

## Ports & Excursions



### Geraldton, Australia

The capital of the Batavia Coast was founded in 1850 as a commercial port serving the Northampton lead mine some 30 miles to the north. While Geraldton remains one of Western Australia's major ports, the city has become a magnet for vacationing Australians. Located between the Chapman and Greenough Rivers, Geraldton boasts a superb Mediterranean climate, scenic beauty and pristine beaches. Coronation Beach has become an international destination for windsurfers.

In 1692 the Dutch East India Company Batavia was shipwrecked on the offshore Abrolhos Islands. Calamity was followed by mutiny and murder. The lurid tale ensured this portion of Western Australia would be named the Batavia Coast.

Note: Geraldton is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tender.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 St Francis Xavier Cathedral

This ornate cathedral was designed by Monsignor John Cyril Hawes in 1915, and took 23 years to complete. The Cathedral reflects the Inter War Romanesque period and style of architecture, and is built of local Geraldton stone.

#### 2 Western Australian Museum

Perched on the edge of the Indian Ocean, the Western Australian Museum sits overlooking the new Geraldton Marina. This modern museum celebrates the rich heritage of the people of Western Australia.

#### 3 Lobster Factory

Learn about the Western Rock Lobster industry and why the clear Batavia waters are a haven for this seafood delicacy. (Seasonal and operating only from mid-November to mid-July).

#### 4 HMAS Sydney Memorial

In November 1941, HMAS Sydney sank with the loss of all hands during an engagement with the German raider Kormoran.

#### 5 Oakabella Homestead

The Oakabella Homestead was founded in 1860. Tour the restored 13-room main house, cookhouse, stables, shearing shed and blacksmith shop. See a mid-19th Century bottle display and learn about antique farm machinery.

#### 6 Kalbarri National Park

Located on Western Australia's mid north coast, Kalbarri National Park is known for its spectacular scenery and red rock gorges that were cut from the landscape by the mighty Murchison River.

#### 7 Greenough

The area was first explored by George Grey in 1839 after which he named the area after Sir George Bellas Greenough. Grey claimed that the area could become the granary of Western Australia.

#### 8 Lavender Valley Farm

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



#### Western Australia Museum & St. Francis Cathedral GET-200 | Geraldton, Australia | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



3.5 hours

from \$179.95 (AUD)

Tour the capital of the Batavia Coast on a narrated drive. Visit the ornate St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and view the HMAS Sydney Memorial. Learn about the region's fascinating history, from its Aboriginal past to the present, at the Western Australia Museum that overlooks the new Geraldton Marina.



#### City Drive & Lobster Factory GET-205 | Geraldton, Australia | Group Size: 35

You will visit:



You will see:



3 hours

from \$294.95 (AUD)

Explore the capital of the Batavia Coast on a narrated drive that will tour town's multimillion-dollar rock lobster industry as well as visit the ornate St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and take in sweeping views from the poignant HMAS Sydney Memorial.



#### Greenough & Wildlife GET-220 | Geraldton, Australia | Group Size: 40



3 hours

from \$219.95 (AUD)

Travel to a pioneer town that briefly flourished at the end of the 19th century. Explore the stone buildings at the Central Greenough Historical Settlement.

### Nature & Wildlife



#### Most Popular Kalbarri National Park GET-100 | Geraldton, Australia | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



7 hours

from \$279.95 (AUD)

Discover the treasures of Kalbarri National Park on a narrated scenic drive followed by a picnic style lunch at the Park. The park is home to ancient red sandstone gorges, dramatic sea cliffs and vast, rolling sand plains. Over 500 species of wildflowers bloom in the park from August to November.