

# Best Of The West



## Suggested itinerary duration:

16 nights, plus a night or two at your arrival or departure destination as desired.

This Best Of The West itinerary, celebrates Western Australia's breathtaking contrasts and memorable Australian experiences. Uncover the hidden treasures of the Margaret River wine region, including award-winning wineries, spectacular beaches, tall-timber forests and world-class surf breaks. Discover the wild remote Kimberley coast on the adventure cruise of a lifetime encompassing spectacular gorges, waterfalls and islands. Venture deep into the Kimberley wilderness, encountering a variety of wildlife along the way. If time permits, discover the underwater beauty and biodiversity of the Ningaloo Reef just metres away from pristine beaches.

From Perth Airport, 3hr drive to Cape Lodge or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## Cape Lodge

Margaret River, Western Australia

3 nights

Described as one of Australia's finest gourmet establishments, **Cape Lodge** private estate and boutique hotel sits within 40 acres on its own vineyard in the heart of the **Margaret River** wine region. This premium wine region has a strong reputation for fine gastronomic flavours and spectacular scenery, where rolling vineyards sit against a backdrop of ocean and forest.

### What will I do there?

- Best of the Best Wine Tour - a sophisticated behind the scenes wine tour often referred to as "the wine tour for people who don't do tours". No minivans, no crowds; this experience represents personalised touring at its finest.
- Flex your culinary skills and interest with Cooking Classes or the Long Table Lunch Calendar including the Truffle Hunt Tour.
- Twilight Didgeridoo Tour at Ngilgi Cave - listen and connect through didgeridoo sound and fire-making. Learn and discover integral bush foods and medicine and the Dreaming spirits of the Wadandi people.



3hr drive to Perth Airport for your continued journey to True North. Please refer to True North's schedule for relevant departure location and timing depending on choice of itinerary.

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## True North

The Kimberley, Western Australia

7 nights

**The Kimberley** outback is a panorama of rugged mountains, spectacular gorges and majestic waterfalls. With daily excursions, an on-board helicopter and 6 adventure boats, **True North** has been designed to go where other ships cannot, accessing remote and wild coastal regions.

### What will I do there?

- Horizontal Falls - experience the awesome power of the region's huge tidal range in an exhilarating adventure boat ride and then climb aboard your air-conditioned helicopter for a view of the falls that very few experience.
- The Eagle Falls heli-picnic - only accessible by helicopter. Enjoy a breathtaking flight and indulge in the True North's mouth-watering fare alongside a picture-perfect waterfall in remote far-north Western Australia.
- Catching a barramundi - visit Mitchell River for opportunity to 'land a barra'.



From Wyndham, 2hr hosted drive to El Questro Homestead (on days when the TRUE NORTH disembarks in Wyndham. Other itineraries allow disembarking in Broome with an overnight stay, then a 1.5hr flight and a 2hr hosted drive to El Questro Homestead) or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## El Questro Homestead

The Kimberley, Western Australia

In the middle of almost 1 million acres of wilderness park and 100km from the nearest town, the luxury of the **El Questro Homestead** sits in stark contrast to Western Australia's rugged **Kimberley** landscape. Perched on a cliff top, with vistas of one of the most picturesque locations, the Homestead is a relaxed retreat catering for a minimal number of guests.

### What will I do there?

- Take off on a Helicopter Tour to The Lost City and Miri Miri Falls. Explore the Lost City with an El Questro Homestead ranger, followed by a cool dip in the pristine Miri Miri Falls while you enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch.
- Spend an afternoon at the Zebedee Thermal Springs - a magical place to relax and rejuvenate after a busy day.
- The Homestead is renowned for serving gourmet cuisine in dramatic outback locations. Request an intimate dinner beneath the stars, or a table set on the cliff side.



3 nights

2hr drive to Kununurra Airport, 4.5hr flight to Perth Airport with a connection in Broome, overnight Perth. Next morning, 2hr flight to Exmouth (Learmonth Airport) 1.5hr drive to Sal Salis or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## Sal Salis

Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia

**Sal Salis** - where the outback meets the reef. Luxe wilderness tents hidden among the dunes overlook the world's largest fringing coral reef, the **Ningaloo**. This wild bush luxury camp provides a unique place from which to explore Western Australia's coral coast and one of Australia's best-kept natural secrets. Sal Salis's ecological principles also ensure that your stay generates a minimal environmental footprint.

### What will I do there?

- Ningaloo Reef is one of the best places on earth to see and swim with whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays, thanks to incredibly reliable sightings and responsibly managed interactions.
- See red kangaroos, wallaroos, rock wallabies and birdlife such as fairy wrens, kestrels, zebra finches. Ningaloo Coast is also a major breeding area for turtles.
- Explore the reef with minimal interference to the ecosystem and kayak to spots further offshore where an anchor is dropped in the sand while guests enjoy a snorkel of Blue Lagoon or Osprey Bay.



3 nights

*Travel tip* This itinerary can be reversed depending on whether embarkation for True North is Broome or Kununurra.

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