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NORTHERN SANDS & SOUTHERN ISLAND GLOW: 7-DAY GRAND DISCOVERY

7 DAYS & 6 NIGHTS

**A Journey Written in
Sand, Light, and the
Moving Coastline of
Western Australia.**

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OVERVIEW

From the wind-shaped dunes of the northern coast to the limestone caverns and vineyard glow of the south, this seven-day expedition traces the full, breathtaking spectrum of Western Australia's landscapes.

It is a journey where each day stands in contrast to the one before—powder-white deserts, rose-coloured lakes, limestone cliffs, forested caves, turquoise bays, maritime towns, and vineyards that unfurl across rolling hills.

We've designed this journey with both depth and ease:

immersive nature, exceptional coastal drives, island serenity, gourmet dining, and intimate wildlife encounters—woven together in a seamless rhythm that lets you breathe, pause, and be moved by the wild, expansive beauty of the west.

Welcome to a week where the land itself becomes your storyteller.

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ITINERARY

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DAY 1



White Dunes & Coastal Light

Your journey begins with a relaxed morning departure from Perth, following the Indian Ocean Drive as the city fades into wide skies and rolling coastal plains. It is a drive that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply, and ease into the rhythm of Western Australia's northern coast.

Sandboard/4WD in Lancelin Sand Dunes

Soon, the landscape opens into the iconic Lancelin Sand Dunes, a dazzling desert of pure, chalk-white sand sculpted by wind into soft, sweeping ridges.

You may choose to:

- sandboard down the slopes with a rush of adrenaline
- join a 4WD dune adventure, cresting wave-like hills of sand
- or simply wander and photograph the surreal desert scenery



The dunes stretch endlessly beneath a brilliant sky — a landscape that feels untouched, elemental, and wonderfully photogenic.



Lunch in Lancelin

A relaxed lunch at a local favourite gives you time to unwind and chat with fellow travellers before the journey continues northward.

Nature's sculpture in motion

Along the coastal highway, the land reveals one of its quiet yet unforgettable icons: the Greenough Leaning Tree.

Bent almost parallel to the ground by decades of relentless ocean winds, it stands as a testament to resilience — a living sculpture shaped over time into its own kind of beauty.



Arrival in Geraldton

By late afternoon, coastal light softens over Geraldton as we arrive in this vibrant seaside city, where modern architecture meets the relaxed rhythm of ocean life.

Here, you'll check into The Gerald Apartment Hotel (or similar standard), our hand-selected accommodation for the night.

Settle in, breathe in the sea breeze, and enjoy a night of comfort as you prepare for the majestic landscapes that await tomorrow.



DAY 2

Gorges, Clifftops & a Lake Painted in Pink

Today's journey leads into some of Western Australia's most dramatic natural wonders — a blend of ancient geology, raw power, and ethereal beauty.

Kalbarri National Park

Heading inland, the colours shift from coastal greens to burnt orange and deep red as we enter Kalbarri National Park.

Nature's Window

Your first stop is the famous Nature's Window, a naturally sculpted sandstone arch framing the winding Murchison River below. Through this window, the landscape looks like a living painting — layers of rock, shifting light, and ancient riverbeds stretching into the distance.

Kalbarri Skywalk

Next, step onto the impressive Kalbarri Skywalk, where two cantilevered viewing platforms extend dramatically over the edge of the gorge.

The view is breathtaking: sheer red cliffs plunging into shadowed valleys, with the vast Australian wilderness unfurling into the horizon.

The feeling of standing “in the air” above this ancient canyon is something few forget.





Natural Bridge & Island Rock

Returning to the coast, you'll witness the wave-carved formations of Natural Bridge and Island Rock, where the sea crashes against towering limestone cliffs in a powerful, echoing rhythm.

The views are dramatic, elemental — the very edge of a continent meeting the restless Indian Ocean.



Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake)

By afternoon, the landscape transforms again into one of Western Australia's most iconic sights: the Pink Lake.

Here, the water glows in rich hues of rose, coral, and blush — its colour shifting with sunlight, clouds, and season.

Standing beside it feels like stepping into another world, one painted with colours too beautiful to be real.



HMAS Sydney II Memorial

Back in Geraldton, the day concludes with a visit to the HMAS Sydney II Memorial, an elegant and deeply moving tribute overlooking the sea.

Its silver dome — formed of 645 stainless steel gulls — is a quiet reminder of reflection, remembrance, and the ocean's vastness.





DAY 3

Skies & Stone Forests

Your third morning begins with an optional yet unforgettable experience.

Optional Pink Lake Scenic Flight

For guests seeking a once-in-a-lifetime perspective, the optional scenic flight over Pink Lake offers an experience that is nothing short of magical.

From the moment the aircraft lifts gently into the sky, the landscape transforms beneath you—coastal dunes ripple like silk, and the shoreline curves in soft arcs against the Indian Ocean.

It is a moment where time slows, and every view feels like a photograph waiting to be captured.

Touching back down, you'll carry with you not just a memory, but a new perspective on the vast, surprising beauty of Western Australia's north coast.



Cervantes & Lobster Shack

Travelling south, arrive at the charming seaside town of Cervantes, home of the well-known Lobster Shack, an iconic family-run establishment perched right by the waterfront.

Inside, the atmosphere is lively yet laid-back—part seafood factory, part beachside eatery—where the scent of grilled lobster lingers in the air alongside ocean breezes drifting through open windows.

Indulge in their signature Western Rock Lobster, harvested daily from local waters. Whether you prefer it grilled with garlic butter, served chilled with lemon, or paired with crispy chips and fresh salad, every bite captures the purity and sweetness of the sea. With floor-to-ceiling views of the bay, lunch becomes a serene coastal moment—simple, honest, and deeply satisfying.

Pinnacles Desert

In Nambung National Park, thousands of limestone pillars rise from golden sand — each shaped over thousands of years by wind, water, and shifting earth.

Walking among the Pinnacles feels like entering a natural sculpture garden, a silent stone forest glowing under the desert sun.

As the afternoon softens, we begin the journey back to Perth.

Lean back, watch the scenery change once more, and let the memories of dunes, cliffs, pink waters, and wind-carved stone settle gently into your heart



DAY 4

Shadows of Giants & the Hidden Secrets of the Deep Sea

Mandurah •

A Morning Encounter with Giants

Heading south to Mandurah at dawn, you'll find one of the region's most enchanting sights — the forest giants created by Danish artist Thomas Dambo.

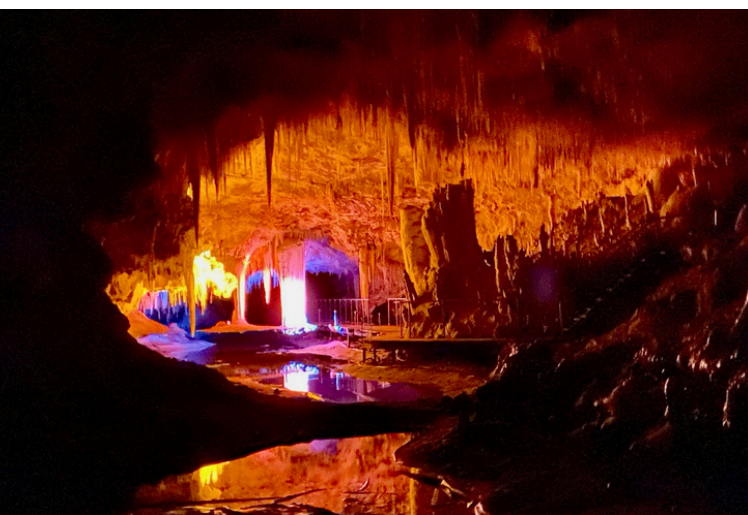
Today, you'll meet Santi Ikto. This towering wooden figure rests quietly upon the earth, like a gentle guardian of the forest.



Ngilgi Cave

Here is one of WA's earliest discovered and most legend-rich ancient caves. Traveling south into the Yallingup region, you'll find a subterranean world that holds over 50,000 years of human history.

Walking along the wooden pathways inside the cave, you'll see curtain-like stalactites hanging above you, as if you could hear the echoes of water droplets accumulating over tens of thousands of years.





Busselton Jetty

Here is the charming seaside town of Busselton, the northern gateway to the South West. Here lies Busselton Jetty, a 1.84-kilometre masterpiece of timber and history – the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Stroll along its length or hop aboard the miniature train to the end of the jetty, where the Underwater Observatory awaits. Here, over 300 marine species dance in turquoise waters: soft corals, shimmering fish, delicate seahorses – nature’s own aquarium.

DAY 5



Sea & Winery

Canal Rocks • Pulse of the Sea

The morning sea breeze carries a cool touch. Upon arriving at Canal Rocks, you'll see waves surging through the gaps between the rocks, sending up bursts of spray like white smoke. This is one of Western Australia's most iconic coastal erosional landscapes.

One of Australia's "Top Five Premier Wineries"

Rows of lush green vines stretch into endless lines, with floral notes, wood aromas, and the scent of grape leaves lingering in the air. Leeuwin Estate, one of Australia's top five premier wineries, enjoys an outstanding international reputation. Its renowned Art Series wines are frequent highlights in global wine auctions.

Travelers often describe the estate's winery architecture and surrounding landscape as "the most graceful vineyard scenery in the Southern Hemisphere."

A Colorful Feast of Local Produce

In the afternoon, you'll arrive at the Bunbury Farmers Market, often praised as the strongest and most impressive market in Australia.

Over 70% of its products come directly from local farms. The Bunbury Farmers Market is widely regarded as Western Australia's most beloved fresh-produce market. Its ingredients are of exceptional quality — the kind chefs come here specifically to source.





DAY 6

BLUE ISLAND . HARBOR CULTURE . A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH QUOKKAS

The Happiest Island in the World

As you sail toward Rottnest Island, the sunlight dances across the water, setting a calming rhythm for the journey.

The island has no private cars — only bicycles, sunshine, and an untouched stretch of coastline.

Its most beloved residents, the quokkas, are famous for their naturally “smiling” expressions that melt your heart at first sight. Their gentle, curious nature makes Rottnest Island feel like the most relaxing and carefree sanctuary for travelers.

Lunch is enjoyed right on the island, where the sea breeze is light, the pace is slow, and time itself feels softer and more generous here.



The History and Soul of a Harbour City

In the afternoon, you'll return to the mainland and continue your journey into Fremantle.

This port city is the cultural soul of Western Australia — a place where art, history, and coastal living intertwine.

Along its streets stand colonial-era buildings and red-brick warehouses; the scent of coffee drifts from the corners, lively conversations echo through the market, and at the waterfront, fishing boats dock as seabirds circle above.

DAY 7

Vineyard Valleys • Wildlife Encounters • City Sunset Glow

Swan Valley's Most Beloved Family-Run Craft Brewery

The final day begins with the refreshing aroma of a perfectly brewed beer.

In Swan Valley, Bailey Brewing Co. is a favourite gathering place for many local families. Its wide green lawns, barn-style timber buildings, and soft flickers of sunlight create a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

A Place Where You Truly Get Close to Australian Wildlife

Soon after, the journey leads you to Caversham Wildlife Park, a place first-time visitors to Australia look forward to the most — and a magical wonderland in the eyes of children.

Kangaroos lounge lazily on the grass under the sun, lifting their heads to glance at you as you walk by, as if greeting you with a soft “good morning.” Koalas cling quietly to the branches, their round eyes observing the world with calm curiosity.

The farm show reveals another side of Australian life — sheepdogs sprinting across the field, farmers skilfully separating the flocks — scenes you'll never find in the city. Here, travellers not only get close to the animals, but also get close to the everyday life of Australia.





The Most Iconic Blue – Toned Memory by the Water

Returning to Perth in the afternoon, the journey reaches its final scene.

The Blue Boat House, standing quietly along the Swan River, has become an iconic symbol left behind by countless travellers. Its soft, serene shade of blue reflects gently upon the water, creating a nostalgic kind of beauty – like a postcard written for the journey itself.

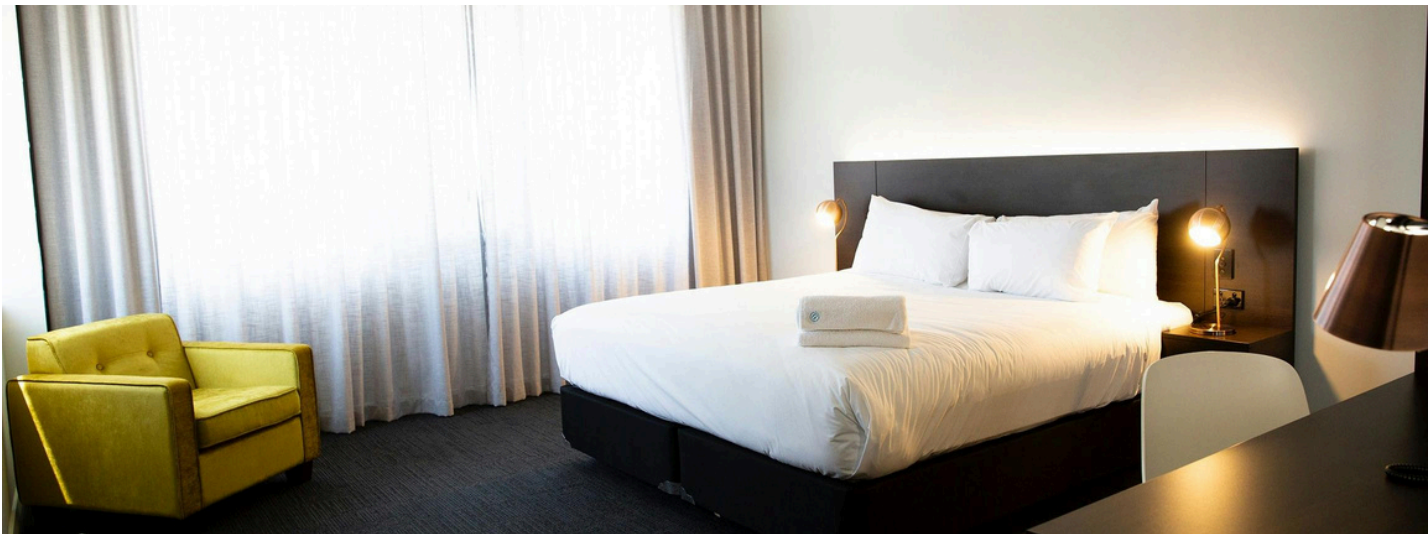
After a short stop here, Kings Park welcomes you into the closing moments of the day as the sun begins to set.

The sunset glows over the river, the city, and the vast sweep of greenery. The light is golden, clear, impossibly tender.

Standing on the park's lookout, watching the city light up its very first evening lamp, you'll feel as though this entire journey has been a landscape poem – travelling from north to south – and this moment is the final line.

ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION AT THE FOLLOWING FOUR
HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD



Gerald Apartment Hotel

Located in the heart of Geraldton, just a short walk from the coastline, this hotel is an excellent base for exploring the northern coastal region. Opened in 2019 and operated by local Western Australians, it is also one of the newest hotels in the area.

The hotel blends modern minimalist design with the calm tones of a harbour city.

The lobby features wood and stone as its main elements, with bright natural lighting that creates an atmosphere both professional and warmly welcoming.





Courtyard by Marriott Murdoch

Located in the heart of Murdoch, Courtyard by Marriott is the second brand under Marriott International since 1983, now serving guests across more than 60 countries worldwide.

Opening in 2024, the Murdoch property brings modern comfort and understated elegance, offering travellers a sense of ease and reassurance along the southern route.

The guest rooms continue Marriott's signature style: calm, clean, and refined. Soft, supportive beds provide complete comfort, allowing weary bodies to fully rest after long journeys. Each room includes a kettle, coffee and tea amenities, and a mini-fridge, making it easy to enjoy a warm drink in the quiet of the evening.

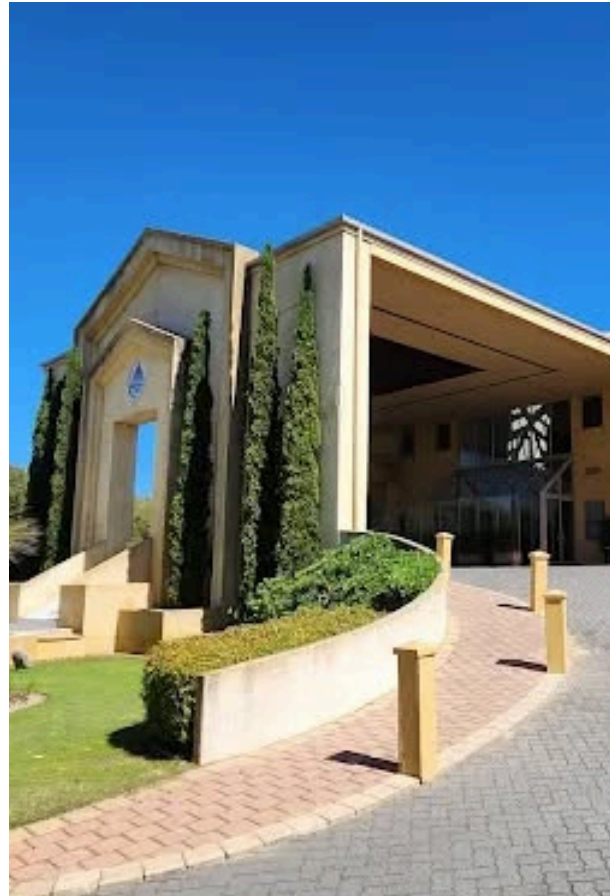


Abbey Beach Resort

Located along one of Busselton's most beloved coastal stretches, Abbey Beach Resort is a large beachfront property that blends resort-style leisure with a warm, homely stay experience.

Just a few steps from the shoreline, guests can take an easy stroll from their rooms to the beach at dusk and watch the sun melt into the horizon — a truly enchanting sight. Designed with a resort concept in mind, the hotel features spacious public areas where greenery and natural light come together to create a soothing coastal ambience.

Walking through the lobby, you can immediately feel the pace of your journey begin to slow — as if each breath carries a hint of sea salt and soft woody notes.





Holiday Inn Perth City Centre

Located in the heart of Perth's central district, the hotel is just a 7-minute walk from the Apple flagship store. For convenience and comfort, Holiday Inn Perth City Centre is selected as the ideal city accommodation, offering both accessibility and a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere. Major attractions, restaurants, boutique streets, and performing arts venues are all within walking distance, allowing travellers to explore the city effortlessly—both day and night.

The guest rooms are designed with soft, calming tones and practical layouts to create a comfortable stay.

The bed is plush yet supportive, giving urban travellers an immediate sense of relaxation the moment they lie down.

When night falls, the room's excellent soundproofing keeps the city noise gently at bay—providing all the convenience of a central location without compromising on restful sleep.



INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS



KNOW YOUR ADVENTURE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We have meticulously designed every detail to ensure you embark on your journey with ease, without worrying about the tedious preparations. The items listed below are all included in the itinerary, allowing you to focus fully on experiencing nature and enjoying your trip.

Costs include:

- Seven Days Round-trip comfortable transport from Perth CBD
- Six nights accommodation at a carefully selected, legal and comfortable stay
- Entrance tickets, including: Kalbarri National Park, Nambung National Park (The Pinnacles), Ngilgi Cave, Caversham Wildlife Park, Busselton Jetty
- Round-trip ferry tickets to Rottnest Island
- Visit to Lancelin Sand Dunes
- Visit to Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake)
- Professional guide throughout the journey
- All itinerary planning, transportation, guiding services, and selected tasting fees (depending on location)

Costs do not include:

- Breakfast
- Sand-boarding or 4WD Dune Experience
- Optional Pink Lake Scenic Flight
- Lunch at Lobster Shack
- Meals Not Specified
- Personal expenses and extra drinks
- Travel insurance and personal spending
- Any activity or expense not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions

TRANSPORT IN GTA PERTH TRAVEL



ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE

- Equipped with all standard government-mandated safety features for your peace of mind
- 99% UV-protection window tinting, specially designed for Western Australian weather
- Automatic doors for convenient and easy access
- Each seat fitted with USB-C charging ports and individual reading lights
- Features a sunroof and individual cabin temperature control for passenger comfort
- Spacious interior with ample luggage space to accommodate your travel needs



PACKING LIST

**FIND THE
PERFECT
GEAR FOR
YOUR
JOURNEY**



This seven-day journey spans two distinct landscapes of Western Australia. To ensure you remain comfortable in every setting, bringing the right clothing and essentials will greatly enhance your travel experience.

In the north, average summer nights sit around 18–24°C, while winter nights can drop to 3–8°C (especially in the gorge regions, where it can feel noticeably cooler).

In the south, stronger coastal winds and larger temperature differences between morning and evening make it feel fresher than in the city. Below are our recommended items to bring:

- 01 Lightweight outdoor clothing and slip-resistant shoes**

- 02 Light jacket or warm clothing**

- 03 Sunglasses and sunscreen**

- 04 Reusable water bottle**

- 05 Camera or mobile phone**

- 06 Personal medications, sunscreen, and insect repellent**

- 07 Personal toiletries and daily necessities**

Kind reminder: Some locations feature sand, gravel trails, or uneven natural surfaces. Comfortable, sturdy footwear is highly recommended; high heels or delicate shoes are not suitable for this itinerary.



**Colours of the North,
light of the South —
a journey written in the language of the land.**

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