



# SHARK BAY

SINK YOUR  
TEETH IN

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## 5 DAY ITINERARY

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SHARK BAY  
WORLD HERITAGE  
DISCOVERY &  
VISITOR CENTRE

**\$** Fees or charges apply



# DAY ONE - SOUTH PERON



If you're short for time, these things can be done on the drive in or the day you drive out too.

Why not discover the unique world heritage listed **Shell Beach**. With only two beaches in the world like this, comprised solely of gossamer thin, tiny white coquina shells no bigger than your smallest fingernail. It is a unique experience not to be missed.

Heading back into Denham why not wander the boardwalk at **Eagle Bluff**. Stop and cast your gaze down into the warm shallow waters below. See if you can spot one of our common fiddler rays. They are pretty easy to see as they are shaped a lot like a guitar (or fiddle). Eagle Island, situated just out from the cliff of Eagle Bluff, always has an abundance of native birds, sure to interest the whole family.

Just out of town (3kms) **Denham Lookout** is a great spot to get a unique perspective of the Denham township. The Thong Shack (Filp-flops or Jandles for those not fluent in the lingo) is a small shack covered in thongs with messages written all over them. Definitely more Australian than some boring old locks on a bridge.

**FREE**

**SHELL BEACH  
EAGLE BLUFF  
DENHAM LOOKOUT**



# DAY TWO DENHAM & SHARK BAY'S HISTORY



Immerse yourself in the wonderful history of Shark Bay and surrounds. Visit the **Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery and Visitor Centre** to experience Shark Bay through the eyes of its people. Learn about our shipwrecks, treasure, the land and our people. Follow the epic love story of Rose and Louie De Freycinet that crosses continents.

Travel fathoms deep without leaving your seat and see 3D footage of the HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran battle ships, lying on the barren sea floor. Learn their fate, watch the tragedy of Australia's Greatest Naval disaster in the FREE 3D film, a moving tribute '**Fire on the Water**' our permanent exhibit.

**The Rose De Freycinet Gallery** houses the 'Fire on the Water' cinema, and depending on the time of the year will display either our permanent display ND5 or Art on the Move roving exhibits. ND5 showcases unique and stunning aerial images of Shark Bay from five world renowned photographers. Ask us anything! We're here to help with anything Shark Bay and surrounds.

**NOTE:** Entry fees apply to the Discovery Centre only

**\$ DISCOVERY CENTRE**  
**FREE HMAS SYDNEY 3D FILM**  
**FREE ROSE DE FREYCINET**  
**GALLERY**  
**FREE INFORMATION**



# DAY THREE FRANCOIS PERON



Vivid red cliffs, fresh white sands and clear azure waters meet at the top of our beautiful **Francois Peron National Park**. Only accessible with a high clearance 4WD (not AWD). No 4WD? No worries! One of our knowledgeable tour operators can take you up for a full or half day tour, or hire a vehicle from our local operator to drive yourself.

Where the desert meets the sea, unbelievable colors and unique wildlife set the scene for an amazing day. Take advantage of the free BBQ facilities at all the campsites, bring a picnic, take a dip and walk the Wanamalu trail. Paddling your SUP or canoe is the only way to fully appreciate the pure size and untapped secrets of the **Big Lagoon**. If a day is not quite enough, pack your camping gear and spend few nights exploring. With little to no light pollution the stars have never seemed so close or so bright as when you soak in the **Artisan Hot Spring** within the Peron Homestead grounds. Walk through the life of a pastoralist, make the most of the Peron homestead to see how the shearers used to live.

**NOTE:** National Park fess apply

**\$ FRANCOIS PERON**  
**FREE BIG LAGOON**  
**FREE HOT TUB**



# DAY FOUR DENHAM SURROUNDS



Swing past the Discovery Centre, pick up a trail brochure and follow our founding families on the **Discovery Trail**, wander at your leisure around the streets of Denham.

Looking for something fun and informative? **Ocean Park** is the place to be. Just 8km from town, run by marine scientists, each hour long tour is fully guided. As a turtle rescue facility and marine wildlife rehabilitation centre, these guys know what they're doing. Not only are they full of information, they love their job, just read their reviews! Fees apply

Easily accessible in any 2WD vehicle and just three minutes from Denham, the **Little Lagoon** is the perfect place to end the day. Watch spectacular sunsets on balmy afternoons, listening to the bountiful bird life serenade your afternoon away. Grab a bottle of bubbly from one of our bottle shops and some comfy chairs. Perfect!

**FREE** LITTLE LAGOON  
**\$** OCEAN PARK  
**FREE** HERITAGE TRAIL



# DAY FIVE MONKEY MIA



Breakfast overlooking the ocean, yes please! The Boughshed restaurant offers delicious breakfast and strong coffee to get you ready for that 7:45 am dolphin interaction start. Coffee in hand, head down to the beach to await the dolphins arrival.

As the last dolphin swims away look to the Jetty on your right, you'll see two huge sailing catamarans readying for departure. These cats cruise daily looking for dugongs (sea cows) and as we have 10% of the worlds population, we have a very high sighting rate. Both companies offer an amazing sunset cruise.

Take a book or picnic, use RAC's facilities, their pool, spa and tennis courts are open to the public. You might like to hire a canoe, kayak, SUP or paddle boat and explore the crystal clear bays, shark nursery or red cliffs of Cape Rose. Experience a spectacular sunset from the deck of your chosen cruise operator. Watch the last sunset in Australia, (we are the most westerly point...) Don't feel like driving home in the dark? Had a couple of glasses watching the sunset? No problem, we want you to be safe, book a night at the RAC Monkey Mia Resort.

**NOTE:** Monkey Mia is a Special Reserve & entry fees apply

**\$MONKEY MIA**





# HOMeward STROMATOLITES

It can be a very long drive till your next camp/stop. Why not stop in at Hamelin Pool. Either Hamelin Pool Caravan Park or Hamelin Pool Station Stay will provide an idyllic place to rest for the night. If you have places to be, or are short on time just stop in at the old Telegraph station and the World Heritage Listed **Stromatolites**. Stretch your legs on the boardwalk over the worlds oldest living life forms. These may just look like rocks in the water but they're actually a fascinating micro-organisms that live and breath?!

Low tide will have them sticking out of the water. Don't worry you can still see them at high tide, they're just sitting below the water hanging around doing what strombys do when they're not out of the water.

If you're here between May and October Shark Bay boasts the longest wildflower season in Western Australia. You'll probably see many people flat on their bellies along the roadside trying to get that perfect angle for their epic wildflower shot.



**FREE** STROMATOLITES  
TELEGRAPH STATION  
\$ TEAROOMS



# ADD A DAY TRIP DIRK HARTOG ISLAND



What's on your bucket list? The Eiffel tower? Canals in Italy? Biggest Burger in the world?

How about a pristine, exclusive island? Pure white sands, clear warm waters, coral, turtles, cute little endangered mammals. Only accessible by air or sea, and a maximum of 10 vehicles on a beautiful island sound like your kind of paradise? Add a once in a lifetime experience to step foot on Dirk Hartog Island for a day.

**Take a splash...** Book a boat tour to explore the southern areas, blowholes, homemade morning tea, fresh coffee and the ability to see Steep Point (the most westerly point of Australian mainland) from Surf Point.

**Straight up..** Picnic lunch, chopped to an almost unreachable bay. With a more than 400 year step back in time, helicopter is the only way to see the place where Dirk Hartog landed.

**Take the scenic route...** On a budget or short on time? Our scenic flight is the most economical option, with a pretty spectacular perspective.

If you would like a unique experience ask us about Walking with Whales...

**\$ DAY TRIP  
SHARK BAY DIVE  
& MARINE SAFARIS  
SHARK BAY AVIATION  
CORAL COAST HELI**



# ADD A DAY TRIP STEEP POINT



Harsh cliff edges, the majestic Zuytdorp cliffs stretch for more than 200 kilometers between Kalbarri and Steep Point. Stunning blowholes can shoot sprays of water 20-30 metres into the air. Stand beside them to feel the earth thunder beneath your feet, the gathering sound of the sea rolls through you as the mighty force of the untamed ocean pushes unrelentingly. The explosion of sound and water as it shoots high into the sky is something that must be seen to be believed. High clearance 4WD is a must, if you are unsure please check with us our list of suitable vehicles is comprehensive. If you're following the compass points this is one of them (although We've heard plenty say a beer at the most westerly pub suits them just as well)

If you don't have a suitable 4WD or you just don't want to put your old girl through the stress (we mean the car of course) Day tours can be organised through us via 4WD or boat.

Just want to step foot, take your photo & head back, and you don't want the 8-10 hour drive? We can organize that too. We're pretty amazing like that...

**FREE****DAY TRIP****\$ SHARK BAY DIVE  
& MARINE SAFARIS****\$ SHARK BAY AVIATION****\$ CORAL COAST HELI**



# ADD 3 DAYS STEEP POINT

So you have a suitable 4WD Yay! Best Day Ever! It should take about 3-4 hours to reach Steep Point from Denham (one way) It is sealed road for the first 110 km then unsealed gravel till you reach the 4WD section. With soft sand you will need to reduce your tyre pressure (an air compressor is a must) to get through the 4WD section. Make sure you have booked your camping through the Dpt. Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website before you head on out, you wouldn't want drive all the way out there to find no campsites. You'll need to be self sufficient as the closest power or water is 185kms away, probably what makes it such an appealing fishing mecca. Known to be one of the world's most successful land-based fishing locations. Here the fishermen use ballooning equipment to carry bait out into deeper water where game-fish can be found. Breathtaking views and ample photographic opportunities are also a huge draw. Make sure you try Shelter Bay for some calm water to swim & snorkel in.

**FREE** **DRIVE**  
**\$** **CAMP**



# ADD 5 DAYS DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

At 75km long and western Australia's Longest Island it can't be experienced by land in just a day. There is no bridge, so book your space on the only vehicle access barge. Leaving from Shelter Bay in Edel Land National Park, tide & minimum numbers dependent. Camp at exclusive beach sites along the breadth of the Island, or base yourselves at the Dirk Hartog Island Lodge's campsites and day trip from there for a little of the home comforts. Ocean Villa I hear you say? No problem Stay in the Eco lodges onsite accommodation. Packages include Barge fares, accommodation, all meals (homemade) drink packages can be upgraded.



**\$ TRANSFER BARGE  
ACCOMODATION  
FOOD**