

WORLD HERITAGE DRIVE

Shark Bay to Ningaloo

Destination

SHARK BAY TO NINGALOO



The Shark Bay-Ningaloo coast is one of few places on Earth where you can visit two World Heritage listed treasures in one self-drive adventure. This trail reveals the natural wonders that put the region on the UNESCO world map – from the biggest fringing reef, to the largest and oldest living fossils on the planet.



START

Perth



BEST TIME

March to November



DURATION

9 to 11 days



HIGHLIGHTS

- Ningaloo Marine Park
- Cape Range National Park
- Shark Bay World Heritage Area
- Hamelin Pool stromatolites
- Shell Beach
- Monkey Mia dolphins
- Coral Bay

LEG 1

Perth to Kalbarri

588 kilometres

- Indian Ocean Drive leads you to one of the most unique landscapes on Earth, the Pinnacles Desert of Nambung National Park.

LEG 2

Kalbarri

- Cruise, kayak, walk, climb or abseil Kalbarri's 400-million-year-old river gorges. Or take in the region's extraordinary beauty, spring wildflowers and rock formations, including iconic Nature's Window, from the park's lookouts.

LEG 3

Kalbarri to Denham/Monkey Mia

375-399 kilometres

- Get a glimpse of life on Earth over 3,500 million years ago at the Hamelin Pool Stromatolites – the largest and oldest living fossils on the planet.
- Take a stroll on Shell Beach – one of the few places in the world where you'll see a beach made entirely of billions of tiny shells.

LEG 4

Monkey Mia

- Monkey Mia is one of the world's top spots for dolphin encounters. Wild dolphins have visited virtually every day since the early 1960s.

LEG 5

Shark Bay to Carnarvon and South Ningaloo (optional)

329-469 kilometres

- Take a detour by 4WD to Quobba, Red Bluff, 3 Mile Camp and Gnaraloo to experience the southern end of World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef.

LEG 6

Shark Bay/South Ningaloo to Coral Bay

581 kilometres (from Shark Bay)

330 kilometres (from South Ningaloo)

- In the calm, sheltered waters of Coral Bay, you're just a short snorkel from Ningaloo's coral gardens – home to 500 species of fish and 300 varieties of coral.

LEG 7

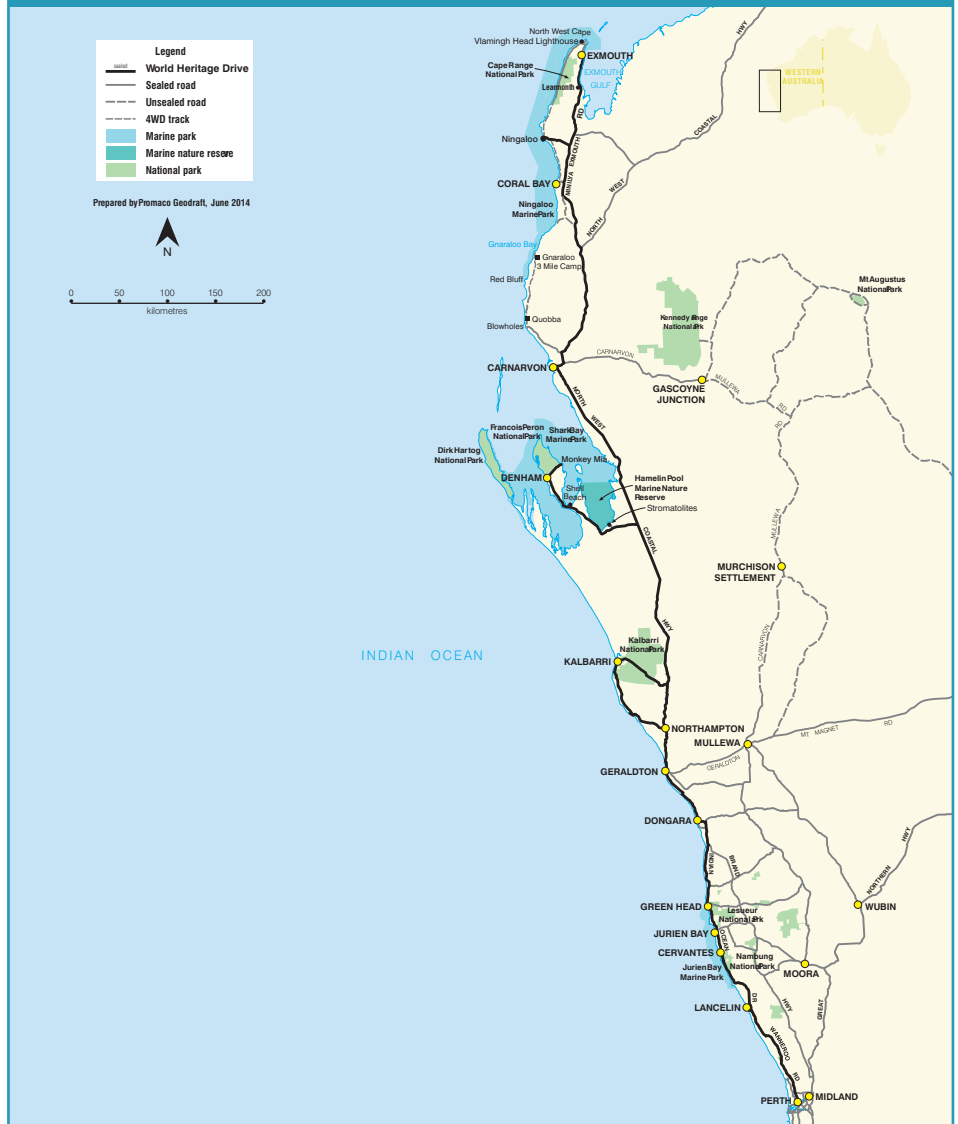
Coral Bay to Exmouth

152 kilometres

- From mid March to July each year, Exmouth is one of the best places in the world to take a swim with the largest fish in the ocean – the gentle whale shark.

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NATIONAL PARKS

Nambung National Park
Kalbarri National Park
Francois Peron National Park
Cape Range National Park

PLACES TO STAY

For caravan and campground information visit westernaustralia.com
caravanwa.com.au
parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

For road safety advice, Aboriginal Land permits and detailed information contact an accredited visitor centre before travel.
Visit westernaustralia.com for visitor centre information.

LEG 8

Exmouth to Ningaloo Marine Park and Cape Range National Park

160 kilometres

- Take a wildlife cruise (seasonal) or self-guided bushwalk up the rugged red canyon of Yardie Creek.

LEG 9

Exmouth to Perth

1,268 kilometres

- Retrace your tracks back to Perth.

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