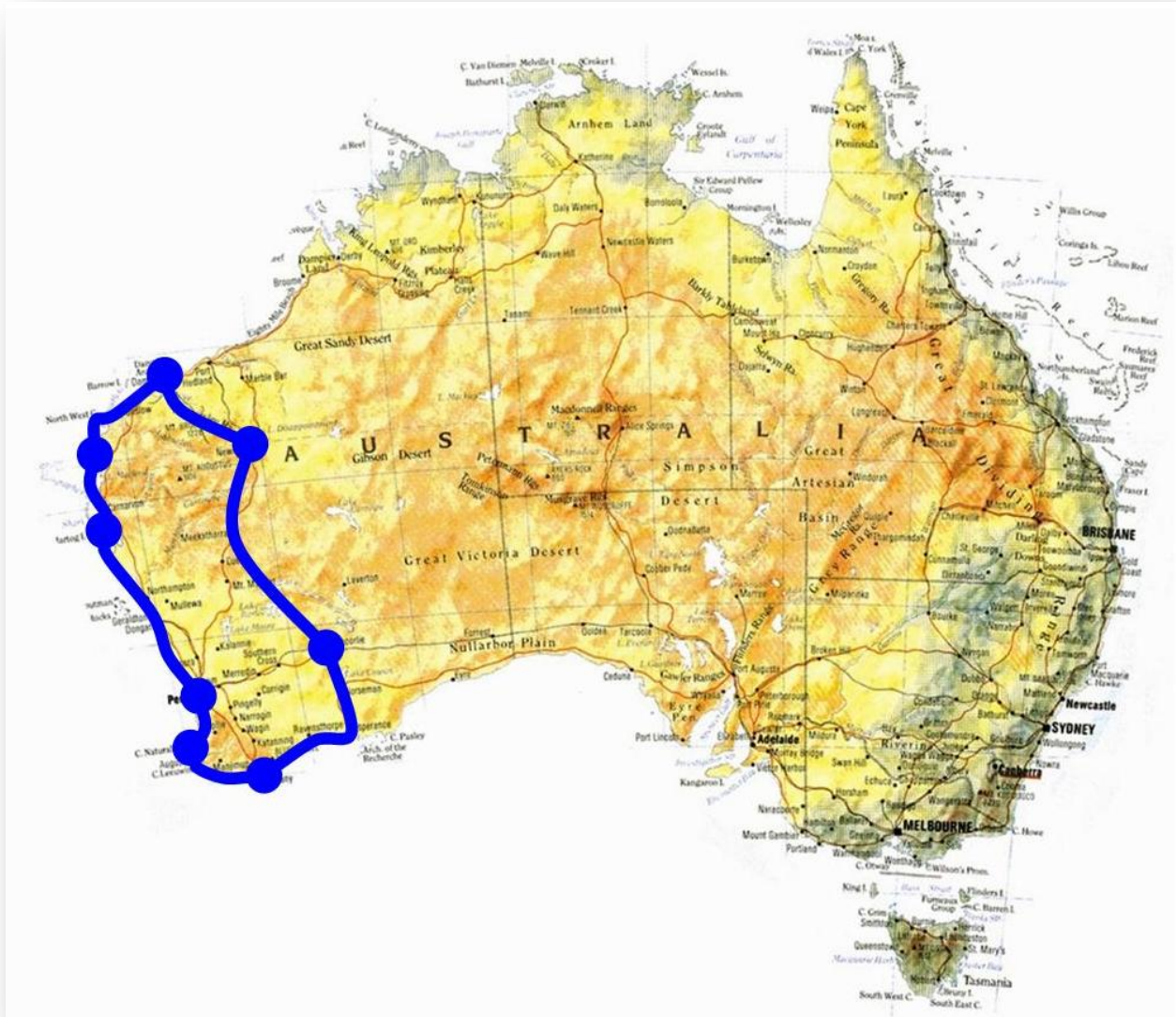



Western Australia Coastal – Itinerary





Highlights - 15 days, 28 hours, 2700 nm

See Western Australia, that part of the continent undiscovered by most visitors. This tour offers spectacular coasts with miles of beaches, rocky cliffs, secluded coves and colourful reefs. You will get to know historic Fremantle, spend time in the thriving gold town of Kalgoorlie, take in a fascinating whaling museum and sample some Margaret River wines. Discover the unique allure of WA!


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Day		Hotel
1	<p>FREMANTLE / PERTH</p> <p>Welcome to Australia and the beginning of your adventure! We will meet in the hotel lobby mid-morning at which time we will be driven to the Royal Aeroclub of Western Australia [RACWA] at Jandakot airport, our aviation partner and base aerodrome for the trip. While there you will meet the Lead Pilot, see your aircraft and receive all charts and documents that you will need during the trip. There will be an introductory briefing and familiarization session. After returning to the hotel, there will be a welcome reception prior to having dinner at the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Esplanade Hotel</u></p>
2	<p>FREMANTLE / PERTH</p> <p>We return to RACWA in the morning after breakfast. There will be a briefing from the Lead Pilot and check rides for all the pilots. An optional extra, subject to time and aircraft availability, will be to take a joy ride in one of the Tiger Moths on the field. If you are a passenger and do not wish to attend the briefings, the Tour Director will have suggestions of alternative activities for you.</p>	
3	<p>PERTH TO SHARK BAY</p> <p>Our first day is a full flying day as we immediately experience the beautiful west coast. We fly over miles of beaches interspersed with rugged, high cliffs on the right and the vast Indian Ocean on our left. After arrival at the resort you will have some time to relax before dinner, which will be on site.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><u>Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort</u></p>



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4	<p>SHARK BAY</p> <p>Our resort is located beside Shark Bay, a World Heritage Site. The deep channel and nearby coral reefs create a rich aquatic environment. At our resort enjoy the beautiful beach, see wild dolphins up close or swim in the clear waters. Other options include aboriginal cultural tours, a visit to see the ancient Stromalotites or even a sailing tour.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the resort.</p>  	<p><u>Monkey Mia</u> <u>Dolphin</u> <u>Resort</u></p>

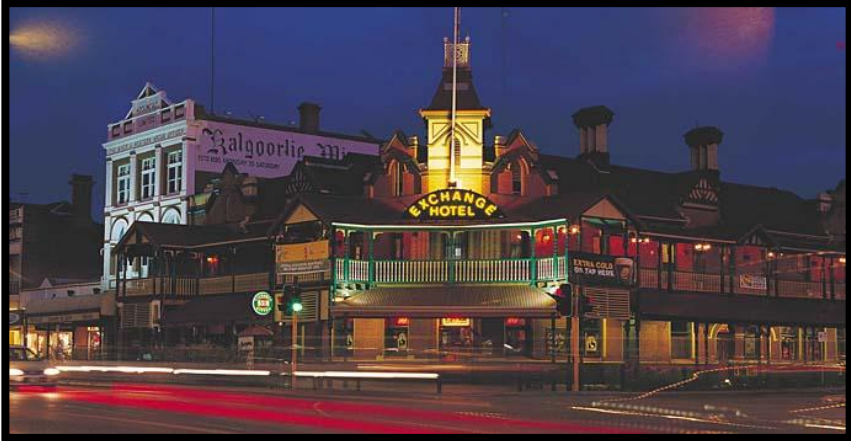

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5	<p>SHARK BAY TO CORAL BAY</p> <p>We will plan for an early arrival and hotel check-in at Coral Bay to ensure that we maximize our time in this small coastal town. You can snorkel here, in one of the few reefs in the world on a west coast, or take a walk on the beach. In the evening we will take a guided ATV trip through the sand dunes.</p> <p>[Please note: this resort has limited capacity so an alternative destination may be arranged with larger groups.]</p>  <p>Dinner will be at the resort.</p>	<p><u>Ningaloo Reef Resort</u></p>
6	<p>CORAL BAY TO KARRATHA</p> <p>After another beautiful coastal flight, we arrive at Karratha, an important centre for the rapidly expanding mining industry of the region. It is also a jumping off point for touring the islands of the Dampier Archipelago. You will have time to relax in your room or swim in the hotel pool before dinner in a local seafood restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Karratha International</u></p>



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7	<p>KARRATHA / DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO</p> <p>Today we have a full-day sailing tour through the spectacular nearby archipelago. Bring your bathing suit as there will be opportunities to swim!</p>  <p>Dinner will be at our hotel.</p>	<p><u>Karratha International</u></p>
8	<p>KARRATHA TO NEWMAN</p> <p>We now turn inland towards Newman, home to one of the richest iron ore mines in the world.</p> <p>En route we fly over the spectacular Karijina Gorge.</p> <p>After arrival you can tour the nearby mining museum with its display of mining equipment and machinery.</p> <p>In the evening we will dine in the hotel restaurant.</p> 	<p><u>Seasons Hotel</u></p>

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9	<p>NEWMAN TO KALGOORLIE</p> <p>This will be our longest flying day as we fly over the western Outback. This region of Australia is rich in minerals so you will see several mine sites before arriving at Kalgoorlie, an early and still very active mining town.</p>  <p>Dinner will be at the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Rydges</u> <u>Hotel</u></p>
10	<p>KALGOORLIE</p> <p>We take a full-day tour which will include Kalgoorlie's historic buildings and Super Pit. Enjoy the unique architecture and character of this historical town, including an underground tour at the Mining Hall of Fame.</p>  <p>In the evening we will head into town for a pub meal on the main street.</p>	

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11	<p>KALGOORLIE TO ALBANY</p> <p>We now head back to the coast, with beaches judged to be the whitest in Australia – which is saying quite a lot! Our accommodation is a cozy boutique hotel, only a few minute’s walk from the beach.</p>  <p>In the evening we will dine at a restaurant beside the ocean.</p>	<p><u>Beach House at Bayside</u></p>
12	<p>ALBANY</p> <p>A full-day tour will first take us through town, then to a National Park with amazing rock formations and spectacular views of the ocean. Then it’s on to Whale World, an excellent museum which vividly captures the spirit and history of the whaling industry which was once centered here.</p>  <p>Dinner will be at a select local restaurant.</p>	

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13	<p>ALBANY TO BUSSELTON</p> <p>Today we continue our westward flight along the southern coast, with more stunning views, to arrive in the Margaret River Region – home to one of Australia’s great wine growing areas. It’s also a favourite vacation area for the citizens of Perth.</p> <p>We will have dinner at the resort or a local restaurant.</p>	<u>Abbey Beach Resort</u>
14	<p>BUSSELTON</p> <p>Today our full-day tour includes historic sites, a winery or two, the lush 100-year Forest and some beautiful coastal views, to name a few. We will definitely get a real “taste” of the region!</p>  <p>Dinner will be back at our hotel.</p>	
15	<p>BUSSELTON TO FREMANTLE / PERTH</p> <p>We have a final short hop to return to Jandakot.</p> <p>In the evening we will re-visit the trip highlights at our farewell dinner. This is a good time to get phone numbers and emails from the other members of the group so you can stay in touch with your new friends.</p>	<u>Esplanade Hotel</u>
16	<p>FREMANTLE</p> <p>After breakfast the tour is officially over.</p> <p>You can now check-out of the hotel and depart for your next destination.</p>	