

EXCLUSIVE

# DIRK HARTOG ISLAND





# Dirk Hartog Island Adventure

6 DAY ADVENTURE/ 6 NIGHTS

\$1895/ VEHICLE / 2 Adults / INC BARGE TRANSFER

Dirk Hartog Island is one of the most unique offroad adventures in Australia. Beginning with a barge ride across to the island, we set out on an adventure showcasing the best of the island with expert insight & knowledge.

This world class destination is rich in history & is renowned for its fishing, its ecological values and stunning coastline. Its isolated nature offers the chance to explore without crowds & joining us means you'll experience an inside look at the islands most amazing places & points of interest.

We have lots in store for the trip including camps at both the homestead & top of the island. There will be equally enough time to relax & explore the island while partaking in your favourite seaside activities. There will be two amazing sundowner events during the stay together with days of adventure all over the island.

Camper trailer & tinny freindly, this adventure has something for everyone regardless of season; Enjoy amazing isolated adventure while discovering the natural beauty & historical past of Dirk Hartog Is in our fun filled small group environment

## From our lead guide.

"1616 Marked the first European landing to Australian Shores & today you can experience this amazing island escape full of history, beautiful scenery, world class fishing & isolation in your 4wd. You won't forget this one in a hurry"

- Jed Currey



### 2023 Rates

- + Adult \$275
- + Child > 6 \$155
- + Child < 6 \$35
- + Trailer \$165



## Camp Review

BUDDY'S CAMP - DIRK HARTOG IS.

Based at the homestead, enjoy flushing toilets, hot showers, BBQ & plenty of space to set up! Fish right out the front, soak up the sun or grab Oysters off the rocks.

Dampiers Landing is one of our favourite camps at the North of the island. A gateway to Turtle Bay, Cape Inscription & the breathtaking West Coast Cliffs.



# THE ADVENTURE:

## *What can I expect?*

Travelling to the Western most point of mainland Australia, you will find yourself at Steep Point, in the Shark Bay world Heritage Area. Here, our adventure begins on the shores of Shelter Bay where we will be boarding the Barge "Hartog Explorer" delivering you & your vehicle, across to Dirk Hartog Island.

As you drive off the barge & hit the shores of this Eco Tourism destination, the stage is set for days of adventure as we criss cross the island uncovering its amazing history while enjoying seaside activities.

Our tagalongs to the island have been developed to showcase everything that makes Dirk Hartog Island one of the most amazing adventure touring destinations in Australia! Balancing days of 4wd touring, amazing scenery, history discovery & the coastal activities like fishing snorkelling & foraging this trip allows you to experience the region for all its great attributes.

Throughout our travels there is always something to see & our expert lead guide offers you a chance to see the hidden gems, understand the history & be in the right place at the right time to maximise your time here.

Our adventure camps will be between Buddy's camp at the DHI homestead & Dampiers Landing at the Northern end of the Island.

Buddy's Camp has facilities like flushing loo's, showers, BBQ & a Safari Tent shelter and plenty of space to set up camp. Here we can also enjoy an evening fire in season.

Dampiers Landing is the perfect base to explore the top of the island. It offers the most protection & room for a group & sits near the Western Cliff's of the island, regarded as one of the premiere land based fishing locations in Australia.

Each day will include day trips to various places on the island & it will all be flexible in the sense of what works best with weather conditions on the day. There will be ample time to fish, relax, explore, roam, snorkel & enjoy the island any which way you desire throughout the trip. There is absolutely no minute by minute timetables on this trip – or any of our adventures for that matter. This allows us to tailor every trip perfectly to suit the group & weather.

You can expect a mix of terrain on the island including, limestone, sandy tracks, sand dunes & salt flats as we move about the island.







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Adventure





# What Can I Expect .....continued

You are welcome to bring along a trailer boat, or camper; maximum overall length of tow vehicle & trailer is 10.6M. There is an additional \$165 barge transfer fee & you will need to let us know at time of booking if you wish to do so including the registration of the trailer.

For the keen fisherman, you will appreciate the endless opportunities on offer for all weather conditions & times of year on DHI. Fresh fish for dinner is definitely on the agenda & we also offer complimentary kryovac facilities.

Reef species including grouper, snapper, emporers are regularly caught, bread & butter species are caught from the shore including trevally which put up a great fight. Crabs can be found just offshore and we can forridge for Oysters, your lead guide will show you how to collect these & offer some pointers throughout our journey. Turtle Bay is fantastic for a spear fish for those who enjoy this style of fishing.

You will receive further information on fishing, guidelines & fact sheets through the booking process.

## August Adventures:

August is a fantastic time to visit, with cooler & calmer conditions usually welcoming the region. The island is overtaken by wildflowers & thousands of migrating whales, visible across the coast. August is an ideal time to join a Tagalong here for an all round adventure.

## March/April Adventure:

Late March & early April is a fishermans paradise, its hotter but so is the fishing. Ballooning from the cliffs for Mackerel is popular & demersal species are regularly caught. There's still plenty of time to check out & experience this amazing island including discovering amazing secluded beaches, snorkelling, diving & uncovering the history of times long past.

The night before we depart on the barge, you have an included night at Shelter Bay including Edel Land Permit to access these areas in Shark Bay. It is recommended guests join us the night before for an extra night. You are also welcome to travel in early morning on the day of our departure. Barge Transfers usually start from 7AM\*

Returning from DHI to Shelter Bay on the mainland usually takes place first thing in the morning on our final day. This is due to the winds & conditions being at their best & safest for transfer. The barge skipper will update us on the island the night before.

Please note if you wish to spend extra time at Steep Point before or after the adventure you will need to arrange with the Steep Point Rangers direct; You will need to cover all these costs involved with your stay on the mainland.



## Also included in your trip price

- Dirk Hartog Return Barge Transfers
- Dirk Hartog National Park Permits
- Dirk Hartog National Park Camping Fee's & exclusive use of Buddy's camp and facilities.
- Edel Land Access Permit & Overnight Camp Fee
- Services of a lead guide with great local knowledge to give your trip here the wow factor
- See the best of the island, amazing sunsets, great fishing & special spots how we do it! - Learn some of the history of the area including Pearlring & Pastoral history.
- + so much more!



# LIFE'S BETTER BY THE BEACH!

Water based activities are popular at DHI & we have great spots to share so you can really experience it in all its glory. Snorkelling, fishing or whale spotting, we've got the top spots covered no matter what time of year you are joining us on the island.

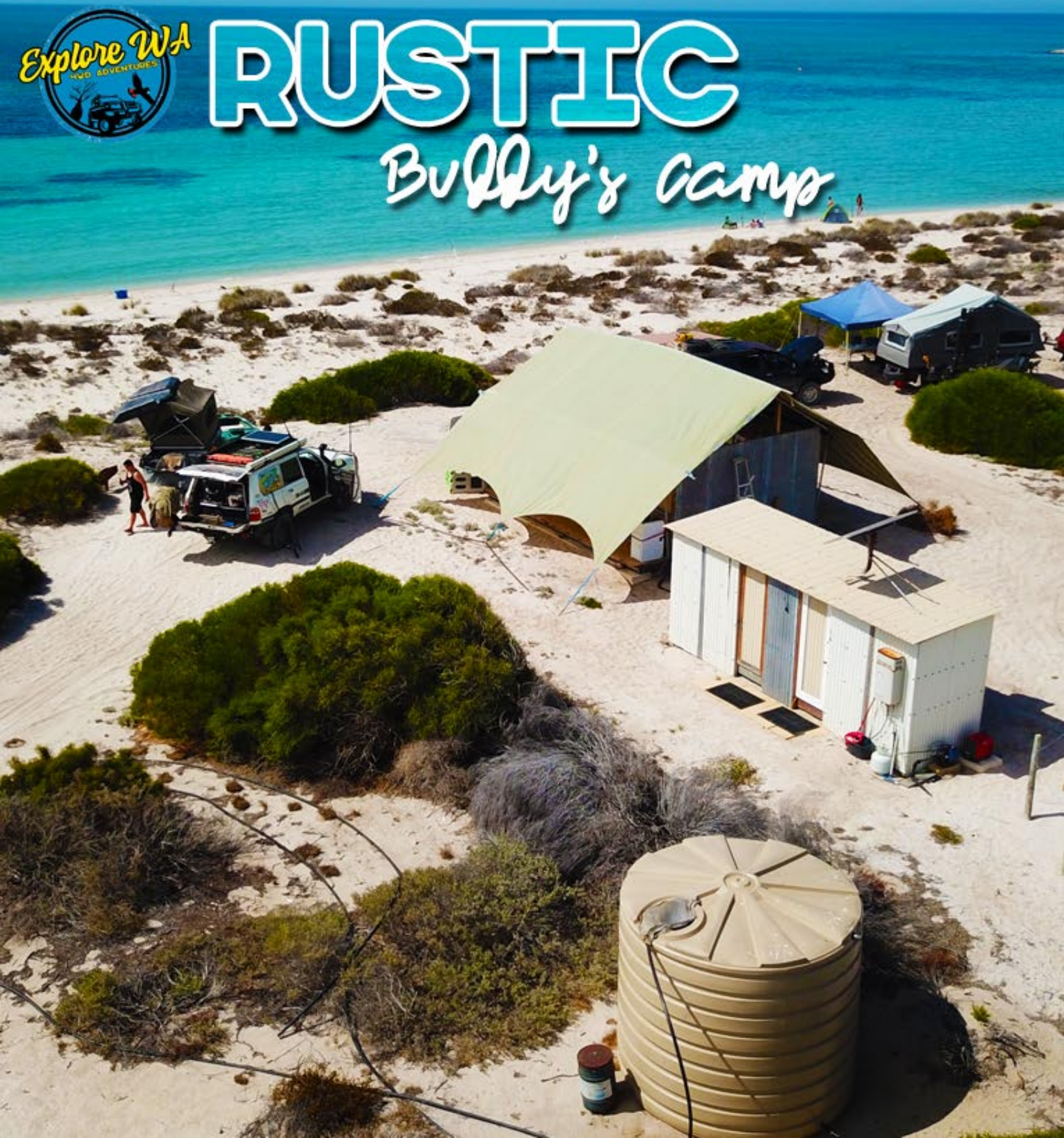






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*Bully's Camp*





## Some other experiences you will enjoy

Join us for the last sunset in Australia as we take you to a hidden lookout where you will be the last people in Western Australia to see the sun dip over the ocean.



Join us at the Inscription Bar for our sundowner event! Our group was the first tourism group to use this newly made facility on the island offering every laid back beachy feel to have a sundowner. In 2023 we will be offering a platterboard for guests to share as a welcome to the island.



Catch a fresh feed of fish, collect some Oysters or grab some tasty Shark Bay Blue Manna Crabs.







# MEET

*The Locals*





**Optional Weather Event Protection From Dirk Hartog Island - Below is direct from Dirk Hartog is.**

"Whilst we recommend that you purchase traditional travel insurance to protect against eventualities which may cause you to cancel your booking at short notice, if you have booked a 4WD barge transfer and are camping on the island – for an optional additional fee of \$55 per 4WD, you can purchase Weather Event Protection with Dirk Hartog Island through us. If you pay this additional fee, and the track into Steep Point is closed by DBCA or other relevant authority due to a weather event and/or the island is closed due to a weather event restricting your ability to commence or continue your holiday – we will provide a refund of any unused portion of your booking related to that 4WD transfer and camping fees. We will of course do everything possible to transfer your booking to alternative suitable dates, however if this cannot be done, we will be happy to refund any unused portion of the amount you have paid, less the \$55 fee for the Weather Event Protection.

To qualify for the Optional Weather Event Protection, this cover must be purchased at the time of booking - it cannot be added to your booking at a later date unless by agreement by Dirk Hartog Island."

Please note Explore WA's booking terms & conditions still apply, however this additional protection we recommend for a more streamlined return of funds paid out to third party suppliers in the event of unforeseen weather events closing the island.



*The island offers an experience so unique it feels a million miles from home. - Ed Curran*





# ISLAND

## Paradise





# YOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition as recoveries will be expensive. Your vehicle should have a pre trip inspection. Spare tyre in VGC condition, minimum A/T's with Light Truck construction required.
- You need to carry all camping equipment, food, beverages and water. Showering/Washing up water can be collected at the homestead camp.
- Make sure you bring sun protection
- No dogs are permitted.
- Air compressor & tyre deflators.
- Two way radio mandatory to communicate with convoy. Ensure it is working well.
- Camper Trailers or small tinny's should be checked over before travelling on this tagalong to ensure they are fit to travel.
- All fishing equipment, Lures e.t.c
- Clothing for all weather, sun protection, insect repellent e.t.c
- Small amounts of drinking water can be obtained at Buddy's camp, however you should have adequate supplies for 5 days in your vehicle at all times. Water is precious here, so please bring with you what you can. Bore water operates showers & toilets @ Buddy's camp.

*Dirk Hartog Island is an A Class reserve of international significance. A premiere Eco- Tourism destination, you will need to play your part in leaving no trace. Recyclables can be left at the homestead, other wastes must all be taken to the mainland upon departure.*



## Firewood

Fires are possible at Buddy's Camp in season. If bringing timber, make sure it is packaged Jarrah and held within your vehicle. Biosecurity management is important. Usually it is easier to purchase on the island at our camp.

## Fuel

Fuel can be pre arranged on the island for a fee. Prices fluctuate so please enquire closer to departure if you wish to secure some fuel supplies on the island. Most people carry sufficient fuel supplies after topping up at Overlander Road house or Denham but it is very convenient to have additional available on the island should you have a smaller capacity.

From Overlander Roadhouse, its roughly 315km return (Barge Landing - Overlander) on mainly moderate speed gravel,sandy,corrugated road.

You will be covering a variety of terrains on Dirk Hartog Island with speeds under 40km/h.

Distances vary depending on route taken, extra activities. Allowing 500km range on the island plus 315km of travel to fuel will form the base for your fuel requirement.



# THE EXPLORE WA 4WD ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE

Explore WA offers small group Tag-a-long adventure tours run in a fun, engaging environment that showcase the 'best of' in the regions we travel. With a clear focus on your experience & retaining a relaxed atmosphere we showcase great 4wding locations, campspots and openly share our knowledge & experience with guests on tours across every region in Western Australia. We are a licensed, insured & accredited tourism business, trust the tick!

## OUR STANDARD INCLUSIONS ARE LISTED BELOW



- Services & experience of your Explore WA guide with local track & camp knowledge as well as local area history & commentary delivered throughout the adventure.
- Enjoy our signature tour atmosphere that is welcoming, inclusive, engaging and full of laughs for which we have become known and regarded for.
- No minute by minute "tour bus" schedules - We want you to enjoy your holiday!
- Hot Showers at camp available on request ( BYO WATER )
- Explore WA are here to answer all your questions and provide advice throughout your journey. We can provide assistance with camp arrangements, recoveries or even coaching for you behind the wheel! We help as much as you need in camp or out and about during the day.
- Explore WA carries emergency communication equipment and comprehensive first aid supplies. We have Sattelite Comms and Emergency Beacons on board.
- Explore WA are able to assist with vehicle recoveries if you become bogged and provide advice and assistance for effective means of recovery. We carry a comprehensive range of recovery equipment on all our adventures.
- We welcome you to cook with us over open fire & we provide a hotplate for your use. We also love to show people how to cook camp oven delights like damper!.\*
- All national parks passes, camping fees, permits & licenses are included in your adventure trip price.
- Photos are taken of the adventure, and shared openly for your own use after the trips have been completed so you can relive the journey. We are able to help with photography tips & tricks & will put you in front of some amazing settings to get that perfect shot.
- Nibbles are provided throughout our journey at camp in the evenings\*
- Travel our pre planned routes that provide the perfect balance of off road adventure, camping and sight-seeing.
- We know the area, the spots and what you need to see & have the skills and experience to ensure you have an amazing time out bush on our adventures!

\*Depending on Adventure

Check out our reviews











## Want to Book? ITS EASY!

Please get in touch to let us know you would like to book on the adventure & if you have any questions, we will be more than happy to answer for you at this stage. You will be sent a trip invoice along with further info for the booking process. Deposits can be arranged during contact as required or you can book a single person booking direct via the website.

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Limited spots on these adventures to Dirk Hartog Island. Fun & family freindly atmosphere.

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