



WHALE SHARK SWIM

SWIM WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST FISH

FROM MID-MARCH TO AUGUST

Each year between mid-March and August these slow-moving, gentle, filter-feeding giants migrate past Ningaloo Reef. The world's biggest fish can grow to lengths of 12 metres or more and has a healthy appetite in order to sustain its immense size. Fortunately for most sea-dwellers (and for us) they feed primarily on plankton and krill, taking in huge gulps of water and filtering out their microscopic meal.

Whale sharks are found in tropical and warm oceans world-wide and can live to almost 70 years. Snorkelling alongside their huge 1.5 metre-diameter mouths is a **once in a lifetime experience!** Ningaloo is one of the only places in the world whale sharks appear regularly in large numbers, with over 235 individuals recorded. Each year scientists photograph the whale sharks as they pass through our area and some have been identified as having visited Ningaloo for 17 years and counting.

Sal Salis offers whale shark swims with select local partners and you can expect an up-close-and-personal view of these gentle giants. Your day will begin with the 25-minute transfer from Sal Salis to Tantabiddi Boat Ramp where you will meet your experienced skipper and crew for the day.

Morning tea is usually served as you motor out into the Indian Ocean to begin the **search for the whale sharks**, this is aided by a spotter plane that relays sightings to your skipper. The crew will help you get kitted out in wetsuits and snorkel gear and provide a thorough briefing.

During the course of the day your crew will keep an eye out for turtles, dolphins, dugongs, rays and sea birds and there is usually time for a snorkel at the back of the Reef. A delicious lunch featuring fresh Western Australian produce is provided.

Whale shark swims are available from mid-March – August each year and need to be pre-booked as the boats fill up months in advance. Our reservations team will book your accommodation and assist with booking your whale shark swim experience.

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES

- The whale shark will be moving so swimming is required during interaction
- The whale sharks are found in the open ocean so you may be swimming in current and swell
- Children are welcome to swim or to be observers. There is no official age limit, it will depend on the child's swimming ability
- Government regulations allow a maximum of 60 minutes swimming with one shark
- A maximum of 10 guests can be in the water with a whale shark
- You will need to bring a towel (Sal Salis will provide), a few extra layers to keep warm between swims, hat, sunglasses and personal items
- GoPro and underwater cameras may be used however poles are not allowed
- Bring seasickness tablets if you're prone to feeling sick out on the ocean

RESERVATIONS

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