

Karijini and Ningaloo Reef Explorer



trip highlights

Indulge in a refreshing swim amidst the stunning beauty of the Ningaloo Reef.

Explore the renowned Weano Gorge, Kalamina, and Joffre Gorges on an unforgettable walking adventure.

Discover ancient gorges adorned with serene swimming holes.

Ascend the heights of Mount Bruce, the second-highest peak in Western Australia.

Relax in the evenings as the guides prepare delicious 3 course meals

Experience the charm of Bullara Station, an authentic outback station awaiting your visit.

Relax in cosy outback accommodations, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable stay.



Trip Duration	7 days	Trip Code: KJE
Grade	Moderate	
Activities	Day walks, Swimming	
Summary	7 day trip, 7 days walking	

welcome to World Expeditions

On a World Expeditions adventure you can expect great value, high quality, active, expedition style adventure travel experiences on all seven continents.

Our story began 50 years ago, when the mountains of Nepal inspired our first trek.

Since then, we've pioneered many adventure travel firsts, all driven by our goal to provide active and adventurous travellers with BIG adventures that leave a small footprint on the people and places we visit.

If you're curious to wander down the paths less travelled, we invite you to join us on our Karijini and Ningaloo Reef Explorer.

why travel with World Expeditions?

World Expeditions Australian Treks have been in continuous operation for more than 30 years, offering economical, reliable, environmentally friendly small group fully inclusive adventure holidays to some of the most beautiful pristine parts of Australia. Our trips cater for people from many walks of life, age groups and motivations. World Expeditions offers more than 30 tailored Australian itineraries that incorporate trekking, walking, rafting, cycling and climbing throughout Australia.

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the trip

Embark on a captivating journey as we explore the dramatic gorges of Karijini National Park and revel in the beauty of the Ningaloo Reef, striking the perfect balance between adventure and relaxation. Our expedition commences in Paraburadoo, guiding us northward to Karijini, where we encounter some of the world's most remarkable features and landscapes. With a leisurely pace, ample time is dedicated to absorbing the essence of the Pilbara region and indulging in refreshing swims in its picturesque swimming holes. Spend four nights in Karijini, engaging in walks, swims, exploration, and moments of pure relaxation, before we venture across to Exmouth and the enchanting Ningaloo Reef. This tour is combined with our Karijini Explorer, and you might have some fellow travellers on this tour concluding their adventure on day 5 in Tom Price.

at a glance

LIMITED FLIGHT SCHEDULES INTO THE AREA NECESSITATE GROUP ARRIVAL FLIGHTS INTO PARABURDOO. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

YOUR GUIDE WILL CONTACT YOU THE AFTERNOON BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE DATE TO CONFIRM PICK-UP DETAILS AND ADDRESS ANY FINAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

DAY 1	JOIN PARABURDOO, DRIVE TO KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK
DAY 2	DALES GORGE (5KM), KARIJINI VISITORS CENTRE AND KALAMINA GORGE (3KM)
DAY 3	MT BRUCE (9.5KM), JOFFREE FALLS
DAY 4	HANCOCK (1.5KM) AND WEANO GORGE (2KM)
DAY 5	DRIVE TO BULLARA
DAY 6	CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK AND NINGALOO REEF
DAY 7	CHARLES KNIFE CANYON (7KM), TRIP CONCLUDES IN EXMOUTH

what's included

- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners + snacks
- 4 nights glamping accommodation nestled amongst nature in Karijini National Park
- 2 nights comfortable lodgings at charming Bullara Station
- Emergency communications and group first aid kit
- Transport during the trip
- All entrance and national park fees
- Professional wilderness guide and support staff

what's not included

- Airfares
- Pre or post tour accommodation
- Items of personal nature such as laundry and postage
- Backpacks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance
- Face masks and hand sanitiser

detailed itinerary

Limited flight schedules into the area necessitate group arrival flights into Paraburadoo as listed below to line up with the included group transfer. The itineraries are listed below.

FLIGHT PERTH TO PARABURDOO - ARRIVAL FLIGHT - DAY ONE OF TOUR (CURRENT FOR 2026 - TBC FOR 2027 DEPARTURES):

QF1624 depart Perth 14:30, arrive Paraburadoo 16:20 for trip departure on 31 MAY, 02 AUG, and 23

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trip dates

2026 31 May- 06 Jun **HS**
12 Jul - 18 Jul
02 Aug - 08 Aug
23 Aug - 29 Aug

2027 09 May- 15 May
19 May- 25 May
30 May- 05 Jun
09 Jun - 15 Jun
20 Jun - 26 Jun
01 Aug - 07 Aug
11 Aug - 17 Aug
22 Aug - 28 Aug
01 Sep - 07 Sep

important notes

HS - Holiday Season

NB: - A holiday season supplement applies for any trips that overlap with a public holiday.

fast facts

Countries Visited:

Australia

Private Groups:

Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:

A single supplement is available for this trip*

Leader:

Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

AUG.

QF1624 depart Perth 15:30, arrive Paraburdoe 17:20 for trip departure on 12 JUL

If you aren't travelling on the group flight you must arrive BEFORE the group flight as the group cannot wait for later flight arrivals. We recommend you book your arrival flight at the same time you confirm your booking with us to guarantee your spot.

If you wish to explore the area further prior to your tours departure you will need to make your own way to Karijini Eco Retreat on day 1 of your tour. If you wish to choose this option, please discuss this with your reservations consultant.

Your guide will contact you the afternoon before your departure date to confirm pick-up details and address any final questions you may have.

DAY 1 Join Paraburdoe, drive to Karijini National Park

We will collect you from Paraburdoe Airport and journey towards our accommodation in the heart of the stunning Karijini National Park, ensuring you arrive in time for a sunset dinner. Limited flight schedules into the area necessitate group arrival flights into Paraburdoe as listed below to line up with the included group transfer. The itineraries are listed below.

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Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat
meals: D

DAY 2 Dales Gorge (5km), Karijini Visitors Centre and Kalamina Gorge (3km)

To commence our first action packed day, we'll start by exploring the awe-inspiring Dale's Gorge. This iconic location features the stunning Circular Pool and Fern Pool, set against the backdrop of deep red rocks and cascading waterfalls—a truly unforgettable Karijini experience. After immersing ourselves in the beauty of Dale's Gorge, we'll take a leisurely visit to the Visitor's Centre to gather information about the park and perhaps indulge in a refreshing ice cream.

Following our stop at the Visitor's Centre, our journey continues to the spectacular Kalamina Gorge. While the path may present some rocky and uneven terrain, this walk is generally considered more manageable, offering a mostly gentle descent. At the base of the gorge, a pristine swimming hole awaits, providing the perfect opportunity to cool off amidst the natural wonders of Karijini. Once we've enjoyed the serenity of Kalamina Gorge, we'll head back to our accommodation for another delightful evening meal beneath the twinkling stars of the outback sky.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat
meals: B,L,D

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thoughtful travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence.

World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our Responsible Travel Guidebook.

This detailed guide to responsible & sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel.

Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book. Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website

www.worldexpeditions.com

trip grading Moderate

This adventure caters to individuals with a moderate level of fitness and competent swimming skills. Tailored for the enthusiastic and adventurous seeking a unique experience, the trip has been graded as moderate.

Although the walks are generally not lengthy, they involve traversing numerous rocks, presenting a challenge for those unaccustomed to balancing. Expect rocky, stony, and mountainous terrains that require daily navigation over rugged, sometimes narrow paths, featuring steep ascents and descents. While all walks are under 10 km, each poses its own challenges, including rocky terrain and varied elevations.

Preparation is crucial. We advise engaging in one hour of strenuous exercise four times a week, such as cycling, jogging, or walking. Incorporate a weekly walk with a weighted day pack (4-7 kg) for several hours to enhance leg strength and aerobic fitness.

Training should encompass walking on steep and unstable surfaces like shale, rocks, and narrow paths. Be ready to utilise your upper body for climbing, scrambling, and maneuvering along ledges. Simulating the specific activities of the trip, such as walking on uneven terrain, is the most effective

DAY 3 Mt Bruce (9.5km), Joffree Falls

Mount Bruce stands as Western Australia's second-highest peak, and the Mt Bruce walk trail offers a magnificent ridge walk, featuring challenging yet rewarding steep and rocky sections. Along the route, one side provides a breathtaking vista of the Karijini Range, while the other reveals the expanse of an iron ore mine. This 9.5 km return journey will occupy a significant portion of our day, and the effort invested is undoubtedly justified by the stunning views and unique perspectives it offers.

In the afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to walk right from our central accommodation to explore and take a refreshing dip at Joffree Falls, adding a delightful and rejuvenating conclusion to our day of exploration.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat
meals: B,L,D

DAY 4 Hancock (1.5km) and Weano Gorge (2km)

Embarking on our exploration, we'll delve into the heart of Karijini National Park, immersing ourselves in the enchanting landscapes of two iconic gorges – Hancock and Weano. While the walks present challenges in certain sections, they are well within reach for adventurers. Expect to navigate through some wading and clambering on rocks and ledges, as each step brings us closer to the breathtaking jade pools nestled deep within the narrow gorge walls.

Our journey will unfold amid the stunning scenery, with highlights including the serene Kermit's Pool and the captivating Handrail Pool. These natural wonders are sure to leave an indelible impression, offering moments of tranquility and awe in the midst of Karijini's rugged beauty.

As the day unfolds, we'll relish the unique experiences these gorges provide, and enjoy a rejuvenating dip. As the day's adventures draw to a close, we'll return to our accommodation, carrying the excitement of our Karijini National Park experiences with us. Anticipation builds for the upcoming exploration of Ningaloo Reef, where a new chapter of awe and wonder awaits us.

Accommodation: Karijini National Park – Eco Retreat
meals: B,L,D

DAY 5 Drive to Bullara

After our exhilarating exploration of Karijini National Park, it's time to give our legs a well-deserved rest on this travel day. Given the vast expanse of Western Australia, our journey across to Exmouth will consume the whole day. However, the anticipation for what lies ahead will keep our spirits high as we traverse this magnificent terrain. Some of your fellow travellers may be concluding their adventure in Tom Price on this day before the remainder of us continue towards the Ningaloo coast.

Upon our arrival in Exmouth, a breathtaking sight awaits as we witness the sun gracefully setting into the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean. This celestial display serves as a fitting welcome to the coastal wonders that await us at Ningaloo Reef. We'll make our way to Bullara Station, where we'll relish our first night under the outback stars. This unique experience allows us to immerse ourselves in the tranquility and rugged beauty of the Australian outback, setting the stage for the adventures that await us at Ningaloo Reef.

Accommodation: Bullara Station | Driving Time: Approx. 8hrs
meals: B,L,D

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way to prepare for this active holiday.

adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant of travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price.

DAY 6 Cape Range National Park and Ningaloo Reef

Embarking on a day of exploration, we'll venture into the captivating landscapes of Cape Range National Park. Our itinerary unfolds with a series of short walks, invigorating snorkels at stunning locations like Turquoise Bay and Oyster Stacks, and refreshing swims along the pristine coastline. This immersive experience allows us to discover the coastal wonders and witness the vibrant marine life that inhabits the crystal-clear waters.

As we traverse the park, keep an eye out for the elusive rock wallabies and marvel at the incredible array of sea life, creating lasting memories against the backdrop of Western Australia's coastal beauty.

Our journey continues with an exploration of Mandu Mandu Gorge (3km), where the rugged scenery and unique geological features captivate our senses. Later in the day, we'll return to our accommodation at Bullara Station. This day promises to be fabulous and relaxed, offering a perfect blend of adventure and serenity in the heart of Cape Range National Park.

Accommodation: Bullara Station

meals: B,L,D

DAY 7 Charles Knife Canyon (7km), trip concludes in Exmouth

Having immersed ourselves in the aquatic wonders of Ningaloo, today invites us to appreciate the beauty of the region from solid ground. Locally known as the Badjirrajirra Trail, this 7km walk guides us into the heart of Cape Range National Park. Winding through limestone karst, the trail unveils gorges and showcases the expansive spinifex country, treating us to panoramic views that seem to stretch endlessly. In comparison to our previous exploits in Karijini, this trail is relatively moderate.

Following our exploration of the Charles Knife Canyon, we'll return to the coastal waters for a final swim opportunity, concluding with a well-deserved lunch. In the afternoon (around 2-3pm), we'll drop you off at your accommodation in Exmouth, marking the transition to the next phase of your holiday. As a highly recommended activity, we suggest considering a whaleshark tour while in town. This can be seamlessly added to your tour either during the booking process or by conversing with your reservations consultant, ensuring a hassle-free and memorable experience.

meals: B,L

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

climate

In the Pilbara region of Western Australia, the weather generally offers fine conditions. We schedule our trips during the coolest part of the year for the most comfortable walking experience. Daytime temperatures from April to May are mild, while June to July can be cool to cold. As we move from August to October, the days gradually become warmer, with occasional hot days towards the end of the season, prompting potential adjustments to our trekking plans.

Nighttime temperatures can be chilly throughout the year. From late May to early August, evenings can be particularly cold, reaching down to minus 5°C (24°F). While rain is uncommon, it's essential to be prepared for cold and wet weather at any time of the year. On rare occasions, unforeseen rainfall may necessitate modifications to our itinerary.

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a typical day

The detailed itinerary outlines walking distances for each trail section in the picturesque Pilbara region of Western Australia. Each day, itinerary specifics may be influenced by the group and guide, but the following provides a general daily schedule:

Mornings commence with a delightful breakfast spread, expertly prepared by your guides. Following breakfast, we pack up our gear and embark on the day's walk, typically lasting 3-4 hours with intermittent breaks. A leisurely picnic lunch is enjoyed on the trail, providing a perfect opportunity to rest, unwind, and soak in the breathtaking scenery.

Each trek commences or concludes with a vehicle transfer to/from the trailhead, as the expansive Pilbara region necessitates efficient travel. The time spent in our small bus offers a chance to relax and marvel at the magnificent landscapes.

Afternoon walks are usually shorter, ensuring we reach our accommodation with ample time for a rejuvenating hot shower, exploration, or simply unwinding with a refreshing drink and conversation. During a delightful 3-course dinner, your guides provide a briefing on the next day's activities and share a few stories, creating a perfect end to the day before retiring for a restful night.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

accommodation on the trip



For this journey, we'll be immersing ourselves in the natural beauty of the Pilbara region, spending four nights in eco tents at Karijini Eco Retreat and two nights in the Shearers Lodge or Cottage at Bullara Station. The Karijini Eco Retreat provides a unique glamping experience, allowing you to connect with nature in comfort. Nestled against the backdrop of Karijini's captivating landscapes, these eco tents offer a tranquil haven for a four-night stay.

At Karijini Eco Retreat, the standard eco tents provide a cosy and stylish setting, allowing you to unwind after days of exploration. Meanwhile, the Shearers Lodge or Cottage at Bullara Station promises a unique outback accommodation experience for the following two nights.

In the standard eco tents at Karijini Eco Retreat, camping takes on a whole new level of comfort. Furnished with quality beds, linen, and towels. While these tents don't have lights or power points, guests have access to clean shared ablutions featuring flushing toilets, solar hot water showers, and basins.

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This tour comes with the option to upgrade to a Deluxe Eco Tent. Deluxe Eco Tents come with quality beds, linen and towels, solar powered lights and private ensuite bathroom.

The Eco Tents are semi-permanent structures that incorporate ecologically sustainable principles and can easily be erected and dismantled in remote areas with little impact to the natural environment using recycled materials wherever possible.

Accommodations are on a twin share basis, with the option to request a limited number of single rooms for a supplemental fee. The Deluxe upgrade option comes with limited spots. Australian Walking Holidays does not require single travelers to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same sex, and if we cannot match you up, we will provide a single room at no extra charge. For solo travelers who cannot be matched into a twin-share room, please note that the single tent option is only complimentary for the standard eco tents and does not cover the deluxe tent upgrade. If you prefer not to share, a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room, pending availability.

pre and post tour accommodation

Our Australian adventures do not include accommodation before or after the trip. If you contact World Expeditions we are happy to offer you suggestions on where to stay in Perth.

what you carry

This adventure is fully supported. You will carry just a day pack containing the following items:

- Water for the day's walk (2-4L, amount is dependent on the day)
- Sunhat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Snacks for the day, provided by your guides
- Waterproof and warm layers
- Camera and any other personal items

Depending on the amount of personal items you decide to carry, your day pack will weigh approximately 4-7kg. Your luggage will be transferred by the support vehicle. Please keep luggage to one soft duffle bag per person; please do not bring hard suitcases or extra large duffles as these are hard to transport.

equipment required

Specialist gear required including walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

visas

Most visitors to Australia require a visa obtained prior to arrival.

Passport holders from the following countries can apply for the Australian Tourist Visa online prior to their arrival which allows you a stay in Australia for up to 3 months:

Canada

United States

United Kingdom

Other nationalities can check their eligibility for an e-visa here:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#Eligibility>

New Zealand passport holders do not need to obtain a visa prior to arrival they will be granted a visa on arrival.

*All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

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webinars & events

World Expeditions invites you to attend our inspiring adventure travel slide shows. These special evenings are designed to inform and entertain and are hosted by our most experienced and passionate adventure travellers and mountaineers. Ask our staff for a slide show schedule or register on our website - www.worldexpeditions.com. Shows can fill early so it is important to register your attendance so we know to save a seat, or two!

private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charity's, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

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social networking

Learn more from our community at Facebook.com/AustralianWalkingHolidays or on Instagram/ [AusWalkingHolidays](https://Instagram/AusWalkingHolidays)

trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability as we operate strictly small group adventures. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf; such as permits, hotels and flights to name but a few. The demand for these services is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

how to book

To book this trip, you will need to complete a booking form and pay a non refundable deposit which you can do by using our online booking function, or if you prefer, download a booking form from the website and return to us by email, or mail your booking form and deposit to Australian Walking Holidays.

If you have any questions please call Australian Walking Holidays or your nearest World Expeditions office.

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