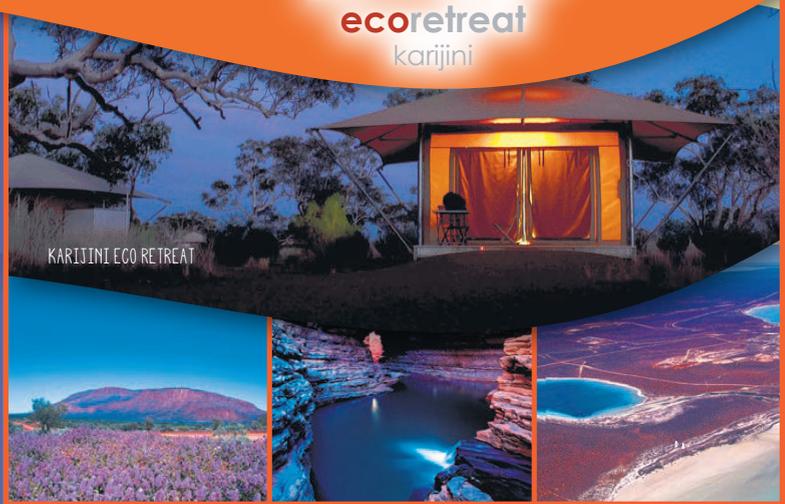


EXPERIENCE THE ICONS OF THE GRAND NORTH WEST

- WILDFLOWER SELF DRIVE -



COLOURS OF MT AUGUSTUS

ANCIENT KARIJINI GORGES

SHARK BAY



Day 1: Perth - Dalwallinu 273km, 3 hours

Visit monastic town of New Norcia. Travel to Wongan Hills with nature reserves and wildflowers before Dalwallinu for Wreath Leschenaultia.

Accom options: Dalwallinu Wheatland Motel, Dalwallinu Hotel, B&B's, cara park, camp

Day 2: Dalwallinu - Mullewa 243km, 3 hours

See Wreath Leschenaultia and Church of St Joseph in Perenjori. Visit Morawa's Church of the Holy Cross, Yalgoo's architecture and Chapel of St Hyacinth. Head to Mullewa.

Accom options: Railway Hotel, cara park, camp
Nearby: Wandina Homestead, Pindar Guest House

Day 3: Mullewa - Murchison Settlement 239km, 3 hours

See vistas of everlastings. Perhaps overnight at Murchison Settlement or consider Wooleen Station which has station tours of everlastings.

Accom options: Murchison Settlement - Oasis Roadhouse motel & cara park, camp
Nearby: Wooleen Station, homestead rooms, 2BR aparts, cara park, camp

Home to more than 12,000 species of wildflowers, over half of which are found nowhere else on earth, Western Australia's wildflower season (Jun.-Nov.) ranks as one of the world's greatest 'bloom booms'. Follow this route and you won't lose scent of a bouquet of additional icons such as the Pinnacles desert, wild dolphins of Monkey Mia, Ningaloo Reef Marine Park, ancient Karijini gorges, Mt. Augustus and the historic townscapes along the Outback Wool Wagon Pathway

Day 4: Murchison Settlement - Gascoyne Junction 260km, 3 hours

Stop at Bilung Pool. On the banks of Gascoyne River, the town is a centre for sheep and wheat stations.

Accom options: Gascoyne Junction - cara park, camping. Nearby, Bidgemia Station, std rooms, homestead, cara park, camp

Day 5: Gascoyne Junction - Mt Augustus 307km, 4 hours

Visit Kennedy Range N.P boasting cliffs, canyons and wildlife. Travel NE to Mt Augustus N.P. Australia's largest monolith, surrounded by purple mulla mulla.

Accom options: Cobra Station Bangemall Inn - motel rooms, cara park, camp, Mt Augustus Tourist Park - std rooms, cara park, camp

Day 6: Mt Augustus - Karijini Eco Retreat 541km, 8 hours

Travel the 4WD Pingandy Rd past Dooly Downs and Ashburton Downs, to Tom Price, then into gorge country around Karijini Eco Retreat.

Accom: Karijini Eco Retreat - Karijini N.P.

Accom options: Deluxe tents with private facilities, campsites, caravan sites

Day 7: Karijini National Park

Travel to east of N.P to visitor centre viewing Dales Gorge, Circular Pool and Fortescue Falls. Enjoy dinner at the Karijini Eco Retreat Restaurant.

Day 8: Karijini National Park

Enjoy the stunning nearby Joffre Gorge, Weano Gorge, Knox Gorge and Joffre Falls.

Day 9: Karijini - Exmouth 700km, 7.5 hours

Travel to Tom Price. Continue via Doradeen Rd and Milne Rd, Nameless Valley Drv and Nanutarra Drv. Turn left at Nanutarra Roadhouse at NW Coastal Hwy, right at Burkett Rd into Exmouth. Discover Cape Range National Park's 630 species of flowers, beaches and canyons.

Accom options: Novotel Ningaloo Resort, Exmouth Escape Resort, Exmouth Cape Holiday Park, Ningaloo Lodge, Potshot Resort, Sal Salis, Bullara Station, Warroora Station

Day 10: Exmouth - Carnarvon 367km, 4 hours

Drive to Carnarvon sees displays of Parakeelya, purple vetch, northern bluebells and everlastings.

Accom options: Best Western Hospitality Inn, Coral Coast Tourist

Park, Wintersun Caravan Park, Red Bluff and Quobba Station, Gnaraloo.

Day 11: Carnarvon - Shark Bay 324km, 4 hours

Everlastings along roadside on the turn off to Shark Bay. Visit Francois Peron N.P with Shark Bay Daisy, Wattles, Dampiera and purple peas.

Accom options: Heritage Resort, Oceanside Village Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, Dirk Hartog Island, Carbla Station, Hamelin Station Stay.

Day 12: Shark Bay - Kalbarri 370km, 4.45 hours

Kalbarri N.P. is home to coastal cliffs and deep river gorges, roughly 800 species of flora, many endemic species, including the Kalbarri spider orchid.

Accom options: Kalbarri Palm Resort, Kalbarri Beach Resort, Kalbarri Edge Resort, Kalbarri Reef Villas Kalbarri Seafront Villas, Murchison Caravan Park, Murchison House Station, Riverside Sanctuary

Day 13: Kalbarri - Geraldton 152km, 1.5 hours

Many varieties of wildflowers along this drive via Northampton. Detour north of Geraldton into Chapman Valley where wildflowers abound.

Accom options: Broadwater Mariner Resort, Intown Apartments, Ocean West Holiday Units, Sunset Beach Holiday Park

Day 14: Geraldton - Cervantes via Mingenew 377km, 4.5 hours

Head south via Dongara to Mingenew and Coalseam Conservation Park, with white, pink and yellow everlastings. Three Springs, Camamah and Coorow offer spectacular displays. Lesueur N.P. has more than 800 species.

Accom options: Cervantes Edge Resort, Cervantes Pinnacles Motel, Cervantes Lodge, Cervantes Holiday Homes, Cervantes Caravan Park

Day 15: Cervantes - Perth 220km, 2.5 hours

Head to Pinnacles seeing areas of heath, acacia and myrtle, banksias and casuarinas. Return to Perth along Indian Ocean Drive.