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## 14 DAY PILBARA & WA CORAL COAST TOUR

Departs: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

31 JULY 2023



*Join: Barry Thomson*

Experience a Unique Part of Australia. With its stunning ancient gorges, endless stretches of white sandy beaches and untouched coral reefs

DAY 1: (D) TO PORT HEDLAND

MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA: DEPART: ROCKHAMPTON @ 6.50am ARRIVE: PORT HEADLAND @ 5.35pm

Welcome to our Western Australia's Pilbara and Coral Coast tour. Today, we fly to Port Hedland where we are met and greeted before transferring to our hotel. **Port Hedland** main industries are iron ore processing and export, salt production from extensive evaporation ponds for export, shipping of manganese and other minerals, and livestock production – mainly cattle. The Port is one of the world's largest in tonnage terms, with over 70 million tonnes of product worth more than \$3 billion shipped each year.

Hospitality Port Hedland, Port Hedland | 2 Nights  
Dinner at hotel | Lunch at own expense

**DAY 2: (BLD) EXPLORING PORT HEDLAND****TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2023**

After breakfast we have a look at Port Hedland with the help of a *local guide*. Tracing the cultural heritage and history of this most unusual town, our tour will follow the footsteps of the first European settlers by visiting the town's heritage sites. We will get the opportunity to learn about the human face to a town far more diverse than it may first appear. Our next stop is at the **Port Hedland Seafarers Centre** where we will have a brief presentation before a lap around the harbour in one of the working, Seafarers Launch Service boats. It will be an exciting and unique experience. After lunch we return to our hotel for some time to relax by the pool.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at Port Hedland Seafarers Centre

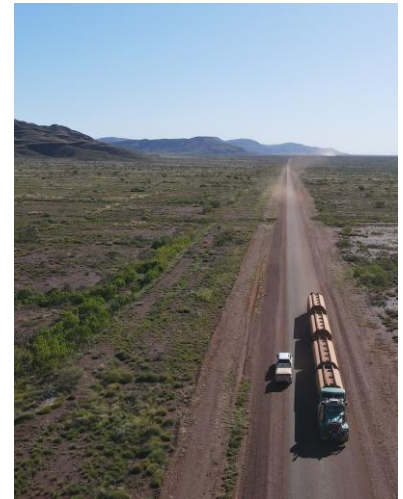
**DAY 3: (B) PORT HEDLAND TO NEWMAN****WEDNESDAY 02 AUGUST 2023**

An early start as we travel south on the Great Northern Highway to Newman. Taking in the stunning views as we travel through some of Australia's remote areas. On arrival we enjoy a tour of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest single open-cut iron ore mine in the world. Discovered in 1957 by veteran prospector Stan Hilditch the iron ore deposit was named **Whaleback** due to its resemblance to the shape of the humpback whale. Take the opportunity for photos from the top of the pit and learn about the powerful machinery used in the mining of these rich ore deposits. (Clothing restrictions and shoe types apply. All guests must be fully vaccinated). Check in at the hotel for the night.

Seasons Hotel, Newman | 1 Night

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and Dinner at own expense

4h50m / 450km

**DAY 4: (BLD) NEWMAN TO TOM PRICE****THURSDAY 03 AUGUST 2023**

After breakfast, we explore the stunning **Karijini National Park**. From the incredible **Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls** and enjoy lunch at **Yampire Gorge**. Take in the impressive **Oxer Lookout**, where we enjoy an uninterrupted view over the junction of four mighty gorges – Weano, Red, Hancock and Joffre. Finally arriving in **Tom Price** for our overnight accommodation before dinner inhouse.

Tom Price Hotel Motel, Tom Price | 1 Night

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Picnic Lunch

2h50m / 277km

**DAY 5: (B) TOM PRICE TO CORAL BAY****FRIDAY 04 AUGUST 2023**

An early departure this morning as our destination today is Coral Bay. Enjoy a stopover at Chaella Plains Station. (*Arranged by Specialty TvI*) We continue our journey taking in the wide-open spaces of the Australian outback before arriving at **Nanutarra Roadhouse** for our lunch break. (Own expense) We continue our travel day, arriving in to Coral Bay late afternoon. On arrival enjoy the smell of the ocean and fresh Seabreeze as we arrive at our accommodation. Dinner at own arrangements.

Ningaloo Coral Bay, Coral Bay | 2 Nights

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner at own expense

6h29m / 605km

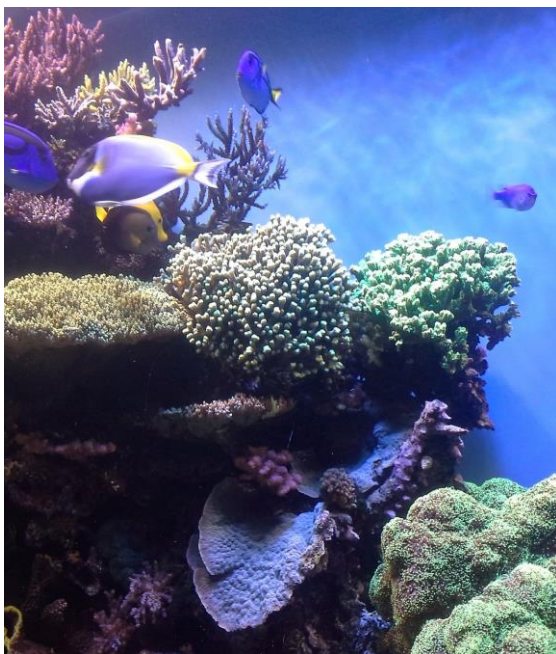


We explore the cape today travelling through a town that was established in 1964 to support the nearby United States Naval Communication Station Harold E Holt. The location however was first used as a military base in World War II and code-named *Potshot*. Nowadays the town relies more on tourism than the station for its existence. Exmouth is one of the few areas in Australia that can boast the "Range to Reef" experience. Today, we enjoy a unique and informative **cruise on Yardie Creek** with a park ranger, visit the *museum* at the Information Centre in Exmouth before taking in the views *Vlamingh Head Lighthouse*. Following along the coast travelling south, we stop at *Milyering Visitor Centre* before continuing into the **Cape Range National Park** which has some of the most spectacular gorges. The Cape Range National Park is a low and almost inaccessible spine of eroded limestone that runs up the peninsula towards North West Cape. We return back to our hotel to relax before enjoying one of the many local restaurants for dinner.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch at own expense

## DAY 7: (BD) CORAL BAY TO CARNARVON

SUNDAY 06 AUGUST 2023



This morning we embark on a special exploration of this beautiful reef. We make our way to the foreshore of Coral Bay where we board a **glass bottom boat** to cruise around the *Ningaloo Marine Park*. This boat will take us out to the Reef, which stretches 260 kilometres from Bundegi Reef near the town of Exmouth, to Amherst Point near Coral Bay in the south. These boats have huge glass panels to maximise our coral viewing experience. We enjoy open uninterrupted views from both above and below, as we cruise the pristine waters of the bay. (*Timing of this tour is dependent on the tides.*) After this very special cruise, we have lunch at Coral Bay (own expense) before departing further south. We stop to stretch our legs at **Minilya**, situated on the Minilya River, before the final part of today's journey which takes us past the full length of Lake McLeod. The lake occupies 2072 square kilometres and is only separated from the Indian Ocean by coastal dunes and rocky outcrops where both gypsite and salt are mined on the huge evaporation beds. Our final tour of the day is at the *Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum*, the centre celebrates the little-known history of the role Carnarvon played in the space race. The station was built to support NASA's Gemini, Apollo and Skylab programs. We arrive at our hotel and check in for the night.

Carnarvon Motel, Carnarvon | 1 Night  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at own expense

2h30m / 237km

**DAY 8: (BLD) CARNARVON TO MONKEY MIA****MONDAY 07 AUGUST 2023**

Regional Australia is full of surprises and strange and awe-inspiring topographical wonders and today we will see one of its true mysteries. Our stop at **Hamelin Pool** to see a colony of Stromatolites (fossil micro-organisms) that date back to the beginning of life on earth. We enjoy a tour and lunch at the **Telegraph Station** before making our way **Eagle Bluff Lookout**. A 400-metre boardwalk, perched high above the shallow coastal waters offering stunning views providing the opportunity to spot wildlife like Ospreys, Dugongs, dolphins, sharks and rays. Arrive in **Monkey Mia**, our home for the next 2 nights.

Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, Monkey Mia | 2 Nights  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at Telegraph Station

3h30m / 350km

**DAY 9: (BD) EXPLORING MONKEY MIA****TUESDAY 08 AUGUST 2023**

With any luck, today we'll experience Monkey Mia's well-known **wild dolphin encounter**. The friendly pop of bottlenose dolphins regularly swims to the shallows and interact with humans for a wonderful wildlife experience. Some time at leisure before enjoying our **sunset cruise**. Watch the stunning sight of the sky's continual change of colours reflected on the sea, as you cruise on the ocean, listening to the sounds of nature as the sun is setting over the Peron Peninsula.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at own expense

**DAY 10: (BD) MONKEY MIA TO GERALDTON****WEDNESDAY 09 AUGUST 2023**

We have a travel day ahead as we make our way from Monkey Mia to **Geraldton**. Have your camera at the ready as we discover the spectacular **Kalbarri National Park**, featuring rugged sandstone cliffs, ancient rock formations and inland river gorges. We leisurely walk down the picturesque trail to **Natures Window**. The rock formation perfectly frames the rugged upstream view of the Murchison River giving incredible views. Next, we enjoy the breathtaking skywalk that delivers stunning vistas of the rust red cliffs, flowing water and bushland from high above.



Ibis Styles Geraldton, Geraldton | 2 Nights  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at own expense

4h30m / 430km

**DAY 11: (BD) EXPLORING GERALDTON****THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2023**

Proudly displaying its rich maritime and aboriginal heritage, Geraldton is a lively coastal town. Our touring starts at **HMAS Sydney II Memorial** where a local guide will talk about the loss of 645 crew members in 1941. Our next stop is at the **WA Museum**. Visit Shipwrecks Gallery and learn of the four Dutch shipwrecks - Batavia, Gilt Dragon, Zuytdorp, and Zeewijk. Witness the wrecks of HMAS *Sydney* (II) and HSK *Kormoran* as they currently lie, 2,500 metres deep on the ocean floor. The Museum's shop also has a great range of souvenirs, gifts and educational items suited to all ages and interests. We have an afternoon at leisure before dinner at **Skeetas Restaurant Bar & Cafe**.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch at own expense | Dinner at Skeetas Restaurant Bar & Café

**DAY 12 (BD) GERALDTON TO PERTH****FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023**

This morning we make our way to **Cervantes** taking the newly opened scenic drive - Indian Ocean Road. We arrive in time for a lunch break (*own expense*) before our afternoon's visit to the **Nambung National Park** – home to the **Pinnacles**. This unique landscape of limestone pillars is like a moon scene, strange looking formations rising eerily out of the sand, some several metres tall. It is believed the Pinnacles were created millions of years ago as seashells were broken down into sand and then eroded by water and wind. We then head through Moora and on to the interesting town of **New Norcia**. It was here that the Spanish Benedictine monks established a monastery as an aboriginal mission and is now one of the great cultural heritage sites of Australia. Following a brief stop we continue into **Perth** for our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

Holiday Inn West Perth | 2 Nights

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at own expense

4h30m / 430km

**DAY 13: (BLD) PERTH – SWAN RIVER CRUISE****SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023**

Enjoy a nice relaxing morning before we join **Captain Cook Cruises** for a cruise down the Swan River to Fremantle return. A full commentary is included as we pass Kings Park, the Swan Brewery, the Royal Perth Yacht Club and Point Walter Spit including lunch. Return mid afternoon to relax or some last-minute shopping before our final fare well dinner at the hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch on cruise

**DAY 14: (B) PERTH TO HOME****SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023**

We say goodbye to Perth as we board our flight. We arrive home from our amazing Western Australia adventure feeling elated and fortunate to have travelled to one of the most diverse and beautiful regions in the world.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch at own expense

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA:

DEPART: PERTH @ 10.40am

ARRIVE: ROCKHAMPTON @ 7.35pm

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather*

## Tour Cost **\$6850 per person/Twin Share (Land Only)**

**Single Supplement ..... Add \$1550 per person**  
**Virgin Australia (ex Rockhampton) .. Add \$1550 per person**

1. *To guarantee your place on this tour please complete the Booking Form.*
2. **Deposit of \$500.00 per person required with booking form**
3. **Final Balance due by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**
4. *Separate pricing for Virgin Airlines Group flights, stated on the Itinerary*
5. *Flights may be booked separately, if wanted to extend or travel with different Airline, or use Air Credits/Frequent Fliers.*
6. *Insurance not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!*

### Tour Inclusions:

- 13 night's accommodation
- 10 cooked motel breakfasts
- 10 hotel dinners and 1 highlight dinner
- 4 lunches – see below
- Coach charter & Captain in a 46-seater luxury coach with toilet
- Port Hedland Harbour Tour and lunch
- 1-hour local history and town tour of Port Hedland
- Entry to Dalgety House Museum - donation to the Historical Society
- Stopover at Dales Gorge and Fortescue Falls
- Mt Whaleback Mine Tour
- Stop at Karijini National Park Visitor Centre
- Visit Yampire Gorge with picnic lunch
- Explore Karijini National Park, & Oxer Lookout
- Nanutarra Roadhouse
- Yardie Creek Boat Cruise at Exmouth
- Stops at Vlamingh Head Lighthouse and Milyering Visitor Centre
- Coral Bay Ecotours (Glass Bottom Boats) 1hr Coral Viewing / Fish Feeding
- Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum
- Tour & Lunch at Hamelin Pool Telegraph Station
- 90-minute sunset cruise
- Dolphin Reserve (Visitors Centre)
- Guided tour of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial
- Group entry to WA Museum
- Dinner at Skeetas Restaurant Bar & Cafe
- Visit Nambung National Park to see the Pinnacles
- 45 min guided tour plus entry to Museum & Art Gallery at New Norcia Benedictine Community
- Fremantle Lunch Cruise

### Tour Exclusions:

- Airfare Quoted Separately
- Meals not Mentioned or Drinks with Meals
- Items of Personal Nature

# Terms & Conditions

## **Specialty Travel reserves the right –**

To vary the itinerary in any way at any time it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers, Force Majeure, or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour.

Specialty Travel accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

Specialty Travel does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity, or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company. Specialty Travel reserves the right to document the journey through Photos and Video and distribute to participants and/or use such to promote future trips.

## **Covid-19 Travel Requirements**

**Mandatory Vaccinations:** For your safety, and that of your family as well as our staff and fellow Travellers, you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to travel with Specialty Travel.

## **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given.

More than 60 days prior to departure – Loss of Deposit

Between 60 days and 45 days ..... 50% of Tour Cost

Between 45 days and departure date ... 100% of total tour cost.

After tour has commenced ... 100% of total tour cost

## **Fares & Payments**

Fares quoted are subject to alteration, however no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A DEPOSIT of **\$500 pp** is required to confirm your booking with the

**BALANCE due Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

(Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive your deposit). Payment by Mastercard, Visa and America Express will incur a 1.5%Fee.

## **Inclusions:**

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. Generally, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc.

Meals included are identified by the symbols, **B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner.

## **Exclusions:**

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks, and other items of a personal nature.

## **Accommodation:**

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, Colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

## **Departure Details:**

Passengers are requested to be ready for departure 60 Minutes prior to Flight Departure.

Updated Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

## **Travel Insurance:**

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required, for an additional cost.

**Limited Offer:** Bookings available for Limited Time Only



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## BOOKING FORM

**By Completing this form, you acknowledge the Terms & Conditions of the Tour below:**

**TOUR NAME:** 14 Day Pilbara & WA Coral Coast **DEPARTURE DATE:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Surname (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

Surname (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Have Name Badge? Yes / No (Please circle one)

Hotel Accommodation: (Circle one). <Twin Share / Single Supplement> <Twin Beds / Double Bed>

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) \_\_\_\_\_

### **We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Quote required **Yes** If yes please advise Dates of Birth 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

**Deposit of \$500.00 per person due with booking form**  
**Final Balance due Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023.**

### **Payment Methods – Cheque, Direct Deposit or Credit Card**

**Cheque:** Payable to SPECIALTY TRAVEL **Direct Deposit:** Specialty Travel Pay ID 48063914278

**Credit Card: Go To:** [pay.travelpay.com.au/SPECIALTY](http://pay.travelpay.com.au/SPECIALTY) (Click). Mastercard / Visa (1.5% Fee)

**Authority:** This is to confirm that I, the Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_ (on back of Card)

Amount: \$

Signature:

**Please return completed form by one of the following:**

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