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West Australia's Coral Coast

***Coral Reefs – Sandy Beaches – Spectacular Lookouts
– Breathtaking Gorges & World Heritage Areas***

9 Days – 8 Nights *Price TBC

This 9-day tour takes a journey along West Australia's Coral Coast, through thousands of years of history and 1,100 kilometres of stunning coastline. Our journey travels from the stunning wildflower country north of Perth through Cervantes – Jurien Bay – Dongara – Geraldton and Kalbarri to Denham/Shark Bay Region – Western Australia's first World Heritage Listed Area. The tour concludes in Perth before returning home to Melbourne.

Day 1 Melbourne to Perth – Nambung National Park – Jurien Bay

We depart Melbourne Airport with Virgin Airways, details TBC and arrive Perth Airport approx. midday Perth time. Our West Australia Coach Operator will meet and greet us at Perth Airport to begin our adventure tour along the Coral Coast.

Highlights – Nambung National Park Wildflowers, Pinnacles Desert – is one of Australia's most unique landscapes, featuring thousands of limestone spires up to 5-metres tall.

Overnight – Jurien Bay Hotel/Motel, inc. dinner & breakfast served at hotel.

Day 2 Jurien Bay – Dongara – Geraldton – Kalbarri

Today's journey from Jurien Bay to Kalbarri travels through the towns of Dongara and Geraldton to Kalbarri – spectacular resort town at the mouth of the Murchison River.

Accommodation – 2 nights @ Kalbarri Beach Edge Resort close to the beach. We enjoy dinners and breakfasts served in resort restaurant.

Day 3 Kalbarri National Park

Today we explore Kalbarri located 590km north of Perth, midway along Australia's Coral Coast. The town is situated where the Murchinson River meets the Indian Ocean. The area boasts spectacular beaches, lookouts, coves, Pink Lake and spectacular coastal cliffs.

Highlights – Kalbarri National Park – covers an area of 186,000 hectares, the rugged terrain and relative seclusion of the park attract thousands of visitors each year. The Park offers superb walking trails and breathtaking gorge views – walk along the spectacular Kalbarri Sky Walk. Opened in 2020 the Skywalk is a set of two cantilevered walkways that extend 100 metres above the Murchinson River gorge.

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Day 4 **Denham – Shark Bay World Heritage Area**

Today we travel from Kalbarri to Denham – the gateway to exploring the beautiful and fascinating Shark Bay World Heritage Area.

Highlights – Shark Bay World Heritage Area – with its white sandy beaches, turquoise waters, rust-red sand dunes and abundant wildlife, Shark Bay became Western Australia's first World Heritage listed area in 1991 due to its outstanding natural heritage values. We travel along the World Heritage Drive from Overlander Roadhouse to Denham. Along the way we visit the Hamelin Stromatolites. Hamelin Pool is one of only three locations on Earth where living marine stromatolites exist. Located in 1956, these rocky looking fossilized lumps in the water are the oldest and simplest forms of life on earth dating back 3.5 billion years. The water at Hamelin Pool is twice as saline as usual sea water.

Accommodation – 2 nights @ Heritage Resort Shark Bay @ Denham – on the shores of the crystal clear water and swimming beaches of Shark Bay – this 4-star resort offers first class facilities including pool, dining and cocktail lounge & saloon bars – dinners & breakfasts in resort restaurant.

Day 5 **Shark Bay – Monkey Mia Reserve**

Today we explore this beautiful and stunning Shark Bay – Monkey Mia Region.

Highlights – Monkey Mia Reserve – home to the world-famous Monkey Mia Dolphins. The dolphins are famous for their daily ritual of swimming to shore to interact with humans which started over 40 years ago. The dolphins are wild, so their numbers and time of visit varies, however they often visit shore, the first being around 6.30am and last by mid-morning.

Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery and Visitor Centre.

Snow-white Shell Beach – this pristine white beach is made up entirely of billions of tiny cockle shells. The shells were once quarried and used to build the walls of buildings in the area.

Eagle Bluff Lookout – scenic viewpoint featuring a 100-metre walk along the ridge of a cliff face.

Ocean Park Aquarium – explore the wonders of the Shark Bay Marine Park on a guided tour with a marine scientist.

Day 6 **Northampton – Geraldton**

Today we travel south along the North West Coastal Highway to the historic town of Northampton – one of the oldest settlements in West Australia outside of Perth. It was declared a town site in 1864 and classified as a historic town by the National Trust of Australia in 1993. We then travel onto Geraldton for our overnight stopover – enjoy a sightseeing tour around this trendy seaside city of Geraldton.

Accommodation – motel details to be confirmed.

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Day 7 Greenough – Perth

Today we travel south along the Brand Highway to Perth staying two nights.

Highlights – Travelling through the charming country village of Greenough you'll notice the unusual sight of trees growing at 90-degree angles. Prevailing southerly winds have forced trees to grow horizontally rather than upwards.

Accommodation – 2 nights @ Ibis Styles - Perth located on Adelaide Terrace in the heart of Perth City. Buffet style breakfast served each morning in hotel restaurant.

Ibis Styles Perth is conveniently located on Adelaide Terrace in the heart of Perth and just minutes from the CBD and near the Swan River.

Day 8 Swan River Cruise – Perth to Fremantle

Today we enjoy a Swan River Cruise – discover the delights of the Swan River cruising between Perth and the Port of Fremantle on this 2.5-hour scenic cruise – see such local icons – Perth Bell Tower – Swan Brewery – Kings Park and the Royal Yacht Club as well as cruising past some of the amazing homes that overlook the river and inner harbour

Accommodation – Ibis Styles– Perth – dinner at own expense – many restaurants close to hotel

Day 9 Perth – Melbourne

This morning coach transfer from Ibis Styles Hotel to Perth Airport – flight details TBC.

**** Please contact Designer Tours for tour price quotation***