



DIRK HARTOG
ISLAND

Accessibility Plan – Dirk Hartog Island

At Dirk Hartog Island, we are committed to creating inclusive experiences where possible and supporting guests of varying abilities in a respectful and accommodating way.

We understand that accessibility needs vary, and while we aim to be as inclusive as possible, there are some limitations beyond our control. The Denham Commercial Jetty, managed by the Shire of Shark Bay, currently has no infrastructure to support wheelchair access to vessels.

Likewise, the on-island facilities, managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), do not currently provide wheelchair access to shore-based facilities.

There are no sealed roads or formal walkways on Dirk Hartog Island, and the terrain is predominantly beach and natural ground, which is unsuitable for mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers.

How we support accessibility

Pre-arrival planning

- Guests are encouraged to contact us prior to booking to discuss any accessibility or health requirements.
- We provide detailed information about terrain, facilities, transport, and environmental conditions to help guests make informed decisions.
- Special requests such as dietary requirements, medical needs, or mobility considerations can be discussed and planned in advance.

On-island support

- Our team is available to assist with luggage handling and general support on arrival and departure.
- Staff can provide orientation and guidance around the property and facilities.
- Flexible check-in arrangements may be available where operationally possible.
- Dietary needs, allergies, and medical considerations can be accommodated with advance notice.

Accommodation options

- Accommodation types include the Eco Lodge, Ocean Villa, Homestead Camping and National Park Camping
- Ground-level access is available to all accommodation areas; however, surfaces are natural and uneven.
- Assistance animals are welcome by prior arrangement.



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As infrastructure evolves, we will continue working with relevant authorities to advocate for improved accessibility and ensure our products are as inclusive as possible.

For now, we remain focused on providing supportive and adaptive service within the current operating environment.

Environmental and infrastructure considerations

Dirk Hartog Island is a remote wilderness destination, and some limitations are beyond our control:

- Access to the island is via boat or aircraft transfer, which will require stepping up/down or walking across natural surfaces.
- There are no sealed roads, footpaths, or formal walkways. Terrain includes sand, gravel, and natural ground.
- The areas are not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or walking frames.
- The island operates off-grid power and water systems, and facilities are designed to minimise environmental impact.
- Weather conditions and tidal movements may affect access and movement around the property.

Continuous improvement

As infrastructure evolves, we will continue to:

- Identify practical improvements that enhance accessibility while protecting the island's natural environment.
- Train staff to provide inclusive, respectful, and adaptive guest service.

Our approach

We understand that accessibility needs vary for every individual. While we aim to be as inclusive as possible, the remote nature of Dirk Hartog Island means some experiences may not be suitable for all mobility levels.

We encourage guests to contact our team prior to booking so we can discuss individual needs and ensure the safest and most enjoyable stay possible.
