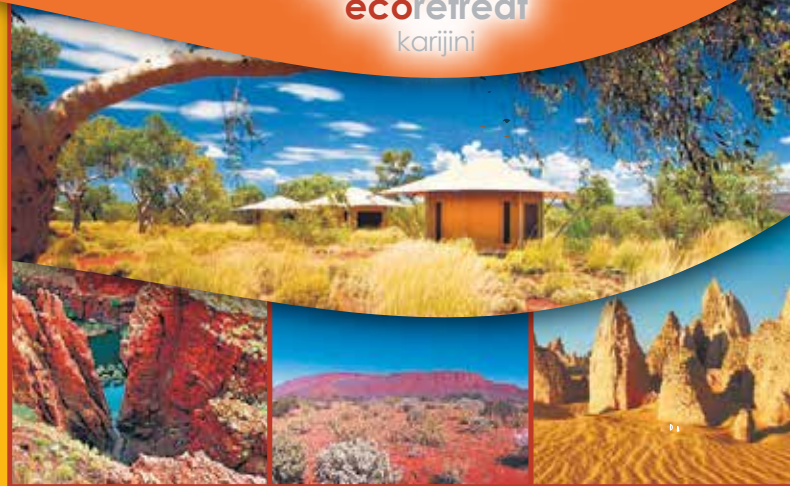


EXPERIENCE THE ICONS OF THE GRAND NORTH WEST

- ADVENTURER SELF DRIVE -
(VIA MT. AUGUSTUS)



ANCIENT KARIJINI GORGES

MT AUGUSTUS

PINNACLES, NAMBUING NATIONAL PARK



Day 1: Perth - Dalwallinu 273km, 3 hours

Leave Perth and head north to New Norcia to explore Australia's very own monastic town. Travel onto Wongan Hills with its various nature reserves, and interesting walk trails before heading to Dalwallinu.
Accomm options: Dalwallinu Wheatland Motel, Dalwallinu Hotel B&B's, caravan park, campsites

Day 2: Dalwallinu - Paynes Find 174km, 2 hours

Head off on The Great Northern Highway, leave the Wheatbelt for the red earth country at Paynes Find, the centre of the region's pastoral and goldmining activity. About 20 people live in Paynes Find today.
Accomm options: Paynes Find Tavern Roadhouse
Nearby: Ninghan Station, Kirkalocka Station

Day 3: Paynes Find - Meekatharra 338km, 4 hours

Set off from Paynes Find to Mt Magnet, see the remnants of gold mining history evident in discarded mines, visit the museum and undertake heritage walks. Head north to Cue with its stunning colonial architecture, many buildings classified by the National Trust.
Accomm options: Commercial Hotel, Auski Inland Motel Caravan park, campsites

Day 4: Meekatharra - Mt Augustus 403km, 5 hours

Leave the bitumen and head north-west on the Kingsford Smith Mail Run, the Landor Meekatharra Road. Early mail drivers used primitive tracks delivering mail in the hash remote outback. Call in and see the Mt Gould Lockup, the region's first police station then continue

This adventure drive combines WA's coastal icons with the ancient gorge country of Karijini National Park and the ghosts of the gold rush days, along the Outback Miners Pathway. Highlights include the bizarre Pinnacles Desert, wild dolphins of Monkey Mia, world heritage Shark Bay and Ningaloo Reef regions, Karijini gorges and waterfalls and Mt. Augustus - the world's biggest rock.

to Landor, home of the famous bush horse race. Drive the Landor Mt Augustus Road past the Burringurrah Aboriginal Community, to spectacular Mt Augustus.

Accomm options: Bansemal Inn, Mt Augustus Tourist Park, rooms & camping **Nearby:** Cobra Station

Day 5: Mt Augustus - Karijini Eco Retreat 541km, 8 hours

Travel the 4WD Pingandy Road past Dooly Downs and Ashburton Downs, to the mining town of Tom Price. Then refuel and head into the spectacular untouched gorge country around the Karijini Eco Retreat.

Accomm: Karijini Eco Retreat - Karijini National Park

Accomm options: Deluxe tents with private facilities, dorm style tents & cabins, campsites, caravan sites, alfresco restaurant & bar

Day 6: Karijini National Park

Travel to the east of the national park to the visitor centre then view the spectacular Dales Gorge, Circular Pool and Fortescue Falls. Enjoy dinner at the Karijini Eco Retreat Restaurant.

Day 7: Karijini National Park

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

Day 8: Karijini - Exmouth 700km, 8 hours

Travel to Tom Price and refuel. Continue via Doradeen Road and Milne Road before joining Nameless Valley Drive and onto Nanutarra Drive for your journey to Exmouth. Turn left at Nanutarra Roadhouse at North West Coastal Highway and then right at Burkett Road.

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

Day 9-10: Exmouth

Exmouth is the ideal base to explore the world's largest fringing reef, Ningaloo. Situated only metres from the shore in places it has over 500 species of tropical fish, 250 corals and the world's largest fish the giant whale shark (Mar - Jul) and Humpback whales (Jun - Nov).

Day 11: Exmouth - Coral Bay 150km, 2 hours

Don't miss the spectacular scenery of Charles Knife and Shothole Canyons in the Cape Range National Park. Located right on the Ningaloo Reef, Coral Bay is a snorkellers and divers paradise and offers safe swimming for the kids.

Accomm options: Ningaloo Reef Resort, Ningaloo Club Bayview Coral Bay, Warroora Station, Caravan parks, campsites

Day 12: Coral Bay - Carnarvon 240km, 3 hours

Depart for Carnarvon via the amazing blowholes situated on some of the state's most spectacular coastline. Drive back to the highway and continue to Carnarvon. Local seafood is on the menu tonight!

Accomm options: Best Western Hospitality Inn Carnarvon, Coral

Coast Tourist Park, Wintersun Caravan Park, Red Bluff Quobba Station, Gnaraloo Station (150km north of Carnarvon)

Day 13: Carnarvon - Shark Bay 324km, 4 hours

Don't miss the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct or the opportunity to sample Carnarvon's famous produce at a local plantation. Next stop is the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, famous for the ancient Stromatolites and the 120km long Shell Beach.

Accomm options: Heritage Resort Oceanside Village, Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, Dirk Hartog Island, Carbla Station

Day 14: Shark Bay - Kalbarri 370km, 4.45 hours

Get up early to meet the friendly Dolphins of Monkey Mia followed by a boat cruise on the marine rich waters of the bay. A visit to the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre is a must to learn about the bay's history, culture and why it is one of the few places on earth to meet all four natural criteria for World Heritage listing. Be sure to visit the spectacular inland gorges of the national park (unsealed) on the way to Kalbarri.

Accomm options: Kalbarri Palm Resort, Kalbarri Edge Resort, Murchison Caravan Park, Murchison House Station, Riverside Sanctuary

Day 15: Kalbarri - Geraldton 152km, 1.5 hours

Leaving Kalbarri for Geraldton stop at the spectacular coastal cliff lookouts and the Pink Lake on the way to Northampton, one of the oldest settlements in WA, including the old railway station where remnants of the state's first public railway line and bridges can be seen. In Geraldton, visit the WA Museum, and the HMAS Sydney Memorial for stunning views over the ocean.

Accomm options: Best Western Hospitality Inn, Broadwater Mariner Resort, Intown Apartments, Ocean West Holiday Units, Sunset Beach Holiday Park

Day 16: Geraldton - Cervantes 215km, 2.15 hours

Continue south to explore the historic twin towns of Dongara/Port Denison. Have some local fish and chips on the beach at Denison. Turn off onto the Indian Ocean Drive to Leeman, Greenhead and Jurien Bay before stopping at Cervantes.

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

Day 17: Cervantes - Perth 200km, 2 hours

Visit the Lobster Shack for a tour and to buy fresh local seafood (in season). Leaving Cervantes discover one of Australia's best known natural wonders, the Pinnacles Desert in the Nambung National Park, just south of the town. Be sure to visit the Desert Discovery Centre before heading to back to Perth via Yanchep National Park.