



Diver with potato cod, near Exmouth



Tom Price



Mountain devil (*Moloch horridus*)



Kalamina Gorge, in Karijini National Park

Warlu Way Self Drive Itinerary

The Warlu Way experience promises to offer an adventure that will change you forever. Careful planning and consideration of the extreme weather conditions that make the North West of Western Australia extraordinary will ensure these experiences are dramatic for all the right reasons. Some roads may need a permit before commencing your drive – check with a local Visitor Centre before embarking on your journey.

Day 1 – Coral Bay

Jump aboard a glass bottom boat to give you a close up, panoramic view, of the Ningaloo Reef's diverse marine eco systems, or grab your snorkelling gear, step off the beach and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Ningaloo's coral gardens. You can cast a line from the designated beaches or join a deep sea or light game fishing tour. Swim with the whale sharks from late March to early July, or with the majestic manta rays all year round. Check out the reef shark nursery, just a 20 minute walk from Main Beach, where as many as 200 reef sharks frolic in the shallow waters. Finally, head down to Main Beach at 3.30pm and feed the schools of norwest snapper that swim into shore at this time every day.

Day 2 - Exmouth

Try your luck at beach, reef or game fishing. Check out the region's fishing spots and charters. Discover the rugged beauty of the Cape Range National Park, just 40 kilometres from Exmouth, it boasts some of the most spectacular gorges and canyons in WA, as well as amazing wildflowers, wildlife and 50 kilometres of pristine beaches. Take a cruise along Yardie Creek, or join a four wheel drive safari tour. Feast on fresh local prawns before watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean from Vlamingh Head

Lighthouse. Learn about Ningaloo turtles at Jurabi Turtle Centre.

Day 3 – Tom Price / Karijini National Park

Head to Tom Price, the highest town in Western Australia, to take a fascinating tour of massive operations at Rio Tinto's open-cut mine. Drive to the top of Mt Nameless - Jarndrunmunhna to the local Indigenous people -for unsurpassed views of the stunning Hamersley Ranges. Continue out of town to the awe inspiring Karijini National Park. Take in the award-winning Karijini Visitor Centre and its interesting interpretative information. Walk the designated trails into the depths of Dales Gorge and be rewarded with a refreshing dip in the emerald coloured pools of Fern Pool, Fortescue Falls and Circular Pool.

Day 4 – Karijini National Park

Checkout the west side of the national park including the stunning Kalimina Gorge to explore the waterfall upstream. Don't miss the Joffre Falls lookout and the most spectacular lookout in Australia – Oxer's Lookout, the junction of Weano, Red, Hancock and Joffre Gorges. For the fit and adventurous, descend to the bottom of Hancock Gorge or Weano Gorge, swim in fresh water pools and tuck into a picnic lunch amongst some of the oldest rocks in the world. In the evening enjoy a dinner set under a million outback stars.



Pretty Pool, Port Hedland



Minilya Roadhouse

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James Price Point, Broome

Day 5 – Millstream Chichester National Park

From Karijini to Millstream Chichester, journey along the unsealed road adjacent to the longest privately owned railway in the world (permit required). You will encounter more than one 2.5km locomotive transporting iron ore from the inland mine to the Port of Dampier. Visit the old Homestead, which has been transformed into the park's Visitor Centre. A walk trail takes you around the lushly tropical Jirndawurrnha Pool and links the homestead with Crossing Pool. Enjoy the spectacular sunset at Cliff Lookout. Before exiting the park take a drive along the winding road to the peak of Mount Herbert for amazing views of the plain and upon descent, enjoy a refreshing swim at Python Pool.

Day 6 – Dampier Archipelago & Burrup Peninsula

Jump onboard a cruise around magnificent Dampier Archipelago, swim in the blue waters of the Indian Ocean, snorkel and see dolphins and from July to September, whales frolicking. For the more independent minded traveller, hire a boat and head out amongst the 42 islands into the deep blue for some serious fishing. Red emperor, coral trout and snapper feature in the daily catch. Head to the protected beach at Hearson's Cove on the Burrup Peninsular and check out nearby Deep Gorge to see

an array of Aboriginal rock engravings. Afternoon shadows allow visitors a superior view of the thousands of petroglyphs at the site.

Day 7 – Point Samson

Continue on your journey to Point Samson, enjoying a stop in the historic town of Roebourne en route. Discover the region's rich, colourful history. Visit the Old Gaol Museum, drive or walk Emma Withnell heritage trail and step back in time, but before heading out of town be sure to check out local Indigenous artists at work at one of the Art Galleries on the main street. Don't miss the historic buildings at Cossack, the earliest port along the WA coastline, where Reader Head Lookout is a must see with a view like no other. Enjoy an afternoon stroll along the Point Samson Peninsula or take a cruise upstream along the Harding River and explore the lighthouse on Jarman Island. Before you leave this seaside paradise ensure you take the time to enjoy a sunset drink and seafood feast.

Day 8 – Port Hedland to Eighty Mile Beach

Head north to Port Hedland via the historic copper mining town of Whim Creek. Tour BHP Billiton port facilities, follow the cultural and heritage trail and check out the historical museum and Court House Gallery. Visitors can enjoy the harbour, the closest

vantage point in Australia to observe the movement of massive ore-carriers and salt ships passing through. At certain times of year turtles can be seen nesting on Cemetery Beach. Heading further north visit the Cape Keraudren Coastal Reserve, a haven for marine, terrestrial and oceanic animals. Make camp for the night at Eighty Mile Beach, go fishing, fossicking for shells or sit back and enjoy the breathtaking sunsets.

Day 9 – Eighty Mile Beach to Broome

The final leg of your Warlu Way experience takes you from the pristine coastline of Eighty Mile beach into the charismatic town of Broome. Whether it is nature, culture, animals or history, there is plenty to occupy your day. Jump aboard a hovercraft cruise, see spectacular wildlife, view ancient dinosaur footprints, or head to the crocodile park to check out the massive rogue crocodilians. This is all before enjoying sunset drinks on the tidal flats of Roebuck Bay and then soaking up the atmosphere at one of many alfresco restaurants.