

Driving Round Australia

**So you want to go round Australia in a
car/caravan/bus/campervan ?**

Here's how...

Round Australia on Highway 1

These days it seems like everyone wants to embark on a circum-perambulation of Australia. Octogenarians and backpackers alike are rolling up their swags and hitting highway one to see what this country is made of. There really is no other way of seeing how big this wide brown land, but a road trip of this size poses a few logistical problems.

This guide is an attempt to explore the different options and offer some practical advice on how to embark on such a project. It includes some data from a real example to help you plan your own.

Style of Trip

Independent

What I call independent is driving yourself around Australia in your own car. This gives you the maximum amount of freedom and is pretty cost efficient. You can pick up a car for as little as \$3000 or as much as you like. More money buys you more comfort and more reliability of course but you have to balance that with your budget. An independent trip requires you to be a bit more resourceful and probably requires a bit more planning but can also be the most rewarding.

Semi-independent

The semi-independent version of a trip round Australia is to drive yourself but in someone else's vehicle. You can hire a car or rent a campervan (or 'hobo wagon') and plod around Australia with someone else carrying the risk of a breakdown or accident.

It is more costly than doing it yourself but the market is reasonably competitive and you can get some good deals if you hunt around. Traditional hire companies like Hertz, Avis and Europcar are available and will potentially hire you a 4WD. Companies that offer camper vans include Britz, Apollo and the quirky Wicked Campers who have second hand graffiti-painted vans for hire. They all have websites and all do various cheap deals on return deliveries and package deals.

The Kitchen Sink

A favourite of the elderly generation, caravans are another option. They may be slow and cumbersome but it's a travelling house on wheels and you can have every comfort you want. Caravans these days range from neat little A-frame constructions to road going aircraft carriers with satellite dishes and colour televisions. If I had unlimited time I'd consider this option since speed wouldn't be an issue. I have however, no experience with caravans so I won't comment on their desirability.

The Loser Cruiser

Going by bus is, in my opinion, a poor option but for some it's the only financially viable one. The problem with buses is that they have limited schedules and routes and you can find yourself stuck in some backwater. I am also not convinced they are that economical. The field is opening up however with the introduction of smaller jump-on/jump-off buses that get off the main routes and go to some more interesting destinations. Major carriers include McCafferty's and Greyhound, and smaller operators include Backpacker Transport, Oz Experience and Easyrider backpacker.

Where to go

I'm not going to try and write a comprehensive guide to Australia here, that's more the province of a competent guidebook. Instead I'll give you a simple list of what I think as some of the highlights of Australia and you can do the research yourself. I'll also note some of the places to avoid based on my own experiences.

Essential	Desirable	Avoid
The Whitsundays (QLD)	Litchfield NP (NT)	The Gold Coast (QLD)
Ningaloo Reef (WA)	Cradle Mountain (TAS)	Broome (WA)
Kakadu NP (NT)	Uluru / Kata Tjuta (NT)	The Australia Zoo (QLD)
Karijini NP (WA)	The Grampians (VIC)	Kununurra (WA)
The Great Barrier Reef (QLD)	Fraser Island (QLD)	Noosa (QLD)
Any thermal pool (NT/WA)	The Great Ocean Road (VIC)	Launceston (TAS)
The South West (WA)	The Hunter Valley (NSW)	Queenstown (TAS)
Sydney (NSW)	The Barossa Valley (SA)	Byron Bay (NSW)

Please note this is all based on personal opinion. Some people love the places I hate and some people hate the places I love. I'm just trying to give you another perspective and if you disagree with me that's fine, but please don't write to me to tell me how wrong I am.

What to take

What to take with you is also a tricky question to answer, it all depends on the type of trip and what you plan to do. The best thing for me to do is to list everything you could possibly need and you can decide what subset of that is appropriate to your own trip.

Personal

Sleeping bag
Sleeping mat
Decent footwear (boots)
Broad brimmed hat

Cooking

Stove and gas bottle
Pots and pans, billy or kettle
Plates, cups, bowls and cutlery
Esky or ice box and food boxes
Rubbish bag, cutting board, Can opener, washing up stuff

Camping

Tarpaulin or groundsheet
Tent or swag, mosquito net
Lanterns, torches, spare batteries, dust pan and brush

Emergency

First aid kit
Fire extinguisher
Water (20L per person)
Folding shovel, axe or saw
Insect repellent and sunscreen
Personal hygiene supplies

Luxury

Chairs and tables
Portable shower
Hammock
Portable fridge
EPIRB or satellite radiophone
GPS
Thermos (for instant morning tea)

Automotive

Tool box
Tow rope
Jumper cables
Petrol can (20L)
Jack, tyre wrench and spare tyre
Spares, oil, wiring, radiator hose

4WD Equipment

Snatch strap
Extra spare tyre
High lift jack and jack plate
Compressor (for inflating tyres)
Axe, saw or chain saw

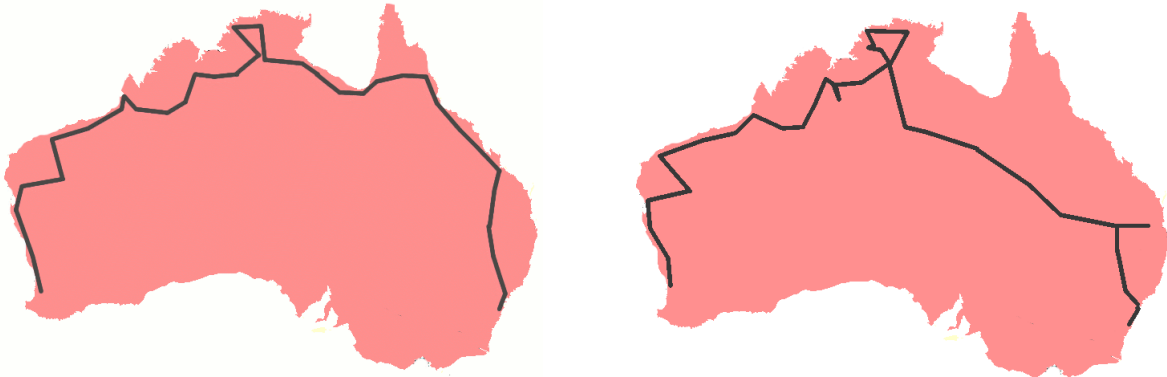
A Real Example

In June of 2005 I found myself in Sydney with time on my hands before a trip to Europe. Since it was shaping up to be a cold winter in the south, we opted to do a top-end trip that we'd been dreaming about. The plan was to drive from Sydney up the east coast, across the top and down to Perth. We had thirty days to get to Perth and plenty of things to see along the way. We had a few hiccups, including one major one, but we had a wonderful time and saw some magic sights. This is the story of that trip.

The Route

The original plan was to hook up to Cairns from Sydney via the inland route and start there. I say 'original plan' because we ran into trouble and had to come up with a radically altered route to keep to our schedule. We would have stayed a couple of days in Cairns, explored the Barrier Reef and then headed to Kakadu and Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Rather than go inland via Mount Isa we'd take the Gulf Road from Normanton to Borroloola for a taste of the real outback. After Kakadu we'd head towards Western Australia, stopping in Broome and at Ningaloo reef in Exmouth.

I offer this as an example of why you should never set your plans in stone. As it happened a gearbox problem surfaced just west of Brisbane and we were forced to limp into the Subaru dealer in Toowoomba for repairs. They fixed it but we waited a week for parts so it put a crimp in our plans. In order to make up time we abandoned Cairns and headed straight for Kakadu. To some this might sound like heresy, Cairns and the Barrier Reef are a holy grail of most visits to Oz. I understand this but to do them justice we'd need a week and a week we didn't have to spare. It was a case of either sacrificing the trip or sacrificing Cairns. In the end we made the right choice. The east coast might be nice but the west holds more hidden gems than a sultan's treasury.



By going directly to Kakadu, we managed to get from Toowoomba to Cloncurry near the Northern Territory border in two days. From there it was an easy day into the Territory and to Katherine and Kakadu. We spent two nights in Kakadu, explored the park and did the all important Yellow Water cruise before heading to Darwin for a rest day. From Darwin we took some local advice and headed into Litchfield NP for two nights, a park in many ways better than Kakadu. From Litchfield we went back through Katherine and turned south down the Victoria highway to Western Australia. We stopped for the night at the Vic River roadhouse and spent the next night at Lake Argyle on the WA border.

From Lake Argyle we got to Broome in two days where we spent a couple of nights before turning south again and stopping at Cape Keraudren outside Port Headland. From there it was inland to Karijini National Park, the gorges of the miracle mile and subzero temperatures overnight. Returning to more temperate weather on the coast we went snorkelling on Ningaloo reef at Coral Bay and Exmouth and then the weather turned cold. Since we were within striking distance of Perth we changed our plans again and zipped down from Exmouth to Perth in two days, stopping at Geraldton.

Equipment

- **1998 Subaru Forester, 2.0i AWD**

I picked the Forester because I wanted some 4WD mobility so that I wouldn't be afraid of tackling gravel roads and dirt tracks. There are a lot of hidden spots out there and many of them are accessible only by marginal roads. I don't however like the big 4WD's for highway driving. They suck petrol and they tend to be expensive and hard on suspension. Having said all of that many of the "4WD only" tracks we tackled could have been done in a 2WD car without a problem.



- **Spare tyre(s)**

On this trip I only carried one spare tyre but if I was getting off the beaten track I'd definitely consider carrying two.

- **2 x 20L water can**

The average human requires 4-8L of water a day during hot conditions. Our 40L of water would last the pair of us somewhere between 3-7 days should we break down. This is a pretty minimal supply when you consider that we often used it for cooking, washing or showers and we had less than 20L available at any time.

- **20L petrol can**

The Subaru did about 10km per litre of unleaded petrol, giving us a range of about 600km with its 60L tank. A 20L jerry can gave us a 30% margin of error or another 200km range which is usually enough to get you to the next roadhouse or town. Note however that we did substantially less than 10km/L when travelling on gravel roads or in windy conditions.

- **20L Esky or cool box**

The best cool boxes or ice boxes are those made from fibreglass. They can keep ice up to five days even in the worst of conditions and will take anything you can dish out. They are expensive however, costing between \$150-300. On this trip I modified an esky by cutting a rubber sleeping mat to create a baffle dividing it into a lower section for ice and perishable food and an upper section for common use items. That way when you open the esky the perishable food stays cold. My modified esky kept ice for up to three days where it previously would have struggled to keep it overnight.

- **Two burner stove & 2kg bottle**

By sticking to one pot meals and simple food we dined very well on the trip (see *Menu* section below). Food in the outback can be extremely variable and if you're something exotic like a vegan or a coeliac you'd better bring your own.

- **Folding chairs & table**

Not essential items but they contributed considerably to our comfort factor. Most places we camped had picnic tables with benches but sometimes they were occupied or not fit for human use.

- **Tarpaulin, tent, sleeping bags & mats**

I favour self-inflating sleeping mats since the big inflatable mattresses have an annoying tendency to deflate at inconvenient times. Also if I'm driving 900km a day I want a good night's sleep and the lightweight Thermarest style mat for hiking doesn't cut it. A three season tent is perfectly adequate for most of Australia and in warm, dry conditions you can often sleep under the stars.

- **Hammock**

A pure luxury item but a very useful one when the sun was shining and drinks were nearby.

- **Food box**

Food (what else? See menu section for details).

- **First aid kit, fire extinguisher, snatch strap, small shovel**

All emergency gear - not strictly necessary but very useful. The shovel is for digging your car out when it gets bogged and the snatch strap is a special form of tow rope which can be used to haul a 4WD out of trouble. The fire extinguisher is a bit extravagant but having one can stop a minor electrical fire from turning into a life threatening situation when you car burns to the ground in the middle of nowhere.

- **Tool kit**

Spanners, socket set, screw drivers, cable ties, grease, super glue, wheel brace, WD40, electrical wire, soldering iron, multi-meter, tyre gauge, allen keys, oil filter wrench, spare radiator hose

- **Solar shower**

Sodding useless. Second one I've had and I can honestly say they don't work. If you want to use it as a cold shower then it's a great plastic bag to hang on a tree, otherwise pointless.

- **Cooking stuff**

Plastic crockery, cutlery, frying pan, iron steak pan, pots, one-good-knife, grater, sieve/colander, fire lighters, matches, cigarette lighter, spatulas etc

- **Sunscreen, insect repellent**

Buy some decent strength version of each. SPF 30+ for long distance driving in 40C heat and something with DEET in it to keep the mosquitoes with Ross River virus away.

- **Assorted stuff**

2 x torches (with globes and batteries), clothesline, assorted ropes and carabiners for the hammock, washing up liquid, bucket, sponges, tea towels, beach towels, plastic wine glasses, stuffed lizard, snorkel, mask and fins, dust pan and brush

I was pretty happy with our equipment along the way. There wasn't much I would add (except another set of snorkelling gear) and there wasn't much we threw away. If I was going to travel light I would subtract the folding chairs and table. I'd probably also leave the hammock behind but that would be a tricky choice...



The Trip

In the end we did the trip in 26 days, go-to-woe. We covered 11,212km and chewed up 1025 litres of petrol and took about 375 photo's. I can honestly say the scenery was fantastic and there were some spectacular places. I think the trip was a little rushed and could have happily have doubled the time we took but we had a plane to catch. I certainly wouldn't want to do it in any less time.

Total distance	11 212 km	I'd estimated the trip at 9800km if we stuck to the route but there was considerably more running around than I expected.
Total time	32 days	This includes our unscheduled stop of 7 nights in Toowoomba to fix the gearbox. The time actually spent on the road therefore would be 25 days.
Average distance	448km/day	We were comfortable with this and at no time did I feel we stretched ourselves too much or drove while fatigued. By the end a 700km day didn't seem like much of a problem.
Average speed	75.25km/hr	This only takes into account 'transport days' where we did 300km or more. Obviously on days where we were exploring we went round and round in circles and stopped frequently.
Maximum distance	920km	We did this in 10.5 hours on the last leg of the trip from Exmouth to Geraldton. Average speed of 87.6km/h

Average speed is a useful number in this table. It's our average speed including lunch and rest stops throughout the day. People often think because they travel at 100 or 110km/h they'll average that speed on the road. This can leave them tired and frustrated because they'll stretch their days to reach their destinations and won't leave enough time to travel the required distance safely. Any short stop can significantly drop your average speed and an overall average of 75km/hr is pretty good going. I'd use a figure like this in future to plan my trips. I was completely comfortable with nearly 450km/day but if I had more time I'd obviously travel slower and stop more.

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Total fuel	1025.25L	The Forester has a 60L tank and we topped it off 25 times on the trip. We also had a 20L jerry can in reserve.
Fuel cost	\$1,162.76	This is slightly over what I had estimated in fuel costs, mainly due to higher prices in rural areas.
Average fuel price	\$1.13/L	This is not bad considering we paid between 96c/L and \$1.39/L during the trip. Careful use of the jerry can helped us to skip some of the more expensive petrol staton.
Average fuel consumption	11.24km/L	The car has a rated fuel consumption of 10km/L on the highway and we bettered this by a good margin. Our worst fuel consumption was about 9.5km/L and our best 13.7km/L.

Petrol prices varied considerably during the trip and there were a few unexpected surprises along the way. For example I normally expect the price to be higher in roadhouses than in towns and in general this proved to be true. We were surprised however when we bypassed a couple of roadhouses to get to Kununurra only to discover petrol there at \$1.389 per litre. I'm still not sure why, it could be a state boundary thing or it could just be transport costs, I'm not sure but it was a nasty shock.

Our cheapest petrol was actually in Toowoomba where we paid only 95.9c a litre. As we went west from there it stayed under \$1.10/L until we hit Cloncurry where it topped \$1.15. From there a couple of roadhouses came in at about \$1.30 and then the price dropped in Katherine back to \$1.089/L. As we crossed in to Western Australia we hit \$1.389 in Kununurra and then it stayed at least \$1.20/L until we reached Geraldton and Perth where it dropped to more normal levels.

Given the fluctuations in petrol prices its difficult to offer any guidance on what to expect but I think its safe to say that outside of the capital cities you can expect the premium on petrol to range from about 20c to 30c a litre depending on its remoteness. Note your total fuel bill will depend heavily on your type of vehicle and the conditions at the time. Work out your own fuel consumption, check the local price and then add 10-15c to that to estimate your fuel costs.

The Menu

I don't know about you but food is one of the important highlights in my travels. Consequently when I set off round Australia I knew I had two options : 1) brave the dodgy cuisine of roadhouses and back water restaurants or 2) do it ourselves.

We chose the second option and equipped ourselves with a basic kitchen and a stock of basic spices and ingredients. We picked up fresh meat and veges every three to four days and subsisted on canned substitutes when we couldn't get any. The esky worked well but couldn't only be relied on to keep meat cold for about three days maximum, past that you were risking something unpleasant.

Fajitas	sachet fajita mix, chicken or beef, tortillas, bell peppers, onions
Thai green curry	coconut milk, fish sauce, brown sugar, chicken or fish, snow peas
Tikka Masala	canned tikka curry, lamb, onions, tomatoes
Spag Bol	mince, canned tomatoes, real tomatoes, garlic, mushrooms, spices
Snaggers	with brown onion gravy, pasta, sugar peas,
Roo' steaks	marinated in red wine and garlic, with pasta, broccoli and mushroom sauce
Arrabiata	pasta with canned tomatoes, tomato paste, chilli, garlic and spices
Tacos	mince, taco mix, lettuce, tomatoes, canned corn
Chilli	beans, chilli paste, garlic, onion
Nachos	corn chips, cheese, tomatoes, onion, garlic, sour cream
Breakfasts	Pancakes, fresh fruit, yoghurt, muesli bars and occasional bacon and eggs
Lunch	generally bread or rolls with salami and cheese or tomatoes
Quick meals	cans of braised steak and onions, beans, chilli etc, packet soup
Sundries	coffee, four flavours of tea, UHT milk, milo, hot chocolate mix

Highlights

Kakadu had some magnificent scenery but was less 'personal' than Litchfield National Park. I was fascinated by the Aboriginal art in the rocks at Nourlangie in Kakadu and by the mandatory dawn cruise on Yellow Water Billabong. As the sun rose over the billabong we were treated to splendid displays of birdlife including Jabiru storks and White Breasted Sea Eagles as well as an impressive array of crocodiles including a 3m male that cruised beside the boat for fifteen minutes. The aboriginal art at Nourlangie is also not to be missed and is even better if you can catch a ranger-guided tour.



Litchfield had beautiful swimming holes and waterfalls and although it had a fair few people in it we enjoyed it more than Kakadu. There was also the intriguing and secluded Lost City which made an interesting side trip as did an abandoned tin mine at Bamboo Creek on the western fringe of the park. The best of the falls to swim at was the very popular Wangi falls which made a refreshing stop after a hot day of driving. No crocodiles were in evidence here.

Lake Argyle was a green oasis with an impressive expanse of water with few places to swim. The nearby Durack home-
stead is pallid memorial to one of the families that 'opened up' the North West for cattle farming. A small indigenous display and the birdlife in the garden are its best features.



The gorges of Karijini National Park were a beautiful spot and although we didn't get to much of the 'miracle mile' we did get to walk through Weano gorge to a spot called 'Handrail Pool'. The walks in Karijini are spectacular and well sign posted, each graded from 1 to 6 with the lowest being wheelchair accessible and the highest requiring national qualifications in abseiling or rock climbing. Safety is important as the water was cold in the gorges and the nights were even colder, freezing the water in our drinking bottles.



A lonely and isolated but beautiful spot on the road between Broome and Port Headland is the tiny nature reserve at Cape Keraudren. Located at one end of 80 mile beach, it's quite a popular spot now but is still worth checking out for the views, the spectacular sunsets and the birdlife.

But by far the highlight of our trip was four days spent in and around Ningaloo reef on the west coast. This once undiscovered paradise rivals the Barrier Reef in beauty and fragility. Although it is composed of hard corals, not the colourful soft corals of the Barrier Reef, it has more fish per square metre than anywhere I've been before. I hope the current passion for protection of the reef is enough to spare it some of the troubles that have beset its larger eastern states cousin.



You can see the rest of this story as a travelogue, including pictures, at [:www.nickjenkins.net/travel](http://www.nickjenkins.net/travel)

Appendices and Data

Trip Log

Date	Start	Dist	Notes
29 May	Sydney		
30 May	Narrabri	580	Meet friends in Narrabri for dinner
31 May	Miles	440	Gearbox goes at Condamine, limp to Miles, curse, swear, spit
01 Jun	Toowoomba	254	Sleep at Miles head to sunny Toowoomba
02 Jun	Toowoomba	-	Wippels Subaru fix Gearbox with parts from Sydney
03 Jun	Toowoomba	-	
04 Jun	Toowoomba	-	
05 Jun	Toowoomba	-	V arrives in Toowoomba
06 Jun	Toowoomba	-	Car fixed, collect car 5pm, start next morning
07 Jun	Toowoomba	712	Bush camp near Augathella out of Roma, 'roos in the shrubbery
08 Jun	Augathella	909	Long haul to Cloncurry, night driving, stay in rammed earth motel
09 Jun	Cloncurry	641	Detour to Camooweal caves and waterholes, reach NT
10 Jun	Barkly	761	Swim in Mataranka thermal pool, camp at Elsey river NP
11 Jun	Elsey NP	439	Look at Katherine Gorge, swim at Edith Falls, camp in Kakadu
12 Jun	Gungurul	103	Explore Kakadu, Maguk falls, etc, camp in Kakadu at Gungurul
13 Jun	Mardugal	350	Yellow Water cruise at dawn, Nourlangie rock art, motel in Darwin
14 Jun	Darwin	217	Head for Litchfield the back way, swim at Wangi, camp at Buley
15 Jun	Litchfield NP	501	Swim at Katherine thermal pools, camp at Vic River roadhouse
16 Jun	Vic River RH	347	Reach Argyle Dam, camp there, visit Durack homestead
17 Jun	Argyle Dam	736	Long boring day, early start, reach Fitzroy Xing camp at resort
18 Jun	Fitzroy Crossing	485	Rain in Fitzroy, long and slow haul to Broome, stay at backpacker
19 Jun	Broome	0	More rain, brekky on Cable Beach, walk, see movie at sun cinema
20 Jun	Broome	494	Windy drive to CapeK, beautiful sunset, muddy beach
21 Jun	Cap. Keraudren	532	Arrive late to Karijini, cold night, dingoes howling at the moon
22 Jun	Karijini NP	148	Gorgeous gorges gorgeous, Handrail Pool and swim in F. falls
23 Jun	Karijini NP	468	Long day thru Tom Price and Paraburdoo, V drives, green!
24 Jun	Nanutarra RH	323	Low on fuel, divert to Minilya before Coral Bay, no stops
25 Jun	Coral Bay	0	Brekky from bakery, beautiful snorkelling, tired, sleep
26 Jun	Coral Bay	300	Sunrise, glass bottom boat, reef snorkel, coppery sunset
27 Jun	Yardie St.	101	Snorkel at magic Turquoise Bay, camp at Yardie Homestead
28 Jun	Yardie St.	920	Windy, cloudy, nasty day, retire to Yardie for wine and steak
29 Jun	Geraldton	450	More wind, more cloud, run for Geraldton and dodgy backpackers
30 Jun	Perth	-	Home sweet home...

Fuel Log

Place	Price (\$)	Qty. (litre)	Total (\$)	Dist. (km)	Avg. (km/L)	Notes
Manly	1.079	60.24	\$65.00	0	0	Premium petrol & fill jerry can
Murrurundi	1.129	29.23	\$33.00	364	12.45	
Goondiwindi	1.029	36.93	\$38.00	450	12.19	
Toowoomba	0.959	38.58	\$37.00	460	11.92	
Roma	1.089	26.63	\$29.00	364	13.67	Excellen fuel econ, tailwind ?
Tambo	1.059	32.11	\$34.00	395	12.30	
Longreach	1.079	27	\$29.13	327	12.11	Aircon
Cloncurry	1.159	42.5	\$49.26	535	12.59	Aircon
Camooweal	1.289	33.36	\$43.00	376	11.27	Hills & aircon
Three Ways RH	1.332	42.79	\$57.00	455	10.63	
Katherine	1.089	63.16	\$47.00	698	11.05	Bought 43.16 + used jerry can 20L
Mary River	1.239	21.79	\$27.00	268	12.30	
Darwin	1.089	46	\$50.09	497	10.80	46L + put 24L in jerry can
Katherine	1.089	44	\$47.92	517	11.75	
Kununurra	1.389	55.68	\$44.00	617	11.08	Used jerry @ Argyle, refuel at Kununurra
Halls Creek	1.349	31.14	\$42.01	366	11.75	
Fitzroy Xing	1.309	25.98	\$34.01	301	11.59	
Broome	1.229	42.35	\$75.33	404	9.54	Put 21L in Jerry, windy, poor economy
Port Headland	1.282	60.83	\$78.00	744	12.23	½ fill in Sandfire RH (\$30@1.378) plus full fill at Pt Headland (\$48@1.229), averaged
Tom Price	1.229	53.55	\$40.00	617	11.52	Used 21L from jerry in Karrajini
Minilya RH	1.299	49	\$63.65	594	12.12	Running empty, managed 60km on "E" skip Exmouth head to nearer Minilya
Exmouth	1.359	24.28	\$33.00	288	11.86	
Minilya RH	1.299	40.8	\$53.00	466	11.42	
Overlander RH	1.249	29.62	\$37.00	350	11.81	
Geraldton	1.199	27.69	\$33.20	308	11.12	
Perth	1.079	40	\$43.16	450	11.25	

Links

General

General 4WD and driving info www.exploroz.com.au
The Backpackers Ultimate Guide www.bugaustralia.com
Lonely Planet ThornTree bulletin board www.lonelyplanet.com.au

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Wayward Bus www.waywardbus.com.au
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V/line www.vlinepassenger.com.au
Easy Rider www.easyridertours.com.au
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Campers and Cars

The Self Drive Shop www.selfdriveshop.com
Britz www.britz.com.au
Kea www.keacampers.com
Wicked Campers www.wickedcampers.com.au
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Road Conditions

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QLD <http://www.racq.com.au>
SA <http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/quicklinks/roadworks.asp>
WA <http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/NR/mrwa/internet/realtime/TRC/>
All <http://www.exploroz.com/InfoPages/RoadConditions.asp>