

Pilbara wildflowers trail 10 days



From July to September wildflowers of all colours, sizes and shapes, like the unmistakable Sturt's desert pea, fluffy mull amulla, the tall majestic Ashburton pea or any number of the 65 species of Acacia (wattle) can be seen through the region. The Pilbara's flora is as diverse as the landscape and it's yours to explore!

Suggested itinerary

Day 1 » Onslow, to paraburdoo 391km

Begin in Onslow located 1,386 kilometres north of Perth. The town is blessed by its proximity to the ocean and the Ashburton River, just a half hour drive away. Have a swim or enjoy the fishing and mud crabbing, set up camp under the stars for the night. Paraburdoo is some 651 km inland, north of Carnarvon and 1536 km north of Perth.

Paraburdoo is on the south-western end of the Hamersley Range National Park and some 81 km south of Tom Price. Paraburdoo is named after Piraburdoo Station. Wildflowers are prolific after rains and the area is renowned for plentiful wildlife and scenery.

Day 2-4 » Tom Price to Karijini National Park

Access to Tom Price is via sealed roads.

One route is via the North West Coastal Highway and the Nanutarra/Wittenoom Road through Paraburdoo. Another is via the Great Northern Highway and Karijini Drive. Attractive and modern mining town in the heart of the Pilbara - Located 1553 km north of Perth via the North West Coastal Highway or 1577 km via the Great Northern Highway. Karijini is Western Australia's second largest National Park. Located in the State's North West, the National Park is an ideal getaway for those wanting to escape the usual hot spots, explore the Outback, and be able to travel around in a 2WD or 4WD.



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Centred on the Hamersley Range, Karijini boasts rugged landscape, stunning gorges, and breathtaking waterfalls. Many of the gorges in the National Park have walk trail varying in length and difficulty. Karijini also boasts some spectacular Waterfalls and Pools. Karijini National Park is abounding with flora and fauna.

Day 4-6 » Karijini to Port Hedland 420km and Marble Bar 218km

Port Hedland lays 1761km from Perth via the North West Coastal Highway or 1600km via the Great Northern Highway. Since the 1960s, Port Hedland has been the centre of a thriving iron-ore industry. Its pristine beaches and mangroves are home to an abundance of fish and other wildlife. Further south of Port Hedland is Point Samson and the tropical islands of the Dampier Archipelago, both hot spots for game and recreational fishing. Situated 218 kilometres southeast of Port Hedland, Marble Bar is best known for being the hottest town in Australia, although perfect weather is enjoyed from April to September. There are many gorges surrounding Marble Bar, including Coppin's Gap, Kitty's Gap and Doolena Gorge. Most are accessible by four wheel drive vehicles only

Day 7-10 » Marble Bar to Millstream Chichester National Park 383km to Roebourne 75km to Cossack 14km to Karratha 15km to Dampier 21km Millstream-Chichester National Park, offers some of the best nature based camping opportunities in the region. Covering an area of approximately 200,000 hectares around the Fortescue River. One of the most scenic attractions in WA's

Millstream National Park is Python Pool, which is easily accessible by road. Near to Karratha is Cossack, the first port in the northwest, just east of Karratha along the coast. Cossack was originally a pearling and farming centre, cruises go 2.5km to Jarman Island where visitors can laze on the beach watching the amazing wildlife and climb into the lighthouse as the cruise host relays some of the interesting anecdotes and stories of the area. Roebourne tells a story of bygone times. It is, in fact, the oldest settlement between Geraldton and Darwin - the one isolated community on the whole vast and lonely coastline which is now the Kimberley and Pilbara. It was once the administrative centre of the North-West. 1557km north of Perth, Karratha was built in 1968 to service and accommodate workers mining iron ore in the Hamersley Ranges. Now the busy centre of the Pilbara district, Karratha is large and its facilities are modern. Nearby is the magnificent Millstream-Chichester National Park with its hidden pools, beautiful vegetation and interesting history. Karratha means good country in the language of local Aborigines. Dampier lies on King Bay, 1558km from Perth on Western Australia's Coral Coast and some 12 km from Karratha. With its beachfront has an ocean pool, recreational boats ramps, picnic and barbecue facilities, Dampier has become a Mecca for fisherman and divers wishing to explore the tropical islands of the Dampier Archipelago.

Highlights

- » Explore the colourful marine world of the Mackerel Islands.
- » Witness turtle nesting on pristine beaches
- » Drive to the top of Mount Nameless for the view of a lifetime.
- » Take a day tour to marvel at the Pilbara Iron Ore Mine, Tom Price.
- » Explore the dramatic gorges, secret canyons and enticing rock pools of Karijini National Park.
- » Have a swim and explore the natural beauty of Newman's waterholes.
- » Check out local indigenous artists at work in Cossack.
- » Royal Flying Doctor Service Base - Port Hedland.
- » Wonder along the Onslow Boardwalk for spectacular sunrises and sunsets.
- » Catch the breathtaking views from Koombana Lookout, Port Hedland.

Visitor Centres

Marble Bar	(08) 9176 1166
Australia's North West	(08) 9193 6660
Karratha	(08) 9144 4600
Onslow	(08) 9173 1711
Newman	(08) 9175 2888
Port Hedland	(08) 9173 1711
Roebourne	(08) 9182 1060
Tom Price	(08) 9188 1112

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