

## Australian Guided Tours

### Western Wanderer

**Operator:** AAT Kings  
**Days:** 17  
**Start:** Darwin  
**Finish:** Perth  
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### Overview

Miss nothing as you experience the best of what Western Australia has to offer. Enjoy a treasure trove of sights and activities from dolphins and crocodiles to pearls and diamonds. Starting in Darwin in the tropical Northern Territory, visit highlights such as Broome, the Pinnacles, Katherine Gorge, the million-acre El Questro station (ranch), and Perth. You will be well looked after by a driver and a tour director and comfortably transported in a luxury coach with 2-door access, restroom, reclining seats, and panoramic windows.

Accommodation for this **low cost escorted tour** is in twin share rooms (with private facilities) in centrally located hotels. All breakfasts, 13 dinners, and three lunches are included in the price. Airport transfers are also included (subject to timing).

### Highlights

- View wildflowers (August-October)
- Sightseeing in tropical Darwin
- Cruise the Katherine, Chamberlain, and Geikie Gorges
- Historic Durack Homestead
- Wildlife spotting on Ord River
- Hidden Valley National Park, visit Warriu Park
- Parry Lagoon Nature Reserve
- Lirrgarn Argyle Diamond Mine
- Relax in tropical Broome
- View Ningaloo Reef
- Wild dolphins at Monkey Mia
- Explore the mystical Pinnacles
- Tour Perth and Kings Park

## Tour itinerary

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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### Day 1: Arrive Darwin

On arrival in Darwin you will be transferred to your hotel. This afternoon join a tour of the city. Enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your Tour Director. **D**

*Accommodation: Travelodge Mirambeena Resort, Darwin.*

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### Day 2: Katherine Gorge

Head south and stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery. In Nitmiluk National Park cruise on the placid waters of the Katherine River through the towering cliffs of two gorges. **B D**

*Accommodation: Paraway Motel, Katherine.*

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### Day 3: Ord River Cruise

Travel via Timber Creek and Victoria River Station across vast cattle stations into Western Australia. Visit the historic Durack Homestead then travel to Lake Argyle, Australia's largest manmade lake. Cruise on the Ord River to Kununurra. This permanent water supply has formed wetland areas, which have become havens for myriads of birds and a variety of marsupials that inhabit the islands in the lake. **B D**

*Accommodation: Lakeside Resort, Kununurra, 3 nights.*

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### Day 4: Kununurra

See the Ord River Irrigation Scheme, Hidden Valley National Park and visit Kelly's Knob Lookout. This afternoon travel to Parry Lagoon Nature Reserve. See the birdlife of this region and learn about traditional lifestyles. Continue to Wyndham to the 5 Rivers Lookout. **B D**

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### Day 5: El Questro

This morning we briefly traverse the Gibb River Road on the way to El Questro Station. Cruise through Chamberlain Gorge, abounded by tropical vegetation. You will have some free time in this serene Wilderness Park. **B D**

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### Day 6: Lirrgarn Argyle Diamond Mine

Visit the Lirrgarn Argyle Diamond Mine for a guided tour of the world's largest diamond mine. Continue to Halls Creek. **B L D**

*Accommodation: Hotel: Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek.*

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### Day 7: Geikie Gorge

Travel to the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing. Cruise through spectacular Geikie Gorge, which was formed by the waters of the Fitzroy River tunnelling through the Napier Range. During the wet season, the Fitzroy River rises over 16 metres, staining the limestone walls of the gorge and flooding the national park with seven metres of water. Watch for freshwater

crocodiles, fruit bats and wallabies as the 30 metre high walls of the gorge tower above us. **B D**

*Accommodation: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing.*

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### **Day 8: Fitzroy Crossing – Broome**

See the famous Boab Prison Tree near the port of Derby, the oldest established town in the Kimberley before continuing to the tropical resort town of Broome. **B**

*Accommodation: Mercure Broome, Broome, 2 nights.*

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### **Day 9: Broome 'Free Time'**

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps visit Cable Beach for a stroll along the 22 kilometres of pristine sand and a swim in the turquoise blue water. This evening sit back, relax and watch the spectacular sunset over the Indian Ocean. **B**

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### **Day 10: Karratha**

Skirt the edge of the Great Sandy Desert to Port Hedland, a major shipping outlet for the mineral rich Pilbara region. We continue to Karratha, headquarters of the North West Shelf Project. **B D**

*Accommodation: All Seasons Karratha, Karratha.*

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### **Day 11: Karijini National Park**

We travel east today through the oasis that is Millstream National Park. See Hamersley Gorge as we journey into Karijini National Park where spectacular gorges, waterfalls and rock pools, created by millions of years of erosion, provide a striking contrast to the stark red of the Pilbara landscape. **B L D**

*Accommodation: Tom Price Motel, Tom Price.*

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### **Day 12: North West Cape**

Visit Giralia Station, an area of outstanding biodiversity with many species of flora and fauna, some of which are unique to the station. Travel to Exmouth, situated on the boundary of Cape Range National Park and Ningaloo Marine Park. **B L D**

*Accommodation: Potshot Hotel Resort, Exmouth.*

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### **Day 13: Ningaloo Reef**

Travel to Coral Bay, a quaint seaside town and join a sub-sea viewer over the Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia's largest coral reef. Observe the abundance of marine life that inhabit these tropical waters and marvel at the underwater world of coral gardens. **B D**

*Accommodation: Fascine Lodge, Carnarvon.*

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### **Day 14: Monkey Mia**

Travel to Monkey Mia where dolphins come into shore. These wild mammals of the ocean swim into the shallows to mingle with people. (Note: As dolphins are wild their appearance cannot be guaranteed). **B**

*Accommodation: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort.*

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### **Day 15: Kalbarri National Park**

This morning visit Hamelin Pool to see the world's best-known colony of Stromatolites. Stop at spectacular Shell Beach, formed from billions of shells up to ten metres deep. Later visit Kalbarri National Park to view the spectacular scenery of Murchison River Gorge from Hawks Head Lookout. **B D**

*Accommodation: All Seasons Geraldton, Geraldton.*

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### **Day 16: The Pinnacles**

In Nambung National Park view the spectacular mystical Pinnacles. Made from limestone, these pillars provide an almost eerie landscape. Enjoy views from Kings Park on arrival in Perth. **B D**

*Accommodation: Ambassador Hotel, Perth.*

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### **Day 17: Depart Perth**

After breakfast you will be transferred to Perth Airport to connect with your onward flight. **B**

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