



6 Day Ningaloo Reef Journey

Including Gorge Walks & Whale Shark Discovery

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

Sunday June 23rd - Saturday June 29th, 2024

\$3690pp



Includes

- 4 nights camping along the Ningaloo reef
- 4 day kayak journey with loads of snorkel stops
- 1 day of gorge walking in Cape Range National Park
- 2 nights of luxury at Exmouth Escape Resort (twin share) 4.5 stars or Manta Rays resort (twin share) 4.5 stars
- 1 day Whale Shark Discovery Tour
- All delicious meals and equipment from start to finish

Availability

Region X will run 1 expedition-style departure in 2024, max of 12 guests

Starting afternoon of Sunday June 23rd ending Saturday June 29th after breakfast

The Tour

This tour is the ultimate way to experience the best of what Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park have to offer.

You may choose to begin your Ultimate Safari Adventure a little earlier or fly in on the day of departure. Our tours are designed to start with the arrival of the daily QANTAS flight.

If you are arriving early, we can advise some fun things to do in the town of Exmouth including places to stay and where to eat!

We find most of our guests do fly or drive in at least 1 day prior to their tour.



Day 1 – Afternoon of Sunday 23rd June, 2024

The team from RegionX and Exmouth Adventure Co (EAC) will meet you at our base here, you will be kitted out with all the gear you will need for sea kayaking, snorkeling and camping.

Your luggage will stay with you for the afternoon - you will have time once you arrive at camp to organize your personal belongings. We recommend that you have your clothing, toiletries etc that you would like to take on the kayak tour pre-sorted in your luggage, so it is a simple process of transferring from your luggage to drybags.

Once we leave the EAC base, we'll make a quick stop in Exmouth town for last-minute supplies (this includes a stop at the bottle shop), and then journey into Cape Range National Park (approx. 1 hour), to our camp for the first night. After settling into camp, and a delicious dinner freshly prepared by your guide, your guide will run through the plan for the next few days including a look over the maps and charts of the area. We also chat about waterproofing your belongings, packing your kayaks and storing your excess baggage.

Meals: Afternoon tea and dinner

Day 2 – Monday 24th June, 2024

We start the day around 7am with an alfresco brekky, including freshly brewed coffee, before

packing up our camp and getting prepped for the day. We'll leave camp in the bus with the kayak trailer, and make the short 10 minute drive to Osprey Bay, our launch site for the trip.

After packing your kayak with everything you'll need for the next 3 days, we'll have a quick morning tea, and then your guide will give you a paddle and safety briefing. Then it's off to explore the wonders of Ningaloo!



Today we'll cover about 9 km in the kayaks (going with the prevailing breeze), and stop at a couple of our guides' favorite snorkel sites, where you'll be amazed at the diversity of life on Ningaloo. Stops on the beaches for morning tea and lunch breaks the kayaking up into manageable sections, even for novices. We arrive at our wilderness beach camp site around 4pm in the afternoon, giving us time to set up our tents and have a quick dip before we dry off and settle in for some sundowners. A delicious dinner under the stars rounds out the day before we settle in for a satisfying night's sleep.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks

Day 3 – Tuesday 25th June, 2024

Our day starts again at 7am with an alfresco beach brekky. Early risers will smell the coffee drifting to their tent and may wish to come and grab a mug and enjoy a sunrise walk on the

beach. Then it's time to pack down our tents and get prepped for another amazing day exploring Ningaloo.

Today we paddle a beautiful stretch of Ningaloo coastline, encompassing some of the best shore-based snorkeling in the area. With 9kms to our campsite this afternoon, we can settle into the rhythms of nature and focus on immersing ourselves in the wonders of Ningaloo.

Oyster Stacks and Turquoise Bay are 2 well-known sites that we will stop and snorkel along the way today, and we have other sites that we can snorkel from the kayaks if we feel like it too! Our guides know the reef like the back of their hand, and the nature of our small group tours means they can customize them to our guests.

During the paddle today, you might also marvel at the stunning contrast between reef and range: the juxtaposition of turquoise waters, deserted sandy beaches and coral reef with the arid shrublands and ancient gorges of Cape Range: uniquely beautiful.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks





Day 4 – Wednesday 26th June, 2024

Today is our last full day on the water, and we make the most of it! Our day starts at 7am with a delicious breakfast, coffee and tea. Once out on the water, we have a total of 8 km to our tour end point, and we paddle out into the clear lagoon waters, looking for turtles and rays under our kayaks. This section of lagoon is also good for spotting dugong in season (April - August), so keep a look out!

We've got one of our favorite snorkel sites saved for our last day, a beautiful shore-based site teeming with life. After a snorkel and lunch on the beach we have a few more kms of paddling until we reach our end point, where it's then time to unpack our kayaks and load them on the trailer.

We'll then make the journey to Yardie Homestead, just north of the national park boundary, where we will make camp for the night, enjoy a warm shower, and organize your gear for our land-based adventures tomorrow.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks

Day 5 – Thursday 27th June, 2023

Another 7am start this morning as we pack up our tents for the last time after breakfast. Today is the day when we swap our paddling gear for hiking gear, and head off with our day packs to explore some of Cape Range National Park's awe-inspiring gorges and wildlife. First stop is Mandu Mandu Gorge, where we take a 3km loop walk (we allow 2 hours here) that explores both the dry riverbed and rim of this spectacular gorge: home to endangered black-flanked rock wallabies and lots of bird life. There's no need to rush here as we negotiate some rocky scrambles, spot wildlife, and marvel at the forces of nature that have carved this gorge over millennia.

We'll then drive 20 minutes south to beautiful Yardie Creek, where we head off to explore Yardie Gorge, the only water-filled gorge in the entire Cape Range National Park. The Yardie Gorge walk is a 2km return walk that takes about an hour, and provides plenty of time for wildlife spotting and photo opportunities. You may also see black-flanked rock wallabies here, as well as myriad bird life, including a massive osprey nest. Your guide will point out ancient fossilized corals beneath your feet, and if you look out to sea, you'll see

the gap in the fringing reef where the creek used to flow out to sea at a time when the sea level was much lower than present day.



Both walks are optional; they require some rock scrambling, and have some steep, uneven sections of terrain. Our guides are on hand to provide assistance when necessary, and the walking pace is leisurely to accommodate all abilities, and optimize our wildlife-spotting and photography opportunities. During the Yardie Creek trail, you can choose to relax and wait for the rest of the group to come back at any point, as this trail returns on the same path; the Mandu Mandu trail is a loop walk.

In the afternoon we begin the journey (approx. 1 hour) back into Exmouth town. Closer to Exmouth, we'll stop and take in the panoramic views of reef, range and Exmouth Gulf from the Vlamingh Head Lighthouse. Once in town, we'll stop at the shops, before transferring you to your Exmouth accommodation and saying our goodbyes. We drop you off at the included accommodation around 4pm, with a promise to have the free photos of your adventure, taken by your guide, available online as soon as possible.

Guaranteed, you'll be buzzing with the amazing experiences that you've just had exploring Ningaloo and Cape Range, and even though you may feel a tad weary, you'll feel energized and inspired by your Ningaloo memories.

Tonight enjoy a hot shower and dinner with your travel mates at the award-winning onsite Mantarays Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks



Day 6 - Friday 28th June, 2024

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 your accommodation in the afternoon to unwind and relax.



On Friday evening, enjoy a delicious set-menu dinner at Whalers Restaurant, a fantastic way to end your memorable week.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7 - Saturday 29th June, 2024

Tour ends upon check out from the Resort after breakfast on Saturday. You may wish to check out other wonders of Western Australia, ask your Region X team for more info!

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 4 consecutive nights we camp out along our journey route, we only have access to equipment in our kayaks, so good personal lightweight equipment choices are best.

This tour suits...

These expedition-style Ningaloo Tours are perfect for the person wanting to have an immersive, active holiday while still escaping to a relaxing place! This tour is the complete package for those wishing to explore Ningaloo Reef and Cape Range National Park.



Due to the journey style of this trip, the kayaks are fully loaded and can be quite heavy, it is recommended that participants on this trip are aware of the need to do some team lifting of heavy equipment.

Included

- Double sea kayaks with rudder for comfortable cruising + paddles
- PFDs (life jackets)
- Long sleeve sun shirts, broad-brim hats
- Snorkeling gear: snorkel, mask and fins, wetsuits
- Dry bags
- Comfortable camping gear: tents, pillows, sleeping bags
- Healthy and delicious food, drinks (alcohol not included, BYO welcome)
- Transport to all activities 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 (polarized 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 10 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 14 kms over the day, depending on how the group is traveling and prevailing weather conditions.

We aim to provide the opportunity for a snorkel at different locations throughout the day. This tour is a journey style, meaning we carry everything with us in the kayaks for the duration.

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

No facilities are available at 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

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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 35 kms south of Exmouth town. A shuttle bus service is available from the airport to your accommodation with Exmouth Bus Charter, or Cabs On Call (pre-booking is essential).

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