



# APACHE CHARTERS

# Shark Bay

5 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
LIVE ABOARD FISHING CHARTER



**"EXPERIENCE EPIC FISHING ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE FISHING CHARTER"**

**\$3000pp + GST\***

**Max 12 PAX per trip**

Come aboard this bucket list fishing trip, fishing remote locations west of Dirk in the fish abundant waters of the Indian Ocean. With 25 years experience fishing Shark Bay, only Apache has the capability and knowledge to get you to the remote fishing spots in the Dirk Hartog waters where very few fisherman can go! We are also one of the only operators still able to offer our fishing clients up to 20kg of demersal fish on our tours in the Gascoyne and Pilbara regions of Western Australia.

**Trip Includes:**

- 6 nights on board accommodation
- 5 days of epic fishing
- All fishing tackle, bait & ice
- All WA Fishing Licences
- All main meals prepared by on board chef/cook
- Skipper & Deckhand

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\*2024 pricing. Subject to change.



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## Departures & Dates

- Departs From: Denham, Shark Bay
- Season: April to July every year
- Every Sunday 3pm to the following Saturday 8am

## Fish Species

During the trip, we will be fishing for all WA iconic species including:

- **Pink Snapper**
- **Red Emperor**
- **Coral Trout**
- **Baldchin**
- **Cobia**
- **Red Throat**
- **Rankin Cod**
- **Spanish Mackerel**
- **and more!**

All fish kept must adhere to all Dept of Fisheries WA rules and regulations and maybe subject to change without notice. The itinerary may change subject to weather and fishing regulations.





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## The Vessel - Lady Grace

The Lady Grace is a 70ft fully equipped live aboard vessel and has been specially fitted out for the best fishing and live aboard experience. The vessel is used 9 months of the year for 6 nights live aboard charters and 3 months for our corporate River Cruise and Rottneest Boat Charters.

Before every season, the Lady Grace is completely fitted out with the necessary changes to ensure the vessel is fully equipped for the specialised seasonal fishing equipment. Live Aboard mode, the 10m x 6-metre-wide back deck gets transformed by adding 2 x commercial 1t freezers, 12 seat main table is secured and the fishing gear is loaded. The vessel is licenced for 70 persons on our river trips, so to only have 12 passengers on our north west fishing trips means there is plenty of room for everyone to enjoy a week of bucket list fishing.

### Accommodation

The Lady Grace offers dorm style accommodation (no individual private cabins available) with many options for sleeping arrangements:

- 4 single bunk beds on main deck - covered
- 4 single bunk beds on enclosed flybridge
- 2 single top bunk beds in V berth with skylight for star gazing at night-time.
- 1 double or 2 singles in bottom of V Berth
- 5 single bunk beds in lower cabin
- 2 x double beds in bottom cabin

### Vessel Features

- Airconditioning
- Lounge, galley, TV, DVD Player, s
- Satellite TV on back deck
- Two toilets
- 2 hot showers
- Huge deck area with BBQ and extra-large table with plenty of seating
- Freshwater maker
- 10m x 6m back deck
- 2 x 1T commercial freezers
- 3.5m tender
- Hiab



## TRIP ITINERARY

### **Sunday 3pm**

The Lady Grace is available for boarding at 3pm at the Denham Jetty, Knight Terrace Denham. Once all guests are boarded and gear is loaded, the Lady Grace will cruise west for 3 hours from Denham to South Passage for a safe anchorage where the on-board chef will serve tonight's dinner. Just anchoring in protected waters between Steep Point and Dirk Hartog Island gives the opportunity for an early start tomorrow for the best fishing grounds.

### **Day 1 - Monday**

After a nice hot cooked breakfast, it's time to pull up the anchor and depart nice and early for the best fishing grounds. Fishing from many remote locations this week, Steep Point, Dirk Hartog Island, Turtle Bay, Dampier Reef, West of False Entrance and Crayfish and Thunder bays. We head into remote waters where it's unlikely you will see other boats. Anchorage each night is in protected waters of Turtle Bay or South Passage. While you are busy fishing, are crew are on standby to assist in any way they can, meanwhile the cook is busy cooking up a feast for when you get hungry. The drinks and are cold, the showers are hot, and you don't have to worry about a thing, just fish, fish fish.

### **Day 2 - Tuesday**

After a big, cooked breakfast, its straight into fishing, bottom bouncing for the massive Pink Snapper, Red Emporer, Coral Trout, Rankin Cod and heaps more species -- it's easy to catch over 16 different species in one day in the waters of Shark Bay.

### **Day 3 - Wednesday**

Breakfast, fishing, morning tea, fishing, lunch, fishing, beers, fishing, fishing, dinner, fishing, beers. Snappers, Red Emporer, Coral Trout, Rankin Cod, oronation Cod, Spanish Mackerel, Chinamon Cod, Tomato Cod, Spangled Emporer, Sweetlips, Cobia, Tuna, The Fishing Today Is Epic.

### **Day 4 - Thursday**

Pretty much just like day one, day two and day three, it's all about FISHING!

### **Day 5 - Friday**

The last day it's all about FISHING FISHING FISHING. Then it's back to Denham in the late arvo. Head over to the pub for a few be vies. Dinner is not supplied on last night. Stay on the boat tonight then depart by 8am Saturday morning for your trip home.

### **Day 6 - Saturday**

Your fish have been packed into your esky, now it's time for the journey home. Disembarking is at 8am.



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## FAQs

### **What is included on the charter?**

We supply all licences and quality fishing gear (Finor 650 reels and Shimano Tiagra trolling reels). We supply trolling lures for large pelagic species, bait and ice tackle but you will need to BYO jigs and soft plastics. You can bring as much tackle as you like or use ours. All main meals are also included as well as morning/afternoon tea, tea/coffee, drinking water from tap, nibbles for happy hour and on board accommodation. Your Skipper, deckhand and cook are also included for the duration of the trip.

### **What is not included on the charter?**

Alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, and snacks such as lollies, crisps etc. No in water activities, no spear fishing, surfing or scuba diving.

### **What do I need to bring?**

Please bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, single fitted sheet, toiletries, and towel. Please only use a soft bag to pack your clothes, large suitcases are not allowed. Pack clothes for all seasons. Pack light, we do however have a dryer and washing machine on board for clients to use. Yes, you can bring along any fishing gear you like. Please bring along your esky or Engel to load your fish at the end of the trip – just leave them in the car.

### **What type of food is provided?**

We have a dedicated cook/chef on board to ensure you are well fed during your trip. Breakfast is varied but consists of a daily choice of bacon, eggs, sausage, beans, toasts & cereals. Lunch includes cold meat & salad wraps, cooked cold chicken & salad and sandwiches. Dinners vary but consist mainly of fresh fish cooked various ways. Scotch fillet steak is on the dinner menu for one night, plus hot chips, vegetables and potato dishes. Dessert is also served nightly. Nothing beats fresh Coral Trout, Rankin Cods, Emperors, Cods and Mackerel on the dinner table every night. Menus subject to change.

### **What drinks/snacks should I bring?**

Please BYO any alcohol as we do not supply any at all. Please try and choose cans instead of glass wherever possible. Drinking water on board is supplied by the on board desal system. Please bring along your own bottled water if you would prefer along with any soft drinks you require. Wine glasses and an assortment of stubby holders are on board if needed. Bring along any personal snacks like lollies/crisps as we don't supply these - extra snacks are not needed however as the chef always over caters. There are limited shops at Onslow.

### **What time can I board the vessel?**

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### **What info is on the Manifest?**

Name, Mobile, Email, Age, Post Code, Emergency Contact Name, Any Food Allergies, Any Medical Conditions, are you deemed fit for the tour? Agreement to Terms & Conditions and any Covid Regs.



### **Can we Spearfish or Scuba Dive?**

Our speciality is fishing and that's what we are good at. As we don't employ a dive master, we don't offer scuba diving activities and have removed any spear fishing activities from our itinerary.

### **Do you provide Car parking at Denham?**

We park our staff cars at the Denham Jetty and never had any security issues.

### **What's the best way to travel to Denham?**

Driving from Perth to Denham takes about 8-9 hours and seems to be the preferred choice for our guests. Rex Airlines also offers flights from Perth to Monkey Mia which is the airport about 10 mins out of town.

### **Shark Bay Hotels**

On the Friday night, it seems that the Apache crew and guests all like to head over the road for dinner at either the Heritage Hotel or the Shark Bay Hotel.

### **What is the mobile coverage like at Shark Bay?**

Telstra has probably the best coverage for mobile reception, but it is unreliable. We do fish in remote areas and most of the charter will be without phone reception. Better time of day is late in the afternoon or evening when the boat is back in the island group and on anchor. Texting seems to work best. However, in case of emergencies the vessel is equipped with a satellite phone 0011 870776418064. Or call 0409968371 during office hours and we can call the sat phone for you. The vessels location is also monitored by onshore operations.

### **Fish Handling and transportation of fish**

All fish is filleted daily by our crew and is then snap frozen in our commercial on-board freezers in trays of each species. At the end of the trip, all fillets are packed into your eskies and shared out evenly amongst passengers per species. It's not possible to take home the exact fish that you caught.

Unaccompanied recreationally caught fish cannot be transported by commercial couriers. You must accompany your fish if transporting by land, sea or air. This includes all parts of the fish. At the end of your trip, you must take your fish with you, we cannot store it for you due to fishing possession limits. Labelling of each fillet or esky will be as per Fisheries guidelines at the time of departure and will be carried out on board by Apache Crew. Let the crew know if you are sharing an esky prior to the start of the fish handling procedures.

### **Eskies**

Please bring your own eskies to take home your fish. Due to stock shortages and expensive freight costs it's sometimes not possible to obtain foam eskies in Denham. Please make sure you have your eskies prior to arriving in Denham (all fishing regs apply).

### **Do you Cryovac?**

No, we don't offer a cryovac service. All fillets are frozen with skin on and placed in separate fish bags. On whole boat charters you can bring along your own machine if you would prefer and Cryovac ALL the fillets - this is not possible on mixed group charters.

### **Are there any age restrictions?**

On mixed group bookings, we only accept bookings for 18 years and older due to the physical nature of the fishing trip. On private bookings, we can accept any age as we can customise the itinerary to suit your requirements although we would not recommend very young children on the 6-night tours. If you're unsure, please just ask us.



## Booking Procedure

To book, a \$500 deposit per person is required. Bookings are not secured until all deposits are received – the booking will only be valid for 7 days. Receipt of a deposit or payment from each individual is considered as acknowledgement and consent to the terms and conditions supplied by Apache Charters.

1. Contact us to arrange your booking and confirm details
2. You will receive an email via our NetBookings booking system with all charter booking information, booking reference number, deposit details, manifest form and terms and conditions
3. Complete manifest and email back to michelle@apachecharters.com.au. Read all terms and conditions. We also recommend taking out travel insurance.
4. Pay your \$500 per person deposit within 7 days of booking. Failure to remit your deposit within 7 days voids your booking. If you need more time, let us know.
5. Receipts will be emailed to client upon receiving payments via NetBookings – accounts are checked twice a week and once payment is confirmed, your booking is secured
6. Sixty (60) days before your trip - final payment is due. Use your booking number as a reference when paying.
7. Five days before your trip, final email confirmation is sent. Let the office know if any questions.

### Fuel Surcharge

Please note that future bookings will be subject to a fuel surcharge of minimum 3% for all 2023 bookings and beyond.

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Please use your booking reference and surname when making online payments.

Westpac

Account Name: Apache Charters

BSB 036 224

Account Number 385469

### Over the counter bank payments

If you are going into the bank for over-the-counter payments, please let the office know as the banks have no way of adding a reference number to your transaction.

### Credit Card Payments

We accept Visa and Mastercard. Please call 0409 968 371 to arrange over the phone.

1.25% surcharge for Visa & MasterCard. We do not accept Amex.

### Why can't I book online?

We don't use booking agents as we would prefer to discuss with you which fishing tour would be most suited to your bucket list fishing trip expectations. This saves you about \$200 pp by booking direct and not paying online booking commissions.



## Terms & Conditions

### Refunds

Deposits/Payments are not refundable at any stage for any reason for all live aboard charter bookings. We suggest you take out travel insurance when booking your fishing holiday. It is up to each guest to ensure that they comply with all COVID regulations.

### INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS – DEPOSITS and TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Immediate \$500 per person non-refundable deposit when making booking.
- All bookings are not secured until the full deposit is paid.
- Balance payable 60 days prior to charter date.
- Failure to remit deposit payment will render your booking cancelled and clients will need to rebook.

### WHOLE BOAT CHARTERS MINIMUM 12 PERSONS – DEPOSITS and TERMS & CONDITIONS

Whole boat bookings which require a minimum of 12 persons to book, require a \$6000 deposit which is \$500 each for 12 persons. Bookings are only confirmed once the full deposit has been paid.

Whole boat charters have 7 days to remit full deposit. Failure to remit deposit within 7 days will render your booking cancelled and clients will need to rebook. However, if you need extra time, please call the office 0409 968 371 as we may be able to offer you an extension.

Full payment is required 60 days prior to charter.

If in the event you book for a private whole boat charter and 90 days prior to your charter date, one or more of your groups cancel, the remaining group must still pay the 12-person rate.

Up to 89 days before your charter, one or more of your groups cancel, please contact Apache Charters 0409968371 to see if Apache can book other people on your charter so you are not liable for the 12-person minimum payment. We will do our best to assist wherever possible. Apache will charge an administration fee of \$250.00 to cover additional admin and advertising costs for each change.

For any internal changes to the whole boat booking, deposits will only be refunded if organiser or guest can find a suitable replacement and once the replacement has paid their deposit, then the original deposit will be refunded to the original persons booking. However, if this not possible for Apache to replace your numbers, your original booking still stands and your full payment for all 12 spots remains. No refunds on any deposits or payments. We suggest you all take out travel insurance.

Each charter organiser will be responsible for ensuring that each member of his/ her party receives a copy of the terms and conditions and itinerary information.

### Fishing Rules and Regulations

Regs are as per the Western Australian Department of Fisheries and may be subject to change without notice.





## Terms & Conditions

Apache Charters conducts charters in remote areas. The nature of these charters in some circumstances mean passengers may face some physical discomfort and even danger. In the cases Apache Charters expects all passengers to understand and appreciate the risks involved and be prepared to accept those risks. Naturally, Apache Charters undertake to provide every possible precaution and to take all due care, but ultimately all responsibility for illness, accident or death, or any property damage or loss, lies with the passenger. Apache Charters is unable to accept any responsibility for any action on behalf of any other carrier that may result in passengers failing to meet the conditions set down in booking conditions

Apache Charters reserves the right to cancel any charter depending on weather conditions, breakdowns, or any unforeseen circumstance. No refunds. All charters will be rescheduled within a 12-month time frame.

### **Fishing Licences**

All customers on board our licenced fishing charter boat the Lady Grace are exempt from the new Recreational Fishing Boat Licences (RFBL). As we have already paid for your licence, which is included in our annual Fishing Licence to the Department of Fisheries.

### **Level of Fitness**

You must ensure that you are medically and physically fit for the fishing trip. The charters are carried out in remote areas and require a certain level of fitness, health and mobility. The charters may not be suitable for people with pre-existing medical conditions such as back issues etc. When booking and before you have remitted any payment, please advise us of any medical or physical condition(s) that may require medical attention, medication, or special treatment during your tour. If a guest has a condition that we decide may significantly affect the enjoyment, health or safety of themselves or any other person on board, we can refuse or cancel a booking. If any guest is not sure about their fitness for travel, please seek medical advice prior to booking. Should the skipper or Apache staff deem a passenger unfit to travel for safety reasons, we reserve the right to decline boarding and no refunds will be given. Sleep machines are quite common on the trips, so if you need to bring yours, just let us know when booking.

### **Seasickness**

We do not provide seasickness tablets on board the vessel. We do recommend that clients bring along their own tablets and take them according to the medication directions. We cannot be responsible for seasickness issues and cannot refund if you experience any seasickness.

### **Personal Effects**

Apache Charters is not liable for lost or damaged baggage and personal effects. Please ensure you take out comprehensive travel insurance including cancellation cover and medical cover.

### **DO NOT ARRIVE INTOXICATED**

Please do NOT arrive at the vessel for boarding intoxicated. Due to health and safety requirements for our clients and crew you will not be permitted to board the vessel and will forfeit all monies paid to Apache Charters.