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WEST COAST ADVENTURE DARWIN TO PERTH

25 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$9,395** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This price represents great value as it includes all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Darwin and out of Perth with Qantas.
- A 25 day overland tour of Northern Territory and Western Australia. Some of the highlights of the tour include; Darwin Harbour Sunset Cruise, The Pinnacles, Argyle Diamond Mine, Cable Beach, Monkey Mia Dolphins and a Shark Bay Cruise.
- Accommodation in mainly 3 to 4½ star hotels with private facilities
- Most meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport.
- Entrance fees to many attractions.
- Modern two door, toilet equipped coaches with spacious leg room, reclining seats and footrests.
- Services of an experienced coach captain and tour host.



If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to assign you with another traveller, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$2,330.



Tour departs on the 17th August and returns 10th September 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for West Coast Adventure – Darwin to Perth

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

17.08.17 Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane - Darwin

(D)

Depart Melbourne at 8.00am on QF 838, arriving in Darwin at 12 noon.

Depart Sydney at 8.55am on QF 840, arriving in Darwin at 1.05pm.

We are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Darwin. This evening we enjoy outdoor dining, overlooking the wharf.

Accommodation: Darwin Central Hotel

18.08.17 Darwin

(B/D)

A leisurely day today as we explore our most northern capital, including visits to the Cyclone Tracy Museum and the Australia Aviation Heritage Centre, featuring a B52 Bomber display. Later this afternoon we visit the 'Bombing of Darwin' and Royal Flying Doctor Experience at Stokes Hill Wharf. Afterwards we enjoy an included dinner on board the Charles Darwin Catamaran. Watch the sun set over Darwin Harbour as we cruise.

Accommodation: Darwin Central Hotel

19.08.17 Darwin – Litchfield National Park – Pine Creek – Katherine

(B/L/D)

We travel to Litchfield National Park, where we visit the fascinating magnetic termite mounds, Florence and Wangi Falls, with time to explore each of these wonderful natural attractions. We continue through Adelaide River, pausing to view the War Cemetery, resting place of some 434 World War II service men and women. We also take some time to explore the historic Railway Precinct in Pine Creek before arriving into Katherine, our home for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation: Knotts Crossing Resort

20.08.17 Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise & Top Didj Cultural Experience

(B/L/D)

This morning we visit Nitmiluk National Park, which is home to a maze of thirteen individual gorges that create Nitmiluk Gorge. We enjoy a two hour cruise on two of these waterways which flow into the Daly River. We see Jedda Rock, used in the filming of the early Australian film, Jedda. (Please note that some walking is undertaken between the two gorges and a reasonable level of fitness is required). During the afternoon we visit Katherine Museum and enjoy an interesting and educational cultural interaction at the Top Didj Art Gallery.

Accommodation: Knotts Crossing Resort

21.08.17 Katherine – Timber Creek - Kununurra

(B/L/D)

Today we travel to Victoria River and enjoy lunch at the roadhouse. On to Timber Creek, a small settlement on the Gregory River founded in 1835 when the Victoria River was the lifeline to the biggest cattle stations in the world. We gain an extra 90 minutes today as we enter the Western Standard time zone en route to the town of Kununurra, our home for the next three nights

Accommodation: Ibis Styles Kununurra

- 22.08.17** **Hidden Valley National Park & Ord River Cruise**
(B/L/D) Passengers who have booked on the spectacular two hour sunrise Bungle Bungle flight leave early this morning to view the “lost world” of unique and fascinating beehive-like striped rock dome formations, starting with a pre-dawn breakfast. Those passengers not doing the optional flight will enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit Hidden Valley National Park with its 350 million year old rock formations. We enjoy a short walk here.
Kununurra is one of the youngest towns in Western Australia, being gazetted in the early 1960’s. The area is rich in pastoral history and the famed Durack Homestead, built by Patsy Durack, was moved and reconstructed prior to the flooding of Lake Argyle and is now a museum. We cross the retaining wall of this massive lake to join the Triple J Cruise. We cruise downstream from Lake Argyle along the Ord River to Kununurra, a distance of approximately 50 kilometres. Definitely a cruise to remember!
Accommodation: Ibis Styles Kununurra
- 23.08.17** **Kununurra**
(B/D) A leisurely day in and around Kununurra. We spend the morning visiting Kelly’s Knob Lookout with views over the town of Kununurra, the Ord Irrigation Area, Lake Kununurra and the Sleeping Buddha. During the afternoon we visit the Kununurra Historical Society and Zebra Rock Gallery, home to an extensive display of sculptures and jewellery.
Accommodation: Ibis Styles Kununurras
- 24.08.17** **Kununurra - Argyle Diamond Mine - Halls Creek**
(B/L/D) Today as we depart Kununurra and travel to the Argyle Mine, the world’s largest open cut diamond mine. We view the mine site, tour the processing plant and learn about the technology employed in diamond extraction. Our local guide will also offer an insight into the cultural significance of the area. Following lunch in the staff village, we have time to view the History Museum, and if you wish, make a purchase in the Village Store. We continue to Halls Creek for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Kimberley Hotel
- 25.08.17** **Fitzroy Crossing - Geikie Gorge Cruise - Derby**
(B/L/D) An earlier start this morning as we travel to Fitzroy Crossing, where we join the Fitzroy River Geikie Gorge Cruise. The gorge is carved by water through ancient coral reefs leaving colourful sheer yellow, orange and grey ochre sculptured cliffs. Floodwater marks show the volume of water during flood-time. Following lunch we continue our journey to Derby for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Spinifex Hotel
- 26.08.17** **Derby - Broome**
(B/D) We begin our day with a short town tour of Derby. View the famous Boab Prison Tree, believed to be over 1,500 years old and the Derby Wharf, which has the largest tidal variance in Australia, over thirty feet in height. We arrive in Broome in time to purchase lunch and browse, or perhaps purchase some locally handcrafted pearl jewellery. This afternoon we explore Gantheaume Point, home to Broome’s Dinosaur Footprints.
Accommodation: Oaks Resort, Cable Beach

- 27.08.17 Broome**
(B/D) This morning we visit the Willie Creek Pearl Farm, learn a little of this fascinating industry, watch a live oyster seeding demonstration and cruise the waters of Willie Creek. In the afternoon view the Courthouse, originally built in 1889 as a telegraph office when Broome was linked by undersea telephone cable to Java. Enjoy some time to relax and prior to dinner we visit the world famous Cable Beach where we enjoy the sunset.
Accommodation: Oaks Resort, Cable Beach
- 28.08.17 Broome – Port Hedland**
(B/L/D) Travel the Great Northern Highway at the western edge of the Great Sandy Desert. We have a picnic lunch en route as we travel towards Port Hedland. On arrival we take in the scenic views over the harbour from Koombana Lookout.
Accommodation: Esplanade Hotel
- 29.08.17 Port Hedland - Karratha**
(B/L/D) Today we travel to Roebourne and Cossack, which was the first port in the north west and is now a ‘ghost town’ with several restored public buildings. Later we arrive at Karratha, established in 1968 on Nichol Bay to service the Hammersley iron ore project.
Accommodation: Ibis Styles Hotel Karratha
- 30.08.17 Karratha - Exmouth**
(B/L/D) This morning we continue along the North West Coastal Highway through Cane River Conservation Park to Nanutarra, our lunch destination. This afternoon we reach Exmouth, established in 1967 as a support town for the US communications base.
Accommodation: Pot Shot Hotel Resort
- 31.08.17 Cape Range National Park**
(B/D) An easy day as we visit the Milyering Visitor Centre, built of rammed earth and using solar power. Here we have morning tea. Afterwards we enjoy the magnificent 360 degree views from Vlamingh Lighthouse at the tip of Cape Range. This lighthouse was damaged considerably in 1999 from cyclone Vance. We return to our hotel in time to purchase lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.
Accommodation: Pot Shot Hotel Resort
- 01.09.17 Exmouth – Coral Bay - Carnarvon**
(B/D) Travel south to the idyllic seaside village of Coral Bay and Ningaloo Coral Reef, the longest in Western Australia. Enjoy a glass bottomed boat cruise in these pristine waters. Please note that due to the tides we may be required to wade out in knee deep water to board the cruise. A reasonable level of fitness and appropriate footwear and clothing are required. Later we continue to Carnarvon on the Gascoyne River.
Accommodation: Carnarvon Motel
- 02.09.17 Carnarvon**
(B/D) A relaxing day in Carnarvon as we visit the recently renovated Carnarvon Heritage

Precinct. Here we tour the Carnarvon Railway Museum, ride the Coffee Pot Train along the 1.6 kilometre jetty and visit the Lighthouse Keepers Museum. Enjoy a leisurely walk if you wish.

Accommodation: Carnarvon Motel

03.09.17 Denham – Monkey Mia

(B/L/D)

On to Peron Peninsula and Denham. Visit Hamelin Pool and the stromatolites, the world's oldest known living organisms. Later we travel to Monkey Mia for a two night stay. Monkey Mia is famous for its bottlenose dolphins, which interact with humans at the beach.

Accommodation: Monkey Mia Resort

04.09.17 Monkey Mia

(B/L/D)

This morning we enjoy a cruise on Shark Bay, viewing dolphins, rays and perhaps sharks in the beautiful sheltered waters. The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the scenery and the resort.

Accommodation: Monkey Mia Resort

05.09.17 Monkey Mia - Kalbarri

(B/L/D)

We retrace our steps to the North West Coastal Highway and then make our way to Kalbarri. We have a short town tour before we arrive at our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Kalbarri Beach Resort

06.09.17 Kalbarri

(B/D)

Our day is spent enjoying the superb scenery which includes an abundance of wildflowers. We visit Rainbow Jungle, a beautiful parrot habitat and free-flying bird aviary. Following lunch at your own expense we enjoy a drive around Kalbarri National Park with a local guide.

Accommodation: Kalbarri Beach Resort

07.09.17 Kalbarri - Geraldton

(B/D)

Today we drive along the spectacular coastline to Northampton. We have some free time for lunch and to wander this National Trust classified historic village. Later in the afternoon we travel the short distance to Geraldton for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Ibis Styles Geraldton

08.09.17 Geraldton - Greenough - Cervantes

(B/L/D)

We have a tour of the city of Geraldton before we depart for the village of Greenough. There is time to view the conservation area and visit the Walkaway Station Museum, built in 1887. We enjoy an included lunch at the restored Hampton Arms Inn. In the afternoon we follow the scenic coast road through Leeman, Green Head and Jurien Bay to Cervantes.

Accommodation: Cervantes Pinnacles Motel

09.09.17 The Pinnacles – Perth – Fremantle

(B/L/D)

This morning we visit the natural attraction of the Pinnacles, where thousands of

spectacular calcified spires (shell deposits) formed around 25,000 years ago are scattered over 400 hectares of multicoloured sands in Nambung National Park. Some walking is required. We return to Cervantes and then the Brand Highway for our journey south to Perth.

Accommodation: Tradewinds Hotel, Fremantle

10.09.17 Fremantle – Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane

(B) Following breakfast our adventure draws to a close as we are transferred to Perth Airport to join homebound flights.

Melbourne passengers depart Perth at 10.00am on QF 773, arriving in Melbourne at 3.30pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Perth at 12.15pm on QF 598, arriving in Brisbane at 6.35pm.

Sydney passengers depart Perth at 12.30pm on QF 580, arriving in Sydney at 6.35pm.

Note: Due to the distances travelled, several days involve longer travelling times than normal. The ground operator for this tour is Seniors Coach Tours.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's West Coast Adventure – Darwin to Peth

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 10 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund of between 25 – 50% of monies paid dependant upon how many days prior to travel the cancellation was made. For cancellations 14 days prior to the tour commencing or less there will be no refund.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports: Australian citizens do not require a passport or visa for this tour. Suitable photograph identification is required (for example your drivers license or proof of age card).

Basic Tour Price and Taxes: Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Booking Amendments: Any amendments made by you, apart from changes to minor personal information will be subject to a \$100 administration fee per change, plus any increase in cost. Please note that even minor name change alternations may incur additional costs.

Dietary Requirements: Special dietary requirements are requested from accommodation and meal providers, however we cannot guarantee that requests will always be met.

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Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try to assign you with another traveller. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel and its providers accept no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate.

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Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as per photographic ID): _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Frequent Flyer Number: _____

Passenger 2 (as per photographic ID): _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Frequent Flyer Number: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Nationality (Passenger 1): _____

Nationality (Passenger 2): _____

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

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Phone Number: _____

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I am travelling with an independent carer who will assist me as required: YES / NO

Should we be aware of any other health, disability or mobility issues: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and fully understand the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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