

# 23 DAYS WEST COAST DISCOVERY BY 2WD

## DESTINATIONS

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GERALDTON  
PORT HEDLAND  
BROOME  
FITZROY CROSSING  
HALLS CREEK  
KUNUNURRA  
DARWIN  
PERTH  
CERVANTES,WA  
MONKEY MIA,WA  
CARNARVON,WA  
CORAL BAY,WA  
TOM PRICE,WA  
KATHERINE,NT  
KAKADU NATIONAL PARK,NT

# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Perth 🚗 Cervantes
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart the city of Perth and travel north along the Indian Ocean Drive to the coastal town of Cervantes and one of Australia's most unique landscapes, the Pinnacles Desert. Cervantes has a number of pristine beaches, within easy walking distance of the town centre, ideal for swimming, boating and windsurfing.

## DAY 2

Destination	Cervantes 🚗 Geraldton
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today make the drive from Cervantes to Geraldton. Not just our beaches and stunning Foreshore, but we are home to the magnificent HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Western Australian Museum, the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, Seal Rock, live lobster factory, the Point Moore Lighthouse and the phenomenal Houtman Abrolhos Islands located just off the Geraldton coast.

Suggested Activity: When in Geraldton take some time to visit the Byzantine style St. Xavier Cathedral and the Geraldton Museum, which houses relics from the numerous ships wrecked along this coastline. Geraldton has beautiful beaches, excellent fishing and enticing restaurants.

## DAY 3

Destination	Geraldton 🚗 Kalbarri
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will continue onto Kalbarri, located on the midwest coast. With its pristine beaches and towering coastal cliffs, Kalbarri is a treat for visitors. Once you arrive in Kalbarri let the experiences unwind. You can do everything from abseiling, horse riding, windsurfing or you can simply take time to absorb the wonderful surrounds.

Suggested Activity: Visit the HMAS Sydney memorial. The Memorial was dedicated on the 18th November 2001 and the Eternal Flamewas lit on the 19th November 2001, 60 years to the day after the tragic loss.

## DAY 4

Destination	Kalbarri
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

If you are a nature-lover, then the Rainbow Jungle is an essential experience with the outstanding parrot-breeding centre. Kalbarri also offers a true wildflower experience. Be awe-struck at the 180,000 acres of some of the richest wildflower bushland. Kalbarri National Park claims 800 species of wildflowers and on any day of the year you will find a blooming flower.

Suggested activity: Kalbarri National Park is best known for it's dramatic coastal cliffs. No visit to Kalbarri is complete without witnessing the Natural Bridge and Island Rock. Only a short walk from the carpark, this area is a great place to witness migrating whales between June - November, and is reminiscent of the Twelve Apostles.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Kalbarri 🚗 Monkey Mia
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Kalbarri and continue north towards Denham and Monkey Mia. Monkey Mia is famous for its Dolphins, beautiful scenery and sparkling blue waters providing spectacular photographic opportunities. These are wild animals that after years of care and understanding come in to be fed of their own accord by the rangers.

Suggested Activity: Stop via Hamelin Pool. Hamelin Pool is home to the most diverse and abundant examples of stromatolites in the world. Also referred to as 'living fossils', stromatolites are living representatives of life over 3500 million years ago when there was no other complex life on Earth. A 200m boardwalk at Hamelin Pool provides excellent views of the stromatolites, microbialites and microbial mats. Please help protect these structures by staying on the boardwalk.

### DAY 6

Destination	Monkey Mia 🚗 Carnarvon
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Famous for its banana plantations, Carnarvon on Australia's Coral Coast is the southern gateway to the world-famous Ningaloo Reef and provides the ideal base for exploring Mount Augustus and the Kennedy Ranges to the east and coastal stations to the north.

### DAY 7

Destination	Carnarvon 🚗 Coral Bay
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today travel south, options include stopping at the small country towns of Carterton, Greytown and Featherston. Travel to Martinborough well known for the range of vineyards in the area and its growing worldwide reputation for its Pinot Noir wine. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 8

Destination	Coral Bay
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today is at leisure for you to explore the Coral Bay region. Nature lovers should note that this is one of the best places in the world to see whale sharks and manta rays. If you are travelling between June and October you may even witness the humpback whale migration.

Suggested Activity: If you are in Coral Bay between March and September, you can't leave Coral Bay without swimming with the majestic whale sharks. There are numerous operators offering whale shark experiences, so visit the Coral Bay Visitor Centre or speak to your hotel concierge to book. If the whale sharks aren't in town, spend the day on one of many snorkelling tours or simply walk off the white sand into the Ningaloo Marine Park.

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### DAY 9

Destination	Coral Bay 🚗 Tom Price
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Coral Bay for Tom Price, situated just outside Karijini National Park, Western Australia's second largest park. Explore ancient rocky tunnels and plunging gorges, paddle through crystal-clear waterways and swim under stunning waterfalls.

### DAY 10

Destination	Tom Price
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today join a tour of the stunning Karijini National Park. The Pilbara, the oldest known landscape on Earth, estimated to be more than two and a half billion years old, and how beautifully it has aged. With its sheer gorges you can see where nature has carved deep lines of time into the landscape. There is no better place to witness this than at Karijini National Park. Karijini has spectacular 100 metre sheer-sided ochre coloured chasms. Hidden amongst this ruggedness are crystal clear rock pools, cascading waterfalls and tropical fern environments each offering easy walking track or viewing platform access. The tour explores the Weano recreation area including Oxer Lookout, a towering but safe precipice overlooking the juncture of Weano, Joffre, Hancock and Red Gorges, with a walk through Weano to Handrail pool (water levels permitting). Following a relaxing morning cuppa the next stop is Joffre Falls lookout for a photo stop. A refreshing salad and meat pack lunch is taken at the Karijini Visitors Centre. The Karajini Visitor Centre houses a wealth of Aboriginal culture, pastoral history, flora, fauna, geological information and displays. Our final stop is at Dales Gorge area which includes Circular Pool, Fortescue Falls and a swim at Fern Pool.

### DAY 11

Destination	Tom Price 🚗 Port Hedland
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Tom Price and continue onto Port Hedland, the gateway for Australia's massive iron ore exports from the surrounding Pilbara region.

Suggested Activity: Head to Cooke Point Viewing Platform to watch the sunset over a stunning natural outlook.

### DAY 12

Destination	Port Hedland 🚗 Broome
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

An early start is recommended today for the drive through to Broome via the Great Northern Highway. Pristine beaches and bays fringed with glistening white sands, craggy red cliffs and the sparkling tropical waters of the Indian Ocean are some of the wonders of this coastal delight.

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### DAY 13

Destination	Broome
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

The next two days are yours to explore the Broome and surrounds at leisure.

Suggested activity: Arguably the best tour in the Kimberley, Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures can whisk you to one of the most famous natural attractions in Australia. Enjoy low level flying over the amazing islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before your seaplane lands safely in the calm waters of Talbot Bay right near the Horizontal Falls. Then enjoy a thrilling ride on the fastest boat in the Kimberley through the waterfalls, followed by a laid-back island cruise. Return to our luxury houseboat for a freshly prepared meal. Return to Broome on the seaplane to complete your memorable Horizontal Falls seaplane adventure.

### DAY 14

Destination	Broome
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy another day at leisure in Broome.

Suggested activity: The waters off the coast of Broome are a fishing mecca, particularly in the turquoise waters of Roebuck Bay where you can try your hand at catching Barramundi, Mangrove Jack or Threadfin salmon. You can choose to hire your own boat, fish off the beach or let the professionals take care of you on a fishing charter.

### DAY 15

Destination	Broome 🚗 Fitzroy Crossing
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Broome and head east to Fitzroy Crossing located on the banks of one of the largest river systems in Australia with a catchment of 90,000 square kilometres (55,800 square miles). This is a true outback town with a strong indigenous culture.

Suggested activity: On arrival, head northeast for 25km to the Devonian Reef National Parks. Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek and Danggu Geike Gorge cover an area that was part of an ancient reef system over 350 million years ago. This remnant reef is seen today in the limestone ranges and gorges of the West Kimberley, and also in the Ningbing Range north of Kununurra.

### DAY 16

Destination	Fitzroy Crossing 🚗 Halls Creek
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Fitzroy Crossing and journey onto Halls Creek, the oasis of the Kimberley that sits on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. With the end of the gold rush, the town became a small service centre for pastoralists, mineral exploration, Aboriginal communities and growing tourism surrounding Purnululu and Wolfe Creek Crater National Parks.

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### DAY 17

Destination	Halls Creek 🚗 Kununurra
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Halls Creek for the four hour drive North to Kununurra, the gateway to the Kimberley from the East. The town has become the major administrative centre for the East Kimberley, servicing farmers, pastoralists and the rapidly developing tourism and mining industries. It is one of the biggest towns in the Kimberley.

Suggested Activity: Stiuated roughly half way between Halls Creek and Kiununurra lies Warmun, an outback township that is home to the Warmun Art Centre, showcasing indigenous artwork from the local Gija community, who own and run the centre.

### DAY 18

Destination	Kununurra
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy today at leisure in Kununurra. Suggested activity: Spend a relaxing day at Lake Kununurra. The lake was formed after the completion of the Diversion Dam. It harbours a large variety of flora and fauna, contains wetland areas and provides a water frontage to the town, many small farms and tourist developments. It is also used extensively for sailing, rowing and skiing, supports several tour boat operations and is the landing field for float planes.

### DAY 19

Destination	Kununurra 🚗 Katherine
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

You may wish to stop at Gregory National Park. An impressive 10,500 square kilometres of ranges, gorges and sandstone escarpments, curvaceous silhouettes of Boab trees enliven the Park's landscape. Katherine is the Top End's second largest town. Its river - the first perennial running water along the route from Alice Springs - was originally dubbed the 'Catherine' by John McDouall Stuart in 1862, after his patron's daughter. The spelling was changed and the town of Katherine was eventually settled to service the Overland Telegraph Line.

### DAY 20

Destination	Katherine
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

With no driving today you are free to enjoy the natural wonders that the Katherine region has to offer, including the nearby Nitmiluk Gorge, the Katherine Springs or the Cutta Cutta Caves

Suggested Activity: Nitmiluk Gorge, also known as the Katherines Gorge, is arguably one of the Northern Territory's most well known attractions. With its hidden waterfalls, ancient Aboriginal rock art and abundance of wildlife, Nitmiluk Gorge will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of any trip to the Territory.

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### DAY 21

Destination	Katherine 🚗 Kakadu
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Most of today's three hour drive from Katherine will be spent driving through the awe inspiring Kakadu National Park, providing several opportunities to stop along the way before reaching the main visitor centre on the North-Eastern reaches of the park.

Suggested Activities: Call in at Pine Creek, the last township before heading East off the Stuart Highway towards Kakadu, before stopping at Bukbukluk Lookout and then again at Yellow Water (Ngurrungurrudjba), an expansive wetland with boat cruises and boardwalked trails on offer.

### DAY 22

Destination	Kakadu
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

With a free day to explore the ancient surrounds of Kakadu National Park, be sure to be up early enough to make the most of what will undoubtedly be an unforgettable day.

Suggested Activity: Estimated to be at least 20,000 years old, the World Heritage-Listed rock art on the walls Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) are an absolute must for any visit to Kakadu, situated only half hour from your accommodation.

### DAY 23

Destination	Kakadu 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Sadly today marks the end of your enchanting West Coast discovery, following your three hour drive to Darwin, the Territory's largest city and capital.

Suggested Activity: On your way out of the park back towards the Stuart Highway, call in at the Mamukala Wetlands, described as a bird watcher's paradise, with boardwalked trails on offer.

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## Inclusions

### WHATS INCLUDED

- Your time is important. We have designed the perfect road trip so all you need to worry about is enjoying your holiday. All you have to do is pack the car and hit the road!
- 22 nights accommodation booked and selected for you
- Suggested experiences throughout to ensure you always know the best places to visit and explore like visiting the Byzantine style St Xavier Cathedral and the Geraldton Museum or exploring the pristine beaches and bays fringed with glistening white sands, craggy red cliffs of Broome before traversing Kakadu national Park, one of four Australian sites included on the World Heritage List
- Superior twin share accommodation
- Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

## Fine Print

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package. Full payment due upon check out.

#### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
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- Your booking will be confirmed within 48 hours on completing your booking form. If your booking cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the payment will be provided.

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### EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

### HOTEL LIST

- Cervantes Pinnacles Edge or similar
- Geraldton The Gerald Apartment Hotel or similar
- Kalbarri Kalbarri Edge Resort or similar
- Monkey Mia Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort or similar
- Carnarvon Wooramel River Station or similar
- Coral Bay Ningaloo Bayview Coral Bay or similar
- Tom Price Tom Price Hotel Motel or similar
- Port Hedland Discovery Park or similar
- Broome Seashells Resort or similar
- Fitzroy Crossing Fitzroy River Lodge or similar
- Halls Creek Kimberley Hotel or similar
- Kununurra Freshwater Apartments or similar
- Katherine Beagle Motor Inn or similar
- Kakadu NP Mercure Kakadu Crocodile or similar

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### **Single Supplement**

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$3275 subject to availability.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

#### **Children**

Children 2 years old and under travel free and must share a room with parents at all times.

#### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### CAR HIRE

There is the option to hire a car for the length of your journey from \$68 per day.

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### **Rates Include:**

Unlimited Kilometres, Damage Cover (DC) subject to Accident Damage excess, Vehicle Registration Fees (VRR), Admin Fee (AF), Location Fee (LF), 24Hr Breakdown Roadside Assistance, Goods & Service Tax (GST)

Note: Location Surcharges apply at following locations: Burnie Downtown, Burnie Airport, Devonport Airport, Devonport City, Devonport Ferry, Exmouth Learmonth (to be paid direct)

### **Rates Exclude:**

Optional Renter Protection upgrades (e.g. SNO), Fuel, One Way Fees, Optional Extras (baby seats etc), Accident Damages Excess (ADE), Optional Renter Protection Services (AER/MAX/SNO), out of hours pickup, Road tolls, premium roadside assistance, private parking charges, delivery and collection fees, Personal Accidents and Effects Cover

### **Damage Excess for 2WD vehicles**

Damage Excess @ AUD 4800.00

Reducible to AUD 1100.00 on purchase of AER at the rental counter @ AUD 27.00 per day for 2WD vehicles (except Prestige vehicles)

Reducible to NIL on purchase of MAX cover at the rental counter @ AUD 38.00 per day (available at participating locations only) for 2WD vehicles (except Prestige vehicles)

### **Damage Excess for 4WD and AWD Vehicles**

Damage Excess @ AUD 6001.00

Reducible to AUD 1100.00 on purchase of AER at the rental counter @ AUD 34.00 per day

Reducible to NIL on purchase of MAX cover at the rental counter @ AUD 50.00 per day (available at participating locations only)

MAX Cover is not available in Arncliffe (Sydney), Ballarat, Ballina, Bendigo Brooklyn, Byron Bay, Broome, Campbellfield Trucks, Coffs Harbour, Klemzig (Adelaide), Lismore, Plympton, West Melbourne.

### **One Way Fees**

Payable directly to Hertz for rental vehicles and Neverlost GPS devices

### **Young Driver Fee**

Where a renter is aged between 21-24 a young driver fee of \$16.50 inclusive of GST (Capped at \$115.50 in each 30 day period) will apply for Standard passenger vehicles.

### **Drivers Licence -**

Renters must present a valid driver's licence that has been held for at least one year. A foreign driver's licence issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation of the licence or a current

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International Drivers Permit. Both the International Drivers Permit and the driver's national driver's licence must be presented at the time of rental.

### **Deposit**

All rentals are subject to a deposit to cover additional costs. A min of AU\$200 applies for Metro Locations, \$200 for Remote Locations, \$200 for Licensee locations and \$400 for 4WD locations in Sydney and Melbourne if using a credit card in the name of the renter. A cash deposit is not accepted

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