

Pilbara & Gascoyne Region



Hike in deep gorges cut by hidden springs and swim in refreshing plunge pools - two of many reasons why the Pilbara is worth taking time to explore. Famous for its iron ore deposits which lend the landscape its fiery hues, the region contains some of the world's most ancient natural landscapes, set amongst the beautiful Hammersley Ranges in Karajini National Park. Contrast these dramatic landscapes with the tranquility of Ningaloo Reef. Here we cruise and snorkel, discovering the delights of one of the most spectacular marine parks in the world, where the coral reef is just a short swim away.

PILBARA: 21 Day Itinerary (Perth > Perth)

- Day 1 Leaving Perth at 0730 we head north along the coast road toward Kalbarri.
- Day 2 Exploring Kalbarri National Park we walk the Coastal trail. A one-way 8 km hike from Eagle Gorge to Natural Bridge. Enjoy the magnificent seascapes from the cliffs.
- Day 3 Exploring Kalbarri National Park we take in the views from the Z bend lookout then walk the loop trail from Natures Window. A challenging 8km, 5 hour walk.
- Day 4 Heading just up the coast on our way to the Shark Bay World Heritage area we visit the stromatalites at Hamelin Pool. Ancient living fossils over 3.5 billion years old.
- Day 5 We explore Monkey Mia and Francois Peron National Park.
- Day 6 We head inland toward Kennedy Ranges for a 2 night stop.
- Day 7 A day spent exploring the many different gorges in the Kennedy Range National Park.
- Day 8 Crossing the Gascoyne we head for Carnarvon stocking up on supplies before turning north and heading for Coral Bay for a 3 night stop.
- Day 9 A half day aboard a chartered glass bottom boat exploring the Ningaloo Reef and turtle sanctuary which includes snorkelling.
- Day 10 A free day in Coral Bay to relax by the beach snorkelling, go swimming with the manta rays or quadbiking with your friends.
- Day 11 Travelling north through the desert we head to Tom Price for 3 nights.
- Day 12 A day in Tom Price with a morning mine tour around one of Australia's largest iron ore mines and an evening drive to the top of Mt Nameless, (optional 2hr walk).
- Day 13 A day walk climbing Mount Bruce. WA's second highest peak. (7 hours)
- Day 14 We venture into Karajini National Park exploring & swimming in Hammersley gorge with an afternoon visit to the visitors centre. We camp in the Dales gorge campground for 4 nights.
- Day 15 Karajini National Park where we visit Weano Gorge & Kalamina Gorge areas.
- Day 16 Exploring more gorges like Knox & Joffre.
- Day 17 Exploring Karajini National Park we spend the day walking and swimming in Dales Gorge at Circular Pool, Fern Pool and the Fortescue Falls areas.
- Day 18 We head south via Newman towards Kumarina Roadhouse.
- Day 19 Via Meekatharra we head for the old mining towns of Cue & Mt Magnet.
- Day 20 We head for wildflower country looking for the wreath flowers.
- Day 21 We venture through more wildflower country on our way down to Perth