

# Ocean To Outback



## Suggested itinerary duration:

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

From the world's largest fringing coral reef to one of the last great wildernesses, this itinerary showcases Australia's incredible biodiversity. Experience the contrasting colours and unique wildlife from whale sharks and turtles, to dingoes and the endangered black-footed rock wallaby, crocodiles and endemic birdlife. Sal Salis, El Questro Homestead & Bamurru Plains are each an exceptional luxury lodge or camp experience that offer a very personal connection to this vast land, the wilderness and the remarkable wildlife each region has to offer.

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

## 1 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 **Ningaloo Reef**, providing a unique place from which to explore the 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 known as one of the best places on earth to see and swim with whale sharks (mid March - July), humpback whales and manta rays.
- A walk through the Cape Range often provides sightings of red kangaroos, wallaroos, black-footed rock wallabies, fairy wrens, kestrels and zebra finches.
- On the camp doorstep, critically endangered hawksbill turtles, endangered loggerhead and green sea turtles can be seen digging nests in the dunes in front of the tents.



1.5hr drive to Exmouth (Learmonth Airport), 2hr flight to Perth Airport, connect to 3hr flight to Kununurra Airport, 2hr drive to El Questro Homestead or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

## 2 El Questro Homestead

The Kimberley, Western Australia

3 nights

In the middle of almost one 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 bird watching excursion. Regular sightings of the resident pair of dancing brolgas, colourful rainbow bee-eaters, Gouldian finch or sea eagles feeding their young.
- Spend an afternoon at the Zebedee Thermal Springs - relax and rejuvenate among the lush Livistona palms after a busy day.
- Request an intimate dinner beneath a blanket of stars, or a table set on the dramatic cliff side.



2hr drive to Kununurra Airport, 1hr flight to Darwin Airport, 3hr drive or 30min scenic flight to Bamurru Plains.

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### Bamurru Plains

Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

Passionate Field Guides at **Bamurru Plains** focus on immersing guests in the story of the bush while the lodge provides a haven from which to closely connect with unique **Top End** wilderness experiences.

#### What will I do there?

- Take an exhilarating airboat tour across the floodplains and experience this key natural environment where saltwater crocodiles lurk just under the water of the floodplains and water buffalo wade through the shallows.
- Watch the spectacle of 200,000 Magpie Geese take to the wing as they congregate on the Mary River wetland during nesting season and see why the lodge is aptly named. The word 'Bamurru' means Magpie Goose in one of the local Aboriginal languages.
- A guided 4WD safari during the dry season provides a unique insight to this fragile and important environment.



*Optional* Between your visit to Sal Salis and before your visit to El Questro Homestead a natural extension to this Western Australian ocean to outback journey would be to include a stay on board **TRUE NORTH** exploring The Kimberley.

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### True North

The Kimberley, Western Australia

7 nights

The **TRUE NORTH** is purpose built to access wilderness areas where bigger ships cannot go. Multiple adventure boats take guests away in small groups to experience wilderness up-close and the luxury of numerous tenders also means that you have greater opportunity to do "what you want, when you want". Most cruise options feature an on-board helicopter which adds another dimension to **The Kimberley** adventure.

#### What will I do there?

- An exhilarating tender ride to experience the raw power of Horizontal Waterfalls is not to be missed.
- Montgomery Reef needs to be seen to be believed - this unique eco-system is 140 square miles of coral reef which rises out of the ocean right before your eyes as water cascades from the reef and the tide falls exposing a privileged glimpse of another world.
- Barramundi fishing - visit Mitchell River for opportunity to 'land a barra'.



*Did you know?* The Australian Barramundi live in both freshwater and saltwater and can reach 200cm in length and weigh up to 60kg. The name barramundi is Aboriginal for "large-scaled silver fish."

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