

Trip Dossier

13 Day Pilbara Reef & Ranges Expedition



Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 12 passengers
Perth to Newman 14 - 26 May 2021

Itinerary Highlights:

- Visit Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles Desert to see the thousands of limestone formations called 'pinnacles'
- Fly to the Abrolhos Islands and explore this unique marine area and its abundant wildlife; 122 islands, crystal blue waters, tropical and temperate marine life, over 2 millions birds
- Explore the Shark Bay peninsular (World Heritage Area) and visit Monkey Mia to experience the dolphin feeding
- Visit Exmouth, a small town located right on the doorstep of Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park - we spend one day in the National Park and you have a second day to spend as you please
- Explore Cape Range National Park and enjoy a cruise on Yardie Creek; with rocky red gorges, blue winding rivers, limestone cliffs , rugged green vegetation and abundant wildlife.
- Experience the beautiful Ningaloo Reef - World Heritage area and one of the world's largest fringing coral reefs
- Two full days in the Karijini National Park - A vast wilderness area with spectacular rugged scenery, ancient geological formations such as Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Handrail Pool and Oxers Lookout

The Pilbara is fascinating at any time. The wildlife is abundant, and the scenery is striking; green covered hills, red soil and refreshing rock pools. The Abrolhos Islands consist of 122 islands, approximately 60 km off Western Australia's coast. The marine environment surrounding them is a meeting place for tropical and temperate sea life. It is also one of the most important seabird breeding sites in the world. More than 90 seabird species have been identified on the islands. Ningaloo Reef is one of the world's most extensive fringing reefs and is home to 200 species of hard coral, 50 species of soft coral and over 500 species of fish. It's a great place to swim, snorkel and enjoy a cruise in a glass-bottomed boat. Colourful coral communities make up the reef while sea creatures thrive; sharks, dolphins, whales, whale sharks, birds, turtles, fish and more! Karijini National Park has some of the oldest rocks on the continent and contains many beautiful gorges and rock formations. The park is also home to approximately 800 plant species. Two small, carnivorous marsupials are endemic to the area, the Pilbara Ningai (Ningai timealeyi) and the Little Red Antechinus (Dasykaluta rosamondae). Other marsupials that call the park home include the Western Pebble-mound Mouse (Pseudomys chapmani), Rothschild's Rock-wallaby (Petrogale rothschildi), Red Kangaroo (Macropus rufus) and the Common Wallaroo (Macropus robustus).

Itinerary

Day 1 Perth to Geraldton

Early this morning we head north, passing through the northern Kwongan (sandplain heath) to the Nambung National Park and the Pinnacle Desert. We continue north, passing through Dongara and historic Greenough, to Geraldton.

Accommodation: Motel, Geraldton LD

Day 2 Geraldton

Today's flight to the Abrolhos Islands will give us panoramic views of the island group. We will land on one of the islands and take a look at the wildlife, including a variety of birdlife. There will be time for a swim and a snorkel, and you may even spot bottle-nosed dolphins and sea lions.

Accommodation: Motel, Geraldton BLD

Day 3 Geraldton to Denham

Before leaving Geraldton, we'll visit the HMAS Sydney memorial where a guide will take us through the Sydney story and the Maritime Museum which has a great display of the Batavia and Abrolhos islands. After Morning Tea, we continue north to the quaint seaside town of Denham.

Accommodation: Heritage Motel Denham BLD

Day 4 Denham - Monkey Mia – Denham

Today we start our exploration of the Shark Bay Peninsular with a visit to Monkey Mia, in time to see the dolphin feeding. (As the dolphins are wild, their appearance cannot be guaranteed).

We will then visit the interpretation centre in the Francois Peron National Park before returning to Denham in the mid-afternoon for some free time. You can either relax, explore the town or visit the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre, which a great deal of information about Shark Bay.

Accommodation: Heritage Motel Denham BLD

Day 5 Denham to Carnarvon

We leave Denham early this morning and visit Eagle Bluff (the lookout here is a good place for spotting marine wildlife), Shell Beach Conservation Park (a stretch of coast made up entirely of small shells) and the Stromatolites in the Hamelin Pool Marine Reserve. We will arrive in Carnarvon mid-afternoon with plenty of time to have a look at the town and to do some shopping.

Accommodation Motel Carnarvon BLD

Day 6 Carnarvon to Exmouth

This morning we continue north to Exmouth, stopping in at Coral Bay for lunch on the way. There will be free time in Exmouth to explore, relax or catch up with messages or washing.

Accommodation Motel Exmouth BLD

Day 7 Exmouth

Today is a free day in Exmouth. You may want to take an optional Whale Shark Cruise or one of the many other shorter trips that are available (at own expense), or just relax and do some sightseeing.

Accommodation: Motel Exmouth BLD

Day 8 Exmouth - Cape Range National Park - Exmouth

Today we will be visiting Cape Range National Park and take a guided boat trip up Yardie Creek between sheer cliffs and enjoy the serenity of the gorge. Keep an eye out for Euros, wallabies, emus and perenties that are regularly found, and the threatened black-footed rock-wallaby can also be frequently spotted on the cliffs.

Accommodation Motel Exmouth BLD

Day 9 Exmouth to Tom Price

Leaving Exmouth, we continue north to Nanutarra Roadhouse, on the banks of the Ashburton River, where bustard and bush stone-curlew can be found along the banks. We then head east towards Tom Price, the highest town in WA ('Top Town in WA'). There should be several opportunities to stop for wildlife sightings during the day.

Accommodation: Motel, Tom Price BLD

Day 10 Tom Price - Hamersley Gorge - Karijini National Park

This morning we drive along the west side of Karijini to Hamersley Gorge. There will be plenty of time to fully explore the gorge and enjoy a swim in its refreshing waters. After lunch, we head back to Tom Price where there will be some free time while the crew restock the fresh provisions before we head out to Karijini National Park.

Accommodation: Karijini Eco Retreat BLD

Day 11 & 12 Karijini National Park

We spend the next two days exploring the Karijini National Park. We will visit Oxers lookout, Weano Gorge, Handrail pool, Kalamina and Dales Gorges. We will take walks, swim in water holes and enjoy one of Western Australia's most spectacular natural attractions.

Accommodation: Karijini Eco Retreat BLD

Day 13 Karijini National Park to Newman

We leave the national park behind this morning as head to the mining centre of Newman arriving late morning marking the end of your outback adventure. We will transfer you to either the airport or your chosen accommodation. B

NOTE: The above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice.



Tour Costs

Cost:	\$7,865.00 per person
	Single Supplement \$1,045.00
Departs:	Perth 14th May 2021
Finishes:	Newman 26th May 2021
Max No. Of Participants:	12 passengers, Coates Naturalist Leader and Driver/Guide.

Tour Payments

Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment:	On or before 14th April 2021

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

Included

- 2 crew members consisting of a naturalist guide and a driver guide
- Accommodation as per the itinerary
- Abrolhos Island flight
- Well maintained vehicle with front-facing, seat belted, mostly reclining, coach-style seats
- Yardie Creek Cruise
- Meals as per itinerary: B (breakfast), L (lunch), D (dinner)
- Fruit for snacking throughout the day
- Morning tea each day
- All national park entrance fees

Not Included

- Optional activities at Exmouth
- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks
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Tour Information

Vehicle & Equipment:

Air conditioned purpose built 4WD tour coach with all front facing, mostly reclining, seat-belted seats, power facilities and all the necessary camping equipment.

Accommodation:

Twin share rooms at hotels or motels. If you would prefer a single room, a single supplement will apply.

Meals:

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Trek Grading:

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Weather:

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Clothing:

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To make a booking or further information please contact

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Should the tour operator deem it desirable for climatic or other reasons whatsoever to amend or vary any itinerary, they may do so by shortening or varying the trip in which case the participant will make no objection or claim for compensation.

The tour operator and its employees are unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times and are not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services.

The tour operator does not own or operate any third-party suppliers of air transportation, hotels, restaurants, cruise craft or local sightseeing companies. The tour operator is not responsible for any loss or expense due to overbooking of flights, accommodations, default of any third parties or any other cause beyond its control. The tour operator takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators; it cannot accept responsibility for the operator's conduct or the conduct of their employees or agents or for any ramifications of that conduct.

While all care is taken, the tour operator does not accept liability for loss or damage to baggage, sickness or injury, or additional expenses caused by factors beyond their control.

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BOOKING DETAILS

DEPOSIT: See the relevant trip dossiers for the amount required.

FINAL PAYMENT: In most cases, final payment is required at least 30 days before departure. However, some tours may require payment up to 4 months before departure. Please refer to the tour's trip dossier for exact details.

Payments can be made by Cheque, Direct Deposit, Visa or Mastercard.

N/B Visa and Mastercard payment will incur an additional bank credit card fee of 1.5%

CANCELLATIONS

Coates Wildlife Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour in the event of minimum numbers not being reached, in which case all amounts of money will be refunded in full.

Coates Wildlife Tours will not be considered to be in breach of this contract due to a delay or cancellation caused by a Force Majeure. "Force Majeure is any circumstance which is outside our reasonable control.

In these circumstances, Coates Wildlife Tours will use our best endeavour to re-schedule the tour to a date within 12 months of the original date. Coates Wildlife Tours shall not be held liable for amounts that cannot be retrieved from third parties.

In respect of cancellations by a passenger, specific to this tour the following cancellation time or penalties are in place plus any costs charged by other parties involved with the tour will apply: -

Deposits are non-refundable for all tours at any time.

Where written notice is received:

Before 14 April 2021: Deposit is non-refundable however any other payments may be refunded

On or between 14 April 2021 and 14 May 2021: Full tour cost is non-refundable.

No refunds are considered from the day the Tour starts.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that travel insurance against imposition of cancellation fees, loss or damage to baggage and extra costs arising from injury or illness be affected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT: - Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach, minibus or 4WD vehicle; whichever is appropriate for the tour. A second vehicle may accompany the group on tours to remote areas. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances effecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

SEAT ALLOCATION: - Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy forward positioned and window seats we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system.

LUGGAGE: - Please note that due to health and safety requirements luggage on tour is limited to one medium sized, soft sided bag per person. The maximum weight of the bag should not to exceed 15 kilograms. A small day pack is also permitted. International tours, some island tours and the Kimberley Coastal Cruises luggage limits may vary, please see the respective tours trip dossier for specific weight maximums.

WILDLIFE: - Sighting of wildlife mentioned in the itineraries cannot be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS: - Cannot be guaranteed as they are dependent on seasonal rains.

MEAL SYMBOLS: - B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

GROUP SIZES: - Minimum and maximum numbers apply to all tours. Generally, tours have a maximum of 12 passengers.



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Trip Dossier

14 Day Pilbara Reef & Ranges Expedition



Easy Camping Small Group Tour - Max 12 passengers

Perth to Broome 6th - 19th June 2021

Easy Camping

The easy camping concept has been introduced to make the whole camping experience more enjoyable. The camp support crew will travel in a separate vehicle and will have your camp set up when you arrive. No more erecting tents, beds or un-packing camping equipment. Just pick up your bag and either spend time exploring the campsite or freshening up and relax before dinner.

Itinerary Highlights:

- Fly to the Abrolhos Islands and explore this unique marine area and its abundant wildlife; 122 islands, crystal blue waters, tropical and temperate marine life, over 2 millions birds
- Visit Coral Bay, a small settlement where the coral starts right at the water's edge and spend the day as you please; swimming, snorkelling, diving, touring or relaxing
- Experience the beautiful Ningaloo Reef - World Heritage area and one of the world's largest fringing coral reefs
- Visit Karijini National Park - A vast wilderness area with spectacular natural wonders such as Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Handrail Pool and Oxer Lookout
- Explore iconic Marble Bar, known as 'the hottest town in Australia'
- Visit 80 Mile Beach, not actually 80 miles but 220km long and an extremely important feeding ground for small wading migratory birds

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Accommodation: Camp site, Geraldton LD

Day 2 Geraldton

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Accommodation: Camp site, Geraldton BLD

Day 3 Geraldton to Hamelin

This morning we will visit the HMAS Sydney memorial where a guide will take us through the Sydney story and the Maritime Museum which has a great display of the Batavia and Abrolhos islands. We should arrive at Hamelin this afternoon with enough time to have a look around the Bush Heritage property.

Accommodation: Camp Site, Hamelin BLD

Day 4 Hamelin - Monkey Mia – Hamelin (Shark Bay area)

Today we start our exploration of the Shark Bay Peninsular with a visit to Monkey Mia. We may be lucky enough to see the last dolphin feeding event; however, the timing and appearance cannot be guaranteed as the dolphins are wild. The rest of the day will be spent visiting the interpretation centre in the Francois Peron national park, which is known for its contrasting red cliffs, white beaches and blue waters. On our way back to the campsite, we will stop at Eagle Bluff, to have a look at the marine life from the lookout, Shell Beach Conservation Park (a stretch of coast totally made up of small shells) and the Stromatolites in the Hamelin Pool Marine Reserve.

Accommodation: Camp Site, Hamelin BLD

Day 5 Hamelin to Bullara Station

An early start this morning to continue towards Coral Bay. We will stop in Carnarvon on the way for a look at the town before arriving at Bullara Station to the north of Coral Bay in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Camp Site Bullara BLD

Day 6 Coral Bay

An early start this morning to Coral Bay for an optional (at passengers own expense) all day Whale Shark Cruise (7.45am). For those who don't wish to join the cruise, there is plenty to do:- undertake an optional glass bottom boat/snorkelling cruise over the famous Ningaloo Reef, enjoy a swim or just do some relaxing and sightseeing.

Accommodation: Camp Site Bullara BLD

Day 7 Bullara Station to Tom Price

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Accommodation: Camp Site, Tom Price BLD

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Accommodation: Camp Site, Tom Price BLD

Day 9 Tom Price to Karijini National Park

Today we travel to the Dales Gorge area of the national park. Our drive will take us past the second tallest peak in WA, Mt Bruce. There will be time here to walk part of the way to the summit and experience the expansive views. The Dales camp ground will be our home for the next two days.

Accommodation: National Park Camp Site, Karijini BLD

Day 10 & 11 Karijini National Park

We will spend the next two days exploring the central and eastern side of the park including Dales and Kalamina Gorges. We will take walks, swim in water holes and enjoy one of Western Australia's most spectacular natural attractions. Time permitting, we will also call into the visitor centre.

Accommodation: National Park Camp Site, Karijini BLD

Day 12 Karijini National Park to Marble Bar

Our journey today takes us to the pioneering town of Marble Bar. It has held the title of Australia's hottest town since 1924 and is famous for the banded red jasper bar across the Coongan River. We can take a long-overdue shower and enjoy dinner and a cold beer (at your own expense) at the iconic Iron Clad hotel. Accommodation: Campsite BL

Day 13 Marble Bar to 80 Mile Beach

This morning we take the Bore Line Road back onto the Great Northern Highway and head north to 80 Mile Beach. Our campsite is located a short distance from the ocean and is a great place to enjoy a long beach walk, watch a spectacular setting sun or discover the parks birds and other wildlife.

Accommodation: Campsite BLD

Day 14 80 Mile Beach to Broome

We will have one last visit to the beach before heading into Broome. Our outback adventure comes to an end with the mid-afternoon arrival into town when we will drop you off at your chosen Broome accommodation. BL

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Tour Costs

Cost:	\$6,075.00 per person
	Free Single Supplement
Departs:	Perth 6th June 2021
Finishes:	Broome 19th June 2021
Max No. Of Participants:	12 passengers, Coates Naturalist Leader, Driver/Guide and Support Crew
Tour Payments:	
Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment:	On or before 6th May 2021

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Included

- 3 crew members consisting of a naturalist guide, driver guide and camp support crew member
- Easy Camping included (camp is set up and packed away each day for you);
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Tour Information

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Air conditioned purpose built 4WD tour coach with all front facing, mostly reclining, seat-belted seats, power facilities and all the necessary camping equipment. Passengers are required to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows, or a sleeping bag can be purchased from us for \$100.00. Purchased sleeping bags can be taken home after the tour or they can be given back to us and we will donate them to charity.

Single Travellers:

On Coates Wildlife Camping Tours single travellers will be allocated a tent to themselves. If you are travelling with a friend and would like to share a tent please let us know.

Accommodation:

Is at a combination of bush camps and campsites.

Bush camps are at locations chosen by the tour guide for their suitability and natural benefits. There are usually no facilities available, other than a long drop bush toilet. We do carry adequate water for washing.

Private campsites vary. Some provide full facilities including ablution blocks, other sites only have a long drop toilet.

National Park campsites are operated by National Park managers. They have a mix of flushing or composting toilets, fire rings and clearly defined camping areas. Some provide showers.

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We strongly recommend that travel insurance against imposition of cancellation fees, loss or damage to baggage and extra costs arising from injury or illness be affected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT: - Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach, minibus or 4WD vehicle; whichever is appropriate for the tour. Camping equipment suitable for each tour (except sleeping bags and pillows) is provided. A second vehicle may accompany the group on tours to remote areas. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances effecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

SEAT ALLOCATION: - Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy forward positioned and window seats we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system.

LUGGAGE: - Please note that due to health and safety requirements luggage on tour is limited to one medium sized, soft sided bag per person. The sum of its length, width and height is not to exceed 140 cm. The maximum weight of the bag should not to exceed 15 kilograms. A small day pack is also permitted. International tours, some island tours and the Kimberley Coastal Cruises luggage limits may vary, please see the respective tours trip dossier for specific weight maximums.

WILDLIFE: - Sighting of wildlife mentioned in the itineraries cannot be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS: - Cannot be guaranteed as they are dependent on seasonal rains.

MEAL SYMBOLS: - B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

GROUP SIZES: - Minimum and maximum numbers apply to all tours. Generally, tours have a maximum of 12 passengers. A camp cook and a naturalist leader will accompany camping groups with more than 6 passengers.

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