



# Coates Wildlife Tours

10 DAY CORAL COAST  
Accommodated Wildlife Tour

Perth - Shark Bay - Exmouth

12th - 21st April 2012



This fascinating 10 day tour takes in all the highlights between Perth and Exmouth, including the Nambung and Kalbarri National Parks, the Abrolhos Islands, Shark Bay and Cape Range National Park.

Visit Monkey Mia to witness the famous feeding of the bottlenose dolphins that have frequented the area for more than 40 years. Seven or eight dolphins regularly visit the beach, which is renowned as one of the most reliable places in the world for human interaction with dolphins.

The stromatolites at Hamelin Pool are the oldest and largest living 'fossils' on earth. A purpose-built jetty allows them to be viewed without causing damage. The area is of great interest to naturalists and geologists as it gives an indication of what the earth may have looked like approximately 3.5 billion years ago. At that time stromatolites were the dominant life form and responsible for the generation of oxygen, vital to the further development of life on our planet.

Enjoy a flight to the Abrolhos Islands and cruise the clear waters of Shark Bay looking for dugongs, turtles and dolphins.

You'll then move on to Exmouth, to explore the Cape Range National Park for two days. The park boasts spectacular scenery - including rugged limestone ranges, deep canyons and pristine beaches. We will look for birds in the mangroves during our time at the park. Over 100 bird species and 80 reptile species have been recorded in the area. We'll also keep an eye out for Black-footed Rock-wallabies, Euros and Red Kangaroos. Ningaloo Reef is the largest fringing coral reef in the world, and you'll have time to do some swimming and snorkeling at one of the beautiful beaches.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>12 April</b>	<b>Perth to Geraldton</b>	
Departing Perth early this morning we commence the journey north, passing through the northern Kwongan (sand plain heath) as we head to the Nambung National Park and the Pinnacle Desert. We continue northwards, traveling through Dongara and historic Greenough into Geraldton.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Motel Geraldton</b>	<b>LD</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>13 April</b>	<b>Geraldton</b>	
Today's flight to the Arolhos Islands will provide spectacular views of the three main island groups. The flight lands on East Wallabi Island, where we will have time to explore. Sea Eagles, Osprey, buttonquail, Tamar Wallabies and sea lions call the area home.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Motel Geraldton</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>14 April</b>	<b>Geraldton to Kalbarri</b>	
This morning we leave Geraldton and head for the coastal town of Kalbarri. Travelling via the coastal route will provide us with many spectacular scenic coastal photographic opportunities and a look at the wildflowers of the coastal heathland.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Kalbarri Resort</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>15 April</b>	<b>Kalbarri to Monkey Mia</b>	
Today's journey will take us to Monkey Mia, travelling via the spectacular Kalbarri National Park. The surrounding bushland hosts over 500 different species of wildflowers and a diverse array of mammals and reptiles.			
<b>Accommodation</b>		<b>Monkey Mia Lodge</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>16 April</b>	<b>Monkey Mia</b>	
We start this morning with a visit to the local beach to witness the feeding of the wild dolphins. The rest of the morning will be spent exploring the walking trails that are found in the area. This afternoon we enjoy a cruise over the magnificent clear waters of Shark Bay. These waters are home to dolphins, dugongs, turtles and manta rays. Striated Grasswrens are often encountered around the Monkey Mia settlement.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Monkey Mia Lodge</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>17 April</b>	<b>Monkey Mia to Carnarvon</b>	
Today we return to the highway via the mangroves at Denham, Shell Beach and the Stromatolites at Hamelin Pool. We continue our journey northwards to Carnarvon where there will be time for a look around the town.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Motel Carnarvon</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>18 April</b>	<b>Carnarvon to Exmouth</b>	
We depart Carnarvon early this morning and head to Exmouth. During this afternoon we will spend time looking at the spectacular Charles Knife and Shothole canyons.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Potshot Motel Exmouth</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>18 &amp; 20 April</b>	<b>Exmouth - Cape Range National Park - Exmouth</b>	
The next two days will be spent visiting Cape Range National Park. Highlights include a walk along the top of Yardie Creek Gorge and the opportunity for a swim in the clear waters.			
<b>Accommodation:</b>		<b>Potshot Motel Exmouth</b>	<b>BLD</b>
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>21 April</b>	<b>Exmouth</b>	
The tour ends after breakfast this morning when you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Perth.			
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NOTE: The above Itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice.

## Tour Costs

**Cost:** \$4,275.00 per person twin share (including GST)  
\$TBA single supplement (including GST)

**Departs:** Perth 12th April 2012

**Finishes:** Exmouth 21st April 2012

**Departure Point:** Tourist pick-up point on Wellington Street, between William and Queen St  
Perth, or the Sullivans Hotel.

## Tour Payments

**Deposit:** At time of booking \$500.00 per person

**Final Payment:** 45 days before departure

**Note:** The final payment is non refundable if canceled within 30 days of the departure date.  
Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.

## Discounts

The following discounts are available (discounts cannot be combined):

### EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

5% discount if booked and paid for in full 4 months before departure.

### GROUP BOOKING DISCOUNT

7.5% discount if four or more people book together and pay in full 4 months before departure.

### MULTIPLE TOUR BOOKING DISCOUNT

7.5% discount if more than one tour is booked in the same year (discount applies to the second and any subsequent tours).

**Please note:** Discounts cannot be combined;  
Discounts are only available on bookings made directly with Coates.

## Included

- All accommodation;
- All meals as shown on the itinerary;
- All national park entrance fees;
- A half-day cruise on the Shark Bay waters;
- Abrolhos Island flight.

## Not Included

- Travel insurance (very strongly recommended);
- Alcoholic beverages;
- All other personal expenses.

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## Tour Information

**Max. number of passengers:** 12 people  
**Naturalist Leader/Driver:** Rick Curtis

**Vehicle & Equipment:**

Air conditioned purpose built 4WD tour coach with all front facing, mostly reclining, seat-belted seats.

**Meals:**

All meals are included throughout the tour i.e. breakfast, lunch, dinner and morning tea. There will also be a plentiful supply of fresh fruit available throughout the day. Special dietary requirements can usually be catered for where prior notice is given. Please contact the office if you have a special dietary requirement as a surcharge may apply.

**Trek Grading:**

We undertake only light / medium bushwalking on most days.

**Weather:**

Days are usually dry and hot with temperatures around the low - mid 30's (degrees Celsius). The nights can be cool with minimum temperatures around 10 - 15 degrees Celsius. Rain is not normally experienced at time of the year we will be traveling.

**Clothing:**

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information. This will be sent to you about one month before departure. Generally, comfortable, casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts are appropriate for during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets may be needed for the evenings. Don't forget your bathers and any snorkeling equipment you may have. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a necessity and an old pair of sneakers or reef style boots which can be worn in the water are highly recommended.

To make a booking or further information please contact  
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