



## 7 Day Ningaloo Reef Safari & Whale Shark Discovery Tour

Sea Kayak / Snorkel / Bushwalk / Camp / Swim with Whale Sharks!

Sunday June 18th - 25th, 2023

\$3690pp



### Includes

- 5 nights camping on the Ultimate Safari kayak, snorkel, bushwalk and base camp tour
- 2 nights at Mantarays Ningaloo Resort (twin share) 4.5 stars
- 1 day Whale Shark Discovery Tour
- All delicious meals
- Airport transfers to and from Learmonth (Exmouth)

### Availability

Region X will run 1 departure in 2023, max of 16 guests\*

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Other dates available upon request.

### The Tour

This tour is the ultimate way to experience the best of what Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park have to offer. Begin your Ultimate Safari Adventure with an airport or hotel pickup on Sunday afternoon, designed to collect you from QF1642 or your hotel of choice if you have arrived earlier.

## Day 1 – 5

Spend the next 5 days sea kayaking along the coast in the sheltered, turquoise lagoons of Ningaloo Reef, visiting numerous snorkel sites along the way. Travel in a one-way direction with the prevailing breeze, and return by vehicle each night to our comfortable base camp.

Take some short bushwalks to explore the stunning gorges of Cape Range National Park, and visit the Milyering Visitor Centre.



At the end of the Ultimate Safari tour we'll drop you back at Mantarays Ningaloo Resort to relax and recharge for the next leg of your adventure. Tonight you have dinner on us (to the value of \$70/person) at the award-winning Mantarays Resort Restaurant.



## Day 6

Our Whale Shark Cruise partners will pick you up after breakfast on Saturday morning for a day of swimming with these gentle giants - a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Aboard the comfortable vessel you will learn about the habits of the creatures before you get the opportunity to jump in with them! The day also includes lunch and a cruise in search of migrating humpbacks, dugong and more! Return to Mantarays in the afternoon to unwind and relax. On Saturday evening, enjoy a delicious set-menu dinner at Whalers Restaurant.

## Day 7

Tour ends upon check out from Mantarays Ningaloo Resort after breakfast on Sunday.

## Sea Kayaking and Snorkeling

The sea kayaking takes place inside the fringing reef, where the lagoon is rarely more than 3m deep - perfect for spotting wildlife and snorkeling! After your guide gives you a thorough paddling lesson and a safety talk, we launch the kayaks and travel along the coast at a relaxed pace, stopping on secluded beaches for morning tea and lunch.

Be amazed by turtles darting around your kayak, look for the silhouettes of rays as they rest or forage in the sand. We usually paddle the coastline from Yardie Creek and head north with the prevailing winds, finishing at Ned's Camp or Mangrove Bay.



Each day provides fantastic snorkeling opportunities. At some sites we land the kayaks on the beach and swim a short distance from shore, at other sites we anchor or moor the kayaks and slip over the side with our snorkels. We have discovered some excellent 'un-named' snorkeling spots that are only accessible by kayak.

Each afternoon we lock up the kayaks on the beach and return by vehicle to our base camp, where (in between stories of the day!) you can take a solar shower, read a few pages of a good book, grab some snacks and a drink, and settle in for a west coast sunset, or just relax and reflect on the beauty of your surroundings.



## Camping

For 5 consecutive nights we camp out in spacious, comfortable stand-up tents, or in a swag under the stars. We have the luxury of our vehicle and camper trailer at base camp, making camping and cooking is easy.

At base camp we have picnic tables and camp chairs, gas cookers, fridges, shade and wind shelter, toilet and solar showers: all the gear you need for comfortable camping (we even provide pillows!). At the end of each day of adventure we drive back to camp, enjoy a fresh water wash, and over a few drinks and nibbles, enjoy the sunset.

Camp is also close to some great bushwalking locations. We usually do the Yardie Creek walk and Mandu Mandu Gorge walk, as well as visiting the National Park Visitor Centre at Milyering.

## This tour suits...

These 5 Day Ningaloo Safari Tours are perfect for the person wanting to have an immersive, active holiday while still escaping to a relaxing place, with some creature comforts! This tour is the complete package for those wishing to explore Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park.



(\*If you are interested in more of an expedition-style Ningaloo adventure, Region X has one departing June 26-July 3, 2022. Please contact us as trip notes and costs vary.)

## Included

- Double sea kayaks with rudder for comfortable cruising + paddles
- PFDs (life jackets)
- Long sleeve sun shirts, broad-brim hats
- Snorkelling gear: snorkel, mask and fins, wetsuit in season
- Dry bags
- Comfortable camping gear: tents, swags, pillows, sleeping bags and liners, camp chairs, camper trailer with fridge, wind and shade shelter, picnic tables, toilet and solar showers
- Healthy and delicious food, drinks (alcohol not included, BYO welcome)
- Transport to and from Cape Range National Park in our air-conditioned bus
- National Park entry and camping fees
- Qualified and experienced guides
- Complimentary tour photos

## You Bring

- Drinking water (capacity for 2L)
- Sunscreen, zinc or SPF lip balm, sunglasses (polarised are recommended)
- Bathers/boardshorts
- Camera (spare batteries/charger)
- Towel or sarong
- Gloves (optional: fingerless cycling or paddling gloves are great for sun protection)
- Footwear that may get wet (crocs, sandals etc)
- Bushwalking clothes: enclosed footwear (sneakers, hiking shoes/boots), shorts or lightweight trousers, t-shirt or lightweight long-sleeve shirt, daypack bushwalking
- Head torch (spare batteries)
- Drinks for sunset happy hour
- Overnight bag with camp clothes, toiletries etc. Bring warm clothing for cool nights.
- You can bring fishing gear too, however this is not a focus of our tours (please use lures rather than bait).

## FAQ

Minimum age is 8 years old.

Non-swimmers are welcome, all guests wear PFDs (lifejackets) whilst kayaking and are welcome to wear them whilst snorkeling if needed.

Minimum 2 persons needed to confirm tour departure.

We usually paddle anywhere between 4 and 14kms over the day, depending on how the group is travelling and prevailing weather conditions.

We aim to provide the opportunity for 2 snorkels at different locations throughout the day. This tour is 'base camp' style, meaning we return to the same comfortable camp site every afternoon via vehicle.

There is no mobile phone reception in the tour area, we carry a satellite phone for emergencies.

Limited facilities are available at base camp for charging of devices.



## Whale Shark Discovery Tour

Swimming with a Whale Shark is unforgettable! With years of experience in offering Whale Shark cruises at Ningaloo, our partners at Ocean Eco Adventures know exactly what your expectations are and deliver on all levels.

### Includes

- Exclusive use of our private Microlight spotter aircraft - allowing swimmers maximum time with the Whale Sharks - (One plane, one boat policy)
- Photos of your day out are provided as a complimentary gift (value AUD \$50)
- Wetsuits, Fins, Snorkel and Face Masks (prescription mask available) are provided free of charge
- No sighting Policy - In the unlikely event that you do not swim with a Whale Shark on your day you will receive another cruise free of charge (conditions apply)
- Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, cold beverages, herbal and black teas, premium coffee and water all provided.
- Complimentary transfer service to and from your accommodation
- A well informed, fun and experienced crew made up of marine biologists, visiting marine researchers, dive masters and commercial skippers

The team at Ocean Eco Adventures include marine biologist, visiting marine science researchers, dive masters and swimming teachers.

Please bring a towel, bathers/swimmers, a clean change of dry clothing if required. A parker/jumper in case it cools down in the afternoon and for sun protection.



If you are prone to seasickness please make sure to stop by the pharmacy and pick up some anti-seasickness medication prior to your trip!

## Flight Information

Flights and airport transfers are NOT included in this package. Qantas services the Perth – Exmouth (Learmonth airport) route. Learmonth airport is 35kms south of Exmouth town. Shuttle bus service is available from the airport to your accommodation with Exmouth Bus

Charter, or Cabs On Call (pre-booking is essential).

## Ready to Book or need more info?

Visit our website for more: [www.regionx.com.au](http://www.regionx.com.au)

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Or meet us for a coffee at our office in Mossy Point, South Coast NSW!

