



ECO CREDENTIALS PROTECTING & RESPECTING OUR UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is located within the Cape Range National Park and on the shores of the world's greatest fringing coral reefs. Guests come to Sal Salis to experience the pristine natural environment, the prolific marine life of Ningaloo Reef and the amazing diversity of fauna and flora.

Sal Salis is a **model ecotourism development camp** operated under lease with the Department of Parks and Wildlife and by virtue of the small size (15 Wilderness Tents) the impact on the environment is minimal. The following facts will give you an understanding of our commitment to **maintain and protect this environment** for the benefit of future generations.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMP

The camp was built with a minimal impact on the environment i.e. the rooms and the main lodge facility are constructed above ground level to protect the fauna and flora. Boardwalks also prevent unnecessary soil erosion and all guests are reminded to keep to the designated foot-paths while walking around the camp. The colour of the tents and the lodge ensures that the camp blends in naturally with the surrounding landscape.

POWER GENERATION

Almost 100% of the camp's power is generated by the sun through an array of solar panels to ensure a predominantly clean source of energy and preserve the peace and quiet of this pristine area. There is no internet connection or signal at Sal Salis, so computers and mobile phones are not a distraction to guests. There is however a 220-volt power point available for guests to charge their camera batteries in the main lodge area.

Hot water is heated by gas, and the tents are not equipped with air-conditioning or hairdryers! All the tents face the ocean which allows the coastal breeze to naturally cool the interior and at the same time expose guests to the sights and sounds of the surrounding bush and ocean. Each en-suite bathroom has a Nature Loo (these very effective composting toilets are transported off-site to be cleaned) and the grey water from the showers and hand basins is carefully managed to ensure only filtered water is dispensed back into the ground.

LINEN

The linen is supplied by EcoDownUnder, which is organic cotton and chemical free. All laundry is transported back to Exmouth for processing. Our sheets are a sand colour and are not bleached to maintain pure whiteness. Their composition means that we can hang dry and eliminate the need for ironing.

GUEST AMENITIES

Soaps for guests are produced locally, are chemical free and incorporate native herbs. We supply organic shampoos and conditioners for guests staying at Sal Salis and we urge guests to refrain from using non-eco bathroom products during their stay. Individual solar lanterns provide a safe lighting feature along the pathways to guide guests back to their tents at night.

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WATER

In keeping with best practice ecosustainability, our landlords (The Department of Parks and Wildlife) requirements and our own sustainable policies, each tent is allocated 20 litres of water per person, per day. Restricting fresh water run-off not only reduces the likelihood of weed growth but protects the Ningaloo Reef, as ultimately the shower water will percolate through the soil, adding fresh water to our shoreline and to the Reef. Under normal circumstances and with judicious use, 20 litres of water should be ample for daily needs. We have a 3-minute shower time policy, and recommend a swim in the ocean as the best way to freshen up in the morning.

DRINKING WATER

Filtered drinking water is provided at camp and guests are encouraged to refill their personal drinking containers. As part of our commitment to the environment we are trying to find acceptable alternatives to the plastic drinking bottles which litter our shores and we ask our guests to participate in this awareness campaign.

RECYCLING AND WASTE

All the waste generated by the camp is carefully transported back to the Exmouth waste depot. Where possible chemical containers are all reused. Used bottles and cans are separated at camp and returned to the Exmouth recycle depot.

PURCHASING

Wherever possible we make use of products that are local to the Exmouth Region and Western Australia.

PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef operates under a lease agreement with the Department of Parks and Wildlife in Western Australia, in what is a role model partnership between National Parks and private sector tourism with the aim of conserving the region's natural environment through educational and environmentally sound tourism operations. In addition to the park entrance fees, 5% of the business's turnover goes to the Western Australia's Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Parks and Wildlife Service to assist in conservation work directly in the Cape Range National Park.

Sal Salis has strict principles of minimal impact and sustainability and is audited through Eco Tourism Australia and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA) to ensure a high standard is met.

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