



Dirk Hartog and Pinnacles under the Stars

Shark Bay, Monkey Mia and the Pinnacles under the stars

7 Days | Monday 7 to Sunday 13 June 2027

Discover a lesser-seen side of the Coral Coast and Shark Bay on this seven-day journey through history, wildlife and outback night skies. Explore the heritage towns of Dongara and Greenough, pay tribute at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial in Geraldton and travel north to Denham, gateway to Shark Bay. Spend a full day on remote Dirk Hartog Island, watch wild dolphins come into the shallows at Monkey Mia and see the ancient stromatolites of Hamelin Pool. On the way home, enjoy a sunset BBQ dinner and stargazing in the Pinnacles Desert. This tour offers a wonderful mix of coastal scenery, local history, wildlife and new friendships.

Highlights

- Full-day Dirk Hartog Island experience
- Pinnacles sunset BBQ dinner and stargazing tour
- Dolphin feeding experience at Monkey Mia
- Guided visit to the Irwin Historical Museum, Dongara
- Central Greenough Historical Settlement and Greenough Wildlife and Bird Park
- HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Geraldton
- Shark Bay Ocean Park Aquarium
- Shark Bay Interpretive Centre
- Ancient stromatolites at World Heritage-listed Hamelin Pool

Inclusions

- Pre and post tour transfers (ex Perth, Western Australia)
- 15 meals
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Included sightseeing and attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader and Coach Captain

All Villa Carlotta Travel holidays are fully escorted, depart from Perth and include courtesy home collection (Perth and Mandurah metro only)*, airfares, taxes, gratuities* and most meals.

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Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Dongara – Along the Coral Coast (D)

We collect you from home to meet your coach crew and fellow travellers, then head north. Stop for morning tea at Limestone Park in Gingin before continuing to Lake Thetis near Cervantes, home to living stromatolites. Enjoy lunch at leisure in Jurien Bay, then travel on to Dongara to check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner together.

Two nights: Dongara Hotel Motel, Dongara

Day 2. Dongara and Greenough – Pioneer History and Wildlife (BD)

Spend a relaxed morning in Dongara-Port Denison with a guided visit to the Irwin Historical Museum, learning about the district's pioneering past. After lunch at leisure in Dongara, travel to Greenough to meet the animals and birds at the Greenough Wildlife and Bird Park and explore the stone buildings of the Central Greenough Historical Settlement. Return to Dongara for dinner.

Day 3. Dongara to Denham – HMAS Sydney II Memorial (BD)

Travel north to Geraldton for morning tea and a visit to the HMAS Sydney II Memorial, which honours the 645 lives lost when HMAS Sydney was sunk off the Western Australian coast in 1941. Enjoy lunch at leisure in Geraldton, then continue north to Denham, gateway to Shark Bay, for dinner at your resort.

Three nights: Denham Heritage Resort, Denham

Day 4. Denham – Dirk Hartog Island (BLD)

Today step off the mainland for a fully hosted day on Dirk Hartog Island. Cross by boat to the island for morning tea, then set off on guided 4WD touring to remote coastal lookouts rarely seen by most Shark Bay visitors. Hear the island's stories and history while keeping watch for dolphins, turtles, rays and other marine life. Enjoy a gourmet lunch and warm homestead hospitality, with a gin and tonic in the afternoon, before returning to Denham for dinner.

Day 5. Denham – Monkey Mia and Shark Bay (BLD)

Rise early for Monkey Mia to watch wild dolphins swim into the shallows for the famous dolphin feeding experience. Back in Denham, visit the Shark Bay Interpretive Centre to learn about this World Heritage-listed region, followed by morning tea. Enjoy a guided tour of the Shark Bay Ocean Park Aquarium and lunch there, then return to the resort for free time. This evening, enjoy sunset drinks before dinner at the hotel.

Day 6. Denham to Cervantes – Hamelin Pool and the Pinnacles (BD)

Travel south to World Heritage-listed Hamelin Pool for morning tea and a look at the stromatolites, some of the oldest living things on Earth. Continue to Northampton for lunch at leisure, then on to Cervantes. This evening, head into the Pinnacles Desert for a sunset BBQ dinner and stargazing under some of Western Australia's darkest skies.

Overnight: Cervantes Resort Hotel, Cervantes

Day 7. Cervantes to Perth – Farewell in Moora (BL)

After breakfast, begin the journey home along the country back roads with morning tea along the way. In Moora, enjoy a farewell lunch at the Moora Historical Society, followed by a short walk to see the Carnaby's Sculptures in Apex Park. Continue via Bindoon to Perth, where you will be taken safely home with a suitcase full of Coral Coast memories.

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Cost per person twin share (inc GST)

Price: \$3790

Single option: \$4810

Earn 76 villabucks



Active

For travellers comfortable with full sightseeing days. Building on *Moderate* requirements, these tours feature more activities, extended periods of standing and walking, and nature-based excursions. You must be able to walk confidently over uneven surfaces at a steady pace, and negotiate busy transport terminals. Expect feature walks for up to 3 hours, and activities that may include small aircraft, vehicles, vessels and watercraft. Not suitable for travellers requiring walking aids or assistance from others.

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