

Kalbarri Coral Coast Walking Tour

\$3,195pp – 8 Days, easy terrain, 50km: Experience the best of the Coral Coast in 8 days. Explore the Abrolhos Islands by air and land, Dirt Hartog Island, Pinnacles, wildflowers of Mt Lesueur NP and Coalseam and walk the red ocean cliffs and ancient gorges in Kalbarri and the Dolphins of Monkey Mia.



Escape the cold this winter for a truly memorable adventure to the Coral Coast and Kalbarri National Park. Western Australia's Coral Coast is a stunning place, with peaceful gorges, spectacular coastline, beautiful wildflowers and amazing geology. This is the place where life first walked on the earth!

Over eight days, you will enjoy a number of walks within Kalbarri National Park, the colourful everlastings of Coalseam, a scenic flight and day trip to the "shipwreck" Abrolhos Islands, two nights on the remote and rugged Dirt Hartog Island, the Pinnacles, the dolphins of Monkey Mia and the hidden gem, Mt Lesueur National Park. Excellent healthy food, comfortable accommodation and professional guiding will make your experience all the more enjoyable.

The Coral Coast Kalbarri walking tour is relatively easy going, with plenty of time to relax. The longest walk is about 10 km and the terrain is not too difficult. There is some clambering on rocks, but we take our time.

Day 1: Perth to Pinnacles + Yued Ponar Trail, Mt Lesueur National Park

[7KM](#)

We will leave the city at 7:30am and head to one of Western Australia's most iconic destinations. The Pinnacles (Nambung National Park) is one of the strangest landscapes you will ever experience. Take a short walk around this limestone "forest" before we hit the road again towards our first big walk.

Our afternoon walk is at the stunningly pristine Mt Lesueur National Park. One of the best wildflower spotting locations in WA, this 7 km loop walk has some fabulous views and many endemic wildflower species. There are definitely some challenges to this walk, with some rocky ground and a few ascents, but it is doable for the everyday walker, and well worth the effort.

After the walk, we will head the short distance to Jurien Bay, where we will stay at the Jurien Bay Motel Apartments, and dinner will be a typical country pub meal down at the local.

Accommodation: Jurien Bay Motel Apartments

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Wildflower tour at Hi Vallee Farm, Coalseam Conservation Park and Geraldton

3KM

Wildflowers, wildflowers and more wildflowers! This is a really easy day, with a short drive out to Hi Vallee Farm in Badingarra, to meet local floral icon Don Williams and his wife Joy. Don will take us on a tour of his property, sharing all his knowledge from years in the bush. Whether you are a casual lover of colour, or a real flower geek, a few hours with this local character is a morning well spent.

After Don and Joy's place, we will head north (2.5hrs) and roll out the yellow carpet! Whilst you may never have heard of Coalseam Conservation park, you have definitely seen photos of the carpets of colourful everlasting flowers. We have timed the departure of this tour to give us the best chance to see the everlastings at their peak, but nature can be cruel, so there are no guarantees.

There is a flat easy 3km walk within Coalseam which we will do, taking our time to enjoy one of Western Australia's most memorable experiences.

From Coalseam it is about a 1.5 hr drive to Geraldton, where we will base ourselves for the next two nights at a local 3.5 star motel.

Accommodation: Geraldton

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3: A day tour of the Abrolhos Islands

It's an exciting day today as we hop on our own charter planes and fly over to the Abrolhos Islands, about 80 km off the coast of Geraldton. We'll take a scenic flight over the chain of islands, learning about their history and infamous shipwrecks, before setting down at East Wallabi Island. Here you can enjoy a short guided nature walk and a snorkel in the pristine waters. We return to Geraldton mid/late afternoon and then head up to Kalbarri in time for sunset drinks and nibbles while your guides prepare you a delicious dinner.

Accommodation: Geraldton

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Kalbarri National Park, Murchison River Gorge

[9KM](#)

We start the day with a 1hr 45min drive to Kalbarri. We'll have a wonderful day today exploring some of the ancient gorges of the Murchison River. We'll visit Natures Window and walk the 9 km Loop Trail, which takes us from the top of the gorge wall, down into the beautiful gorge itself to walk beside the river. If the weather's nice, you might enjoy a refreshing swim in the cool water at lunch time.

In the afternoon, we'll have an easy exploration of the Z Bend Gorge where we will take a short stroll and soak up the tranquil atmosphere.

Accommodation: Kalbarri Edge Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5: Kalbarri National Park

8KM

The views along the Kalbarri coast are nothing short of spectacular – with pink and red layers of sandstone cliffs contrasted against the turquoise Indian Ocean. We'll walk the length of the Bigurda Trail in the morning. This trail stretches for 8 km along the top of the sea cliffs from Eagle Gorge to the Natural Bridge.

In the afternoon we'll explore the coastal areas closer to town, including a 3 km loop walk around Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley.

Accommodation: Kalbarri Edge Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Drive to Denham, and across to Dirk Hartog Island

After all of the activity of the past few days, it is time to get some kilometres under our belt. We have about 375km to cover today. There are few stops along the way, but really we just need to smash it out, so we can get ourselves on the island! That said, there is no way that we will drive past the 3.5 Billion year old stromatolites in Hamelin Pool. That's billion with a "B".

We will be in Denham in the mid afternoon, in time for a ferry across to Dirk Hartog Island, where we will meet the locals and check into the eco resort. Hopefully we snag one of the famed Shark Bay sunsets, which are widely considered as some of the most spectacular in Australia.

Accommodation: Dirk Hartog Eco Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7: Dirk Hartog Island

14KM + 6.5KM OPTIONAL EXTRA

Today's adventure is truly unique. We will be tracing the steps of explorers, with a stunning walk along the western coast. The cliffs tower up to 150 high above the surging Indian ocean, which incessantly pounds the coast below. Keep an eye out for whales and sea birds, and spectacular rock formations. This is an energising walk, in the sea spray of the Indian ocean.

We have a couple of options for the length of the walk today, so take the challenge of the longer walk if you are feeling up to it, or choose the more relaxed option, if that is what you need.

After the walk, we will take sunset drinks before dinner at the lodge.

Accommodation: Dirk Hartog Eco Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 8: Morning Ferry to Denham and the dolphins of Monkey Mia

We have an early morning ferry back to the mainland, but just as well, as we have a 10am date with the dolphins! One of Western Australia's much loved experiences, see the resident bottlenose up close and personal.

The tour ends just after lunch, with wet feet and a drop off at the airport. We recommend booking a flight after 1:30pm back to Perth (cost of flight not included in tour price ~\$150-\$300 or more during peak season). For those returning to the East Coast, there should be plenty of time to make an evening flight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$400 (please note that there are no single rooms available at the last accommodation on Dirt Hartog Island due to the small size of this eco resort). Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

We will be staying in 4 locations on this tour.

1 night at Jurien Bay Motel.

2 nights at the IBIS in Geraldton.

2 nights at Kalbarri Edge Resort.

2 nights at Dirt Hartog Island Resort.

At all of the accommodations you will stay in comfortable ensuited twin share/double rooms. Breakfast and dinner will be enjoyed at the onsite restaurant or a local restaurant in the area.

What to bring

We will send you a list of what to bring when you book. Please note that you do not need to bring linen or towels.

Food

Inspiration Outdoors always provides an excellent standard of catering. All meals are included.

Breakfasts are simple and healthy, with cereals, fruit, yogurt, toast, juice, teas and fresh brewed coffee available.

Tasty and varied lunches are prepared daily by your guides. They may include fresh salads, slices, cold meats, cheese, spreads and breads – either enjoyed as a picnic with the bus or a packed lunch out on the track.

In the evenings your guides will prepare some nibbles for you to enjoy while dinner is being prepared. Dinner is a two-course meal. In Geraldton and Cervantes, on the

first and last night, we will enjoy dinner in our accommodation's restaurants. In Kalbarri your Inspiration Outdoors guides will prepare you three delicious and nutritious dinners.

Each day your guide will carry tea, coffee and a home-made cake for morning tea. Fruit is also available for you to take with you. If you need additional snacks e.g. muesli bars, chocolate etc you will need to supply those. There will be time for you to purchase alcohol and supplies during the week.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements before you book – we are happy to adapt our menu to most dietary needs. Assistance is always appreciated with clearing away and washing up.

Transport

We use a well serviced and maintained air-conditioned minibus to drive from Perth to Kalbarri and to and from the tracks each day. We'll fly over the chain of Abrolhos Islands using Geraldton Air Charter small planes, piloted by experienced and knowledgeable pilots. We must also take a boat to get over to Dirk Hartog Island. The travel time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes aboard the Naiad.

This walk includes



Air charter and tour of Abrolhos Islands

Enjoy a scenic flight over the infamous 'shipwreck' islands, followed by a walk and a snorkel on one of the northern islands



All meals, homemade from the best ingredients

We pride ourselves on providing you with fresh, wholesome food. Enjoy healthy breakfasts, delicious home-made morning teas, fresh picnic and packed lunches, fruit and hearty two course dinners each day.



All transport via air-conditioned bus

Central pick-up points in Fremantle and Perth CBD. Transport each day to and from the track.



National Park entrance fees



Professional guiding and support from local guides

We go the extra mile to make sure your tour will be memorable. We guide you on each walk, tell stories about the surroundings and make sure you return home feeling better than ever.