

AUGUST 2025

MARINE MEGAFUNA EXPERIENCE

# NINGALOO



BROOKE PYKE  
PHOTOGRAPHY

DATES: AUGUST 2025  
TRIP 1: AUG 1ST - AUG 8TH  
TRIP 2: AUG 11TH - AUG 19TH





## ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Embark on an enriching journey into the depths of Ningaloo Reef in 2025. Join Brooke Pyke and Airguides trip leader for an exclusive and intimate ocean safari, where we'll seek out Western Australia's most incredible marine life encounters. Explore the UNESCO-listed Ningaloo Reef and learn the art of capturing its renowned marine inhabitants.

This week-long experience aims to showcase the diverse marine life and the beauty of Ningaloo's healthy reef systems, connecting us to something bigger than ourselves. Open your eyes to a new world—using photography as a creative medium, we will gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with the ocean.

Throughout this trip, participants will delve into the fundamentals of freediving, gain insights from local biologists and researchers, and learn the essentials of underwater photography and photo editing. Tailored for photography and ocean enthusiasts seeking to elevate their skills, this expedition offers encounters with ocean giants like whale sharks, mantas, humpback whales and promises a comprehensive, immersive marine wildlife experience. Open to all ocean lovers whether you're a photographer or not, this is the trip for you.

Limited to an exclusive group of only 7 guests to ensure an intimate setting for each participant. Secure your place today for an unforgettable journey into the depths of Ningaloo Reef, where we approach animals in their most natural state.

**BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW**

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 Nights Exmouth accommodation in modern marina villa
  - Full day introduction to freediving with Salty Hearts
  - 3 days Exmouth marine mega fauna swimming private charter
  - 1 day Coral Bay manta ray experience private charter
  - Marine biologist and in water guide while on charter
  - Aerial marine life spotter pilot and aircraft while on charters
  - Small group of only 7 guests
  - Welcome BBQ fully catered on arrival day
  - Continental breakfast supplies
  - Photography fundamentals workshop
  - Editing workshop using adobe Lightroom
  - 1 on 1 photo feedback session with Brooke Pyke
  - Morning tea, lunch, fruit and refreshments while on charter
  - Tea, coffee and mineral water while on charter
  - Transport during the trip inc airport transfers
  - Gear rental while on charter (basic fins, mask, snorkel, wetsuit)
  - Professional photos from the trip from Brooke Pyke
  - Marine life presentations from local researcher/biologist
  - Merchandise pack (t-shirt, mask tamer and travel towel)
  - Underwater photography manual PDF book
  - Airguides trip leader
- OPTIONAL EXTRAS: All inclusive meals package





An aerial photograph of Ningaloo Reef. The top half of the image shows a vast, undulating red desert landscape with intricate patterns of erosion. The bottom half shows the reef's edge where the red sand meets the turquoise and deep blue waters of the Indian Ocean. A small, light-colored sandy area is visible where the reef meets the shore.

## ABOUT THE NINGALOO REEF

Ningaloo Reef, located on the western coast of Australia, is a stunning landscape where the red Australian desert meets the blue Indian Ocean. As the world's largest fringing reef, it serves as a thriving habitat for diverse marine species, attracting ocean enthusiasts and divers seeking unique encounters with marine megafauna. The name "Ningaloo" originates from the Aboriginal word "Nyinggulu," meaning "deep water." Positioned near Australia's continental shelf, where the ocean floor plunges to depths over 1,000 meters, it creates a wildlife corridor for many pelagic species. From abundant coral reef systems to various marine mammals, sharks, and rays, Ningaloo boasts a rich tapestry of marine life.

Spanning approximately 300 kilometers along Western Australia's Coral Coast, the reef is home to over 500 fish species and 300 coral species. Throughout the year, it hosts an impressive array of marine life, including whale sharks, humpback whales, and manta rays, along with sea turtles, hammerhead sharks, dugongs, and occasionally even blue whales. A visit to Ningaloo ensures remarkable encounters with its seasonal marine megafauna.

The reef's marine life follows distinct seasonal patterns. From March to August, whale sharks gather in large numbers to feed, while humpback whales migrate from June to October en route to Broome for calving. Manta rays frequent the area year-round, with higher numbers during winter and spring.

The inner lagoon of Ningaloo Reef harbors abundant fish life, easily accessible from shorelines like Turquoise Bay, Oyster Stacks, and South Mandu. In some areas, the outer reef is just a 200-300-meter swim from shore. However, to explore the open ocean and witness encounters with whale sharks, mantas, and whales, a boat trip with a spotter pilot's guidance is essential. This easy access to both the inner lagoon and open ocean vistas enhances Ningaloo's allure, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in its natural wonders.



## YOUR GUIDE: BROOKE PYKE

BROOKE IS AN AWARD WINNING UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER BASED ON THE NINGALOO REEF IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Originally from Melbourne, Victoria, Brooke now lives full-time on Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia. Her interest in photography began in high school, where she was often seen with a small camera loaded with black-and-white film. Although she initially planned to study photography at university in Melbourne, she took a different path and entered the world of graphic design instead.

Not long after, Brooke experienced a sudden career shift when she fell in love with scuba diving. She moved overseas and began training as a dive instructor. After several years working as a dive professional across Thailand, Indonesia, and Australia, she rediscovered her love for photography. During her time as an instructor, she borrowed an underwater camera from a friend, reigniting her passion. Her skill was evident, thanks to her prior photography experience, and dive shops soon began using her photos for their social media and websites.

The fusion of diving and creative expression became her new path, coinciding with the rise of Instagram, where she found inspiration from photographers worldwide. Seeing these photographers turn their passion into successful careers, particularly in marine life photography, fueled her own aspirations.

Although she had spent years teaching diving, she felt the need for a more creatively fulfilling profession. Her hobby of underwater photography had evolved, and Brooke hoped to make it into a career. Despite lacking formal training or official photography qualifications, she dedicated herself to self-improvement, investing significant time into honing her skills and building her portfolio. This commitment eventually led her back to Australia with a goal of securing photography positions on Ningaloo Reef. In 2021, her hard work paid off when she landed her first professional photography job. Less than two years into her career, Brooke won a prestigious international award at the 2022 OPY (Ocean Photography Awards).

Brooke now lives and works on Ningaloo Reef as a professional photographer. She enjoys sharing her "backyard" with visitors and organizing photography trips for like-minded enthusiasts.







## EXMOUTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The small town of Exmouth is the gateway to the Ningaloo reef. Located 1,200 km north of Perth, with a permanent population of only 2,800 people. It lies on the eastern side of the North West Cape, along the Exmouth Gulf. The Exmouth Gulf itself is home to a variety of marine species, including dugongs, dolphins, and mantas. Whales also use the Gulf during their migration, often stopping to rest with their calves. Closely connected to Ningaloo Reef, the Gulf's rich mangrove systems and protected shallow waters serve as a breeding ground and nursery for sharks and rays.

From Exmouth, reaching the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef requires only a short 30-minute drive to the western coast of the cape. Cape Range National Park, with its ancient limestone ridges running parallel to the Ningaloo Coast, is about 40 minutes away. This rocky landscape offers numerous hiking trails, ideal for spotting native wildlife like rock wallabies, bats, birds of prey, dingoes, kangaroos, and emus. The coast is lined with excellent beaches for surfing, relaxing, and snorkeling, and in some areas, the outer reef is just a 200-meter swim from the shore.

### CLIMATE AND WATER TEMPERATURE

August is winter in Australia, but winters on Ningaloo Reef are mild. Daytime temperatures typically range from 20-25°C, while nighttime temperatures can drop to around 10°C. The water temperature in August ranges from 21-24°C, depending on the currents. A 3mm full-length wetsuit is usually sufficient; however, if you feel the cold, consider bringing a hooded vest or a steamer. We require you to be fully covered when on the outer reef to protect against potential stingers. The Western Australian coast is exposed to wind and swell, and open-ocean conditions can be rough. A warm jacket is recommended for boat trips, as the wind can be chilly.



# YOUR NINGALOO EXPERIENCE ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### 3PM CHECK-IN AND MEET & GREET

Arrive and check in at our Exmouth marina villa. Meet your trip hosts and fellow guests. Enjoy an introduction to the Ningaloo and local history chat followed by a welcome BBQ drinks.

## DAY 2

### 9AM PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Brooke will host an in depth workshop photography teaching the fundamentals of the art, camera settings and creative techniques. You will then be given assistance to set up your camera and ask any questions. The afternoon will be your free time to explore and get ready for the week of adventures ahead.

## DAY 3

### 8AM INTRODUCTION TO FREEDIVING

Whether you're new to freediving or already certified, this full-day introduction to freediving is a great opportunity to gain new skills or build on what you already know. In the morning, we'll go through some freediving theory, covering equipment, physiology, diaphragmatic breathing, and basic freediving principles.

After a lunch break, we'll head to the local pool to practice with two experienced instructors from Salty Hearts Freediving School. You'll learn all the essential skills needed to dive successfully on a single breath, including static apnea, dynamic apnea, streamlining, correct finning techniques, duck diving, in-water diver safety and rescues, how to freedive with a camera, and more. This introduction will help you understand yourself better and deepen your relationship with the water.



## DAY 4-6

### 8AM NINGALOO MEGAFUNA CHARTER

We will depart Exmouth and drive to Tantabiddi boat ramp where we will begin our charter onboard Magellan. The tour begins with crew introductions, safety briefings, and an boat orientation. Afterward, we'll enjoy some morning tea and refreshments. Our day will kick off with a relaxing snorkel in the beautiful coral reef lagoon, where we may encounter stingrays, reef sharks, turtles, and more. We'll drift over the large coral bommie formations teeming with fish, offering everyone a chance to ease into the day and experiment with their cameras, working on perfecting shots and compositions of the lagoon's reef life. Brooke will be nearby to offer assistance and answer any questions you might have. Next, we'll enjoy light snacks and hot drinks as we depart the lagoon and head toward the outer reef. Meanwhile, our spotter pilot will begin searching for the first marine megafauna to swim with. Possible animals we might interact with include whale sharks, manta rays, or humpback whales, just to name a few. The species we encounter will depend on which animals are visiting the reef that day. Our focus will be on finding megafauna that we can swim with and photograph. But be prepared for anything—this is Ningaloo Reef, and nature has a way of surprising us with amazing encounters.

Once we find the marine megafauna, we will brief you on how the in-water interactions will proceed, following our interaction protocol and local laws. The specifics of this portion of the tour will vary each day, depending on conditions and the wildlife we encounter. Travel time to the area where the megafauna is spotted may also vary.

At midday, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch as we head back to the inner lagoon for the day's final activities. Our afternoon is flexible: depending on conditions, we may finish the day with another reef snorkel or a lagoon cruise to look for dugongs or other species of marine mammals that we can photograph from the boat. We will return to Tantabiddi Boat Ramp between 2:00-3:00 pm, with drop-off at your accommodation around 3:00-4:00 pm.

### EVENING EVENTS

DAY 4 - Photo Review Feedback Session 6:00PM

Day 5 - Local Marine Biologist Presentation 6:00PM





## DAY 6

### 7AM CORAL BAY MANTA RAY TOUR

We will depart Exmouth in the morning and head south 1.5hrs drive to the small town of Coral Bay. There we will join a day trip to experience the beauty of coral bay, home to a resident population of reef mantas. We will also have a chance to meet turtles and snorkel on vibrant and healthy reefs which Coral Bay is named for.

## DAY 7

### 9AM LIGHTROOM EDITING WORKSHOP

Join us for an immersive photo editing workshop designed to elevate your editing techniques. Select a few of your favorite shots from the trip, and dive into a hands-on session with Adobe Lightroom Classic. You'll learn essential editing skills, guided step-by-step by Brooke, and gain insights to bring out the best in each image.

The experience doesn't end there: each participant will also enjoy a 1-on-1 feedback session. Brooke will review your work, provide tailored advice, and answer any questions you have about photography and editing.

EVENING EVENT 7:00PM

End of trip celebratory gathering at Whalebone.

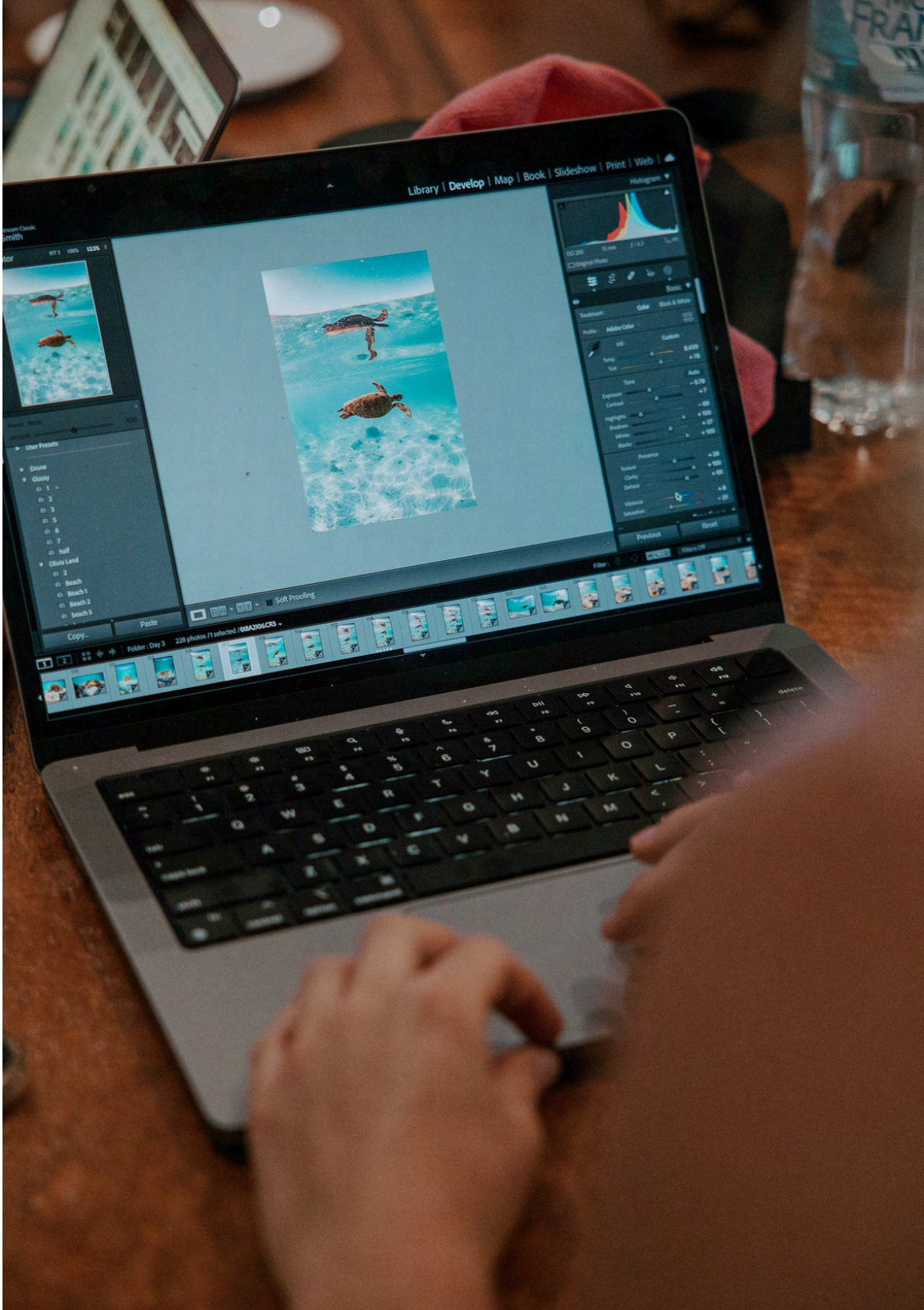
## DAY 8

### 10AM GUEST CHECKOUT AND FAREWELLS

As your adventure with us comes to an end, we kindly ask you to prepare for your departure. Please ensure all areas of the house are left in a tidy and clean condition and don't forget any of your personal items. We will drop you to the airport or your next point of departure in Exmouth town.







## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- Camera with wide angle or fisheye lens, Underwater Housing
- Camera with zoom lens (optional for above water photos)
- Spare camera battery, spare SD cards
- Any spare camera parts, O ring grease and tools etc
- Lens cleaner and cloth
- Carry Bag for camera
- Arm/wrist lanyard for underwater camera
- Gopro as a backup if you have one (optional)
- Adobe Lightroom Classic Editing Software
- Laptop Computer
- Portable hard drive for back ups
- Mask & snorkel (ideally a low volume freediving mask)
- Freediving fins (or closed heel snorkeling fins, not scuba diving fins)
- Freediving weight belt
- 1-2mm fin socks (if you're prone to blisters)
- Good vibes and ocean calmer
- Dive weights (you can hire in Exmouth)
- Wetsuit (3mm recommended)
- Spray jacket and warm sweater
- Swim wear
- Sunhat
- Reef Safe Suncream
- Beach Towel
- Reusable water bottle
- Seasick medication (for those prone to it)
- Telstra (or similar) sim card (no optus reception in Exmouth!)
- Note book and pen





## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Underwater Camera Hire
- Freediving equipment
- Snorkeling equipment while not on charter
- Editing Software/Laptop
- Travel/dive Insurance
- Camera equipment insurance
- Flights
- Meals while not on charter (if you opt to self cater)
- Alcohol





## OUR ACCOMODATION

- 8 Nights stay in modern marina villa
- Swimming pool with private jetty
- Walking distance to beach
- 4 bedrooms 3 bathrooms
- Air conditioning throughout
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Laundry with washer/dryer
- Outdoor BBQ and sitting area with canal views
- Spacious living and dining areas
- Double and twin share sleeping options
- Bed linens and bath towels provided





# WHAT WILL WE SEE?

## EMBARK ON A UNIQUE MARINE SAFARI ADVENTURE

While we'd love to guarantee magical wildlife encounters, the truth is that each experience is guided by nature. Like an African safari, our marine tour is a journey to discover amazing creatures in their natural habitat, adapting to factors like weather, sea conditions, and wildlife behavior.

Our promise to you is to do everything we can to provide an unforgettable experience. With a single, small swimming group of up to seven guests, we maximize your chances for meaningful encounters. To enhance these opportunities, we work with a highly skilled spotter plane pilot who assists us in locating and tracking megafauna like whale sharks, manta rays, and humpback whales.

However, as these are wild animals, their movements are unpredictable, and their well-being is our priority. We adhere to strict guidelines to ensure that all interactions are respectful and ethical for both guests and marine life. This means we cannot guarantee encounters, but we can ensure a responsible and memorable experience.

If a creature we're swimming with dives or moves along, we promptly dispatch our spotter plane to search for more. Multiple encounters are often possible throughout the day, and we encourage you to swim only when you feel comfortable. Decisions to approach or swim with certain marine life are made with the animals' welfare, our safety, and legal considerations in mind, in coordination with our experienced in-water guides and skipper.

You'll also have opportunities to spot marine life from the surface near the boat. Some animals may not be suitable for swimming, but you'll still have the chance to capture stunning photos from above water. Each tour is an adventure, and we're excited to share this unique experience with you.

## POSSIBILITIES OF IN WATER INTERACTIONS

- Aggregating whale sharks
- Feeding manta Rays
- Migrating humpback Whales
- Sea Turtles
- Octopus
- Sea snakes
- Variety of tropical fish
- Reef Sharks
- Sting Rays
- Shovel Nose Rays
- Leopard Sharks
- Schooling fish
- Eagle Rays
- Jellyfish
- Macro reef critters

## WHAT WE MIGHT SEE FROM THE BOAT

- Pods of Dolphins
- Playful Humpback whales
- Humpback mothers with young calves
- Minke Whales
- Orcas
- Sea Birds
- Tiger Sharks
- Dugongs
- Sea snakes

Please note: the marine life listed above is not guaranteed but it's what we might have the possibility to encounter. What CAN we guarantee? A good day out on the ocean with passionate people who love what they and want to show you the best time!



# HOW DO WE INTERACT WITH MARINE MEGAFUNA?

Our interactions with marine life are regulated by the Department of Parks and Wildlife to ensure a safe, respectful experience for both animals and guests. We'll go over these rules in detail during the safari, but here's an overview to familiarize you with our approach.

## General Guidelines

- No Touching: We never touch or hold onto any marine animals. This is essential to ensure their safety and natural behavior.
- No Flash Photography: Flash photography is prohibited to prevent disturbing the animals.

## Mantas

- Distance: Maintain at least 2-3 meters from mantas and avoid blocking their path.
- Curious Encounters: Mantas may approach closer out of curiosity; we allow them to initiate these interactions.

## Whale Sharks

- Distance: Keep a minimum of 3 meters while swimming beside a whale shark and at least 4 meters when near its tail.
- Group Size: A maximum of 10 guests and 2 in-water guides can swim with a whale shark at a time.

## Humpback Whales

- Distance: We approach no closer than 30 meters from a humpback whale, allowing the whale to decide if it wants to interact. If it approaches, we maintain at least a 15-meter distance.
- Mother and Calf: For safety, a calf must be at least half the size of its mother for us to swim near them.
- Group Size & Restrictions: Maximum of 7 guests with 2 in-water guides, and no free diving is allowed.
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These guidelines ensure respectful, ethical, and safe interactions with each species, creating a memorable experience while prioritizing the animals' well-being.



## YOUR MEGAFAUNA VESSEL

### Welcome Aboard the Magellan

At 20 meters in length, the Magellan is a spacious, purpose-built vessel that ensures a comfortable and memorable experience for all guests. Designed by our founder Bill McDonald, who has over 40 years of maritime experience, the Magellan is crafted with stability, comfort, and commercial tourism in mind, making it the perfect choice for exploring the Ningaloo Reef.

**Ample Space for Everyone** With a capacity of 20 guests, we limit our charters to only 7 swimmers to ensure a quality experience. The back deck is mostly shaded, providing over 32m<sup>2</sup> of comfortable seating, not including the cabin. Guests can freely access the bow, the stern, and even chat with our captain on the flybridge.

**Built for Speed and Comfort** Powered by an MTU Diesel engine, the Magellan is one of the faster boats in the fleet, ensuring you'll never miss a moment of the action. Our marlin board is positioned just above water level, making it easy to enter and exit the water, with steps, railings, and a ladder available. Our attentive deckhands are always ready to assist.

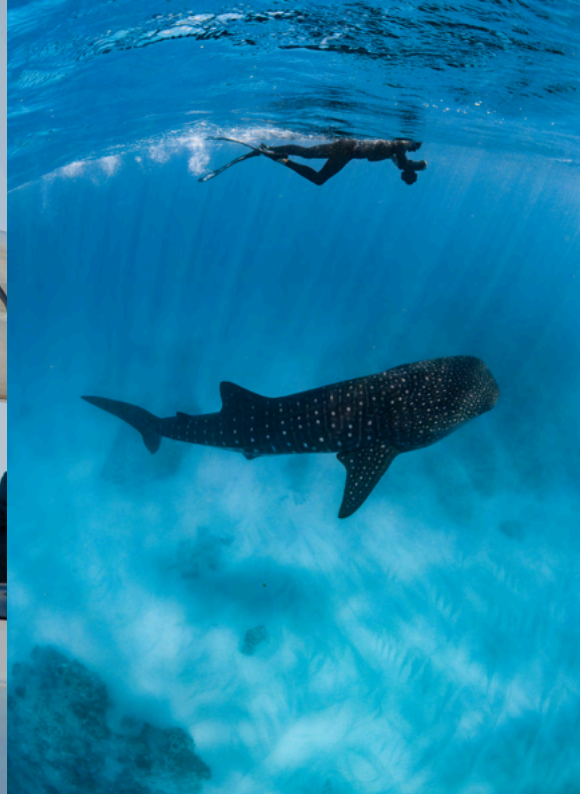
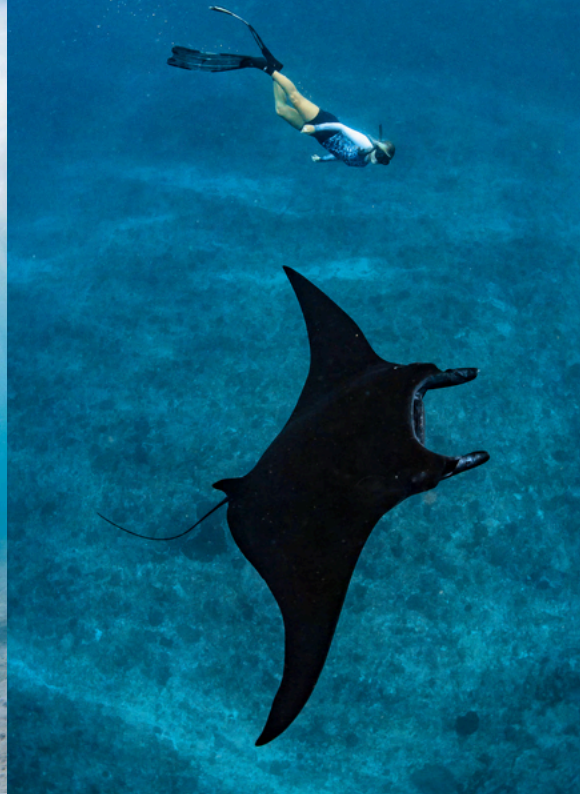
**Perfect Views from Every Angle** The spacious bow is ideal for whale watching and above-water photography, while the flybridge offers a top-down perspective on the reef and its wildlife. Whether you're looking for a front-row seat to the action or a quiet place to take it all in, the Magellan has you covered.

**Safety is Priority.** Fitted with life jackets for adults and children, a comprehensive first aid kit including oxygen resuscitation equipment, flares, and a defibrillator. All staff hold Senior First Aid Certificates, and the vessel is equipped with GPS systems, radios, satellite phones, and a safety raft.

**Onboard Facilities** The Magellan is outfitted with a spacious bathroom and toilet, as well as a freshwater shower at the stern for rinsing off after your swim. Refreshments and Lunch Throughout the day, you'll enjoy morning tea and a healthy, delicious lunch spread, with options for vegan, vegetarian, and other dietary requirements on request. Fruit and snacks are provided throughout the day, and you'll have access to a tea and coffee station as well as mineral drinking water.











## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

**GETTING HERE:** To get to Exmouth, you can drive up from Perth, which is about a 14-hour journey and a great option if you'd like to explore along the way. Alternatively, you can fly from Perth to Learmonth Airport, located 32km south of Exmouth. Our group guide will be there to collect you for from the airport for, check-in at out accommodation.

**GETTING AROUND:** Exmouth is a small town that's easy to navigate by walking or cycling. Your accommodation is about a 25-30 minute walk or a 10-15 minute bike ride to town. However, since there's no public transportation in Exmouth, our trip leader will be there to drive you should you need assistance getting to the shops and local facilities as well as airport pickups/drops offs.

**MEALS:** For meals, we provide continental breakfast for the duration of your stay . We also have an option to have your trip full catered. If you wish to prepare your own meals, our accommodation has a fully equipped kitchen. Morning tea, lunch, fruit, and drinks are provided on the charter days. Exmouth has a nice variety of restaurants too, if you'd like to try the local dining scene. Manta Rays Restaurant is conveniently located within walking distance of your accommodation. Other great options include Whalebone Brewery for beers and pizza, Whalers Restaurant, The Beach Shack, Adrift Cafe and Bamboo for coffee, BBQ Father for an unusual BBQ and Italian fusion, Froth Brewery for beers and pub food, and Social Society Cafe for coffee and vegetarian-friendly meals.

**SHOPPING:** Although Exmouth is a small town, it has essential shops for your convenience, including a bakery, two IGA grocery stores, a pharmacy, post office, surf shops, bottle shop, art gallery, gift stores, and a medical center, among other amenities.

**LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS:** If you have freetime before or after your experience with us, there are many local highlights worth visiting if you have the chance. Some of these include Coral Bay, Bullara Station, Charles Knife Canyon and Shot-Hole Canyon hikes, Mandu Mandu Gorge Walk, Yardie Creek Gorge Walk, Turquoise Bay, Oyster Stacks, Osprey Bay, Lakeside, and Vlamingh Head Lighthouse. Additionally, you might enjoy a trip to the Mildura Wreck, the Ningaloo Visitor Center, Bundegi Beach, diving at the Navy Pier or Murion Islands, and other adventures like surfing, Baiyungu Dreaming Tours, and scenic flights with Ningaloo Aviation or Birdseye View Microlite flights.

**WHATSAPP GROUP:** Closer to the date we will create a WhatsApp group chat for everyone to e-meet before arrival.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Can you guarantee what we will see on the trip?

No, and that's part of the adventure! Each tour is unique, and we make every effort to provide an exceptional experience, using tools like spotter planes and limiting guest numbers to maximize the chance of encounters with various marine species. Each day on the reef is special, and this tour is designed to showcase the best of Ningaloo, as locals see it.

## What can I expect from the experience?

This marine megafauna safari is for adventurers looking for a one-of-a-kind experience. We embrace the beauty of what the reef offers each day, using a spotter plane to locate suitable megafauna for swimming. While nature has no guarantees, we do our best to facilitate memorable in-water encounters, often with multiple species throughout the day.

## Can I join if I'm not a photographer?

Yes absolutely, this trip caters for non photographers who are more interested in the wild life experience on it's own.

## What if we encounter bad weather?

Bad weather is rare, but if it does happen, our vessel is built for offshore conditions, and our experienced skipper can adjust the tour to suit conditions. We have the protection of the inner lagoon if needed. If weather conditions make the tour unsafe, we will refund that portion of your tour.

## Do I need travel and diving insurance?

Yes, travel insurance is highly recommended. Check that your policy covers snorkeling and freediving to ensure comprehensive coverage in case of cancellations or unforeseen events.

## I'm not a strong swimmer. Can I join?

You don't need to be an Olympic swimmer, but a moderate level of swimming ability is essential. You should feel comfortable swimming 100m in open water, as conditions may include wind and swell. Our in-water guide and safety-trained crew are always nearby to assist.

## Do I need my own freediving gear?

Yes, bringing your own gear (mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit, weights, and belt) is ideal for comfort. We provide basic snorkeling equipment (mask, snorkel, basic fins, full wetsuit) for charter days, but you may need to hire additional equipment locally for freediving.

## Do I need to be experienced at snorkelling and freediving?

We do require you to be confident in the ocean and experienced in using snorkelling equipment. Freediving experience isn't required. You'll receive a full-day introduction to freediving on the trip. Most interactions occur at the surface, so snorkelling is sufficient for many experiences. Diving down a few meters is optional and useful for closer photos.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ... continued

## What camera should I bring?

This greatly depends on your budget. As a minimum a GoPro can be a great option. For the best results with a bigger budget a compact or full frame camera setup with manual features, a wide-angle or fisheye lens, and underwater housing is ideal.

## Can you recommend a beginner camera setup?

Great beginner setups include the Canon G7X, Canon G16, Sony RX100, or Sony A6500, paired with a wide-angle or fisheye lens. Look for housing, domes, or wet lenses from brands like Nauticam, Aquatica, Ikelite, Marelux, or Fantasea.

## Should I use floats for my camera?

We recommend a neutrally or negatively buoyant setup, as floating cameras can be difficult to maneuver underwater. Adding weight can help you handle your camera more comfortably.

## Do I need strobes or lights?

No, this trip focuses on ambient light photography. With shallow water and natural light, there's no need for additional lights, and this approach minimizes disturbance to the marine life.

## I'm a beginner at photography. Can I still join?

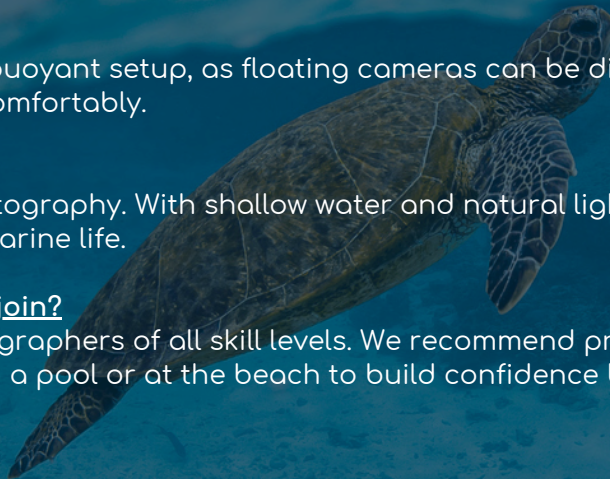
Absolutely! This trip is designed for photographers of all skill levels. We recommend practicing with your camera setup beforehand so you're familiar with its controls. Practice in a pool or at the beach to build confidence before the trip.

## What is the average water visibility?

Visibility varies based on swell, wind, and tides, typically ranging from 5-15m, with some days reaching 20-30m+.

## Do we need to wear a wetsuit?

Wearing a wetsuit is optional but recommended for comfort with long days in the water, you can get cold even on warm days. Water temperatures in August are between 21-24°C. For safety, we require full coverage (arms and legs) due to potential jellyfish. A 3mm wetsuit is ideal, but leggings and a rash guard are also suitable. If you're someone who feels the cold we definitely recommend a wetsuit.







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**PRICE: \$7,450 AUD PER PERSON**

To book we require a \$1,000 AUD deposit to hold your space with balance due 90 days before arrival.



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