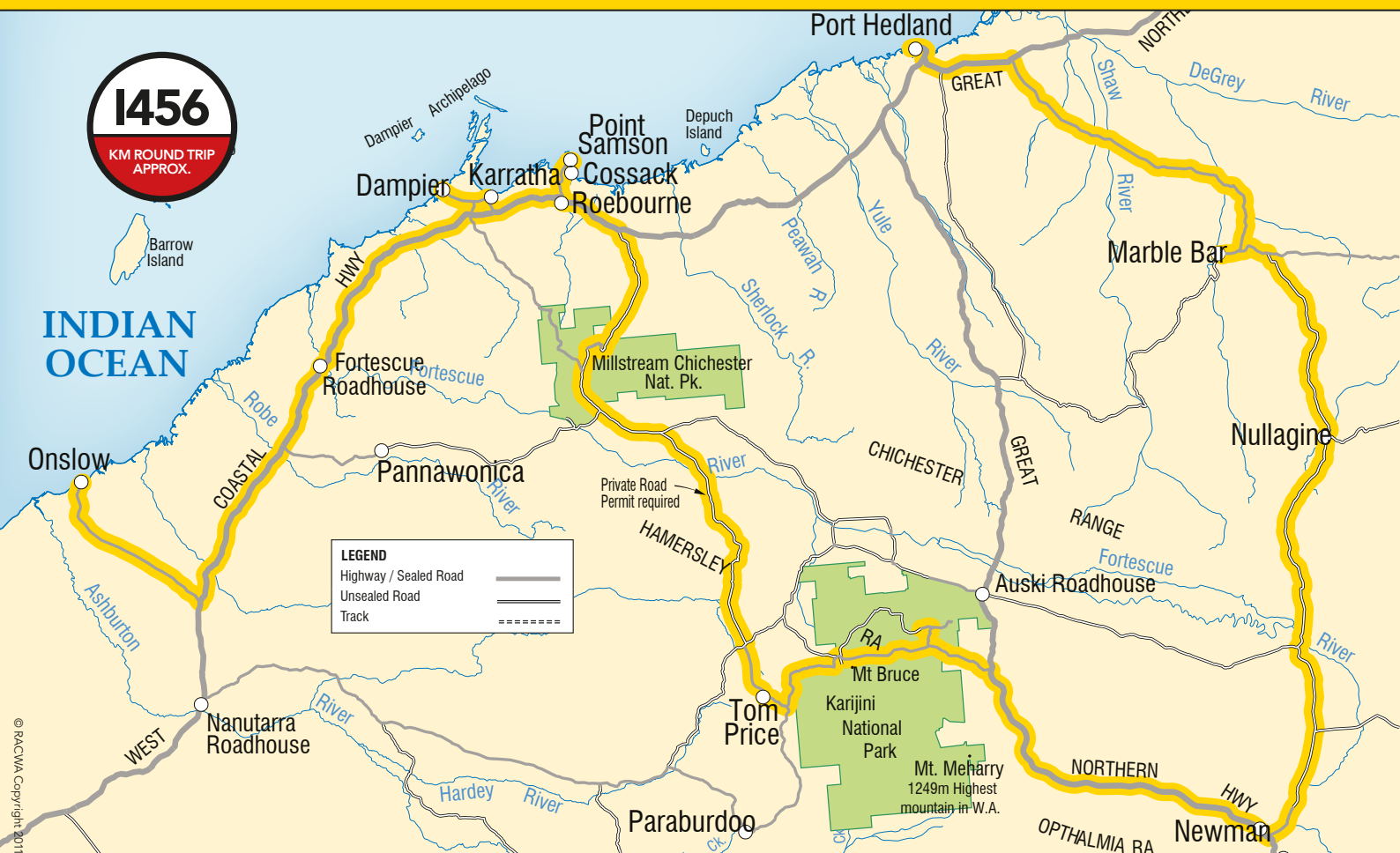


Pilbara 4WD adventure trail 15 days



The diverse landscapes of the Pilbara region create an amazing choice of holiday experiences. Head off in a four-wheel drive and venture into vast wilderness areas. Board a luxury cruise and explore the untouched coastline and experience the culture of the local Indigenous people and encounter wildlife in its natural habitat. Allow at least 15 days to make the most of this four-wheel drive adventure.

Suggested itinerary

Day 1 » Port Hedland 1456km

Port Hedland at work on a tour of the BHP Billiton Point Nelson facility. Relax at Pretty Pool, see turtles nesting along the beaches during summer, watch a

lesson at School of the Air and witness the 'Staircase to the Moon' from March to October.

Day 2 » Port Hedland to Marble Bar 203km

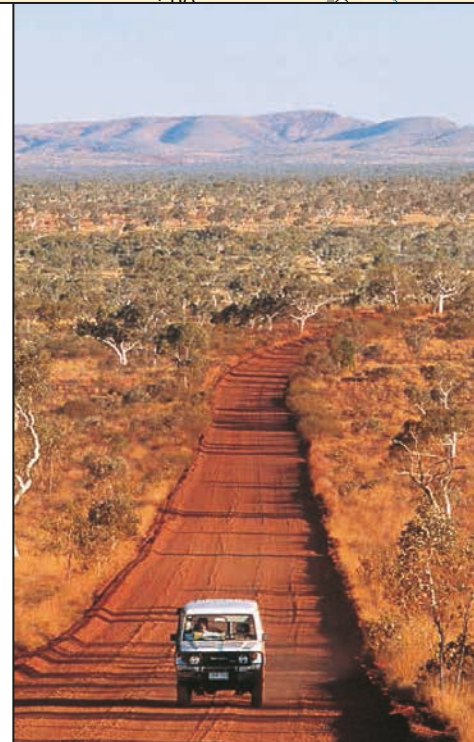
Discover Marble Bar, the hottest town in Australia and its fascinating mining history, take a swim or picnic at Chinaman Pool and see the colourful rock at Coppins Gap and Doolena Gorge.

Day 3 » Marble Bar to Newman (unsealed road) 304km

Pass through the stunning Wallabirdee Ridge on your way to Newman, via Nullagine. Try your luck at prospecting for gold and head to the Radio Hill Lookout for panoramic views at sunset.

Day 4 » Newman

Take a tour of Mt Whaleback iron ore mine - the largest open cut iron ore mine in the world. Join a local four-wheel drive tag-along tour to explore Kalgans Gorge, Weeli Wooli, Eagle Rock Falls and Ophthalmia Dam.



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Day 5-6 » Newman to Karijini National park (sealed road) 255km

A beautiful drive through the Hamersley Ranges brings you to the spectacular Karijini National Park. Drop into the award-winning Visitor Centre before heading out to Dales Gorge, Circular Pool, Fortescue Falls and Fern Pool.

Day 7 » Karijini National park (unsealed road) to Tom Price 80km

Explore the western side of the park, including Joffre, Kalimina, Weano, Red, Knox and Hancock Gorges. Complete your Karijini experience with a hike to the top of Mt Bruce or drive out to Hamersley Gorge before heading towards Tom Price - the highest town in Western Australia. Drive to the top of Mt Nameless for a spectacular Pilbara vista.

Day 8-9 » Tom price - Millstream Chichester National park (unsealed road) 150km

Pass through the northern region of the Hamersley Ranges along the railway line access road (permit required, obtain from Tom Price Visitor Centre) to Millstream Chichester National Park. Visit the old Homestead, which has been transformed into the park's Visitor Centre, before heading out to ChindewarrinerPool and Deep Pool lookout. Set up camp on the shores of the Fortescue River.

Day 10 » Millstream Chichester National park - roebourne (unsealed road) 75km

Stop for lunch and a dip at Python Pool and take in the scenery of the Chichester Ranges on your way to Roebourne. Admire Roebourne's historic buildings or join a port to port tour (regularly running from the Visitor Centre).

Day 11-13 » Roebourne, Cossack and point Samson (sealed road) 20km

Explore the historic town of Cossack. Watch local Indigenous artists at work at the Galbraith building, or join a boat trip to Jarman Island and see the beautifully restored lighthouse. Head to the sleepy coastal hamlet of Point Samson - a great as a base for fishing or beachcombing.

Day 14 » point Samson to Karratha (sealed road) 57km

See the most concentrated collection of Indigenous rock art in the world at The Burrup Peninsula. This is also home to the Woodside North West Shelf Gas Project, call into their Visitor Centre for a full interpretation. Visit Hearson's Cove for a dip at high tide or to watch the 'Staircase to the Moon' phenomenon on full moon dates from March to October. Karratha and Dampier are the gateways to the 42 pristine islands known as the Dampier Archipelago. Join a local boat charter and spend the day snorkelling, diving, fishing and island hopping.

Day 15 » Karratha to Onslow (sealed road) 312km

Spend the last day of your adventure fishing around the Mackerel Islands, snorkelling or diving the reef systems, exploring the original town site of Onslow and historic ruins.

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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