

Sacred Earth Safaris



5 Day / 6 Night Pilbara 4wd Tour

Arrival day into Karratha- Friday 6th August 2021 (D)

Upon arrival into Karratha, please make your way to our hotel.

This evening, we'll meet at the hotel restaurant for our first dinner as a group and your driver guide will run through the itinerary for the next 6 days.

Overnight accommodation- Karratha International Hotel- motel room with en-suite

Day 1 - Saturday 7th August (B,L,D)

We'll depart our Karratha hotel at 7.30am this morning to begin our 5 day 4WD tour through the Pilbara.

We spend today in Millstream-Chichester National Park, which is a lush oasis of deep gorges and palm-fringed rock pools which provides a stark contrast to the surrounding landscape of rocky escarpments and rolling spinifex-covered hills.

We enter the park from the north and have a swim at Python Pool, a permanent freshwater plunge pool at the base of a cliff in the Chichester Range escarpment.

We also take a walk to the top of Mount Herbert, where we are treated to a splendid view of the savannah lands, including Pyramid, Sherlock and Warambie stations.

Departing the park, our destination this evening is Tom Price, the highest town in WA at 747 metres above sea level.

Dinner tonight is included at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight accommodation- Tom Price Hotel Motel- motel room with en-suite

Day 2 - Sunday 8th August (B,L,D)

This morning you'll take a guided tour to the Rio Tinto Iron Ore Mine site, one of the world's largest open cut iron mines. The 1.5 hour tour will take you into the heart of the mine site operation and includes viewing of the Haul Truck workshop area, visit the main pit area, view working trucks, shovels and drills, the crushing and screening plants and the train load out area.

After the tour, we continue into Karijini National Park, in the Hamersley Range. Karijini is Western Australia's second largest national park, encompassing some 627,442 hectares of spectacular, rugged scenery, ancient geological formations and a variety of arid-land ecosystems.

Massive mountains and escarpments rise out of the flat valleys. The high plateau is dissected by breathtaking gorges, and stony, tree-lined watercourses wind their way over the dusty plain. The slow process of erosion has carved the shape of the land out of rocks that are 2,000 million years old, to form this intriguing landscape and complex ecology.

A variety of ecosystems are represented in the park and these are home to a range of wildlife including a variety of birds, native rodents, native marsupial carnivores (such as the Pilbara ningui- resident, but nocturnal and shy), red kangaroos, euros, Rothschild's rock wallabies, bats, dingoes, reptiles and amphibians such as frogs, geckoes, goannas, dragons and legless lizards. Termites and the pebble mound mouse also make their homes here in the form of mounds.

Our first stop within the park is Hamersley gorge, where we'll find amazing coloured banded iron formations. Take a dip in the natural spa pool at the Gorge and enjoy a spa treatment the way nature intended – surrounded by amazing rock formations almost as old as the Earth itself.

We make our way to our accommodation and after checking in, you make like to walk to nearby Joffre Lookout where rock steps take you down to the lookout to view this spectacular curved waterfall forming a natural amphitheatre.

Dinner for the next 3 nights is included at the Eco- retreat

Overnight accommodation- Karijini Eco Retreat, in eco tents with en-suites (3 night stay) on a Dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Day 3 - Monday 9th August (B,L,D)

We travel to the western side of the park today, to Dales Gorge, through to Fortescue Falls, Fern Pool and Circular Pool.

Have a refreshing swim in the spring-fed permanent falls of Fortescue falls, ramble along the gorge floor to the lovely fern framed Fern Pool and enjoy the hidden gardens of Circular Pool.

This afternoon we take a walk through Kalamina Gorge, one of the most picturesque in Karijini. A short walk takes you down a steep track to the base of the gorge to a small permanent pool, complete with waterfall and draping ferns. There is a longer, more difficult walk for those who feel energetic. If you follow the trail deep into Kalamina Gorge, you will be rewarded with a lovely walk downstream, past rock pools and beautiful rock walls, finishing at Rock Arch Pool.

Overnight accommodation- Karijini Eco Retreat, in eco tents with en-suites

Day 4 - Tuesday 10th August (B,L,D)

This morning is spent exploring Handrail Pool, which is reached by walking through Lower Weano Gorge. We also enjoy the scenery at Junction Pool and Oxer Lookout, located at the junction of four mighty gorges and offering one of the most stunning panoramas in WA.

This afternoon we explore Hancock Gorge, where we climb down a ladder and walk deep into the gorge, through narrow chambers and to beautiful rock pools, for a swim.

We finish the day at Knox Lookout, where we'll take the steps down to the lookout and watch the view spread out in the distance.

Overnight accommodation- Karijini Eco Retreat, in eco tents with en-suites

Day 5 - Wednesday 11th August (B,L,D)

We depart Karijini this morning and drive north to the mining town of Port Hedland, one of the largest and busiest iron ore ports in the world.

We'll arrive mid- afternoon and after checking into the hotel, it's time to jump on our private harbour cruise, operated by the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre. This tour consists of a quick presentation at the Seafarers Centre, followed by a lap around the harbour in one of the working Seafarers Launch Service boats. You will be accompanied by an informative member of the Seafarers Centre Staff who will provide commentary and answer any of your questions, while picking up seafarers wishing to come back to the Seafarers Centre.

Tonight we have our final group dinner and say farewell to our new friends.

Overnight accommodation- Port Hedland, hotel room with en-suite

Day 6 - Thursday 12th August (B)

Your tour finishes after breakfast. Please make your way to Port Hedland Airport for your onward flight.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris, subject to availability road, weather and cultural conditions

***to access the gorges in Karijini, we have to walk up and down rock steps (mainly without railings and often uneven) and while in the gorges, there will be some stepping between rocks. We have plenty of time to do these activities and hiking poles can be brought along with you if needed. Some great photos can be taken from the lookouts (the colours are incredible) and Fern Pool/ Fortescue falls and Kalamina Gorge are relatively easy walks but to access the other gorges, we would recommend reasonable mobility and fitness ***

Tour starts in Karratha on 6th August 2021 only

AUD \$3765 per adult twin share.
\$3565 per child (age 10-15 years) twin share
\$4765 single room

****solo travellers must have single accommodation unless twin share of the same sex can be found. Solo travellers can also request own room and pay single supplement****

Maximum 15 passengers in a 24 seat 6WD coach

Prices include GST and are valid until 31/10/2021

Inclusions:

- Seat in luxury 6WD tour coach, with professional driver guide
- All meals and some snacks
- 6 nights tour accommodation
- Entry fees to National Parks
- Mine tour at Tom Price
- Private 1 hour harbour cruise facility at Port Hedland

Exclusions:

- Arrival / departure flights into Karratha
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol or soft drinks