

Safari In Western Australia



Suggested itinerary duration:

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

See Australia's wild side on this bucket list journey along the West Coast, home to an incredible and diverse array of native wildlife and some of the best conditions in the world to swim with ocean giants. The west is teeming with wildlife, from kangaroos, dolphins, whale sharks and turtles to endangered black-footed rock wallabies and endemic birdlife and fish species. This itinerary encompasses 3 distinct and diverse regions of Western Australia, each home to an exceptional luxury lodge or camp experience that offer a very personal connection to this vast land, the wilderness, its wildlife, the culture and its people.

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

1

Cape Lodge

Margaret River, Western Australia

3 nights

Cape Lodge, sited on a 40 acre property with manicured gardens, vineyard and native bushland, just within earshot of the Indian Ocean, appeals to guests seeking a sophisticated retreat with all the trappings of a private country house hotel. The **Margaret River** region boasts an exceptional concentration and diversity of species as well as the high degree of endemism amongst the tall karri forests, ancient limestone caves and scenic hiking trails.

What will I do there?

- Each year, over 35,000 humpback and southern right whales make the journey from Antarctica to Australia, where they can be seen enjoying the warm, pristine waters of the Margaret River Region.
- Take a surf safari along 135 kilometres of pristine coastline and 75 of the world's best surf breaks including one of the biggest waves in Australia.
- Don't miss a 4WD adventure and walk on a spectacular section of the Cape-to-Cape Track and spot marron and birdlife at an ancient waterhole.



3hr drive to Perth Airport, 2hr flight to Exmouth (Learmonth Airport), 1.5hr drive to Sal Salis or arrange to arrive by air.

2

Sal Salis

Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia

3 nights

Sal Salis - where the outback meets the reef. Luxe wilderness eco 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.

What will I do there?

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



1.5hr drive to Exmouth (Learmonth Airport), 2hr flight to Perth Airport. Next Day, 3hr flight to Kununarra Airport, 2hr drive to El Questro Homestead or arrange to arrive by air.

3

El Questro Homestead

The Kimberley, Western Australia

3 nights

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 over the Chamberlain River, the Homestead is a relaxed retreat catering for an exclusive number of guests.

What will I do there?

- Join an El Questro Ranger on an early morning excursion to bird watching sites close to the El Questro Homestead. The variety of ecosystems in the park attracts more than 100 different bird species. Regular sightings of the resident pair of dancing brolgas, colourful rainbow bee-eaters, the vivid Gouldian finch or sea eagles feeding their young.
- Jump onto an informative 4WD journey in a safari vehicle and discover Explosion Gorge, an amphitheatre style gorge in the Kimberley that will reveal its secrets during a 45minute cruise. Finish the tour at Branco's Lookout, with views back to the Homestead and the Pentecost River below.
- Private Chamberlain Cruise. An El Questro Homestead ranger will take you on this 3km fresh waterhole cruise in the Homestead's private dinghy to view the diverse flora and fauna; resident rock wallabies, freshwater crocodiles and the spitting sharpshooter archerfish are familiar inhabitants of the gorge.



Did you know? Western Australia boasts an incredible array of flora and fauna, which accounts for over half of the country's biodiversity hotspots and holds 141 of Australia's 207 mammal species. **Australian Wildlife Journeys** deliver unparalleled immersive wildlife experiences and nature safaris, including swimming with whale sharks and orca expeditions.

The **Luxury Lodges of Australia** are more than just a place to stay. They are devoted to connecting their guests with an experience of place, reflecting their region and the depth and diversity of Australia's luxury. These **itineraries** are a guide only as transport options and desired number of nights may vary. Prior to or upon arrival, a personalised itinerary can be created by expert lodge hosts. **Planning Tips:** Take a look at these resources to assist with planning: **what's included** at each lodge, **what to do when** at specific times of the year and to identify additional **experiences** available. **How to Book:** For availability, rates and to book, contact each lodge individually or speak to your trusted travel advisor. Find out more at luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au