

SINK YOUR TEETH IN
SHARK BAY

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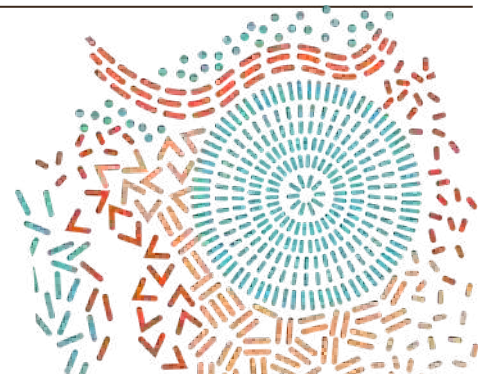
2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT

DAY ONE

- **Morning:** Stromatolites
Shell Beach
- **Lunch:** Oceans Restaurant | Ocean Park Aquarium
Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre
- **Afternoon:** Discovery Trail | Jetty Jump | Little Lagoon
Scenic Flight | Shark Bay Aviation
- **Dinner:** Boughshed Restaurant | RAC Monkey Mia Resort
- **Evening:** Peron Hot Tub | Francois Peron National Park

Where to stay:

Oceanside Village | Denham
Tasman Denham Seaside Caravan Park
Shire of Shark Bay Beach Camping



DAY TWO

- **Option 1:** Shark Bay Coastal Tours | Half-Day Francois Peron National Park
<https://www.sharkbayvisit.com.au/shark-bay-coastal-tours>
- **Option 2:** Shark Bay Eco Tours | Steep Point & Dirk Hartog Island Marine Safari
<https://www.sharkbayvisit.com.au/shark-bay-dive-and-marine-safaris>
- **Afternoon:** Eagle Bluff Lookout



- DAY ONE - TRAVELLING TO DENHAM -

The Shark Bay World Heritage Drive into Denham has so much to offer, so plan to set off nice and early, giving you the best opportunity to experience all that Denham and Shark Bay have to offer.

Your first stop is to view the stromatolites at Hamelin Pool. The stromatolites may look like rocks in the water, but they are actually fascinating living fossils that represent the world's oldest life-form. Currently, the best time to view them is at low tide as the boardwalk is under repair, due to reopen in 2025.

As you follow the World Heritage Drive from the North West Coastal Highway, pop into Shell Beach. There are only two beaches in the world like this, comprised solely of gossamer thin, tiny white coquina shells no bigger than your smallest fingernail. It is a unique experience, not to be missed.

As you wind along the Denham driveway, there are multiple bays to stop and take in your first glimpses of the stunning bay scenery.

Stop for lunch at Oceans Restaurant, where ocean views from the veranda set the perfect ambiance for a memorable meal. After your meal, join the Ocean Park team on a guided tour around their magical aquarium. From graceful stingrays to sharks and a large variety of colourful tropical fish, these expert guides will take you on a journey through the diverse aquatic ecosystem that is Shark Bay.



- DAY ONE - ARRIVING IN DENHAM -

Immerse yourself in the wonderful history of Shark Bay and its surrounds by visiting the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery and Visitor Centre and speaking to the friendly local staff. The Centre includes Visitor Information, a Discovery Museum, the Rose de Freycinet Art Gallery, and the Fire on the Water HMAS Sydney II 3D Film. Purchase a multi-day ticket to the museum to learn about our shipwrecks, wildlife, the land and local Malgana culture.

Looking for more history? Wander the Denham Discovery Trail at your leisure and follow the fascinating local cultural and historic knowledge. The trail will take you past the old goal and buildings made from shells. After you have finished the walk, cool-off with an iconic jetty jump into our crystal-clear waters.

A quick visit to Little Lagoon is a must. This quiet tidal lagoon is a perfect spot to relax and unwind after your travels. Ease into the serene environment, dip your toes into the cool clear water, stretch and breath in the beautiful clean air. Swimming at the Little Lagoon is a favourite activity for families with young kids.



Book in an afternoon scenic flight with Shark Bay Aviation for a spectacular perspective of the National Park and Denham surrounds. With a range of flight durations to suit every budget, there are ample opportunities to see sharks, rays, and turtles and many Shark Bay attractions including the Zuytdorp Cliffs, Steep Point, Useless Loop solar salt ponds, historic Dirk Hartog Island, or, on shorter flights, magnificent Big Lagoon, or Monkey Mia Beach.

Once you're back at the airport, drive east towards Monkey Mia for a lovely evening at the RAC Resort. Situated mere metres from the shores of Dolphin Beach and affording picturesque views of Shark Bay, The Boughshed Restaurant delivers a unique culinary experience. With a menu that makes the most of seasonal fare from the surrounding areas, a meal at The Boughshed will please the palate of even the most discerning foodie. As the sun sets, the sky is painted in pink, purple and orange hues, and the occasional dolphin meanders along the shoreline.

On your drive back to Denham, head to the Homestead in Francois Peron National Park, to soak in the natural artesian hot tub. For a total relaxation experience, let your worries float away in 38°C water under the breathtaking milky way. With a complete lack of light pollution, this is the perfect spot for some stargazing in the dark sky.

- ACCOMMODATION -

There are many choices for accommodation options in Denham that suit all styles and budgets.

Oceanside Village

Located along the foreshore and right on the beach, Oceanside Village caters for travellers seeking self-contained family friendly accommodation. If the beach isn't for you, an outdoor pool located on the property is there to be used at your leisure. The villas include 1 or 2 bedrooms with additional parking for boats and trailers. A fully accessible unit is also available on site.

Tasman Denham Seaside Caravan Park

This pitch-perfect holiday park offers beautiful beaches, crystal clear waters and stunning views. The vibrant seaside town of Denham is on the doorstep, with a selection of appealing eateries, a popular bakery and the Shark Bay Hotel perched on the foreshore. Choose from a range of camping and chalet options to suit your needs and budget, then kick back and relax.

Camping

For a budget camping option, the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre administers permits for four 24-hour beach style camping grounds located outside of Denham township.





- DAY TWO - DEPARTING DENHAM -

Today is starting bright and early with a wild Shark Bay adventure planned. Jump on a tour with one of our fabulous local operators to witness the best that Shark Bay has to offer. With such a short stay in Denham, we've narrowed it down for you to choose between a half-day tour of Francois Peron National Park, or a Marine Safari snorkelling tour around the magical coves of the South Passage between Steep Point and Dirk Hartog Island. There are so many other options to choose from, with passionate and knowledgeable guides ready to share their insight into this wonderland – hop on our website sharkbayvisit.com to learn more!

Shark Bay Coastal Tours

Seeing the red desert cliffs meet the turquoise sea in Francois Peron National Park is on the bucket list for most people. This experience provides the opportunity for a half-day tour to the top of Cape Peron and to Skip Jack Point. Experience the red desert cliffs fringed by the sparkling contrast of turquoise waters. With spectacular photography opportunities looking out over the red cliffs, you will get to tick this once-in-a-lifetime experience off your list.

Shark Bay Dive & Marine Safaris

The action-packed Marine Safari provides guests with the ultimate Shark Bay experience. Well-trained crew will take you to see Steep Point, the westernmost point of mainland Australia and the Zuytdorp cliffs, help you set foot on Dirk Hartog Island and visit amazing snorkel sites within the pristine South Passage.

Either of these tours will get you and your family safely back to Denham mid-afternoon, in time to pack the car and continue along your Coral Coast adventure.

Eagle Bluff is your last stop on the drive out from paradise. The impressive high cliff with 200m boardwalk offers beautiful views and wildlife spotting opportunities. The free attraction is a perfect way to finish your time in Denham and the surrounding Shark Bay World Heritage Listed Area.

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