

Flora & Fauna

Suggested itinerary duration:

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

Australia is a land like no other, with about one million different native species, many of which are endemic to the continent - a fascinating natural biosphere to explore. Get up close to incredibly diverse range of marsupials and experience the sea of green and golden hues as our national floral emblem, the Golden Wattle bursts into flower across Australia. The lodges sit in harmony with the natural surrounds and offer a very personal connection to this vast land, the wilderness, its wildlife.



From Adelaide, 4.5hr drive to Arkaba or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

1

Arkaba

Ikara-Flinders Ranges, South Australia

A private wildlife conservancy, **Arkaba's** true luxury lies in the fact that its 60,000 acres is shared by just a small number of guests. Located in the grand landscape of the **Ikara-Flinders Ranges**, expert guides showcase the ancient geology, diverse bird and wildlife, offering the chance to better understand the conservation challenges that Australia faces.

What will I do there?

- Over the last 3 years Arkaba has confirmed sightings of 10 new bird species on the property including the stubble quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*), spotted nightjars (*Eurostopodus argus*) and the Horsfields bronze cuckoo (*Chalcites chrysococcyx* basilis).
- Bushwalk along the dry bed of the Arkaba Creek and soak up the sounds and smells of the bush and enjoy the abundance of birdsong.
- Arkaba appreciates that birds are environmental indicators helping us understand how the natural environment is faring. For those keen to learn more of the challenges Australia faces in saving its diversity of birdlife, join a field guide to track a radio collared feral cat or set up trip cameras that monitor key sites across the property.



3 nights

4.5hr drive to Adelaide Airport, 2.5hr flight to Perth Airport, 3hr drive to Cape Lodge or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

2

Cape Lodge

Margaret River, Western Australia

Cape Lodge sits within 40 acres on its own vineyard in the heart of the **Margaret River**. With the abundance and preservation of unique and diverse species of flora and fauna, you can see why this region is in the top 10 bio-diversity hotspots in the world.

What will I do there?

- Visit the towering karri forests, some trees growing 60m tall and peruse the forest floor tumbling with wildflowers, orchids and fungi, noting the sounds of native birds and the fresh smell of eucalyptus.
- Encounter humpback whales, southern right whales, and the rare blue and minke whales on both their northern and southern migrations to the Margaret River from July through to November.
- Take time to walk a section of the spectacular Cape to Cape Track overlooking the Indian Ocean where you may spot kangaroos, dolphins, whales and wildflowers depending on the season.



3 nights

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

3

Sal Salis

Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia

3 nights

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' 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.



Travel tip Western Australia's wildflower season begins in June in the north around Sali Salis and sweeps south, finishing on the south coast around Cape Lodge in November. The spring months of September to November colour the South Australian landscape around Arkaba in bursts of red, yellow, white and purple patches of wildflowers.

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