

GREAT WESTERN WONDERS

INDIAN PACIFIC

DEPARTURE MONDAY (MAR TO OCT)

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. As if living this lifelong dream wasn't enough, making an epic transcontinental crossing of Australia awaits at the end of your journey.

INCLUSIONS

- 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
- 4 days/3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, Broken Hill and Blue Mountains
- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 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 ARRIVE PERTH

Start your lifelong dream in the Western Australian capital of Perth. Check in to your accommodation and spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the many attractions.

OVERNIGHT: Pan Pacific Perth

DAY 2 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 3 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 4 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 5 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: 2 nights Pan Pacific Perth (B)

DAY 6 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 7 BOARD THE INDIAN PACIFIC IN PERTH

This morning join the Indian Pacific and, before long, you'll be heading through the delightful Avon Valley. Take time out to enjoy this iconic train and its many creature comforts. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the Outback Explorer Lounge with fellow travellers in anticipation of your late-night arrival into the gold-mining township of Kalgoorlie where you'll enjoy an Off Train Excursion.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Indian Pacific (B,L,D)

DAY 8 INDIAN PACIFIC, NULLARBOR PLAIN

Wake to a spectacular Nullarbor sunrise. Relax throughout the day taking in the outback vistas before visiting the extraordinary and slightly eerie ghost town of Cook, home to a thriving population of four. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 INDIAN PACIFIC, ADELAIDE AND BROKEN HILL

As the landscape changes again and rich ochre sands make way for forests and farmlands, you will arrive into Adelaide in the morning where a range of Off Train Excursions are on offer.

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Adelaide Oval or see the highlights of the city on foot or by coach. After a rewarding experience in the South Australian capital, return to the Indian Pacific to continue the journey toward Sydney. Your next stop is Broken Hill where you'll have a choice of excursions that showcase the rich mining, artistic and cinematic legacy of this frontier outback town. Re-join the train for dinner and the continuation of your journey. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 INDIAN PACIFIC, BLUE MOUNTAINS AND SYDNEY

Wake this morning to take in the full spectacle of the Blue Mountains on Sydney's doorstep. After your arrival into Katoomba, select from numerous mountain experiences.

See the majestic Three Sisters at Echo Point and the views at Jamison Valley before the culmination of your epic transcontinental crossing. (B,L)