of South West cheese, wine and fresh produce by heading to the harvest town of Harvey. The vibrant port town of Bunbury is 30 minutes away. Take a self-guided tour of the Ferguson Valley’s arts, wine and food trails. Stop for lunch overlooking the vineyards or from the cafes and restaurants beside Koombana Bay – home to more than 100 bottlenose dolphins. Visit the Dolphin Discovery Centre and take a memorable tour to swim with wild dolphins in their natural environment.

LEG 2
Bunbury to Margaret River
113km
Hug the coastline, passing the seaside towns of Busselton Undalup and Dunsborough before the final stretch to the Margaret River township, along Caves Road, in the heart of the iconic wine region. Take your pick from more than 90 wineries, as well as fine restaurants, boutique breweries, art galleries, fresh produce stores, limestone caves and the magnificent Cape to Cape Track. There is a huge variety of accommodation options, from luxury retreats and private beach houses to motels and camping grounds.

LEG 3
Margaret River to Pemberton
185km
Head deep into karri tree country to reach the old milling town of Pemberton. Spend an afternoon sampling some of WA’s top cool-climate wines – the perfect accompaniment to a meal featuring Pemberton’s finest delicacy, marron.

LEG 4
Pemberton and Manjimup to Perth
323km
Head north and you’ll reach Manjimup and its black truffles – coveted by top chefs the world over. Pick up some wine and gourmet treats for dinner before making your way back to Perth (Boorloo). Break up your trip with stopovers in picturesque Bridgetown, Balingup, Nannup and WA’s apple capital, Donnybrook.

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Wadjuk, Bindjareb and Wilman

WILDFLOWER SEASON
September to December

START
Perth

END
Perth

VEHICLE
2WD

DURATION
4-6 days

BEST TIME
September to December

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This drive offers the perfect mix of the coast, forest and city. Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) is an ideal base for exploring the beautiful Peel region. As Western Australia’s largest regional city, it’s best known for its extensive waterways, playful bottlenose dolphins and relaxed holiday atmosphere.

Follow the freeway to Rockingham for an opportunity to encounter wild dolphins. Dive into the ocean with them or watch these playful creatures from the comfort of a viewing platform. Shoalwater Islands Marine Park and popular Penguin Island are a short ferry ride away.

Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) is one of Australia’s most spectacular playgrounds for boating, fishing, migratory birds and more dolphins.

Begin your day early with a round of golf at The Cut Golf Course at Port Bouvard. It’s set high in ocean-front dunes with views of the Indian Ocean from more than half of its 18 holes.

For a truly unique experience, head to Lake Clifton and its thrombolite reef. This is a glimpse of what life was like when the earth began.

There’s nothing better than ending the day with a delightful meal on Mandurah’s bustling waterfront or a canal cruise, as the sun sets.

As you head back to Perth (Boorloo), check out the regional brewers and vintners producing an authentic array of ciders, beers and wines.

Stretch your legs with a bushwalk at the picturesque town of Dwellingup. You can also travel back in time with a Heritage Rail Journey on the Hotham Valley Railway. Include a break at the tranquil Lane Poole Reserve for a picnic or to take on a mountain bike trail.

If there’s time, stop in the Perth Hills to find a haven of bushland, wildflowers (in season) and waterfalls. You can even walk a part of the 1000-kilometre Bibbulmun Track under a canopy of towering trees.

**LEG 1** | Perth to Mandurah via Rockingham

**LEG 2** | Mandurah

**LEG 3** | Mandurah to Perth via Dwellingup

**ALTERNATIVE:** From Mandurah travel direct to the Margaret River Region.
PUBLIC SILO TRAIL
Perth, Northam, Merredin, Katanning, Albany

Australia's silo murals began as an art movement in Western Australia in 2015. Previously drab, concrete silos were transformed into colossal works of art. Nothing evokes a better sense of people and place like these colourful behemoths set amongst golden-hued fields that shimmer in the breeze as beacons of the Wheatbelt community.

Meander through a patchwork of canola fields, green pastures and ancient granite outcrops as you drive along the Great Eastern Highway towards the historic railway town of Northam, in the Avon Valley.

Make your way down Northam's central Fitzgerald Street to encounter many of the town’s unique heritage-listed buildings. Ten minutes out of town you'll pass towering artworks emblazoned across CBH Group Grain Silos.

Continue towards Merredin to make the second stop in FORM's PUBLIC Silo Trail. The bright geometric patterns of this huge silo mural are visible kilometres away.

### HIGHLIGHTS
- Giant wheat silo murals
- National Anzac Centre
- Fitzgerald River National Park
- Wave Rock
- Hot air ballooning
- Whale watching (May to Aug)
- Heritage buildings
- Tin Horse Highway
- The Gap, Torndirrup National Park
- Stirling Range National Park

### DURATION
4 days

### VEHICLE
2WD

### BEST TIME
All year round

### TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Wongatha and Kookynie

### LEG 1
Perth to Northam and Merredin
260km

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### LEG 2
Merredin to Katanning, Pingrup and Newdegate
475km

Continue your journey to colourful Katanning, where a collection of Western Power transformer boxes and laneways celebrate the town’s diversity and natural assets in vibrant murals.

Journey through salmon gums and salt lakes to the next silo mural on the trail, located in the little town of Pingrup.

You're now deep in Western Australia’s agricultural heart as you head north-east for about an hour to Newdegate. We guarantee you'll never have seen such massive specimens as those depicted on this community’s epic silos. Include a detour north to the Tin Horse Highway near Kulin to take in the quirky creations of this community art project.

### LEG 3
Newdegate to Ravensthorpe and Albany
426km

Take a small detour north to Hyden to see a spectacular 15-metre high curve known as Wave Rock (Katter Kich).

Go south to Ravensthorpe where you'll see the flowering cycle of the Banksia painted on silos 25 metres high. Head to Fitzgerald River National Park - one of the most diverse botanical regions on earth. It's also one of the few places to witness southern right whales calve in large numbers.

A giant ruby sea dragon stands watch over your next destination, Albany (Kinjarling). While you are in Western Australia's southernmost port, don't miss this award winning National Anzac Centre.

### LEG 4
Albany to Perth
417km

Go north again and drop in at any of Mount Barker's wineries and produce stores for a last pickup before you return to the Albany Highway back to Perth (Boofoo). Break your journey with a stop to sample a little Wheatbelt life, history and culture at the Kodja Place in Kojonup or the outback town of Williams.

### START
Perth

### END
Perth

### DURATION
4 days

- **HIGHLIGHTS**
  - Giant wheat silo murals
  - National Anzac Centre
  - Fitzgerald River National Park
  - Wave Rock
  - Hot air ballooning
  - Whale watching (May to Aug)
  - Heritage buildings
  - Tin Horse Highway
  - The Gap, Torndirrup National Park
  - Stirling Range National Park
GOLDEN QUEST DISCOVERY TRAIL

Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Menzies, Kookynie, Leonora, Laverton

Discover Western Australia’s goldfields through stories of fortunes made and lost in the 1890s. Today the Kalgoorlie (Karkurla) district remains one of the world’s largest gold-producing regions. Unearth this rich landscape’s secrets across frozen-in-time ghost towns and disarming outback charm.

LEG 1 | Perth to Kalgoorlie

Drive east for six and a half hours and join the path of the original pipeline that transported water from Mundaring Weir to Kalgoorlie (Karkurla) at the turn of the century. Stop off at many historic points with interpretive panels and walking trails. Discover heritage architecture and museums in Coolgardie - birthplace of the 1892 gold rush.

LEG 2 | Kalgoorlie and the Super Pit

Take a full day to discover the riches of Australia’s largest outback town, from its grand architecture on Hannan Street to the State’s largest collection of gold bars and nuggets at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Western Australian Museum. Experience a mind-blowing tour of one of the world’s largest open cut mines, the Super Pit, that produces 900,000 ounces of gold a year. See it from above on a scenic flight and end your day with a spectacular outback sunset from Mount Charlotte.

LEG 3 | Kalgoorlie to Menzies and Lake Ballard

Follow sealed and unsealed roads, passing through the ‘ghost town’ of Broad Arrow, Ora Banda, Siberia and Goongarri to reach Menzies. After lunch, drive to Lake Ballard to appreciate the 51 remarkable Antony Gormley sculptures set in the stark expanse of a salt-lake bed.

LEG 4 | Menzies to Kookynie, Leonora and Gwalia

Continue north on an unsealed road, stopping at Niagara Dam, to the living ghost town of Kookynie. Explore its industrious past, enjoy Goldfields hospitality at its outback pub, then head to Leonora. Admire its lovingly restored main street with old wooden shacks and grand hotels, before heading to the historic gold rush precinct of Gwalia.

LEG 5 | Leonora and Laverton to Kalgoorlie

Take the loop trail from Leonora to Laverton past the old nickel mines of Murrin Murrin and Windarra to Laverton. Retrace your steps to Kalgoorlie, ending your trip with a cold drink on the veranda of a grand hotel; or extend your adventure by taking the loop west from Leonora.

LEG 6 | Kalgoorlie to Perth

During wildflower season (mid-July to late October) head north to Karkurla Bushland Park for a morning walk. If you’re making good time, grab some refreshments in Merredin.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold! Museum of the Goldfields
- Kalgoorlie Two Up School
- The Super Pit
- Lake Ballard sculptures
- Living ghost towns
- Historic pubs and hotels
- Mundaring Weir
- Mount Charlotte
- Wildflowers

ALTERNATIVE:

Catch the Prospector train service from Perth and hire a vehicle in Kalgoorlie.
GREAT KIMBERLEY INLAND TRACK

Mitchell Plateau, Kalumburu

Intrepid travellers and outback dreamers: this journey through the Kimberley’s ancient culture and mesmerising landscapes is for you. Traverse the legendary Gibb River Road in an unforgettable four-wheel-drive adventure.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Livistona forests
- Scenic flights
- Big Mertens Falls
- Kalumburu Mission
- Ancient rock art
- Mitchell Falls
- Hiking trails
- World class fishing
- Aboriginal cultural experiences
- Gibb River Road

**LEG 1**
Gibb River Road / Kalumburu Road Junction and Drysdale River Station

Between Manning Gorge and Home Valley Station, take the turn onto the unsealed Kalumburu Road to enter Mitchell River National Park. Stop for a morning swim at the Gibb River crossing, then continue to Drysdale River Station.

**LEG 2**
Drysdale River Station

Spend a full day exploring the vast, ancient Livistona forests on foot and encounter the region’s abundant flora and rare fauna. Alternatively, take a scenic flight from the Station in the dry season over Mitchell Falls (Punamii-upuu) and the coastal canyons of the Prince Regent River.

TIP: You can also experience some of the best fishing on Australia’s coast.

**LEG 3**
Drysdale River Station to Mitchell Falls and Mitchell River National Park

Onward to Mitchell Falls via the unsealed Mitchell Plateau track. From the camping area, it’s a short helicopter flight or six-kilometre walk to the falls, and you have the option of following the walking trail to Little Mertens Falls and Big Mertens Falls.

You can also access Surveyors Pool in Mitchell River National Park via an eight-kilometre return walk from the Surveyors Pool car park.

**LEG 4**
Mitchell Falls to Kalumburu Community

Head for the mouth of the King Edward River to find Kalumburu Mission – the State’s most remote Aboriginal community. Explore a rugged landscape that has been home to the Kwini, Gamba and Walmbi people for many thousands of years. Their story is told in the ancient Gyorn Gyorn rock art (Bradshaw paintings), believed to be the oldest figurative paintings on earth.

**LEG 5**
Kalumburu Community to Gibb River Road / Kalumburu Road Junction

Break your journey back to the Gibb River Road with an overnight stop at Drysdale River Station. From here, you can return to your starting point or complete the full Gibb River Road experience.
Indian Ocean Drive

Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Dongara, Geraldton, Kalbarri

The Indian Ocean Drive is a banquet of visual delights. The star-studded night sky, moon-like Pinnacles (Nambung), red gorges, brightly coloured wildflowers and the deep blue ocean – all your frequent companions on this expedition.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Skydiving
- Sea lion experiences
- Pink Lake at Hutt Lagoon
- The Pinnacles
- Houtman Abrolhos Islands

**LEG 1** 208km  Perth to Nambung National Park and Cervantes

The Indian Ocean Drive begins in the all-action windsurfing and sandboarding town of Lancelin (Wangaree). This leads you directly to the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park where you can weave through thousands of limestone spires formed over millions of years.

For more otherworldly experiences, continue to Lake Thetis (located off Hansen Bay Road) to marvel at the stromatolites and stromalites – some of the oldest living fossils on Earth.

On reaching the crayfishing town of Cervantes, take a relaxing dip at Hangover Bay or Thirsty Point, and a tour and taste of the town’s rock lobster factory.

**LEG 2** 159km  Cervantes to Jurien Bay and Dongara

For panoramic views of native bushland set against Indian Ocean backdrops, make Molah Hill and Grigson’s Lookouts your first stops on the road north.

On reaching Jurien Bay, spend the rest of your morning snorkelling the biodiverse Jurien Bay Marine Park. Then take a sea lion charter to meet some of Australia’s most playful marine life. Get a completely different perspective of the coral coast by skydiving onto the beach.

Head north towards Dongara-Denison. A 4WD detour leads you to Stockyard Gully National Park, where caving enthusiasts and curious beginners will find wonder, challenge and wildlife encounters.

**LEG 3** 64km  Dongara to Geraldton and Abrolhos Islands

Visit the beautifully preserved Greenough Central Historic Settlement on your way to the colonial port city of Geraldton (Jambinu).

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of the Batavia Shipwreck Coast at the Geraldton Museum and visit its Aboriginal art gallery. This is Australia’s windsurfing capital, and the 122 coral-fringed Houtman Abrolhos Islands offer the ideal playground.

**LEG 4** 220km  Geraldton to Kalbarri

Head north to explore dramatic coastal rock formations, 400-million-year-old river gorges, the spectacular pink lake at Hutt Lagoon, and dazzling spring wildflower displays in Kalbarri National Park.

From Kalbarri (Wurdmarlu) town, you can explore the Murchison River and surrounds on a range of tours, including kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, stargazing, and quad bike riding. Kalbarri National Park is home to the iconic Nature’s Window, Z-Bend River Trail and Kalbarri Skywalk.

**LEG 5** 575km  Kalbarri to Perth

The Brand Highway will get you back to Perth (Boorloo) in six and a half hours. If you’re visiting between the months of July and October, consider making a detour inland through the wildflower hotspots of Mullewa, Mingenew, Three Springs and Carnamah.
WOOL WAGON PATHWAY

Mullewa, Gascoyne Junction, Exmouth

Ignite your wanderlust with a four-wheel-drive adventure through the magnificent outback to the captivating Ningaloo coastline. This is the true outback: rugged, remote and totally awe-inspiring. Pass sheep stations, historic homesteads and coastal towns in a land of hypnotic horizons, unrivalled beauty and endless sunshine.

HIGHLIGHTS
- HMAS Sydney II Memorial
- Station stays
- Mount Augustus
- Kennedy Range National Park
- Whale sharks
- Cape Range National Park
- Errabiddy Bluff
- Ningaloo Reef
- Wildflowers

DURATION
5-10 days

START Perth
END Perth

BEST TIME
June to September

VEHICLE
4WD

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Wadjuk, Mullewa, Yamatji, Yinggarga and Jinggudera

WILDFLOWER SEASON
July to October

LEG 1
Perth to Geraldton
415km

Follow the scenic Indian Ocean Drive north, stopping along the way to delight in the dazzling spring blooms that make up the largest collection of wildflowers on earth.

The port city of Geraldton (Jambinu) will reveal legendary tales of the region’s early shipping industry. Perfect wind and swell conditions make it Australia’s windsurfing capital.

Take in panoramic Indian Ocean sunset views from the HMAS Sydney II Memorial, followed by dinner on Geraldton’s buzzing foreshore.

LEG 2
Geraldton to Mullewa and Murchison
300km

In spring, the Mullewa region will dazzle you with some of the most striking displays of wildflowers on earth.

Continue to Pindar where you’ll encounter the first of 23 interpretive sites and stories of the Wool Wagon Pathway. Here, the road turns to gravel and travels north through wide-open desert landscapes to Murchison.

LEG 3
Murchison to Gascoyne Junction
623km to 008km

OPTION ONE: VIA ERRABIDDY - 531KM
Continue along the Wool Wagon Pathway and visit your first two interpretive sites of the day; the Errabiddy Outcamp and Errabiddy Bluff. Have a picnic or challenge yourself by scaling the bluff. Take in more interpretive sites along the Pathway stopping at Storm Damage, Murchison Gate, Stock Route Well, Bilung Pool, Wool Wagon Tracks and Sea Shell Fossils.

Stay overnight at Gascoyne Junction and discover relics of the region’s pioneering history at the museum. You might even hear a few stories of local legends at the town pub.

OPTION TWO: VIA MOUNT AUGUSTUS - 698KM
Murchison Settlement to Gascoyne Junction via Mount Augustus (Burringurrah). Rest at tranquil natural springs of Bilung Pool. After a few days exploring, rejoin the Wool Wagon Pathway by travelling south on the Cobra-Dairy Creek Road.

LEG 4
Gascoyne Junction to Exmouth
513km

The final stretch of the Wool Wagon Pathway takes you to nine interpretive sites. Set off in the morning to arrive at Hackers Hectare bordering the Gascoyne River.

Continue along the pathway to reach the spectacular cliffs, rugged canyons and outback wildlife of the Kennedy Range National Park. The remote outback road will take you through Mt Sandiman, Booroothunty Creek, Nyang Wool Shed, Giralia Bay and Termite Nests.

You’ll end up in Exmouth where you can experience the beauty of the Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu) and its abundant sea life, including the seasonal whale sharks.

LEG 5
Exmouth to Perth
1243km

Spend a few days following the coast to Coral Bay, Shark Bay World Heritage Area (Gathaagudu) and Kalbarri (Wurdimirru) on your way back to Perth.
WARLU WAY

Tom Price, Karratha, Onslow, Port Hedland, Broome

Follow the path of the mystical Warlu sea serpent on this immersive journey. You’ll discover Aboriginal dreamtime legends against a backdrop of pristine coastlines and iconic outback landscapes.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ningaloo Reef
- Whale sharks
- Karijini National Park
- Burrup Peninsula petroglyphs
- Millstream-Chichester National Park
- Aboriginal cultural experiences
- Cape Range National Park
- Unforgettable swimming holes
- Mount Nameless

**LEG 1**

Exmouth to Onslow

Your Warlu adventure starts in Exmouth with an awe-inspiring visit to the Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu). Get ready for close up encounters with whale sharks, turtles and manta rays in and around the world’s largest fringing reef.

You’ll find the idyllic Mackerel Islands 22km from Onslow. Fishing is unbelievably good thanks to the species-rich seas. If you’re into diving, there are plenty of spots that are accessible from the island.

**LEG 2**

Onslow to Karratha

From indigo seas to rust-red rock, descend into two billion years of history as you explore the gorges of Karijini National Park. Cool off in one of the many swimming holes, floating under waterfalls as water mists into candy-coloured rainbows. Call in at Tom Price to take in panoramic views of the Hamersley Ranges, and walk up Mt Nameless – Western Australia’s second highest peak.

**LEG 3**

Karijini to Millstream Chichester National Park

Head north-east to visit Millstream Chichester National Park – discovering waterholes in a Garden of Eden in the vast desert plains. Stay at Milyanha Campground and watch the sun set over Jirndwurrung Pool.

**LEG 4**

Millstream Chichester National Park to Karratha

When you reach Karratha, you’ll want to view the outdoor art gallery of Burrup Peninsula. See ancient petroglyphs in Murujuga National Park and take a tour through the Dampier Archipelago.

**LEG 5**

Karratha to Port Hedland

Make the journey to Port Hedland, travelling through the historic coastal towns of Roebourne, Cossack and Point Samson, famed for its seafood.

**LEG 6**

Port Hedland to Eighty Mile Beach

Head for Eighty Mile Beach, stopping to take a look at the beautiful Cape Keraudren along the way. Look out for flatback turtles from November to March.

**LEG 7**

Eighty Mile Beach to Broome

Finish your adventure in style by treating yourself at a Broome spa resort, and marvel at the spectacular Indian Ocean sunset from the seat of a camel train along Cable Beach. Take a cultural journey north into the Dampier Peninsula with breathtaking scenery of blue ocean, white sand and red rocks.

**TRADITIONAL COUNTRY**

Jinigudera, Thalanji, Banyjima, Kurrama, Innawonga, Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Karriyarra and Yawuru

**BEST TIME**

May to October

**VEHICLE**

2WD

**DURATION**

10-12 days
SOUTH WEST EDGE

Bunbury, Margaret River, Pemberton, Denmark, Albany, Esperance, Hyden

Are you seeking barefoot luxury and a deep connection to nature? This adventure around the South West Edge delivers. Dive into encounters with dolphins, sip mind-blowing wines, walk amid towering karri forests, and drive past fields of riotous colour - all in the same day.

LEG 1 | Perth to Bunbury

169km

Head to Bunbury to meet the Dolphin Discovery Centre's friendly wild dolphins or take the scenic route through picturesque pastures and orchards of Harvey and Dardanup. Explore the forested valleys of Collie and Wellington National Park and walk the Collie Mural Trail.

LEG 2 | Bunbury to Margaret River

113km

Drive to Busselton (Undalup) for breakfast overlooking Geographe Bay. Visit the Underwater Observatory at Busselton Jetty before heading to Dunsborough and Yallingup for lunch. Explore the Ngilgi Cave then journey to Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse. Look out for migrating humpback and southern right whales from the Ngilgi Cave.

LEG 3 | Margaret River to Pemberton

147km

Head inland to Nannup, famous for spring wildflowers and country crafts. Explore forests and waterways on the epic Bibbulmun Track meandering through Beedelup and Warren National Parks. Scale the 61-metre Gloucester Tree and admire the sculptural wonders of Northcliffe's Understory: Art in Nature walking trail.

LEG 4 | Pemberton to Denmark

180km

Continue to Walpole for the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk through 400-year-old tingle trees. A scenic drive east reaches William Bay National Park where towering forests meet the Southern Ocean. Take Mount Shadforth Scenic Drive to discover artisanal treats, local arts and panoramic views.

LEG 5 | Denmark to Albany

54km

The drive to Albany (Kinjarling) brings you to Discovery Bay and the National Anzac Centre to explore moving tributes to heroes of WW1. Visit the Historic Whaling Station and museum, and take in one of WA’s most dramatic coastline cliff drives.

LEG 6 | Albany to Hopetoun

343km

Enjoy breakfast at the iconic Farmers’ Markets and head to Porongarpup National Park with granite peaks sculpted by nature over 1,100 million years. Take a two hour return walk to Castle Rock and Granite Skywalk to see rich birdlife and spring wildflowers. Journey to Stirling Range National Park and walk the Bluff Knoll (Kol Kuyunu-ruffle) trail.

LEG 7 | Hopetoun to Esperance

162km

Hopetoun is your gateway to Fitzgerald River National Park - WA’s only UNESCO Biosphere. Time your visit for the June to October southern right whale calving season and watch them at Point Ann. On your way to Esperance (Keper Kurl) join the Great Ocean Drive tourist loop for an afternoon exploring a string of striking white-sand beaches.

Arriving in Esperance, explore the 100-plus islands of the Recherche Archipelago on a wildlife cruise. Fly or cruise to see the extraordinary blue humpback Lake Millers. Venture east to Cape Le Grand National Park (Mandoowernup) and the white sands of Lucky Bay. Cast a fishing line or stroll Lucky Bay with its resident kangaroos.

LEG 8 | Esperance to Hyden

383km

Drive through the Wheatbelt towns of Ravensthorpe, Lake King and Hyden to reach Wave Rock (Katter Kidi) – a 15-metre-high crested wave of solid granite. Explore the nature reserve and visit Mulka’s Cave where an Aboriginal legend is retold through over 450 ancient rock paintings.

LEG 9 | Hyden to Perth

332km

Detour to photograph the quirky Tin Horse Highway of Kulin, then continue to Corrigin’s touching Dog Cemetery. Drive the Corrigin-Quairading Road to the historic town of York and discover a treasure trove of cafes, restaurants, art galleries, museums and antique shops.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Busselton Jetty
- Wineries and more wineries
- Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
- Historic Whaling Station
- Wave Rock
- Collie Mural Trail
- Cape Le Grand National Park
- Dolphins
- Bluff Knoll

WILDFLOWER SEASON
- September to December

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
- Wadjuk, Wardandi, Bibbulman and Menang

VEHICLE
- 2WD

BEST TIME
- All year round

DURATION
- 8-14 days

START
- Perth

END
- Perth

398km

MARGARET RIVER | BUNBURY

PERTH

ESPERANCE | HOPETOUN

HYDEN

DENMARK | PERTH

PERTH

40 YOUR GUIDE TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA’S BEST DRIVING ROUTES
CORAL COAST HIGHWAY

Perth, Kalbarri, Monkey Mia, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Coral Bay

There’s only one word that can sum up this adventure: unforgettable. Think uninterrupted stretches of sandy beaches and turquoise fringed coral reefs, breathtaking gorges and, from July to October, the dazzling display of wildflowers across to World Heritage-listed regions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hamelin Pool stromatolites
- Monkey Mia dolphin encounters
- Quobba Station
- Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre
- Ningaloo Reef
- Nambung National Park
- Kalbarri National Park
- Houtman Abrolhos Islands
- Carnarvon Space Museum
- Pink lake at Hutt Lagoon
- Carnarvon Heritage and Cultural Centre
- Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre

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LEG 1 | Perth to Kalbarri 113km

Head to the coastal playground of Lancelin (Wangaree) and marvel at truly unique landscapes in Nambung National Park. Indian Ocean Drive’s final stretch leads you to the outback coast playground of Kalbarri National Park.

Enjoy a day of adventure: kayak, hike, climb or abseil in Kalbarri’s (Wurdimarlu) 400-million-year-old river gorges, or on a deep-sea fishing charter. For a slower pace, explore the park by cruising the Murchison River or following walking trails to appreciate the region’s beauty at iconic Nature’s Window.

LEG 2 | Kalbarri to Monkey Mia 308km

Head north from Kalbarri town towards the famed Shark Bay World Heritage Area (Gathaagadu). Stop at Hamelin Pool stromatolites – the Earth’s largest and oldest living fossils. The Denham-Hamelin Road brings you to Shell Beach’s dramatic landscape, and it’s a short detour to Eagle Bluff for spectacular ocean vistas.

Enjoy a magical morning meeting the famous bottlenose dolphins that have visited this shoreline daily since the early 1960s. Later, meet more Shark Bay marine life. On dry land, experience an Aboriginal cultural tour of Francois Peron National Park, or take the ferry to Dirk Hartog Island.

LEG 3 | Monkey Mia to Carnarvon 352km

The tropical food bowl of Carnarvon is the southern gateway to World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu). Stop for a lunch-time feast, fresh from local farms before exploring the region’s history with a visit to the Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre, as well as the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct.

LEG 4 | Carnarvon to Gnaraloo 280km

Take a 4WD detour to secluded spots on the Ningaloo coast and stop into the bluest ocean to swim or snorkel. Follow Blowholes Road to witness their powerful sights, sounds and spray, before taking the unsealed road to South Ningaloo for snorkelling, fishing and surfing. Stay at Quobba Station, Red Bluff, Warroora Station, Three Mile Camp or Gnaraloo, with camping, basic cabins and glamping options.

LEG 5 | Gnaraloo to Coral Bay 237km

Head to chilled-out Coral Bay with its calm sheltered waters – perfect for a snorkel right off the shore, or glass-bottom ride to coral gardens. Between March and July, swim with whale sharks, the largest fish in the ocean, for an unforgettable experience. Explore the outer reef on a kayak, dive charter or snorkel tour and see humpback whales, turtles, and manta rays.

LEG 6 | Coral Bay to Exmouth 152km

Exmouth at the Ningaloo Reef’s northern tip is also a great place to swim with whale sharks. Go big-game fishing, take a glass-bottom boat, snorkel or dive tour to the outer-reef playground of dolphins, turtles, dugongs and manta rays. Divers will love Navy Pier and the Murion Islands. Surfers will love the reef break on Surfers Beach.

LEG 7 | Exmouth to Cape Range National Park 77km

Take a drive or guided tour through Ningaloo Marine Park and Cape Range National Park. Look out for kangaroos, emus and lizards, and stunning lagoons; or enjoy a wildlife cruise (seasonal) or bush walk in the rugged red canyon of Yardie Creek, before ending your day at Vlamingh Head Lighthouse.

LEG 8 | Exmouth to Perth 120km

Leave your hire car at Learmonth Airport* near Exmouth and hop on a direct flight to Perth (Boorloo). Or retrace your tracks by road, breaking the 14-hour drive with a stay in Carnarvon, Kalbarri (Wurdimarlu) or Geraldton (Jambinu).
KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS LOOP
Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra

A bit wild and a whole lot romantic, the Kimberley is one of the last true wilderness areas on the planet. This ancient and remote landscape is home to spectacular coastlines, prolific wildlife, majestic canyons, freshwater swimming holes and several outback stations. The Kimberley covers Western Australia’s entire north-west corner. This escape is a greatest-hits collection of some of its top experiences.

LEG 1 | Broome to Fitzroy Crossing
396km
Soak up the beauty of Broome’s Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) — a 22-kilometre stretch of pristine white sand and clear turquoise waters. As dusk approaches, prepare to witness the unforgettable Staircase to the Moon. This a natural phenomenon that occurs when the full moon rises over the tidal flats of Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nagulagun) between March and October.

Leave Broome on the Great Northern Highway for a four-and-a-half-hour drive to Fitzroy Crossing. Explore this true outback town and try your luck at Barramundi fishing on one of the largest rivers on the planet.

LEG 3 | Fitzroy Crossing to Geikie Gorge
307km
There are many significant cultural sites surrounding Fitzroy Crossing, including the Goonyandi rock art of Mimbi Caves. Pre-book an Aboriginal tour, where your guide will reveal the cultural significance and stories of this labyrinth of caves.

LEG 4 | Halls Creek to Wolfe Creek Crater
152km
Take the unsealed road to Wolfe Creek Crater National Park. Measuring 880 metres across, it’s the second largest meteorite crater in the world. You’ll need a full day and a 4WD is recommended.

LEG 5 | Halls Creek to Purnululu National Park
148km
It’s a 160-kilometre drive to the entrance of Purnululu National Park (4WD is essential) where you can delight in the many highlights of this 350-million-year-old landscape. Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm Walk or Piccaninny Creek in the Bungle Bungle Range are well worth your time.

LEG 6 | Purnululu to Kununurra
291 km
Break the last stretch of your journey with a visit to the Gija Visitor Centre in Warmun, which displays the art and craft work of local Aboriginal artists. Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang) means ‘big water’ and you’ll soon understand how it earned its Aboriginal name when you take a cruise of the Ord River and Lake Argyle. There’s abundant wildlife to discover and some of the best river fishing in the North West.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Stargazing
• Mimbi Caves
• Wolfe Creek Crater
• Bungle Bungle Range, Purnululu National Park
• Lake Argyle
• Staircase to the Moon
• Aboriginal cultural experiences
• Cable Beach
• Emma Gorge

START | Broome
END | Kununurra
DURATION | 7-14 days
BEST TIME | May to October
VEHICLE | 4WD
TRADITIONAL COUNTRY | Yawuru, Nyikina, Bunuba, Ngarinyin, Wilinggin and Balanggara
GIBB RIVER ROAD
Broome, Derby, Kununurra

The captivating Gibb River Road is a four-wheel drive adventure that should be on everyone’s bucket list. This epic pilgrimage from Derby to Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang) through the heart of the Kimberley’s red-dirt wilderness, is one of soul stirring natural beauty.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Horizontal Falls
- Bell Gorge
- Aboriginal rock art
- Bungle Bungle Range, Purnululu National Park
- Tunnel Creek caves
- Camping with Custodians
- El Questro Wilderness Park
- Outback station stays
- Scenic flights
- Boab Prison Tree

LEG 1 | Broome to Derby
113km
As the first town settled in the Kimberley, Derby presents unique insights into the region’s convict and colonial past, at the Boab Prison Tree and Wharfinger’s House Museum. The Royal Flying Doctor Base and Kimberley School of the Air offer a glimpse of modern life on the edge of a vast outback wilderness.

LEG 2 | Derby to Windjana Gorge National Park
146km
Be sure to stock up on fuel, food and water before leaving Derby. First stop is Windjana Gorge National Park. Explore the 3.5-kilometre walk trail to view sheer 100-metre walls revealing fossils and cool pools. Nearby Tunnel Creek National Park features Western Australia’s oldest cave system. Stay longer and take a scenic flight over stunning Horizontal Falls (Garaanggaddim) and the Buccaneer Archipelago.

LEG 3 | Windjana Gorge National Park to Bell Gorge
120km
Stop at Lennard Gorge for a morning walk or swim. Next is Bell Gorge (Dalmanyi), with a spectacular cascading 100-metre waterfall and swimming pools. Camp under clear Kimberley night skies at Silent Grove campsite, or travel to Mount Hart Homestead. Both are good bases for exploring Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges Conservation Park.

LEG 4 | Bell Gorge to Manning Gorge
87km
Take the short drive to Galvans Gorge for spectacular granite outcrops and lily-filled waterways. Continue to Mount Barnett Roadhouse to pay park entry and camping fees. Walk from the campground to Manning Gorge to explore the falls, Aboriginal rock art and take a refreshing swim.

LEG 5 | Manning Gorge to Drysdale River Station
165km
Drive along Kalumburu Road to the biodiverse wilderness of Mitchell River National Park, then make an early morning swim stop at the Gibb River crossing. Explore the rainforests and woodlands surrounding Drysdale River Station and join the historic riverbank. Take a scenic flight over coastal canyons of the Prince Regent River – a haven for more than half the Kimberley’s native mammal and bird species. It’s home to some of Australia’s most dramatic coastal gorges and waterfalls.

LEG 6 | Drysdale River Station to Home Valley Station
236km
Your next destination, Home Valley Station, is a 1.4-million-hectare outback oasis nestled at the foot of the spectacular Cockburn Range. Join a sunset tour, and enjoy a sundowner watching the mighty Cockburn Ranges turn from brilliant reds to deep purples.

LEG 7 | Home Valley Station
Venture out on a horse-riding tour through ancient gorges and inviting plunge pools; or chase barramundi in top fishing spots on the Pentecost River. Soak in the unforgettable scenery and be inspired by the ancient spirit of the region’s Aboriginal people.

LEG 8 | El Questro Wilderness Park
60km
On your way, stop for a swim at Durack River crossing or fish for barramundi at Jack’s Waterhole. Set on 283,000 hectares, El Questro Wilderness Park extends into the heart of the Kimberley. Take a sunset cruise to Chamberlain Gorge for the perfect introduction. Relax in the thermal pools at Zebedee Springs – just a short walk through the pre-historic forest of Livistona and pandanus palms. Discover ancient Windjana Aboriginal rock art or join local guides on a hike to Emma Gorge.

LEG 9 | El Questro Wilderness Park to Kununurra
103km
Gibb River Road’s final stretch brings you to Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang). Extend your adventure by viewing the Kimberley’s extraordinary sights of Lake Argyle and the Bungle Bungle Range in World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park.
WILDFLOWER TRAILS

Western Australia is quite simply a botanical enthusiast’s dream. It’s home to more than 12,000 species of wildflowers, 80 per cent of which can’t be found anywhere else in the world. These bring a spectacle of colour and scent that attract thousands of people every year.

Generally, wildflowers will begin to show off their dazzling blooms in June in the north of the state, extending through to November in the south. There are a number of trails to choose from. Some will take a day or two, others will be week-long adventures. All of them will help you get the most out of seeing nature at its finest.
EVERLASTINGS TRAIL

Mullewa, Geraldton, Perenjori, Mingenew, Carnamah, New Norcia, Bindoon

Sprawling carpets of Everlastings can be found at Mullewa, Mingenew, Carnamah and Coalseam Conservation Park which come alive after good winter rains. More wildflowers await along the Wildflower Way via the eastern route from Geraldton (Jambinu) or the Midlands Route.

Drive under a canopy of looming red gums through Gingin to see the Kangaroo Paw display at the cemetery. From October, see the unique golden bloom of the Western Australian Christmas tree in Moore River National Park.

Embark on a scenic drive to Mount Lesueur to discover wildflowers such as Honey Bush, Cork Mallee, Propeller Banksia, large magenta Starflower and the Lesueur Hakeas.

START Perth  END Perth  DURATION 3-6 days

BEST TIME June to October  VEHICLE 2WD

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Yued, Yamatji and Ballardong

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS Everlastings, Honey Bush, Cork Mallee, Propeller Banksia, large magenta Starflower, Lesueur Hakeas

HIGHLIGHTS
• Moore River National Park
• Lesueur National Park
• Coalseam Conservation Park
• New Norcia monastery
• Chittering Valley
PILBARA TRAIL
Onslow, Tom Price, Marble Bar, Dampier

From Onslow, drive south-east looking out for yellow flame grevilleas and Sturt’s desert rose as you make your way to Karijini National Park. Climb, swim or gaze into the depths of its 100-metre chasms. Red tubular flowers of the harlequin mistletoe nestled in wattles and native hibiscus are hard to miss as you drive to Port Hedland and Australia’s hottest town, Marble Bar.

At Millstream-Chichester National Park, you’ll find native trees and flora peppering the land, along with River Red Gums and Coolabahs. Step back in time at Cossack, where you’ll find restored buildings of a pioneer settlement.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Karijini National Park
• Hamersley Range
• Fortescue Falls
• Weano Gorge
• Staircase to the Moon

DURATION
10 days

START
Exmouth

END
Karratha

BEST TIME
June to August

VEHICLE
4WD

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Wattles and native hibiscus

CAPE RANGE TRAIL
Exmouth, Coral Bay, Minilya

The breathtaking landscape of Cape Range National Park is a compelling backdrop to the fascinating plant life that proliferates in the region. Look out for Cape Range Grevillias, Cape Range Kurrajongs and Verticordias. Marvel at the many Rock Figs rooted on the sheer rock faces of the Yardie Creek Gorge.

Step off the shore near Coral Bay and you’re a short swim from the stunning coral gardens of Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu).

The surrounding plains of Minilya are great for spotting the delicate, white trumpet flowers of the Minilya lily, kurara, Cape Range grevilleas, thryptomene and melaleuca.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Cape Range National Park
• Yardie Creek Gorge
• Giralia Station
• Ningaloo Reef
• Minilya

DURATION
2-3 days

START
Exmouth

END
Exmouth

BEST TIME
June to August

VEHICLE
4WD

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Thalanji, Guruma, Nyamal and Yaburara

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Minilya lily, kurara, Cape Range grevilleas, thryptomene and melaleuca

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Wattles and native hibiscus
NORTHERN EXPLORER TRAIL
Perth, Kalbarri, Monkey Mia, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet

Between July and October, wildflowers set the plains and gorges of Kalbarri National Park ablaze with colour. River gums, Banksias, grevilleas, starflowers, smoke bushes and eucalypts are all on show.

Francois Peron National Park is near Denham and offers rare scenery and vivid wildflowers such as Dampiera, purple pea and the Shark Bay Daisy.

Mount Augustus (Burringurrah) is famed for surrounding plains filled with purple mulla mulla, gum trees and wattles.

If you visit the Murchison Settlement, pop into the Murchison Museum Herbarium and Botanical Walk.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Kalbarri National Park
• Francois Peron National Park
• Ningaloo Reef
• Mount Augustus
• Murchison Settlement

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 7-10 days

WHEATBELT & GOLDFIELDS TRAIL
York, Bruce Rock, Hyden, Perth, Toodyay, Wongan Hills, Merredin, Kalgoorlie

In addition to beautifully restored buildings, you’ll find a wide variety of wildflowers in York including Pygmy Sundew, Rosy Cheeked Donkey Orchids and Mouse Ears.

Enjoy a spectacular sunset from the top of Wave Rock (Katter Kich) after a day exploring Hyden’s colourful countryside. Then follow Corrigin’s wildflower drive to find grevillea, fringed mantis orchid, wild foxglove and triggerplants. Venture north to Kalgoorlie, via Merredin, through Eucalypt woodlands and sand plains.

Historic Toodyay, also in the picturesque Avon Valley, is home to Cowslip Orchids and Kangaroo Paw.

Don’t miss the Aboriginal Kalamia tribe paintings at Beringboodding Rock, along with the many wildflowers and plants unique to the Wongan Hills area.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Avon Valley
• Elachbutting Rock
• Kalamia tribe paintings
• Wave Rock
• Tin Horse Highway

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 5 days

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Nanda, Mulgana, Yamatji and Badimia

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Pygmy Sundew, Donkey Orchids, Mouse Ears, grevillea, fringed mantis orchid, wild foxglove, triggerplants, everlasting, Cowslip Orchids and Kangaroo Paw

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 5 days

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Ballardong, Nyaki Nyaki and Whadjuk

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Pygmy Sundew, Donkey Orchids, Mouse Ears, grevillea, fringed mantis orchid, wild foxglove, triggerplants, everlasting, Cowslip Orchids and Kangaroo Paw

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 5 days

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Nanda, Mulgana, Yamatji and Badimia

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
River gums, Banksias, grevilleas, starflowers, smoke bushes and eucalypts
PERTH TRAIL

City Beach, Kalamunda

Overlooking the picturesque Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan) and city skyline, Kings Park and Botanic Garden (Kaarta Koomba) covers an expansive area of natural bushland, gardens and lush parkland. Peruse more than 1,700 native wildflower species in the heart of the city. Right near the coast, Bold Park is a wildflower hotspot for beach lovers.

It doesn’t get any better for nature lovers than the Perth Hills. Incorporating five national parks and the amazing Bibbulmun Track, this region is where you can see wildflower species such as Kangaroo Paws, Hakea, Grevillea, Orchids and Peas.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Kings Park and Botanic Garden
• Bold Park
• John Forrest National Park
• Noble Falls
• Bibbulmun Track

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 4 days

BEST TIME August to October

VEHICLE 2WD

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Whadjuk and Wadjemup

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS Kangaroo Paws, Hakea, Grevillea, Orchids and Peas

JARRAHDALE TRAIL

Dwellingup, Pemberton, Augusta, Margaret River, Bunbury

Heritage listed Jarrahdale has guided walks you can join to see Wattle, Hakea, Hardenbergia, Chroizema and Verticodria wildflowers.

Pemberton sits adjacent to the Gloucester National Park where you can enjoy one of several walk trails beginning at the famous Gloucester Tree. Look out for Karri trees with Kennedia, Tree Hovea, Orchids, Coral Vine and Clematis.

Take a captivating hike along the Cape to Cape Track starting at Cape Leeuwin to spot Vanilla Orchids, Wisteria, Coastal Pimelea and Fan flowers. Then lose yourself among the Karri trees exploring the Boranup Forest. Wildflowers in this region include deep blue Karri Hovea, yellow Cone bush and Patersonia.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Serpentine Dam
• Bibbulmun Track
• Blackwood River Valley
• Gloucester National Park
• Cape to Cape Track

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION 7 days

BEST TIME September to November

VEHICLE 2WD

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Willman, Bibbulman, Wardandi

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS Wattle, Hakea, Hardenbergia, Chroizema, Verticodria, Kennedia, Tree Hovea, Orchids, Coral Vine and Clematis, Vanilla Orchids, Wisteria, Coastal Pimelea and Fan flowers, Karri Hovea, yellow Cone bush and Patersonia.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Serpentine Dam
• Bibbulmun Track
• Blackwood River Valley
• Gloucester National Park
• Cape to Cape Track

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Whadjuk

Wadjemup

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY Wilman, Bibbulman, Wardandi

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS Kangaroo Paws, Hakea, Grevillea, Orchids and Peas
SOUTHERN WONDERS TRAIL

Kojonup, Mount Barker, Albany, Bridgetown, Bunbury

The drive to Stirling Range National Park will take you through quaint country towns with plenty of history, charm and blooming wildflowers. Once there, you can start marking off more than 1,500 species of native plants, 87 of which aren’t found anywhere else in the world.

The powerful Southern Ocean has sculptured spectacular coastal features along Torndirrup National Park’s coastline. It’s complemented by a display of wildflowers, including the Sticky Tailflower, the pink Pimilea Rosea and blue Scaevola Nitida.

Make sure to visit the Valley of the Giants. This magnificent sight is best viewed from the Tree Top Walk.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Stirling Range National Park
• Porongurup National Park
• Torndirrup National Park
• William Bay National Park
• Valley of the Giants

BEST TIME
September to November

VEHICLE
2WD

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Sticky Tailflower, Pimilea Rosea and Scaevola Nitida

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION
7 days

ESPERANCE TRAIL

Brookton, Lake Grace, Esperance, Ravensthorpe, Katanning, Narrogin

Take a picturesque drive from Narrogin to the Dryandra Woodland. It’s home to an abundance of plant life. Watch out for Golden Dryandra, Prickly Lambertia, purple Tangled Grevillea, pink and lemon Rainbows and Orchids.

Wild coastal scenery, rugged granite peaks and sweeping heathlands characterise Cape Le Grand National Park. Within the park, look for Banksia Speciosa and Banksia Pulchella among other wildflowers.

The pristine wilderness of Fitzgerald River National Park is recognised as one of the most diverse botanical regions on Earth, with around 1,800 species of flowering plants, such as Royal Hakea, Qualup Bell, Sepulcralis, Weeping Gum and Woolly Banksia.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Cape Le Grand National Park
• Fitzgerald River National Park
• Great Western Woodlands
• Peak Charles National Park
• Dryandra Woodlands

BEST TIME
September to November

VEHICLE
2WD

WILDFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS
Banksia Speciosa, Banksia Pulchella, Royal Hakea, Qualup Bell, Sepulcralis, Weeping Gum and Woolly Banksia, Golden Dryandra, Prickly Lambertia, purple Tangled Grevillea, pink and lemon Rainbows and Orchids

START Perth

END Perth

DURATION
10 days

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
Balladong, Wudjari and Wilman

START Perth

END Perth

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY
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CAMPING WITH CUSTODIANS

Stay on Aboriginal lands, meet the locals and gain valuable and memorable insights into their unique culture. There’s simply no better way to further your understanding of the real Western Australia than by experiencing it first-hand alongside its traditional owners. The Camping with Custodians initiative provides local Aboriginal communities the chance to showcase their way of life, their culture and their country. High quality, well-resourced campgrounds welcome visitors and fees support the community. This opportunity is your passport to an ancient world indelibly linked with the land. It’s a one-of-a-kind travel encounter that will remain with you forever.

IMINTJI CAMPGROUND - DERBY

The Imintji people invite you to stay at this sheltered location at the foot of the spectacular Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges. Stay on country with this Aboriginal community and enjoy the open spaces of this part of the Kimberley. The newly refurbished campgrounds offer modern amenities and form a great base from which to explore a vast hinterland.

PEEDAMULLA CAMPGROUND - PEEDAMULLA

This nature-based campground is located on the historic Peedamulla Station, just seven kilometres off the North West Coastal Highway near Onslow. It’s owned by the Jundaru Aboriginal Corporation and offers modern amenities, powered and unpowered caravan/camp sites, hot showers, drinking water and gas barbecues.

MIMBI CAMPGROUND - FITZROY

Modern amenities, secluded camp sites and a friendly welcome await at Jarlarloo Riwi Campground Mimbis. Don’t miss the opportunity to take an Aboriginal guided tour of the nearby Mimbi Caves. It’s one of Australia’s most spectacular geological sites and a place of deep spiritual significance to the Gooniyandi people.

VIOLET VALLEY CAMPGROUND - WARMUN

Welcome to Violet Valley Campground in the Kimberley, featuring 14 secluded camp sites in a natural bush setting on the banks of the Row River. Explore wide open grasslands and abundant wildlife off-the-beaten-track. The campground is near the entrance of the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park and accessible by four-wheel drives and off-road campers or caravans.

DOON DOON CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPGROUND - KUNUNURRA

Ideally located halfway between Kununurra (Goonoorrag) and the turnoff to Purnululu National Park, the Doon Doon Campground is a shaded and lawned caravan park and campground with powered and unpowered sites. The campground was rebuilt in 2010, and now offers a range of modern amenities and conveniences.

DJARINDJIN CAMPGROUND - DAMPIER PENINSULA

The newly built campground includes powered and unpowered sites, plus a range of amenities including the signature Camping with Custodians firepit. It’s a perfect location for unhitching trailers or vans and exploring this beautiful Peninsula. From here, take an Aboriginal cultural tour, visit Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm for a tasty al fresco lunch, or head to Lombadina for a spot of snorkelling in crystal clear waters. Jump on a Waterfall Reef boat tour to witness the tidal phenomenon of a waterfall in the ocean.
OUTBACK STATIONS STAYS

Immerse yourself in the unique rural life of Western Australia with an outback station stay. Join a muster, learn the stockman’s craft and spend nights gazing at a sky ablaze with billions of stars. These are the authentic experiences you’re looking for, set in a landscape of endless horizons over land and sea. You can expect to be on the receiving end of some honest-to-goodness hospitality, too. All in all, it’s the perfect escape from the hustle of everyday life.

WOORAMEL STATION - CARNARVON

Join the happy campers at the unique station campground at Wooramel. A highlight is relaxing in the naturally heated artesian bore baths from the Birdrong aquifer. There’s plenty of wildlife to spot and, as night falls, you can enjoy a campfire under night skies glittering with stars.

CHEELA PLAINS - PARABURDOO

An oasis located between Karijini National Park and Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu), Cheela Plains is the perfect stop between reef and ranges. Drop in and connect with the West Pilbara and its rugged landscape. Choose from shady campground sites set amongst lush green lawn or wilderness bush. Beasley River Gorge offer accommodation rooms with shared amenities.

BALANGARRA HOME VALLEY STATION - THE KIMBERLEY

Home Valley is located beside the iconic Pentecost River on the Gibb River Road, overlooking the magnificent Cockburn Ranges. Under management by Balanggarra Traditional Custodians, Home Valley offers an authentic Australian outback experience and a chance to be immersed in the Aboriginal culture of the eastern Kimberley.

WOOLEEN STATION - GASCOYNE-MURCHISON

This working cattle station is dedicated to landscape regeneration and conservation. Your hosts, the Pollock family, will make your stay enjoyable and educational in the National Trust-listed homestead or rammed earth guesthouses. Wooleen offers eco tours into the rangelands highlighting the region’s flora and fauna, pioneering history and Aboriginal culture.

BULLARA STATION - NINGALOO

Bullara Station Stay (Punurrba) is the ideal stopover if you are travelling between Coral Bay and Exmouth. Immerse yourself in the huge variety of flora and fauna that makes this working cattle station unique. The stylishly renovated shearer’s lodge is set amongst the diverse Australian landscape. Cottages and single ensuite quarters are also available, with outdoor showers being a highlight.

EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK - THE KIMBERLEY

The Station is the busy central hub of El Questro. Set on the banks of the Pentecost River you’ll find air-conditioned accommodation and campgrounds with lawns, gardens and facilities, including a bar and restaurant, for all guests. At Emma Gorge, find safari-style tented cabins set within the picturesque landscape of the rocky, red Cockburn Ranges. The luxurious El Questro Homestead sits perched on a clifftop featuring magnificent panoramic views of the Chamberlain Gorge.

EL QUESTRO HOMESTEAD, THE KIMBERLEY
OUTBACK STATIONS STAYS

DRYSDALE RIVER STATION — THE KIMBERLEY

Drysdale River Station is a family-owned, family-operated cattle station that stands on 283,000 hectares of Western Australian outback. You’ll find the Station off the Gibb River Road, on the way to the iconic Mitchell Falls. The Homestead has full facilities and no bookings are required. It also offers a large variety of clean and comfortable rooms.

MELLENBYE STATION — YALGOO

This working cattle station is just four-and-a-half hours north of Perth (Boorloo). From August until mid-October, Mellenbye is the perfect location to base yourself for your wildflower exploration. Established in 1895, a number of the station’s original buildings remain, making it ideal for that special private function.

QUOBBA STATION — NINGALOO

This working pastoral station is located on the edge of the Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu) and is home to Red Bluff, one of Australia’s most iconic surfing beaches. Guests can expect spectacular views, incredible game fishing, surfing and snorkelling. Accommodation includes camping and caravan sites, fishing shacks and eco safari tents.

GNARALOO STATION — NINGALOO

Found at the southern entrance of the Ningaloo Reef, this wilderness tourism business and working pastoral station is surrounded by stunning coastline. After a day of swimming in pristine waters or windsurfing on world-class waves, you can relax in Gnaraloo’s 3 Mile Camp accommodation or stay in self-catering cabins at the homestead.
Driving around Western Australia is one of the best ways to see the State. If you’re not familiar with the local rules of the road, here are some hints, tips and rules to keep you safe.

**DRIVING ON THE LEFT**
In Australia, all vehicles drive on the left of the road.

**MERGING**
When merging as two lanes form one, the vehicle in front has right of way.

**ROUNDABOUTS**
When entering a roundabout, always give way to any vehicle already in the roundabout.

**CROSSING ROAD LINES**
You may cross a broken line if it is safe to do so, but continuous unbroken lines should not be crossed unless you need to avoid an obstruction.

**SHARING THE ROAD WITH CYCLISTS**
Give way to cyclists, and when overtaking allow a distance of 1.5m between your vehicle and the cyclist.

**MAKING A “U-TURN”**
When making a U-Turn give way to all other road users, and use the indicator to signal your manoeuvre.

**MOBILE PHONE DISTRACTION**
It is illegal to use your mobile phone while driving, enjoy the view instead.

**DRINK DRIVING**
Driving in Western Australia with a blood alcohol level over .05 is illegal.

**BUCKLE UP**
Wearing seatbelts is mandatory in Western Australia, and drivers and passengers can be fined for not wearing them.

**YOUR DRIVER’S LICENCE**
Holders of an overseas driving licence must carry a copy of their licence with a translation, or an International Drivers’ Permit while driving.

**DRIVING ON GRAVEL ROADS**
- Drive at a slower speed
- Slow down on bends
- Don’t break suddenly
- Be prepared for dust and stones from passing vehicles

**WILDLIFE ON THE ROAD**
Be aware of roaming animals such as kangaroos, cattle, camels and even eagles on the road in some country areas, especially at sunrise and sunset.

**LOW VISIBILITY**
Avoid driving in hazardous weather and in rural areas. Drive with your headlights on at any time of day regardless of conditions.

**REST AREAS AND PETROL STATIONS**
There’s lots of ground to cover and some big distances to take your time. Make the most of rest areas, some of which will have bathroom facilities, as well as barbecues and picnic benches. It’s best to stop at a petrol station or a roadhouse regularly for fuel and water when you’re travelling big distances as the stops may be limited.

**DOWNLOAD OFFLINE MAPS**
Remote areas of Western Australia may not have phone coverage. While the roads are well-marked, it’s a good idea to have an offline or paper map.

**DRIVING TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

2WD - Take the epic Eyre Highway from Port Augusta in South Australia, across the vast Nullarbor Plain to Norseman, playing a few holes on the world’s longest golf course – the Nullarbor Links – along the way.

If you’re driving to Western Australia from Darwin, the Victoria Highway connecting to the Great Northern Highway takes you through the spectacular Kimberley to Broome.

4WD - For a 4WD adventure across World Heritage-listed tropical savannahs, take the Savannah Way from Cairns in North Queensland to WA’s exotic pearling town of Broome.

Or journey through Australia’s red centre along the Outback Way. This 4WD odyssey spans 2,700 kilometres from Winton in Queensland, to Uluru and ending at Laverton in WA’s Goldfields region.

Add to the adventure by hitting the legendary Gibb River Road through the Kimberley wilderness.

**TALK TO THE EXPERTS**
The Western Australian Visitor Centre is located in the centre of Perth. It is a one-stop shop for travel information, souvenirs, and offers a free tour and accommodation booking service.

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