

GREAT WESTERN WONDERS

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE THURSDAY (MAR TO OCT)

As if making an epic crossing of Australia wasn't enough, the chance to live another lifelong dream awaits at the end of your rail journey. From your eco resort sitting right on Ningaloo Reef, you have the chance to swim with the gentle giants of the sea – whale sharks or humpback whales.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 days/2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Cook and Rawlinna
- 3 nights accommodation in Perth including breakfast daily
- Return economy flights from Perth to Exmouth
- 3 nights accommodation at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef including airport transfers, chef-prepared meals, snacks and beverages, National Park entrance fees and guided wilderness activities
- 1 day Whale Shark Swim (March to July) or Humpback Whale Swim (August to October) including travel onboard a luxury vessel, wetsuits and snorkel gear, morning tea, lunch and beverages
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover hidden gems on a remote stretch of Western Australia's Indian Ocean coast
- Beachside safari camping in eco-luxe wilderness tents nestled in the dunes of Cape Range National Park
- Explore Ningaloo Reef, home to over 500 species of colourful fish
- Swim with the mighty giants of the ocean, whale sharks or humpback whales

DAY 1 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN ADELAIDE

Start your journey with a delicious welcome dinner before joining the Indian Pacific, where you can settle in to your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific (D)

DAY 2 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Today is all about those amazing outback views as you cross this famous stretch of the Australian interior. Dinner this evening is under an outback sky (seasonal). (B,L,D)

DAY 3 INDIAN PACIFIC, PERTH

Watch the delightful Avon Valley pass by as the final stage of your transcontinental crossing unfolds heading into Perth, where your connection with the Indian Ocean begins.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Pan Pacific Perth (B,L)

DAY 4 LEISURE DAY

Today is yours to explore cosmopolitan Perth and surrounds at your leisure. Why not take a stroll to the new Elizabeth Quay or cruise the Swan River. If you're feeling a little more adventurous, then take a journey to the Pinnacles, a limestone formation within the Nambung National Park and one of many Western Australian natural wonders. (B)

WE RECOMMEND

Pinnacles and Lobster Day tour \$184 per person.

Exploring the stunning rock formations of the Pinnacles, the amazing Lancelin Sand Dunes, Yanchep National Park – with its Koala Boardwalk – and lunching at the famous Lobster Shack in Cervantes is a rich kaleidoscope of what the west has to offer.

DAY 5 PERTH TO EXMOUTH AND NINGALOO REEF

Today your flight to Exmouth transports you to another world. Your eco-luxe accommodation for the next three nights, the Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, is a beachside safari camp with just 16 wilderness tents surrounding the pristine bush and beaches of the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy the day exploring this amazing location teeming with native wildlife.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef (B,D)

DAY 6 NINGALOO REEF

Prepare for a life-changing experience. Depending on the time of year, you have the chance to swim with whale sharks (March to July) or humpback whales (August to October) on the world famous Ningaloo Reef! These incredible opportunities are restricted to small groups, and you will be escorted the whole way travelling aboard a luxury vessel guided by a spotter plane from above. Snorkels and wetsuits are provided. Lunch is also included and even a glass of bubbly to celebrate an encounter with nature you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 NINGALOO REEF

Today is yours to enjoy more of Ningaloo from Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef. Go snorkelling along the coral reef literally on your doorstep to swim among 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral and 600 species of mollusc. Join a guided walk through spectacular Mandu Mandu and Yardie Creek Gorges, go kayaking or fishing. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 NINGALOO REEF AND EXMOUTH TO PERTH

Your morning flight back to Perth leaves the afternoon free to enjoy more of the Western Australian capital.

OVERNIGHT: Pan Pacific Perth (B)

DAY 9 FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. (B)