



Coral Coast, Exmouth. Credit: Tourism Australia

9 DAY THE INDIAN OCEAN COASTAL DRIVE

INCLUSIONS

- » 9 days car hire with Hertz in a Toyota Rav4 2WD or similar including excess reduction
- » 1 nights' accommodation, Scarborough
- » 1 nights' accommodation, Cervantes
- » 1 nights' accommodation, Kalbarri
- » 2 nights' accommodation, Monkey Mia
- » 1 nights' accommodation, Carnarvon
- » 2 nights' accommodation, Exmouth

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DAY 1: Arrive Perth

Just 20 minutes north of Perth lies Scarborough Beach. Here the white sand, excellent surf and many beachfront bars and cafes offer a great way to start your trip. If you arrive on a Thursday during summer, make sure to check out the sunset markets with its food trucks and live music.

DAY 2: Perth to Cervantes

Your destination today is the coastal fishing town of Cervantes. This is the gateway to one of Australia's most unique landscapes, the iconic limestone pillars known as "The Pinnacles" in the Nambung National Park. Be sure to visit the Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre to learn about the geology of the pinnacles formations and the cultural and natural heritage values of the area. Then explore the pristine beaches, ideal for swimming and snorkelling, and of course make sure get your hands on some fresh local crayfish.

DAY 3: Cervantes to Kalbarri

Pink Lake at Port Gregory is an iconic sight along the Coral Coast Highway. The lake's colour changes through the spectrum of red to pink to lilac purple, depending on the time of day, season and amount of cloud cover when you visit. There are places where you can pull off the road, park the car and explore by foot, or you can experience a breath-taking scenic flight over this beautiful location.

Kalbarri, a popular holiday destination, is situated at the mouth of the Murchison river, where the ancient, rugged outback meets white sand beaches. Take in views from the lookouts, hike the trails or join a canyoning and abseiling tour.

Days 4-5: Kalbarri to Monkey Mia

Today's drive on the North West Coastal Highway takes you to Monkey Mia in the Shark Bay World Heritage area. Each morning for more than 40 years, wild bottlenose dolphins have swum to the shallows of Monkey Mia to visit and interact with people. This rare and famous animal encounter will be a highlight to your trip.

Day 6: Monkey Mia to Carnarvon

Carnarvon's unique location, nestled between Shark Bay and Ningaloo Coast World Heritage areas, makes it a tropical oasis recognised for its banana plantations, tropical fruits, fine seafood, and warm climate. The town offers a rich historic and cultural experience as well as an abundance of natural attractions. After a day exploring, relax and recharge as you dine on fresh local bounty whilst you watch the sunset on the waterway.

Days 7: Carnarvon to Exmouth

This morning you head to the small resort town of Exmouth. The town is the gateway to Ningaloo Reef, Australia's largest fringing reef, distinguished in that it lies close to the shore. This is an incredible location for

those who enjoy snorkelling and diving. You can also enjoy kayaking or cruising in a glass bottom boat and for the ultimate marine adventure, experience the thrill of swimming with the world's largest fish, the mighty whale shark (mid-March to late July).

DAY 8: At Exmouth

Enjoy today by exploring the clearest turquoise water on earth. The fringing reef system, stretching 300kms is home to over 200 varieties of coral and 500 species of fish, making this truly an underwater paradise. Join an outer reef snorkel or dive tour to encounter some of the reef's larger inhabitants, including graceful manta rays and turtles.

DAY 9: Depart Exmouth

After a morning at leisure it is time to head to the Exmouth Airport to drop your car off and board your flight back to Perth.

Pricing from **\$1,769** per person twin share

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Monkey Mia. Credit: Tourism Western Australia