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AUSTRALIA

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

You need time to appreciate the beauty of Monkey Mia and Shark Bay, on land and in the water. Choose to cruise in the company of dolphins at sunset or discover Aboriginal culture.

📍 Iconic Sites

Come for Monkey Mia's resident population of wild dolphins; linger for the rugged landscapes of Kalbarri and Nambung national parks.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

Aboriginal culture is strong and spiritual in Yanchep National Park. Discover how the land has sustained First Nations communities for millennia.

🏞 Natural Wonders

You'll be lost for words exploring the lunar-like landscape surrounding The Pinnacles, a surreal union of limestone formations jutting into the sky.



5 DAYS

7 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2024	2024 continued
May 29	Sep 04 , 11 [^] , 18 [^] , 25 [^]
Jun 12	Oct 02 , 09, 16 , 23, 30
Aug 14 , 28	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

[^] Expected wildflower season departure.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/wpmp or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

4 Full breakfasts B
2 Dinners D

1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Perth Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price.

Upgrade

Extend your tour to include Kalgoorlie and Esperance.

See **Western Wonderland** on page 64.

Or add on the Indian Pacific rail journey from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your tour. (Code: WEMPRW)

Hutt Lagoon

As this Guided Holiday departs at 7.30am from the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, accommodation will need to pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Fremantle – Geraldton

Get set for a good dose of coastal drama today as you journey north from Freo all the way to Geraldton. But before you get there, pause in Yanchep National Park, a union of bush and wetlands that is as spectacular as it is sacred. The best way to understand its significance to First Nations communities is in the company of an Aboriginal guide. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll discover the culture of the Nyoongar people of Western Australia's southwest: their seasonal movements, language and how knowledge is passed from generation to generation. There are Dreamtime stories and didgeridoo playing, and hands-on learning with bush tucker and traditional tools. Just try not to leave more informed than when you arrived. Two national parks in one day – your next stop is Nambung. We'll forgive you for thinking you've been transported to the set of a sci-fi movie when you arrive at this moonscape, studded with limestone pillars stretching five metres into the sky. Welcome to The Pinnacles. Arriving in Geraldton, more moving moments await at the evocative HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra.**

2 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Shark Bay is one of the planet's greatest wilderness areas – if you don't believe us, chat to UNESCO about the World Heritage listing they gave this pocket of WA. A window in time and a wildlife refuge, it's all powdery white coves and gin-clear waters that naturally attract a plethora of wildlife. This afternoon, take in the bounty at your own pace, perhaps on a sunset cruise to spot sea creatures great and small, or from the air, where your bird's-eye view reveals just how wide and wonderful the coast really is. Come dusk, be sure to find an oceanside perch and a cold beverage. Cheers to the end of another amazing day in WA. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort. B D**

3 Monkey Mia – Kalbarri National Park

If you need a reason to be up with the birds, make the dolphins of Monkey

Mia it. These wild bottlenoses swim to shore every morning to greet visitors before heading off to surf the waves. It's a hard act to follow. But then again, so is Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells that pile up to 10 metres deep. Hamelin Pool is home to the world's largest colony of stromatolites. They appear rock-like, but are actually living, and they date back to the beginning of life on Earth. Talk about putting things into perspective. We hope you brought your stamina – there's more to come. Kalbarri National Park was carved by the Murchison River millions of years ago. The gorge that remains is particularly pretty during wildflower season, when acacia, banksia and caladenia are in dazzling bloom. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort. B D**

4 Kalbarri National Park – Perth

If you thought you'd seen it all, wait until Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon. One of Western Australia's eye-popping pink lakes, this body of highly salty water changes hue at different times of the year – sometimes it's bubblegum, often it's lilac, occasionally it's red. It's always incredible. What a blazing way to end your WA stay. But wait, you still have a Farewell Dinner and drinks with your new friends. Don't forget to exchange email addresses. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B FD**

5 Farewell from Perth

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended West Australian wanderlust. **B**



Optional Experience

Shark Bay Scenic Flight

On this 40 minute flight you'll have the opportunity to see sharks, stingrays and turtles, perhaps even humpback whales and whale sharks (seasonal), as well as the famous elusive dugongs, which feed on the marine kelp forests. You'll also observe a wide range of geological and marine formations, which have contributed greatly to the area's popularity. The flight crosses part of Dirk Hartog Island and continues over shallow waters and sand bars adding to the astonishing range of blue and green hues of the region. Book this experience with your Travel Director.

