



SHARK BAY KAYAK & SNORKEL
LIVEABOARD EXPEDITION

Trip Brochure



AT A GLANCE

DATES

JUNE 5TH, 2026
JUNE 14TH, 2026

DURATION

7 DAYS

DIFFICULTY

INTERMEDIATE

PRICE

FROM \$3,999.00

ACCOMMODATION

LIVEABOARD

GROUP SIZE

10 TRAVELERS

OVERVIEW

Shark Bay, located on the westernmost point of Australia, is a World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning natural beauty and rich biodiversity. Boasting over 1,000 kilometers of pristine beaches and calm, inviting waters, the area is Australia's largest bay. Striking coastal scenery and abundant marine life makes Shark Bay a premier destination for kayaking and snorkeling.

One of the highlights of the Shark Bay area is Dirk Hartog Island, the largest island in Western Australia, known for its historical significance and diverse ecosystems. For those seeking adventure, the island offers excellent opportunities for exploring its rugged landscapes and pristine beaches. The island's diverse habitats, from sandy shores to limestone cliffs, provide a spectacular backdrop for kayaking, snorkeling and short hikes.

Shark Bay and Dirk Hartog Island provide sanctuary for a variety of wildlife, including numerous seabirds, marine turtles, dugongs, dolphins, rays, whales and an incredible array of fish species.

Exploring Shark Bay and Dirk Hartog Island on our live aboard vessel promises an immersive experience in one of Australia's most remarkable natural settings, combining a fascinating history with breathtaking natural beauty.



WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THIS EXPEDITION

PRISTINE WATERS AND ABUNDANT MARINE LIFE

Paddle and snorkel through the calm, crystal-clear waters of Shark Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Encounter dolphins, humpback whales, rays, marine turtles, and schools of colorful fish in one of Australia's most biodiverse marine sanctuaries.

REMOTE ISLAND EXPLORATION

Kayak along the striking coastline of Dirk Hartog Island, Western Australia's largest island. Discover secluded beaches, rugged limestone cliffs, and untouched sand dunes as you explore this historically significant and ecologically rich paradise.

ADVENTURE WITH COMFORT

Spend your days immersed in nature and your nights aboard our comfortable liveaboard vessel. Enjoy fresh, chef-prepared meals, relax under star-filled skies, and wake up to the gentle sounds of the sea—ready for another day of adventure.

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Step into history as you visit Dirk Hartog Island, where early explorers left their mark over 400 years ago. Learn about the island's fascinating past while witnessing its thriving wildlife and stunning landscapes.



PRICING

2026 DEPARTURE

STANDARD CABIN	\$3,999.00 USD
ENSUITE CABIN	\$4,699.00 USD

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfer between Monkey Mia/Shark Bay airport and Silverado if arriving on Day 1.
- Double and single expedition kayaks, paddles, life jackets and spray decks.
- Silverado charter for six nights.
- Professional kayak guide.
- All meals and snacks from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on Day 7.
- Wine and beer for a sundowner and to accompany dinner.
- All linen and bathroom towels.
- Water and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Snorkeling gear-snorkel, mask and fins.
- Bait, ice and standard fishing gear.
- Stand up paddle boards.
- Group first aid kit.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights.
- Departure airport transfer.
- Accommodation and meals in Denham.
- Travel insurance.

ITINERARY



DAY 1 - ARRIVE TO DENHAM

For those arriving on the afternoon flight from Perth, you will be met by your kayak guide at the airport and transferred to the Silverado. If you're already in town, please make your way to the Silverado, anchored in Denham marina (meeting time will be confirmed on your final itinerary). You'll meet the crew and the captain will conduct a safety briefing.

A group dinner is held in town with your kayak guide, who will present a trip briefing. After dinner, the group returns to the Silverado to spend the night on board at anchor, ready for an early departure into Shark Bay.

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DAY 2 - SHARK BAY

Today we explore Shark Bay's hidden lagoons and search for dugongs. The 10,000 or more dugongs in Shark Bay make up about 10% of the world's dugong population and breed in the eastern part of Shark Bay. The calm, clear waters are perfect for spotting these gentle creatures as they graze on seagrass meadows.

We'll paddle through tranquil lagoons, not only keeping an eye out for dugongs but also dolphins, rays and other marine life that inhabit these waters. In the afternoon, we return to the vessel for a sundowner, dinner and our comfy cabins.

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DAY 3 - STEEP POINT

An early departure takes us to Steep Point, the westernmost point of the Australian mainland. The Dutch seafarer William de Vlamingh named it 'Steyle Hock' (Steep Point) in 1697 when anchored off the cliffs near the southern tip of Dirk Hartog Island. This dramatic coastline features rugged cliffs and stunning ocean views.

We'll paddle along the coastline, exploring hidden coves and watching for marine life such as dolphins and seabirds. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch at Steep Point before continuing our exploration of the area. In the late afternoon, we return to the Silverado.

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DAY 4 - DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

Today we paddle and explore the sheltered eastern coast of Dirk Hartog Island, where the opportunities for snorkelling and observing the vibrant underwater world abound.

This historic island is not only the largest in Western Australia but also the site where Dutch explorer Dirk Hartog landed in 1616. We'll visit Cape Inscription, where Hartog

left his famous pewter dish nailed to a timber post. Australia's oldest European maritime relic is now housed at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

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DAY 5 - FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK

This morning, we head to Francois Peron National Park to explore its hidden lagoons. Peron Peninsula is known as Wulyibidi to the local Malgana Aboriginal people who occupied the area prior to European settlement and continue to live in Shark Bay today. The park is known for its striking red cliffs, white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters.

We paddle through these beautiful landscapes, searching for marine life and enjoying the serene environment. In the afternoon, we return to the vessel and if the crew have been lucky, to a dinner of fresh fish and perhaps lobster!

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DAY 6 - FAURE ISLAND

Today we explore the coast of Faure Island, searching for the famous dolphins of Monkey Mia. These friendly dolphins are known for their regular visits to the shallows, where they interact with humans.

We'll paddle along the coast, enjoying close encounters with these playful creatures. After a day of exploration and dolphin watching, we return to the vessel for dinner and relaxation. Our last evening on board is enjoyed with a celebratory dinner and a slide show recap of the trip.

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DAY 7 - HAMELIN POOL & FAREWELL

We visit Hamelin Pool, home to the world's oldest living life forms, stromatolites (meaning layered rock). These fascinating microbial structures date back billions of years and provide a unique glimpse into earth's early life. We'll paddle and explore the coast, observing the stromatolites and the diverse marine life that thrives in this area. In the afternoon, we return to the vessel and make our way to Monkey Mia, where the trip concludes.

Arrival into Monkey Mia is between 1-2pm. It is possible to catch the late afternoon flight back to Perth today.

B • L / END OF TRIP ARRANGEMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTE

Due to the unique nature of this area and the variability of weather, there is no fixed route or schedule. This itinerary is a sample only. Please note that the weather, logistical conditions and group preference will determine the day to day activities. We aim to experience the true wilderness of Shark Bay and the best of expedition sea kayaking.

THE LIVEABOARD



MV SILVERADO

Our live aboard is the Silverado, a 24 metre deluxe catamaran, providing a very comfortable base for our adventures.

The Silverado has five cabin bedrooms, the three main deck rooms have ensuites and the two upper deck rooms have a shared bathroom. There is one twin share cabin, the other cabins contain a double or queen bed. Other features are a private sun lounge balcony, a covered outdoor dining area, covered lounge room, seating area at the bow of the boat and a hydraulic rear swim platform that can be lowered into the water.

A 10 meter leisure cat tender/support vessel can shadow paddlers on any crossings or open ocean sections. The Silverado is moored or anchored in safe flat water areas of the islands each night.

THE CABINS



ENSUITE CABINS

The ensuites all have showers, vanity basin, toilet and ocean views.

Each room comes standard with double beds (1 bedroom also has an additional single bed) and side tables, and are individually decorated to reflect their uniqueness.

No. of cabins: 3



STANDARD CABINS

Each room comes standard with double beds (1 bedroom also has an additional single bed) and side tables, and are individually decorated to reflect their uniqueness.

No. of cabins: 2

THE PLACE

On the edge of the Australian continent, where the far west coast meets the sea, is the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, one of the world's greatest wilderness treasures. This westernmost part of Australia has a unique combination of wildlife, flora and stunning scenery.

Shark Bay is actually two bays sheltered by peninsulas and a long island. The local Malgana Aboriginal people know it as Gutharraguda, meaning 'two waters'. Shark Bay's rich cultural heritage extends to about 30,000 years ago with the occupation of indigenous people belonging to the Malgana, Nhanda and Yingkarta language groups. There are about 130 registered Aboriginal heritage sites in the Shark Bay area including quarries, rock shelters, burial sites and large scatters of discarded shells, bone and other food- related artefacts known as middens.

Dirk Hartog Island is home to one of the world's most important conservation projects, called Return to 1616 Ecological Restoration Project, breathing life back into the island with the eradication of feral animals. The low shrubby vegetation harbors a range of animal life including the Dirk Hartog Island black and white fairy-wren, which is found nowhere else and the sandhill frog whose distribution is limited.

Seabirds abound along the protected eastern coast of Dirk Hartog Island with species nesting on islands close to shore. Wildlife in the waters close to the island may be spotted, including manta rays throughout the year, whale sharks around the northern coastline in May and June and humpback whales in September. Each summer thousands of loggerhead turtles return to Turtle Bay, the area they emerged as hatchlings, to lay their eggs.



SEA KAYAKING

Sea kayaking is an activity that any reasonably fit person can participate in and could be compared to brisk walking or cycling. Some previous paddling experience is required to participate on this trip.

Your trip leader is a highly experienced sea kayaker and professional wilderness guide. They will give a thorough briefing on all aspects of sea kayaking techniques with ample time to practice and familiarize yourself with the kayaks. We limit the group size to a maximum of ten, plus your dedicated kayak guide.

In general, the fitter you are, the more you will enjoy the paddling and it's a good idea to begin some regular exercise like walking, jogging, cycling, gym classes or swimming well before the trip. If you have not paddled recently, we highly recommend some practice and we may be able to suggest a local operator for kayak hire and/or tuition near your home.

An average paddling outing would range from 2-4 hours (8-15 km). We mix in as much snorkeling and exploration walking as possible. We ask that all participants feel confident in swimming.

To ensure the highest safety and to maximize the experience of the group as a whole, we use primarily double kayaks. Single kayaks are offered on request, subject to approval and demonstration of experience appropriate to the trip. The use of single kayaks and the overall configuration of the group is at all times at the discretion of your guide.

While we operate the trips in the less windy months, the Shark Bay area can be breezy.



The Silverado provides the flexibility to move from one location to the next, shuttling to areas that are more protected from wind. We also have the option to be dropped off or picked up by the tender, a powerboat cat, with the kayaks on tow.

The Silverado has large rear deck and upper deck platforms suitable for gearing up and sliding the sea kayaks into the water.



SNORKELING

Each day provides fantastic snorkeling opportunities. At some sites we land the kayaks on the beach and swim a short distance from the shore. At other sites we anchor or moor the kayaks and slip over the side. Snorkeling gear is provided or bring your own for a good fit.

MEET YOUR GUIDES

Bringing an expedition like the Shark Bay Kayak & Snorkel Expedition to life takes a world-class team. That's why we've partnered with Southern Sea Ventures and MV Silverado to make this journey possible.

Founded in 1988 and based in Tasmania, **Southern Sea Ventures** is a globally recognized leader in multi-day sea kayaking expeditions. With a passion for adventure and exploration, they have spent decades guiding paddlers through some of the world's most remote and iconic destinations. Their expert team ensures a seamless and immersive experience, balancing safety, comfort, and a true spirit of discovery.

MV Silverado, operated by Silverado Charters, is a 24 meter deluxe catamaran, providing a very comfortable base for our adventures.



THINGS TO KNOW

MEETING PLACE AND TIME

We embark the Silverado in the late afternoon of Day 1. It is possible to arrive into Denham on the afternoon flight on this day and transfer direct to the Silverado. For those already in Denham, please make your way to the marina and the Silverado. The meeting time will be advised on your final trip itinerary.

See the the website below for places to stay and things to do in and around Denham.
<https://www.australiascoralcoast.com/destinations/shark-bay/denham>

HOW TO GET THERE

Our start point is the town of Denham, once a pearling town and now the gateway to the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Denham is 800 kms north of Perth and a two hour flight with Regional Express Airlines (Rex) to Monkey Mia/ Shark Bay Airport. Denham is a 10 minute drive from the airport.

Please note, Perth airport operates two separate terminals T1/T2 and T3/T4. Do check your flight itinerary carefully and allow time for a transfer to a different terminal if required. A transfer bus operates between the terminals every 20 minutes between 6am-10pm (every 30 minutes between 10pm and 6am), with taxi and rideshare services available on the respective terminal forecourts.

For those with more time to explore, the drive between Perth and Denham takes between eight to nine hours. Scenic detours along the way include The Pinnacles of Nambung National Park, the beach town Jurien Bay, Geraldton, Hutt Lagoon and Kalbarri National Park. See Tourism WA Coral Coast website for more ideas and information:

<https://www.australiascoralcoast.com/>

CLIMATE

The best time to visit Shark Bay is between April and September. Expect average high temperatures of 22-26C (71-78 F) and lows of 15-20C (60-68 F) from April to June. The area can be windy, however being based on the live aboard, we can move each day and seek out the best sheltered paddling locations. The average water temperature is 24C (75 F) in April and 20C (68 F) in June.

TRIP ORGANIZATION

The live aboard will act as our floating home and allows travelling in comfort between the islands. We'll launch the kayaks each morning and depending on the day, either return to the ship for lunch or spend a full day exploring, maybe enjoying a picnic lunch on one of the islands.

Days will start early to take advantage of mild temperatures and less wind. It's a good idea to prepare your personal items for the day before breakfast. Make sure you pack your snorkelling gear as kayakers will be in the water as well as on it!

EXPEDITION STAFF

You will be accompanied by a dedicated kayak guide plus Silverado's crew of three- the captain, first mate and deckhand who also cooks! Should you have any questions or concerns during the trip, please do not hesitate to ask your kayak guide.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Should you voluntarily decide to alter your travel arrangements after commencement of your trip, Southern Sea Ventures & Adventure Fix GO are not responsible for any additional charges involved. Our staff will assist you if possible but you are responsible for organizing these arrangements yourself.

Please understand that delays and waiting can occur and although we do our best to keep to schedule, it is not always possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is highly recommended that you purchase a personal comprehensive travel insurance policy. Please make sure your insurance policy covers lost monies in the event that you need to cancel your trip, including coverage if you contract Covid-19 before or during your trip.

Australian residents should note: Under the Federal Government Medicare Act it is prohibited for any domestic travel insurance product to provide any financial reimbursement with regards to ambulance or air ambulance services. We advise clients to take specific cover for ambulance services through the respective State Ambulance Service providers or through your own private health insurance.

TIME AND COMMUNICATION

Perth and Denham are on Australian Western Standard Time (AWST). Devices can be charged on Silverado.

MEALS

Meals are freshly prepared by the guide and crew on board Silverado. Breakfasts usually consist of muesli and other cereals, milk and yogurt, fruit, toast and condiments, tea and coffee. There may be a hot cooked breakfast some mornings. Lunches are a selection of wraps, crackers, cheese, cold meat, salads, avocado, condiments, tea and coffee. Dinners are prepared with fresh ingredients and varied daily. There is an emphasis on freshly caught crayfish and fish, fresh salads and vegetables. If you're not a seafood or fish eater, do not worry as there will be an alternative meal.

Wine and beer, for a sundowner and to accompany dinner, is included in the trip cost.

We cater for vegetarians and other special diets. Please note your dietary requirements on your online questionnaire.

CONSERVATION

It has always been our motto that "we take only photographs and leave only footprints". We are keenly aware of the ecology of the areas we visit and try to limit our impact on them. We ask that each person takes out everything they bring in including sweet wrappers, batteries, etc.

MEDICAL MATTERS

Any passenger undertaking this trip is required to provide us with an online medical questionnaire filled out completely and accurately. Please advise us of any side effects of any medication you take and of any dietary requirements related to the medication. Be sure to let your guide know of any drugs and foods to which you are allergic as well as noting this on your online form. You will be isolated from modern medical facilities and attention to medical matters is vital.

Medical Supplies

Your guide carries a comprehensive medical kit and is trained in wilderness first aid. It is your responsibility to bring sufficient quantities of any specific medications you

require. Guides do not carry EpiPens. If you are anaphylactic, you will need to supply and carry two EpiPens.

In addition we suggest that each passenger bring:

- Sun screen (water resistant variety at least SP30). Please use a reef friendly sunscreen.
- Lip protectant (high SP factor).
- Band-aid strips.
- Insect repellent.
- A mild anti-nausea drug if you are concerned about sea sickness.

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING: WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

We recommend you bring your own small 5-10 liter dry bag for items you may need during the day while kayaking.

Essential Items:

- A wide brimmed hat for protection from the sun is essential. Visors are inadequate. A hat with a stiff brim that will hold rigid in a breeze, e.g. straw hat with a strap to put under your chin is good. A scarf made from a light material like silk to protect your neck can be useful too.
- Sun-glasses with a cord to prevent them from falling into the water. Polarized are great for seeing into the water from your kayak.
- Two long sleeve lightweight shirts. A synthetic shirt is highly recommended for sun protection while paddling and bring a spare for snorkeling.
- Two t-shirts.
- One-two pairs of full length trousers to wear in the evenings.
- Long sleeve shirt for the evenings.
- Light weight sweater.
- Two pairs of shorts.
- Swimwear. Two pairs of board shorts can be handy and surf tights for sun protection if required.
- Rain jacket. Not often required but you know what will happen if you don't! One pair of running shoes and socks.
- Reef shoes or a good fitting pair of sandals that attach solidly for paddling. Beach towel.
- Toiletries.
- One 1-liter water double walled bottle.
- A small dry bag is good for holding things like sun screen, glasses, water bottle, etc (try and avoid day packs with metal zips as they will corrode).
- Snorkeling gear is provided or you can bring your own for a good fit. Snorkeling fins are the recommended fin. Free diving fins are not suitable as they are too long to store in the kayaks and can damage the reef. Bodyboarding fins/swim training fins (short style) are also not recommended due to their minimal thrust in the water (some snorkel sites are subject to currents).

Optional items:

- Camera with waterproof container if the camera is not waterproof.
- Binoculars.
- Talcum powder to prevent salt water rash.

DELAYS OR PROBLEMS

In case of last minute delays or problems, either contact Southern Sea Ventures at ssvtrips@southernseaventures.com or your kayak guide's phone number noted on your final itinerary.

NEXT STEPS

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