

EPIC MOTORHOME ROAD TRIP ITINERARY: PERTH TO EXMOUTH



Highlights

- Vibrant cities with beautiful parks, beaches, and cultural attractions
- Pinnacles Desert: Unique limestone formations
- Kalbarri National Park
- Helicopter scenic flight
- Marine encounters in Shark Bay
- Swim with whale sharks in Coral Bay
- Snorkelling and/or diving in Ningaloo Reef
- Cape Range National Park

Day 2: Cervantes to Kalbarri

Distance: 408 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day at the Pinnacles Desert, exploring its otherworldly limestone formations before heading to **Kalbarri** with its dramatic cliffs, estuary beach, and pelicans. Grab breakfast at a local café, then stop for a late lunch in Dongara or Geraldton along the way.
- **Afternoon:** Drive four hours from Cervantes to Kalbarri, stopping along the way to admire the scenery. Be sure to visit **Hutt Lagoon Pink Lake**, a bubblegum-pink natural wonder perfect for photos.
- **Evening:** Relax at the campsite or have dinner at a local eatery like **The Jetty Seafood Shack** for freshly caught seafood.
- **Where to stay:** Kalbarri Anchorage Caravan Park, Anchorage Ln, Kalbarri, WA 6536. Powered site.



Yamaji Art Centre, Geraldton, Tourism Western Australia

Day 1: Perth to Cervantes

Distance: 192 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 9 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your Perth motorhome hire at our branch, take some time to settle into the motorhome, and stop at the supermarket for groceries before hitting the road on the Indian Ocean Drive, heading towards **Cervantes**.
- **Afternoon:** Start at **Yanchep National Park** for a walk and wildlife spotting, then continue to Cervantes, a charming town near the **Pinnacles Desert**, famous for its striking limestone formations.
- **Evening:** Relax at the campsite or take a leisurely stroll along Cervantes' beach. Enjoy a quiet dinner at the park or a delicious lobster at the **Lobster Shack Cervantes**.
- **Where to stay:** RAC Cervantes Holiday Park, 35 Aragon St, Cervantes, WA 6511. Powered site.

Day 3: Kalbarri National Park

Distance: 123 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 34 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day with breakfast in your Cruisin' Motorhome, then head out to explore Kalbarri National Park. Take on the **Z Bend River Trail**, a 2.6 km hike showcasing the dramatic bends of the Murchison River gorge.
- **Afternoon:** After lunch, take the **Ross Graham River Walk** for a short hike and a refreshing swim. Visit during wildflower season (July-October) to see the trail burst into vibrant colour.
- **Evening:** Return to your campsite to relax and cook a nice dinner.
- **Where to stay:** Kalbarri Anchorage Caravan Park, Anchorage Ln, Kalbarri, WA 6536. Powered site.

Day 4: Kalbarri to Shark Bay

Distance: 373 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 52 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your journey towards **Shark Bay**, enjoying a leisurely drive and keeping an eye out for wildflowers.
- **Afternoon:** Savour a late lunch at **Indigo Blues**, where you can eat delicious beer-battered fish with chips, pizza, or burgers. Take an afternoon walk to **Little Lagoon**, a beautiful spot amongst mangroves. Alternatively, visit the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre.
- **Evening:** Cook dinner in your Cruisin' Motorhome, and then admire the sunset over the ocean from the beach.
- **Where to stay:** Shark Bay Caravan Park, 4/10 Spaven Way, Denham, WA 6537. Powered site
- **Reminder:** You cannot drive on unsealed roads with your Cruisin' Motorhome.



Shark Bay World Heritage Area, Tourism Western Australia

Day 5: Shark Bay

Distance: 26.7 Kms **Time:** 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Do you love dolphins? Who doesn't! Spend your morning at the **Monkey Mia Conservation Park** for your chance to feed some wild dolphins a tasty fish snack.
- **Afternoon:** Walk the 3 km **Wulyibidi Yaninyina Trail**, meaning 'walking Peron' in the Malgana language. Starting near the visitor centre, it highlights the park's conservation and cultural heritage. For top **birdwatching**, visit early morning or late afternoon, perfect before or after a dolphin encounter.
- **Evening:** Come back to your site and enjoy a relaxing night. Play some cards or watch a movie in the comfort of your Cruisin' Motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** Shark Bay Caravan Park, 4/10 Spaven Way, Denham WA 6537. Powered site.



Monkey Mia Dolphins, Tourism Western Australia

Day 6: Shark Bay to Carnarvon

Distance: 328 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Have a coffee and breakfast at **Shark Bay Café** before heading to Carnarvon. Stop on your way to **Shell Beach** to check it out.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Carnarvon, then see this beautiful town from above by embarking on a scenic flight. Incomparable **helicopter flight** experience with the most superb views of the Gascoyne River, the Plantations, and more! Alternatively, explore the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a nice dinner at a local restaurant in South Carnarvon. Classic fish and chips, Thai food, or Australian meals—they have it all!
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks – Carnarvon, 546 Robinson St, Carnarvon, WA 6701. Powered site.



Coral Coast Helicopter, Carnarvon, Tourism Western Australia

Day 7: Carnarvon to Coral Bay

Distance: 237 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive to **Coral Bay** in the morning, and you will have plenty of time to explore. Stop at the Coral Bay Information Centre to learn more about the town, the marine life, where to snorkel or dive, fishing.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon snorkelling or relaxing on Coral Bay's stunning beaches.
- **Evening:** Relax and enjoy the sunset.
- **Where to stay:** Peoples Park, LOT 13 Robinson St, Coral Bay, WA 6701. Powered site.



Coral Bay, Tourism Western Australia

Day 8: Coral Bay and Ningaloo

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Minutes

- **Morning:** Embark on an experience like no other! Spend the day looking for Whale Sharks, learn more about this fascinating animal, and even swim with them if you're confident! The best time to see them is March to June. Alternatively, the **Manta Rays** are present all year round!
- **Afternoon:** Grab lunch and try out some delicious seafood.
- **Evening:** Return from your day tour, relax and enjoy the sunset.
- **Where to stay:** Peoples Park, LOT 13 Robinson St, Coral Bay, WA 6701. Powered site.



Whale Shark at Coral Bay Eco Tours, Tourism Western Australia & danielthomasbrowne

Day 9: Coral Bay to Exmouth

Distance: 152 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 29 Minutes

- **Morning:** After breakfast, drive north to Exmouth and join a one-hour eco-friendly cruise along **Yardie Creek**. Keep an eye out for black-footed rock wallabies, nesting birds, and even marine life in this stunning gorge.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Ningaloo Centre** and learn more about the local marine environment. Alternatively, relax at the beach.
- **Evening:** Seafood restaurants in this area offer fresh, locally sourced dishes. Check out **Whalers**, where you can enjoy dinner options such as tiger prawns, goldband snapper, or clams!
- **Where to stay:** RAC Exmouth Cape Holiday Park, 3 Truscott Cres, Exmouth, WA 6707. Powered site.

Day 10: Exmouth

Distance: 152 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 29 Minutes

- **Morning:** If snorkelling or diving is your thing, jump on a day tour. Ningaloo Reef is renowned for its vibrant coral and marine life, including colourful fish, sea turtles, manta rays, and seasonal whale sharks (March to June).
- **Afternoon:** Have brunch at one of Exmouth's local restaurants.
- **Evening:** Drive back to Coral Bay for less driving time the next day. Enjoy a quiet evening at your campsite.
- **Where to stay:** Peoples Park, LOT 13 Robinson St, Coral Bay, WA 6701. Powered site.



Exmouth Dive & Whalesharks, Ningaloo, Tourism Western Australia

Day 11: Coral Bay to Northampton

Distance: 656 Kms **Time:** 6 Hours 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head back towards Perth early and take regular breaks to stretch, eat, and rest for safety. Play your favourite playlist and sing along. If you have multiple drivers, switch every two hours to stay refreshed.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Northampton on your motorhome, make sure to take in all the scenic views as you go.
- **Evening:** Have dinner in your Cruisin' Motorhome or from a local restaurant. Take a digestive walk around the **St Mary's Catholic Church**. Then, have an early night to recover from the long drive
- **Where to stay:** Northampton True Blue Caravan Park, 68 Stephen St, Northampton, WA 6535. Powered site.



Day 12: Northampton to Perth

Distance: 470 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 55 Minutes

- **Morning:** Upon arriving in Perth stroll around the city center before grabbing a late brunch at one of the local cafes that have a wide variety of cuisines to choose from.
- **Afternoon:** Take your time to head back to the branch in Perth. Ensure you drop the vehicle back before 3:30 pm.



Perth, Tourism Western Australia



Elizabeth Quay, Tourism Western Australia

Packing Tips For Your Road Trip

Packing efficiently can make your motorhome road trip much smoother and more enjoyable. Here are some tips to ensure you have everything you need for your adventure from Perth to Exmouth:

Some things you'll want to bring include:

- **Clothing:** comfortable clothes for driving time, Casual wear: Lightweight and breathable clothing for daytime, such as shorts, T-shirts, and sun hats.
- **Layering:** A warm jacket or fleece for cooler evenings and mornings, especially in desert areas.
- **Comfortable footwear:** Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes for exploring, and sandals or flip-flops for the campsite.
- **Swimwear:** For beach and snorkelling days.
- **Sunscreen** and insect repellent
- First Aid Kit
- **Electronics:** Phone and chargers, camera
- **Entertainment:** books, cards, board game

Have a great trip!

