



West Coast Adventure Packing Hints

Thank you for choosing to explore the incredible Coral Coast with The Great Escape Charter Company.

We recommend that you pack simply, lightly and into one soft luggage bag and one dive bag. All towels and linen are supplied onboard, as well as hairdryers, soap, shampoo & conditioner.

Please ensure you clearly label all luggage, including hand luggage in advance of your cruise. Please note that you will be flying back to Perth from Karratha with Virgin Australia. Your flight is inclusive of one 7 kg piece of hand luggage and one 23 kg piece of checked baggage. Please refer to Virgin Australia's website to ensure your luggage meets all requirements. All costs and charges for excess luggage (such as dive gear) will be the responsibility of the passenger.

The dress standard onboard MV Great Escape is informal and we suggest barefoot when onboard the vessel. We encourage a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Sporty, light weight, cotton clothing is a good basis for your cruise wardrobe. There is an iron provided on board if you wish to use it.

75% of your cruise takes place along the Coral Coast and you then depart in the Pilbara. The average daily temperature along the Coast is 26°C - 33°C. Shorts and lightweight shirts are most comfortable but loose long sleeved shirts and long pants in a natural, lightweight fabric, such as cotton, offer protection against the sun. We also recommend a light waterproof jacket for excursions to the shore, as you will come in contact with some spray during the transfer in the tenders.

We provide SPF 30+ sunscreen onboard along with Aeroguard insect repellent, however if you have any known allergies/sensitivities you may like to consider bringing your own.

The following lists are designed to help you prepare for your adventure:

- Personal toiletries / hygiene products
- T-shirts / blouses – short sleeved
- Long sleeved cotton shirt
- Light jumper or jacket
- Underwear and socks
- Bathers
- Personal drink bottle (good for use on bushwalks)
- Prescription drugs and/or vitamins
- Zinc (if you prefer stronger sun protection)
- Pants – lightweight
- Shorts – loose and comfortable
- Sarong
- Wide brim sun hat with chin strap
- Shoes for walking and getting wet such as www.keensfootwear.com.au*
- Thongs or sandals (for onboard if you prefer)
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Ear plugs if you are sleep sensitive

*As you will be wading through water on your hikes and adventures it's best to have a shoe suitable for both which you don't need to take off.

The Great Escape Charter Company only supply DIVE TANKS and WEIGHT BELTS, all other dive equipment must be supplied by guests.

The following dive equipment list is designed to help you prepare for your adventure:

- Wetsuit or lycra suit
- BCD
- Regulator with Octopus
- Dive Computer
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Safety sausage (compulsory for all divers)
- Cyalume sticks (compulsory on night dives)
- Fins & booties
- Dive torch
- Gloves
- Repair kit
- Rash shirt

MV Great Escape has a fully equipped **Royal Flying Doctor** kit onboard for use in the unlikely event of an emergency.

You may also like to consider a few of the following items, if you have space to spare:

- Binoculars
- A couple of CD's / iPod / MP3 player
- Disposable panoramic camera
- Cable for digital camera to computer connection (feel free to ask your crew to download your images if you fill your flash drive)
- Camera, batteries and plenty of film (if applicable)
- Disposable waterproof camera (for use around waterfalls & swimming holes)
- Small backpack (preferably waterproof) suitable to carry camera equipment etc when on excursions

There is an extensive selection of music CD's and movies on DVD available onboard for your enjoyment however please feel free to bring along your favourite movie or music.

Fishing Equipment

Part of your adventure with The Great Escape Charter Company will include numerous ocean fishing excursions. You will find yourself hunting *Coral Trout, Dhufish, Blue Bone, Snapper and Red Emperor*. We provide good quality equipment for those guests who are either first time or infrequent anglers.

We supply all equipment on a replace if lost basis.

If you are a super keen fisherperson then you are more than welcome to bring your own equipment. You may like to consider a few of the following items:

- Flick Rod – rated 10kg
- Bait caster reel
- 6 – 8kg mono fishing line
- 10kg braided fishing line
- 60 – 80kg jinkai or black magic leader
- Chemically sharpened 6/0 hooks
- Knife
- Pliers

A few of our favourite lures include:

- Killalure
- Nilsmaster - spearhead
- Halco - laser pros
- Riedy's - The Judge
- Riedy's - B 52
- Strike Pro walking stick (or surfacelure)
- Barra Classics
- Halco – RMG
- Gold Bomber
- Rapala Barra Magnum
- Stiffy Magnum lures

Photography

Be prepared for some excellent photographic opportunities whilst cruising the West Coast.

Video and digital camera batteries can be recharged onboard using 240 volts, for our international guests please be sure to have a converter and adapter plugs with you if required. It is a good idea to bring extra batteries and/or battery charger for your camera and flash. Please also ensure you bring the cable to charge your camera / download images from your camera.

Although our crew do not claim to be experts or professional photographers they all show a keen interest in photography and may just have a few extra tricks up their sleeves. So if you are having trouble with your equipment or need a little assistance give them a shout, they may just be able to help.

If you are not really into photography you will still go home with some great memories as the crew will be capturing fantastic photos of you and the scenery throughout your cruise. You will be given these photos on a USB at the end of the cruise to take home.

A selection of images will also be posted on the website after your cruise, so be sure to check the gallery pages and tell your friends.

Satellite Communications

We have promised you a journey of discovery and an escape from the ordinary with days filled with adventure however we do realise that you may wish to stay in touch with family and friends whilst onboard.

MV Great Escape is equipped with state-of-the-art satellite communications which includes satellite WIFI, satellite telephone in the case of emergencies and real time television available onboard (very important for the footy finals)!

Once onboard you can purchase satellite WIFI cards \$60 per device, please note payment is via credit card only. Please ask your Stewardess onboard for more information.

We suggest you download a VOIP app such as Viber, Whatsapp or FB Messenger to call your friends and family whilst onboard. Note the satellite telephone is available in the event of an emergency.

Whilst the system onboard is at the forefront of satellite technology we do ask you to bear in mind it does come with its own limitations. Being a satellite connection it can, from time to time, become unavailable when we least expect it and we ask you to take the remote nature of this connection into consideration.