- Australia explored, Laterally -

Because I’ve always wanted to...
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Your Recommended Itinerary...

Day 1 - Depart London.
This evening you need to make your way to Heathrow’s Terminal 3 in order to check-in for your BA flight to Changi (Singapore) Terminal 1.
**Accommodation:** overnight flight  
**Meals:** inflight meals

Day 2 - In flight.
Today you touch down in Changi (Singapore) Terminal 1. Your connecting flight to Perth Terminal 1 is scheduled to depart Changi (Singapore) Terminal 1.
**Accommodation:** Overnight flight  
**Meals:** inflight meals

Day 3 - Arrive in Perth.
Very early this morning you land in Perth. On arrival pick up your 4WD (as per your arrangements) and drive to Mount Bays Water Apartment (approx. 30mins) where we have arranged an early check-in for you (voucher included in pack. Your vouchers for onward accommodation will be given to you on arrival or by Maria when you meet).
If you fancy it, the Fremantle Markets are open today. Simply take the Kwinana freeway and exit at Canning highway and continue to Fremantle. With over 150 stalls stocking everything you could possibly imagine, plus a little bit more, no Fremantle Markets experience is ever the same! Enjoy the thrill of discovery in an authentic bustling market, bursting at the seams with the weird and wonderful. Feast on fresh local produce including crepes, nuts, coffee and cheeses. Lose yourself in fashion, antiques, jewelry and ceramics. And delight in unique gifts, homewares, souvenirs and accessories that you simply won’t find anywhere else.

We also suggest making your way to Didgeridoo Breath Shop where you can learn the history of the Didgeridoo and how to play it. (30 min in-store lesson for $5 per person)

**THE HALL:** There are opportunities for dining and food, health and beauty, jewellery, fashion and accessories, home wares, books, gifts, souvenirs, music, art, antiques, photography, camping gear, costumes, toys and puzzles. You can try delicious kebabs, sushi, curries, crepes, fish and chips, or relax with a cup of coffee in the Market Cafe or sip a glass of wine in the Market Bar, where local beers are on tap.
Hall Opening Times: Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 9am-6pm, Public Holidays 9am-6pm

**THE YARD:** choose delicious breads from the bakery and patisserie, flowers, nuts, honey, cheese, fruit and vegetables galore, seafood, coffee, herbs, spices and sauces. Specialty shops and wholefoods are featured too.
Yard Opening Times: Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-6pm, Public Holidays 8am-6pm
Day 4 - Kings Park Festival, Perth
Today head to the Botanic Garden in order to enjoy the Kings Park Festival. You may like to take a picnic - Kings Park offer free BBQ facilities. The Kings Park Festival is a long-running tradition to celebrate spring and the wonderful wildflowers that appear throughout the south-west of Western Australia during this time. Held in the largest inner city park in the world, the festival is made up of floral displays, live music, exhibitions, workshops, interpretive artworks, guided walks and family activities and extends over the entire month of September. (See map and brochure in your pack).

What's on at Kings Park:
- Boodja Gnarning Family Fun Day - This special family day will celebrate traditional Nyoongar culture with a range of fun activities and entertainment suitable for the whole family.
- Adorable Florables Theatre Show - They're back and they're fabulous! See why their hilarious new show is receiving rave reviews from our young Festival visitors. Presented by Santos Live Sundays.
- All weekend
  - Free guided walks in the WA Botanic Garden at 10.00 am, 12 noon and 2.00 pm daily showcasing the best of our wildflowers.
  - There is plenty more to see at the 2012 Kings Park Festival including exhibitions and, of course, our wonderful wildflowers.

Notes:
- Consider doing Kings Park wildflower walk - every day 12am, 12 noon 2pm.
- Family fun day at Kings Park Wildflower festival - Boodja Gnarning 10-4pm
- Adorable Florables on stage at 10am and 11am

Accommodation: Mount Bay Waters Apartment.
Meals: Self contained but breakfast is available at the restaurant.
Day 5 - Rottnest Island

After breakfast go to the Blue Cat Bus Stop located just in front of the hotel for your pick up at 07:40. You will be transferred to Pier 2 Barrack St Jetty for your departure at 08:30. Have a leisurely cruise on the Swan River (includes morning tea). On arrival to Rottnest Island, continue along the ferry jetty, past the Visitor Centre. On your left is Rottnest Hotel and the bike hire is just behind. You will need to see which bike is best for each person of your family, provide a bond for the bike and sign a contract for renting the bikes. Once this is done, make your way to the Visitor Centre visitor Centre for some recommendations and also to pick up one of the best maps!

Rottnest Island is just a short ferry ride away from Perth City. Famous for its population of quokkas (small marsupials, part of the same family as Kangaroos and Wallabies and about the size of a cat.) it is almost totally vehicle free (apart from a bus service) and on average has water that is 6°C warmer than the mainland’s bays - ideal for swimming! The best way to navigate the island is by bike. The island’s 24km circumference is easily completed in half a day, at a leisurely pace, enjoying the many bays & swimming beaches en route.

The top 5 reasons to visit Rottnest Island...

1. Rottnest’s unique array of wildlife – Standing just 12 inches tall, the Quokka is Rottnest’s most famous inhabitant. With around 8,000-12,000 inhabiting the island, you’re sure to spot one! View the annual migration of Humpback Whales from September – November and get up close and personal with a colony of New Zealand Fur Seals at Cathedral Rocks, plus Ospreys and pods of Dolphins.

2. White sandy beaches - The Island's breathtaking natural beauty has to be one of Rottnest’s biggest assets. This vast natural playground has over 63 beaches and 20 bays so there is a high possibility of finding a secluded beach all to yourself. Rottnest is teeming with more than 135 species of vibrant tropical fish and 20 species of coral. Snorkelling is the best way to explore Rottnest’s underwater playground. Be sure to check out the underwater snorkel trail located at Parker Point.

3. Activities galore - Jump on-board a 90 minute Rottnest Adventure Tour or afternoon Whale or Seal Encounter and explore the island by sea or feel the wind in your hair as you use pedal power to explore the island’s many treasures by bike. With cars excluded on the island bike riding would have to be the most popular and fun way to explore the island. Take to the air on a 10 minute joy flight or visit the Rottnest Bike and Hire store to grab your very own surfboard or stand up paddle board for the day.

4. Family fun – Rottnest Island has a great range of activities to keep the family entertained for hours! Climb, jump, splash n slide on the floating aqua park in Thomson Bay and located just a short walking distance from the main settlement is the family fun park. Mini putt putt, trampolines, air soccer, ping pong plus a variety of family games are available. And at certain times of the year you can watch your favourite movie at the Rottnest Picture Hall.

5. Historical Rottnest – A guiding light, a defender of the peace, hunting ground and prison. Rottnest’s boasts an incredibly rich heritage. Take a tour up to Oliver Hill on the Captain Hussey, sit back on a Discovery Coach Tour or view relics at the Rottnest Museum, Lomas Cottage and Pilot Boat House.
Please Note:
There is no drinking water or food available outside the Thomson Bay and the Geordie Bay settlement areas, so don’t forget your supplies - water, lunch, sun cream, bathers, towel and camera are essentials! During summer, bays on the south offer protection in the mornings from the prevailing easterly winds. By afternoon the famous Fremantle doctor comes in the south-west making the bays to the north such as The Basin, Parakeet Bay and Little Armstrong Bay the best. The island is 11km long by 4km wide and takes approximately 3.5 hours to ride around.

This evening at 17:00, you will be dropped off at your Apartment.

Accommodation: Mount Bay Waters Apartment.
Meals: Self-contained but breakfast is available at the restaurant

Day 6 - From Perth to Cervantes. Lobstershack tour & lunch. PM Pinnacles Desert Tour

Today you begin your drive up Australia’s Coral Coast. Check-out this morning from Mount Bay Waters Apartment is at 10:00. The drive from Perth to Cervantes should take about 2.5/3hours (220kms).

In Cervantes we suggest you have a Lobstershack tour & lunch (not included).

Lobstershack tour & lunch
Located on the beach front in Cervantes, just 17km from the famous "Pinnacles National Park", the lobster processing factory offers the complete lobster experience from lobster pot to cooking pot! The Lobster Shack provides a close up encounter with the most valued single species fishery in Australia; the Western Rock Lobster. Watch how they are brought in from the wild by our large fleet of modern boats, processed in the factory and packaged up to be sent LIVE to destinations all over the world. The tour is suitable for all ages and includes an audio guide where you can opt to take your tour in English, Japanese or a special version just for the kids. Tours run twice a day at: 11:30 & 13:30. Family Passes: 2 adults/ 3 children $45

At either 15:00/16:00 today you have a 3 hour tour of the Pinnacles.

The Pinnacles Desert, located within the Nambung National Park consists of over 1,000 limestone pillars that rise out of the yellow quartz sand to look like a surreal moonscape. With some of them rising up to around five metres, the actual formation of this forest of stone-like statues is somewhat elusive. Take care driving at dawn or dusk - you can often see western grey kangaroos grazing on the vegetation. Emus and white-tailed black-cockatoos are also frequently seen. Bobtails and other reptiles such as Gould's monitors and carpet pythons (which are completely harmless) may also be seen. You may also be lucky enough to see a bird of prey such as a black-shouldered kite, hovering above the ground in search of a meal.

Accommodation: Pinnacles Edge Resort.
Meals: n/a
**Day 7 - From Cervantes to Geraldton**

Today you head to Geraldton. The drive takes approximately 3hrs (215kms), although it is longer if you stop along the way.

Depart Cervantes on the Indian Ocean Drive (signposted) travelling north via the small fishing ports of Jurien Bay. Continue north after Jurien Bay and head towards the Brand Highway on Cockleshell Gully Road through the stunning Mt. Lesueur National Park (one of the world's 'hotspot' centres for floral diversity - please note there is a park fee or $11 per car) or via the town of Leeman...

...Continue on via the important cray fishing port of Dongara. Moreton Terrace, which is the main street of Dongara, is reputed to have some of the finest stands of Moreton Bay fig trees in Australia. The town is filled with pleasing historic structures and among its 28 notable heritage buildings are the Royal Steam Roller Flour Mill and Russ Cottage. Be on the lookout for a deli/café stop - even if it is not lunchtime you may wish to enjoy a local favourite: the fresh crayfish roll - Dongara makes the best.

Approximately half an hour after leaving Dongara you pass through the early pioneer village of Greenough abandoned many years ago because of persistent floods. The village has now been preserved as part of the National Trust. Along the Greenough River flats look out for the famous leaning trees that grow parallel to the ground under the influence of strong prevailing winds.

Approximately half an hour north of Greenough is Western Australia’s fourth largest city, Geraldton. Reputed to be one of the country’s sunniest locations, it’s also a take-off point for the Abrolhos Islands, more formally known as The Houtman Abrolhos. These are a remarkable chain of about 122 islands and associated coral reefs, with the closest reef located about 55 kilometres off the coast of Geraldton.

In Geraldton we highly recommend a visit to the Maritime museum, located on the waterfront. Open 9:30 to 16:00 – free entry. For a local seafood meal, the Boatshed Restaurant on Marine Terrace near the fishing boat harbour is highly recommended, as is the popular Skeetas on the Foreshore Rd.

At sunset, you may wish to visit the Sydney War Memorial II. This magnificent memorial has become the country’s premier site for honouring the 645 Australian sailors who were lost off the Western Australian coast during a World War II battle with a German raider in November 1941. RAN cruiser HMAS Sydney II and her men disappeared after a battle with German raider HSK Kormoran. While both ships were lost, many of the Kormoran crew survived the ordeal.

The beautifully designed memorial features several elements steeped in symbolism: a silver dome of 645 seagulls to represent each of the lost Sydney sailors. The wall of remembrance shows photographs of the ship and the names of the Sydney crew. To the north, a bronze statue of a woman gazes desperately out to sea as she awaits news of the ill-fated Sydney. Nearby is the stele - a single, dramatic shape representing the bow of the ship.

**Accommodation:** Mantra Geraldton.

**Meals:** n/a
Day 8 - Geraldton to Kalbarri via Pink Lake
Depart Geraldton on the North West Coastal Highway and drive through the picturesque Chapman Valley to the old mining town of Northampton (approx. 40 mins). From Northampton take the Kalbarri Scenic Road towards the coast via Port Gregory. Along the way you may like to visit the ruins of the old convict hiring station built at Lynton in 1853 to hire out convict workers to farmers and miners (about 30mins from Northampton).

Just past Port Gregory you pass by the pink Lake where they harvest Beta Carotene, located at Hutt Lagoon. The colour of the lagoon is due to a bacteria (Dunaliella Salina) trapped in the salt granules; this provides a rich source of Beta Caroten which is harvested from small ponds. As the sun sinks, the lagoon changes color from mauve or pink to a slight darker purple.

Time dependent (its 413kms/5hrs drive from Geraldton to Kalbarri) as you enter the Kalbarri National Park you could drive to the Red Bluff (well signposted). Panoramic ocean views from the top of Red Bluff’s 100m cliffs make it a perfect vantage point for spotting marine creatures, from dolphins to migrating humpback whales. At its base lies one of Kalbarri’s most popular beaches for swimming, snorkelling and fishing. Red Bluff is particularly popular for its spectacular sunset.

Again, time permitting you may wish to visit Rainbow Jungle the Australian Parrot Breeding Centre where they have one of Australia’s largest free flight areas, the biggest flock of Purple Crowned Lorikeets in the World and other brightly coloured Australian Parrots. The last admission is at 16:00, and its $14 for adults and $5 for children and there are refreshments available. Its well worth a stop before heading into town for the night!
Accommodation: Edge Resort.
Meals: n/a

Day 9 - Kalbarri National Park
At leisure in the Kalbarri National Park.

The Murchison River is the heartbeat of Kalbarri. With a catchment area bigger than some Australian states, it is broad and calm, yet alive and spectacular. The winter rains are the river’s life force. They mark the life cycles of 200 bird species and herald the annual carpeting of wildflowers. Thanks to permanent springs and soaks and several year round creeks, wildlife here is abundant. Large flocks of birds abound, kangaroos and emus are plentiful and feral goats are everywhere.

The gorges and formations carved by the Murchison River attract thousands of visitors to Kalbarri National Park every year. Short walks provide easy access to spectacular lookouts such as The Loop and Nature’s Window, Z-Bend and Hawk’s Head and the most easily accessed Ross Graham Lookout.
Accommodation: Edge Resort.
Meals: n/a
Day 10 - Kalbarri National Park to Monkey Mia
This morning you might like to see and feed the giant Australian Pelicans at the Murchison River mouth at 8:45 – this happens here every morning. Then begin your drive to Monkey Mia where you are stopping for 2 nights.

Check your fuel and be sure you have ample drinking water before you depart Kalbarri to re-join the North West Coastal Highway. Turn North at the Highway, its 14Km to the Galena Bridge over the Murchison River then 118Km to the Billabong Roadhouse (Reasonable counter lunch available at the tavern) Its a further 48km to the Overlander roadhouse. Check your fuel at the Overlander roadhouse where you leave the highway travelling west on the Overlander to Denham Road. You have now entered the Shark Bay World Heritage area. 30Km towards Denham turn in to the Old Telegraph Station at Hamelin Pool. (Refreshments and light meals available). First visit the interesting small museum which displays memorabilia from the days when telegraph repeater stations like this were set up every few hundred miles along the telegraph lines to receive and re-transmit telegrams by Morse code to remote towns and communities along the coast. At this museum you will also see an interesting display depicting the evolution of the ancient Stromatolites of Hamelin Pool. These Stromatolites are a pristine example of the first form of life on earth growing slowly in the highly saline waters of Hamelin Pool. There is a boardwalk amongst the Stromatolites with excellent interpretive material. After visiting the beach return to the Denham road.

On the drive into Denham look for the well sign posted turn off to the famous Shell Beach. This amazing beach stretches as far as the eye can see and is covered in a layer of tiny white sea shells as much as 10 metres deep in places. From the small town of Denham its a further 28Km to Monkey Mia (about 30mins drive). En route to Denham you may like to make a stop at the Eagle Bluff Lookout for a fine view over the bay – well worth a stop, you’ll often spot reef shark, rays and dugong in the shallows below. Out to the west you will see Dirk Hartog Island named after the Dutch sea captain who was the first recorded European to land on Australia’s shores when he came ashore at the North end of the Island in October 1616.

Accommodation: Dolphin Resort, Limestone Garden Villa
Meals: tbc

Day 11 - Monkey Mia
At leisure in Monkey Mia.
This morning meet the famous dolphins of Monkey Mia and take an optional cruise aboard the giant sailing catamaran “Shotover” or the “Aristocat” to view the unique marine life of Shark Bay up close. Several times each day there is a glass bottom boat cruise to the nearby working Pearl Farm. Sea Kayaks and glass bottom boats are available for hire on the beach. In the evenings there are interesting Night Sky excursions along the beach and talks by the resident dolphin research staff. Each morning there is an Aboriginal Bush Tucker Walking Tour of the nearby national Park conducted by an experienced local Aboriginal guide.

Accommodation: Dolphin Resort, Limestone Garden Villa
Meals: tbc
Day 12 - Drive to Red Bluff Station via Francois Peron National Park & Carnarvon

This morning leave Dolphin Resort (Check-out is at 10:00) and head to Red Bluff Station, via Francois Peron National Park and Carnarvon. Please note there is an National Park entry fee of $11 per car per day (up to 8 people).

Francois Peron National Park

Protecting the northern tip of Peron Peninsula is Francois Peron National Park, an impressive area of acacia cloaked red dunes and arid scrubland surrounded by turquoise water. Most of the park is a four-wheel-drivers paradise, offering remote camping sites and access to beaches and fishing spots. In the south is the Peron Homestead where you can explore the park’s historic past or relax in the artesian hot tub.

Francois Peron National Park plays a key role in Project Eden, a bold environmental project that is attempting to reintroduce locally extinct species to the peninsula by controlling feral predators. Access to the park is from the Monkey Mia Road, about four kilometres east of Denham. The road to the Peron Homestead is usually accessible for 2WD vehicles but conditions vary so check with the Department of Environment and Conservation in Denham for more detail. For travel further north into the park, a high-clearance 4WD is essential. It is imperative that you lower your vehicle’s tyre pressure before travelling beyond the Peron Homestead.

Many old station tracks are being revegetated, and some are for management purposes only. Follow the signs and stay on the correct roads. Do not drive over the soft gypsum pans (birridas). Their geological structure consists of a thin surface crust over a bog mire, kept wet by groundwater. Vehicles attempting to cross birridas will get bogged. The recovery of bogged vehicles is not only costly and time consuming, but scars the birrida and degrades the surrounding vegetation. These landscapes are fragile and very difficult to rehabilitate.

Continue north to Carnarvon. There is a list of things you may like to stop and see in your A5 pack. En route to Red Bluff Station, time permitting, you may like to visit the spectacular Blowholes of Carnarvon. Located about an hour’s drive north of Carnarvon the blowholes shoot a powerful jet of water 20 metres into the air in an awesome display of nature. Makes for a spectacular display, so... bring your camera! PLEASE be careful of any cliff edges as wet surfaces and lack of attention can be dangerous. The Blowholes are in a pristine coastal strip where you’ll also find white sandy beaches and a coral reef just offshore. Just one kilometre south of the Blowholes is a beautiful beach perfect for swimming and snorkelling. You can prise oysters from nearby rocks, while crayfish can be caught amongst the reef. Mother Nature’s power is evident in this part of the world so be mindful of tides and the potential for king waves. To reach the Blowholes travel along the North West Coastal Highway north of Carnarvon. However if time is short, you could always visit the Blowholes from Red Bluff Station over the next few days. If you decide to do this then, from Carnarvon, continue 130kms north to your accommodation for the next 3 nights - Red Bluff Station. Check-in is whenever you arrive.

Accommodation: Red Bluff Station, Seaside Bungalows sleep 5 (includes Linen)
Meals: n/a
Day 13 - Red Bluff Station
At leisure at the Red Bluff Station.
This is a do it yourself place: surf, fish, snorkel, explore or simply grab a glass of wine and book and relax. You may choose to visit Gnaraloo station which has a slightly larger shop, (including alcohol for sale) or go snorkelling at Turtles for the day. Watching the sun set with a 'sundowner' is also an absolute must!
**Accommodation:** Red Bluff Station, Seaside Bungalows sleep 5 (includes Linen)
**Meals:** n/a

Day 14 - Red Bluff Station
At leisure at the Red Bluff Station.
**Accommodation:** Red Bluff Station, Seaside Bungalows sleep 5 (includes Linen)
**Meals:** n/a

Day 15 - Red Bluff Station via Coral Bay to Exmouth
This morning you leave Red Bluff Station and depart for Exmouth. The drive should take 2 hours.
You may like to stop at Westoby Banana Plantation for refreshments in their tropical garden. Rejoin the highway and drive the 136Km to the Minilya roadhouse (fuel) then a further 8Km before leaving the highway and taking the Exmouth Minilya road to Coral Bay - along this road you cross into the Tropic of Capricorn (photo opportunity).
Coral Bay is as idyllic as the name suggests. With a sweeping bay, bobbing yachts and the world-class Ningaloo Reef just two steps off the beach – it’s a place to be visited. The vibe is chilled out and the local fishermen don’t mind stopping for a yarn. Explore the shores of the reef by four-wheel bike tour, or enjoy a snorkelling or scuba diving tour to see the breathtaking underwater coral gardens and some amazing marine life. Hop aboard a catamaran to see the humpback whales, dugongs, manta rays and turtles. You can even take to the skies on a scenic flight to see how these natural wonders look from the heavens. Or just laze around on the beach with a book. If you want to try for a bite – the deep sea and game fishing charters with local fishermen are the way to go. The good news is the odds are heavily stacked in your favour. After all, Ningaloo boasts the title as the premier game fishing destination in Western Australia. You’ll be pulling in red emperor, northwest snapper and coral trout by the bucket load. And it’s one of the few places in the world where famous species such as black marlin, blue marlin, mahi mahi, Spanish mackerel and sailfish are hooked regularly. Everything is blissfully easy - cafes and restaurants are all strolling distance from the beach.

Depending on the timings of your day there are approx. 3 places to dine in Coral Bay; the Ningaloo Resort, a pizza/Italian cafe and Fins Restaurant. Fins is particularly good for fresh fish – try the Goldband Snapper Wings, just delicious!
Check-in is at the Novotel Ningaloo is at 14:00. If you’d prefer to have lunch in Exmouth. You may like to try the Whalers Licensed Restaurant.

Later on you may like to head to Vlamingh Head Lighthouse and watch the sunset and/or watch for Humpback Whales. The waters off the coast here are part of the “Humpback Highway”. Whale watching tours on Western Australia's Coral Coast run
every year from June to November, when humpback whales migrate between their summer breeding grounds and their winter feeding grounds.

The Ningaloo Marine Park, on Western Australia’s Coral Coast, plays host to a range of whale species, such as minke, blue, humpback and even killer whales. Humpback whales visit the park twice annually, in the autumn when they head north and in spring on their return journey.

**Accommodation:** Novotel Ningaloo Resort.

**Meals:** n/a

**Day 16 - Drive to Cape Range National Park, Sal Salis**

When you are ready drive the 70kms South of Exmouth to Sal Salis and the Cape Range National park (approx. 1 hour) where you are staying with Charlie Carlow and his family.

**Cape Range:**
The Cape Range is the only elevated limestone range on the north-western coast of WA. The impressive weathered limestone range has plateaus of up to 314 metres high. It forms the spine of the peninsula that stretches up towards North West Cape in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia. You can climb up deep rocky gorges to enjoy breathtaking scenery.

One of many popular walks is a 3km ramble through Mandu Mandu Gorge along the bed of an ancient river. You can also view rock wallabies at Yardie Creek. Beneath the rocky plateaus and canyons of the Cape Range National Park lies a network of hidden caves and tunnels. They harbour a unique collection of bizarre cave-dwelling animals: an ancient treasure trove of immense value to both science and nature conservation.

**Accommodation:** Sal Salis, Safari tent + Swag

**Meals:** full board

**Day 17 - At leisure in Sal Salis**

At leisure in Sal Salis/Cape Range National Park.

**Accommodation:** Sal Salis, Safari tent + Swag

**Meals:** full board

**Day 18 - Fly to Broome**

This morning you need to drive to the airport in order to check-in for your flight to Broome. We recommend that you check-in at least 1 hour before you are scheduled to depart. You are scheduled to depart Exmouth at 09:55 and touch down in Broome at 11:35. On arrival in Broome you will need to pick up your 4WD (as per your arrangements) and then drive to your accommodation for the next 3 nights: Seashell Broome. The resort is located just 7km (5-10min) from Broome Airport and is 300 metres from Cable Beach. Check-in is at 14:00.

**Accommodation:** Seashell Broome.

**Meals:** n/a
Day 19 - Cable Beach & Gantheaume Point, Broome

Today you may like to visit Cable Beach and Gantheaume Point. Cable beach is known for its 22km of sandy white beach, turquoise waters and the natural phenomenon ‘staircase to the moon’ (which occurs only 3 nights a month from March to October when the full moon rises over the exposed mudflats of Roebuck Bay at extremely low tide, creating the optical illusion of a staircase reaching for the moon - sadly you are not in Broome on one of these nights.). Remember to take your swimming gear as the beach is perfect for swimming. If you fancy, it is also possible to take a sunset camel ride along Cable Beach (although camel rides are possible all day). To the south of Cable Beach on the Indian Ocean side of the Broome peninsula is Gantheaume Point. Here, deep red, rugged rocks are in stark contrast to the impossibly blue Indian Ocean. Dinosaur footprints, over 130 million years old are located here. Part of the reef, they are visible only at low tide but a plaster cast has been made of them and embedded into the rocks at the top of the cliff. Keep to the boardwalk when walking over rocks as this area is very susceptible to damage caused by humans. Anastasias Pool is also nearby, a chiselled-out basin carved by the lighthouse keeper so his arthritic wife, Anastasia, could bathe in the waters each day. To the left of Gantheaume Point is a wide stretch of fabulous fishing beach that is covered in season by absolutely millions of tiny sand balls that have been excavated by sand crabs.

Accommodation: Seashell Broome.
Meals: n/a

Day 20 - Gibb River Road Preparation in Broome

Today is all about preparation - you will need to stock up in preparation for your journey into the outback along the Gibb River Road.

Accommodation: Seashell Broome.
Meals: n/a

Day 21 - Broome to Bell Gorge via Tunnel Creek & Windjana Gorge

This morning set out from Broome and begin your real adventure into the outback. The journey from Broome to Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge will take you approx 5.5/6 hours to drive. Once you pass Derby the road changes to being unsealed.

En route to break the journey you may want to stop off at Lennard Gorge - one of the little known and less visited Kimberley gorges about 15 mins off the main road - for a wander and a stretch or even a swim before heading on to your stopping point later in the afternoon. Alternatively/additionally you may like to visit Tunnel Creek or Windjana Gorge. There is a document on driving distances and drive times on the Gibb River Road included in this pack that you may find useful when making your day to day driving plans.

Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge is brand new so the facilities are excellent and the views over King Leopold Escarpment are wonderful. Check in time is from 15:30. There is also a general store here so you can pick up a few bits if you have forgotten anything alt-
hough supplies here will not be a patch on what was available in Broome.

Here are some detailed directions on how to reach Bell Gorge which may be useful:
1. From Derby, travel along the Gibb River Road to the Saddlers Creek crossing.
2. At the crossing turn into the access track marked by a ‘KWA’ sign affixed to a tree.
3. Travel 200 m and turn left onto another access track, before travelling a further 200 m to camp.
   *Note: Travel through the Imintji township is forbidden. Access the camp from Gibb River Road only.*

**Accommodation:** Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge, Safari Tent + Swag
**Meals:** Full Board

**Day 22 - Charnley River**
Today you head on to Charnley River Station - a family owned working cattle station. Check out from Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge is at 10:00. Plenty to do here - you might want to do one of the self-guided 4WD trips and amongst other things spot all manner of different birds as well as kangaroos and wallabies of course! You can also learn about how the cattle station works on a day to day basis. Do some hiking or bushwalking, swimming or fishing and explore the local area which includes Paradise Pool, Donkey Pool, Dillie Gorge, Lilley Pool, etc... Your hosts will be more than happy to advise on what will work best for you.

Please note that dinner is served at 6.30 pm.

*Note:* Late season visits are at your own risk as there may be weather that may not allow access to the property or to some areas of the property. Please also note that there may be limited places to swim late in the season.

**Access:** When you visit the property you may encounter a "Closed sign" at the Gibb River Road turn off to our property, please disregard this for your visit.

**Accommodation:** Charnley River Station, House Accommodation
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 23 - Charnley River**
Today you will visit Bell Gorge.

**Bell Gorge:** Bell Gorge is the most famous Kimberley gorge. It is also supposed to be the most beautiful. Bell Gorge is part of the King Leopold Range Conservation Park. Bell Gorge itself is only accessible via a 1 km walking track which takes under half an hour via a rocky downhill trail. The bottom of the trail brings you to the top of the waterfall and into the gorge. Some people end their walk here - you can get a good view of the falls and can wet your feet in the rock pools above the falls however the more adventurous will want to get right down into the main pool below the falls. You can either walk directly across the rock pools at the head of the falls (it is slippery and up to knees in some spots) or traverse right around the back of the top pool, although you will still probably need to take your shoes off to make it across! Once you get there everything is just perfect: the waterfall cascades down the perfectly U-shaped cliffs into a deep pool which is perfect for swimming, with large flat rocks along the side which are perfect to sit on, sun bathe on or have a picnic on.
You can also explore the creek and gorge further, both upstream and downstream. Float down the pools, small falls and shallow rapids to discover some great views back into the gorge. Or, if it gets too busy at the main fall and pool, stay above and follow the creek upstream. There are no spectacular cliffs and falls here, but there are more rapids and pools, flat rocks and little beaches, and there is solitude and privacy.

**Accommodation:** Charnley River Station, House Accommodation

**Meals:** n/a

**Day 24 - Charnley River**
At leisure in Charnley River Station.

**Accommodation:** Charnley River Station, House Accommodation

**Meals:** n/a

**Day 25 - Charnley River to Mount Elizabeth**
Today you continue along the Gibb River Road to Mount Elizabeth. The drive from Charnley River to Mount Elizabeth is approximately 100Kms.

**Accommodation:** Mount Elizabeth Station, Homestead Complex

**Meals:** Dinner

**Day 26 - Mount Elizabeth to Home Valley**
Today you continue on to the Home Valley Station. The drive from Mount Elizabeth to Home Valley is approx. 250Kms. Depending on the time of year, and the status of the road's opening dates which is determined by local authorities, travellers of the Gibb River Road will be faced with two major river crossings, the smaller King River Crossing and the enormous Pentecost River Crossing. Once travellers are across the Pentecost River they have entered onto Home Valley Station. The access road, or driveway, to Home Valley Station's Homestead is approximately 10kms from the river and is less than 2kms off the Gibb River Road, clearly signposted with directions.

**River Crossing Tips:** Of course just don't barrel into a crossing and hope for the best. Talk to people who have just come across, pull up and watch others going across, just to be sure that there aren't any hidden holes or big rocks. The Pentecost is a major river crossing. At this point, the river is 60 metres wide and the water can flow quite quickly just after the end of the Wet. i.e. April - May. Care should be taken at high water levels due to the flow of the water exerting extreme pressure on the side of the vehicle. However, towards the end of the dry season, Sept- Oct, the flow is greatly reduced with the depth less than 30 cm and it is safer to ford. Beware of salt water crocodiles which have been sighted in the area.

**Accommodation:** Home Valley Station, Eco Tents

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Day 27 - Home Valley**
At leisure in Home Valley Station.

Home Valley Station is an outback adventure playground of nature's most breath-taking combination of towering gorges, sparkling waterholes, ever-flowing rivers, untouched beaches, billabongs, waterfalls and stunning ancient landforms and ranges. Home Valley
is host to some of the country’s best fishing locations - the perfect spot to hook the elusive barramundi and a must-do for all anglers. From gentle gorge walks and relaxing boating, to adventurous horse treks and cattle mustering, Home Valley Station has something to suit everyone.

**Accommodation:** Home Valley Station, Eco Tents  
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 28 - Home Valley**  
At leisure in Home Valley Station.  
**Accommodation:** Home Valley Station, Eco Tents  
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 29 - Home Valley to El Questro**  
Today you leave Home Valley for El Questro. The drive to El Questro is approximately 50kms.  
_NB: includes Wilderness Permit (compulsory for all visitors to the park. Please display clearly)._  
**Accommodation:** The Station, Family Garden View Bungalow  
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 30 - El Questro**  
At leisure in El Questro. Make sure you check out the activities on offer - some of which are included in your rate.  
**Accommodation:** The Station, Family Garden View Bungalow  
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 31 - El Questro**  
Today you are again at leisure in El Questro.  
**Accommodation:** The Station, Family Garden View Bungalow  
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 32 - El Questro to Kununurra**  
Today drive on to Kununurra located just inside the Western Australia border. This town was originally built to service the Ord Dam and irrigation project but now is primarily concerned with agriculture, tourism and diamond mining. Diamond mining in this region produces some of the world’s most beautiful stones.  
**Accommodation:** Pinctada Kimberley Grande.  
**Meals:** a welcome drink/person!

**Day 33 - Visit the Bungle Bungle Ranges**  
Today you will visit the Bungle Bungle Ranges, which are easily accessed from your accommodation.  
**Accommodation:** Pinctada Kimberley Grande.  
**Meals:** n/a
Day 34 - Kununurra to Katherine
Today you have a very long drive from Kununurra to Katherine so we recommend that you get straight on the road. The drive is approx. 520km. You can check-in at the Nitmiluk National Park Visitors Information Centre from 14:00. If the centre is closed when you arrive, you will need to make your way into the campground and to the "Poolside Bar & Grill" to check in and collect your keys for which you will need to pay a refundable deposit. If you think you may be arriving after 20:00 please contact the park and let them know.

Note:
Re- Katherine/Kakadu/ Darwin: it’s a big day of driving from Kununurra through to Katherine which leave them little time to enjoy Katherine. Have revised quote to include 2 nights in Katherine which will give them the opportunity to do the very popular Dawn breakfast Cruise gorge ($95 per adult & $65 per child includes breakfast)

After the breakfast cruise they then go to Cooinda and have the options of joining the 16:00 Yellow cruise out of Cooinda. Note it’s only 30min drive to Jabiru and accommodation.
Accommodation: Nitmiluk Chalet.
Meals: n/a

Day 35 - Katherine - Cruise
Today we suggest a Dawn Breakfast Cruise on the gorges - fantastic. You could also join the 16:00 Yellow cruise out of Cooinda.
Accommodation: Nitmiluk Chalet.
Meals: n/a

Day 36 - Katherine to Kakadu National Park
Today you drive on from Katherine to Kakadu National Park. The journey is about 340kms long.

Kakadu National Park:
This unique reserve has been inhabited continuously for over 40,000 years. The cave paintings, rock carvings and archaeological sites record the skills and way of life of the region’s inhabitants, from the hunter-gatherers of prehistoric times to the Aboriginal people still living there. This place is an example of a complex of ecosystems, namely tidal flats, floodplains, lowlands and plateaux, and provides a habitat for a wide range of rare or endemic species of plants and animals.
Accommodation: Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.
Meals: Special offer full breakfast daily and children eat for free.

Day 37 - Kakadu National Park
At leisure in Kakadu National Park.
Accommodation: Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.
Meals: Special offer full breakfast daily and children eat for free.
**Day 38 - Kakadu National Park to Litchfield**
Today you leave Kakadu National Park and head to Litchfield for your overnight stay. The drive from Kakadu National Park to Litchfield is approx. 170kms.
**Accommodation:** Batchelor Resort.
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 39 - Litchfield to Darwin**
Once you have had breakfast and checked out, head towards Darwin. The drive from Litchfield to Darwin is about 50kms.
Darwin is compact and easy to explore on foot. The tropical climate encourages outdoor living and simply strolling through the leafy streets, browsing art galleries and enjoying refreshments at a sidewalk cafe will be pleasures you won't have had for quite some time!
On arrival check-in at your accommodation for the next two nights: Sky City Darwin.
**Accommodation:** SkyCity Darwin.
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 40 - At Leisure in Darwin**
At leisure in Darwin.
**Accommodation:** SkyCity Darwin.
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 41 - Return car. Fly to Alice Springs**
Early this morning you will need to check-in for your flight to Alice Springs. You are scheduled to depart Darwin at 07:10 and touch down in Alice Springs at 09:55. On arrival, make your way to your accommodation for the night: Alice on Todd.
**Accommodation:** Alice on Todd.
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 42 - Alice Springs - AM desert park**
King Canyon
**Note:**
Self drive to/from Kings Canyon Resort: Kings Canyon Resort is located on Luritja Road, just 7 km from Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). By road it lies 3 hours from Uluru and approximately 4 hours from Alice Springs via the Stuart Highway. Alternatively, if travelling to/from Alice Springs, the Mereenie Loop Road is a partly unsealed road suitable for 4WD only.
**Accommodation:** Kings Canyon Resort, 2 King Resort Rooms (booked by Louisa)
**Meals:** n/a

**Day 43 - Ayers Rock**
Kings Canyon - Kata Tjuta this PM
**Accommodation:** Emu Walk Apartments, 2 Bedroom (booked by Louisa)
**Meals:** n/a
**Day 44 - Ayers Rock**
Early AM Uluru walk  
**Accommodation:** Emu Walk Apartments, 2 Bedroom (booked by Louisa)

**Day 45 - Fly Ayers Rock to Alice Springs to Brisbane. Drive to Noosa**
This morning check in for your flight from Ayers Rock, which is scheduled to depart at 10:30 and touch down in Alice Springs at 11:20. Next board your second flight of the day, scheduled to depart Alice Springs at 12:20 and touch down in Brisbane at 15:40. On arrival in Brisbane collect your Hertz hire car: a Group F Full Size Wagon (Kluger or similar), fully inclusive.

Once you have the car make your way to Noosa, approximately a 2hr drive.

**Driving Note:**  
- Tolls are payable on many major city highways. Some of these tolls must be prepaid by arranging an electronic pass. Passengers are advised to check upon collection of their rental vehicle.  
- A booster seat will be required for John (a matter of law) and we have booked this but you need to pay for it locally, cost is usually $10 per day.

**Driving directions:**
- Coming from Brisbane Airport you will arrive into Noosa on Eumundi-Noosa Road (route 12)  
- You will reach a roundabout where on the right is Gympie Terrace and on the left is Hilton Terrace, take the right turn and drive about 1.5 kms, the destination will be on the right

**Accommodation note:**
- The apartment has a grass courtyard with views to the river and the ocean beyond  
- The apartment complex has winding pathways through the gardens, three swimming pools but does not offer hotel services.  
- The apartments are fully self-contained with a starter pack of toiletries and tea & coffee.  
- The apartments are **NOT** serviced during the stay. All linen is provided other than beach towels and they are available for hire

**Notes from John Menzies (the Manager):**
- If you have additional guests other than the number listed above you will need to check with us to see whether the unit will accommodate an extra person. Additional charges will apply.  
- Check in time is from 14:00. no earlier Monday to Friday and from 12:30. Saturday and Sunday (may not be available until 2.00pm.) Check out time is 10.00. If you require your luggage stored until check in time please make arrange-
ments with us prior to the day. Office hours are 08:30 to 17:00 Monday to Friday and 08:30 to 13:00 Saturday and Sunday. If you are checking in after these hours you will need to let us know so the late arrival procedure can be explained to you, as reception will be closed. Late arrival without prior notification will incur a callout fee.

- Your unit is fully self-contained and self-catering however we supply a starter pack of basic essentials for your arrival such as milk, toilet paper, coffee, tea etc. Face washers and beach towels are not supplied although beach towels are available for hire.

Accommodation: Noosa Outrigger Beach Resort.
Meals: n/a

Day 46-48 - At leisure in Noosa
At leisure in Noosa.
Accommodation: Noosa Outrigger Beach Resort.
Meals: n/a

Day 49 - Return to Brisbane
Today return to Brisbane at your leisure. The drive from Noosa to Brisbane should take about 2 hours.
This evening you have organised your own accommodation: the Novotel Brisbane Airport.
Accommodation: Novotel Brisbane Airport.
Meals: n/a

Day 50 - Heron Island
Early this morning make your way to Brisbane Airport and drop off your hire car (drop off time is 08:00), before checking in for your flight to Gladstone. Our Qantas flight is scheduled to depart Brisbane for Gladstone at 08:55 and touch down in Gladstone at 10:00.

On arrival in Gladstone pick up your luggage and exit the doors near the carousel and there will be a bus that says Heron Island, which will take you to the marina. From the marina you will then take a shared Launch transfer to Heron Island (approximately 2 hours).

- The Junior Rangers Program has been requested for all 3 children although it is normally only available to children aged 7 or more
- The cost per child is $69.00 and is a once off payment
- This IS NOT a kid's club in the typical sense, with games and fun - it is an educational program - www.heronisland.com/Junior-Rangers.aspx
- Guests may organize babysitting if required, the resort requires a 2 weeks' notice prior to arrival so that they can roster extra staff at the resort.

Accommodation: Heron Island, 2 x Beachside Suites
Meals: breakfast (for the kids), 2 course or buffet lunch & 3 course buffet dinner
Day 51-53 - Heron Island
For the next 3 days you are at Leisure on Heron Island.
Accommodation: Heron Island.
Meals: breakfast, 2 course or buffet lunch and 3 course buffet dinner

Day 54 - Heron Island to Gladstone to Sydney
Today you leave Heron Island in order to board your flight from Gladstone to Sydney via Brisbane. You will depart Heron Island at 14:00. And will get back to Gladstone by shared Launch transfer and shuttle bus. You will arrive in Gladstone at approximately 16:00. On arrival at the airport check in for your first flight of the day from Gladstone to Brisbane. You are scheduled to depart Gladstone at 17:55 and touch down in Brisbane at 19:15. Your next is scheduled to depart Brisbane at 20:00 and touch down in Sydney’s Terminal 2 at 22:35. This evening you have arranged your own accommodation.
Accommodation: Under own arrangements
Meals: breakfast & in-flight meals

Day 55-63 - At leisure in Sydney
For the next week you are at leisure in Sydney under your own arrangements.
Accommodation: Under own arrangements
Meals: n/a

Day 64 - Depart Sydney
Depart on from Sydney Kingsford Smith.
Accommodation: overnight flight
Meals: in-flight meals

Day 65 - Arrive London Heathrow
This morning you touch down in London Heathrow. Welcome home!
Laterally sleeping...

Mount Bay Waters Apartment, Perth
Ideally located between Kings Park and the Swan River, and just a few minutes walk from the city centre, Mount Bay Waters Apartment Hotel is the perfect choice when staying in Perth. Rated 4 star by AAA Tourism in the Apartment Hotel category, the apartment hotel offers all the services and facilities provided by a hotel but with added convenience and space of a fully self-contained apartment. Consisting of 165 beautifully appointed apartments and penthouses in a village style environment the accommodation is beautifully complemented by the gardens, swimming pools and tennis courts. There is ample complimentary undercover security parking.

Pinnacles Edge Resort, Cervantes
In the Centre of Cervantes, 17 kms from the world famous Nambung National Park (Pinnacles Desert) and close to the beach this 26-room luxury Cervantes resort is ideal for a short break from city life, and will appeal to guests who appreciate stylish simplicity and modern functionality.

With your own private spa, flat-screen TV with free in-house movies and a resort pool and gym, everyone will be happy. Enjoy privacy and self-containment in comfort, with corner spa, private balcony with BBQ and quality kitchen facilities, including a dishwasher. Modern and spacious, there's plenty of room. Also onsite is the Europa Anchor Restaurant offering fantastic wood-fired, gourmet pizzas and coffee, if you fancy a break from cooking!

Mantra Geraldton, Geraldton
Sitting atop the stunning Champion Bay Marina, Mantra Geraldton is within a short walk of Geraldton’s Central Business District and the popular local Maritime Museum. Comprising of 24 apartments, Mantra Geraldton provides comfortable and stylish accommodation with fully-equipped kitchen, laundry and spacious lounge and dining areas. Internet access and ISD/STD direct dial phones are also available in-room along with a host of amenities to make your stay more comfortable. Leisure facilities on-site include a heated indoor/outdoor pool, whilst your location ensures easy access Geraldton's premier shopping and dining precincts as well as the Champion Bay Marina and local sports fields.
Kalbarri Edge Resort, Kalbarri
The new Kalbarri Edge Resort offers 4.5 star luxury (AAA rating). Newly opened in the summer of 2009 it will appeal to guests who appreciate stylish simplicity and modern functionality. Enjoy features such as private spa, king beds, large flat screen TV’s, dishwasher and even room service meals. If you decide to cook your prize catch there are private BBQ’s for every apartment and for spa suites, as well as modern functional kitchens. Within the resort guests can enjoy the resort pool, gym, giant chess and other resort activities. All this based within a stone throw (100 M) of the town centre and foreshore. The Edge Restaurant onsite is open daily and serves sumptuous local fare such as Lobster and Red Emperor. Breakfast buffet is on daily and if you don’t want to leave the confines of your luxurious room then just dial for room service. For those who want to stay in touch we offer unlimited wireless access.

Kalbarri and Kalbarri Edge will do wonders for your soul with great food, luxurious accommodation, good nights sleep and a fresh ocean breeze.

Dolphin Resort, Monkey Mia
Monkey Mia is one of the world’s premier natural dolphin sighting areas. A recognised natural beauty and World Heritage Landmark, Monkey Mia and its accompanying Dolphin Resort is a popular escape for visitors from around the world.

Located at Dolphin Beach, famous for its kilometres of secluded crystal blue waters and pristine white-shell beaches, Monkey Mia has attracted schools of dolphins to its tranquil shores daily for more than forty years. This dolphin interaction is known to be one of the most reliable meeting places for dolphins in the world (and is only a few steps away from your accommodation!). Dolphins have visited every day in the last five years excluding only four times. It is the only place in Australia where dolphins visit daily, not seasonally.

Dolphin Resort offers exceptional facilities to all guests including two restaurants, a cafe, two bars, swimming pool, spring hot tub and tennis court. Additional facilities include internet café, BBQs, mini-mart and laundries. But there is plenty more on offer - experience Monkey Mia’s best natural assets either cruising, sailing, snorkelling or 4WD’ing or unwind with a beach camel ride.

Room: Limestone Garden Villa - Located within the gardens of the Resort and only 100–200 metres to the famous dolphin beach. This accommodation is perfect for families as it will sleep up to five people. It is close to the swimming room and tennis courts.
Laterally sleeping...

**Red Bluff Station, Quobba Station**

Red Bluff is located on Quobba Station, 140km north of Carnarvon, with 80km of dramatic coastline as its western boundary. It is one of Australia's most spectacular, rugged and authentic outback coastal working stations. Revitalise your body and mind in the tranquil surroundings of Red Bluff, immerse yourself in the turquoise waters, explore the abundant marine and wildlife, relax on the beach or surf the world renowned “Bluff Barrel”. End your days indulging in one of the world's most majestic sunsets, followed by star gazing into the star filled desert sky.

The Seascape Bungalows are just a stones throw from the pristine shores of the Indian Ocean and the southern tip of the Ningaloo Reef. All three Eco Safari style Bungalows have a full size fridge/freezer, rainwater showers, ‘Natureloo’ enviro toilets and private deck. A communal stainless camp kitchen complete with 2 gas stovetop cookers, 2 microwaves, pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, 2 dining tables with seating for 16 and a gas BBQ to roast your “catch of the day” on whilst sharing a ‘sundowner’ watching the renowned Red Bluff sunsets over the Indian Ocean. Seascape Bungalows are fully self sufficient and run on 24 hour solar power and rainwater. A “pit fire” is located at the rear of the kitchen tent for balmy evenings around the campfire under the stars. BYO firewood or wood can be purchased from the office.

**Novotel Ningaloo Resort, Exmouth**

Located on Sunrise Beach in the Exmouth Marina, Novotel Ningaloo is your gateway to the Ningaloo Reef and the Cape Range National Park. Enjoy a relaxing holiday escaping the winter chill or an action packed holiday taking part in the many nature based activities the region has to offer.

Ningaloo Resort has opened 68 of the planned 150 rooms, servicing the growing popularity of the nature based tourist destination. The 30 million dollar development includes a range of hotel rooms and self-contained apartments. The complex also contains Gold Plate Award winning Mantaray's restaurant, bar, lounge, resort-style swimming pool and gym with stunning beaches right outside your door.

The apartments and bungalows at Novotel Ningaloo Resort feature contemporary, functional loose furniture and contain stainless steel appliances, king size beds, air conditioning and private spa baths in which to relax. The tones are modern, earthy with accent colours reflecting the tones of the sky and ocean, inspired by the natural surroundings. All rooms are spacious with high ceilings and large cool floor tiles and have private balconies from which to enjoy the views and capture the breeze.
Sal Salis, Cape Range National Park/The Ningaloo Coast
Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is an exclusive safari camp hidden in the white sand dunes of Western Australia’s Cape Range National Park. Nine spacious wilderness tents are just metres from the water’s edge and the world’s greatest fringing coastal coral reef. Sal Salis accommodation and hosting style exudes ‘Wild Bush Luxury’ and Sal Salis guides deliver an extraordinary insight to one of Australia’s best kept natural secrets – Ningaloo Reef. Sal Salis’s ecological principles also ensure that your stay generates a minimal environmental footprint.

The main camp building is raised above the sand and coastal scrub with views out to the reef and breakers beyond. Dinner is hosted against a back-drop of rich orange sunsets over the Indian Ocean and in the cool of the evening kangaroos and wallaroos appear from the bush for their evening graze. A bar and open lounge area with a small reference library provides a great spot to sit out the heat of day or enjoy a quiet sundowner. Our chef provides contemporary Australian cuisine with hints of bush food and native produce, guests may help themselves to the self-service bar at any time.

Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge, King Leopold Ranges
This shady and picturesque Wilderness Camp, located on Aboriginal-owned land near the Imintji Aboriginal community on Saddlers Creek, affords magnificent views of the King Leopold escarpment. Environmentally friendly and with 240-volt lighting, Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge was created with the area's unique ecosystem in mind. you'll also enjoy hearty breakfasts and three-course dinners accompanied by a complimentary glass of wine. With easy access to Bell, Galvans, and Barnett River gorges, and close to Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek, this is an ideal base for exploring the majestic western Kimberley. A general store that stocks diesel fuel is also located near the camp, making Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge the perfect stop on your Kimberley adventure. Catering to just 48 guests at any one time, Imjinji is sure to deliver an intimate and unforgettable Kimberley experience. Alcohol cannot be purchased from the Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge, however you are welcome to bring your own.

Charnley River Station, Derby
Charnley River Station, also a working cattle station, is located 42 km off the Gibb River Road. The turn off is about 165 km after the Kalumburu Road intersection, or 256 km from Derby. This was the very first station along the Gibb River Road to offer accommodation to tourists. Back then it was known as Beverly Springs and run by Marion Nixon and her husband. (Marion became known for her book "Children in the Sun", where she describes her life bringing up her five children on the station).
Laterally sleeping...

**Mount Elizabeth Station, Kimberley**
This is a working cattle station, 30kms off the Gibb River Road. This is a REAL working cattle station, not a tourist resort that still runs some cattle in the background. Mt. Elizabeth Station offers homestead accommodation with a three course dinner, bed and breakfast. There are a couple of beautiful gorges, hiking, swimming and fishing, and there are also several exceptional rock art sites that can be visited via an Aborigi-nal guided tour in a station vehicle.

**Home Valley Station, Kunnunura**
Home Valley Station is situated right on the Gibb River Road, just on the other side of the Pentecost River Crossing. This working cattle station is owned by the Indigenous Land Corporation. As an indigenous TAFE academy it offers programs for Aboriginal students and trainees from many communities in the Kimberley. Trainees study practical skills like fencing, welding or concreting, horsemanship and stock handling.

**The Station, El Questro**
El Questro Homestead, located in the magnificent Kimberley region of Western Australia has joined Luxury Lodges of Australia (LLoA), further showcasing Australia’s extraordinary regional diversity and experiential luxury travel offering.

The Homestead is a stylish luxury retreat set high overlooking the Chamberlain River in El Questro Wilderness Park, a vast landscape of just under a million acres comprising red rock ranges, river gorges, waterfalls and thermal springs. El Questro Homestead is an outstanding blend of remote regional hospitality and the exploration of the superb outback wilderness landscape of the Kimberley – one of the great icons of the amazing Australian landscape.

**Pinctada Kimberley Grande, Kunnunura**
Reflecting the space and freedom of the Kimberley, our Kings Garden View rooms feature hand-picked décor and furnishings that reflect the Kimberley landscape. Gracious and spacious, these ground floor rooms open onto the resort’s gardens and feature cool polished concrete floors, flat screen TV, furnished outdoor veranda, a King bed with fine linen and a spacious en suite. Here all needs are anticipated and include plunger coffee and tea making facilities, individually controlled split cycle air conditioning, ceiling fan, connectivity and mini-bar fridge.
Nitmiluk Chalet, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine
The Campground and Chalets allow visitors to experience the splendours of the National Park up close. The well maintained campground and powered sites are centrally positioned below the escarpment entrance and just 600m to the departure point for boat cruises and canoes. The two bedroom chalets have a lounge and dining area, en suite, kitchen and a generous balcony where wallabies and other wildlife can be observed wandering freely by. The beautifully landscaped resort style swimming pool is the perfect place to unwind after a day’s exploring and offers a haven to cool off from the tropical sunshine or just take pleasure in a cool drink or snack poolside. Sugar bags bistro overlooking the Katherine River is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, Kakadu National Park
Our indigenous owned luxury accommodation is uniquely shaped to represent Kakadu’s most famous inhabitant, the saltwater crocodile. Relax in the recently refurbished rooms, unwind in your private courtyard, by the shaded outdoor pool or take in the landscaped interior garden view from the balcony. Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn is located in the township of Jabiru and is ideally located for visitors to explore the north of Kakadu, including Ubirr, Cahills Crossing and Magella Creek. It is also a few kilometers away from Bowali Visitors Centre, Kakadu National Park’s excellent centre for information and displays of the region. By choosing Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, you are assured of an excellent nights sleep and hassle free down time, so you can get the most out of exploring Kakadu National Park.

Batchelor Resort, Litchfield
You will see waterfalls that run with good overflow all year round, experience clear safe swimming locations in tropical rainforests, see exotic stone edifices carved by nature over millions of years. Marvel at colourful landscapes in reds and ochres with adjacent tropical greenery. Free, enchanting wildlife that is unique to Australia’s top end will come within your camera shot: crocodiles, large lizards, exotic water birds and colourful parrots, high flying kites, sea eagles and land eagles, termite mounds and many, many others are all available within easy reach of the resort.
Laterally sleeping...

SkyCity Darwin, Darwin
Spectacularly set amongst tropical beachside gardens, SKYCITY is Darwin's premium five star boutique hotel located moments from the CBD. SKYCITY Darwin is perfect for unwinding with leisure choices in abundance or working in your room with ease. Relax in the pool, laze on the beach and enjoy a game of tennis or golf, then make the most of their 24 hour entertainment choices.

Alice on Todd, Alice Springs
Situated overlooking the banks of the Todd River, Alice on Todd self-contained tourist apartments provide a unique option for the Alice Springs visitor, yet is only walking distance to the Alice Springs town centre, sporting facilities and some major areas of interest in Alice Springs. The apartments are set in a magnificent environment of tall gum trees and well established lawns and gardens.

Kings Canyon Resort, Watarrka National Park,
Kings Canyon Resort is located in a loop off the main highway running between Ayers Rock (Uluru) and Alice Springs. The sensitively designed resort is just seven kilometres from Watarrka National Park, the home of the magical sandstone formation of Kings Canyon. Built to blend harmoniously with its surrounds, Kings Canyon Resort offers a wide range of accommodation, from the campground that enjoys the outdoor stillness of the Red Centre, to Deluxe Spa Rooms, offering understated comfort rather unexpected in such a remote location.

Emu Walk Apartments, Yulara
Sheltered behind gardens of native trees and forming a walkway through the heart of the Resort is an avenue of terraced apartments. Spacious and well equipped, the Voyages Emu Walk Apartments can cater for up to six people - ideal if you are holidaying with family or friends. All apartments are self-contained, with separate kitchen, living and bedroom areas. Located just minutes from the hub of the Resort, the Town Square, including mini supermarket and shops, these apartments provide everything you need to cook up a storm. Or, if you're not in the mood for cooking, you're nice and close to all of the fabulous resort restaurants, including Gecko's café.
Noosa Outrigger Beach Resort, Noosa
Situated at Noosaville, ‘Noosa on the River’, Noosa Outrigger Beach Resort is nestled among Palm fringed tropical gardens, heated pools with spa’s, and some River View Apartments overlooking the beautiful Noosa River. Many of our apartments are located amongst the tropical gardens and located away from Gympie Terrace giving our guests a peaceful and secluded place to stay.

A short distance from the cosmopolitan Noosa Heads, Hastings Street and Main beach and built around the three tropical pools (2 heated pools to 28 degrees with spas attached), each unit has its own private balcony or courtyard. This resort is truly a tropical oasis.

Heron Island, Heron Island
Heron Beachside Suites offer filtered views over Heron Reef and are set in prime locations with access to both the beach and reef. Set in two prime areas of the resort the Heron Beachside Suites have a grassed area with filtered views looking out over the reef and close to the resort facilities. We also have Heron Beachside Suites that are located on North Beach with filtered views through the trees to the beach and reef.