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HELI FLIGHTS



2023

Montebello
Islands

Dampier

Ningaloo Reef

Dirk Hartog
Island

Steep Point

Abrolhos
Islands

Perth



Houtman Abrolhos (Pelsaert) \$355

FLIGHT 20 MINS

Hop aboard the Heli and be amazed how the jigsaw puzzle of islands and reefs fall into place as we gain altitude over this truly remarkable spectacle. Search for marine creatures in the shallow clear waters below, snap a photo or two from above, you'll soon realise why so many ships came to grief here. This flight will definitely leave you wanting more.

The Pelsaert Group of islands and associated coral reefs are part of the Houtman Abrolhos, a chain of some 122 islands. This group contains the most southerly true coral reefs in the Indian Ocean. They consist of a number of islands, the biggest of which are Gun Island, Middle Island, and Pelsaert Island. The most notable wreck here is the Zeewijk, wrecked on Half Moon Reef 1727, where the survivors stayed on Gun Island for 10 months. Other notable wrecks include the Ocean Queen wrecked on Half Moon Reef in 1842, the Ben Ledi wrecked on Pelsaert Island in 1879, and the Windsor wrecked on Half Moon Reef in 1908.

Houtman Abrolhos (Wallabi) \$355

FLIGHT 20 MINS

Get airborne and explore the northern group in the Abrolhos Island chain. This scattering of islands and reef takes shape as we gain height. This area has such brutal history, yet stunning scenery.

The Wallabi Group consists of an island clump about 17 km by 10 km. The main islands are North Island, West Wallabi Island, East Wallabi Island and Beacon Island. It is best known for the ship wreck of the Batavia on Morning Reef near Beacon Island in 1629, and the subsequent mutiny and massacre that took place. The islands are also the centre of the Western Rock lobster fishery, the largest single-species fishery in Western Australia.

Coral Bay, Ningaloo Reef \$295

FLIGHT 15 MINS

Take to the air and experience the sheer beauty and size of the Ningaloo Reef. Ningaloo is one of the largest fringing coral reefs in the world, covering 5000 sq km from Red Bluff to Exmouth. Search for dugong, dolphins, manta rays and maybe even a whale shark.

Dirk Hartog Island \$495

FLIGHT 30 MINS

Up and away from Turtle Bay on the northern tip of Dirk Hartog Island, we venture off to view this remarkable island from above. From Cape Inscription, we see the location of the Dutch explorer plates and lighthouse, and then fly down past West Point and Mystery Beach, taking in this northern part of Dirk Hartog Island.

Dirk Hartog Island is the largest and most historically significant island in Western Australia. It is part of Shark Bay Marine Park and soon to become national park. The island consists of steep cliffs and scrub covered sand dunes. It is about 80 kms long and between 3 and 15 kms wide. Discovered by Dutch sea Captain Dirk Hartog on the 25 October 1616, when he was blown off course while sailing from Cape Town to Batavia (or what is now known as Jakarta).

Steep Point, Useless Loop \$625

FLIGHT 40 MINS

Flying over the western most point of the Australian mainland, we depart Steep Point, and fly south over parts of the beautiful Shark Bay UNESCO World Heritage Area. View the stunning Zuytdorp cliffs from the air as we fly to Pepper Point, and then head in a westerly direction to the Useless Loop Salt Mine.

Useless Loop is a closed company town, servicing the solar salt operation called Shark Bay Salt, it has been in operation since 1968 and the salt is among the purest in the world. We continue to head north along Freycinet Reach over Herrison and Bellefin Prongs, picking up the southern edge of Dirk Hartog Island at Blind Strait before returning home.

Montebello & Barrow Islands \$695

FLIGHT 45 MINS

This flight is sure to be a blast! Jump in the Heli to explore Barrow Island and the maze of islands, lagoons, reefs and sandy beaches that make up the Montebello Archipelago. The Archipelago consists of 174 small islands, and its two main islands, Hermite and Trimouille, were discovered by French explorer, Nicholas Baudin, in 1801. One of the bays of Trimouille Island was the site of Operation Hurricane, the first British nuclear weapons test in 1952. Like many of the other islands you have visited so far, the Archipelago is now protected and managed as a conservation park.

Barrow Island lies to the south of the Montebello Islands and covers an area of 202 square kilometres. The island has somewhat of a brief but chequered past, starting with the arrival of whalers in the 1800s, followed by Aboriginal slave trading, guano mining and now oil and gas production. Chevron, ExxonMobil and Shell are developing what is known as the Gorgon gas project. This will become Australia's largest resource project, producing 40 trillion cubic feet of gas from mid 2011.

Dampier Archipelago \$695

FLIGHT 45 MINS

The Dampier Archipelago is a string of 42 pristine islands that lie off the coast of Dampier and Point Samson, where the striking red earth of the Burrup Peninsula meets the blue Indian Ocean. 25 of the islands are protected as part of the Dampier Archipelago Marine Park.

This place of beauty is also home to one of the most exciting collections of rock art in Australia. It is recognised as the largest outdoor art gallery in the world. It is also home to the North West Shelf Project (Burrup Peninsula) run by Woodside Liquefied Natural Gas, which is Australia's second largest natural resource project, developing the gas reserves of the North Rankin and Goodwyn gas fields.

This flight is sure to impress you with the stunning natural beauty of the Dampier Archipelago and the Burrup Peninsula, and intrigue you with the extensive infrastructure of the Dampier Salt Company, the mining towns of Dampier and Karratha and the North West Shelf project.

Monkey Mia Dolphin Experience \$695

Departing the boat from Steep Point or Turtle Bay we head off for a morning of fantastic aerial views and a close up encounter with the wild dolphins of Shark Bay. We fly across the World Heritage Listed Shark Bay Marine Park on our way to Monkey Mia.

Reaching the western side of the Peron Peninsula we fly over the Francois Peron National Park and the town of Denham before landing at the Shark Bay Airport. From here we are taken by bus on a short trip to Monkey Mia.

Each morning for more than 40 years wild bottlenose dolphins have swum to the shallows of Monkey Mia, to visit and interact with people. This rare and famous animal encounter is one of the world's great wildlife experiences.

After our encounter with the dolphins there may be time to explore town before returning to the helicopter for the flight home.

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Take advantage of our comprehensive package, and you'll leave satisfied that you've experienced it all. West Coast Explorer package tour includes a 10% discount. Come fly with us & experience:

Wallabi Group Scenic Flight	20 mins
Steep Point Scenic Flight	40 mins
Dirk Hartog Island Scenic Flight	30 mins
Ningaloo Reef Scenic Flight	15 mins
Montebello Islands Scenic Flight	45 mins

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