

# Australia's West Coast Odyssey

From **8/8/2027**  
to **18/8/2027**

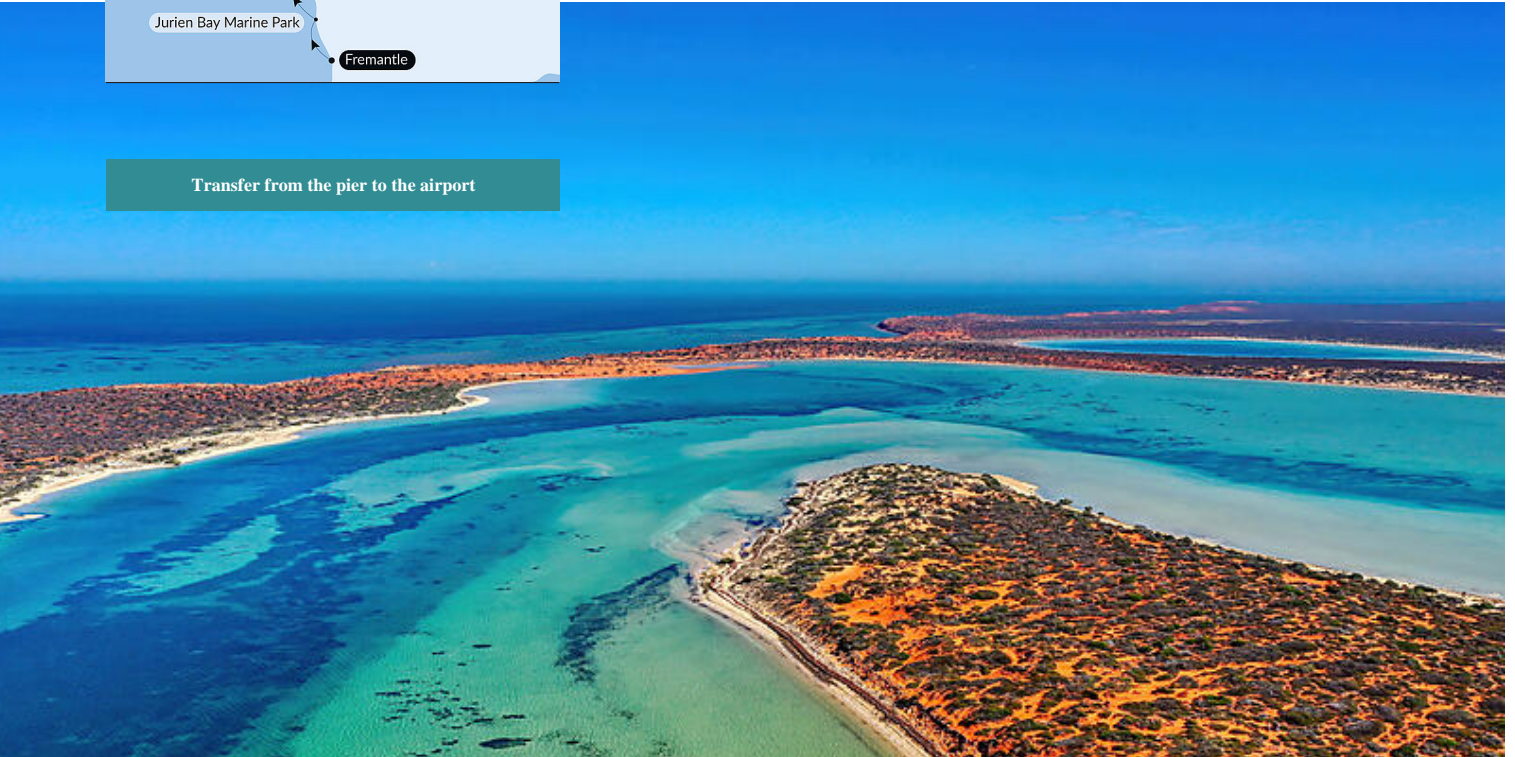
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From **Fremantle**  
to **Broome**



Explore the western coast of Australia at the pace of sovereign nature. Wild beaches, turquoise waters, isolated islets and coral reefs sketch out unique panoramas, providing veritable refuge for a multitude of species. In this end of the world, a long-standing secret, national parks, a marine park, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and strings of islands shelter rare fauna, such as sea lions or sharks. From one port of call to the next, far from the beaten path, in a Zodiac, during hikes and swims, take the pulse of this vibrant land teeming with life, marked by the stories and petroglyphs of the First Nations.

Transfer from the pier to the airport



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### FREMANTLE

Embarkation 8/8/2027 From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 8/8/2027 at 6:00 pm

The vibrant city of **Fremantle** blends the old with the new, creating an enriching cultural experience. Maritime, convict and colonial history can be explored in one of the best-preserved examples of a 19<sup>th</sup> century port streetscape on Earth, while buzzing markets, lively bars and casual street cafés give you a taste of 21<sup>st</sup> century life with the locals. If you're hitting the heritage trail, be sure to include a visit to the Western Australian Maritime Museum, World Heritage listed Fremantle Prison and Western Australia's oldest public building, the Roundhouse.

### JURIEN BAY MARINE PARK

Arrival 9/8/2027 early morning

Departure 9/8/2027 late afternoon

**Jurien Bay Marine Park** located 150 kilometres north of Perth, was named by Captain Nicolas Baudin aboard the *Géographe* in honour of the French naval administrator Charles Marie Vicomte Jurien. The marine park surrounds dozens of ecologically important islands that contain rare and endangered animals found nowhere else in the world. The marine park and its immediate surrounds is the only major breeding area for Australian sea lions along the western coast of Australia. It is also a primary breeding ground for seabirds and is populated with a mix of temperate and tropical plants and animals, courtesy of the Leeuwin Current.

### ABROLHOS ISLANDS MARINE PARK

Arrival 10/8/2027 early morning

Departure 10/8/2027 late afternoon

The **Abrolhos Islands Marine Park** consists of three main clusters of islands that stretch from north to south across 100 kilometres of ocean, and includes the Wallabi Group, Easter Group and Pelsaert Group. Established as a marine park in 1983, the waters of the Abrolhos are famous for colourful coral, crystal clear waters and large breeding colonies of seabirds. Here, the southward flowing Leeuwin current has created a meeting place for tropical and temperate sea life. In July 2019 the Islands were declared a national park for their ecological and historical significance. You will have the opportunity to explore East Wallabi Island and its fringing reefs.

### SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Arrival 11/8/2027 early afternoon

Departure 11/8/2027 early evening

With its white, sandy beaches, turquoise waters, rust-red sand dunes and abundant wildlife, **Shark Bay** became Western Australia's first World Heritage listed area in 1991. The colourful and diverse landscapes, rare fauna and flora and world class examples of Earth's ecological processes are what qualify Shark Bay for World Heritage listing – making it a truly remarkable place. You will have the opportunity to sail past the location of the first recorded European landing on Australia's west coast at Cape Inscription where in 1616 Dirk Hartog left evidence of his landing in the form of a pewter plate inscribed with details of his journey.

## CAPE PERON

Arrival 12/8/2027 early morning

Departure 12/8/2027 late afternoon

Cape Peron, named in honour of the French explorer François Péron, is a wild and isolated spot in the middle of Australia's **Shark Bay**, and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Here the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean contrast with endless white sandy beaches and ochre cliffs tinged with the red sand of the surrounding deserts. You can set out to discover **the astonishingly rich underwater wildlife**, including stromatolites: the oldest known life forms on the planet. You will be amazed by the unspoilt beauty of this nature.

## NINGALOO COAST WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Arrival 13/8/2027 early morning

Departure 14/8/2027 late afternoon

The **Ningaloo Coast Marine Park** is a place of spectacular contrast between lush and colourful scenery beneath the surface of the Indian Ocean and the rugged, arid landscape of Cape Range National Park. We will also have the opportunity to swim and snorkel on the largest fringing coral reef in Australia and the only large reef in the world found so close to a continental land mass, making it an easy snorkel from shore.

## MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

Arrival 15/8/2027 early morning

Departure 15/8/2027 late afternoon

Located off the Pilbara Coast 120km west of Dampier, the **Montebello Islands** Marine Park covers more than 58,000 hectares of ocean and **over 250 low-lying limestone islands and islets**. The flat limestone islands range in size from Hermite, the largest, at about 1,000 ha, to several small islets and rocks of less than one hectare. They are the remnants of an old coastal landform and have been separated from the mainland for more than 8,000 years. They were named by the **French navigator Nicolas Baudin** in 1801 after the battle of Montebello. The area is rich in **natural marine diversity** and human history. They achieved international notoriety in 1952 when the British, in an operation code named Hurricane, detonated an atomic weapon in a bay off Trimouille island. Two further atomic tests were carried out in May and June of 1956 on Alpha and Trimouille Islands. You will have the opportunity to explore the marine park with our fleet of Zodiacs<sup>®</sup>.

## BURRUP PENINSULA

Arrival 16/8/2027 early morning

Departure 16/8/2027 late afternoon

**Murujuga National Park** and the islands of the **Dampier Archipelago** showcase what is thought to be the highest concentration of rock engravings of any known site in the world. Aboriginal people have been living there for more than 50,000 years and the petroglyphs (rock engravings) have been estimated to be as old as 40,000 years. The petroglyphs are diverse, depicting a record of what was meaningful to the Aboriginal people of the Pilbara and beyond. The sacred rock art's traditional custodians are the Ngarluma-Yindjibarndi, the Yaburara-Mardudhunera and the Woon-goo-tt-oo and you will have the opportunity to visit Deep Gorge with a traditional custodian guide and marvel at the petroglyphs up close.

## AT SEA

Arrival 17/8/2027

Departure 17/8/2027

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## BROOME

Arrival 18/8/2027 early morning

Disembarkation 18/8/2027 at 8:00 am

Located in the northwest of the Kimberley region and in the far north of Western Australia, the town of **Broome** is reputed for its history and its glorious **pearling era**. The fascinating Chinatown district, which is the historic city centre, and the famous Japanese Cemetery, dates back to 1896, and has a past marked by the immigration of numerous Chinese and Japanese workers, attracted by the prosperous pearl industry at the end of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century. Broome is also famous for the "**Staircase to the Moon**", an optical illusion created by the Moon reflecting on the sand banks at low tide, like a staircase climbing up towards the sky, a unique spectacle provided by nature...