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THE PILBARA

The Pilbara is an ancient land rich in iron ore, natural gas, crude oil and other mineral resources, including gold and lithium, which has drawn fortune seekers from across the globe for decades. The region is Australia's natural resource economic heartland. Still, there is so much more than the amazing scale of industry, mega-ports, massive mines and trains filled with iron ore that stretch kilometres. It is a region that was among the first to emerge as dry land from the primordial swamp with irrefutable evidence of engagement by original humans more than 40,000 years old. You can follow Aboriginal culture and stories through the ravishing gorges, prehistoric rock forms and beautiful beaches. It is also a land of colonial hardships, adventurers, pearlers and prospectors who built towns and industrial powerhouses in its wide-open wilderness.

In the Pilbara's Hamersley Ranges, mining tycoon Lang Hancock first spotted the rusty cast of oxidised iron in the 1950s. Today the Pilbara's significant concentrations of high-grade iron ore fuel the steel mills of Asia.

At the Montebello Islands, an archipelago off the startlingly beautiful coastline near Karratha, the British army once tested atomic bombs as part of Operation Hurricane. Today, emperor, coral trout and prize marlin are fished from among the warm tropical waters of the northwest among the spectacular island breeding grounds of the Dampier Archipelago. At Karijini National Park, an oasis of gorges and cool, gushing waterfalls, patches of wildflowers and carpets of golden spinifex spring from sun-baked soil. Creation stories of the region's first people are told in neighbouring Millstream Chichester National Park's rolling hills and lush waterholes alongside relics of how they first lived and hunted there.

Scout through the Burrup Peninsula where the earth's richest archaeological records are held in millions of works of Aboriginal rock art. Adjacent is Dampier, homeland of the Red Dog legend. Watch career jackaroos muster cattle on farm stays at outback stations where hundreds of Aboriginal workers once held the longest strike in Australian history for

fair wages and conditions. Prospect for gold nuggets around Australia's hottest town, Marble Bar, immortalised in fossicking folklore or see beautiful renderings by aboriginal artists across the region.

Experience old Onslow and Cossack and the restored ruins that bear witness to a frontier life led by pastoral, mining and pearling pioneers who managed to eke out a foothold in unforgiving wilderness.

Find yourself at iron-stained Port Hedland; the world's biggest bulk export port and a town of intriguing contrasts, or at Dampier or Port Walcott and witness the ships as they queue to be loaded. The weather in the region is perfect between April and November but can be hot, and there are occasional cyclones and significant rain events at other times.

*It is no wonder
it has the nickname
the Epic Pilbaral!*



THE WARLU WAY

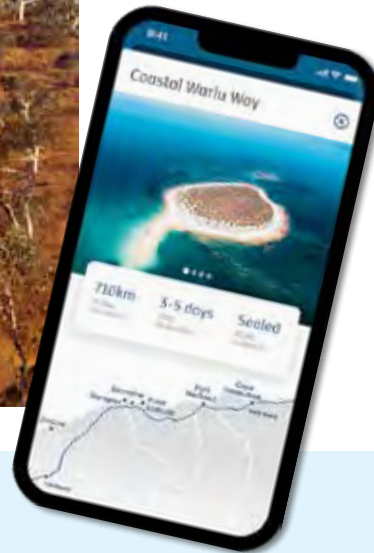
The way of the Warlu, or sea serpent, traverses an ancient and sacred land rich in natural beauty and enchanting Aboriginal stories. It sends you back in time to a mystical era when a mighty Warlu emerged from the sea and travelled through the region when the earth was soft, forming the pulsing red heart of Western Australia and forming waterways as he moved. The

Warlu Way reveals the mysteries of the Warlu and other Aboriginal legends by taking you on a self-drive journey from the Gascoigne region through Western Australia's spectacular Pilbara region and on into the Kimberley.

Choose to explore the Warlu Way in its entirety or do it in sections by following the four interconnected routes –

Coastal, Inland, Manuwarra Red Dog Highway and East Pilbara Geoheritage Routes.

The Warlu Way is an insight into the strong connection between indigenous people and this ancient land. As you travel along the Warlu Way, please be responsible and respectful of the local country and culture and 'leave no trace'.



WARLUWAY
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- Coastal Route
- Manuwarra Red Dog Highway
- East Pilbara Geoheritage Route
- Inland Route
- Distance in kilometres

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ANCIENT COUNTRY

Ancient Culture

The Pilbara's Aboriginal tracks weave their way through its iconic landscapes and Islands scattered ocean like an ornate tapestry, blending the rich ancient culture with a ruggedly beautiful country that has been shaped and preserved for over 2 billion years.

Dreamtime – The Warlu Way brings together the journey from the shores of the world's largest fringing reef at Ningaloo, through 2,480 km to Broome. Wind your way between sapphire seas and soaring gorges as you travel the Warlu Way, intersecting the song-line stories and appreciating the connecting Aboriginal culture and modern endeavours on an inspirational adventure through some of nature's most breathtaking beauty spots.

Aboriginal Guides treat their guests to a fascinating insight into their cultural relationships, spiritual connection to

the land, and ongoing responsibility as caretakers of the country. Cultural knowledge and skills were recorded and passed on in a variety of ways such as storytelling, rock art, songs, dance, and in the landmarks themselves. Murujuga, home to the largest, densest and most diverse collection of rock art in the world, is a prime example.

Rock Art – Murujuga National Park sits across the northern Burrup Peninsula. Both it and the islands of the Dampier Archipelago's 42 Islands are Nationally Heritage-listed and are seek World Heritage. Home to over a million petroglyphs dating back to before the ice age, it is an ancient archaeological record of at least 47,000 years of human existence, traditional culture, lifestyle and land use in the area. The artwork features human images, extinct animal species such as megafauna and Thylacines (Tasmanian

Tiger), and existing avian, marine and land animals. The petroglyph style of rock art is pecked into the rock by using rock. Given rock's hard nature, each petroglyph would have taken a long time and a great deal of skill to complete

Stories and Stars – The Pilbara's endless crisp, clear night skies present the stars, and an array of related stories in their full splendour. One of the oldest stargazing stories ever told in Australia, is the tale of seven sisters being pursued by a lustful man. This song-line begins at Murujuga and tells of how he chases them across the deserts of Western Australia to the very heart of the continent and beyond. On the way, they pass through the lands of many tribes where this and many other ancient stories of the country and skies are woven and painted into stunning pieces of art.

Eight great ways to immerse in the world's oldest living culture

- Explore the world's biggest collection of rock art with an Aboriginal guide.
 - Ngurrangga Tours, Karratha ngurrangga.com.au
 - Experience Murujuga, Karratha experiencemurujuga.com
- Camp with custodians and share a yarn at the campfire.
 - Peedamulla Campground, near Onslow peedamulla.com.au
- Try your hand at coastal foraging, hunting and maybe even catch a mud crab!
 - Ngurrangga Tours, Karratha ngurrangga.com.au
- Tagalong on a guided 4wd tour and discover sacred sites, gorges and rock art.
 - Ngurrangga Tours, Karratha ngurrangga.com.au

- Visit an Aboriginal Art Gallery, meet the local artists and hear their stories.
 - Cheeditha art group, Roebourne www.cheedithaart.com.au
 - Martumili artists, Newman www.martumili.com.au
- Venture beyond the Staircase to the Moon into ancient dreamtime stories of the stars.
 - Ngurrangga Tours, Karratha ngurrangga.com.au
- Discover the wetlands eco system and Dampier salt site with the local Ngarla people.
 - Pilbara Tours, Port Hedland visitporthedland.com.au
- Join a program of authentic, high quality art, cultural experiences and family fun in the breathtaking Karijini national park.
 - Karijini Experience – Event staged annually in april karijiniexperience.com

For more information about the full range of Aboriginal cultural experiences in the Pilbara and throughout Western Australia, visit waitoc.com



Wangaba Roebourne Art Group, which operates from the Ngurin Centre in Roebourne

Juluwarlu Art Group available at Ganalilli Centre

Yinjaa Barni Art Group, which operate from the Dalgety House Roebourne

Spinifex Hill Art in South Hedland

TRAVELLING

Safely

The Pilbara is a vast and sparsely populated region and its important to keep this in mind.

Before you hit the road purchase a detailed road map or download an offline map system. If you find yourself in trouble, assistance could be many hours away so make sure you have plenty of water.

Be aware of the limits of your vehicle and take your time while travelling. Driver fatigue is responsible for many accidents, so don't try to cover too much distance at a time.

If you will be travelling on minor roads in the region, it is advisable to leave your itinerary details with a reliable contact. Alternatively, purchase a personal locator beacon that allows you to signal for help if you get into trouble.

Vehicles – Thoroughly check your vehicle before you depart. It can be dangerous to break down in the outback, but it can also be expensive! Four-wheel drive vehicles and off-road camper trailers/caravans are recommended when travelling on minor unsealed roads or tracks. A good tool kit, water, two spare tyres and basic spare parts should be kept as standard. In case of breakdown, never leave your vehicle.

Road Closures – During the summer period (November to April) sealed and unsealed roads can be open for travel one day and flooded the next. Authorities provide road updates and weather warnings accordingly to assist travellers. Regardless of your vehicle, do not attempt to traverse roads that have been closed by the authorities under any condition. Check for road closures with Main Roads on Phone: 178178 or website travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au

Road Trains – Road trains are common when travelling in Northwestern Australia. Extra caution is advised when overtaking road trains that can be more than 50 metres in length. On unsealed roads, dust can be kicked up, obscuring vision and throwing up stones and rocks that could damage or break your windscreen. It is strongly recommended that you have a UHF radio and select Chanel 40. Let them know you are there and tell them what you want to do if overtaking or pulling over.

Wandering Animals – It is not uncommon to encounter wandering stock and wildlife, serious accidents can occur due to collisions with kangaroos, cows and various other animals. Take particular care when travelling at dawn and dusk as these are the most dangerous times. Slow down, keep a lookout, and if possible, avoid driving at night.



Travelling in the Pilbara

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Escape to the Mackerel Islands for a holiday full of adventure & relaxation. Located a short hop off the coast of Onslow, a 2-hour flight north of Perth or a 1,400km drive - where warm sunny days, waking up to the sound of the ocean, barbeques at your beachfront cabin, kayaking & SUP boarding, snorkelling with turtles & amazing marine life + world-class fishing awaits! A ferry service operates twice a week from Onslow, or you can take your own boat across & hire a mooring. Choose from a range of beachfront cabins complete with kitchens & BBQs, disconnect from life's stresses & create fun memories in WA's coastal outback.

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COASTAL

Warlu Way

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Explore one of the world's most amazing coastlines by good sealed roads, taking in natural wonders like the Dampier Archipelago with 42 Islands, the Mackerel, Montebello, Muriel and other island groups. Cultural treasures like the rock art of Murujuga and the ports loading massive ore carriers. Starting at Nanutarra Roadhouse in the South, the coastal route takes you first to the 'Cooler Coast' of historic Onslow, the stepping off point to the Mackerel Islands. Travelling further north, Peedamulla provides an opportunity to stay at an Aboriginal-owned campground. There are coastal bush camps at Fortescue River mouth, Goonera Point, Devil Creek and on the river at Miaree Pool.

Then you reach the modern city of Karratha, gateway to the Rock Art precinct and modern industry complexes on the Burrup Peninsula near Dampier. Karratha provides a plethora of opportunities to tour and explore easily around the City with all services available.

Continue north for coastal camping at Cleaverville before you reach Roebourne, the original settlement of the northwest and a town with a thriving art and cultural sector.

Turning off the Northwest Coastal Highway again, you explore the nearby coastal locations; Cossack, the first port of the northwest, a ghost town with camping and cultural opportunities; Wickham, an industrial town with amazing beaches famed for turtle watching, and Point Samson, which was a fishing village and is now a delightful coastal tourist location.

Back to the highway heading north and halfway to Port Hedland is what was once the thriving town of Whim Well, and all that remains is the iconic old hotel that has been closed for many years, the Whim Creek Pub. This building is a sister of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, designed by the same steel factory to be the Justice buildings at Marble Bar. Instead, it became the Whim Creek Hotel when the pre-existing hotel was demolished in a cyclone. Opposite the Whim Creek Pub is Balla Balla on the river mouth and a great spot to fish from the banks or tinny. In Port Hedland, explore the town's heritage and be awed by the world's largest bulk tonnage export ports. Nowhere else in the world can you watch the parade of full and empty ships sail past within metres of the shore.

Continue north to take advantage of bush camping at De Grey River, Cape Kereudren, and the station and beach stay at Pardoo at the northern end of the coastal trail.



**GETAWAY
- ON AN -
AUSSIE OUTBACK
ADVENTURE**

Stay in WA's coastal outback at the Onslow Beach Resort, the gateway to the Mackerel Islands. Overlooking a unique red sand beach, the resort offers relaxed sophistication and a refreshing welcome when travelling through the remote, rugged beauty of the Pilbara region. Enjoy stylish, modern self-contained suites with ocean or pool views. Dine or sip at the stunning Beach Club restaurant and bar right on the oceanfront. Resort facilities include free Wi-Fi, outdoor swimming pool, barbecues, gym, paddle board hire, tour desk and parking.

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A collage of four images showcasing the Onslow Beach Resort. The top left shows a modern bedroom with a bed and a lamp. The top middle shows an outdoor swimming pool with lounge chairs. The top right shows a view of the beach and ocean. The bottom right shows a dining table set for a meal with a view of the ocean.

FISHING

& Water Activities



Mackerel Islands

*Fishing is top-notch
all over
the Pilbara*



Fishing is top-notch all over the Pilbara, from the Montebellos to the Mackerel Islands to the Dampier Archipelago and West Moore Island. Fishing safaris abound on the islands off Onslow. Located 20 minutes from Onslow by boat, the Mackerel Islands provide an opportunity to visit or stay on wild untamed islands with world-class fishing, diving and snorkelling in protected waters by charter or private boat. The Montebello Islands are home to shoals of coral trout, red emperor, sail fish and marlin. A crystal clear

seascape encompassing more than 100 limestone islands and virgin coral reef where the British tested their atomic weapons in the 1950s, 75 nautical miles off Onslow. This group of islands is a fisherman and historian's dream.

Boat tours are available from Onslow and Dampier or you can hire a boat from Dampier or Cossack. Recreational Fishing requires a Boat Licence for any fishing activity from a powered boat. A licence is not required for land-based fishing, but for certain

fishing equipment such as fishing nets, a licence may be required. For more information or to purchase your licence, visit the fisheries website, or a Pilbara tackle store.

Crocodiles are uncommon in the region, but please remain aware and report any sightings to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on 9182 2000.

Enjoy your Pilbara fishing experience and fish sustainably.

CRUISES, BOATING

& Diving

The Pilbara coast offers world-class diving, cruises and snorkelling. White sandy beaches, warm turquoise oceans, off-shore islands and coral reefs make the North West a haven for adventurers on, in or under the water. With almost year-round sunshine, the region truly offers visitors a wealth of time to collect memorable experiences.

Pristine beaches, beautiful coral gardens and abundant fish, turtles, dolphins, dugong, whales and whale sharks, rays and crays, beckon you to explore. Your range of options include cruising through the islands of the Dampier Archipelago, going whale-spotting or joining a diving or snorkel tour. Water sports equipment can be hired at Point Samson, Dampier, Onslow and the Mackerel Islands.

There's also the opportunity to explore the Pilbara coast or venture further afield to the Montebello Islands on extended cruises by Expedition or Charter vessels. Onslow, Dampier, Point Samson and Port Hedland all offer a range of water-based adventures.

Along the entire Pilbara coast between July and September whale watchers can view an array of whales including, Sperm, Blue, Pilot, False Killer, Minke and more, as they migrate and feed and in lush waters of the region. The WA pod is the largest humpback pod in the world and it is not uncommon to see whales from the coast. Should you visit in turtle nesting season, between September and April, watch out for female turtles laying their eggs and newly hatched babies scrambling to the ocean.



Angel Island

STAIRCASE

To the Moon



This amazing natural phenomenon takes place along the Pilbara and Kimberley Coastline, when the full moon rising across the exposed tidal flats creates the impression of a staircase leading to the moon.

This incredible natural event also occurs along the coastline at Onslow, Dampier, Cossack, Point Samson, Hearson Cove and Port Hedland.

ONSLLOW

First Avenue in Onslow is a beautiful spot for Staircase to the Moon.

KARRATHA & DAMPIER

A half an hour's drive from Karratha, Hearson Cove's expansive mud flats make it an ideal spot to watch the Staircase.

POINT SAMSON

The Point Samson Peninsula offers spectacular viewing of Staircase to the Moon from the viewing platform.

COSSACK

Head to the Lookout at Settler's Beach in Cossack for Staircase to the Moon in this beautifully restored historical town.

PORT HEDLAND

A special Staircase to the Moon viewing deck is located at Cooke Point next to the Discovery Caravan Park on Goode Street. On the first evening of the Staircase to the Moon, enjoy browsing the market stalls and local crafts at Discovery Markets.

For the dates of Staircase to the Moon visit www.australiasnorthwest.com/events/staircase-to-the-moon

A natural phenomenon

WANDERING THE WARLU WAY?

YOUR GUIDE TO EXPERIENCING THE EPIC PILBARA

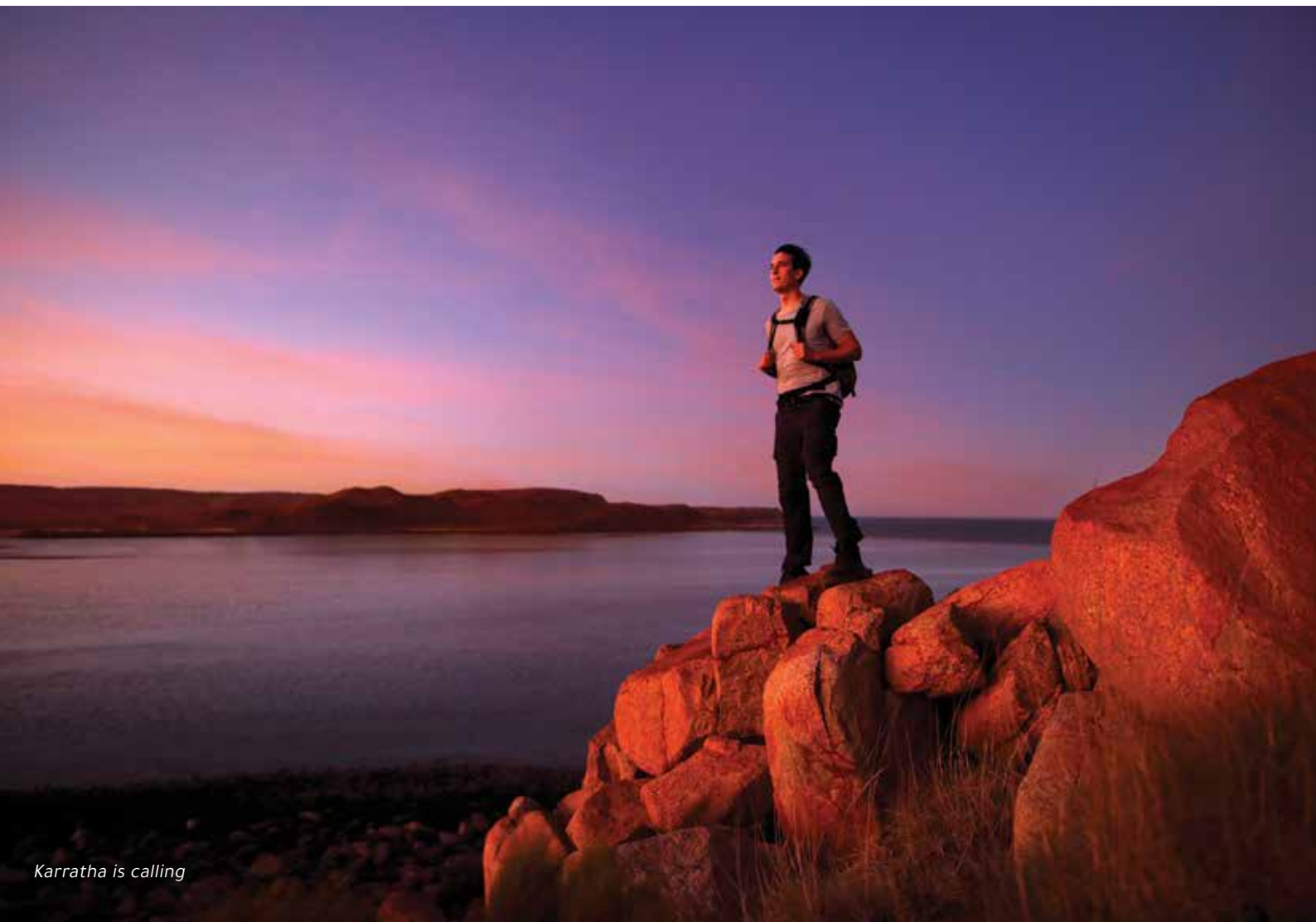
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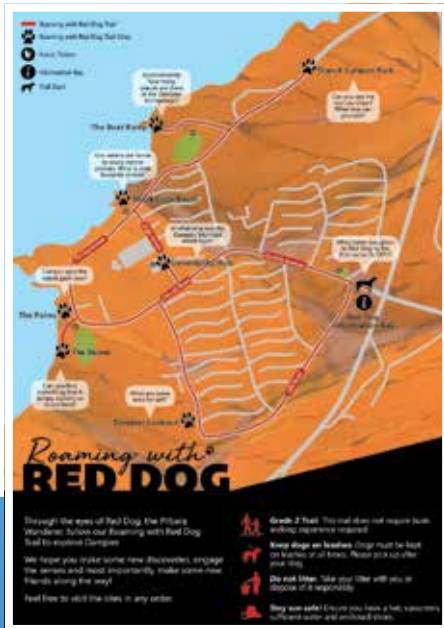


Karratha is calling

RED DOG

The Pilbara Wanderer

Kelpie/cattle dog cross Red Dog, the 'Pilbara Wanderer', is one of the best known and loved travellers in the North West, being the subject of numerous books, songs and successful movies. Many Pilbara locals still recall his visits fondly.



Red Dog lived his life hitching rides and travelling throughout WA's north. His story wandering the Pilbara during the 1970's has been the inspiration for poets, novelists and film writers.

He spent plenty of time in Dampier where he captured the hearts and imaginations of first the town and then the nation.

The Roaming with Red Dog trail in Dampier is a self-drive and walking

trail which takes you to some of Red Dog's favourite spots around town.

You can visit the sites in any order with the trail beginning at the Dampier Information Bay.

Just like Red Dog, you will need to explore the beachfront on foot to reach 'The Palms' and 'The Dunes' sites. Red Dog is buried in an unmarked grave somewhere between Roebourne and Cossack.



Red Dog Memorial

MURUJUGA

National Park



With over 700 historic Indigenous archaeological sites and over a million rock engravings (Petroglyphs), many dating back some 40,000 years, Murujuga or Burrup Peninsula has been described as the largest art gallery in the world. It is the perfect place to discover the unique art, history and culture of the Aboriginal people of the Pilbara. Murujuga is home to one of the largest, densest and most diverse collections of rock art in the world. The engravings show human images, extinct animal species such as megafauna and Thylacines (Tasmanian tiger), as well as existing avian, marine and land animals. The area also features middens, fish traps, rock shelters, ceremonial places and stone arrangements.

The rock art of Murujuga is of immense cultural, archaeological and spiritual significance and is an important part of Western Australia's cultural heritage and the world's human history. As such, it is being nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List to have its unique cultural, spiritual and archaeological values internationally recognised at the highest level. These are unique and irreplaceable cultural resource for all Australians, please help preserve these sites for future generations, avoid touching or stepping on the art and do not mark the art in any way.

Enjoy a self-guided walk along the elevated walkway or for a real insight, take a cultural guided tour.

*The largest
art gallery in the
world*

WILDFLOWERS

The Pilbara's flora is as diverse and dramatic as its landscape. Between March and October, vibrant floral shades contrast with rugged red cliffs, pindan dunes and golden plains of spinifex grass. From July to September wildflowers of all colours, sizes and shapes, like the unmistakable Sturt's Desert Pea, fluffy Mulla Mulla, the tall, majestic Ashburton pea or any number of the 65 species of Acacia (wattle) can be seen throughout the region.

For the local Indigenous people the plants and flowers of the Pilbara provided much more than just aesthetic qualities, and are still used today for food, medicine and ceremonial use.

For a map of the Pilbara Wildflowers Trail and further details, visit www.westernaustralia.com



Sturt Desert Pea



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Animal paintings by the students from Roebourne Senior High School



Old Onslow



ANZAC Memorial

ONSLow

Fishing, history and nature

Onslow is a pretty coastal town with a warm, sunny climate and cool breezes particularly April-September. It is the oldest town in the Ashburton Shire, with a colourful history including pearl lugging, devastation by cyclone and Japanese bombing in World War II.

Promoted as 'The Cooler Coast', Onslow is a great destination for those with an avid interest in fishing, history and nature. Onslow's old port was built at the mouth of the Ashburton River to export wool from Pilbara sheep stations, and Old Onslow was gazetted nearby in 1885. Just 40 years later, residents were moved 18 kilometres to today's townsite where a new jetty was built on the coast, avoiding the issues the old port had with silting of the Ashburton River, but unfortunately not

the effects of the region's cyclones.

Onslow is the gateway to the Mackerel Islands – 10 islands with two that welcome guests. Famous for world-class fishing and diving, just 45 minutes by boat from Onslow, the Mackerel Islands offer a diverse range of nature experiences such as watching whales, turtle nesting, birds, or just relax. Onslow has two caravan parks, a motel, pub and a resort.

HIGHLIGHTS

OLD ONSLOW

Remains of old Onslow's buildings are still visible, including the police station, cemetery and old jetty and of course the site is a great place to see the mighty Ashburton River.

ONSLow MEMORIAL PARK

Spectacular sculpture based on the insignia of the ADF's Rising Sun cap badge with the rays of the rising sun shine directly through the arch on Anzac Day.

GOODS SHED MUSEUM

Located at the Onslow Visitor Centre. Heritage listed and houses Onslow's fascinating historical artifacts.



DAMPIER

Home of Red Dog

Located just 20 kilometres west of Karratha, the port town of Dampier is named after the English buccaneer William Dampier, who visited in 1688. Dampier is the departure point for day cruises to the spectacular Dampier Archipelago. Built by Hamersley Iron in 1965, Dampier is one of the largest tonnage shipping ports in Australia and houses the massive export facilities of Hamersley Iron, Dampier Salt and the North West Gas Shelf Project.

Dampier has a range of services and facilities to assist travellers visiting on a day trip or staying at the Dampier Transit Park. Views over industry, ocean, historic Sam's Island and options to walk the Red Dog Trail. Don't forget to take a photo with Red Dog at the information bay as you drive into Dampier. Dampier Mermaid Hotel offers pet-friendly accommodation

with private facilities and some ocean views. Several eateries with great ocean views, including Soak, which has excellent views across beach and industry, the foreshore playground and Palm beach has barbeques, and Hampton Harbour Yacht Club are available for drinks and food. Dampier is the departure point for day cruises to the spectacular Dampier Archipelago.

HIGHLIGHTS

RED DOG MEMORIAL

Memorial to Red Dog, the 'Pilbara Wanderer', one of the best known and loved travellers in the North West.

WILLIAM DAMPIER LOOKOUT

Views over Hampton Harbour, the Rio Tinto Iron Ore export operations and the Dampier Archipelago.

RED DOG TRAIL

The Roaming with Red Dog trail is a self-drive and walking trail which takes you to some of Red Dog's favourite spots around town.



Salt shaker lookout on Yaburara Trail

KARRATHA

"Good Country"

Karratha is one of the largest and fastest growing towns in the north of Western Australia, it is a modern city with a cosmopolitan feel. Karratha is an Aboriginal word meaning "good country" or "soft earth". You will find a wide range of cafes, modern restaurants, a craft brewery and sports bars and pubs, a modern leisureplex and the largest shopping centre in the North West. Festivals and events run throughout the cooler winter months, some at the multimillion-dollar Red Earth Arts Precinct, along with markets.

These lands have been occupied by ancestors of the Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Marduthunia and Yaburara peoples for more than 30,000 years. Planning for the construction of Karratha began in 1968 and land was excised from Karratha Station pastoral lease.

A variety of tours are available visiting the nationally heritage listed rock art at Murujuga National Park, Millstream-Chichester National Park and fishing, swimming and diving off the 42 Islands that make up the Dampier Archipelago. Using Karratha as a base makes

perfect sense. There is a range of accommodation from caravan parks, quality hotels and apartments, bush camping sites and national parks.



Hearsons Cove



Red Earth Arts Precinct



Pirates Cove

HIGHLIGHTS

HELIFLIGHT

Enjoy a birds-eye view over the islands and industry from the Visitor Centre or Karratha airport.

YABURARA HERITAGE TRAIL

Many visitors enjoy the Yaburara Heritage Trail, a 3.5 km, grade 4 walk starting from the Visitor's Centre highlighting the Karratha district's natural history and cultural heritage

and in particular the heritage of the traditional owners of this land, the Ngarluma people, and their neighbours the Yaburara people.

HEARSON COVE

One of the many beautiful beaches in the region. A beautiful, sheltered cove where you can encounter turtles, mud crabs, octopus and migrating humpback whales. It is also one of only a few locations where you can view the spectacular Staircase to the Moon. Amenities include barbeques,

shade shelters and toilets. It is also a great fishing spot.

NGANJARLI (DEEP GORGE) BOARDWALK

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COSSACK

A glimpse into the past

Nestled at the mouth of the Harding River, Cossack offers a unique insight into the area's history. A base for establishing import and export for northern settlements and pastoral industry, it soon also serviced mining and pearl farming operations. The town features many stone buildings, which have been fully restored. The area quickly became multicultural, with people from Japan, China, Malaysia, Afghan nations joining the development of the Pilbara.

A self-guided walk around the historical sites will give a glimpse into the life of early Cossack residents in this remote location. Join one of the town tours available to gain real insight into history. Cossack was vital to the early development of the North West.

Cossack was the original port of pearls before the luggers moved north to Broome in 1886, an early hub for gold prospectors in the region, and a port for pastoralists in the Pilbara.

Today Cossack is a popular tourist destination. As well as the white sand beach and great fishing, there is a shop selling local arts and crafts, a gallery with various exhibitions, weekend markets, events, a museum and café. Accommodation options include B&B in the Old Police Barracks and camping spots overlooking the water. A range of historical, cultural and nature tours are available. You can also hire a boat and head over to Jarman Island to climb the restored lighthouse, built in 1888, for a great view.



HIGHLIGHTS

SETTLERS BEACH

A perfect horseshoe curved beach which is perfect for a stroll or for enjoying Staircase to the Moon.

STAIRCASE TO THE MOON

Cossack offers a great vantage point to view this the Staircase.

COSSACK MUSUEM

Located in the iconic courthouse the museum tells the fascinating story of the town.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Hire a boat to fish and explore Jarman Island or take an historical or botanical tour.

COSSACK GALLERY

Open from 10 to 3, it has a wide selection of local and indigenous art and wares. The Cossack Art Awards are held in July.



Cossack Café



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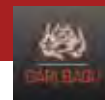
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POINT SAMSON

An Oasis in the Pilbara

Point Samson is a popular fishing and holiday location, which has evolved from an important port into a relaxed and picturesque coastal village. Point Samson came to prominence from 1902 with the construction of a 1,900 feet jetty, designed to service the newer and larger vessels for which the jetty at Cossack was inadequate. It was destroyed in a cyclone in 1925. What remained was in use until the 1980s but burned down in 1991. A jetty lookout was created on land at the site and is an ideal spot to watch the whales at play in the bay between July and October.

The town is renowned for its pristine beaches, excellent swimming, snorkelling and fishing. Point Samson offers a wide range of accommodation from camping to resort style - there is something for everyone's budget. Dine out at the Samson Beach Tavern, overlooking the Indian Ocean or grab a coffee at the local café. BBQ facilities are also located all over town. Bicycles, fishing gear & SUPs are available to hire from Point Samson Adventure Rentals. Local facilities in town include petrol, bait, ice, gas exchange/refill facilities, general supplies, locally made gifts & more from camping and cabins to resort-style.

HIGHLIGHTS

FISHING

Point Samson is a great spot to cast a line, with both beach casting and deep water fishing options.

POINT SAMSON HERITAGE TRAIL

Explore the town's interesting past and stop by the new viewing platform for a beautiful sunset.

STAIRWAY TO THE MOON

During full moons from March to October, see the natural phenomenon from Point Samson Beaches.

WALKING

Walk one of our historic walking trails exploring the local flora & fauna, or at low tide explore the amazing tidal reefs where you can see a range of coral species & an abundance of marine life.

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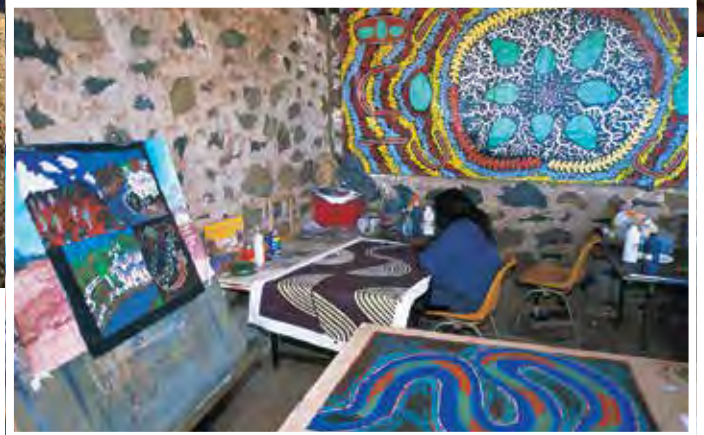
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ROEBOURNE

First town in the North

Roebourne's lovingly restored heritage buildings offer incredible insight to the early days of settlement in the North West. The Withnell family were the first European settlers to arrive in the area, settling at the foot of Mount Welcome in April 1864. The town of Roebourne was gazetted at this location in 1866, the first town to be established in the North West.

Discoveries of gold, copper and tin in the region and the development of the pearling industry at the nearby port town of Cossack contributed to Roebourne's importance and prosperity. The restored heritage stone buildings date to this period and include some designed by renowned Public Works Department Architect George Temple Poole. Of note is the octagonal shaped gaol, which now houses a historical museum. While the town has no accommodation or caravan parks, you can find great coffee and good food at Ganalilli or Ierramugadu Café and there is a service station. The Ganalilli Centre is a great cultural attraction and Visitor Centre and the Gaol operates as a museum. There are several Aboriginal Art Centres; Juluwarlu Art sales at

Ganalilli Centre, Yinjaa Barni Arts at Dalgety House, Wangaba Roebourne Arts at Ngurin Centre and Cheeditha Arts online.

Harding River Dam is an ideal destination for a day's picturesque drive and picnic, with free BBQ facilities, amenities, playground and gazebos, set among grassed areas on the edge of the downstream water. Enjoy a walk on the wall as well as a couple of lookouts.

The first stone church in the north has been lovingly restored and sits on the hill overlooking the town as you head up to the Mount Welcome lookout. Many other well preserved colonial buildings are still in use today.

The J. Emma Withnell Heritage trail is a 52km self-driving route which retraces the settlement and development of the Roebourne district. The trail begins at Roebourne, once the 'capital' of the North West, and features: Cossack, Point Samson and Wickham.

HIGHLIGHTS

MT WELCOME LOOKOUT

Provides panoramas across Roebourne and the surrounding hinterland and information about the aboriginal peoples that lived in the surrounding areas and came to call Roebourne home.

NGURIN BUSH TUCKER TRAIL

Walks and morning birdwatching along the local Ngurin bush tucker trail.

GANALILI CENTRE

An interactive learning experience within the old Victoria Hotel building offering information on the heritage of Roebourne and it's surrounding areas.

Yinjaa-Barni Art is a not-for profit Aboriginal corporation that supports and works with 25 core artists predominantly from the Yindjibarndi language group.

The artists have strong individual styles although all share the common desire to depict what is dear to their hearts – their country, their culture and the plant life that is typical of their Pilbara region. Their artworks have been awarded prizes in regional and national competitions, shown in national and international galleries and have found their way into public and private national and international collections. Yinjaa-Barni Art is located in a heritage-listed cottage on the main street of Roebourne.



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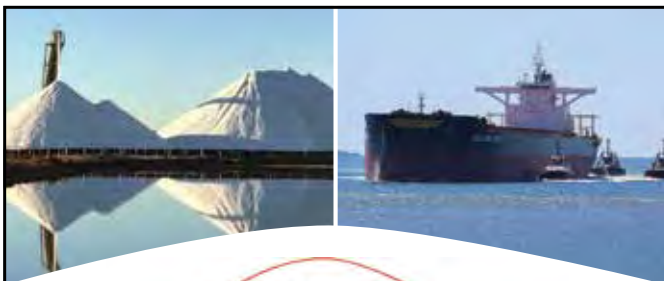
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Port Hedland



PORT HEDLAND

Industrial Powerhouse

Port Hedland is the gateway and between the Pilbara and the Kimberley. When travelling by road from the south, Port Hedland can be reached via the Great Northern Highway (inland road) or the North West Coastal Highway (coastal road). The roads differ in distance and the number of stops and attractions along the way, and both offer fantastic road trips. Port Hedland was established in 1896 on Kariyarra country on the Pilbara coast, 1765km north west of Perth, a rich cultural history and identity. The traditional owners of the Port Hedland area, the Kariyarra people, call Port Hedland 'Marapikurrinya': 'Mara' means hand; 'Pikurri' means pointing straight and 'Nya' is a location marker. The name refers to the hand shaped formation of the natural tidal creeks moving in from the coast. These land and water formations were created during the dreaming when a creation spirit arose from the landlocked area of water, known as the Jalkawarrinya (today's turning basin for ships moving through Hedland's Port). In the mid twentieth century it was discovered that the Pilbara highlands were rich in iron ore and in 1960 the Commonwealth lifted its restrictions on the trading of iron ore due to international demand for the resource. Port Hedland expanded with major infrastructure developments to cater for this new industrial imperative. South Hedland was established in 1973 to create additional growth opportunities for the town.



Port Hedland today ships over 100 million tonnes of product worth over \$3 billion a year. A lot of action takes place right in the centre of town, so visitors have the unique opportunity to witness the operations of the world's biggest mining company, and to get up close to the big ships of the world's largest export tonnage port.

There is a strong cultural and artistic heritage showcased in its galleries and museums. Walls and buildings across town carry murals by some of the world's best and most recognisable street artists. Between cafes and art galleries you'll find street art by Mexico's Saner, Australia's Beastman and Vans the Omega, and Amsterdam-born, now Fremantle based Amok Island.

It's also a great spot for fishing and crabbing, whale watching and an important turtle nesting area.

There are tours and accommodation options to suit all budgets and requirements with hotels and motels, caravan parks with powered and unpowered camping and van sites. Shops, cafes and restaurants are plentiful.

*Port Hedland -
culture, history and
industry*

HIGHLIGHTS

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE TRAIL

Pick up a copy of the Cultural and Heritage Trail self-guided tour, which takes you around the West End to historic sites and buildings, telling the story of the early Hedland days and the characters which helped build the town into what it is today.

DALGETY HOUSE MUSEUM

An opportunity to gain an insight into the impact that white settlement had on the Kariyarra Aboriginal people of the Pilbara in this charming historical museum.

SS KOOMBANA LOOKOUT






Excellent views of Cemetery Beach (a good fishing spot) and the port activities.

PILBARA Map



WARLUWAY

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INLAND

Warlu Way

Travelling through the heart of the Pilbara, this inland route takes you from Nanutarra Roadhouse and on the way is a great station stay at Cheela Plains. Cabins, caravan and camper and tent sites are available at the station stay or for the self-contained bush camps. There is a self-drive geoheritage trail and regular astronomy offerings of the superb night skies. Continue through to the mining town of Paraburdoo, where you may have the opportunity to ride camels or stay in the overflow caravan park. Continue to Tom Price, a well-serviced mining town with a caravan park and hotel, shops and cafes. From there, the impressive red rock gorges and rugged and beautiful Hamersley Ranges with Western Australia's top four tallest mountains are just down the road. A jewel in the crown, Karijini National Park, WA's 2nd largest National Park and one of WA's best and most popular attractions. The park boasts rugged landscapes, stunning

gorges and breathtaking waterfalls. Centred on the Hamersley Range, many of the gorges in the National Park have walk trails, spectacular lookouts and great swimming opportunities. Some gorges are easy to access and some require great experience and fitness. The park also boasts some of WA's highest peaks.

The inland Warlu Way takes you through the mining powerhouse engine-room of WA, with some of Australia's biggest open cut iron-ore mines. Servicing these immense mines are gigantic trucks and loaders which load ore onto trains many kilometres long for transport to the ports to load the world's largest bulk ships. New towns have been constructed to service these mines and the scale of everything related to mining operations is breathtaking. The route is mostly sealed and suitable for standard vehicles. Some gorges have unsealed road access, but these can be visited on a tour.



Warlu Way





Pyramid Hill

TOM PRICE

and Paraburdoo

Deep in the Hamersley Ranges at the foot of Mt Nameless (Jarndunmunha) you'll find Tom Price – Western Australia's highest town at 747m above sea level. A scenic town, it was named after an American geologist, Thomas Moore Price, the vice-president of the U.S.-based steel company Kaiser Steel, who played an important role in identifying the region's enormous mineral wealth.

Primarily an iron ore mining town, the Mount Tom Price mine, situated approximately 5 kilometres out of town, is under the control of mining giant Rio Tinto. Tom Price has a population of 3000, with the median age of 31 reflecting Tom Price's relatively young family and sports oriented community. Tom Price is the closest town to Karijini National Park and is serviced by the nearby Paraburdoo Airport.

The town has shops and there is a range of accommodation and tours available.

Paraburdoo airport services both towns and is a smaller mining town about 80km from Tom Price built in the 1960's. It is renowned for its beautiful scenery, wildlife diversity and interesting short history – including UFO sightings and royal visits.

HIGHLIGHTS

MOUNT NAMELESS/ JARNDUNMUNHA

Some 1128m above sea level and about 3km from Tom Price, Mt Nameless is the highest accessible mountain by vehicle in WA. It offers spectacular views of the surrounding ranges and Tom Price. 4WD access ONLY.

MT SHEILA LOOKOUT

About an hour from Tom Price on the Pilbara Iron Access Road (permit required), Mt Sheila offers spectacular views out over the Hamersley Ranges.

HAMERSLEY GORGE

Located in the west side of Karijini National Park, about an hour's drive from the Tom Price township. Spectacular rock formations and unusual colours - make this gorge a photographer's delight. Also great for swimming – clamber over the rocks to experience the magnificent Spa Pool.



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Fern Pool



Hamersley Gorge

KARIJINI

A jewel in the crown

Karijini National Park, WA's 2nd largest National Park and one of WA's best and most popular attractions, is the Pilbara's jewel in the crown. The Park boasts rugged landscapes, stunning gorges, ancient rocky tunnels, crystal clear rock pools and breathtaking waterfalls. The Park also boasts some of WA's highest peaks. Centred on the Hamersley Range, many of the gorges in the National Park have walk trails, spectacular lookouts and great swimming opportunities. Some gorges are easy to access and some require great experience and fitness.

Travellers can access the park from across the region; Karratha, Tom Price, Port Hedland and Newman. The route is mostly sealed and suitable for standard vehicles to Dale's Gorge. Spectacular 6,274 square kilometre Karijini National Park is a destination unmatched for those lucky travellers

who have experienced her 100-metre gorges, primeval mountains and sparkling waterfalls.

There are excellent picnic areas and basic camping sites or stay at the Aboriginal-owned Karijini Eco Retreat, which has camping, caravan sites and eco tents with a fantastic onsite bush

restaurant. Enjoy back-to-nature basic or luxury eco-retreat as you choose. There is also an amazing network of walking trails, ranging from easy to challenging, that wind through some of Australia's most awesome scenery. Whether you prefer a vigorous hike or light amble, Karijini National Park



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HIGHLIGHTS

FORTESCUE FALLS

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MANUWARRA

Highway



Pyramid Hill

The Manuwarra (Red Dog) Highway links the inland and coastal Warlu Way routes, providing convenient access between Karijini/Tom Price and Karratha. Named after Red Dog, the famous 'Pilbara Wanderer' and the Yindjibarndi name for Red Dog Gorge, the newly-sealed road from Karratha provides easy access to Millstream National Park.

Python Pool and Millstream homestead locations have some kilometres of unsealed road from the turn off from the highway and from the entrance to the park. The road will be sealed all the way to Tom Price soon. You can travel the rail access road with a permit obtainable at the Tom Price or Karratha Visitor Centres or online from Rio Tinto.

The alternative route is the Roebourne to Wittenoom Road, State route 136 either to Karijini via Hamersley Gorge or Tom Price via the Wittenoom to Nanutarra Road. 4wd is recommended for both routes and it is best to get up to date road conditions.



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Python Pool



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MILLSTREAM-CHICHESTER

A lush Oasis

Millstream-Chichester National Park is an oasis in the desert, nestled within the chocolate brown rocks of the Chichester Range, dotted with spinifex and snappy gums. This lush oasis of deep gorges and palm-fringed rock pools provides a stark contrast to the surrounding landscape of rocky escarpments and rolling spinifex-covered hills. There are a number of walk trails within the Park.

The Chichester Range rises sharply from the plain and includes rocky peaks, tranquil gorges, and hidden rock pools such as Python Pool. There are well maintained public camping facilities at Crossing Pool and Deep Reach, including bush toilets and gas barbecues. Book your site online with Parks.

Millstream Chichester National Park is highly diverse due to the presence of permanent water and associated wetlands. Over 120 species of bird, 30 species of mammal, 150 species of

reptile and 500 species of plants can be found in the park.

The Fortesque River flows through the park and supports huge ferns, lilies, a large variety of water birds and flying fox through the rare emergency of the underground aquifer. It is a deeply sacred place to the Yindjibarndi people, near the location where the creation beings, Marrga, handed down the lore.

Park entry fees can be paid at park entry points and in the camping areas. Fees may also be collected by Park staff.

HIGHLIGHTS

PYTHON POOL

Python Pool is a stunning spot for a swim in a cool refreshing rock pool whilst enjoying the spectacular backdrop of the imposing rugged ochre cliffs. Python Pool is easily accessible by road and a walking trail.

DEEP REACH POOL

Deep Reach Pool is also easily accessed and is the home of Barrimurdi, the Warlu or Serpent. The Yindjibarndi people ask that you respect the site and keep noise to a minimum. Fishing, swimming and canoeing is permitted.

MILLSTREAM HOMESTEAD

Built in 1920 it is now home to the visitor centre and offers detailed information about the national park's attractions and walking trails. Nearby Chindewarrier Pool is the aquifer outlet.

SNAPPY GUM DRIVE

Snappy Gum Drive offers great views over the floodplain, Millstream and Hamersley Range to the far south. The drive is a gravel road with numerous bends and inclines over the range and through woodlands. Note this road is closed in wet weather.

GEOTOURISM

and Geoheritage Trail

Renowned for its rich and extensive mineral deposits, the Pilbara has some of the oldest rocks in the world and some of Australia's most rugged landscapes. Enhancing your Warlu Way experience, the East Pilbara Geoheritage Trail is an adventurous option for travelling between Karijini or Newman and Port Hedland via Nullagine and Marble Bar.

Follow the Geoheritage trail delivered by the Warlu Way app as you learn more detailed information about the ancient rock formations formed over billions of years, glaciers and fossilised stromatolites that are featured in the trail. The app will deliver directions and detailed interpretive information on the natural features.

A couple of hundred kilometres of the trail are unsealed and suited to off-road vehicles, campers and offroad caravans. Marble Bar has a number of interesting Geoheritage sites and a spur trail to Carawine Gorge, a great spot to camp by the beautiful river under the cliffs. The trail continues through to Port Hedland and re-joins the Warlu Way Coastal route near the end of the Inland Route.

*Pilbara -
the oldest rocks of
earliest earth*



Polished Glacial Pavement near Carawine Gorge



Carawine Gorge



NEWMAN

Heart of the Pilbara



In the heart of the Pilbara, Newman is your inland gateway from the Great Northern Highway to access the adventure playground of Karijini National Park, with its epic chasms and pool-filled gorges.

From the gold rush towns of the 1880's to the largest modern mining town in the East Pilbara, the inland Pilbara has been a resources hotspot for over 150 years. Sitting on the edge of the Western Desert, the town is dominated by Mount Newman (1053 metres) and named after the explorer Aubrey Woodward Newman. In 1957 a huge iron ore deposit was discovered at Mt Whaleback, which is now the site of the largest single open-cut iron ore mine in the world. Originally a mining company town called Mount Newman

from 1966 to 1981, Newman is now a modern Pilbara town that supports the development of iron ore deposits at BHP's surrounding mine.

With its laid-back country vibe, Newman boasts all the facilities you'd expect of a modern town – restaurants, bars, pubs and even the Pilbara's first golf course. Similarly, you'll find a range of accommodation options, from hotels, cabins to caravan parks, camping sites.

HIGHLIGHTS

MARTUMILI ARTISTS EAST PILBARA ART CENTRE

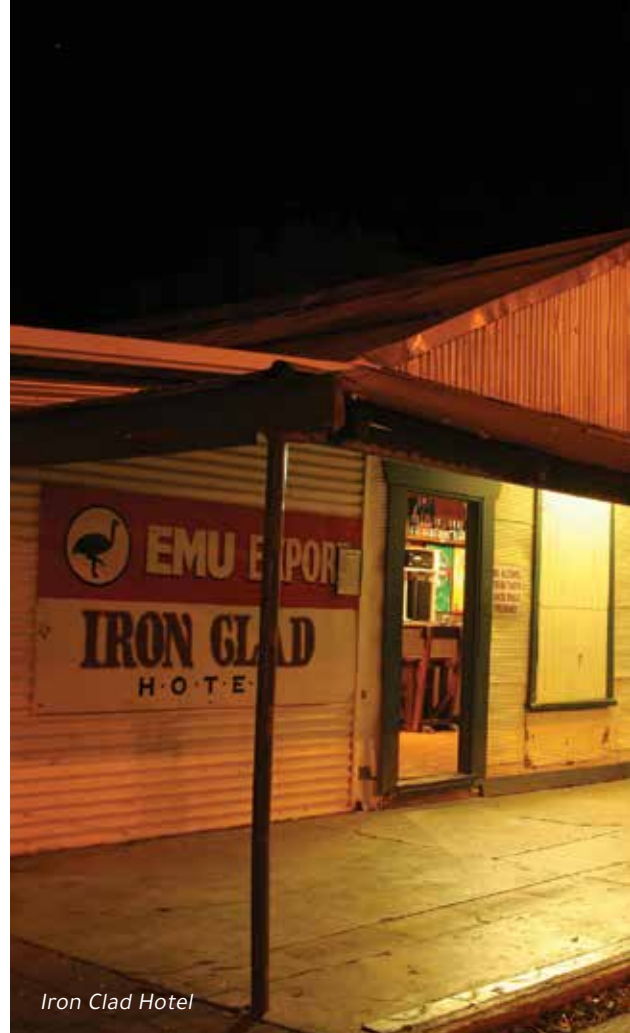
Aboriginal art gallery featuring art of the Western Desert Martu people.

RADIO HILL LOOKOUT

Great views over Newman from a Picnic area with 2wd access.



Marble Bar



Iron Clad Hotel

MARBLE BAR

Hottest town in Australia

Marble Bar has earned the reputation of the hottest town in Australia from the consistently high temperatures it receives. For 161 consecutive days to 20 April 1924 the temperature in the town never dropped below 100°F (37.8°C).

Fortunately, the winter months boast mild daytime temperatures and cool nights, perfect for sightseeing. Marble Bar gets its name from what was thought to be a colourful marble buttress that crosses the Coongan River. The rock is in fact jasper. In 1891 the town boasted a population in excess of 5,000 as it experienced a rush on the goldfields. By 1895 the town had its government offices built; these are now National Trust buildings. Cut from local stone, the buildings still stand today. Possibly the most famous building in the town is the Iron Clad Hotel, one of two built in the 1890s. Known by various names, most commonly Osbourn's

Hotel, when the town was gazetted, the hotels were officially licensed as the Iron Clad Hotels. Only one survives today, constructed of corrugated iron. In 2006, the Ironclad Hotel was listed on the Western Australian register of heritage places.

Nullagine Fossickers paradise

Like Marble Bar, Nullagine was established to service the gold mines. The region has also delivered diamonds and other semi-precious gemstones in small quantities. It remains a desirable fossicking location. Iron ore deposits in the area are being explored for development.

HIGHLIGHTS

MARBLE BAR POOL

This 'A' class reserve is where you can see the unique Jasper bar and take a refreshing dip.

COMET GOLD MINE

Visit the Comet Gold Mine and Tourist Centre near Marble Bar to view a wide range of gemstones, rocks and minerals. Be intrigued by the informative displays and learn about the history of the gold mine and the town of Marble Bar, even view the 75 metre high smoke stack.

Nullagine sits on the edge of the river, and waterholes abound. Gorges and waterholes are ready for your exploration. Nullagine is the southern gateway to the vast interior of Australia. Skull Springs and Carrawine Gorge are suited to four-wheel drive and off-road campers and caravans.

RESOURCES

Tourism

Often described as the engine room of the nation because of its immense reserves of natural resources; mining, construction and exports dominate the region's economy. The Pilbara is the state's mining powerhouse and makes a significant contribution to the national wealth. Its iron ore and liquefied natural gas industries are valued at over \$70 billion, representing more than 70 per cent of mineral and energy production in Western Australia.

This is mining on a massive scale – you have to see it to believe it. The Rio Tinto mine at Tom Price has an annual production capacity of 28 million tonnes of iron ore, sourced from open-pit operations. Join a tour at the Tom Price Visitor Centre for a unique insight into this large-scale operation - from taking the ore out of the ground, through the crusher, along the conveyors to loading into the massive carts on some of the longest trains in the world.

A similar tour leaves Newman Visitors Centre, exploring BHP's Mt Whaleback – the world's largest single open-cut iron ore mine.

The millions of tonnes of iron ore are then transported by train or roadtrain to the massive ports along the Pilbara coast. And there is none bigger than Port Hedland; the world's largest bulk export port, with exports including iron ore, lithium and salt. The port is located right in town but a guided tour from the Port Hedland Visitor Centre will give you an insight to the operations and the industry.



Port Hedland



Seafarers boat cruise



ARTS & *Culture*



The Pilbara has a range of dynamic and diverse arts offerings, making a huge contribution to Western Australia's creative and cultural landscapes. Generated by both individuals and organisations, the creative and cultural energy of the Pilbara encompasses both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists. Artistic outputs range from new media and performance and the visual arts to traditional arts and craft.

Karratha's Red Earth Arts Precinct provides innovative, contemporary art and community facility. The building is a striking architectural design and includes a 450 seat theatre for movies, performing arts and events. There is an outdoor amphitheatre for music and performance events and a library and rooftop terrace.



Roebourne and Cossack are outstanding hubs for creative arts. The region has spawned and nurtured a number of talented organisations and individual independent arts and crafts practitioners. Aboriginal arts can be found in Roebourne, South Hedland and Newman. Visitor Centres have a range of locally produced items from commercial outlets such as Destined Feather and Grateful Remnants. Established events such as the Cossack Art Awards (Australia's richest regional art prize), Dampier Art Awards, Courthouse Gallery exhibitions and the Jury Art Prize are complemented by emerging events such as Roebourne Reflections a celebration of Aboriginal and other arts and crafts in Roebourne.

Partnerships between corporate and creative groups have fostered the development of new Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal arts enterprises around Port Hedland. These have included the continued success of the Courthouse Gallery, world-class art exhibitions, art camps and workshops, and the Hedland Art Awards. Located in South Hedland, Spinifex Hill Studios is a dedicated Aboriginal arts centre.



Cossack Gallery

Port Hedland's West End is home to some of the best street art in the region, completed by artists such as Yok and Sheryo, Saner and Hayley Welsh. Street art enthusiasts can pick up a copy of the street art map from the Visitors Centre or Courthouse Gallery and spend an afternoon exploring the alleyways and streets of the West End. Some are obvious, and some require a little bit of adventure!

The colours and contrasts of the Pilbara inspire creativity.



Courthouse Gallery



Tom Price, Onslow and Newman all have their flourishing arts sectors. The East Pilbara Arts Centre houses Martumili Artists, established by Martu people living in the remote desert communities. The artists and their families are the traditional custodians of vast stretches of the Great Sandy, Little Sandy and Gibson Deserts as well as the Karlamilyi (Rudall River) area.

ASTRO Tourism

The vast, clear night sky in the Pilbara is breathtaking to behold. Many parts of the Pilbara enjoy uninterrupted views of the Milky Way and the billions of stars in our dark sky. For most of the year, the weather in the Pilbara is dry and clear, meaning that we have clean air and no pollution which makes for a great stargazing experience. Moves are underway to have areas of the Pilbara declared 'Dark Sky Sanctuaries' to acknowledge and preserve the quality of their astro experience.



Karijini Eco Retreat



Each year Cheela Plains Station hosts a 'Space Safari' event, teaching guests everything from landscape to deep-sky astrophotography, including the techniques and equipment required to get great shots of the Milky Way, stars, planets, galaxies and nebulae. Several Pilbara operators offer night sky experiences and numbers are increasing.



ZoeMorling Big Sarah Windmill Cheela Plains



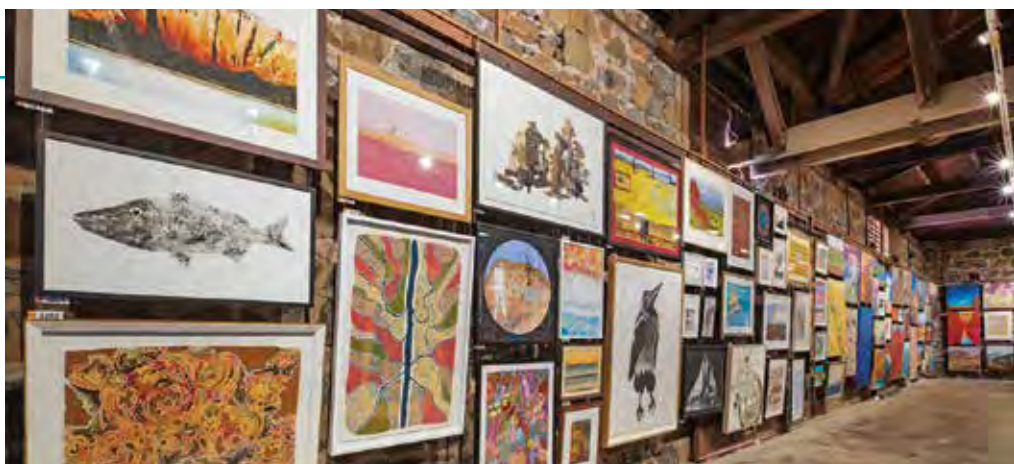
FESTIVALS

& Events

COSSACK ART AWARDS

One of the premier art events on the annual calendar is set amidst the historic buildings of Cossack. For three weeks across July and August, the small town of Cossack comes alive with vibrant artworks showcasing the very best artistic talent across the Pilbara and Australia. This event attracts hundreds of entries and thousands of visitors every year.

www.cossackartawards.com.au



THE KARIJINI EXPERIENCE

In the heart of the Pilbara, a five-day festival in the majestic Karijini National Park brings Culture, Food, Music and Art on Country alive in April every year. Experience ancient stories and ancient landscapes through family-friendly experiences such as a Corroboree presented by the Banjima Traditional Owners, Cultural Bush Walks, Jam Sessions and Yoga in the Gorge. Barefoot luxury experiences include degustation dinners with a focus on native ingredients and Bush Tucker High Teas. The Karijini Experience has something to offer everyone.

www.karijiniexperience.com

DAMPIER BEACHSIDE MARKET

Held monthly at the picturesque Hampton Oval on The Esplanade. The markets take place in the cooler months from April to October, usually on the first Sunday of every month. The markets bring together local businesses selling a vast array of product types, various food vendors and live entertainment.

www.dampier.org.au/beachsidemarkets

PORT HEDLAND DISCOVERY PARK STAIRCASE MARKETS

Experience these twilight markets at Discovery Parks – Port Hedland. An evening under the stars showcasing local market stalls, food vendors, and family activities. Enjoy direct viewing access of Staircase to the Moon.

MAKERS MARKET - COSSACK/ ROEBOURNE

Held monthly, alternately in Cossack and Roebourne Old Gaol. Enjoy a wide selection of locally, handmade artisan wares in the amazing historical settings of Cossack or Roebourne. As well as unique wares for sale there will be live music, lawn games, food and drink and much more!

www.cossack.org.au

NORTH WEST FESTIVAL - PORT HEDLAND

A premiere music event is held over two days in August each year. Staged in Port Hedland's picturesque Civic Centre Gardens, North West Festival delivers world class entertainment for the local stage, bringing the coastal community alive as punters, vendors, creatives, and tourists alike converge to bask in the experience of live music.

www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/events



OUTBACK FUSION FESTIVAL - NEWMAN

Family fun at the end of March each year, the festival celebrates Newman's multi-cultural community and remote outback location. Expect entertainment, live music and lots of family fun.

www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au/OutbackFusionFestival



FENACING FESTIVAL - KARRATHA

Held on the first weekend in August, the name, FeNaCING, comes from the chemical symbols of the three main production and export commodities in Karratha and Dampier. There are displays of handiwork and crafts from all sections of the community, food stalls, market stalls, sideshows with rides and music and entertainment.

ROEBOURNE REFLECTIONS

A Creative Cultural Fusion event held in May that celebrates the shared history of Roebourne & Cossack. The event features a Textile Exhibition, Local Musicians, Cultural Activities, Tours & Demonstrations, Workshops, Bush Tucker & Medicine.

www.gratefulremnants.com/workshops-events



NAMELESS JARNNDUMUNHA FESTIVAL - TOM PRICE

A myriad of events, entertainment and good food over the second weekend in June. Festival favourites include a Street Parade and Fireworks.

www.namelessfestival.com.au



AND MORE...

The **RACE ROUND** and **RODEOS** of the region are also spectacular events. Marble Bar races finishes with the infamous 'Undies Run'.

MUSIC FESTIVALS are common and include 'Brew and Moo' in Dampier and the biannual Passion of the Pilbara festival in Onslow held on the third weekend in August.

PILBARA TOURISM ASSOCIATION *Members*

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Marble Bar Visitor Centre	LOT 190 McLeod Close, Marble Bar 6760	+61 484 857 576	www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au
NWS Visitor Centre	Burrup Road, Dampier 6714	+61 8 9158 8292	ceri.newnham@woodside.com.au
Newman Visitor Centre	Newman Drive, Newman 6753	+61 8 9175 2888	nvctech@newman.org.au www.newman.org.au/accomodation.html
Onslow Visitor Centre	52 Second Avenue, Onslow 6710	+61 8 9184 6644	onslowtc@bigpond.com
Port Hedland Visitor Centre	13 Wedge Street, Port Hedland 6721	+61 8 9173 1711	info@visitportheadland.com.au www.visitportheadland.com.au
Tom Price Visitor Centre	1 Central Road, Tom Price 6751	+61 8 9188 5488	visitor.Centre@ashburton.wa.gov.au www.tomprice.org.au

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Karratha Tyre Shop	38 Karratha Terrace, Karratha 6714	+61 8 9183 8686	sales@karrathatyre.shop
Nintirri Centre (Karijini Experience)	Central Road, Tom Price 6751	+61 8 9189 1556	sonia.powell@nintirri.org.au
Port Hedland International Airport	Great Northern Highway, Port Hedland 6721	+61 8 9160 0500	enquiries@phia.com.au www.porthedlandairport.com.au

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The Cove Holiday Village	Lot 259 Macleod Street, Point Samson 6720	+61 8 9187 0199	reservations@capitalgc.com.au www.thecoveholidayvillage.com.au
The Ranges Karratha	Lot 1090 De Witt Road, Karratha 6714	+61 8 9186 0888	gm@therangeskarratha.com.au www.therangeskarratha.com.au
Tom Price Tourist Park	Nameless Valley Drive, Tom Price 6751	+61 8 9189 1515	info@tompricetouristpark.com.au www.summerstar.com.au/caravan-parks/tom-price
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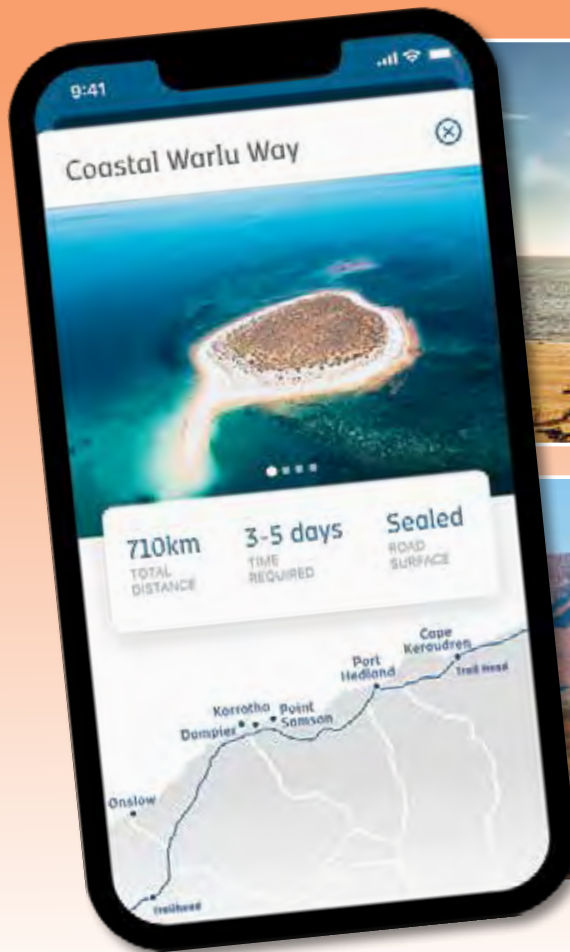
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