

Exmouth, Western Australia, Australia

Where the red outback meets a UNESCO World Heritage reef — and whale sharks cruise the same clear water you're snorkeling in. Exmouth is remote, raw, and unlike anywhere else a cruise ship calls.

Tender port — no pier

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

Ningaloo Reef UNESCO site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Exmouth Boat Harbour

Walk to centre: ~3 km from marina (shuttle recommended)

Best For: Snorkeling, whale sharks, reef wildlife

Don't Miss: Turquoise Bay drift snorkel

Getting around: Taxi AUD —

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Swim with Whale Sharks** — Ningaloo hosts the world's largest aggregation of whale sharks (March–July).
- Turquoise Bay Drift Snorkel** — Widely voted one of Australia's best beaches.
- Cape Range National Park Tour** — Red limestone gorges, kangaroos, rock wallabies, and sweeping Indian Ocean views.
- Humpback Whale Watching** — June to November, thousands of humpbacks migrate past the North West Cape.
- Glass-Bottom Boat — Ningaloo Reef** — See the coral and marine life without getting wet.

BEST WALKS

- Town Heritage & Emu Stroll** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — From the shuttle drop-off at the Ningaloo Centre, wander the main street to Froth Craft Brewery, the town's WWII memorial, and nearby Town Beach.
- Yardie Creek Trail** 2 km return · Easy–moderate · 1 hr · National Park entry required — A short gorge-top walk above the turquoise creek with red limestone cliffs and sightings of the endangered black-flanked rock wallaby.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F)

	High	Low
Mon		
Apr	93°	69°
Jun	77°	55°
Aug	81°	54°
Sep	87°	57°
Oct	93°	62°

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:36AM–6:10PM · Jun 7:00AM–5:47PM · Aug 6:47AM–6:08PM · Sep 6:20AM–6:17PM · Oct 5:52AM–6:26PM

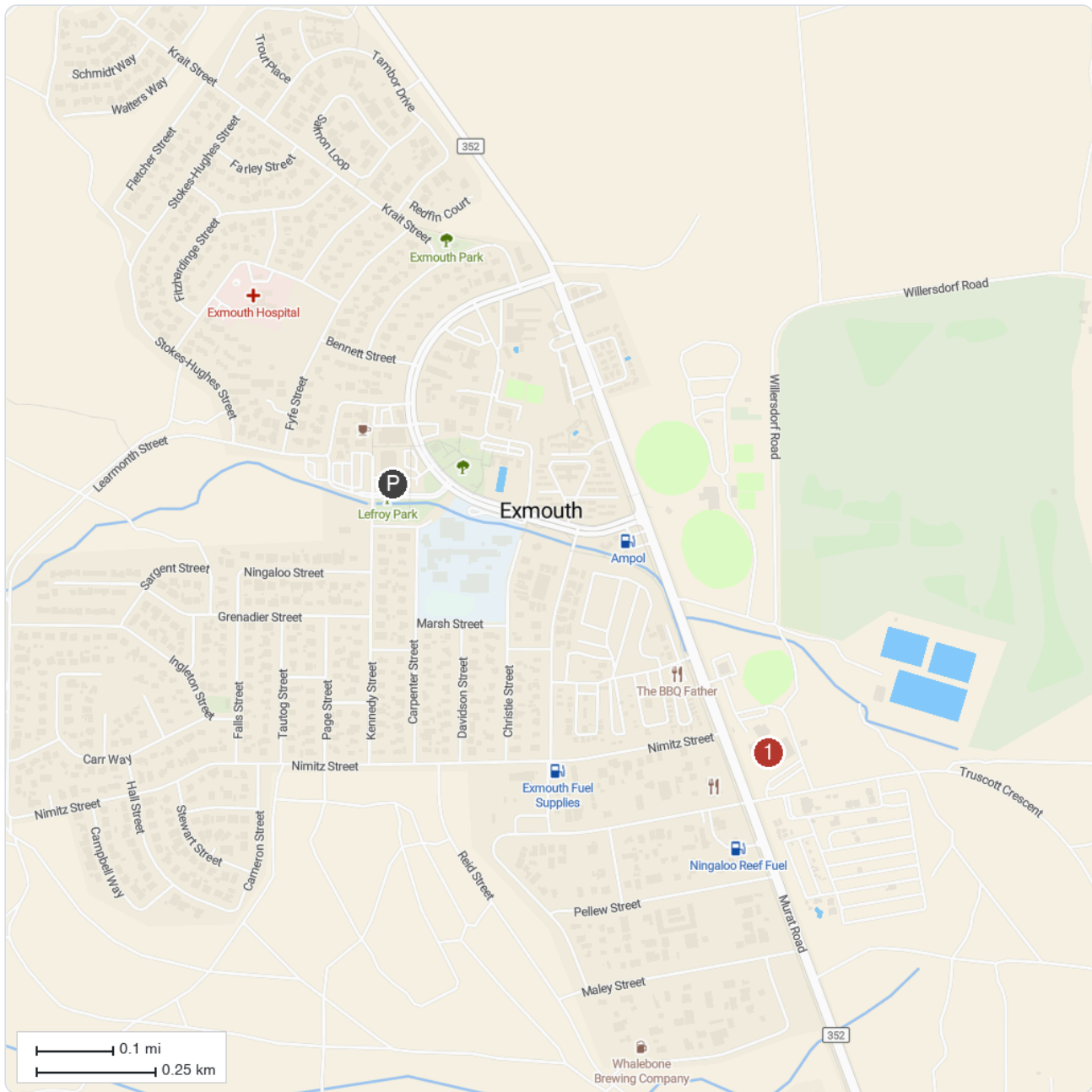
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book tours months ahead. Whale shark swims and rental cars sell out before the ship even departs — Exmouth has very limited capacity. Don't wait until you're on board.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable. UV index regularly hits extreme levels even in winter. SPF 50+, rash vest, hat, and reef-safe (zinc-based) sunscreen for snorkeling.
- Take the shuttle to town. The marina is 3 km from the centre with no shade and fierce heat. Walk only early morning.
- Check tides before snorkeling Oyster Stacks. This site is only safe at medium-to-high tide. Low tide exposes sharp coral and is dangerous.
- WA biosecurity is strict. Do not bring fresh fruit, vegetables, or meat ashore — heavy fines apply under Western Australian biosecurity laws.
- Bush flies can be relentless in spring and autumn. A cheap fly net from the local supermarket is worth every cent if you're heading into Cape Range.

Exmouth, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Ningaloo Centre
Visitor centre, library, and exhibition space about Ningaloo Reef.

P Cruise port / terminal