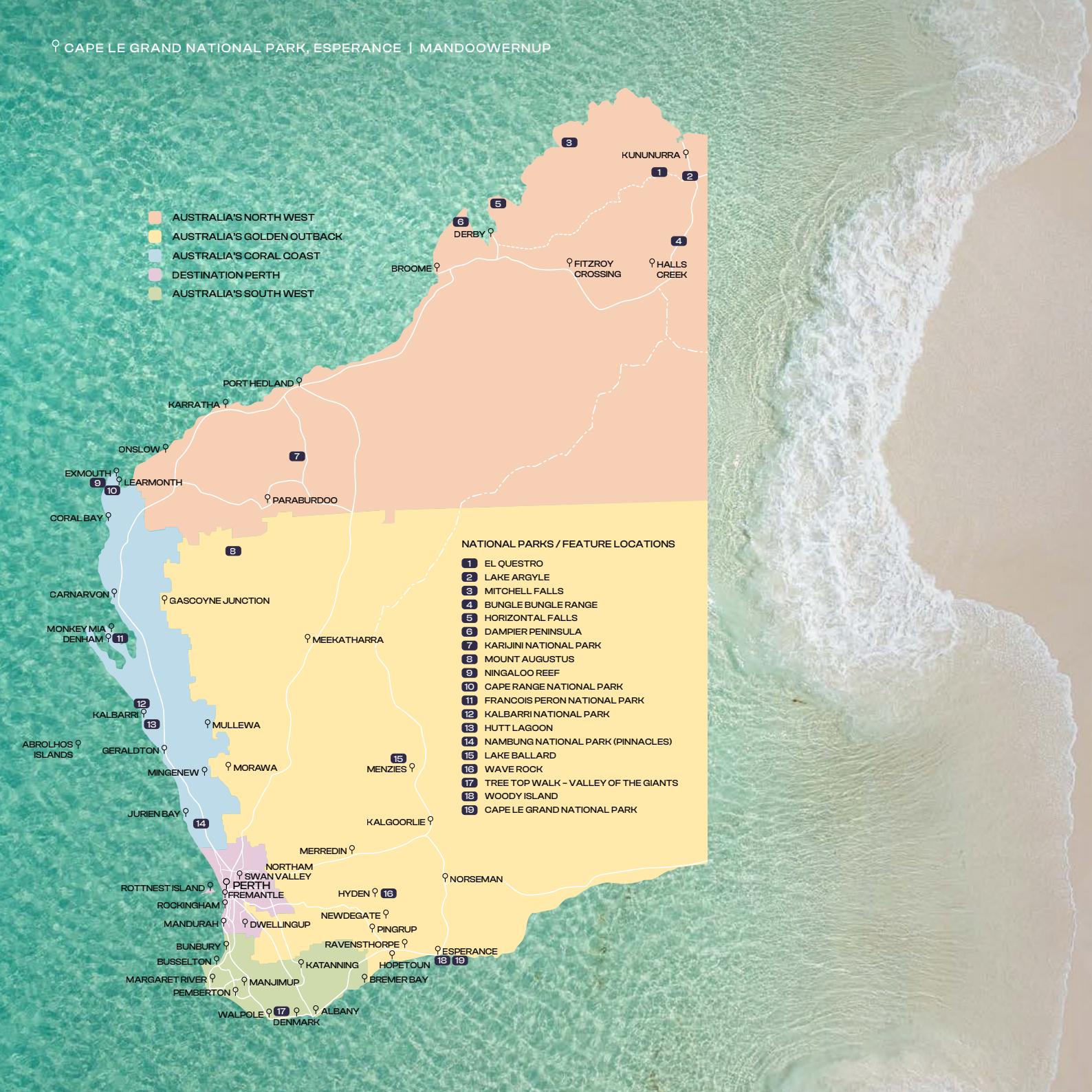


An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. The top half of the image is dominated by a vast, reddish-brown sand dune that meets the ocean. The ocean water is a vibrant turquoise color. In the foreground, there are several small, green, mangrove-like trees growing out of the sand. The overall scene is a mix of natural textures and colors, from the deep red of the sand to the bright blue of the water.

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Tourism Western Australia acknowledges Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of Western Australia and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal Western Australians and honour their continuing connection to Country, culture and community. We recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions made by First Nations peoples across many generations in shaping Western Australia as a premier destination.

# OVERVIEW



# TOURISM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Tourism Western Australia (Tourism WA) is responsible for promoting Western Australia (WA) as an incredible holiday and events destination. We work with a range of people from the public and private sector to develop and promote WA's iconic tourism experiences, to attract events to the state and help the tourism industry thrive. We have three core functions:

- We deliver innovative marketing campaigns at home and overseas to raise awareness of WA's destinations and experiences, and attract more people to the state.
- We attract and support a broad range of sports, arts, cultural, culinary and business events, which give people a compelling reason to visit our state.
- We work closely with government and industry partners to improve destinations in terms of access, accommodation and tourism experiences for visitors. For more information on Tourism WA, visit [tourism.wa.gov.au](http://tourism.wa.gov.au).

# ABOUT WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia — it's big, beautiful and billions of years old.

Around the size of Western Europe, WA accounts for one-third of the Australian continent. It boasts over 12,500 kilometres of coastline (20,000 including islands), the world's oldest minerals and a host of natural wonders found nowhere else on Earth.

Of the state's population of around 3 million people, around three-quarters live in the Perth region. With more than 3,000 hours of sunshine per year, Perth is Australia's sunniest capital city. The city's spectacular natural surroundings are rivalled only by its vibrant city life.

WA's Aboriginal history dates back more than 60,000 years — making it one of the world's oldest living cultures. Almost a third of Western Australians are born overseas and 15 per cent of the population speaks a language other than English at home.

Dreamlike experiences and natural wonders await you in every region of this grand and diverse state, and the varied climate — Mediterranean conditions in the south through to the northern tropics — means you'll always find summer somewhere in WA.

# PERTH

Sitting pretty on the banks of the Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan, Australia's sunniest capital city effortlessly blends urban cool with raw natural beauty. Its heart is bustling with bars, restaurants, hotels, shopping and cultural spaces, and is also home to one of the world's most beautiful inner-city parks. Within 30 minutes of the city centre, visitors can be exploring Western Australia's oldest wine region, experiencing a dreamy Indian Ocean sunset, cycling around a pristine island or exploring Perth's port city of Fremantle / Walyalup.

Check out:

## Perth's sparkling new attractions

An array of new public spaces and revitalised buildings have activated Perth / Boorloo CBD and surrounds. The vibrant waterfront precinct of Elizabeth Quay boasts riverfront views, alfresco and rooftop dining, public art and playgrounds, and luxury hotels. Linking Perth CBD to Northbridge, Yagan Square connects people to place and is a celebration of WA's heritage. A recent multi-million-dollar redevelopment has seen it transform into Stories, a five-storey hospitality mecca with multiple venues catering to all ages. Not to be missed is the spectacular WA Museum Boola Bardip, located in the Perth Cultural Centre. Across the Swan River, connected by the Matagarup Bridge, is the multiple award-winning and worldclass 60,000 seat Optus Stadium, which hosts major sporting events and concerts throughout the year.

## A stellar line-up of city beaches

Home to 19 pristine metropolitan beaches, it's easy to find your own piece of paradise to enjoy one of Western Australia's famous coastal sunsets — whether that be from the sand, a picnic area, or one of the coast's many dining options. From Bathers Beach in Fremantle to iconic Cottesloe Beach and popular City Beach — both just 20 minutes from the CBD — Perth really is unlike any other capital city on Earth. Its dazzling stretch of endless sand, crystal-clear blue waters, coastal trails, dune vegetation and sustainable development approach is unparalleled. While taking an ocean dip and relaxing on the sand may be the ideal beach activity for some, the more adventurous can enjoy a range of water sport tours such as jet skiing, sea kayaking, kite surfing, parasailing, and catamaran hire, plus sunset cruises.

Discover more of Perth, a city rich with natural wonders, [here](#).

## Wining and dining

Head into Perth's city centre and its urban hubs of Northbridge, Leederville, Mount Lawley, Victoria Park, Subiaco and South Perth, plus the port city of Fremantle, for an ever-expanding range of small bars, restaurants, breweries and distilleries across rooftops, laneways, heritage-listed buildings and new venues. Just a 30-minute drive from the CBD, or a cruise along the Swan River, will take you to WA's oldest wine region, the Swan Valley. Tantalise your taste buds at over 40 world-class wineries, breweries, cideries, distilleries and gourmet artisan producers. Venture into the Perth Hills to pick fruit from grower's orchards year-round. Celebrate Perth's love affair with the coast by enjoying local seafood and sipping on a cool beverage whilst the sun sets over the Indian Ocean at one of the many coastal dining options.

## An island playground

Famous for its laid-back atmosphere and home to 63 beautiful beaches and 20 bays, Rottnest Island / Wadjemup is a pristine A Class Reserve, located just a short ferry ride from the mainland. Explore the island by scenic flight, segway, skydive, hop-on hop-off bus, walking tour, water taxi or kayak; grab a snorkel or join a tour to discover the abundance of spectacular marine life, and observe the world's friendliest animal — the quokka. The A Class Reserve is a car free zone, and hiring a bicycle is the best way to get around. The island has recently welcomed several new experiences for summer, including the new and refurbished accommodation option, The Lodge Wadjemup, which opened in 2025, in addition to an array of Aboriginal cultural and outdoor recreation experiences.

## An eclectic port city

Discover maritime history, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed prison, café culture, lively bars and hundred-year-old markets in the port city of Fremantle — located less than 30-minutes from Perth CBD. Known as 'Freo' to the locals, here you can explore narrow streets lined with historic buildings, enjoy fresh seafood at the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, sample local brews at one of the many breweries and choose from a variety of funky cafes, boutique bars and top restaurants. Join a guided walking tour or a rickshaw through the streets to discover the city's colourful maritime history, bohemian culture and vibrant street art.

## Natural attractions

Overlooking the Swan River and Perth city skyline, the stunning Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Komba is one of the largest inner-city parks in the world. At 400 hectares, it's bigger than Central Park in New York, and is home to more than 3,000 species of the state's native flora. Tour its botanic gardens and spring wildflowers solo, or on a guided tour. Alternatively, discover the park's rich culture and history with an Aboriginal guide. Within an hour of Perth's CBD, you can swim with wild dolphins at Rockingham, cruise the estuary and canals in Mandurah / Mandjoogoordap, discover crystal caves in Yanchep National Park or hike the trails in the Perth Hills. A little further afield, take an early morning drive to the Avon Valley for hot air ballooning over farmlands, native bush and fields of flowers.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

Here you'll find world-class food and wine, beautiful beaches, surfing, cave systems, tall timber forests, whale-watching, wildflowers, hiking and biking trails, and the famous Margaret River wine region on Wadandi Noongar country. As one of only 36 bio-diversity hotspots on Earth, the South West has thousands of plant species found nowhere else in the world.

Check out:

## World-class wine and fresh local produce

Home to six distinct wine regions including world-famous Margaret River with over 100 cellar doors. Many of the region's wineries have restaurants on site, serving up some of Australia's best 'paddock to plate' fresh produce from the South West. Enjoy fresh marron, trout, venison, chocolates, cheeses, cherries, boutique craft beers and ciders, as well as the rare black truffle — more of them are produced in Manjimup than anywhere else in Australia. Each November, the Pair'd Margaret River Region event celebrates the outstanding wines, culinary delights, natural wonders and culture of the region.

## Surfing, swimming, snorkelling

The South West is renowned for its spectacular coastlines, sheltered lagoons, consistent surf, effervescent blue lakes, and magnificent swimming beaches. Follow in the footsteps of some of the world's best surfers who flock to the aptly named Surfers Point for the annual Margaret River Pro. For more tranquil conditions, you'll find some of Australia's top swimming spots at Dunsborough, Eagle Bay, Denmark and Albany / Kinjarling. Witness the wonders beneath the water through shipwreck diving or stay dry at the eight metre deep Underwater Observatory, located at the end of the 1.8 kilometre Bussleton Jetty / Undalup. The underwater sculpture trail and artificial reef adds another level of underwater adventure for divers, swimmers and snorkellers.



Discover more of the South West, where adventure and indulgence meet, [here](#).

## Culture, arts and history

Learn more about Aboriginal customs and the history of the South West's first inhabitants by visiting a number of Aboriginal centres, art galleries and tours across the region. Whether it's foraging for traditional bush foods and medicine with the Wiilman people in Harvey, discovering ancient traditions with the Menang people, or experiencing the magic of a live didgeridoo performance inside an underground cave on Wadandi Country. You'll also find exceptional South West artistic talent including painters, sculptors, furniture makers, jewellery designers and hand-blown glass artists. Head to the coastal city of Albany to explore the state's whaling history, as well as the multi award-winning National Anzac Centre for a deeply personal connection with Australia's ANZAC history.

## Towering timbers

The South West is also home to giant jarrah, karri, marri and tuart trees, and you can experience a bird's eye view of these towering timbers in the Valley of the Giants. Located between Denmark and Walpole, the world-first 600 metre Tree Top Walk is suspended 40 metres above the forest floor on Menang Noongar country. In the Margaret River Region, the towering karri trees in Boranup Forest offer one of the most dreamy drive trail experiences in the region, while you can soar through the trees on a high ropes and ziplining course in Pemberton.

## Wildlife and adventure

Get hiking along the spectacular coastal Cape to Cape Track, the bushland Bibbulmun Track, or out to the Porongurup Range's Granite Skywalk. Take off on two wheels along the Munda Biddi off-road cycling experience, as well as other world-class mountain biking trails through Collie, Margaret River and Nannup. Or head underground at Ngilgi, Mammoth, Lake and Jewel caves to explore mesmerising labyrinths decorated with limestone crystal formations. Above ground at Ngilgi Cave, the Ancient Lands Experience takes visitors on a journey to discover 600 million years of stories associated with the land and its people, on Wadandi Noongar Country. From January to April, take an orca tour from Bremer Bay to see the southern hemisphere's largest orca pod, or visit Koombana Bay to swim with dolphins. Between June and November, witness the annual migration of humpback, southern right and blue whales from the South West's shores, or hop on a whale watching cruise and get up close to these gentle giants. Witness the surging power of the Southern Ocean at The Gap in Torndirrup National Park near Albany and experience the views of one of Australia's most exposed coasts through the nearby Natural Bridge.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S GOLDEN OUTBACK

Discover historic townships, spectacular desert wilderness, quirky outback charm, gold-rush history and the Southern Ocean's perfect white beaches.

Check out:

## White beaches and islands

Esperance / Kepa Kurl is home to not only Australia's whitest beach, but also one of the best beaches in the world — Lucky Bay in Cape Le Grand National Park. For the full outdoor experience, follow the coastal walk trails or set up at some of Australia's most picturesque beachside campsites, and be wowed around every corner along the 40-kilometre Great Ocean Drive. Take a scenic flight over the hundreds of islands in the Recherche Archipelago and be mesmerised by the snow-white sands and dreamy blue hues.

## Australia's largest outdoor gallery

The striking salt flats of Lake Ballard form the backdrop of Inside Australia — a truly unique installation of 51 life-sized steel statues by acclaimed sculptor Antony Gormley, inspired by residents of the nearby town of Menzies on Wongutha country.

Discover more of the Golden Outback, and explore an otherworldly outback, [here](#).



## Outback station stays

Immerse yourself in the rural life and landscapes of WA, escape the daily hustle and experience country living on a working station or farm. Accommodation ranges from luxury rooms in grand station homesteads to rustic shearing quarters and camping facilities on huge cattle stations. Visit during wildflower season — from July to October — when the rugged outback plains burst into a kaleidoscope of colour.

## Wildflowers and wave walking

Wave Rock / Katter Kich, near Hyden on Ballardong country, is a remarkable 110 metre, multi-coloured granite cliff that resembles a huge wave about to crash into the bush. There's also Hippo's Yawn (which resembles a hippo yawning), the Humps, and Mulka's Cave with its collection of Aboriginal rock art. In spring, you'll be surrounded by beautiful blankets of wildflowers in full bloom, with 60 per cent of the species unique to WA.



## The unexpected

Journey along the Golden Quest Discovery Trail from Perth to Coolgardie and Laverton, on Wongutha country, to discover fascinating gold-rush history. Highlights include legendary country pubs, the fascinating Gwalia ghost town and Kalgoorlie's / Karlkurla famous Super Pit, one of the world's largest open-cut mines. Experience a touching tribute to man's best friend at the Corrigin Dog Cemetery, country quirkiness along the Tin Horse Highway — a collection of 70 equine artworks in and around Kulin, wheat silos adorned with giant, colourful murals and the world's longest golf course — the 1,365-kilometre Nullarbor Links.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

Home to incredible marine life, endless stretches of white sandy beaches and the warm waters of the turquoise Indian Ocean. This region covers 1,100 kilometres from Cervantes to Exmouth and boasts two UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites; Ningaloo Marine Park / Nyinggulu and Shark Bay / Gathaagudu — all linked via the Coral Coast Highway stretching from Perth to Exmouth.

Experience:

## Snorkelling at Ningaloo Reef

Where the outback meets the reef, step off the beach and into the underwater wonderland of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu. An absolute must do when visiting Exmouth, Coral Bay or the ocean-side pastoral stations north of Carnarvon. Dive into the pristine turquoise waters to discover more than 500 species of tropical fish and 300 species of colourful coral in one of the most biologically diverse marine environments on the planet.

## Swimming with gentle giants

Join a whale shark tour from Exmouth or Coral Bay for the ultimate bucket list wildlife encounter — swimming with the world's largest fish. Whale sharks visit Ningaloo / Nyinggulu from March until end of July; then from July to October you can swim with gentle humpback whales as they cruise through. Year round, you can also swim with acrobatic manta rays from Coral Bay, while keeping an eye out for green and loggerhead turtles.

Discover more of the Coral Coast, and dive into a world of exhilarating marine adventure, [here](#).

## Friendly dolphins and a World Heritage-listed Area

One of the world's most reliable places for witnessing wild dolphins — the curious bottlenose dolphins at Monkey Mia have been playing on the shores of Malgana country for more than 40 years. While in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, you can also spot sea turtles and dugongs, admire the world's oldest and largest living fossils — Hamelin Pool's stromatolites — and fish, snorkel and dive. Don't miss a trip into Francois Peron National Park, where striking red desert cliffs meet the turquoise sea.

## Wildflowers and pink waters

Head inland to explore some of WA's most magnificent wildflower country, particularly between July and October when carpets of blooms paint the landscapes in a kaleidoscope of colour. While spotting some of WA's 12,000 wildflower species, check out the dreamy colours at Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake) near Port Gregory, where the water can be red, bubble-gum pink or lilac, depending on the conditions. The lagoon is located between other Coral Coast highlights — the seaside city of Geraldton / Jambinu and its diving, snorkelling and fishing drawcard and the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park.

## Extraordinary rock formations

Experience an otherworldly landscape of incredible limestone spires rising eerily from the sand at the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park. Further up the coast, discover the seaside town of Kalbarri / Wurdimirlu, surrounded by dramatic coastal cliffs and the incredible river gorges in Kalbarri National Park. Step out onto the 100-metre-high Kalbarri Skywalk / Kaju Yatka for breathtaking and uninterrupted views beyond the rim of the Murchison River Gorge. Follow the many walking trails and take a photo through the famous Nature's Window, hike along the dramatic red sandstone gorges or canoe along the flowing river to experience the depths and heights of the 400 million year-old landscapes.

MONKEY MIA, SHARK BAY | GATHAAGUDU



NAMBUNG NATIONAL PARK, CERVANTES

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST

A billion years in the making, the North West is one of the world's last true wilderness areas. Here you'll find ancient gorges, thundering waterfalls, remote stretches of coastal paradise and rich Aboriginal culture and history.

Check out:

## Otherworldly wonders

Discover Australia's only Horizontal Waterfalls / Garaanngaddim, created when massive tidal movements squeeze through narrow cliff passages. Aerial tours from Broome / Rubibi and Derby enable you to circle the phenomenon from above, alongside other scenic wonders of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where turquoise blue water contrasts with rugged red cliffs. Land nearby on a seaplane and witness the power of these sacred falls, then stay overnight on a houseboat. Discover incredible natural wonders such as the world-famous sunsets at Cable Beach / Walmanyjun, ancient dinosaur footprints, some of the biggest tides in the world and the natural phenomenon of the Staircase to the Moon.

## The pearlng capital of Australia

A laidback tropical oasis and the western gateway to the Kimberley, Broome is one of the world's finest producers of Australian South Sea pearls. Broome's unique pearling history dates to the late 1800s, when workers from Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Japan and Europe flocked to the town for the prized *Pinctada maxima* oyster and its mother of pearl shell. Today Broome is one of the world's finest producers of Australian South Sea pearls. Its fascinating history coupled with the culture of the local Aboriginal people offer a truly unique melting pot of Aboriginal and Asian heritage. Pearl farm tours offer an insight into the history and process of modern pearl farming or visit the pearl showrooms in historic Chinatown and take home your own piece of pearl jewellery. Celebrate Broome's unique multicultural and pearling history at the annual Shinju Matsuri (festival of the pearl), held during August and September each year.

Discover more of the North West, one of the Earth's last true wilderness areas, [here](#).

## Aboriginal experiences

The North West offers a range of profound Aboriginal tours to experience the world's oldest living culture. Join an Aboriginal guide to explore ancient rock art galleries, forage for bush tucker, go mud crabbing, spear fishing and listen to Dreamtime stories. Located throughout the Kimberley and Pilbara regions, in towns and remote desert communities, are several Aboriginal art galleries providing opportunities for cultural expression and economic independence. North of Broome, the Dampier Peninsula has the highest concentration of Aboriginal tourism offerings in Australia. In the Pilbara region, join an Aboriginal guide on the Burrup Peninsula / Murujuga, in the newly UNESCO World Heritage-listed Murujuga National Park, to witness the most prolific rock art engraving (petroglyph) site in the world. The North West is also home to Australia's first Camping with Custodians sites, offering self-drive visitors the chance to interact with local communities while staying at campsites run by Aboriginal people on Aboriginal lands.

## Unforgettable outback adventures

Get off the beaten track at two of WA's most spectacular national parks. At Karijini National Park, in the Pilbara region, ancient rocks have been shaped into mountains and escarpments, awe-inspiring gorges and tree-lined watercourses. Stay in the heart of the park at Karijini Eco Retreat's luxury tents. The World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park near Kununurra in the east of the Kimberley is home to one of the world's most striking geological features, the Bungle Bungle Range. The striped, beehive-like mounds are breathtaking from the air. Stay nearby to explore hidden gorges and pools at APT Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge or Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge.

## Remote resorts and Kimberley cruising

Escape the well-known and well-trodden, and truly get away from it all at one of the Kimberley's remote luxury resorts. Australia's most remote luxury lodge experience, Berkeley River Lodge can only be reached by air, Kimberley Coastal Camp is the ultimate wilderness adventure only accessible by helicopter or float plane, El Questro Homestead is cantilevered atop Chamberlain Gorge, and — true to its name — Faraway Bay is so remote you won't even find it on a map. For the ultimate wilderness adventure, experience the luxury of a Kimberley expedition cruise and discover the wild untamed beauty of the Kimberley coast. Cruise by sheer rugged cliffs, meander through secluded gorges, get up close to cascading waterfalls, soar over ancient landscape by helicopter or enjoy incredible fishing in pristine waters — then retreat to the comfort of your own private suite.

## The hub of the eastern Kimberley

Kununurra / Goonoonoorrag on Miriwoong country is the perfect backdrop for an outback adventure and the gateway town to exploring the eastern region of the Kimberley. Base yourself here and join one of the many tours to experience the region's awe-inspiring attractions including the Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park, Mitchell Falls / Punamii-unpuu, El Questro and the mighty Lake Argyle. Start your epic Gibb River Road journey here, or venture around the town to discover vast, stunning landscapes, remarkable waterways and waterfalls, lush farmland, Aboriginal art galleries and Western Australia's oldest operating distillery.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA - WHERE DREAM EVENTS HAPPEN

Whether it's unmissable global blockbusters, unforgettable moments shared with the world's oldest living culture, or culinary experiences in otherworldly locations — there are wondrous events happening all year round. And with endless pristine beaches and boundless adventures, there is always something to do in Western Australia, no matter when you visit.

Food and culture lovers have plenty to celebrate, when **Taste Great Southern** returns from 5-8 March, featuring new experiences and acclaimed talent.

Coinciding with the festival, the Australian-exclusive **Lighting the Sound** will illuminate Albany / Kinjarling over nine magical nights in March. This breathtaking outdoor installation by world-renowned Finnish artist Kari Kola — his first in Australia — is expected to be the world's largest light display. Set against King George Sound, it will showcase the coastline and landmarks while sharing the rich cultural heritage of Menang Noongar Country, forming part of Albany's 2026 bicentenary celebrations.

Up north, the Kimberley will celebrate the 25th anniversary edition of the **Ord Valley Muster** from 15-24 May. The festival offers a full calendar of Aboriginal culture, music, entertainment, food and wine, and art, making it a highlight of WA's event calendar.

View the full event calendar for 2026 [here](#).

# ABOUT WALKING ON A DREAM

Walking On A Dream invites travellers to uncover the magic of Western Australia — a place where vast deserts glow beneath endless skies, coral reefs shimmer in turquoise seas, and ancient landscapes whisper stories that stretch back millennia.

This evocative evolution of the Walking On A Dream creative from Tourism Western Australia reimagines the Spirit of Adventure, inspiring travellers to go beyond the expected and lose themselves in a state that feels truly dreamlike. At its heart lies a celebration of deep connection — to nature, to culture, and to Country — reflecting the Aboriginal belief that every element of the natural world is intertwined.

In collaboration with WA-born musician Luke Steele of Empire of the Sun, the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, and Bidyadanga artist Billy-Jo Shoveller, the creative breathes new life into the iconic anthem Walking On A Dream. Starring proud Nyikina man Nelson Baker and emerging actor Angelica Blazeska, the films capture moments that feel suspended between reality and reverie.

Filmed across breathtaking locations — from the luminous Ningaloo Reef and the vineyards of Margaret River to Perth's glittering skyline, Rottnest Island's idyllic shores and the ancient beauty of Mirima National Park — Western Australia is celebrated as a land of extraordinary beauty and endless adventure.

Here, every journey feels like walking on a dream — where adventure, wonder and connection await at every turn.



# DESTINATION NEWS



## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

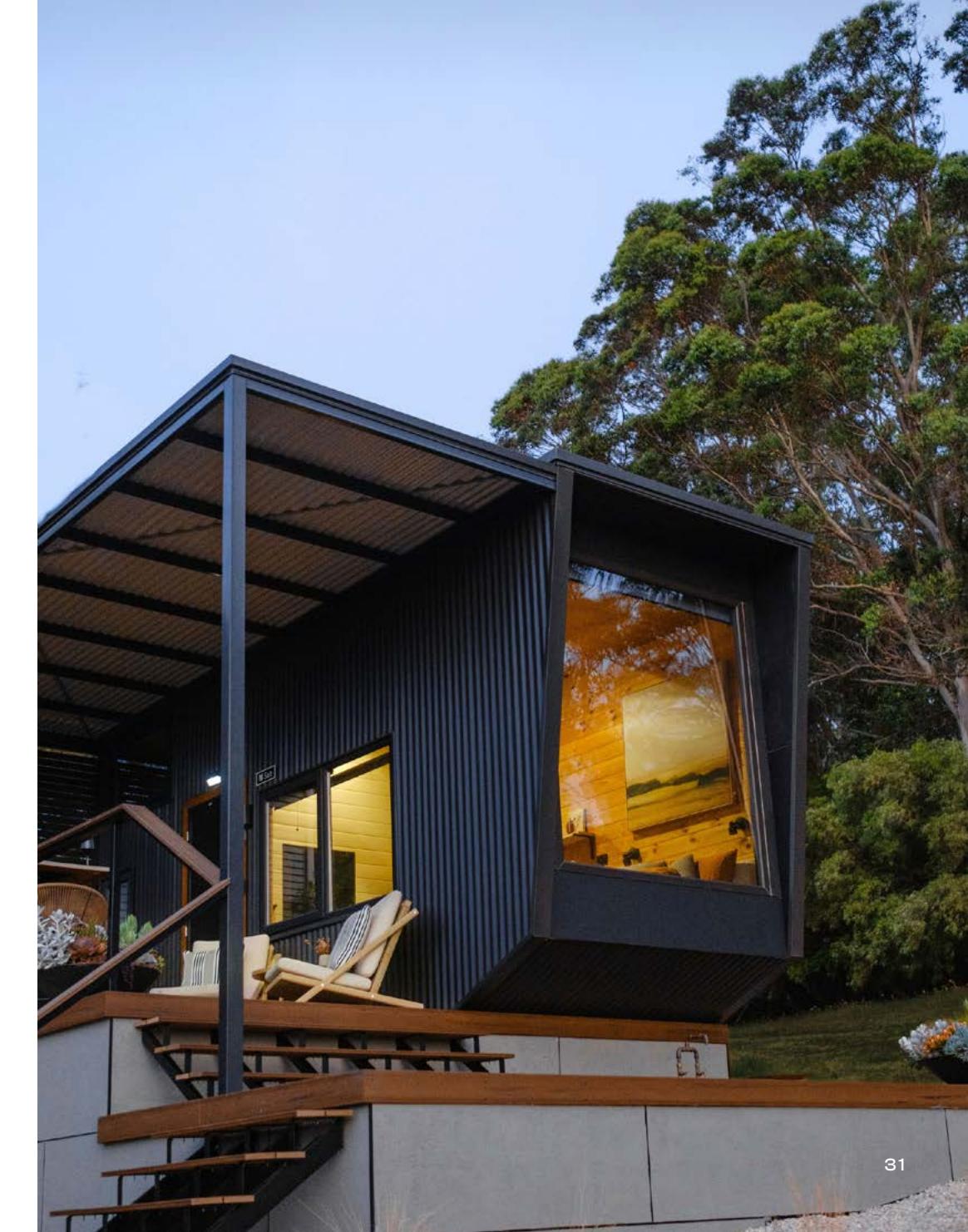
Australia's largest state continues to welcome a mix of dreamlike new projects, products and experiences. Read on to discover what's new and what's to come in Western Australia for the year ahead.

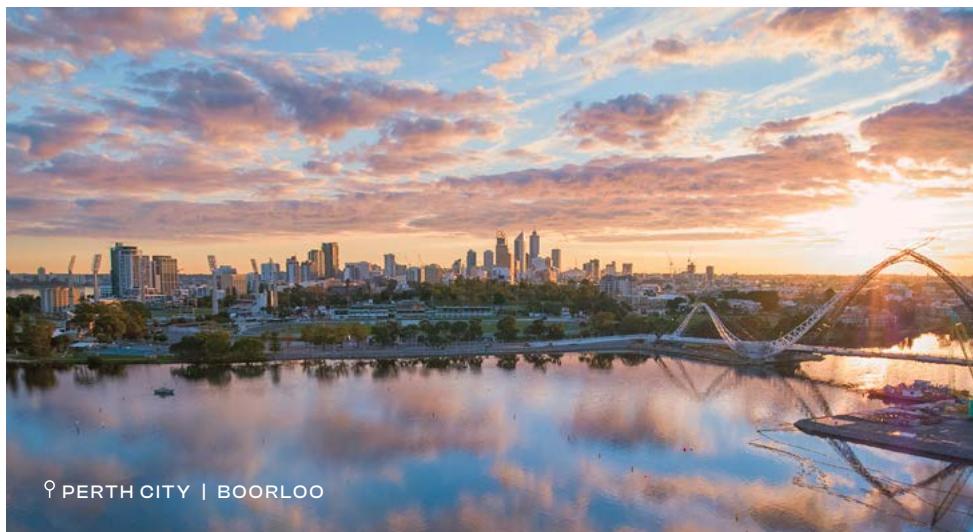
## SLEEP WHERE DREAMS UNFOLD

The heart of Perth will welcome an exciting multi-level hotel development in early 2026. **Hyde** promises to be a sophisticated, luxury hotel offering — and an exceptional new experience for Perth. Located on Pier Street, this 121-room hotel will be HYDE's first ground-up, purposebuilt hotel globally. It's after **Garde** officially opened its doors in Fremantle in September 2025. Located in Fremantle / Walyalup's historic convict quarter, Garde comprises 83 new rooms and suites, a spa and wellness offering, and Anglesea, a luxurious ground floor restaurant serving a lively Japanese and Korean fusion menu. The newly opened rooms, combined with the existing Warders Cottages inventory, bring the total room count to 106, each of which carry a rich heritage and distinctly Fremantle aesthetic. Warders Hotel has now rebranded to 'Garde', signalling the enduring connection between both properties and marking the new chapter.

Further south, and dreamy cabin offering **Heyscape Denmark** is taking bookings for the first of 12 new cabins on its Denmark property, with the staged expansion expected to be completed by March 2026. The expansion includes eight single, three two-bed cabins, and four family cabins, offering stunning ocean, karri forest or valley views. Raintree Farm is a regenerative 880-acre cattle farm, featuring award-winning onsite restaurant and distillery The Dam, plus access to popular cycling track the Munda Biddi Trail. The picturesque, sprawling property also includes local marron and truffle production, plus a cannabis botanical distillery, alongside the existing three Heyscape cabins.

Longstanding South West icon, The **Margaret River Hotel** is undergoing a major refurbishment, with its corner bar to open over summer 2025-26 and its accommodation to follow in autumn 2026. The façade of this landmark, heritage listed property is being restored, with new landscaping and a sensitively considered addition expanding its inventory to 27 elegant rooms.





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## WONDERS THAT AWAKEN THE SENSES

Cameras at **Perth Film Studios** start rolling in early 2026, bringing world-class production facilities to WA. The Malaga-based studio features four sound stages, plus production offices, an art department, wardrobe, workshops and set storage. A key feature will be an expansive 23,200sqm backlot — larger than Optus Stadium's playing field.

From rolling cameras to rolling waves — **Perth Surf Park** is also gathering momentum, with the state-of-the-art centre set to start pumping in late 2027. Its Wavegarden Cove will be the equal-largest in the world. The centre

will be a dynamic tourism and sports hub with a surf academy, fitness and wellness facilities, skate park and pump track delivering big on adrenaline. Meanwhile a member's lounge, beach club, hospitality offerings and rooftop glamping accommodation will round out the precinct.



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## CULINARY JOURNEYS FROM YOUR DREAMS

One of Perth's original craft breweries, **Little Creatures**, expands from Fremantle / Walyalup to Elizabeth Quay this summer. Its new location at Nine The Esplanade features spacious dining, brewing, and taproom areas, along with a large alfresco space offering waterfront views.

Also opening this summer, is **Baillie Hill** in East Victoria Park. Visitors will be able to dine at the all-day Berwick Bar and Kitchen, unwind in the bar, grab coffee at Beth's Cafe and Bakery, or visit Milly's Acre, an 'urban homestead' complete with fresh produce markets and the Baillie Stables petting zoo. Rounded out with an onsite distillery, gelato window, woodfired pizza parlour and children's

playground, Baillie Hill is set to be a premium entertainment, community and lifestyle destination. The anchor of the development is the heritage-listed Elizabeth Baillie House, which has been lovingly restored, and sits proudly within the expansive grounds and new additions.

Looking ahead, **Kailis Hospitality Group** will create a multi-venue hub in Sorrento, featuring up to four complementary restaurant brands designed by Rezen Studio. Slated to start work in late 2026-early 2027, the beachfront hub will showcase stunning Indian Ocean views.



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## CONNECT WITH THE SPIRIT OF COUNTRY

A 20-site **Camping with Custodians** visitor campground is set to open at Yallalie Downs in 2026, operated by Beemurra Aboriginal Corporation. Located on Yued Boodja of the Noongar Nation in the Coral Coast region, the nature-based park will offer cultural tours, agritourism experiences, Aboriginal storytelling, and astrology. It will comprise 14 general camp sites and six unpowered caravan bays, a children's play space, meeting place, and campfire and yarning circle areas. The campground will also include an ablution building (showers and toilet facilities), camp kitchen, bush food and native nursery and a stargazing viewing

platform. The Yallalie Downs location will become WA's eighth Camping with Custodians site.

Meanwhile, an immersive Aboriginal cultural experience will debut at El Questro in WA's Kimberley during the 2026 season. The **Munbula Cruise**, led by Ngarinyin Traditional Owners, is a three-hour journey along the Chamberlain River featuring Dreaming stories, traditional songs, and insights into the region's sacred plants, animals, and landscapes. Accessible by road and air from Kununurra / Goonoonoorrang, it offers a unique window into Kimberley culture.



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ROTTNEST ISLAND | WADJEMUP

## A DREAM ISLAND GETAWAY

**Rottnest Island / Wadjemup** is introducing exciting new attractions and experiences for the 2025-26 summer, with a focus on Aboriginal culture and outdoor recreation. **Dooga Waalitj Healing** will offer art workshops, cultural walks, smoking ceremonies and language classes, while **Koorda's Crew** provides immersive Aboriginal cultural activities for children. Outdoor

fun includes pickleball at the redesigned Bathurst tennis courts, with **Rotto Rackets Sports**, beach equipment from **Rotto Rentals** and guided island tours with **Rotto Rickshaws**. The island has also upgraded the South Thomson boardwalk, and refurbished 52 **Stay Rottnest** units at Longreach and Fay's Bay with new kitchens and bathrooms.



## SAIL INTO YOUR DREAM HORIZONS

Longstanding operator **Coral Expeditions** has unveiled short itineraries commencing October 2026, including a six-night exploration of the Margaret River Region. The tour includes Busselton, Margaret River, Cape Naturaliste and Augusta, with the Coastal Adventures series designed to appeal to active guests seeking the freedom to explore. Guests will embark on immersive wildlife and nature experiences, opt in to food and wine trail tours and enjoy dark sky nocturnal experiences. Each cruise will start in style with a Sailaway Soiree event, and throughout each voyage, guests will enjoy delicious contemporary cuisine inspired by regional produce and wines.

Further ahead, **Coral Expeditions' 2027 Kimberley itineraries** comprise 47 departures scheduled across its purpose-built fleet, Coral Discoverer, Coral Adventurer, and Coral Geographer. The voyages, operating from March to September, visit some of the region's most outstanding natural attractions and otherworldly landscapes, including Garaan-ngaddim Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef and King George River.

Meanwhile, Fremantle / Walyalup will be home to the **Sapphire Princess'** 2027-28 summer season. Forming part of the Princess Cruises fleet, the premium vessel carries up to 3,200 guests and will set off on nine itineraries across WA.



## SOAR BEYOND THE IMAGINABLE

Perth's growing reputation as **Australia's Western Gateway** continues to soar to new heights, with WA's capital currently offering non-stop connections from 20 global destinations. Western Australia is the only Australian state offering non-stop flights to Europe, with Qantas offering direct Perth to Rome, Paris and London flights.

In December 2025, WA secured year-round direct flights from **China**, with China Southern Airlines expanding its nonstop Guangzhou-Perth route. The service operates three times weekly, with the 14 December 2025 to 1 March 2026 period offering four services per week. The connection will deliver over 42,000 inbound seats annually.

Also in December 2025, Qantas introduced two new non-stop international services. Travellers can now fly direct with Qantas from **Auckland** and **Johannesburg**, with each route operating three times per week, offering greater flexibility for

holidaymakers, business travellers, and those visiting friends and family.

In 2026, Qantas will expand its **direct Rome to Perth service**, to welcome 44 additional flights and almost 10,000 extra inbound seats to WA compared to the 2025 season. Offering seamless connections for visitors to WA from Italy, the seasonal service will run from Sunday, 3 May to Friday, 23 October 2026. The uplift extends the operating season by eight weeks and boosts flights from three to four services each week during the peak travel period.

Perth is the first point of contact for many visitors to the State. Perth Airport is curfew-free, providing aviation capacity seven days a week, 24 hours a day. As Australia's fourth-largest airport for domestic and international traffic, Perth Airport connects passengers to 114 destinations through more than 30 airlines.

# DREAM OPERATORS



## DESTINATION PERTH

### LAURA THE EXPLORER | LAURA HOLMES

Laura Holmes is the owner and guiding star of Laura the Explorer Cycling Tours on Rottnest Island / Wadjemup. A born-and-bred Perth local, Laura created this all-inclusive bike tour to share the island she's loved since childhood — its white sandy beaches, vibrant turquoise waters, and smiling quokkas. Her carefully designed 10 km loop lets guests relax, explore, and snap an iconic quokka photo, while cycling at a comfortable pace and hearing stories about the island's natural beauty and culture.

"What someone can expect if they come to Rottnest Island is, the majority of the time beautiful blue skies. We've got beautiful beaches, beautiful white sandy beaches — some of the best in the world in my opinion — and you can also expect to see ... the beautiful smiling quokkas.

The landscapes here in WA brings so much beautiful colour from the deep reds, orange and greys to our beautiful turquoise blues and deep blues. It brings a lot of joy and happiness and brings that wow factor to a lot of visitors when they arrive over here ...

I'm really passionate about bringing people that 'locals' experience' around Rottnest Island. ... I've designed this product so they can ... enjoy a beautiful day, with knowledge ... and snap those iconic photos that they're after."



## DESTINATION PERTH

### WARRANG-BRIDIL | NICK ABRAHAM

Nick Abraham is the owner and lead guide of Warrang-Bridil Cultural Tours in Perth / Boorloo — an immersive experience sharing the stories and spirit of Whadjuk Noongar Country. A proud Noongar man connected to the Whadjuk, Yued, Ballardong, Wilmen, Wardandi and Binjerup peoples, Nick founded Warrang-Bridil to build understanding between cultures and offer visitors a genuine connection to Country along the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River). His tours invite people to see the landscape through Noongar eyes — rich with history, culture and respect.

"WA is very special to me — the sky, the breeze, the ocean, and Country. It's beautiful, it's magical... with many different experiences for you to try.

So come and we shall walk on a journey together... what you reckon?"



## AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

### DEEP WOODS ESTATE | JOHN FOGARTY

John Fogarty is Chief Viticulturist at Fogarty Wine Group, overseeing premium vineyards across Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales. A proud West Australian based in the renowned South West wine region, John brings over two decades of viticultural expertise to the family-run business. Under his leadership, the team crafts world-class wines that reflect the unique land, climate and heritage of Western Australia, with all WA vineyards certified by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia.

"Coming back to WA brings an incredible sense of belonging and a connection to the land we work and live on.

Western Australia is remarkable in its diversity—diverse people, landscapes, wildlife, and coastlines. Every corner offers something unique, making it a truly amazing place that inspires wonder.

The freedom and peace found here is invaluable. You can always discover a spot where you feel completely alone, as if you're a million miles from anywhere. It truly represents the essence of freedom."



## AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

### KOOMAL DREAMING | JOSH WHITELAND

Josh Whiteland is a proud Wadandi custodian and the founder of Koomal Dreaming, based in the Cape to Cape region of South West WA. With deep connection to Country and more than 20 years of cultural-tourism experience, Josh guides visitors through the landscapes of Wadandi and Bibbulmun Country — from bushwalks and native food tastings to immersive journeys inside the iconic Ngilgi Cave. His tours emphasise slowing down, noticing the land, and experiencing the world's oldest living culture in one of Australia's most breathtaking natural settings.

"I think the whole Cape to Cape region is quite amazing. ... And to share the true story of the place with visitors, it's a privilege.

Those wide open spaces ... it's important to encourage them to slow down and connect, and feel calm ...

When you do get the opportunity ... it's important to slow down and connect. ... For me, I think ... people comfort you, but Country heals you."



## AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

LIVE NINGALOO | SARAH ELLIS

Sarah Ellis is the co-owner and operator of Ningaloo Discovery, based in Exmouth. With a background in marine ecology and a lifelong connection to the ocean, Sarah leads guests on unforgettable eco-adventures across the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu — from whale shark and humpback whale swims to luxury sailing and snorkelling tours. Her work blends conservation, education, and awe-inspiring encounters with WA's marine life.

"The Coral Coast has some dreamlike, otherworldly feelings — you come out of the desert and into the sparkling crystal-clear ocean... once you put your head in the water, you're greeted with hundreds of fish and coral species. It's all pretty magical.

My favourite part of operating Ningaloo Discovery here on the Ningaloo Reef is that every day is different. One day we're swimming with whale sharks, the next we might be lucky enough to see orcas or even blue whales. There are no two days the same.

When people come to WA, they can expect untouched beauty — huge open spaces, clear starry skies... If this is a dream, don't wake me up."



## AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST

### EL QUESTRO | TREMANE BAXTER-EDWARDS

Tremane Baxter-Edwards is a proud Ngarinyin and Walmajarri man from Wyndham in Western Australia's East Kimberley. Born and raised in the region, he has a lifelong connection to its landscapes, culture, and stories. As a Ranger and Indigenous cultural guide at El Questro Wilderness Park, Tremane shares his deep passion for Western Australia by connecting visitors to the land's beauty, history, and spirit. Through his tours, he celebrates the richness of Country and his enduring bond with the East Kimberley.

"Everything has a connection. When we speak to the land, we're not just talking to the ground — we're talking to the water, the big beautiful gorges, the sky, the plants, and the animals. Our people are still with us; their spirit lives on this land.

WA truly has everything to experience — from the red dirt and 12-metre tides in Wyndham to the coastline and our simplest, most beautiful waterholes.

WA is different, and it's a good different — a place you must come and experience."

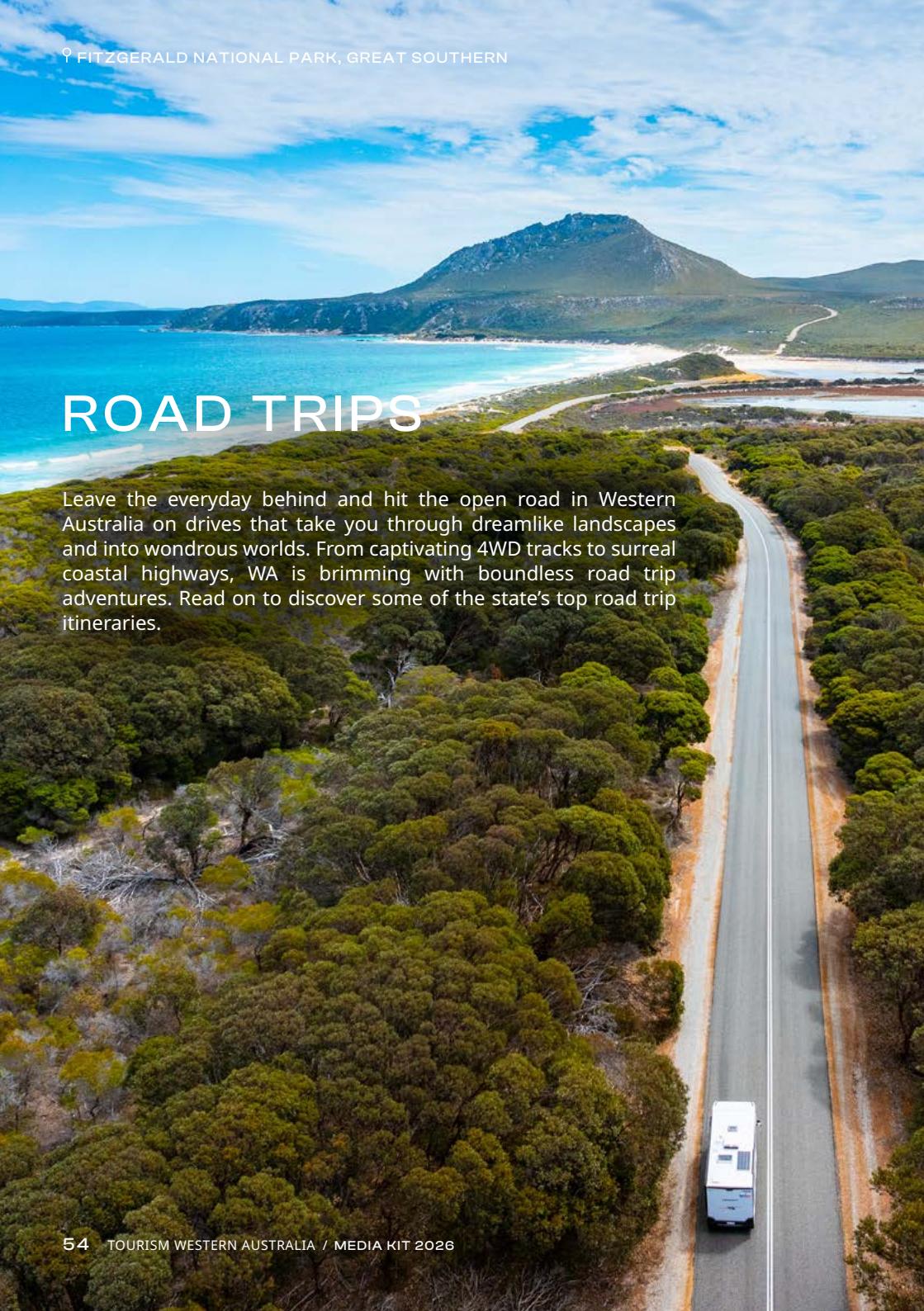


# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S DREAM LIST



## ROAD TRIPS

Leave the everyday behind and hit the open road in Western Australia on drives that take you through dreamlike landscapes and into wondrous worlds. From captivating 4WD tracks to surreal coastal highways, WA is brimming with boundless road trip adventures. Read on to discover some of the state's top road trip itineraries.



### CORAL COAST HIGHWAY

One of the greatest road trips on Earth, leave the everyday behind and hit the open road to Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu. The Coral Coast Highway is one of the world's most colourful and spectacular road trips, extending across 1,200 kilometres of stunning coastline from Perth / Boorloo to Exmouth and adjoining two UNESCO World Heritage-listed regions, Ningaloo Marine Park and Shark Bay / Gathaagudu.

This unique self-drive adventure takes you to otherworldly landscapes, ocean wonders and World Heritage-listed treasures. From the surreal pink hues of Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake), to the exhilarating marine wonderland of the world's largest fringing coral reef, this really is the road trip of your dreams.

The Coral Coast region is famous for its uninterrupted stretches of white sandy beaches, untouched coral reefs just metres from the shore, breathtaking gorges, rugged coastlines, a dazzling array of colourful wildflowers, and bucket-list marine life adventures including swimming with whale sharks, humpback whales and manta rays.

Further details on this dreamy coastal itinerary can be found [here](#).

### GIBB RIVER ROAD

Australia's most iconic four-wheel drive adventure, the Gibb River Road is a true open road outback experience that takes travellers through the heart of the Kimberley. An adventure that will live with you forever, this 660-kilometre road trip

takes in spectacular gorges, thundering waterfalls, secluded swimming holes, ancient rock art and endless wildlife encounters.

This 10-to-14-day pilgrimage through the heart of the Kimberley's red-dirt wilderness is one of Australia's bucket-list outback four-wheel drive adventures, best experienced from May to October.

Further details on the itinerary for this four-wheel drive adventure can be found [here](#).

### SOUTH WEST EDGE

Embark on an epic coastal adventure along the South West Edge from Perth to Esperance / Kepa Kurl.

Wind your way through towering karri forests, premium wine regions and marine life-rich coastlines before looping across the golden outback. An otherworldly blend of nature, wildlife, coastlines and culture — lifelong memories are yours to collect on this truly iconic drive.

Take the time to relax, soak up the scenery and discover the incredible food and wine on offer on this 8-to-14-day adventure that traverses 1,500 kilometres showcasing the best of what the region has to offer.

Further details on the itinerary for this epic coastal adventure can be found [here](#).

## SOUTH WEST NATURE & WINE DRIVE

A journey of adventure and indulgence, the South West Nature and Wine Drive takes you through the epicurean delights and natural wonder of the Margaret River Region.

A spectacular coastline is the backdrop to this four-day road trip adventure. Traverse towering forests, stand in the stillness of ancient caves, and enjoy premium wine and exquisite local produce.

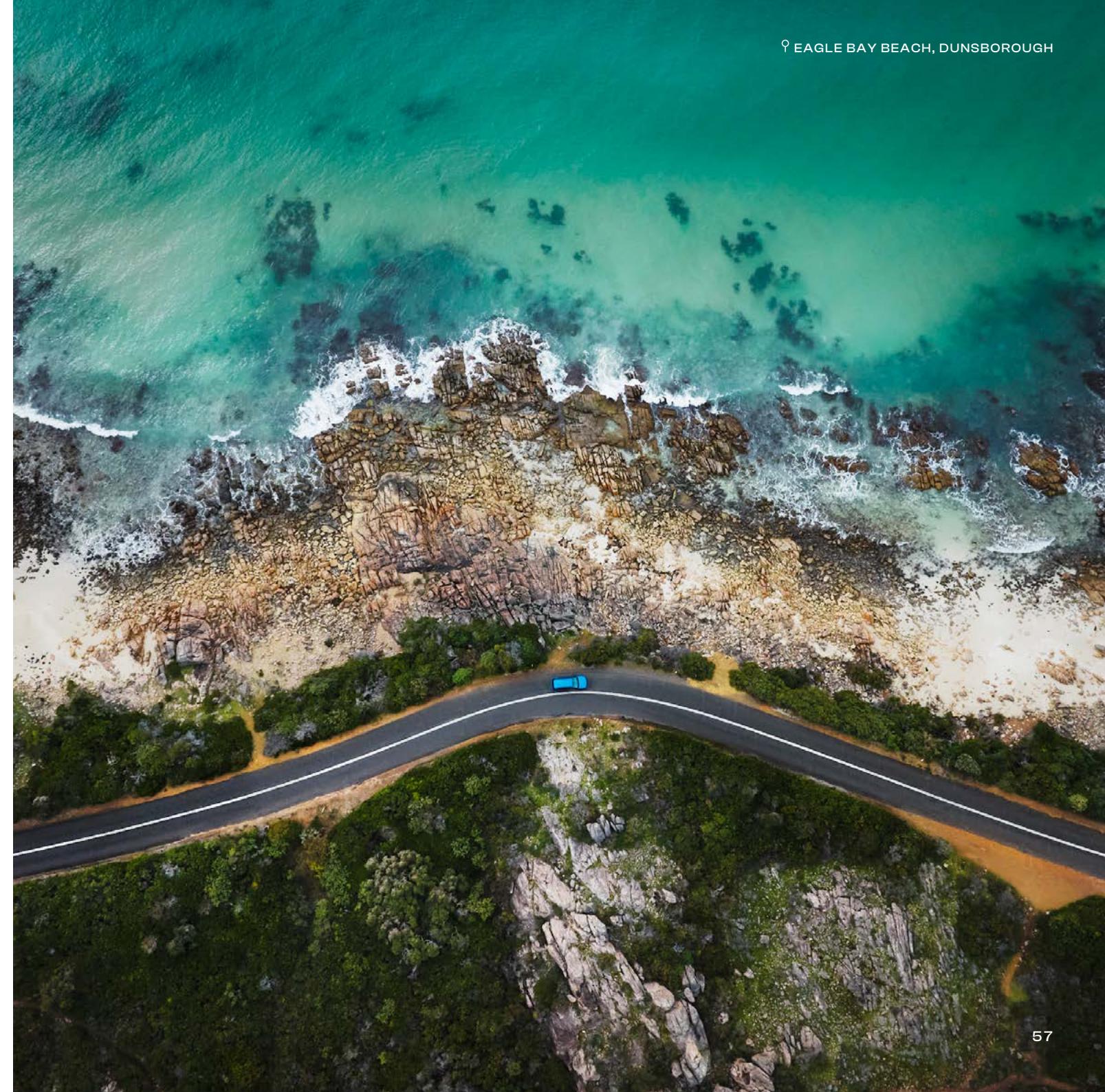
Journey through the epicurean delights of three different wine regions — Geographe, Margaret River and the Southern Forests, sampling world-class wines with more than 100 cellar doors to choose from, and a bounty of fresh produce including black Périgord truffles, fresh fruits and marron.

Further details on this indulgent wine and nature itinerary can be found [here](#).

## PERTH DAY TRIPS

There are plenty of exceptional road trip adventures right on Perth's / Boorloo's doorstep. From the naturally charming Swan Valley and Perth Hills, home to WA's oldest wine region, coastal Mandurah's / Mandjoogoordap's captivating beach to bush drive, Fremantle / Walyalup's historic and maritime charm and the otherworldly sites of the Pinnacles, within Nambung National Park, you'll quickly discover your dream day trip is closer than you think.

Further details on some of Perth's most popular day trip itineraries can be found [here](#).



# NATURAL EXPERIENCES

Western Australia's national parks, state forests and marine parks provide visitors with the opportunity to interact with some of the world's most diverse and unique flora, fauna and landscapes. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of nature-based experiences.



## NINGALOO REEF

Easily accessible from shore, you don't need to travel by boat to snorkel this World Heritage-listed underwater wonderland. The world's largest fringing mainland reef is home to brilliantly coloured coral and tropical fish, sea turtles and manta rays, plus one of the world's top shore dives at Exmouth's Navy Pier. Whale sharks and humpback whales visit each year, and visitors are able to swim with these gentle giants of the ocean, with tours operating out of Coral Bay and Exmouth.

## PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK

In the Kimberley, another World Heritage-listed gem, Purnululu National Park on Gija and Jaru country, is home to the otherworldly Bungle Bungle Range — a cluster of 350-million-year-old giant, beehive-like striped mounds. Scenic flights offer breathtaking views, and you can explore the park's long narrow chasms and hidden gorges on foot, keeping an eye out for native animals and 130 unique bird species.

## SHARK BAY

Awarded World Heritage status for its outstanding natural beauty, biological diversity, fascinating ecology and unique insights into the Earth's history, Shark Bay / Gathaagudu and surrounding Malgana Country is where you'll find one of the world's largest dugong populations, the world's largest plant in the seagrass meadows, and Monkey Mia's friendly dolphins. You can experience pristine waters and one of only two beaches in the world formed entirely of tiny white shells, or time travel with the oldest living fossils — the stromatolites at

Hamelin Pool. Francois Peron National Park / Wulyibidi is a colourful wilderness adventure, where red desert cliffs meet the turquoise sea.

## VALLEY OF THE GIANTS

Experience some of the tallest trees on Earth at canopy level — 40 metres above ground — at the Valley of the Giants Treetop Walk, near Walpole in the South West. One of the first walk trails of its kind in the world, the 600-metre walkway extends through the majestic and ancient red tingle forest where you may be able to spot western grey kangaroos, bandicoots, woylies and quokkas.

## KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Two billion years in the making, Karijini on Banyjima, Kurrama and Innawonga Country in the North West is home to massive gorges, crystal-clear rock pools and waterfalls, as well as rock wallabies, red kangaroos, echidnas, and huge termite mounds. Explore tunnels of marbled rock, clamber over boulders, squeeze through narrow tunnels, paddle through waterways and descend deep into ancient chasms; then stay overnight at the Karijini Eco Retreat.

## STOP AND SEE THE WILDFLOWERS

It's a staggering sight to behold — over 12,000 species of wildflowers in bloom, more than half of which are found nowhere else on Earth. The wildflower season lasts for six months, commencing in June in the north and sweeping down the state to finish with a flurry on the south coast in November.



## KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK

More than 183,000 hectares of outback adventures, dramatic gorges and dazzling seasonal wildflowers make Kalbarri National Park / Wurdimarlu one of WA's most popular places to visit. Its magnificent deep red and white banded gorges have been created over 400 million years from the flow of the Murchison River, and to experience these from a dramatic perspective, step out onto the 100-metre high Kalbarri Skywalk / Kaju Yatka. Experience stunning vistas of the Murchison River Gorge, as it extends 17 and 25 metres beyond the gorge rim at the Inyaka Wookai Watju (West Loop).

## KINGS PARK AND BOTANIC GARDEN

One of the world's largest inner-city parks, this 400-hectare expanse of bushland, parks and botanical gardens is a short walk or bus ride from central Perth City / Boorloo. From its family-friendly play areas amongst nature, to an art gallery shop, restaurants, monuments, outdoor concerts, theatre and movies in summer;

it's easy to see why Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba is the most popular visitor destination in WA. Read more about why Kings Park is the king of all parks [here](#).

## THE PINNACLES

The lunar-like Pinnacles form one of Australia's most unique and otherworldly natural landscapes. Formed over millions of years, thousands of tall limestone spires rise eerily from the yellow desert sands of Nambung National Park, changing colours in different lights.

## FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK

One of only a handful of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, this 300,000 hectare national park is WA's own lost world — three-quarters of its 1,800 species of plants are found nowhere else on Earth, and share the environment with 84 bird species, 22 mammal species and more than 50 reptile and frog species. Located on the south coast, it is a perfect spot for bushwalking, wildflower spotting, canoeing, fishing and whale watching.

## HORIZONTAL FALLS

Talbot Bay in the Kimberley is home to Australia's only horizontal waterfalls, created when massive tidal movements squeeze water through narrow cliff passages. Aerial tours from Broome / Rubibi and Derby enable you to circle the Horizontal Falls / Garaan-ngaddim phenomenon from above, alongside other scenic wonders of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where turquoise blue water contrasts with rugged red cliffs. You can also land and witness the power of the sacred falls up close on a boat tour, with the option of staying overnight on a houseboat.

## ANCIENT CAVES

In the Margaret River Region, an extraordinary network of more than 100 limestone caves lay beneath the surface of the Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge on Wardandi Noongar Country. Venture underground on a guided or self-guided tour and marvel at the reflections of Lake Cave's permanent lake, be dwarfed in Jewel Cave's enormous chambers and

go at your own pace inside Mammoth Cave. At Ngilgi Cave, marvel at the incredible stalactites and stalagmites, learn about the cave's fascinating history, be mesmerised by a didgeridoo performance from an Aboriginal guide, and discover 600 million years of stories associated with the land and its people at the Ancient Lands Experience.

## SURF WAVE ROCK

Wave Rock / Katter Kich, near Hyden on Ballardong country, is a remarkable 110-metre-long, multi-coloured granite cliff that rises 15 metres from the ground and resembles a huge wave about to crash into the bush. Otherworldly encounters continue at nearby Mulka's Cave with its incredible collection of Aboriginal rock art.

## SWAN RIVER

Sitting pretty on its banks, Perth's Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan is one of WA's most celebrated and historic natural assets. Throughout the year, visitors and locals alike will walk, cycle, jog or picnic along its shores. River cruises, ferry rides, fast boats and waterbike tours allow you to experience the city from a different perspective. Cruise the calm waters to the port city of Fremantle / Walyalup on a scenic lunch tour, or head to its upper reaches to sample the delights of the Swan Valley — WA's oldest wine region and the only one in Australia that can be accessed via river from a capital city.

Read [here](#) to discover some of the best adventures on and around the Swan River.



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## CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Where the outback meets the reef, Cape Range National Park is a spectacular landscape of rugged limestone ranges, breathtaking deep canyons and 60 kilometres of pristine turquoise beaches that are home to the underwater wonders of World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu. Wildflowers and wildlife are abundant, with over 630 species of plants and more than 100 species of land birds and native marsupials. Cruise along Yardie Creek on a boat tour and spot rock wallabies, or take a hike along Shothole Canyon or Charles Knife Canyon for spectacular scenic views.

## WATERFALL WONDERS

The replenishing tropical summer rains send waterfalls thundering and cascading throughout the ancient wilderness landscapes of the Kimberley region, creating inviting rock pools and enchanting oases of plant and animal life. The best time of year to witness these waterfall wonders is in the early months, with several spring-fed falls that flow year-round. Favourites include the spectacular four tiered Mitchell Falls / Punamii-unpuu, the thundering King George Falls, the terraced Kings Cascade that fan out across the rocks, and popular Bell Gorge / Dalmanyi which can be accessed along the Gibb River Road. Scenic flights offer awe-inspiring aerial views, or take a heli-hike to experience them up close. For the ultimate waterfall experience, a Kimberley expedition cruise is a must.



## A NEW WORLD HERITAGE-LISTED PARK

Western Australia is now home to Australia's newest UNESCO World Heritage site, with the Murujuga Cultural Landscape inscribed on the World Heritage List on 11 July 2025. Located on the Dampier Archipelago and Burrup Peninsula in WA's Pilbara, Murujuga is one of the most significant cultural landscapes on Earth. Its richly layered red rock escarpments are home to an estimated two million petroglyphs, dating back more than 50,000 years. These ancient stone carvings document the connection between First Nations Peoples and Country through time:

stories of land, sea, ceremony, family, and spirit etched into stone. Murujuga is Australia's 21st UNESCO World Heritage site and the second to be recognised for its Aboriginal cultural values. At the heart of Murujuga is the Ngarda-Ngarli, the five language groups that are custodians, who continue to care for this land and sea country. This UNESCO listing recognises not just the extraordinary rock art, but the ongoing living traditions of the Ngarda-Ngarli, their spiritual connection to place, and cultural knowledge passed through generations.

# WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

From marine life to marsupials, Western Australia boasts an incredible range of unique and unforgettable wildlife experiences. Swim face to fin with the world's biggest fish, sunbathe with kangaroos on the beach, frolic with wild dolphins and manta rays, or see the world's friendliest animal. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of epic wildlife encounters.

## SWIM WITH GENTLE GIANTS

Exhilarating marine experiences await at World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu — one of only a handful of places on Earth where you can swim with the world's biggest fish, the whale shark, and the majestic humpback whale. Whale sharks visit Ningaloo each year between March and July. Tours from Exmouth and Coral Bay will take you into the reef's turquoise waters for an unforgettable encounter with these gentle giants. Humpback whale interaction tours run from July to October, while up-close tours with another big and beautiful Ningaloo local, the manta ray, operate year-round.

## SEE THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST ANIMAL

Just off the coast of Perth lies Rottnest Island / Wadjemup, an island playground for visitors and locals, and home to the world's happiest animal — the friendly quokka. Found only in Western Australia, these cute marsupials roam care-free on the car free island and Class A Reserve. Known for pulling a cute grin for the camera, these photogenic furry animals have become a social media sensation in recent years — just be sure to follow quokka etiquette and remain two metres away from them at all times.

## GET UP CLOSE WITH WILD DOLPHINS

Perth Wildlife Encounters in Rockingham (45 minutes from Perth) and the redeveloped Dolphin Discovery Centre in Bunbury / Goomburra (two hours south of Perth) — offer the chance to swim with wild bottlenose dolphins. The playful and curious animals may choose to approach the boat and swimmers, providing a unique, up-close encounter. Monkey Mia (850 kilometres north of Perth), on Malgana Country, is famous for friendly bottlenose dolphins that regularly visit the shore, while further north in Broome / Rubibi, boat tours enable visitors to see Australia's largest known population of the rare snubfin dolphin.

## ONE OF THE WORLD'S LONGEST WHALE WATCHING SEASONS

WA is home to the 'humpback highway', as 30,000 gentle giants move up and down the west coast during the Southern Hemisphere's largest whale migration. WA has one of the world's longest whale watching seasons — from May to December — and a range of tours and coastal lookouts will help you spot humpbacks, southern right and even blue whales. September to late-November is the prime time for whale tours off Perth (Fremantle / Walyalup, Hillarys and Rottnest Island), while other hotspots include Albany / Kinjarling, the Margaret River Region (Augusta, Dunsborough and Busselton), Broome / Rubibi, Geraldton / Jambinu, Exmouth, Denham, Kalbarri / Wurdimarlu and Esperance / Kepa Kurl.

## ORCA EXPEDITIONS

On Western Australia's south coast, the Bremer Canyon's marine-rich pocket attracts hundreds of orcas (killer whales) between January and April. Tours operate from Bremer Bay with Naturaliste Charters and Whale Watch WA providing guests the opportunity to see a plethora of marine life, including other whales, seals, seabirds and giant squid. Learn about the fascinating research into the orcas and join the researchers in observing and photographing the highly social family groups and larger pods.

## TURTLE NESTING ALONG NINGALOO

The World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park / Nyinggulu is one of the world's major breeding areas for sea turtles. From November to March, both green and loggerhead turtles will make their arduous journey up the beach to lay their eggs, with hatchlings emerging about six weeks later around dusk, dawn



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or through the night; making their dash to the sea. Visit the Jurabi Turtle Centre for a guided turtle spotting tour to find females making their way up the beach, or turtle hatchlings emerging from their nests.

## SWIMMING WITH PLAYFUL SEA LIONS

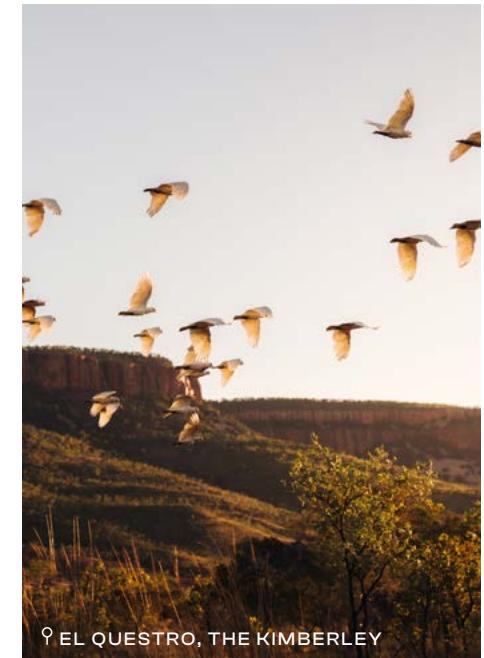
WA continues to deliver with incredible wildlife encounters, thanks to a licensed swimming with sea lions trial recently approved at Shoalwater Islands Marine Park in Rockingham, less than an hour from Perth / Boorloo, and Jurien Bay Marine Park on the Coral Coast. Four tour operators have been chosen to take part in the trial, including Perth Wildlife Encounters for Shoalwater Islands Marine Park; and Turquoise Safaris, Jurien Bay Oceanic Experience and Lobster Shack for Jurien Bay Marine Park — providing guests with an unforgettable experience with these playful Australian sea lions.

## KANGAROOS ON BEACHES AND OTHER WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

An easy day-trip from Perth / Boorloo takes you to Shoalwater Marine Park in Rockingham, home to seabirds and the rare Australian sea lion. Jurien Bay Marine Park, a three-hour drive north of Perth, is another marine life hotspot, while south at Hamelin Bay near Augusta, you can get close to smooth stingrays, black stingrays and eagle rays in the shallow water. Within Cape Le Grand National Park / Mandoowernup on WA's south-east coast, Lucky Bay's local kangaroos like to sunbathe on the white sand of the recently voted World's Best Beach, while nearby Woody Island is a haven for New Zealand fur seals, Australian sea lions, sea eagles and dolphins. In the state's far north, an experienced guide can help you spot mighty saltwater crocodiles and their freshwater cousins from a safe distance in the Kimberley.

## NUMBAT SPOTTING IN DRYANDRA WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK

Western Australia's newest national park, located near the town of Narrogin in the Wheatbelt region, Dryandra Woodland is one of the best places for spotting the native numbat. It is also home to more than 100 species of birds and 24 mammals, including some of Australia's rarest and most vulnerable wildlife such as woylies, brushtail wallabies, chuditch, and quenda.



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## KIMBERLEY BIRD SPOTTING

In the Kimberley region, excellent bird spotting opportunities await birding enthusiasts year-round. Broome's / Rubibi's Roebuck Bay / Yawuru Nagulagun in the North West is regarded as one of the best spots in Australia to view shore birds, with an estimated 175,000 birds roosting and feeding there every year before returning to their arctic breeding grounds. More than 325 species are recorded in the region, with all of their distinct habitats found relatively close to Broome town. In Kununurra / Goonoonoorrang and the eastern Kimberley region, keep an eye out for dancing Brolgas, the water-walking Comb-crested Jacanas, Magpie geese and Australia's indigenous stork, the Jabiru.

# EATING AND DRINKING

Western Australia's exceptional food and drink, including its nine wine regions, top restaurants, fresh produce and culinary events, can be found across the state from top to bottom. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of eating and drinking experiences.



## WORLD LEADING WINES

From Perth / Boorloo to the rugged Southern Ocean coast, WA is home to nine wine regions, which can all be explored on a range of guided wine tours.

Regarded as Australia's premium wine region, the Margaret River Region is renowned worldwide for producing top quality, award-winning wines, amongst some of the most scenic vineyard country on Earth. The region's first commercial vineyards were planted more than 50 years ago, with Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon the heroes of the region. In November 2025, Margaret River was the first ever Australian host of the World's 50 Best Vineyard Awards. The region also hosts the annual Pair'd Margaret River Region event. Along WA's scenic south coast, Albany / Kinjarling, Denmark, Frankland River, Mount Barker and Porongurup are highlights of the Great Southern wine region, which is particularly well known for its exceptional Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Geographe wine region is also starting to turn heads, with a number of boutique wineries popping up in the charming sub-regions of Ferguson Valley, Donnybrook, Capel and Harvey — producing excellent Shiraz, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

In amongst towering karri forests, the towns of Manjimup and Pemberton in the Southern Forests wine region are renowned for Pinot Noir, and more recently sparkling wines.

At more than 185 years old, the picturesque Swan Valley is the state's oldest wine growing region. Just 25 minutes from Perth city centre, it's the closest wine region to any capital city in Australia and can be accessed on a cruise along the Swan River / Derbal Yerrigan. Specialty premium wines produced in the Swan Valley include Chenin Blanc, Verdelho, Shiraz and fortified wine.

A short journey from the city will also take you to the Perth Hills, where local families and progressive vintners produce stand-out Shiraz and Viognier, and the Peel wine region, known for its Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Read more about how to discover Perth's local wineries in a weekend [here](#).

## TRUFFLES — A RARE DELICACY

Black truffle is one of the world's most expensive food items, and 70 per cent of the Australian supply comes from Western Australia's tranquil Southern Forests around Manjimup and Pemberton, some 300 kilometres south of Perth. As well as sampling the rare delicacy and learning about its painstaking cultivation, you can watch the Australian Truffle Traders and Truffle Hill's specially trained dogs in action, sniffing out the underground delights on a truffle hunt tour from June to August. In an exciting first for the Margaret River Region, truffle hunting experiences have also launched at the Margaret River Truffle Farm.



## GRAZE YOUR WAY THROUGH PERTH'S RESTAURANTS

Perth's world-class dining scene offers a diverse and delicious range of signature restaurants showcasing the best of WA's fresh and abundant produce from across the state. With an influx of new hotels over the past 10 years comes the opening of upscale and fine-dining restaurants across the city including Miss Mi at Novotel Perth, Hearth at The Ritz-Carlton Perth, Nobu at Crown Perth, Santini Bar & Grill at QT Perth, Garum at The Westin, and Wildflower at COMO The Treasury. Local hospitality heroes are also creating a buzz across the city, with new and trending dining options such as Alba, Papi Katsu, Fallow, Edward & Ida's, Yiamas, Light Years, Nieuw Ruin, Cassia, Gibney, Vin Populi, Moon and Mary, and newly opened Anglesea and Tigerfish.

## SAMPLE SUCCULENT SEAFOOD

WA seafood and freshwater fish are among the finest and freshest you'll ever try. Be sure to sample Geraldton\Jambinu and Rottnest Island's / Wadjemup's western rock lobster; South West marron, yabby and trout; North West barramundi; Exmouth prawns; Shark Bay / Gathaagudu scallops; Mandurah / Mandjoogoordap crab; Fremantle / Walyalup octopus; Albany / Kirjarling akoya oysters, and; Broome / Rubibi pearl meat. Add in a sunset view and a cool boutique beer or a crisp local wine, and it's a true west coast experience. You can learn about the state's rock lobster industry in Geraldton and Cervantes, or hook your own catch of the day on deep sea, game or beach fishing adventures all along the coast. For a unique seafood experience on the water, Sea West offers luxury dining cruises across the state, from pulling up live western rock lobster off the coast of Rottnest, to eating blue swimmer crab in Mandurah.

## GET CRAFTY WITH LOCAL BEERS

Fremantle is the birthplace of Australia's flourishing craft beer scene, with the first big-flavour, small production brews poured at the Sail and Anchor bar. It's also where Gage Roads Brewing decided to open its first public facing venue. Now a popular icon at Fremantle's Victoria Quay, the 100-metre-long venue resides in the historic A Shed building. Check out other unique and seasonal craft beers at Fremantle's Little Creatures, Running with Thieves, or Beerpourium. Closer to the city, head for Blasta Brewing Co., Bright Tank, Long Neck, Phat Brewing or Little Creatures at The Camfield. The Island at Elizabeth Quay, Little Creatures Elizabeth Quay and Pirate Life are also fantastic options located right in the CBD, and a scenic drive up the coast will take you to the Indian Ocean Brewing Company and Froth Craft Brewery in North Beach. You can also see how local beers and cider are bringing extra flavour and attitude to traditional wine regions such as the Swan Valley (Bailey Brewing Co, Valley Social or Mash, for example) and the Margaret River Region (Wild Hop Brewery, Beer Farm or Shelter Brewing Company, to name a few). Western Australia is home to more than 60 craft breweries across the length of the state, from the Spinifex Ale House in Broome down to Lucky Bay Brewing in Esperance / Kepa Kurl, so there's a few for beer lovers to work through!

## FEAST FROM WA'S FOOD BOWLS

Western Australia's fertile soils and perfect climate make it a haven for horticulturalists, and you can experience 'the state on a plate' at gourmet events or straight from the farm. In the Kimberley, tours of Lake Argyle reveal the massive reservoir's role in the Ord River's vast irrigated patchwork, which is a hub for everything from chickpeas and corn to melons and mangoes. Further south, head to the Coral Coast town of Carnarvon / Gwoonwardu to tour banana plantations and meet the farmers behind tropical fruits and vegetables. In WA's South West, Genuinely Southern Forests offers food and farm tours around Manjimup and Pemberton to sample a smorgasbord of fresh produce such as apples, avocado, cherries, lime and honey, as well as marron and beef. In Perth, venture into the Perth Hills to pick and purchase fruit from grower's orchards year-round.



## LAZE LIKE A LOCAL AT A SUNDAY SESSION

Wrap up the weekend the WA way by relaxing with mates on a Sunday afternoon with food, a tipple or two and live music at a waterfront or alfresco style pub. Perth's top spots for a Sunday Session (or 'sesh' if you want to sound like a local) include the Cottesloe Beach Hotel in Cottesloe, The Standard in Northbridge, Gage Roads Brewery, Bathers Beach House and The Left Bank in Fremantle / Walyalup and The Breakwater at Hillarys. Enjoying a meal and a drink while watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean is a WA institution.

Read on to discover some of top sunset dining options across the State [here](#).

## JOIN THE NATURAL WINE MOVEMENT

Perth is welcoming an increase in boutique bars and restaurants offering naturally produced and minimal intervention wines, with favourites such as Wines of While in Northbridge and Madalena's in South Fremantle. The range of national and internationally sourced varieties are complemented by the growing number of Western Australian wineries producing organic and naturally produced varieties, such as Blind Corner, L.A.S Vino, Cullen and Dormilona in the Margaret River Region, Express Wine Makers in the Great Southern and Swan Valley Wines in the Swan Valley.

Read [here](#) to discover some of WA's top-shelf sustainable wineries.

## REGIONAL AND URBAN DISTILLERIES

Regional small batch distilleries can be found all across Western Australia, from Kununurra / Goonoonoorrag in the north to Esperance / Kepa Kurl in the south, each producing their own distinctive character and style. Kununurra in the Kimberley is home to WA's oldest operating legal still — The Hoochery Distillery, famous for its Ord River Rum (and rum cakes!). In Broome / Rubibi, Moontide Distillery produces gins and spirits using native ingredients, and produces the first gin in the world to use pearl oyster as a botanical. In the Coral Coast town of Geraldton / Jambinu, Illegal Tender Rum Co. produces premium rum using only dark brown cane sugar. At Giniversity in the Margaret River Region, visitors can make their own gin with local native botanicals, and Limeburners near Albany / Kinjarling in the Great Southern region produces single malt whisky using premium Western Australian grain and pure Albany water from limestone aquifers. In Esperance on the south-east coast, Esperance Distillery Co. produces gin distilled with native botanicals that showcase the floral diversity of Esperance and the Fitzgerald Biosphere. In Perth / Boorloo you can discover some of the best urban distilleries on walking or bus tours, with Spirit of Little Things, Whipper Snapper Distiller, Republic of Fremantle some city favourites.



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## BUSH TUCKER EXPERIENCES

Aboriginal people have been living by the seasons for thousands of years, practicing sustainable hunting and gathering methods and using local foods for medicinal, nutritional and cultural significance. Aboriginal cultural tours will allow you to discover 'nature's supermarket' in each region of Western Australia. Forage for native bushfoods in Perth on Whadjuk Country, learn traditional fishing methods in the South West on Wardandi Country, and dig for honey ants — the sweetest of bushfoods — in the Golden Outback on Wongatha Country. On the Dampier Peninsula in the Kimberley, the local Bardi people will teach you traditional spear fishing techniques and mud-crab hunting in the mangroves, before you cook the catch on the beach.

Discover five unforgettable Aboriginal dinner dates [here](#).

## A GENEROUS SERVING OF UNFORGETTABLE EVENTS

The state's bounty of fresh local produce is celebrated throughout the year with a number of regional foodie events. In the Margaret River Region, multi-day festivals such as Cabin Fever and Pair'd Margaret River Region celebrate the region's food and wine offerings. In the south-east corner, Taste Great Southern unearths the incredible variety of produce. Broome's Shinju Matsuri celebrates the pearlting town's rich multicultural history, and the Ord Valley Muster shines a spotlight on the tropical agriculture in Kununurra's Ord River Irrigation Scheme. In Perth, the annual Mandurah Crab Fest showcases the native blue manna crab that the Mandurah / Mandjooogoordap region is well-known for.

# ART AND CULTURE

Home to modern museums and galleries, captivating street art, outdoor murals, heritage buildings and the world's oldest living culture — Western Australia's unique art and cultural offerings are reflected in its sheer diversity of natural landscapes and cultural heritage. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of art and culture experiences.



## PERTH CULTURAL CENTRE

Meaning 'many stories' in local Noongar language, the WA Museum Boola Bardip is a landmark building for the Perth Cultural Centre, showcasing the state's extraordinary people, places, cultures and stories through state-of-the-art technology and innovative exhibits. The museum celebrates Western Australia's rich Aboriginal heritage and landscapes and takes a unique people first approach to its curation, with the stories and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people taking centre stage in its exhibitions. Located where Perth City / Boorloo meets Northbridge, the Perth Cultural Centre precinct also includes the Art Gallery of WA, State Library of WA, The Blue Room theatre, PICA (Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts) and the State Theatre Centre of WA — a vibrant hub for all things art and culture.

## CONNECT WITH ABORIGINAL CULTURE

For more than 60,000 years, Western Australia's Aboriginal people have lived in harmony with nature, sourcing food, shelter and medicine from the land. Experience their rich cultural heritage as one of the oldest surviving cultures on Earth on one of the many authentic Aboriginal tours operating across the state. From the ancient lands of the Kimberley to the cave systems of the South West and stunning coastlines of the Golden Outback — discover ancient stories, forage for traditional bush tucker, and experience the celebrations of traditional music and dance. Explore Aboriginal art galleries throughout regional Western Australia that showcase

the traditional and contemporary works of local, national and international Aboriginal artists; or join an Aboriginal guide to discover ancient rock art galleries, and the largest collection of petroglyphs (rock engravings) in the world.

## URBAN STREET ART

Tucked down laneways and splashed across buildings, Perth's captivating street art offers a vibrant glimpse into the heart and soul of the city. New works are appearing regularly across the city as the urban art scene evolves, and in recent years, the city has gained worldwide attention with internationally renowned street artists painting the walls of some of the city's iconic and lesser-known buildings. Join a walking tour in Perth, Northbridge or Fremantle / Walyalup to discover the artist stories behind some of these incredible works.

## HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Travel back in time with a visit to Western Australia's iconic heritage buildings; immersing yourself in the state's gold rush, colonial and pearling histories. Architecture buffs will delight in Perth's historical buildings which sit alongside modern brutalist architecture. Visit the iconic State Buildings, a collection of former heritage government buildings that have been reimagined and reinvigorated as a vibrant civic hub of retail and dining offerings; home to one of Perth's top luxury hotels, COMO The Treasury. Discover historic tales at the Round House in Fremantle — the area's first-ever building, take a step back into Western Australia's gold rush history through the grand monuments and

architecture in Kalgoorlie / Karlkurla, or visit Broome's / Rubibi's Chinatown for an insight into the town's rich pearling history.

## OUTDOOR GALLERIES AND MURALS

The striking salt flats of Lake Ballard near the Golden Outback town of Menzies form the backdrop of Inside Australia — one of Australia's largest outdoor galleries. This truly unique installation of 51 life-sized steel statues by acclaimed sculptor Antony Gormley celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2023. In a celebration of regional Western Australia, FORM's Public Silo Trail takes art out of galleries, transforming country infrastructure into sites of world-class mural art. Emblazoned across colossal grain silos, transformer boxes and iconic farming infrastructure at seven locations from Perth through the Golden Outback and South West regions, the epic works showcase monumental depictions of each town's community and what makes it unique. In the town of Collie, marvel at the world's biggest dam mural at Wellington Dam. The 8,000 square metre mega-mural Reflections, represents how the waterways are culturally significant to both locals and visitors.

## REGIONAL MUSEUMS

In regional towns across Western Australia, many fascinating museums preserve the stories, history and artefacts of our rich culture, landscapes and past. Discover hidden treasures and tales from the cultured to the kitsch and everything in between. Head upstairs above a Chinese restaurant in Broome to discover a personal collection of pearling history, experience Aboriginal culture at centres like Bilya Koort Boodja in Northam, or marvel at Australia's largest private collection of shells and coral in the Margaret River Region.

## A WORLD HERITAGE-LISTED PRISON

One of Western Australia's most fascinating and significant cultural heritage sites and tourist attractions, Fremantle Prison is the state's only World Heritage-listed building. Built by convicts in the 1850's, the prison was used as a place of incarceration for 136 years before being decommissioned as an operating maximum security gaol in 1991. Now an iconic tourist attraction, visitors can 'step inside and do time' with Fremantle Prison's experienced guides on a range of tours highlighting convict and prison life, daring escapes and colourful characters; or descend 20 metres below the prison to discover the labyrinth of tunnels.

## FREMANTLE'S MARITIME STORIES

The port city of Fremantle / Walyalup is also home to a rich maritime history — which can be discovered at the WA Maritime Museum, ideally located at Fremantle's historic Victoria Quay. The museum houses several unique galleries that explore the moments, voyages and vessels; plus the artefacts, people and stories that shaped Western Australia's maritime relationship. Dive even further into the state's maritime past at the nearby WA Shipwrecks Museum — recognised as the foremost maritime archaeology museum in the southern hemisphere. Steeped in history, the galleries house hundreds of relics from ships wrecked along Western Australia's coastlines over hundreds of years, including the original timbers from the Batavia (wrecked in 1629).

## ANZAC HISTORY

The multi-award winning National Anzac Centre in the coastal city of Albany / Kinjarling is Australia's foremost museum honouring the Anzac legend. Set within Albany Heritage Park in the South West town, the centre offers visitors a deeply personal connection to Australia's Anzac history, which dates back to 1914 when more than 40,000 Australians and New Zealanders left the shore of Albany, bound for the Great War.



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## BEACHES AND LAKES

The waters off WA's 20,000 kilometres of mainland coastline and islands are some of the most pristine in the world — home to pure-white sands, crystal clear waters, fringing reefs and a myriad of marine life. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of beaches and lake adventures.



### A SPARKLING BEACH MENU

Western Australia's beaches are regularly voted among the best in the world, and with 20,000 kilometres of pristine coastline, the sheer diversity and range of different coastal options is like no other destination on Earth. In Perth, there are 19 stunning beaches all located within easy reach of the city — Cottesloe Beach, City Beach and Scarborough Beach are visitor favourites. Venture to the southern corner of WA where the crystal-clear blue waters of the Southern Ocean contrast with granite boulders, rocky outcrops, pure white sand and adjoining green vegetation. Here you'll find Australia's whitest beach, Lucky Bay in Cape Le Grand National Park / Mandoowernup, home to friendly sunbathing kangaroos. The Coral Coast boasts Exmouth's dazzling Turquoise Bay and is where the outback meets the reef, with the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu creating an underwater playground against the rugged gorges of Cape Range National Park. Another World Heritage-listed area, Shark Bay / Gathaagudu is where you'll find Monkey Mia's friendly dolphins, and a beach made entirely of tiny white shells. In the North West, Broome's / Rubibi's iconic Cable Beach / Walmanyjun is famous for its golden glow sunsets and camel trains. The colours of the Kimberley coastline are like nowhere else in the world, with its red pindan sands, white beaches and azure blue waters. Here you'll also find incredible untouched wilderness, with the 1,000-plus islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago all waiting to be explored on a Kimberley expedition cruise.

### PERTH'S RELAXED ISLAND PLAYGROUND

The crossing to Rottnest Island / Wadjemup takes as little as 30 minutes by ferry, or try something different with a trip by helicopter or small plane. You'll soon have the pleasant dilemma of choosing from "Rotto's" 63 beaches and 20 secluded bays, or being enchanted by the Island's unique marsupial resident, the friendly quokka. The car-free island is easy to explore by bike, Segway, bus or on foot — or head into the water to see fish, coral and shipwrecks at some of the best snorkelling and diving sites this close to a capital city.

### NINGALOO REEF

Easily accessible from shore, you don't need to travel by boat to snorkel this World Heritage-listed underwater wonderland. The massive fringing reef is home to brilliantly coloured coral and tropical fish, sea turtles and manta rays, plus one of the world's top shore dives at Exmouth's Navy Pier. Whale sharks and humpback whales visit each year, and visitors are able to swim with these gentle giants of the ocean, with tours operating out of Coral Bay and Exmouth.

## MAKE SOME WAVES SURFING

Take the word of the world's top surfers who flock to WA's shores for some of the best waves on Earth. The famed Margaret River region, on Wardandi Noongar Country in the South West, is home to more than 100 surf spots ranging from powerful reef breaks to fun beach surf. Other surfing hotspots include Exmouth, Gnaraloo, Quobba and Red Bluff along Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu, Esperance / Kepa Kurl, Kalbarri / Wurdimarlu and Rottnest Island / Wadjemup. If you're into different types of boards, an easy 90-minute drive north of Perth / Boorloo takes you to the windsurfing mecca of Lancelin / Wangaree — where you can also try out sandboarding on the white dunes.

Read [here](#) to discover pro surfer Jack Robinson's top five surf breaks in WA.

## WRECKS, REMOTE SHOALS, REEFS AND SNORKEL TRAILS

World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef, where you can wade out from the beach and be snorkelling over superb coral gardens teeming with colourful fish, manta rays and sea turtles, is one of the largest fringing reef systems in the world. Navy Pier, at the Ningaloo gateway of Exmouth, is rated as one of the world's top 10 shore dives. North of Ningaloo Reef, the Mackerel Islands offer an island playground of secluded fringing reefs. In the Margaret River Region, you can explore Busselton Jetty through snorkel, dive, observatory or undersea walking tours. An Underwater Sculpture Trail and

Artificial Reef Trail at the jetty offers a unique underwater experience. WA is also home to extraordinary shipwreck dives including HMAS Swan at Dunsborough, HMAS Perth in Albany / Kinjarling and 19 wrecks around the Houtman Abrolhos Islands off Geraldton / Jambinu, including the Batavia, which sunk in 1629 and led to one of the darkest chapters in WA history. In Perth, the Omeo shipwreck at Coogee has become 'insta famous'. Follow the underwater snorkel trails at Little Salmon Bay on Rottnest Island or the Marmion Marine Park near Trigg in Perth, where underwater plaques guide snorkellers and divers on an interactive journey to discover fish and marine species. A little further afield, take a tour to the 'aquarium in the middle of the ocean' at Rowley Shoals, 300 kilometres west of Broome / Rubibi, and dive among coral gardens with giant clams and schools of tuna and mackerel.

## RAINBOW PINK LAKES

WA's photogenic bubblegum pink lakes have to be seen to be believed. The most easily accessible is the dreamy Hutt Lagoon, near Port Gregory — located between the Coral Coast towns of Geraldton and Kalbarri. Best viewed between April and October, the waters could be red, bubble-gum pink or lilac depending on the conditions. On the south coast, the small salt lakes near Esperance are a dreamy sight from a scenic flight. Known as the rainbow lakes, they are quite often bubble-gum pink, but the colours can change regularly.

## TIDAL PHENOMENON — STAIRCASES TO THE MOON AND WATERFALL REEFS

The Kimberley coast has some of the biggest tidal movements in the southern hemisphere, with the daily ebb and flow of the tropical tides creating some of the region's most dreamlike attractions. From March to November, when conditions are just right, visitors to Broome are treated to a breathtaking natural spectacle — the Staircase to the Moon. The phenomenon occurs around three times a month at extremely low tide when the full moon rises over the exposed mudflats of Roebuck Bay / Yawuru Nagulagun, creating the optical illusion of lunar stairs. The staircase phenomenon can also be experienced at other northwest locations including Karratha, Port Hedland and Onslow. Near Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm on the Dampier Peninsula (north of Broome on Yawuru Country), tidal movements create the spectacular Waterfall Reef, where exposed reefs at low tide create a waterfall in the middle of the sea. On a Kimberley expedition cruise, witness a coral reef rising from the ocean in a torrent of cascading water during the tidal changes at Montgomery Reef, the world's largest inshore reef.



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# HIKES AND TRAILS

From steep and winding mountain biking trails to world-class multi-day hikes and gentle hills, there's a trail experience to suit everyone. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of the best hikes and trails in the state.



## CAPE TO CAPE TRACK, MARGARET RIVER REGION

One of Australia's most iconic and varied trails, the Cape to Cape Track runs for 135 kilometres between the operational south-west lighthouses of Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin on Wardandi Country. Mostly following the coast, the track alternates between spectacular sweeping clifftop views with stretches of pristine beach and majestic karri forest. Allow five to eight days to tackle the whole walk; however, there are sections that make full day and half day walks, and several tour operators that offer fully-guided walks. Tour operators such as Cape to Cape Explorer Tours, Cape2Cape, Inspiration Outdoors and Walk into Luxury combine the best of the track with gourmet food and wine, and a range of accommodation.

## BIBBULMUN TRACK, PERTH AND SOUTH WEST

One of the world's greatest long distance walks, the Bibbulmun Track spans 1,000 kilometres through some of Australia's most stunning scenery, including magnificent karri and tingle forests, rivers, valleys, ancient bushland and dramatic cliffs. From Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany / Kinjarling on the south coast, walkers can do the entire track, or shorter sections in a day or over a few days. Join Inspiration Outdoors for guided multi-day tours and The Hike Collective for track experiences as short as two hours.

## MUNDA BIDDI TRAIL, PERTH AND SOUTH WEST

As the premier off-road cycling trail in Western Australia, this 1,000-kilometre trail meanders through scenic river valleys, towering eucalyptus forests and ancient, unspoiled bushland from Mundaring in the Perth Hills to Albany in the South West. Joined by a purpose-built track, the Munda Biddi (which means path through the forest in the Noongar language) has sections suitable for cyclists of all ages and experience levels. The trail is easily accessible by car, so you can begin your journey wherever it is convenient.

## LANE POOLE RESERVE, DWELLINGUP

Located in the Peel Region, just under 1.5 hours' drive from Perth / Boorloo, Lane Poole Reserve hosts the Murray Valley Mountain Bike Trails, catering for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. The downhill trails can be accessed by the easy and moderate climbing trails, or via the shuttle road off Murray Valley Road. The trails offer stunning scenery and views over the valley, plus a diverse range of native flora and fauna.



## ARKLOW TRAIL NETWORK, COLLIE

The Arklow Trail Network is located just five kilometres from the town of Collie in WA's South West. Designed for mountain bike enthusiasts, the trail network winds its way through the stunning Arklow forest, totalling 36-kilometres — of which 26-kilometres is new or upgraded trail. Six kilometres of the trail has been built to accommodate hand cycles, allowing mountain bike riders with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy even more of the area.

## MOUNT LENNARD TRAILS, WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK

The Mount Lennard Mountain Bike Trail Circuit contains approximately 40 kilometres of trails offering varying difficulties for mountain bikers of all levels. The trails tightly weave through the mature jarrah forest and granite outcrops to provide spectacular views of the lower Collie River Valley in the South West. The highlight is the 'Grizzly Trail' — a narrow trail with obstacles and technical mountain bike features for those who are up for the challenge.

## LOOP WALK, KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK

The challenging Loop Walk in Kalbarri National Park on Yamatji Country in WA's Coral Coast highlights the erosive power of the Murchison River and its magnificent red gorges; the iconic 'Nature's Window', a natural rock formation which frames the Murchison Valley; the Bigurda Trail boardwalk, where you can spot whales and dolphins; and the impressive new Kalbarri Skywalk / Kaju Yatka, showcasing the Murchison River Gorge at one of its highest points.

## WADJEMUP BIDI, ROTTNEST ISLAND

Traverse unique landscapes of Rottnest Island / Wadjemup Bidi — a series of walk trails in the A-class reserve, off the coast of Perth. Take on the whole 45-kilometre journey, or choose your own adventure, with five to 10-kilometre sections offering a new way to experience the Island's stunning inland lakes, coastal headlands, Aboriginal art sculptures, WWII tunnels, snorkel spots and local wildlife, including the cute quokkas.

## HERITAGE CYCLE TRAIL, SWAN VALLEY

Only a 25-minute drive from Perth, the scenic Swan Valley Heritage Cycle Trail is made up of three routes, suitable for riders of all ages and fitness levels. The trail passes many interesting places including fresh produce stalls, picnic spots, galleries, lively cafes, wineries, microbreweries, distilleries and restaurants. You will find many opportunities to stop, relax and enjoy an abundance of experiences.

## THE KALAMUNDA TRAILS NETWORK, PERTH HILLS

About a 40-minute drive from Perth, the Kalamunda Trails area is the most popular mountain biking destination in Western Australia. With excellent facilities and more than 40 kilometres of fully signed single-track, the Kalamunda Trails have something for everyone. The two kilometre Scorpion descent is the most popular, known for its wooden berms and rollercoaster corners.



## PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK, KIMBERLEY

The World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park is home to the awe-inspiring Bungle Bungle Range. 350 million years in the making, its ochre and black striped domes make it one of the most unique and captivating ranges on Earth. The area's best day hikes include Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm, while the five-day Piccaninny Gorge Walk offers spectacular and secluded scenery.

## BLUFF KNOLL, STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Located north of Albany / Kinjarling in the Stirling Range National Park / Koi Kyeunu-ruff, Bluff Knoll is the highest and most spectacular peak in WA's South West, sitting at 1,098 metres above sea level. Requiring some fitness, the moderate five kilometre return hike is a picturesque three to four-hour journey to the panoramic views from the bluff, before the descent to the base. The Stirling Range National Park is a biodiversity hotspot, home to 1,500 species of magnificent and colourful flora, many of which are unique to the area.

## CASTLE ROCK, PORONGURUP NATIONAL PARK

The massive ancient granite domes of Porongurup National Park in WA's South West rise 670 metres above the landscape, surrounded by a sea of giant Karri trees. Home to the Castle Rock Granite Skywalk, a walking gantry mounted high out from the magnificent Castle Rock, the 4.4 kilometre return hike offers sweeping views of the stunning landscapes and surrounding plains near Albany / Kinjarling.

## KARIJINI GORGES AND TRAILS, KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

Two billion years in the making, Karijini National Park in the Pilbara region is one of WA's most spectacular natural attractions offering amazing hiking trails through ancient gorges. An adventure lover's paradise, explore tunnels of marbled rock, clamber over boulders, squeeze through narrow tunnels, paddle through waterways and descend into ancient chasms — often featuring secret waterfalls. There's also easy access to stunning lookouts and walk trails for varying levels of fitness and experience. Some of the most popular trails include Dales Gorge, Fortescue Falls, Weano Gorge and Oxer's Lookout.

## CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK, NEAR EXMOUTH

Located within the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Coast / Nyinggulu, Cape Range National Park's rugged limestone ranges and breathtaking deep canyons are surrounded by pristine beaches. Keep an eye out for wildlife such as emus, kangaroos and a variety of birds on one

of the many walk trails through the park, and wonder at the earthy tones of the arid landscapes. Join Exmouth Adventure Co. for guided overnight walking tours of the gorges and coastline, including camping in the national park and snorkelling on Ningaloo Reef.

## BOLD PARK, PERTH

At 85 metres above sea level, the seven-kilometre trail through Bold Park in City Beach offers spectacular views over the Indian Ocean, Perth City / Boorloo, Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba, and even glimpses of the Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan. Join a guided hike group tour with The Hike Collective to meet other like-minded walkers, and visit during spring to spot a spectacular array of wildflowers.

## FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK, GOLDEN OUTBACK

Bushwalking along one of the many trails in this botanical wonderland is the best way to explore the incredible variety of plant life and spectacular rugged landscapes of granite cliffs, limestone ridges, valleys, woodlands and pristine beaches. Fitzgerald River National Park boasts a rich diversity of native and rare plant species, and is one of Australia's largest parks — home to 75 species of endemic plants, found nowhere else in the world. Visit during wildflower season and join a tour with the likes of Edgewalkers to discover this rich biosphere of unique flora and fauna.

Read more about flowing and shredding on the Collie and Dwellingup Trails [here](#).



# ABORIGINAL TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

The rich and unique culture of Western Australia's Aboriginal people stretches back at least 50,000 years — making it the world's oldest continuing living culture. Across coastal, urban and outback Western Australia, more than 130 Aboriginal tourism operators proudly share their fascinating stories, distinctive cultures and traditional lands with visitors through a variety of authentic experiences.



## ABORIGINAL TOURS

Here's a range of fascinating tours on offer across the state.

### BAIYUNGU DREAMING

**Baiyungu Dreaming** is the first Aboriginal tour experience on offer in the Ningaloo / Nyinggulu region. Join Baiyungu woman Hazel Walgar on a 4WD tagalong tour from the Aboriginal-run Carbadia Station in Coral Bay to explore hidden locations along the Ningaloo coast, discover culturally significant places and hear the stories connected to them. Explore the coastal plains near Coral Bay to discover shell middens and a sea turtle nursery, learn how to find fresh drinking water, or listen to ancient stories by a sunset campfire.

### WOORAMULLA ECO CULTURAL JOURNEYS

**Wooramulla Eco Cultural Journeys** is a tour exploring the Yinggarda history and culture of WA's Gascoyne region with passionate guide and local Yinggarda woman Rennee Turner. Departing from the town of Carnarvon / Gwoonwardu in the Coral Coast, tour options include half-day tagalong tours through the Gascoyne, including the spectacular blowholes of Quobba Station, and overnight tours of Mundathurra Kennedy Loop. There are also three-hour cultural town tours of Carnarvon to discover traditional bushfoods, medicine and wildlife; stargazing story tours; wildflower walkabouts and burrowing bee tours.

### GO CULTURAL TOURS & EXPERIENCES

**Go Cultural Aboriginal Tours & Experiences** is a Perth-based, 100 percent Aboriginal-owned company. With several iconic tour locations within easy

access of Perth City / Boorloo, visitors can experience Aboriginal heritage and culture in the heart of the CBD, Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba, or at idyllic Rottnest Island / Wadjemup. Go Cultural Tours' interactive cultural walking tours offer visitors the opportunity to learn about Perth's history, whilst their knowledgeable guides explore the deeper significance of the land, its elements and resources from a local Aboriginal perspective. All tours include a traditional Welcome to Country and Aboriginal language, song and storytelling with a local Noongar guide.

### DABUNGOOL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

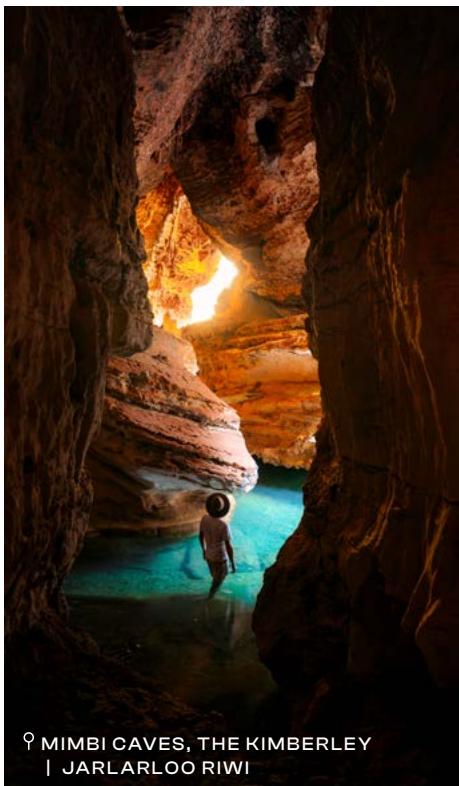
Experience the rich cultural history and nature of Kepa Kurl / Esperance with new eyes on this cultural heritage and bush tucker tour. Walk along the nature trails in the Kwongan heathland and bushland with **Dabungool Cultural Experiences**, discovering the abundance of native flora and fauna that are used as bush tucker and traditional medicines, and experience the true taste of Kepa Kurl Noongar Boodjar.

### KOOMAL DREAMING

The Margaret River Region's big drawcards — beaches, caves and dining — come together on tours led by local Wardandi man, Josh Whiteland. With **Koomal Dreaming**, you'll journey into Ngilgi Cave for ancient stories and unique didgeridoo acoustics, as well as forage for, and taste, native food and medicine. The menu could include kangaroo, emu, quandong, emu plum and salt bush.

## MIMBI CAVES

One of Australia's best-kept secrets, the vast subterranean labyrinth of **Mimbi Caves** / Jarlarloo Riwi is part of a 350-million-year-old Devonian reef system, which houses a significant collection of Aboriginal rock art and some of the most impressive fish fossils in the Southern Hemisphere. The Mimbi area is a place of strong spiritual significance for the traditional owners, the Goonyandi people. Spectacular limestone formations, brilliant colours and crystal clear freshwater pools set the scene for a guided tour laced with ancient stories and bush tucker.



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## NGALANG WONGI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL TOURS

Bunbury's original inhabitants, the Noongar people, hunted and fished throughout the Koombana Bay area for thousands of years. Join international artist and storyteller Troy Bennell from **Ngalang Wongi Aboriginal Cultural Tours** as he weaves his cultural knowledge into an array of ancient stories and whimsical yarns about traditional and contemporary Aboriginal life, sacred sites, the Noongar six seasons and Dolphin Dreaming, linking to Koombana Bay's population of wild bottlenose dolphins.

## MABU BURU TOURS

**Mabu Buru Tours** is an Aboriginal owned and operated tourism business that provides an Aboriginal perspective to the landscape in and around Broome and introduces guests to the ancient culture of the Yawuru and Karajarri people. Mabu Buru Tours delivers authentic Aboriginal experiences and offers very personal journeys that share culture through traditional methods such as bushfood and bush medicine demonstrations, storytelling, and traditional songs and dances.

## OOLIN SUNDAY ISLAND CULTURAL TOURS

Join Rosanna Angus — a Jawi woman whose family lived on Sunday Island during the early mission days — to discover Bardi Jawi culture, as well as the Dreaming stories connected to Sunday Island and the turbulent waters that separate it from the mainland. Departing

from Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm, **Oolin Sunday Island Cultural Tours** retrace the ocean journey from Bardi Country on the mainland through the network of islands and tidal passages that make up Jawi Country, and through the whirlpools and eddies between Jooloom and Jayirru to learn how these massive tidal currents were used by the Jawi people to hunt, fish and trade.

## WARRANG-BRIDIL

This walking tour reflects **Warrang Bridil's** vision to 'close the gap' on knowledge and understanding of Noongar people's heritage, as they share their culture with visitors. Explore the shores of the spectacular Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan overlooking Perth City / Boorloo, Matagarup Bridge and the Optus Stadium precinct. Discover in depth insights into the history of the Noongar nation and the importance of culture, language, values, relationships, responsibilities and social structures.

## WARINGARRI ABORIGINAL ARTS

Located in the heart of Miriwoong Country in Kununurra / Goonoonoorrang, **Waringarri Aboriginal Arts** was the first Aboriginal owned art centre established in Western Australia. It is a place for Aboriginal artists to share the importance of their country and culture, and supports more than 100 painters, printmakers, wood carvers, boab engravers, sculptors and textile artists. The centre also offers cultural tours and didgeridoo performances to complement the visitor experience, with a rich insight into Miriwoong culture.



## WULA GURA NYINDA ECO ADVENTURES

Francois Peron National Park / Wulyibidi is a picturesque peninsula of acacia-cloaked red dunes and shrub surrounded by turquoise water. Teeming with marine life such as dolphins and rays, the tranquil lagoons are perfect for kayaking and snorkelling. Join award winning guide Darren 'Capes' Capewell from **Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Adventures** for an inside view of the deep spiritual connection between the local Nhanda and Malgana Aboriginal people and this breathtaking saltwater paradise. Most recently, Darren has introduced scenic SUP Tours and an exclusive escape to Australia's westernmost point, Dirk Hartog Island / Wirruwana, to his tour offering.

## BORRGORON COAST TO CREEK TOURS

Bardi man and fourth-generation pearler Terry Hunter combines traditional knowledge with his experiences growing up on a remote pearling farm on this walking tour with a difference on the Dampier Peninsula. On **Borrgoron Coast to Creek Tours'** signature experience, you'll learn about how the Bardi (land) and Jawi (island) people have lived in harmony with the land and sea for millenia, with a two hour walk through the mangroves, creeks and tidal flats of King Sound. Along the way, Terry will also share his deep knowledge of the pearling trade and treat you to a tasty bush tucker snack.

## KINGFISHER TOURS

**Kingfisher Tours** pairs luxurious Kimberley region sightseeing with the deep knowledge of their Traditional Custodian guides. Local Aboriginal guides are at the heart of all experiences, be it flying over the beehive shaped domes of the Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park, before exploring the World Heritage-listed landscape on foot; or bouncing along in a 4WD to visit remote communities, learning stories of the land and its people along the way.

## KIMBERLEY CULTURAL ADVENTURES

Join Robert Dann, a proud Kimberley man, for an incredible three-hour cultural experience with **Kimberley Cultural Adventures**. He will share with you a small slice of 40,000 years of Broome / Rubibi and Kimberley culture. Robert

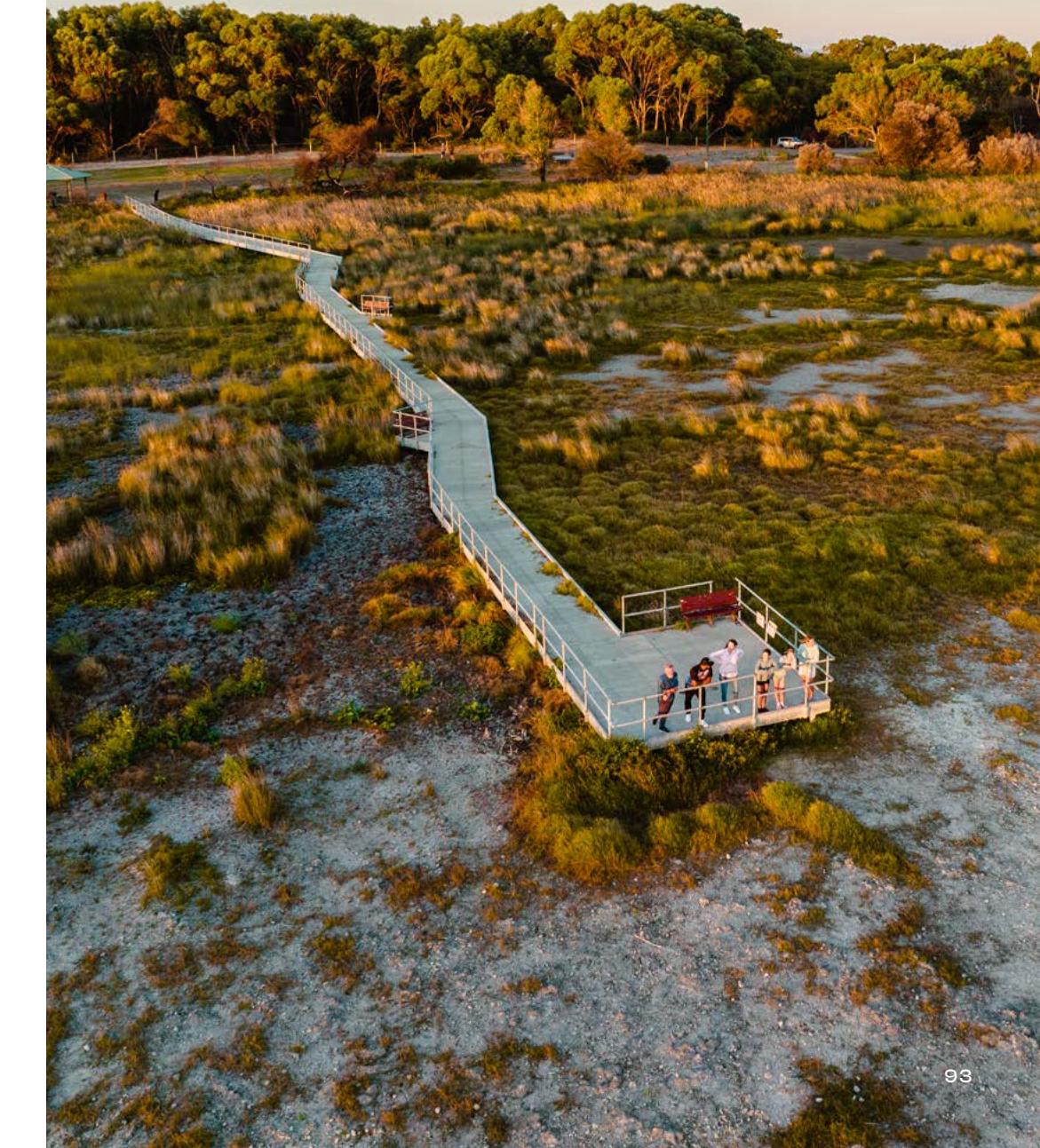
promises a culturally rich journey which offers something uniquely different with a hands-on approach. After you taste his delicious Boab Iced Tea, you'll also have the opportunity to take some home with you, from his store Bindam Mie.

## DALE TILBROOK EXPERIENCES

Join Wardandi Bibbulmun woman Dale Tilbrook from **Dale Tilbrook Experiences** in a relaxed setting to learn about native Australian herbs, spices and peppers; and discover the uses of bush tucker plants, their medicinal properties and their surprising health benefits. Enjoy a bushfood-inspired morning or afternoon tea with a delectable range of savoury and sweet dishes. Explore local history and culture or experience the cultural tradition of storytelling through art.

## DJURANDI DREAMING

**Djurandi Dreaming** is owned and operated by Whadjuk man Justin Martin; a tour guide and Aboriginal artworks specialist. Justin's tours and artworks are based around history, facts and creation stories passed down from generation to generation. Djurandi Dreaming aims to positively educate, showcase and conserve Aboriginal culture, language and country. Experiences include the Dreaming in the Quay and Yagan Square Perth tours, Boya Kaarla Point Peron tour, Lake Walyungup Torchlight Tour, traditional Aboriginal art workshops and Kings Park education activities.



## ABORIGINAL ART

Aboriginal art abounds in Western Australia, from ancient rock paintings in the Kimberley and remote Aboriginal art centres throughout the region, to art galleries in Perth / Boorloo and fine art in the Margaret River Region. WA's vibrant and evolving Aboriginal art scene is thousands of years in the making.

Read [here](#) to discover some of the best Aboriginal art experiences across the State.

## ABORIGINAL BUSH FOODS

From fish cooked over mangrove wood to a native superfood that you can sprinkle on a smoothie.

Read [here](#) to discover five fascinating encounters you can experience with traditional Aboriginal foods in WA.



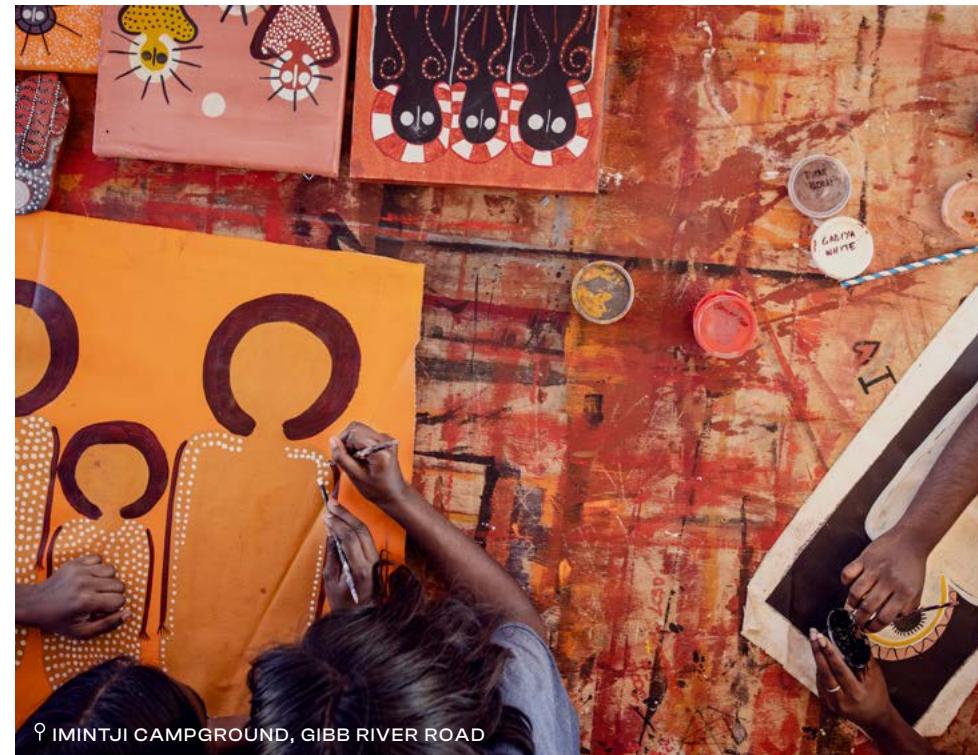
## ABORIGINAL SEASONS

In contrast to the globally recognised four seasons aligned with the Earth's orbit, Aboriginal cultural groups celebrate calendar seasons which are not strictly aligned with dates, but to the forces of nature.

The Aboriginal season calendar varies for different cultural groups throughout WA and across Australia. It acts as an extremely important guide, outlining what nature is doing at every stage of the year, and how to live safely, sustainably, and respectfully in relation to the land, plant and animal cycles and the preservation of environmental ecosystems.

Read on to discover some of the Aboriginal seasons across WA.

- [Aboriginal seasons of the Coral Coast](#)
- [Aboriginal season of Kambarang in Perth](#)
- [The South West season of Birak](#)
- [Broome's transitional season of Marrul](#)
- [Barrgana season on the Dampier Peninsula](#)
- [The Noongar Season of Makuru in Perth](#)
- [The Noongar Season of Djilba in Harvey](#)



## CAMPING WITH CUSTODIANS

Camping with Custodians in WA is an Australia-first program that develops high quality public campgrounds on Aboriginal lands, which are then owned and operated by the Aboriginal community. There are currently seven Camping with Custodians sites across the Kimberley and the Pilbara, with an eighth visitor campground set to open at Yallalie Downs in 2026, operated by Beemurra Aboriginal Corporation. Located on Yued Boodja of the Noongar Nation in the Coral Coast region, the nature-based

park will offer cultural tours, agritourism experiences, Aboriginal storytelling, and astrology, marking WA's eighth Camping with Custodians site.

Read on [here](#) to discover the Camping with Custodians experience.

For more information on Aboriginal tourism experiences in WA, visit the Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council ([waitoc.com](#)).

# LUXURY EXPERIENCES

WA is home to some of Australia's most indulgent retreats and experiences, allowing you to enjoy paradise with privacy, pampering and maybe some diamonds and pearls. Here's your Western Australia Dream List of luxury experiences.



## TREAT YOURSELF TO A LUXE STAY IN PERTH

Overlooking the sparkling Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan is The Ritz-Carlton Perth, with luxurious amenities, stunning rooftop bar plus a dedicated spa and wellness centre. Occupying the top floors of the immaculately restored State Buildings in the heart of the city, COMO The Treasury continues to impress with its exclusive offerings including COMO Shambhala and packaged touring experiences. Stay in luxury on Perth's island paradise at Samphire Rottnest, ideally situated on Thomson Bay. The resort combines 80 architecturally designed rooms, lagoon-like pools, and a mix of dining options. In the Hibernian Place precinct, The Westin Perth offers a new level of luxury in the city's east end. Crown Perth's portfolio on the picturesque Burswood riverfront precinct includes the luxurious Crown Towers, where accommodation options include a top floor deluxe villa with butler service and panoramic views from floor-to-ceiling windows.

## LUXURIOUS RETREATS

Follow in the footsteps of celebrities who really want to get away from it all. The Kimberley's Berkeley River Lodge, accessible only by sea or air, is undoubtedly one of Australia's most indulgent adventures — offering luxurious rooms with 180-degree panoramas of the turquoise Timor Sea and the rugged Berkeley River. The Kimberley also offers the ultimate in exclusive luxury at El Questro Homestead,

where you can enjoy a suite overlooking Chamberlain Gorge and dine on a private clifftop under a canopy of stars. Alternatively, relax in your own private outdoor bathtub with views over the gorge. On the coast, Broome's / Rubibi's Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa has suites themed around famous Australian artists, with private plunge pools and butler service. In the state's South West, the Margaret River Region's Injidup Spa Retreat boasts private plunge pools that overlook the Indian Ocean.

## CRUISE OR FLY THE KIMBERLEY

Experience the pristine waters of a true wilderness area in style on a Kimberley luxury expedition cruise or scenic flight. Small cruisers such as True North, Kimberley Quest and Great Escape can meander through secluded gorges that aren't accessible to larger vessels, passing towering red cliffs and pockets of rainforest; and larger expedition style vessels such as Silversea, Coral Expeditions and Ponant offer the ultimate in luxury cruising. After feasting on quality food and wine — which could include freshly caught seafood, such as the prized barramundi — you'll relax in the comfort of your own suite. The Kimberley is also simply spectacular from the air. HeliSpirit, Kimberley Air Tours and Air Kimberley are just some of the operators that will take you on a soaring safari like no other, with the option to land and explore remote pockets of paradises and swim in secret springs and waterfalls.

## EXQUISITE JEWELS

WA's mineral and marine wealth shines bright in the form of world-renowned Kimberley diamonds — including the elusive pink diamond — as well as Broome's / Rubibi's Australian South Sea pearls and Kalgoorlie / Karlkurla gold. In Perth / Boorloo, shop for WA pearls, diamonds and gold at various spots throughout the city, including Willie Creek Pearls' showroom at Elizabeth Quay and The Perth Mint. Broome's Dampier Terrace is home to pearl showrooms including Kailis Jewellery, Allure, Paspaley, Cygnet Bay and Willie Creek Pearls, and in the outback town of Kununurra / Goonoonoorang, step inside Kimberley Fine Diamonds to marvel at exquisite pink and natural diamonds, and the master jewellers at work.

## WINE AND DINE LIKE A STAR

WA has the perfect ingredients for world-class food and wine experiences — top international talent combined with fresh local produce like Manjimup's rare black truffles, Pemberton marron, Broome pearl meat, Rottnest Island / Wadjemup crayfish, Exmouth prawns, Albany / Kinjarling Akoya oysters and, of course, the state's famous wines. Perth's dining scene continues to flourish — with recent newcomers such as Gibney, Tigerfish, Anglesea and Pearla and Co, Light Years, Papi Katsu, Lulu's Cantina and Vin Populi, creating buzz alongside favourites such as the multi award-winning Wildflower, POST, and Long Chim at the State Buildings, and more. For the ultimate in

wining and dining luxury, soar to new heights on a luxe helicopter wine and dine tour from Perth to the Swan Valley or Margaret River wine regions.

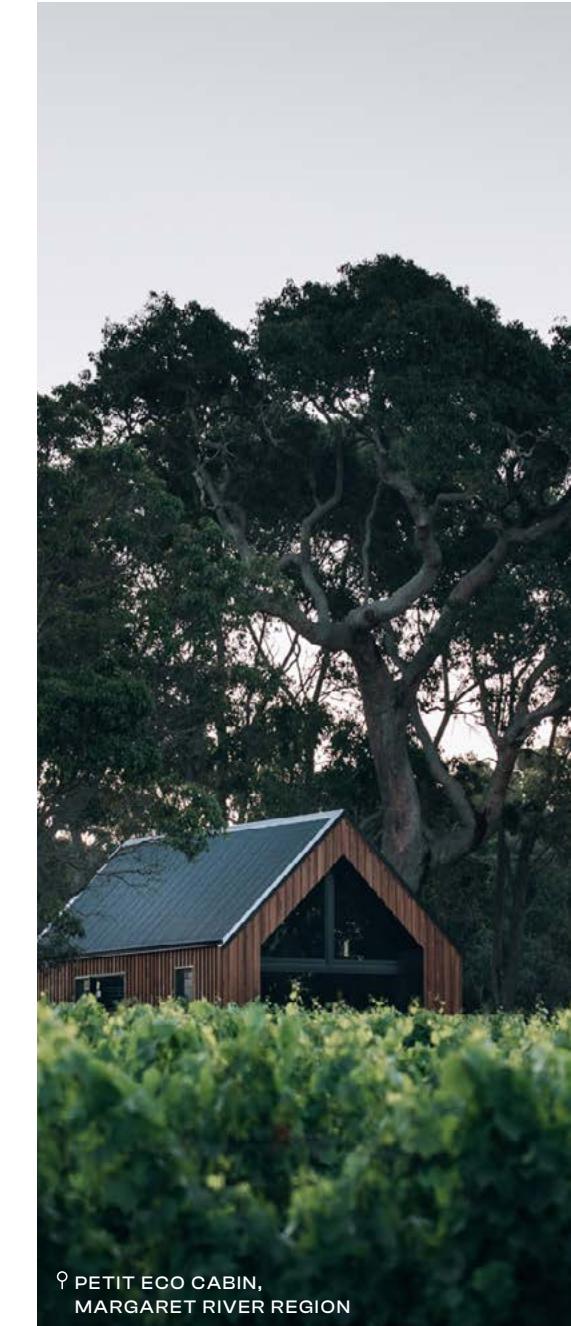
## ECO-RETREAT GLAMPING AND BOUTIQUE STAYS

Enjoy the tranquillity of stress-free camping at safari or cabin-style wilderness accommodation with personalised service. After exploring the pristine natural landscapes with an expert guide, you can relax with fine linens on king-size beds, ensuite bathrooms, gourmet produce and spectacular starry night skies. Kimberley Coastal Camp, Faraway Bay, El Questro's Emma Gorge Resort, Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm, Eco Beach Broome, Bungle Bungle and Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodges all offer the ultimate Kimberley adventure. At Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef and Discovery Rottnest Island, wake up to the sounds of the ocean in an environmentally conscious glamping tent nestled in the dunes. In the South West, experience true relaxation at off-the-grid boutique stays set amongst forests and fields, such as Serenity Gully near Bridgetown, Stillwood Retreat and Upland Farm in Denmark, Latitude 35°5 in Albany, Ampersand Estates in Pemberton, Binya Maya Yallingup Escape, Petite Eco Cabin, Barn Hives and Heyscape Tiny Cabins. Meanwhile, Box Hill Esperance comprises dual luxury cabins on a picturesque property.

## WALKING IN LUXURY

With some of the best walking tracks in the world, Walk into Luxury, Cape to Cape Explorer Tours and Inspiration Outdoors offer visitors to WA's South West the chance to walk the famous Cape to Cape Track and the Bibbulmun Track in style and comfort. The walks combine the best of nature, with gourmet food and wine, and luxury accommodation such as an oceanfront pool villa at Injidup Spa Retreat. In the magical Kimberley, join Walk into Luxury on a signature walk through one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth. Hike to secluded swimming holes, enjoy sunset drinks at scenic gorge lookouts, heli-hike to remote waterfalls and experience the ultimate in luxury accommodation at El Questro Homestead.

Read on [here](#) to discover how to treat yourself to a little luxury, WA-style.



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# WELLNESS EXPERIENCES

Western Australia offers abundant opportunities to immerse in pristine natural environments, prioritise personal wellbeing and experience genuine inner calm. The state's wide-open spaces, endless stretches of picturesque coastline, big blue skies and expanses of native flora provide the perfect setting to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.



## REJUVENATING YOGA EXPERIENCES

Embrace the ultimate slow travel experience with **Untamed Escapes** yoga retreats and wellness escapes. Indulge in the natural and epicurean delights of the Margaret River Region and the restorative benefits of yoga on a three-day Yoga and Wellness Glamping Adventure from Perth. Guests are invited to unwind and enjoy off-grid glamping accommodation at **Fair Harvest Permaculture Farm**, experience blissful yoga, sound mediation classes, an adventure on a Cape to Cape Track hike with a local healer, and enjoy the region's freshest local produce.

On Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup, **Evolve in You Yoga** offers morning or evening yoga and pilates classes at either Thomson Bay or The Basin, with both locations overlooking the ocean. Indulge in a blend of yoga, mindfulness and community connection set against the stunning natural backdrop of the island. The classes include dynamic asanas, breathwork, meditation and holistic wellness practices, catering to all levels of fitness.



MINDFUL IN NATURE  
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## OUTDOOR RESETS FOR THE BODY AND SOUL

**Cold Nips** is a community movement combining Perth stunning beaches with wellness. Originating in Perth, Cold Nips is built around connection, discomfort, nature and joy. Open to everyone, Cold Nips meets every Wednesday morning during the summer months at a Perth beach. The location changes weekly and starts with a sunrise dip in the ocean followed by the time to connect with fellow Cold Nip dippers at a coastal cafe.

For those seeking mindful movement on land, **The Hike Collective** offers trail adventures in Perth and the Perth Hills, Karijini and Rottnest Island, with some offering a particular focus on inner calm. Zen in the Zoo is an exclusive experience at Perth Zoo. The tour begins with a gentle walk through the rainforest, followed by a 45-minute beginner-friendly yoga session in the calming zoo setting, finishing with another walk through the African savannah and Australian bushland, meeting some of the much-loved locals. Meanwhile, Zen in the Cave offers a guided hike in Yanchep National Park, followed by a 45-minute yoga session in the enchanting surrounds of Cabaret Cave.

Extending this deeper connection with nature, **Mindful in Nature** specialises in guided forest therapy and nature-based wellness experiences across Perth and the South West. Each session is led by a qualified forest therapy guide who supports participants through mindfulness practices designed to deepen their connection with nature, cultivate presence and fully appreciate the beauty of their natural surroundings.

For those who prefer to explore at their own pace, **Kings Park and Botanic Garden** / Kaarta Koomba offers various bushland walking trails through a wilderness that is dynamic and alive with the sounds, colours and the quiet activity of nature.

## SPA DAYS

**Chimes Spa Retreat** is nestled amongst nature and offers breathtaking views over the Southern Ocean in WA's Great Southern region. The retreat offers luxury lodge-style accommodation with a divine spa experience. Guests can rest, relax and indulge in a spa journey inspired by the natural surroundings. Whether seeking a personal retreat or time to unwind with a loved one, guests can choose from single or double treatment rooms and enjoy a sauna, steam deck, Vichy shower and cold-plunge pool. The serene surroundings of the Chimes Day Spa provide the perfect backdrop to the ultimate wellness journey.

**Bodhi Spa Group** has various locations across Perth, as well as within a luxury wellness retreat overlooking the tranquil waters of Gunyulgup lake in the Margaret River Region. The Spa offers a range of rejuvenating treatments including unique wellness therapies inspired by Aboriginal healing. Signature treatment, the Bodhi Kodo Massage is a sensory and calming experience which incorporates a flowing style of massage.

## SAUNAS BY THE SEA

**The Neighbourhood Sauna** has converted shipping containers into traditional dry Finnish infrared saunas, and placed them at some of Perth's best beaches. Located

at South Terrace and South Beach in Fremantle / Walyalup, Leighton Beach and Hillary's Boat Harbour, guests can book a session in these infrared saunas and enjoy the healing benefits while overlooking the ocean.

**Alchemy Saunas** offers luxe sauna experiences at iconic beach side locations at City Beach, Scarborough, and Fremantle plus other inner-city locations. Alchemy Saunas has given the ancient tradition of sauna bathing a modern twist, with its saunas focusing on luxurious comfort and high-quality modern amenities whilst still being accessible and affordable. Each Alchemy Sauna is crafted in Australia with Western Red Cedar wood, with an emphasis on environmental efficiency and durability, alongside luxury design.



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## CONTEMPORARY BATH HOUSES

Western Australia's wellness sphere has been strengthened with the arrival of **Merse Wellness Spa** in Perth, which invites guests to try the rejuvenating benefits of contrast therapy. It's home to Perth's largest hot magnesium pool and offers a variety of premium bathhouse services including cold plunge, salt room therapy, monsoon showers, steam room, infrared sauna and hot rock sauna.

**Ember Bathhouse** offers dreamy soak and steam experiences inspired by bathing rituals from around the world. Located in a converted warehouse space in Osborne Park, the bathhouse is the first of its kind in Perth. The relaxing space has recently expanded with a hammam, new onsen room, additional massage rooms and cosy lounge offering tea ceremonies. The new facilities enhance its existing offerings: Finnish sauna, cold spas and hot mineral baths, plus rainfall showers with Japanese-style onsen tools. There are also facials, ayurvedic massage and hammam ritual treatments on offer for a truly indulgent experience.

A sanctuary for mental and physical well-being, **Clear Mind Studio** is located in Inglewood and Fremantle. The unique urban retreat experience offers cold therapy ice baths, Finnish saunas, float therapy rooms, massage therapy and a Mediterranean-inspired indoor and outdoor relaxation lounge.

Newcomer to the wellness space, **Melt Saunas & Cold Plunge** is bringing the heat through its Sunday Sessions with a difference. The luxe sauna and cold plunge studio tucked away in Subiaco has launched 'Melt Sessions', giving early-risers the chance to start their Sundays with DJ sets and a sauna session. Melt Saunas is a serene and welcoming studio which offers a place to recharge and unlock all the benefits of 'contrast' hot and cold therapy, including improved circulation, stress reduction and boosted mental clarity.

In the South West, **Mend Margaret River** is a wellness hotspot offering an ice bath and hot plunge, dry and infrared sauna, and massage therapy, plus complimentary herbal tea, all within a serene and inviting space.

# ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia offers a wide range of accessible tours, experiences and accommodation designed to ensure everyone can explore with confidence and comfort.

From guided adventures to thoughtfully designed stays, discover a curated collection of accredited operators committed to inclusive and barrier-free travel.



## ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES

### VALLEY OF THE GIANTS TREE TOP WALK

Experience the natural world from a new perspective at the [Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk](#) in Walpole-Nornalup National Park. The Tree Top Walk is suitable for all abilities, with many parts of the attraction wheelchair accessible and stroller-friendly.

### MANDURAH CRUISES

[Mandurah Cruises](#) offers unique experiences in a beautiful place — just one hour from Perth.

The team is committed to accommodating accessibility requirements, with many tours operating on wheelchair accessible vessels.

### SWAN DIVE

[Swan Dive](#) is the leading Dive Centre destination in Dunsborough / Quedjinup and Busselton / Undalup, offering guided and unguided dive charters to the Ex-HMAS Swan dive wreck, local reef dives and the famous Busselton Jetty. It offers scuba training from beginner to advanced, including Disability Diving International programs, allowing modifications and providing extra safety to diver training.

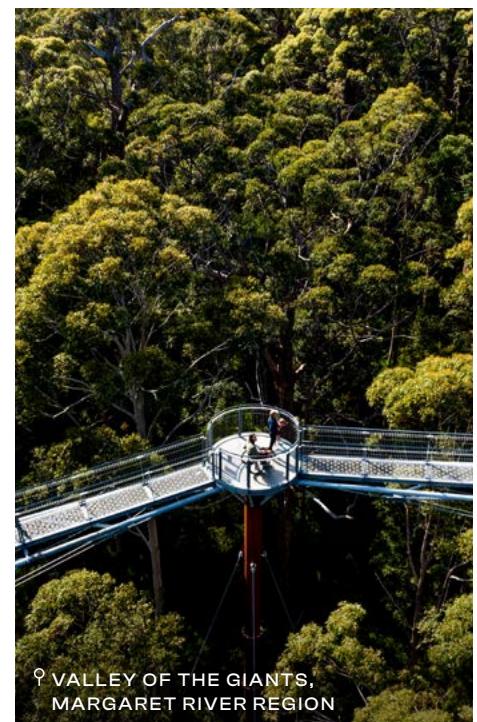
### PERTH ZOO

Only a short ferry ride from Perth's CBD, [Perth Zoo](#) welcomes visitors to explore more than 1,300 native and exotic animals. With an accessible playground,

audio experiences, hands-on activities, mobility-friendly facilities and an accessibility map, the zoo is designed for everyone to enjoy.

### WA MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP

Located in Perth's arts and culture hub, [WA Museum Boola Bardip](#) — meaning 'many stories' in the traditional Whadjuk Noongar language — offers a bold and immersive exploration of Western Australia's rich history and culture through state-of-the-art technology and interactive exhibits. The museum is highly accessible with visual supports, sensory maps, quiet times and spaces, ramped access, sensory backpacks and Auslan Interpretation on request.



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## CAPE TO CAPE EXPLORER TOURS

**Cape to Cape Explorer Tours** is an award-winning, Margaret River company that specialises in providing memorable experiences on Western Australia's premier coastal hiking trails, the Cape to Cape Track and Bibbulmun Track. The tours can be enjoyed by young and old alike, and cater to visitors needing assistance and accessible facilities. Tours can be customised with helpful modifications such as step-free sightseeing and photo stops, tour routes including accessible toilets, and multipaced tours.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK WA

**Off the Beaten Track WA** offers a Hike-Ability Program to provide hiking experiences across Western Australia. Hikes are led by compassionate guides who have completed specialised training, and trails are chosen to accommodate a range of physical and hidden disability needs, with some trails offering wheelchair access.

## THE GAP AND NATURAL BRIDGE

Lookouts at both the **Gap and Natural Bridge** provide outstanding views of the Southern Ocean and the coast from Bald Head to West Cape Howe in the Torndirrup National Park. Visitors to the Gap can venture onto an accessible viewing platform 40 metres above the surging seas in all but the worst weather conditions. The solid, accessible pathway and viewing area of the Natural Bridge provide a less confronting but still impressive window to one of Australia's most exposed coasts.



## KALBARRI SKYWALK

The **Kalbarri Skywalk / Kaju Yatka** offers breathtaking views of the Murchison River gorge and the spectacular surrounding landscape, via two cantilevered viewing platforms suspended 100 metres high above the gorge. Pathways are flat and level to the Skywalk, with accessible toilets and shelters providing easy access for people with prams and wheelchairs. The attraction also features undercover seating and a kiosk.

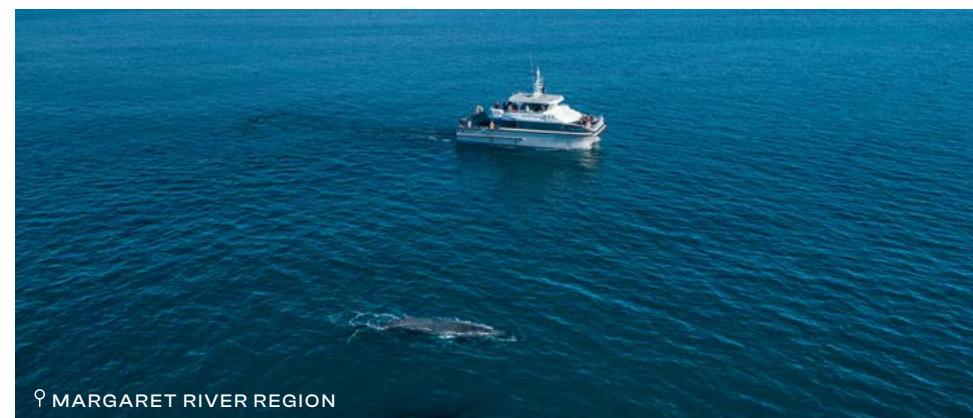
## BUSSELTON JETTY

**Busselton Jetty** is a must-see in the Margaret River Region. At 1.841 kilometres long, it's the longest timber-piled jetty in the southern hemisphere and the second longest in the world. This remarkable attraction can be enjoyed by visitors of all ages and caters to visitors needing assistance and accessible

facilities. The jetty train is wheelchair accessible, while the Underwater Observatory features a lift for accessibility and an Auslan Underwater Observatory tour video. The team can also customise train rides or Underwater Observatory experiences to suit a range of cognitive abilities.

## NINGALOO CORAL VIEWING TOUR

**Ningaloo Glass Bottom Boat** offers eco tours to discover the fire coral gardens, Green sea turtle habitats, coral reefs (bommies), and a kaleidoscope of colourful fish. Wheelchairs can be taken up to the boats, and each vessel includes secure wheelchair access. The 'Reef Viewer' tour is designed to accommodate travellers with accessibility needs, ensuring an inclusive experience for everyone, and guests embark via the front-loading area for seamless access. Once on the tour, visitors will spend an enriching hour marvelling at the coral of Ningaloo through large glass panels while enjoying insightful commentary from their knowledgeable crew.



## SUNSET WHALE WATCHING CRUISE IN EXMOUTH

**Ocean Eco Adventures** offers wheelchair-accessible whale watching tours each season. From August to October, visitors can spot Humpback Whales in the protected waters of Exmouth Gulf, resting and playing during their annual migration.

## WHALESHARK SWIM AND WONDER TOUR

**Ningaloo Whalesharks** offers award-winning whale shark encounters and the professional crew have experience helping visitors with a range of abilities and accessibility requirements to have a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

## ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION

From ocean-side safari tents to resort-style hotels, these accessible accommodation choices will help visitors dream well in the Dream State.

### PERTH CITY STAYS

The **Westin Perth** is a rejuvenating haven with luxury accommodations and world-class food, located in stunning Hibernian Place. **QT Perth** offers urban sophistication with a rooftop bar, and mediterranean restaurant, Santini Grill. Located near Perth's His Majesty's Theatre and the prestigious Murray Street and Raine Square shopping precincts, **InterContinental Perth City Centre** is another luxurious choice. Close to Scarborough beach, **Quest Innaloo** is within easy reach of transport, shopping, and eateries. Its varied accommodation options include studios, one and two-bedroom serviced apartments.

### NORTHERN ESCAPES

**Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef** is a sparkling gem in Western Australia's crown, where outback, reef and ranges meet. This eco-luxury camp is hidden away on the coast of Cape Range National Park, on the shores of Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu—a UNESCO World Heritage-listed destination.

For an authentic outback cattle station experience, opt for **Bullara Station Stay** which offers a variety of accommodation options including bell tents, safari huts and cottages. Famous for its stargazing, burger nights and natural surroundings, Bullara offers an unforgettable experience in the Coral Coast region.

In the Kimberley wilderness, **Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge** offers a refreshing pool, chef-prepared meals, and private cabins with ensuite bathroom.

Experience Broome's working pearl farm — the original Australian-owned and operated pearl farm spans four generations of the Brown Family over more than 75 years. **Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm** is committed to ensuring everyone can fully participate and enjoy their experience, catering to visitors needing assistance and accessible facilities.

### SOUTHERN SOJOURNS

The **Hilton Garden Inn Albany** is a five-storey, 108-room hotel overlooking the Albany / Kinjarling Waterfront Marina. The hotel provides breathtaking harbour views and enjoys easy access to the city's cultural attractions. **RAC Esperance Holiday Park** was redeveloped in December 2021 and further expanded in 2024 adding more accommodation options and facilities. The park offers accessible one and two bedroom villas, ensuring that everyone can participate and enjoy the beautiful holiday park.



# NEW PRODUCT



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRODUCT 2026

Read about WA's selection of new and revitalised accommodation, attractions, tours and food and wine products from the last 18 months.



## ACCOMMODATION

### ARAVINA ESCAPES (YALLINGUP, SOUTH WEST)

Renowned Margaret River Region winery **Aravina Estate** has unveiled 21 new eco accommodation offerings as part of its Aravina Escapes brand expansion. The contemporary cabins are set high on Wildwood Ridge and offer sweeping views of the property's spectacular lake and vineyards, enhanced by floor-to-ceiling windows. Cabins offer elegant fit outs and guests have a choice of one-bedroom, two-bedroom, accessible and honeymoon cabins. The honeymoon cabin features a striking red bathtub overlooking the vines — perfect for relaxing evenings. The cabins are located a short stroll from Aravina's varied offerings — its cellar door, restaurant and pizza bar, craft brewery, and WA's first official Surf Museum, which takes a deep dive into the state's surfing history, complete with surfboards, photographs and memorabilia. Aravina Estate is located in Yallingup, in the heart of WA's award-winning Margaret River Region.

### BERKELEY RIVER LODGE (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

Australia's most remote luxury lodge, **Berkeley River Lodge**, located in the Kimberley in WA's North West will relaunch on 1 May 2026 with new curated experiences for all-inclusive stays and refurbishments, including nature-inspired touches to interiors and furniture. Curated experiences include the Signature Kimberley Spa treatment with hot stone techniques and botanical oils; Morning Movement Sessions like

yoga, pilates and breathwork sessions; and the Barefoot Barbecue, a relaxed twilight dining experience. Located on pristine Balanggarra Country, Berkeley River Lodge comprises 15 adults-only villas, each equipped with a king-size bed, open-air ensuite with rain shower and freestanding tub, air conditioning and luxury bathroom amenities.

### BEST WESTERN CAMBRIDGE HOTEL KUNUNURRA (KUNUNURRA, NORTH WEST)

The **Best Western Cambridge Hotel Kununurra** located in the Kimberley town of Kununurra / Goonoonoorrang in WA's North West, is officially open and welcoming guests. The refurbished hotel features stylish rooms reflecting the colour palette of the surrounding landscapes; a swimming pool, ample parking and the newly opened The Cambridge Brasserie 47, an onsite restaurant and bar which honours the flavours and produce of the Kimberley. Located a few minutes from Kununurra Airport, the hotel is positioned within walking distance to local shops, restaurants and galleries.

### BOX HILL ESPERANCE (ESPERANCE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

A premium accommodation offering is now open in Esperance / Kepa Kurl, giving visitors an elegant, nature-inspired base from which to explore the region. **Box Hill Esperance** is situated 12 kilometres east of Esperance, and 30 kilometres from Cape Le Grand National

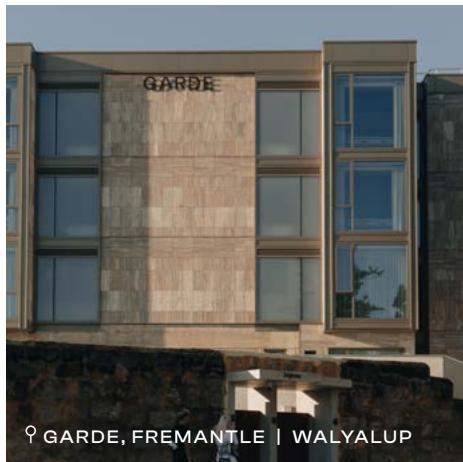


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Park, and comprises two stunning cabins which have been lovingly constructed using local materials including reclaimed jarrah beams. The cabin's centrepiece is an impressive stone fireplace which includes ancient, fossilised shells, dated up to 50 million years old. Both cabins also offer an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area, king-sized suite, stunning artworks, a luxurious rain shower and freestanding stone bathtub. Each detail has been thoughtfully considered; from the quality appliances (including coffee machine); to the peaceful colour scheme; to the outdoor fire pits which offer an enticing and cosy place for a wind down wine. The two cabins are open and welcoming guests, with a second stage on the horizon for 2027.

### CYGNET BAY PEARL FARM (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

**Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm** has added to its accommodation offering, with 12 new eco-friendly tents. Located on the Dampier Peninsula, 200 kilometres north of Broome / Rubibi, the site features five family tents each with one queen and one bunk bed accommodating up to four people, and seven single tents with queen beds. Each of the tents are fan-cooled and have private ensuites. The eco tents provide a relaxed and natural atmosphere for guests and are just a short walk from the pearl farm's main amenities, including the Homestead Restaurant, infinity pool and pearl gallery. The tents are easily accessible by 2WD vehicle.



## GARDE (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

The **Garde** hotel, one of Western Australia's most anticipated accommodation openings of 2025, is now officially welcoming guests. Located in Fremantle's / Walyalup's historic convict quarter, Garde comprises 83 new rooms and suites, a spa and wellness offering, and Anglesea, a luxurious ground floor restaurant serving a lively Japanese and Korean fusion menu. The newly opened rooms, combined with the existing Warders Cottages inventory, bring the total room count to 106, each of which carry a rich heritage and distinctly Fremantle aesthetic. The Warders Hotel recently rebranded to Garde, signalling the enduring connection between both properties and marking the new chapter.

## GOOD BOY GOES NORTH (JURIEN BAY, CORAL COAST)

Luxe yet pet-friendly holiday home **Good Boy Goes North** has opened in Jurien Bay, on WA's Coral Coast. Located 220 kilometres north of Perth, Good Boy is the result of an extensive and thoughtfully considered beach shack renovation. This adults-only accommodation welcomes sun-kissed, salty visitors to enjoy everything the region has to offer, including swimming with sea lions, dolphin spotting and boating. Located moments from the beach, the two-bedroom home was originally designed for Henry, a well-behaved labradoodle, but happily it's now available for all good boys and girls, and any accompanying furry friends. The home is the ultimate in casual beachside luxury living, with soft linen, king sized beds with plush bedding

and pillow menu, premium furniture, commissioned artwork, and quality appliances. For four-legged companions, a giant jar of dog biscuits, basket full of toys and bespoke outdoor shower await — for a truly pampered pooch experience.

## HEYSCAPE TINY CABINS (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

**Heyscape** is expanding its premium cabin experience in Denmark in WA's South West, adding 15 cabins to its existing offering at Raintree Farm, a regenerative 880-acre cattle farm, in a staged rollout over the coming months. The expansion includes three two-bedroom, eight one-bedroom and four family cabins (queen and bunk) with a choice of stunning ocean, karri forest or valley views. Select cabins will also offer a sauna and ice bath, further enhancing the wellness experience in the tranquil setting. In addition, complimentary e-bikes are now available to guests, providing access to Raintree's award-winning onsite restaurant and distillery The

Dam, as well as to popular cycling track the Munda Biddi Trail. The picturesque, sprawling property also includes local marron and truffle production, plus a cannabis botanical distillery, alongside the existing three Heyscape cabins.

## HYDE (PERTH CBD, PERTH)

The heart of Perth / Boorloo will welcome an exciting multi-level hotel development in March 2026. Located on Pier Street, this 121-room hotel will be **HYDE's** first ground-up, purpose-built hotel globally and promises to be a sophisticated, luxury hotel offering. Its hero will be FARRA — a Grecian-inspired dining, pool and terrace venue which combines Mediterranean influence with West Australian produce. At the core of the HYDE brand is music and a distinctly bohemian spirit, and this ethos will be reflected throughout HYDE's lively program of experiences. Local artists and musicians will helm the cultural program, while DJ residencies, live sets, poolside gatherings, and wellness sessions will deliver memorable guest



experiences.

## IBIS PERTH (PERTH CBD, PERTH)

The **Ibis Perth** hotel has revealed a fresh new look, with upgrades to its 192 rooms and bathrooms, alongside a revitalised lobby area. Rooms are airy and comfortable, with contemporary design features and soft lighting, and practical elements like work desks, coffee machines and clever storage. The onsite restaurant and bar, Chelsea Social, serves both buffet and a la carte breakfast, as well as pub classics and share platters. Located in the heart of the Perth CBD, Ibis Perth offers convenient access to both the Hay St and Murray Street shopping malls, Yagan Square, the Perth Cultural Centre and the vibrant Northbridge precinct.

## PRIVATE PROPERTIES (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

**Private Properties** has added several dreamy holiday stays to its collection in the Margaret River Region.

New to Yallingup, Cooinda, Ocean Views and Millbrook Farmhouse are available for short stays. Cooinda (the Dharawal word for 'happy place') is perched high on the Yallingup hill, offering spectacular ocean views, five bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a glistening plunge pool. Sleeping eight guests, Ocean View is a laidback retreat featuring an expansive balcony and barbecue, plus an outdoor shower. Millbrook Farmhouse is an elegantly appointed four-bedroom, three-bathroom homestead set in sprawling grounds, complete with a



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firepit and serene bushland views, minutes from the beach.

In Quindalup, near Dunsborough / Quedjinup, The Shore House is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home perfectly positioned along Geographe Bay. Offering direct, road-free beach access, the home has uninterrupted views, an expansive lawn and pergola, fully equipped kitchen, well-stocked bookshelves and an outdoor shower. Wedgetail is ideally located in the prestigious enclave of Eagle Bay, and features expansive ocean views, a sparkling swimming pool, tennis court, wood fireplace, four spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and expansive comfortable living area. Private Properties has been managing some of WA's most exclusive family-friendly holiday homes across the South West, Great Southern and Peel regions for more than 30 years.

The Roost, located in laid-back Prevelly, is a stylish home-away-from-home suited to couples and groups. It offers sweeping views over Prevelly and the Indian Ocean; and seamless indoor-outdoor living to the cantilevered deck and grassed grounds. Cleverly designed for year-round appeal, The Roost includes underfloor heating, a barbecue, sun loungers and outdoor shower.

The Artists' Retreat is a spacious, three-bedroom home accommodating up to six guests. It's located a short stroll from spectacular Eagle Bay in the Margaret River Region and boasts stunning ocean views, a wraparound veranda and private gardens.

## QUEST ON RHEOLA (WEST PERTH, PERTH)

Visitors to Perth / Boorloo can now experience the recently refurbished **Quest on Rheola** located in West Perth. Each of its spacious 20 one and two-bedroom hotel apartments have been revitalised, with a clean design and soft colour palette, contemporary furnishings, full-sized kitchen amenities and a new workspace area. The refurbishments complement Quest on Rheola's existing features which include private balconies, full kitchens, laundry facilities and access to onsite parking. Quest on Rheola is conveniently situated on the leafy fringe of the Perth CBD, ideally positioned near Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba, the Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan, and the vibrant Northbridge and Subiaco precincts.



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## RESIDENCE ON LANGLEY PARK (EAST PERTH, PERTH)

**Residence on Langley Park** took over the former Hyatt Regency Hotel in September 2024, offering a variety of accommodation options for short and long-term guests, plus a heated pool, fitness centre, resident lounge and meeting venues. Located in East Perth, Residence on Langley Park provides an urban sanctuary close to the CBD with both hospitality offerings and public spaces. Select rooms in the property now also include fully equipped kitchenettes, plush linen, workspaces and a washer/dryer, perfect for extended stays. In addition, guests can now enjoy expedited check-ins, daily buffet breakfasts, fresh lunch options, and a welcoming lobby bar. Residence on Langley Park offers a flexible mix of accommodation styles to suit a variety of travellers, from king and queen rooms, to studios, and one and two-bedroom apartments.

## STAY ROTTNEST (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Rottnest Island / Wadjemup has upgraded the South Thomson boardwalk, and refurbished 52 **Stay Rottnest** units at Longreach and Fay's Bay with new kitchens and bathrooms.

Exciting upgrades at the popular Stay Rottnest accommodation at Geordie Bay on Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup were completed in September 2024. Owned and operated by Rottnest Island Authority, the 51 units have been renovated with modernised kitchens and bathrooms, fresh bedrooms and living areas, new flooring and upgraded balconies and courtyard amenities.

## THE LODGE WADJEMUP (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

The refurbishment and expansion of Rottnest Island / Wadjemup hotel, **The Lodge Wadjemup** is now complete. The 46 stunning new-build rooms offer lake, pool or island views. The minimalist and practical rooms feature high ceilings, large living spaces and luxurious bathroom amenities, with some also featuring deep soaking baths. The rooms have an airy coastal feel, with sustainable materials, king beds, expansive glass sliding doors, cork flooring and light timber enhancing the barefoot luxury aesthetic. Poolhouse rooms offer seamless access to the 12-metre adult pool and five-metre kids pool, as well as to Sunsets Bar & Dining.

Meanwhile, the Stage One refurbished rooms opened in January 2025. The 63 refurbished rooms bring the total inventory to 109 rooms. In addition to the accommodation offering, The Lodge Wadjemup includes two hospitality venues — Mediterranean-inspired all day dining venue Sunsets Rottnest, and the Pelican Kiosk, plus the recently opened conference ground and events space. Earlier this year, The Lodge Wadjemup was included in TIME's esteemed '2025 World's Greatest List'. Curated annually, the World's Greatest List includes the most extraordinary places to visit and stay for the year ahead.



## THE TIMOTHÉE RESORT (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

The former Comfort Inn Busselton River Resort has been transformed into **The Timothée Resort** in a Mediterranean inspired makeover. With a bespoke design and retro charm that pays homage to the beloved retro motel era, it offers a getaway equal parts nostalgia and luxury. The Timothée Resort has 34 thoughtfully crafted rooms, featuring locally commission and designed artwork, recycled plastic homewares by Margaret River Precious Plastics, and complimentary drip coffee from Margaret River Roasting Co. It also offers an outdoor heated pool with all the retro charm, on-site restaurant, barbecue area at the river cottage and a tennis court.

## TREE CHALETS (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Grandis is the latest cabin from **Tree Chalets**, offering gorgeous farmland and tree-lined views from its secluded deck, alongside a freestanding cast iron tub, perfect for sunset unwinding. Inside, guests will find a serene bedroom with plush linen, spacious living area complete with log fireplace, and bathroom stocked with luxurious Leif products. Grandis is one of three premium cabins on a stunning property located just 15 minutes outside of Busselton / Undalup in the Margaret River Region. Offering a relaxing tree-stay, the property features walking trails and more than 1,000 towering Rosegum trees. Guests can elevate the luxury further with grazing boards and hampers on arrival.



## TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

### ADVENTURE CONNECTIONS (COLLIE, SOUTH WEST)

Collie based tour company **Adventure Connections** has welcomed a tours and hire hub in Wellington National Park. The hub offers adventure enthusiasts and nature lovers a range of guided tours on the picturesque Wambenger Trails, as well as equipment hire and mountain bike shuttle services into and around the park. The guided tours will include e-bike, hiking and kayak tours, with equipment hire for each also available. Adventure Connections also offers a Spring into Hiking Series, with guided hikes catering to all ages and interests.

### AERIAL ADVENTURE PEMBERTON (PEMBERTON, SOUTH WEST)

An aerial ropes adventure course has opened in the town of Pemberton in WA's South West. Located amongst the giant karri trees in Gloucester National Park, **Aerial Adventure Pemberton** is a multi-level treetop experience with high

ropes and an all-glide-line — including a 100-metre flying fox — reaching up to 25 metres in the trees. Catering to children from 4 years of age, it's the ultimate family friendly adventure.

### ALBANY TOURS (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

**Albany Tours** has launched a twilight hike experience to coincide with the breathtaking 'Lighting the Sound' event by Kari Kola, occurring over three magic weekends in Albany / Kinjarling in March 2026. Beginning in the late afternoon, the hike will depart from Whalers Cove and conclude at Uredale Point, for the most spectacular vantage point of this world-first, exclusive installation. Along the way, guests will marvel at the otherworldly surroundings of King George Sound, Princess Royal Harbour and Bramble Beach, before enjoying a gourmet bush food picnic and a warm beverage for the return journey. The expert, fully guided tour shares the stories of Menang elder, Uredale.

### BLACK LABEL CRUISES (SWAN RIVER, PERTH)

**Black Label Cruises** (formerly Perth Swan River Cruises) has started operating luxury dining and sightseeing experiences on Perth's Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan, onboard a luxurious 25-metre tri-level catamaran. Accommodating up to 240 guests, the cruises operate from November to April, departing from Barrack Street Jetty at Perth's Elizabeth Quay. Guests can enjoy a four-course a la carte menu on the three-hour Sunset Dinner Cruise, showcasing the city skyline, complemented by live commentary and entertainment. There's also a 2.5-hour cruise with a two-course a la carte lunch, and sunset or beach and swim cruises available.

### BLUE JUICE CHARTERS (CORAL COAST)

**Blue Juice Charters** has added a range of new and redeveloped tours to its marine adventures offering. Originally a fishing charter, a new luxury vessel Talasea offers a more comfortable experience for guests. Departing from Geraldton / Jambinu, explore the Abrolhos Islands with activities including catching crayfish, snorkelling the reef, witnessing the abundance of marine life and discovering the island's history and the Batavia shipwreck. Blue Juice Charters is now also offering a tour in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Setting sail from Monkey Mia and Denham, the tour takes in the region's coastal cliffs, the Gundrun Shipwreck, Monkey Mia Pearl Farm, Dirk Hartog Island / Wirruwana and the ancient stromatolites. Both charters take a maximum of 12 passengers across six cabins.

### BROOME AND AROUND (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Broome and Around has released another tour offering, showcasing some of the true gems of the Kimberley region. **The Treasures of Broome** is an all-inclusive afternoon tour that immerses guests in Aboriginal art at the Ngarlu Jarndu Aboriginal Women's Art and Resource Centre, then delves into Broome's / Rubibi rich pearl history with a pearl harvest and tasting in the historic Chinatown. Complementing the tour is a Vietnamese lunch at Mr Saigon, followed by a mystery cocktail and appetisers at the recently opened Broome Closet.



ALBANY TOURS  
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## BUSSELTON JETTY (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

The iconic Busselton Jetty / Undalup in the Margaret River Region has welcomed the family friendly **Marine Discovery Centre**. The 30-minute indoor, interactive experience gives visitors the opportunity to drive a virtual submarine, make their own fish habitat, hear the mesmerising calls of whales in the open ocean and more. The centre is in the Railway House Ballarat Room, helping visitors who don't have the time to take the 1.8 kilometre train journey to the end of the jetty, but want to discover what lies underneath the longest timber piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.



## CAPE NATURALISTE LIGHTHOUSE (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

The historic **Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse** in the Margaret River Region has welcomed the opening of the Lightkeepers' Museum — an interpretive centre housed in one of the lightkeepers' original cottages. The museum showcases the history of the lighthouse and region, including the Wadandi people's 60,000-year custodianship and the influence of weather and whaling which set the scene for enthralling stories of shipwrecks and lightning storms. The opening of the Lightkeepers' Museum is the final part of the Capes Foundation's five-year redevelopment project at Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse.

## CAPTAIN COOK CRUISES (PERTH, FREMANTLE & SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

**Captain Cook Cruises** has introduced two tour products to its offering of cruises and charters that connect Perth to the Swan Valley wine region and Fremantle / Walyalup via the Swan River / Derbal Yerrigan. The Swan Valley Wine Cruise allows guests to enjoy a WA wine tasting as they cruise along the river from Perth to the Swan Valley, arriving at Mandoon Estate for a wine and macaron pairing, and free time to explore the grounds. Captain Cook Cruises has also expanded its scenic offerings with packages that include access to the Fremantle Maritime Museum, high tea boxes, cheese boards, and additional activities for a full-day experience. Packages, such as the Maritime Explorer, Afternoon in Port, and Perth & Port, provide a comprehensive exploration of the Swan River and Perth's rich maritime history.



## CASTLE ROCK ESTATE (PORONGURUP, SOUTH WEST)

**Castle Rock Estate** winery in the Porongurup region has launched three wine experiences to complement its existing cellar door offering. The experiences are designed to offer visitors a deeper understanding of the Porongurup wine region. The wine flights are a bookable seated tasting at the cellar door, exploring either the riesling or pinot noir range. There's also a 60-minute 'behind-the-scenes' guided vineyard and winery tour, opening the winery and vineyard to visitors for the first time. The third experience is a private wine flight in the winery. Set within the winery barrel cellar, guests can enjoy a more in-depth and intimate wine tasting experience.

## CATALPA CHARTERS (ROCKINGHAM, PERTH)

**Catalpa Charters** is a new operator in Rockingham, an hour south of Perth, offering a variety of cruising options along the picturesque coastline. The three-hour 'Western Rock Lobster Catch and Keep Tour' allows guests to experience the thrill of the catch, while discovering more about this sustainably

caught delicacy, including how to identify and appreciate this WA seafood star. For a relaxing experience, guests can opt for the three-hour 'Sunset Cruise' to take in this region in gorgeous golden light. Those seeking a truly exclusive experience can also book a private charter.

## CORAL COAST HIKES AND TRAILS GUIDE (CORAL COAST REGION)

Australia's Coral Coast has unveiled a free downloadable **Hikes and Trails guide**, inviting nature-loving visitors to set off and explore this spectacular WA region, which stretches from Cervantes, to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park / Nyinggulu. The guide is divided into sub-regions, allowing visitors to browse trails with ease, with highlights including the Pinnacles Desert View Walk Trail, for otherworldly vistas of these iconic limestone formations; Mandu Mandu Gorge, a breathtaking advanced trail through Cape Range National Park; and Wanamalu Trail — a scenic walk offering outstanding Shark Bay views. Designed to cater to a range of hiking abilities, the guide offers inspiration, itinerary ideas and helpful trip-planning tips. Australia's Coral Coast offers a striking balance of rugged outback and

coastal beauty, with its many iconic locations including Pink Lake, Kalbarri National Park / Wurdimarlu, the Shark Bay World Heritage Area / Gathaagudu and Monkey Mia.

## CORAL EXPEDITIONS (NORTH WEST & SOUTH WEST)

**Coral Expeditions** has unveiled a series of short itineraries for 2026, including a six-night exploration of the Margaret River Region. The Western Australia tour includes visits to Busselton, Margaret River, Cape Naturaliste and Augusta, with the Coastal Adventures series designed to appeal to active guests seeking the freedom to explore. Guests will embark on immersive wildlife and nature experiences, opt in to food and wine trail tours, enjoy dark sky nocturnal experiences and self-guided walking and shopping experiences. Each cruise will start in style with a Sailaway Soiree event, and throughout each voyage, guests will enjoy delicious contemporary cuisine inspired by regional produce and wines. The WA itineraries will commence in October 2026.

Meanwhile, the small ship cruise line has unveiled its 2027 Kimberley season, with 47 departures scheduled across its purpose-built fleet, Coral Discoverer, Coral Adventurer, and Coral Geographer. The seasonal voyages, operating from March to September, will offer a variety of itineraries taking in some of the region's most outstanding natural attractions and otherworldly landscapes, including Garaan-ngaddim Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef and King George River. In 2027, Coral Expeditions will also offer 'A Lens on Nature: The Kimberley',

a partnership voyage with Australian Geographic Society. The seven-night voyages, across two departures will offer photographers, videographers and visual storytellers outstanding opportunities to capture the light and elements of the Kimberley wilderness.

## DWELLINGUP MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK (DWELLINGUP, MANDURAH REGION)

Dwellingup's growing reputation as a Trail Town has received a significant boost with the opening of Stage 2 of the **Dwellingup Mountain Bike Trail network**. With Stage 2 now complete, visitors to the region can now explore a world-class 68km trail. Just over an hour from Perth, Dwellingup is known for its towering forests, winding rivers and array of wildlife, providing the perfect surroundings for hiking, mountain biking, camping, and canoeing. Its varied natural attractions include Lane Poole Reserve, a section of the famous Bibbulmun Track and the picturesque Murray River.

## ECLIPSE EXPEDITIONS (NORTH WEST & SOUTH WEST)

**Eclipse Expeditions** is a boutique cruise charter bringing a new level of adventure to WA's North West and South West regions. Four fresh tours ranging from three to eight days in length are available to explore the Kimberley, Montebello Islands and the Margaret River Region. Eclipse Expeditions offers bespoke small group cruises available for exclusive charter. Guests will travel

in style onboard a brand-new vessel — a sailing catamaran equipped with four ensuite queen cabins, a main deck and a sun lounge.

## EXMOUTH ADVENTURE CO (EXMOUTH, AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST)

**Exmouth Adventure Co** has launched the 'Essence of Ningaloo', a three-day, two-night journey through Cape Range and the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu. Highlights include exploring Yardie Creek, snorkelling at Turquoise Bay and visiting cultural sites such as the Jurabi Turtle Centre. Evenings unfold at a comfortable base camp, complete with hearty meals, storytelling and stargazing.

## EXMOUTH BUS CHARTERS (EXMOUTH, AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST)

Visitors to Exmouth on WA's Coral Coast can now enjoy a scenic orientation in comfort, onboard the Cape Range Discovery Tour by **Exmouth Bus Charters**, which started twice-weekly tours in June. Designed to showcase the area's most iconic landscapes in one morning, the tour takes visitors to the dramatic canyons of Charles Knife Gorge, the iconic Flamingh Head Lighthouse, offers a glimpse of the SS Mildura shipwreck (tide-dependent), and a short drive through Exmouth town centre. Offering a relaxed touring experience, visitors will learn from a friendly local guide in air-conditioned comfort, enjoy light refreshments and bottled water, and benefit from the convenience of hotel pick-up and drop-off.

## GO WILD ADVENTURE TOURS (KUNUNURRA, NORTH WEST)

Go Wild Adventures has introduced **The Ultimate Ord River Experience** in the Kimberley. As the name suggests, guests can release their inner adventurer and go wild — swimming in sandy beaches, canoeing through red cliff gorges and luxury camping in remote campgrounds in the Kimberley. During the five-day tour, a private guide will take guests canoeing each day, with the option for afternoon hikes to secluded waterfalls.

## HARVEST TOURS (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Award-winning small group tour operator, **Harvest Tours** is now fully accredited for accessible travel. Harvest Tours offers food and wine discovery experiences throughout the Margaret River Region, and earlier in 2025 debuted a new wheelchair accessible transfer vehicle allowing even more visitors to enjoy the wonders of the South West. The spacious 11-seater, high-roof bus features a RYCON accessible lift, providing transportation of up to two wheelchairs plus nine additional seats. Harvest Tours offers departures from both Perth / Boorloo and Margaret River and its new accreditation reinforces its commitment to providing inclusive and empowering experiences for all visitors to the Dream State.

## HELISPIRIT (ESPERANCE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Award-winning aviation operator **Helispirit** has partnered with premium accommodation offering **Box Hill Esperance** to offer exclusive luxury experiences in the Esperance / Kepa Kurl region. Guests can now join a Helispirit tour direct from their doorstep at Box Hill and be whisked away on scenic flight before landing for a secluded beach swim or private picnic. Guests will marvel at aerial views of the Recherche Archipelago, Cape Le Grand and Cape Arid National Parks before landing at Woody Island, Hammer Head Beach, or Middle Island for a swim in crystal-clear turquoise waters and picnic on pure white sand shores. Box Hill Esperance is located 12 kilometres east of Esperance, and 30 kilometres from Cape Le Grand National Park / Mandoowernup.

## HIDDEN DE TOURS (ROCKINGHAM & PEEL REGIONS, PERTH)

Perth-based touring company **Hidden de Tours** has launched a tour exploring the breweries in the Rockingham and Peel regions. Taking place once a month on a Sunday, the five-hour tour includes visits to three brewpubs, with guided beer tastings, behind the scenes tour and lunch included. The breweries include FOUND.LAB in Byford, King Road Brewery in Oldbury, and The Brewship in Yangebup. The team has also announced a new twilight tour to harness the growing interest in dark sky tourism. The Rockingham Sunset and Stargazing Tour blends science and storytelling with the magic of the night sky, led by an expert astro guide. Taking

place along the beautiful Rockingham coastline, located just 45 minutes south of Perth city, the tour will allow visitors to view the moon's craters and features, explore constellations and zodiac signs, and view planets using a telescope and laser pointers. The tour utilises silent disco technology and also includes a Q&A session for enhanced learning.

## KANGAROO SAFARI AT THE VINES RESORT (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

The **Kangaroo Safari** experience is now available at The Vines Resort in the Swan Valley wine region. The tour offers guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the region while getting up close and personal with the iconic Australian kangaroos. Tours begin during dusk aboard motorised buggies, venturing through the resort's picturesque golf course to spot the native marsupials. There's also an option to add on food and beverage packages to the tour, as well as mini golf at the resort.



## KARIJINI ECO RETREAT (KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK, NORTH WEST)

**Karijini Eco Retreat** located in Karijini National Park in the Pilbara region has three guided tours to complement its accommodation offering. The Colours of Karijini is a sunset or sunrise walk, taking guests to the top of Joffre Gorge / Jijngunha for spectacular views and refreshments. The Joffre Explorer journeys to the bottom of the gorge to experience its waterfall and discover the geological history. For a hike with a difference, take the Night Sky Tour in an area far from any light pollution, where a guide will talk about the stories of the stars, and visitors can get a closer look at the constellations through a telescope.

## KIMBERLEY OUTBACK TOURS (CORAL COAST)

**Kimberley Outback Tours** has launched a 13-day Perth to Exmouth tour. Drive along WA's Coral Coast in a luxury four-wheel-drive coach to see the enchanting Pink Lake at Hutt Lagoon, wild dolphins at Monkey Mia, stargazing on the Kalbarri

Skywalk / Kaju Yatka and the wonders of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu — home to the gentle whale shark. Catering to a maximum of 18 guests, the tour includes a variety of accommodation, all meals and activities.

## KIMBERLEY SPIRIT TOURS (NORTH WEST)

Kimberley Spirit Tours has unveiled its latest offering — remote cruising in the Kimberley aboard its luxury houseboat, **Nyawoorn**. Meaning 'large gathering of people' in Kija, a language of one of the region's Traditional Custodian groups, the Nyawoorn is comfortably equipped to sleep six passengers for the ultimate Kimberley experience. Guests can opt for private hosted journeys, meandering along the river from Kununurra to Lake Argyle; book a fully catered event; or hire out the boat as a 'floatel', and enjoy a memorable overnight stay beneath a dazzling Kimberley sky. All tours and stays include gourmet cuisine, plus the use of additional boats and kayaks for exploring the abundance of wetlands, creeks and waterfalls in the region.



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## LAURA THE EXPLORER (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Embark on a cycling adventure around Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup on a guided tour with [Laura the Explorer](#). Catering to all ages, the moderately paced guided tours uncover the island's natural beauty, rich history, wildlife and local culture. The full-day tour covers 10 kilometres of the island, and includes return ferry tickets, bike hire and lunch with stunning island views as part of an all-inclusive package. The tour also includes the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and meet the friendly local quokkas.

## LAVENDER ESTATE (YANCHEP, PERTH)

[Lavender Estate](#) has officially opened its gates in Perth northern suburbs beside Yanchep National Park, enticing visitors to experience the wonders of the lavender flower. Encompassing a working lavender farm and distillery, licensed cafe offering picnic-style dining,

shaded playground and lawn area, the sprawling estate offers a relaxed family day out. Those seeking a more in-depth understanding of the farm can book a Devonshire tea and distillery tour, which includes a freshly baked lavender scone with lavender tea, 25-minute farm talk and time to browse the gift shop. From December to February the fields are in full bloom, promising the perfect photo opportunity, especially when showcased alongside the estate's signature lavender ice creams.

## LETHAL ADVENTURES (KARRATHA, NORTH WEST)

Explore the stunning Dampier Archipelago by jet ski on a tour with [Lethal Adventures](#). Helmed by experienced skipper and passionate local Leith Rowe, set out on an adventure to explore the gems of WA's Pilbara region from an ocean vantage. The half-day Archipelago Explorer Tour cruises along the islands including Angel, Rosemary and Malis islands, encountering sea turtles, dugongs, seabirds, and seasonal humpback whales along the way. Enjoy the sheltered waters of the Hampton Harbour with the 1.5-hour cruise exploring Sam's Island, the port and salt export facilities, and the locally famous Pirate Cove. The tours utilise jet skis that are designed for long-distance voyages, providing agility and stability and enabling a safe and comfortable journey.

The team has also launched an eco-cruise offering allowing visitors an unforgettable wildlife experiences in the Dampier Archipelago. Onboard a purpose-built Gemini 880 vessel, visitors will enjoy seasonal close encounters with humpback whales, dolphins, sea

turtles, rays and seabirds, guided by experienced eco-hosts. The tours will emphasise sustainability and safety, allowing visitors to explore in comfort, at a relaxed pace.

## MACKEREL ISLANDS (PILBARA REGION, NORTH WEST)

Experience an exclusive island escape on the [Mackerel Islands](#) in the Pilbara on a three-day tour departing from Exmouth. The 2 Night Reef to Retreat Flight Package begins with a scenic flight directly over the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu, spotting gentle whale sharks and majestic manta rays. After landing on the Mackerel Islands, spend the day on either a kayak, SUP or snorkeling through crystal waters with a personal island guide. Guests can then relax in their beachfront cabin before enjoying a dinner under the stars.

## MANDURAH CRUISES (MANDURAH, PERTH)

[Mandurah Cruises](#) is now operating a year-round sightseeing cruise to experience the Thomas Dambo's Giants of Mandurah exhibition. With some of the 5-metre sculptures deliberately designed to be best seen from the water, the cruise allows visitors to see the giant from aboard a boat. Spend a morning lounging on a Super Cat vessel as it cruises through Mandjar Bay, spotting resident dolphins in the Dawesville Ocean channel and feasting on fresh fish and chips for lunch.

## MARGARET RIVER CHOCOLATE CO (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH AND MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Junior chocolate lovers rejoice; The [Margaret River Chocolate Co](#) is now offering 'Chocolate Making Classes' for budding chocolatiers. These fun, hands-on classes are available at both the Swan Valley and Metricup (Margaret River Region) venues. Suitable for children aged six and above (with adults also welcome) the one-hour sessions allow little chefs to make their own chocolate masterpieces, including a personalised Giant Freckle to take home (or eat straight after class!) Meanwhile, observers can enjoy seeing the creations come to life via the showroom viewing window.



♀ MARGARET RIVER CHOCOLATE COMPANY, MARGARET RIVER REGION

## MARGARET RIVER TRUFFLE FARM (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

**Margaret River Truffle Farm** in the renowned Margaret River Region expanded its tour offerings for the 2025 season. Growing truffles for a number of years, the family owned and operated farm started operating truffle hunting experiences for the 2024 winter season, in a first for the region. The 2025 season — which ran from June to August — saw the launch of the new Dig Deep — Truffle Hunt Experience, which comprises joining the farm's friendly truffle dogs to hunt for truffles, digging them up and discovering how they are produced. After the excitement of finding truffles, guests can then sample the extensive truffle farm product range in the shop. There's also the option to extend the experience with the Dig Deep & Eat — The Full Experience tour which includes the addition of a four small course lunch topped with truffle and a menu showcasing regionally sourced ingredients.

## MATTERS OF TASTE (PILBARA, NORTH WEST)

Foodies seeking a taste of the Pilbara will be thrilled to join the new five-day tour from **Matters of Taste**, taking intrepid travellers into the heart of the outback, for an immersive experience on working cattle stations. The exclusive and limited tour took place during August and is scheduled for August 2026, giving guests the unique opportunity to see the annual muster in action. At Yarrie Station, guests will experience the thrill and pace of the muster, gather for fireside meals and stories under the stars. Then, on Pardoo

Station, guests will learn about the Wagyu operation and irrigation system, before later indulging in a three-course Wagyu feast. Staying in a mix of swag tents and ensuite cabins, the tour will include expert guides, all transport, and incredible dining experiences.



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## NEW LEAF CONNECT

Overnighting in an outback homestead, and a scenic flight above the Abrolhos Islands are just two of the experiences on offer from **New Leaf Connect's** new tours — Coral Coast Explorer, and Station Stays. The Coral Coast Explorer is a one-night, two-day itinerary which includes an Abrolhos islands snorkel and scenic flight, a pink lake experience and an expedition into the breathtaking gorges of Kalbarri. The itinerary is an ideal option for visitors short on time seeking maximum sightseeing opportunities. Meanwhile, the Station Stays experiences offer a variety of options and departure points for intrepid travellers seeking authentic outback experiences. Guests will have the opportunity to stay on real working stations, dine fireside beneath the stars, and enjoy stargazing in pristine skies.

## NINGALOO STARS (EXMOUTH, CORAL COAST)

Exmouth is continuing to garner acclaim as a dark sky tourism hotspot, thanks to its pristine natural environment and exceptional stargazing conditions. **Ningaloo Stars** is a new stargazing experience, inviting visitors to witness the region's celestial wonders against the backdrop of Cape Range National Park and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ningaloo region. Led by owner operator Paul Woods and his team of expert guides, each Ningaloo Stars tour offers an inclusive and accessible experience, catering to all ages, with a focus on sensitive and sustainable astro-tourism. Tour highlights include Milky Way and Southern Cross sightings, along with otherworldly planets and spectacular constellations.

## OCEAN ECO ADVENTURES

**Ocean Eco Adventures** has launched Australia's first electric sea-going charter vessel to take visitors on scenic and sustainable tours of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu. The new vessel, Wirraji (Baiyungu for Storm Bird), offers a whisper-quiet, small group touring experience, and a peaceful and low impact way to discover this pristine environment. Offering a luxurious chartering experience, professional crew and snorkelling equipment, Wirraji will be the perfect vessel for manta ray swimming and snorkelling tours.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK (PERTH HILLS)

**Off the Beaten Track's** new Kaarakin Wildlife Experience invites visitors to experience the beauty of Banyowla Regional Park, located on the outskirts of Perth, while learning about WA's iconic red-tailed and white-tailed black cockatoos. The full day tour starts with a guided behind-the-scenes experience at the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre, where guests meet cockatoos, kangaroos, emus and dingoes, and a unique encounter in Jack's Interactive Aviary — a fantastic photo opportunity. Next, guests set off on a 3km hike at a relaxed pace through stunning natural bushland, before enjoying a nutritious morning tea with Perth city skyline views. Each tour ticket also includes a donation to directly support the Kaarakin centre.

The award-winning operator has launched a further two experiences in the Perth Hills. 'Twilight Tunnels & Haunted Horizons' is a spooky 10 km hike through John Forrest National Park,



past waterfalls, glowing lookouts and a walk through Perth's oldest (and some may say 'most haunted') Swan View Tunnel. Afterwards, hikers indulge in gourmet grazing, herbal tea, and stories under the stars. For a nature experience that's more soulful, less spooky, guests can try the 'Vibrations in Nature' hike. This gentle four kilometre sunset hike along the Bibbulmun Track concludes with a one-hour outdoor sound bath on the summit of Mt Vincent. Guests will enjoy a deeply restorative session hosted by Parnita's Yoga — with gongs, singing bowls and chimes creating a grounding experience. The evening concludes with antipasto grazing, herbal tea, and a peaceful twilight walk.

#### OH HEY WA (PERTH LOCATIONS PERTH)

Perth-based walking tour company **Oh Hey WA** has expanded its tours in Perth's CBD and Northbridge, blending historical insights with vibrant storytelling led by passionate local guides. The Perth City Highlights Tour offers a comprehensive introduction to the city in just 90 minutes, visiting iconic landmarks and

discovering the unique history and culture. For art enthusiasts, there's a new Perth Art, Arcades and Laneways Tour — a 90-minute tour that dives into the city's thriving art scene, exploring vibrant laneways, hidden arcades and stunning murals. In Northbridge, the Northbridge History, Culture and Crime Tour uncovers the intriguing stories and multicultural history that has shaped the area.

Art loving visitors will relish the chance to join Oh Hey! WA's new Canning Bridge Art Tour. Supported by the City of Melville, the new tour takes in the incredible public art works of this iconic riverside precinct, which is located in the city's south, and shares the behind-the-scenes stories, and the 'why' behind these remarkable murals. A variety of tour options are on offer including a kids art hunt, low-sensory children's option, and a Seniors Saunter at a leisurely pace. For a truly relaxed afternoon, the Sundowner Art & Bar Walk takes visitors on a meandering stroll between the art works and local hotspots Clancy's Fish Bar, Parley Wine Bar, The Raffles and The Rowing Pavilion for included drinks and snacks.

Oh Hey WA's special Subiaco tour series is on now until May 2026, inviting visitors to discover more about its iconic high street, impressive street art and lively events calendar. Highlights of the series include the 'Walk to UnWined' tour, which leads visitors to the Unwined Subiaco food and wine festival; the 'Murals, Music and Markets' tours, which conclude at the Subi Night Markets and the 'Festive Sundowner' tours to be held across November and December. Founded in 2014 by Chief Perth Enthusiast Adie Chapman, Oh Hey WA hosts walking tours around Perth which encourage visitors to discover the culture, stories and history of Perth.

#### PEDAL AND PINT TRAIL (PERTH HILLS, PERTH)

Cycle through the Perth Hills on a **Pedal and Pint Trail**, taking in the area's stunning scenery with the rich history of its pubs and taverns along the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail. Stretching over 59 kilometres, the cycle trail weaves through lush forests, historic towns, and a disused railway tunnel, offering a unique two-wheeled journey through nature and charm. Explore the whole trail in a day, or sections at a time, and stop in at the historic pubs and hotels, such as the Parkerville Tavern or the Mundaring Hotel. The trail also connects Mount Helena Tavern, Chidlow Tavern, and Sawyers Valley Tavern, with several quaint accommodation options also in the region.



## PEMBERTON DISCOVERY TOURS (PEMBERTON, SOUTH WEST)

Visitors to the Southern Forests region can discover more about the region's incredible produce on a new tour by **Pemberton Discovery Tours**. '**Beyond the Farm Gate**' takes food-loving visitors behind the scenes, with three exclusive stops to showcase the best produce of the season. Growers may include avocado orchards, apple or potato farms, strawberry fields or beef of poultry farms. Visitors will also sample top drops from local wineries, cideries or distilleries.

## PILBARA DIVE AND TOURS (DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO, PILBARA)

**Pilbara Dive and Tours** has welcomed its new tour vessel *Sailfish* and expanded its marine and leisure tours in the spectacular Dampier Archipelago, within WA's Pilbara region. Guests can opt from a variety of small-group tours aboard *Sailfish* including a snorkelling and sightseeing tour, marine wildlife and sunset cruise, and the 'ultimate dive tour'; a scuba diving tour for certified divers. The Dampier Archipelago forms part of the Murujuga Cultural Landscape, which was recently inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The breathtaking area comprises more than 40 pristine islands and boasts an array of marine life, including biodiverse coral reefs.



PILBARA DIVE AND TOURS  
♀ THE PILBARA

## PROUDBACK (NINGALOO, CORAL COAST)

Off-road touring company **Proudback** has expanded its Adventurer and Explorer tours. The 11-night Adventurer tour takes intrepid travellers from Perth to the Ningaloo Reef / Nyinggulu, while the Explorer is a 12-night expedition from Perth to Australia's Coral Coast, visiting Shark Bay and across to Dirk Hartog Island / Wirruwana. Both tours will now include the Kennedy Range National Park loop track to offer visitors the ultimate red outback experience, and the chance to traverse through this spectacular and otherworldly plateau. Proudback leads adventure-seekers on four-wheel-drive tours with training provided prior to departure. Each tour includes catering and comfortable swags for an unforgettable 'sleeping beneath the stars' experience.

## QUOKKA ADVENTURE TOURS

**Quokka Adventure Tours** has launched a new experience, inviting visitors to journey to the Dryandra Woodlands for a memorable evening adventure, blending astrotourism, nature and wellness. Located in the Wheatbelt, the woodland is a spectacular conservation area and biodiversity hotspot, home to numbats, bilbies, echidnas, brush-tailed wallabies, woylies, quendas, and chuditch. Upon arrival in the woodlands, guests enjoy a short bush walk, before sitting down for a delicious sunset picnic dinner in the forest. Guests then embark on a guided night tour at the Barna Mia wildlife sanctuary, before the night concludes with a memorable sound healing session beneath the Milky Way.

Quokka Adventure Tours has also recently launched its 'Beaches of Perth Sunset Picnic and City Lights Tour'. Starting in the Perth CBD, the tour takes a scenic drive through several riverside suburbs, stopping briefly for a riverside stroll, before arriving at the iconic Cottesloe Beach. Here guests can opt for an afternoon dip, before heading north along the coastline to City Beach and Scarborough. As the sun sets, guest will enjoy a light supper accompanied by a glass of Margaret River wine. The return journey to Perth includes a scenic dessert stop at Kings Park and Botanic Garden / Kaarta Koomba to appreciate the Perth city lights, and finally, the chance to view Optus Stadium and Matagarup Bridge illuminated at night.

## QWACKS FARM (METRICUP, SOUTH WEST)

After the viral social media popularity of its Cow Cuddling Sessions in early 2025, **Qwacks Farm** has further developed its infrastructure to cater for even more animal-loving visitors. Located in Metricup, in WA's South West, Qwacks Farm is home to a delightful array of farmyard friends, including pigs, sheep, cows, goats, chickens and farm favourites — the miniature cows. Book a full farmyard tour to discover the property in depth, feed the pigs and chickens, visit the spray-free market garden and meet the friendly cows. Or, make a booking to snuggle up to one of the adorable miniature cows in a Cow Cuddling Session. Qwacks Farm is a sprawling 75-acre property featuring five ponds, a winter creek, and stunning native bushland.



## ROTTNEST ISLAND EXPERIENCES (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Aboriginal cultural experiences, outdoor activities and upgrades at Rottnest

**Rottnest Island** / Wadjemup is introducing a mix of experiences for the 2025-26 summer, with a focus on Aboriginal culture and outdoor recreation. Dooga Waalitj Healing will offer art workshops, cultural walks, smoking ceremonies and language classes, while Koorda's Crew provides immersive Aboriginal cultural activities for children. Outdoor fun includes pickleball at the redesigned Bathurst tennis courts, with Rotto Rackets Sports, beach equipment from Rotto Rentals and guided island tours with Rotto

Rickshaws. The island has also upgraded the South Thomson boardwalk, and refurbished 52 Stay Rottnest units at Longreach and Fay's Bay with new kitchens and bathrooms.

## ROTTNEST FAST FERRIES (HILLARYS, PERTH)

Western Australian-owned and operated ferry company **Rottnest Fast Ferries** recently launched its new ferry, adding to its existing fleet. Ocean Master is a brand new cutting-edge 32-metre catamaran, designed by Australian firm Incat Crowther and constructed by Austal Australasia. As the first purpose-built vessel for Rottnest since 1999, the new catamaran features a capacity for up to 400 passengers and five crew seated over three decks. With Rottnest Fast Ferries departing from Hillarys Boat Harbour in Perth's northern coastal suburbs, the Ocean Master promises to be both a swift and comfortable 40-minute journey to Perth's iconic Rottnest Island / Wadjemup.

## SEA WEST (ROTTNEST ISLAND AND MANDURAH, PERTH REGION)

Perth / Boorloo's enviable summer is set to get even better with the announcement of **Sea West's** new 'Sunset and Seafood' Cruise. Taking guests on a leisurely cruise around Mandurah / Mandjoogoordap, the 2.5 hour experience include a decadent five-course seafood feast expertly prepared on-board by a private chef. The tour offers a luxurious, yet relaxed way to experience WA's famous sunsets and seafood, while also discovering the stunning beaches and

waterways of Mandurah. Meanwhile, renowned Executive Chef Tony Howell has revealed a new-look menu for Sea West's 'Luxe Island Seafood Cruise' at Rottnest Island / Wadjemup. Guests will take a culinary tour of WA's produce across seven-courses, with Shark Bay prawns, Abrolhos Island scallops and Cone Bay Barramundi key highlights. On both tours, guests enjoy matching wines from Howard Park Wines — an award-winning winery located in the Margaret River Region.

## SEGWAY TOURS WA (ROTTNEST ISLAND AND PERTH)

Segway Tours WA has launched a new 2.5 tour taking in the inner-city sights of Perth / Boorloo. Visitors will join an experienced tour guide to experience the highlights of Kings Park and Botanic Garden, stop at the iconic Blue Boatshed, cruise beside the Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan and past the Old Swan Brewery and explore the Elizabeth Quay and Bell Tower precinct. Offering a relaxed-pace experience, the tour includes ample time for photos, plus an all-important coffee stop in Kings Park. Segway Tours WA leads small group tours, with segway training, helmets and over-ear radios provided.

## SCENIC HELICOPTERS (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

**Scenic Helicopters** has taken flight in Albany / Kinjarling, offering aerial adventures across the picturesque landscapes of the Great Southern region. Launching from Albany Town Jetty, visitors can indulge in a 20-minute

scenic flight, taking in stunning views of the coast, rolling countryside, and iconic landmarks such as Vancouver Peninsula, Misery Beach, Albany Wind Farm, the Blowholes, and the Gap. Visitors can also elevate their Great Southern experience with packages that combine a Spa Day at Chimes Spa Retreat, a leisurely lunch at the renowned The Dam, or an immersive Great Southern Winery tour with a Scenic Helicopter ride.





THE HIKE COLLECTIVE  
PERTH ZOO, PERTH | BOORLOO

## THE HIKE COLLECTIVE (PERTH ZOO, PERTH)

Perth-based hiking tour company **The Hike Collective** has launched an exclusive experience at Perth Zoo. Guests can step into a sanctuary of calm before the gates to the zoo open to the public. The two-hour exclusive tour begins with a gentle walk through the rainforest, followed by a 45-minute beginner-friendly yoga session in the calming zoo setting. The journey then continues with a walk through the African savannah and Australian bushland, meeting some of the much-loved locals — from lions and meerkats to pandas, and koalas. The experience finishes with a refreshing cold-pressed juice as you soak in the wonders of the wild.

## THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TRACTOR SCULPTURE (CARNAMAH, CORAL COAST)

The **world's biggest tractor sculpture** has been unveiled in the WA Wheatbelt town of Carnamah. The Big Tractor stands at an impressive 11.5 metres high and 16 metres long — a five-times replica of the Chamberlain 40K, the first tractor manufactured in WA in 1949. The Chamberlain tractors played a significant role in the development of WA's agricultural regions after the Second World War. This photographic attraction for visitors to the town (particular during the region's spectacular wildflower season that runs from July to October) also helps to preserve the history of WA's farming machines and the people who drove them.

## THE BIKE KIOSK (MANDURAH, PERTH)

An e-bike tour with a charismatic difference has launched in the coastal city of Mandurah / Mandjoogoordap. **The Bike Kiosk's** 'Magical Mandurah with the Minister' tour is led by former WA Minister for Culture and the Arts, David Templeman — known as the 'singing minister'. During 90 hilarious minutes, guests will take in Mandurah highlights including the foreshore, city centre and Giants of Mandurah sculptures, while discovering more about the region's rich history. The tour promises multiple costume changes, lively storytelling, and spontaneous street theatre, followed by a delicious seafood feast at Cicerello's seafood restaurant. Some of the proceeds from this tour are donated to the Mandurah Historical Society.

## TREK NINGALOO (EXMOUTH, CORAL COAST)

**Trek Ningaloo** has introduced the 'Ningaloo Private Wilderness Charter' — a full-day, tailor-made adventure shaped around guests' interests and fitness levels. Led by founder and wilderness guide Ian Vickers, the experience takes in dramatic limestone gorges, scenic ridge walks, secluded beaches and the striking coastline of Cape Range National Park.

## ULTIMATE WATERSPORTS (HILLARYS, PERTH)

The adventurous crew behind WA's **Ultimate Watersports** has zoomed into Hillarys Boat Harbour. Offering jet ski hire, guided jet ski tours, fishing jet skis, paddleboarding, kayaking; Flyboard X, an exhilarating hydroflight; and the Waydoo Flyer E-Foil, an electric foil board; the Hillarys location is fully equipped for a thrilling or leisurely day out on the water. Ultimate Watersports Hillarys Boat Harbour is a welcome addition to the existing locations in Broome / Rubibi, Exmouth, Geraldton and Perth / Boorloo.

## VENTUR ATLAS (THE KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

**Ventur Atlas** is a new WA-based touring company providing premium and immersive land, air and sea adventures in the Kimberley region. Offering one to six-day explorations of one of the last true wilderness areas, the tours provide exclusive access to iconic landmarks such as the Horizontal Falls / Garaan-ngaddim, Bell Gorge / Dalmanyi, Windjana Gorge / Bandilgan, Tunnel Creek / Dimalurru, Twin Flame Falls in the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges, Cygnet

Bay Pearl Farm and Mount Hart Station. The all-inclusive tour packages all meals (including three-course dinners), high-end eco-tent accommodation and an itinerary of adventures including extensive helicopter and seaplane travel, luxury 4WD coach tours and boating adventures.

## WILLIE CREEK PEARL FARM ADVENTURE GETAWAY (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Broome's **Willie Creek Pearls** has released multi-day adventure getaway experiences. Partnering with Kimberley Getaway, there are two action-filled packages to explore the best parts of Willie Creek Pearl Farm. Guests will stay onboard luxury floating accommodation, 'The Barra Shack' — a spacious three-level custom built houseboat featuring a large entertainment area and stunning panoramic views accommodating up to 12 guests. A three-day adventure getaway, or a five-day group adventure getaway for private group bookings of six to 12 guests is available now. Both experiences include a tour of the Willie Creek Pearl Farm, and the option to choose from a range of action-packed activities including fishing, mud crabbing, and a wildlife cruise onboard a private catamaran.

Meanwhile, the team has unveiled its latest gem, the Mimi Pearl, a solar-electric, eco-friendly tour vessel. A West Australian first, the vessel is an exciting initiative in the sustainable tourism space and will cater for 46 guests, increasing Willie Creek's touring capacity. The Mimi Pearl operates almost silently, and the vessel also offers a mobility friendly ramp for accessibility, a covered roof

providing shade, and wifi connectivity. The vessel has been lovingly named after Willie Creek's matriarch Valda Banfield — affectionately known as 'Mimi' by her family (meaning Grandmother in the traditional Aboriginal language). The new vessel is now in operation, and will enhance visitor experiences of Willie Creek Pearl Farm tours, which take visitors behind-the-scenes of sustainably farming the revered Australian South Sea pearl. Willie Creek Pearl Farm is located 38 kilometres from Broome / Rubibi and can be reached by four-wheel-drive vehicles, coach or scenic helicopter transfer.

## WILLIE PEARL LUGGER CRUISES (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Set sail on a cruise along Rottnest Island's coastline aboard one of Australia's last operating pearl luggers. **Willie Pearl Lugger Cruises** is sailing from Broome to offer Rottnest Island Day Sails from December 2025 until March 2026. Guests will discover what it was like to sail a traditional pearl lugger that operated along the Kimberley coast from the late 1800s to the early 1970s. After the sail, the boat will anchor in one of the island's idyllic bays for a swim and light lunch. Tours depart Thursday to Monday, with private charters also available accommodating up to 30 guests.

## WILLOW WOOD GLAMPING RETREAT (AMBERGATE, SOUTH WEST)

**Willow Wood Glamping Retreat** in the Margaret River Region has launched an adorable new Cattle Experience allowing

visitors to meet the property's resident highland cows and calves. Open to guests and the public, visitors can book the one-hour experience guests to hand-feed the herd, brush their coats and learn about their care and unique personalities. With plenty of opportunities for in-paddock photos and close-up moments, it offers a memorable experience for visitors aged two and above. Willow Wood Glamping Retreat is nestled on a picturesque 100-acre farm in Ambergate, located within WA's South West.

## WOW WILDERNESS ECOADVENTURES

**WOW Wilderness EcoAdventures** has launched a commercial Australian first — bike-rafting tours through the spectacular Walpole region in WA's South West. A combination of guided hiking, mountain biking and packrafting, there are a variety of single and multi-day tour options available, perfect for nature lovers seeking a low-impact, unique experience in one of Australia's most biodiverse environments. Each tour is guided by environmental educator Emma Bennett, offering guests an enriching and immersive experience where they can learn about the region's incredible flora and wildlife. Tours depart from the spectacular Valley of the Giants, are fully guided and include all equipment, so guests simply need to bring an adventurous spirit. The new tour offerings signify the next chapter of WOW Wilderness, a renowned operator known for leading visitors on EcoCruises on the Walpole-Nornalup Inlets Marine Park.

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## FOOD & DRINK

### AH UM (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

Perth listening bar Astral Weeks has welcomed the opening of a restaurant. **Ah Um** is an intimate offering tucked behind Astral Weeks, with only 25 seats, and offering a curated modern-European share-style menu. The restaurant has the same focus on sound, with the dining soundtracks being chosen from mixes uploaded to AW Radio — Astral Weeks' recently launched online streaming platform.

### AZABU BY KAMPAI (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

A premium Japanese dining experience has opened its doors in Perth's cultural hub of Northbridge. **Azabu by Kampai** focuses on showcasing premium A5 wagyu sourced directly from Japan. With restaurants in Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur, Azabu by Kampai is the first to open in Australia. The restaurant offers

a menu that showcases Wagyu Kappo and Yakiniku — a style of Japanese cuisine that emphasises the meticulous preparation and presentation of dishes using premium A5 Wagyu as the centrepiece. Also on the menu is a seafood selection of oysters and sashimi, along with smaller bites and a curated cocktail list.

### BAILEY BREWING CO (DUNSBOROUGH, SOUTH WEST)

WA brewery **Bailey Brewing Co** has opened a second venue in the Margaret River Region. Following the success of its Swan Valley brewery, which opened in Perth's wine region in 2020, the owners have expanded the offering by taking over the former Clancy's Fish Pub venue in Dunsborough / Quedjinup. Bringing its easy-drinking beers and family friendly vibes with it, the brewery features a menu of simple beers, local wines and hearty food to fuel the entire family.

## BAILLIE HILL (EAST VICTORIA PARK, PERTH)

An epic architectural undertaking in the inner Perth suburb of East Victoria Park is now open. The \$25m **Baillie Hill** project, by Blackoak, is set to open this summer, breathing new life into the landmark heritage site, and delivering big on hospitality and community. Visitors will be able to dine at the all-day Berwick Bar and Kitchen, unwind in the bar, grab coffee at Beth's Cafe and Bakery, or visit Milly's Acre, an 'urban homestead' complete with fresh produce markets and the Baillie Stables petting zoo. Rounded out with an onsite distillery, gelato window, woodfired pizza parlour and children's playground, Baillie Hill is set to be a premium entertainment, community and lifestyle destination. The anchor of the development is the heritage-listed Elizabeth Baillie House, which has been loving restored, and sits proudly within the expansive grounds and new additions.

## BAR LOVE (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

**Bar Love** is a retro dive bar-inspired venue that opened its doors in Northbridge in October 2024. The hand-painted outdoor signage promises 'cold drinks, warm service and hot bartenders', with the interiors offering 70's maximalist with hot pink walls, bric-a-brac and velvet love seats. Signature cocktails are served up alongside seasonal creations and quality classics, with four taps pouring batched cocktails and local brews and a minimalist wine list. A menu of classic bar snacks is also on offer to keep patrons satisfied.

## BAYSWATER HOTEL (BAYSWATER, PERTH)

Local favourite the **Bayswater Hotel** reopened its doors in October 2024 after a \$7 million-dollar redevelopment. Located in Perth's eastern suburb of Bayswater, the historic hotel's old charm has been mixed with a modern design, and now boasts one of the largest and most impressive family offerings in the city. Inside, there's a lively sports bar with pool tables and its own alfresco space. The hall-sized family restaurant has been refreshed, and the newly designed outdoor area offers a landscaped beer garden with large TV screen, and a custom-built children's playground with an impressive 10-metre-tall tower with slide. The menu offers a mix of classic pub favourites, wood-fired pizzas, innovative dishes, and kid-friendly options; alongside an impressive 64 beer taps featuring local brews, plus wine and cocktails.

## BERT'S CITY BEACH (CITY BEACH, PERTH)

The team behind Perth / Boorloo foodie hotspots The Rowing Pavilion and General Public Food Co has opened **Bert's City Beach**, a new full-service dining venue offering a laidback experience with views of the Indian Ocean. Open from breakfast to dinner, its main menu is a fresh mix of snack and share plates, larger solo meals, plus a curated selection of pizzas and tacos. Its name is a tribute to 'Bert's Shop', a former beach kiosk and surf hangout which served up ice creams and snacks to the surfing crowd during the 1950s and early 1960s. The modern revival retains the sense of community and spirit of the original shop, bolstered by the hallmarks of modern dining —

seasonal local produce, sustainable practices and thoughtful design. City Beach is one of Perth's 19 metropolitan beaches, located around ten kilometres from the city centre.

## BEYOND DISTILLING (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Busselton-based distillery **Beyond Distilling** has launched a two-hour gin masterclass sure to appeal to budding distillers. The experience includes a guided tour of Beyond Distilling, a tasting paddle featuring four of Beyond's small-batch gins, the opportunity to create a custom gin in a mini copper still, and a take-home, named 500ml bottle of the final bespoke creation. Beyond prides itself on its local, from-scratch approach, working with local farmers and infusing native botanicals in its lively product range, all overseen by Head Distiller Greg Garnish. Everything is crafted onsite so the result is a truly home-grown piece of WA's South West.

## BROOME ADVENTURE CRUISES (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Broome Adventure Cruises has launched an elevated high tea experience focussing on the flavours of the Kimberley region. The **Boab and Myrtle Chandon High Tea** takes guests on a culinary and cultural journey, hosted at the company's private venue, Broome Weddings and Events, located on the water edge of beautiful Roebuck Bay / Yawuru Nagulagun. The exclusive, immersive experience includes a Chandon garden spritz welcome drink on arrival, a Kimberley pearl meat appetiser, a Chandon sparkling tasting flight, theatrical flambéed camembert and a

delicious tasting paddle of homemade cakes. The menu has been designed with local flavours in mind, including boab nut and aromatic myrtle, and the experience includes complimentary return transfers from Broome / Rubibi resorts.

## BUSSELTON PAVILION (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

**Supper Club** is an exclusive, chef-led dining space which has launched in Busselton / Undalup just in time for summer. This 30-seat intimate dining experience has taken over the former South West Wine Shop at Busselton Pavilion and is hosting special seasonally inspired dinners on Friday and Saturday nights. The concept is led by renowned chef Brendan Pratt and sous chef Tai Yokoyama — both formerly from Vasse Felix. The duo will partner with Australia's best talent spanning chefs, sommeliers, bartenders and winemakers to create unique dining experiences which celebrate the region's exceptional produce, including Casa's Paul Bently (January) and Matt Stone (February).

## CASSIA (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Opening in Fremantle / Walyalup, **Cassia** celebrates and redefines the art of the classic Australian barbecue. Cassia's menu focuses on live-fire cooking techniques. Designed to be shared, the menu includes an array of smoked meats, fresh seafood and seasonal vegetables, cooked over a wood fire. Both the drinks list and the food menu showcase the best of WA producers. The venue is designed around its open kitchen, with the custom-made 1.2 metre wide wood-fire grill taking a fiery centre stage.



## CHELSEA SOCIAL (PERTH CBD)

Bringing some British-inspired flair and a whole lot of West Australian atmosphere, **Chelsea Social** has arrived in Murray Street, in the Perth CBD. Open from morning until evening, it serves a delicious and expansive menu, filled with all-day brunch options, pub classics and abundant share platters. The interiors are light and airy, with pops of postbox red delivering the London charm. Chelsea Social is located within the Ibis Perth hotel, in the heart of the buzzing Murray Street district, and close to the prestigious King Street precinct.

## CHIPPIES (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Visitors to Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup can now enjoy an iconic Aussie dining experience — eating fresh fish and chips served from a food van. Located at the Rottnest Island Golf Club,

**Chippies** is serving up freshly battered snapper, hot chips, crumbed prawns, squid rings and more. It's the ideal food stop after a round of golf at the much-loved golf course or a game of barefoot lawn bowls.

## CRUCHING MONKEY (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

Northbridge icon The Brass Monkey hotel has expanded its repertoire with the opening of **Crouching Monkey** restaurant. Taking over the upper level, this dynamic Asian fusion restaurant is serving imaginative share plates and colourful cocktails, with an emphasis on fresh flavours and a vibrant atmosphere. The 'Tuk Tuk Menu' offers a chef selected feast, while classics like Massaman Beef Curry and Red Curry Duck feature in the curry line-up. Crouching Monkey enhances The Brass Monkey's existing options which include a main bar, sports bar and rooftop bar.

## DANDANNING BREWERY (WHEATBELT, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

A small batch brewery in the Wheatbelt is inviting visitors to get a glimpse behind-the-brew. **Dandanning Brewery**, in Mukinbudin, has launched guided tastings and tours, allowing beer lovers to discover the process and how the brand incorporates locally grown grain from the owners' family farm, WA hops, and honey from nearby producers into each batch. Each small group tour includes a tasting flight with six samples, a guided walk-through of the brewing facilities and plenty of question time. Founded by Calvin Squire, the Dandanning Brewery's lively product range includes a Rejuvenation Pale Ale, infused with native lemongrass; Farmer's Lager; and Victoria Bragg, a full-strength honey beer.

## DE'SENTENT (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Ideally located on the main street of Margaret River town, **de'sentent** is a new culinary venture for the former owners of successful winery and restaurant Arimia Estate — Ann Spencer and Executive Chef Evan Hayter. With capacity for only 35 diners inside and options for alfresco dining outside, the restaurant serves up a seasonal, refined dining experience with a darker, more intimate atmosphere. De'sentent emphasises a commitment to high-quality, local, organic produce sourced from like-minded producers with shared values. The menu features premium WA ingredients, including abalone, Wagyu beef, marron, and uni (sea urchin), and the restaurant's interior offers an intimate open kitchen experience.

## FOUND. SUBIACO (SUBIACO, PERTH)

A new brewery has found its home in the inner-city suburb of Subiaco. **FOUND. Subiaco** opened its doors in November 2024 and is the flagship venue for the brewery — with an existing venue in the outer-city suburb of Byford. The refurbished 350-person venue includes an inside area and outside beer garden, and an on-site brewery pouring a range of different brews on tap. The venue's food menu focuses on elevated pub fare showcasing the best of WA produce.



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## FORAGE SAFARIS (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

**Forage Safaris'** newly launched Flavours of Italy tour takes food-loving visitors on a small group, hands-on food and wine experience in Margaret River. After a light breakfast at Dunsborough's / Quedjinup's Merchant and Marker, guests create authentic Tuscan dishes alongside celebrated chef Sioban Sargent of Wildwood Valley Cooking School, before sitting down to a long-table lunch together. Each of the five courses hero local produce, alongside paired local Italian wine varietals, with expert insights by Leah Clearwater from the Margaret River Wine Academy. The experience includes hotel pick up and drop off, breakfast and lunch plus tastings and pairings, and a take-home recipe book.

## GIBNEY (COTTESLOE, PERTH)

Perth welcomed the opening of **Gibney** in May 2024 — a sophisticated seaside brasserie and grill overlooking the Indian Ocean in Cottesloe. With a 45-metre ocean facing frontage and capacity for approximately 160, this luxury brasserie from Kailis Hospitality Group is formal in its approach with tablecloths, jacketed wait staff, all soft furnishings, marble, brass and high-end tableware. The menu draws inspiration from traditionally classic steakhouses and brasseries throughout Europe, London and New York, and showcases classic French cooking utilising local produce. The vast drinks menu offers tableside cocktails and Perth's largest champagne selection.

## GINZA NANA ALLEY (PERTH CBD, PERTH)

Australia's first Yokocho-style dining experience has opened its doors down a Perth laneway. **Ginza Nana Alley** is a 70-person space with an authentic street-style atmosphere. The five venues within the space include Ginza Midai which specialises in oden; Yakitori Washokudo, a fire grill dedicated to skewers; Onomichi Ramen Mitsuya offers Onomichi-style ramen; Tonkatsu Kubota is Japanese comfort food with a western twist; and Monkey and Bird is a retro-inspired Japanese style cafe and bar. An array of Japanese vending machines can also be found in the venue, providing visitors with an authentic street experience.



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## HAVZA (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

A contemporary Mediterranean dining experience has popped up on the shores of one of Rottnest Island's most popular beaches, The Basin. **HAVZA** is an outdoor dining experience offering stunning Indian Ocean views alongside a menu that blends the flavours of the Aegean Sea with local WA produce. The casual, family-friendly dining experience serves up tapas-style dishes designed for sharing — with takeaway options also available for true beachside dining.

## ILMA BEACH HOUSE (BUNKER BAY, SOUTH WEST)

The Margaret River Region in WA's South West has welcomed the opening of a stunning beach-side restaurant. Taking over the former Bunkers Beach House, **ilma Beach House** is the latest venue from restauranteurs Liz and Mark Ahearn, who also own the popular Meelup Farmhouse in Dunsborough. Located on the shores of Bunker Bay,

the restaurant offers stunning views of the pristine waters of Bunker Bay Beach, and has been freshly renovated to reflect the coastal backdrop. The menu offers Mediterranean-inspired flavours featuring locally sourced seafood, with brunch and lunch options for relaxed and shared-style dining. There's also a Kofe Kabana for takeaway coffees and ice creams to take to the beach.

## KAILIS HOSPITALITY GROUP (SORRENTO, PERTH)

The renowned **Kailis Hospitality Group** has acquired the entire hospitality precinct at luxury development ORA Sorrento, in Perth northern coastal suburbs. This rare and premium \$12m acquisition and development equates to 1,000sqm of beachfront hospitality real estate, offering spectacular views of Sorrento Beach and the Indian Ocean. The purchase rather than lease of the property heralds a new era of dining for Perth and is set to further elevate the coastal dining scene. The Group will develop a multi-venue hub of up to four distinctive yet complementary restaurant brands, designed by Rezen Studio. Team members from Gibney, Kailis' multi-award-winning seaside brasserie, will work on the project, which is expected to get underway in late 2026-early 2027.

## LIGHT YEARS (PERTH CBD)

East Coast culinary mainstay, **Light Years** has brightened the Perth CBD with an outlet at the popular 140 William Street precinct. The latest installment of the iconic Byron Bay establishment brings an elevated holiday atmosphere to the heart of the city, with a 200-seat venue inside the heritage Gordon Stephenson

House. Its Asian-inspired menu, curated by culinary director Robbie Oijvall, encourages share-style dining with newly developed dishes including an expanded dumplings selection, steak tartare and lobster noodles sitting alongside Light Years' favourites such as kingfish ceviche, crispy pork belly and miso corn ribs. Meanwhile, its extensive wine list will showcase West Australian winemakers plus globally sourced varieties and the cocktail menu features the boldly flavoured and colourful options that Light Years is known for.

#### LIL'S ROOFTOP & BAR (PERTH CBD)

Perth's / Boorloo CBD has welcomed a new era of modern hospitality for a former stalwart in Perth's late-night scene — Tigerlils. Taking over the venue is **Lil's Rooftop & Bar**, a well-rounded, retro-chic eating and drinking hub that features a 600-person capacity with two distinct spaces — a ground floor main bar and a vibrant open-air rooftop. The

main bar is home to casual bites, large TV screens for live sport, sunny outdoor tables for after-work drinks, and lively Saturday nights with Lil's Late Night Disco. The rooftop is a lush, open-air oasis in the heart of the city, designed for sun-soaked drinks and share-friendly plates. The Mediterranean-inspired menu by Executive Chef Mark Zavone offers small plates, woodfire pizzas and hearty mains, paired with a curated drinks menu of local wines, beers, spritzes and agave-forward drinks.

#### LITTLE CREATURES ELIZABETH QUAY (PERTH CBD, PERTH)

One of WA's most iconic breweries has branched into Perth / Boorloo, just in time for summer. Located at Nine the Esplanade, **Little Creatures Elizabeth Quay** comprises more than 500 sqm of interior space across a central bar and dining area, plus 390 sqm of alfresco area. Little Creatures' iconic beer range sits at the centre of the beverage list,



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alongside a comprehensive wine and cocktail list. The dining menu showcases West Australian produce through a selection of share plates, pub classics, stone-baked pizzas, seasonal salads and premium grilled meats. Little Creatures is also set to unveil its renovated location in Fremantle soon.

#### LITTLE LOCAL (ESPERANCE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Popular Esperance / Kepa Kurl bakery Bread Local has welcomed a baby bakery sister — **Little Local**. Conveniently located in the Esperance town centre, the cafe offers the core bread, pastry and sandwich range from Bread Local. Specialising in handcrafted, naturally leavened and slowly fermented sourdough bread, the Bread Local bakery is only open Friday and Saturday — so the opening of Little Local gives baked bread lovers the chance to sample the goods six days a week, with the convenience of a ready-made range. Enjoy delicious pastries, freshly prepared sandwiches and cold press juices for lunch on the go.

#### LITTLE OTTO'S BIG CHOC SHOP (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Visits to the picturesque Busselton / Undalup foreshore are set to be even sweeter, with the recent opening of **Little Otto's Big Choc Shop**. The playful new addition offers house-made chocolate and gelato, alongside shakes, coffees and other takeaway sweet treats. Owned and operated by the team behind Shelter Brewing Co, the shop carries a bright and joyful aesthetic, sure to appeal to the young and young-at-heart. The

namesake behind the shop is Otto, the 24-metre blue whale on display in the WA Museum Boola Bardip, preserved by taxidermist Otto Lipfert in 1897 after it was discovered beached in Busselton.

#### LITTLE WAVE (SCARBOROUGH, PERTH)

**Little Wave** has opened its doors in Perth's coastal suburb of Scarborough. The wine bar and café offers stunning Indian Ocean views, ideal for watching a WA sunset. The menu offers Mediterranean-inspired flavours, with share plates and larger dishes, and a wine list featuring local and European varieties. As well as an evening wine bar, the venue also offers a relaxed beachside café vibe, serving up coffee for the early beachgoers.

#### LUPE'S CERVECERIA (PERTH CBD)

**Lupe's Cerveceria** is a new underground tequila and taco bar located in the heart of Perth's CBD. A 'Mexican discotheque meets agave oasis,' the venue is the latest venture from hospitality group Sesh Mafia — adding to the growing list of Perth hot spots including Shui, Margot's and neighbouring Papi Katsu. Inspired by the colourful, back-alley bars of Mexico, the bar features bright neon lights, vintage Mexican posters and a wall lined with tequilas, mezcals and raicillas — which are used for the venue's vibrant cocktail offering. The food menu is kept simple, with a selection of tacos, botanas (snacks) and la paletas (ice creams).

#### MAGIC APPLE WHOLEFOODS (COTTESLOE, PERTH)

**Magic Apple Wholefoods** has opened its doors at one of Perth's most notable seaside addresses in Cottesloe. Originally established in WA in the 1970's as a smoothie bar then restaurant chain, Magic Apple is now a modern-day hospitality concept embracing the clean eating and wellness movements. Offering stunning Indian Ocean views, the 110-person dine-in capacity restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Cottesloe location will be the flagship site for Magic Apple Wholefoods, with a company-owned, national rollout of the wholefoods restaurant is planned over the next two years.

#### THE MARGARET RIVER WINE ACADEMY (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

**The Margaret River Wine Academy** has launched in the Margaret River Region in a first of its kind for WA's South West. It offers small group wine education courses for individuals, groups, tourism and hospitality providers, corporate and conferencing programs, and workplace training. Specialising in teaching people about the unique attributes of the region and its world-class wines, each course runs for two to three hours, finishing with a tasting of various regional wines. There are a range of wine enthusiast courses on offer that focus on varietals including chardonnay, cabernet and sparkling, as well as a wine basics course. Run by Margaret River local Leah Clearwater, who has lived in the region for 20 years, the courses are hosted at wineries throughout the region and can also be privately run at visitors' accommodation.

#### MASSERIA (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

The Margaret River Region welcomed a new Italian dining experience in December 2024, with the team at Cherubino Wines re-opening the iconic Caves Road site — formerly Frui Momento. **Masseria** showcases casual Italian-Mediterranean cuisine using traditional methods with a South West twist. The osteria-inspired menu that showcases WA produce with flavours from Italy's culinary hotspots. The wine list complements the menu, with Cherubino wines featuring alongside a selection of Italian and French wines from Larry Cherubino's import portfolio.

#### MISS CHOWS MARGARET RIVER (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Perth's renowned contemporary south-east Asian restaurant group Miss Chows — helmed by Jacquie Chan — opened **Miss Chows Margaret River** at Edwards Estate winery in November 2024. The new-build restaurant offers contemporary urban dining, with modern Asian dishes paired with local wines and set amongst the rolling vineyards. Locally sourced produce features prominently on the menu, with dishes such as Margaret River venison tartare, Amelia Park lamb and lemongrass dumplings, abalone from Augusta and truffle from the South West.

#### MONELLI (BURNS BEACH, PERTH)

Meaning 'mischievous rascals', **Monelli** is a playfully elegant new addition to Perth's Italian dining scene. Opening in the northern coastal suburb of Burns Beach, Monelli offers an elevated Mediterranean dining experience in a sophisticated setting, and is helmed by husband-and-wife owners Ezio Patrizi and Cinzia Di Pio in collaboration with their daughter Eleonora Patrizi. Its menu heroes seasonal produce, fresh seafood and handmade pasta, alongside classic desserts and an Amalfi-inspired cocktail list. Embracing an understated design, Monelli gives a subtle nod to its coastal setting and effortlessly blends alfresco and indoor dining. Monelli serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and is set to offer events and functions soon.

#### MRS JONES DENMARK (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

After temporarily closing its doors in April 2024, the beautifully renovated **Mrs Jones Denmark** has made its anticipated return. Located in the heart of Denmark, in Australia's South West, the restaurant features soaring ceilings, an elegant wine bar, cosy fireside lounge and inviting balcony area. Menu standouts include its 'breakfast gnocchi', the Black Sheep full breakfast with local Denmark sausages, and the Denmark lamb fattoush. Meanwhile, its Great Southern focussed wine list provides the perfect accompaniment. Mrs Jones Denmark has retained much of its original character as the former Old Butter Factory Denmark, with heritage repainted signage, exposed brick walls and historic photographs.

#### NORTH 54 (LEEDERVILLE, PERTH)

Lunchtimes in the inner city suburb of Leederville are a whole lot tastier with the arrival of **North 54** on Oxford Street. This colourful new addition is already charming diners with its joyful yellow and red aesthetic and fresh and flavourful bites. Founder chef Bac Pham has created a succinct menu of modern banh mis, bowls and snacks based off his time spent in Thailand and his Vietnamese background, with banh mi highlights including son in law eggs, lamb meatball and roast pork options.



## PEARLA & CO (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Fresh seafood, ocean-inspired interiors and major culinary credentials have arrived in Leighton Beach, Fremantle / Walyalup in the form of Pearla & Co. From founder and executive Chef Scott Bridger (of Bib and Tucker fame), Pearla & Co is serving up modern coastal dishes with a focus on locally sourced produce like WA's famous shellfish. The catch-of-the-day is dry-aged on site in two speciality showcase fridges, while the cold bar is home to oyster shucking and seafood preparation. An impressive marble 10-metre bar is a feature of the interior design and near the entrance, a dedicated 'food cube' allows the team to pick fresh herbs and edible leaves daily. The name is deeply personal — a tribute to Scott's grandmother Pearl and an acknowledgement of the community of growers, fishermen and suppliers which come together to create this very special venue.

## PELICAN (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Pelican opened its doors at the recently renovated The Lodge Wadjemup in late December 2024. The kiosk is designed to bring back the nostalgia of island summers past with its corner milk bar aesthetic, serving up soft serve ice creams, coffee, sandwiches, baguettes and sweet treats. Guests can 'grab and go' or sit back and relax under the umbrellas in the precinct's courtyard.

## REPUBLIC OF FREMANTLE (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Award-winning Fremantle distillery, the Republic of Fremantle has unveiled a new Distillery Bar and a partnership with Da Napoli's Kitchen and Pizzeria. The new Distillery Bar is tucked away near the working stills area and offers a unique bar experience and a varied drinks menu, including signature spirits, spritzes and classic cocktails. Meanwhile, the Da Napoli team has moved in the pizza ovens and is serving up handmade pizzas and pasta, classic desserts and sharing starters. The new offerings enhance the venue's existing experiences including a cocktail bar, gin school, tours and tasting flights.

## SASSY (PERTH CBD)

Sassy is a late-night aperitivo and cocktail bar merging Italian flair with delectable bites. Offering sophistication and sass, with a menu serving up a range of Mediterranean-inspire 'cicchetti' or small bites, and expertly crafted cocktails. Open till late Wednesday through to Saturday, guests can dance to disco house beats under a giant disco ball on Saturday nights; then from Monday to Friday the venue transforms into Mammas Espresso Bar — a 'hole in the wall' takeaway coffee bar serving fresh brews and sweet treats.

## SECRET PICNIC ADVENTURES (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

After the success of its adventures in neighbouring towns, Secret Picnic Adventures has arrived in Busselton / Undalup. Part foodie trail, part problem-solving adventure, the picnics commence



at Busselton Visitor Centre before leading guests to delicious nearby locations. Foodies can follow the digital clues to collect local delights which have been carefully curated to showcase the best of the region's food outlets, while taking in the town's attractions and scenery. The tours are available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with a Dunsborough tour also now available.

## SOMEWHERE IN THE PARK (VICTORIA PARK, PERTH)

Victoria Park is now home to another bustling wine bar, with the recent opening of Somewhere in the Park, along the popular Albany Highway precinct. It offers a rotating list of more than 200 wines from around the world, along with a refined craft beer selection, and an accompanying menu bursting with share plates, gourmet pizzas, local seafood and upscale pub classics. The venue carries a relaxed aesthetic with indoor-outdoor seating and an open mezzanine, in addition to a dedicated

kids' play area and free arcade games. Plus, the venue doubles as a lively café by day, serving up an extensive breakfast selection, fresh smoothies and coffee to the morning crowd.

## SONS OF NAPLES (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Sons of Naples is a modern Italian restaurant serving up Neapolitan-style woodfired pizza, traditional pastas, share plates and desserts in the town of Margaret River. Owned by brothers Alessandro and Ferdinando Fucci — both from Naples — and brother-in-law Andrea Costantini from Genova, the restaurant was born from a passion to express the essence of Italy and connection to family. The restaurant offers a dark and moody vibe with an eclectic mix of modern artwork, while the rustic alfresco area is designed for patrons to enjoy a local wine or brew.

## SORA CAFÉ (DUNSBOROUGH, SOUTH WEST)

**Sora Café** has opened its doors on Dunsborough's foreshore in the Margaret River Region. The café's style is inspired by the beachside location with minimalist colours and decorations to match the menu which has a less is more philosophy. Local produce is used to make granola bowls, bacon and egg rolls, chicken sandwiches and green bowls, as well as gluten-free options.

## SOUTH WEST BOTTEGA (VASSE, SOUTH WEST)

Newcomer **South West Bottega** has recently opened in Vasse, bringing the warmth and flavour of Italian hospitality to the Margaret River Region. Its seasonal menu serves up Italian favourites like bruschetta, caprese salad and lasagne, alongside a delicious repertoire of pizzas and paninis, plus the all-important dolci like cannoli and tiramisu (made with amore, of course). In addition, the venue is also a treasure trove of lovingly refurbished old furniture, one-off accessories and art — giving visitors reason to linger longer. Family, community and sustainable living is at the heart of South West Bottega, and this ethos is reflected across every element, from the hand-pulled pasta to the local ingredients and partnerships with local growers.



## STORIES (YAGAN SQUARE, PERTH)

**Stories** is a new chapter for Perth's Yagan Square, following a multi-million-dollar redevelopment. This five-storey hospitality mecca opened its doors in April 2024 with a variety of different offerings. Patrons can embark on a journey of different discoveries, with Stories Pourhouse offering an industrial vibe with 20 different beer taps, Stories Front Yard boasts the CBD's largest beer garden, and Stories Rooftop bringing the late-night party vibes. Also within the venue is the signature restaurant **Alba**, serving up modern Italian fare; **KARLA** offering modern Asian cuisine; and **Ugly Baby** bringing fun and Middle Eastern flavours. Hidden within the venue is **Fat Controller** — a hidden speakeasy cocktail bar; and for the morning patrons there's **ground**. — a hole in the wall takeaway coffee window also serving pastries and toasties.

## STRANGE BREW WINE BAR (COWARAMUP, SOUTH WEST)

The team behind Skigh Wines has recently opened the doors to **Strange Brew Wine Bar**, in the South West town of Cowaramup. Designed as a bar, bottle shop and events space, it offers a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy a glass of local or international wine, share a charcuterie board with friends and unwind in the spacious garden. Each week, 'Strange Brew Sundays' takes over — with DJs setting the mood with the venue's eclectic vinyl record collection. With scope to host exhibitions upstairs, the venue looks set to expand its events and offerings even further in the future.

## SUNSETS AND PELicans AT THE LODGE WADJMEUP

The opening of The Lodge Wadjemup on Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjmeup has seen the opening of two hospitality venues. **Sunsets Bar and Dining** is the signature dining offering, operated by the highly successful Social Grounds Hospitality, with Chef Mat Powell leading the culinary team. Sunsets offers a Mediterranean-inspired all day dining venue serving up Australian seafood, house made pasta and rotisserie items. With large indoor and outdoor dining areas, the venue boasts the island's best sunset views over the salt lake. **Pelican** kiosk is designed to bring back the nostalgia of island summers past with its corner milk bar aesthetic, serving up soft serve ice creams, coffee, sandwiches, baguettes and sweet treats. Guests can 'grab and go' or sit back and relax under the umbrellas in the precinct's courtyard.

## SUNSETS BAR AND DINING (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup welcomed the opening of its latest dining offering in late December 2024. **Sunsets Bar and Dining** is the on-site hospitality venue for the recently restored The Lodge Wadjemup accommodation. Operated by the highly successful Social Grounds Hospitality, with Chef Mat Powell leading the culinary team, Sunsets Bar and Dining offers a Mediterranean-inspired all day dining venue serving up Australian seafood, house made pasta and rotisserie items. With large indoor and outdoor dining areas, the venue boasts the island's best sunset views over the salt lake.

## SWAN VALLEY OLD VINE CHARTER (SWAN VALLEY PERTH)

The Swan Valley wine region has launched the [Swan Valley Old Vine Charter](#), which encourages the preservation and continued use of the region's historic vines. Participating vineyards have taken part in age classification by registering all vines more than 35 years, including wines equal to or greater than 125 years old. The Charter recognises the age of the vine as either Old Vine (35+ years), Survivor (70+ years), Centenarian (100+ years), or Ancestor (125+ years). Wine has been grown in the Swan Valley for more than 190 years. The Swan Valley Old Vine Charter has created a program of cellar door signage, wine labelling, and old vine and winery entry signage that helps to guide wine enthusiasts through the Swan Valley region's rich heritage.

## THE BRIDGE HOUSE (NORTH FREMANTLE, PERTH)

An iconic restaurant site in the port city of Fremantle / Walyalup has been given another lease of life, with the opening of [The Bridge](#) House. Located in North Fremantle, it's a new restaurant for an old site — one that was originally built in 1925 as The Harvest Road cottage, owned by artist Murray Gill who converted his home into a gallery and cafe. Successful Perth businessman George Grundy has now taken the reigns, completing an extensive renovation to give the historic venue a contemporary feel. The Bridge House offers a 10-seater private dining room, a stunning front garden and a versatile outdoor area. The restaurant serves up a modern Australian menu

with a European influence, with a wine list reflecting both old and new world excellence.

## THE BROOME CLOSET (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

The Kimberley town of Broome / Rubibi has welcomed the opening of a cocktail bar [The Broome Closet](#), tucked away in the heart of Broome's town centre. The Broome Closet is a charming venue serving up a crafty selection of creative cocktails in a cosy setting with a speakeasy-inspired vibe. The cocktail menu features timeless favourites alongside bold and original creations that celebrate local flavours and local spirits. The venue hosts regular events, including music nights and mixology classes, and is the only venue in Broome offering full table service to its customers.

## THE GOOD PADDOCK (FORRESTDALE, PERTH)

After opening its doors in August 2025, Perth permaculture newcomer 11 Acre Farm has unveiled its latest addition, [The Good Paddock](#). This 'farm-to-fork' style restaurant serves up delicious breakfast and lunches with ingredients sourced directly from 11 Acres' gardens and orchard, or from local growers. Menu highlights include fruit laden harvest bowls, fresh spring crudo and share dishes like La Delizia burrata. The Good Paddock is currently open for breakfast and lunch, with plans to host pop up dinners and curated events in the future. 11 Acres Farm is located 30 minutes southeast of Perth, and is also home to the Cubby Kiosk — a family-friendly food truck. The property offers an animal



experience to meet the farm's friendly residents, plus behind-the-scenes farm tours.

## THE TAPAS BAR (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

[The Tapas Bar](#) has opened in Perth's Swan Valley wine region, offering tapas-style dining alongside Olive Farm Wines and local beers and spirits from the region's craft producers. The venue showcases local cuisine and wines while guests bask in the sunshine of the outside deck that overlooks the Susannah Brook and surrounding bushland. Its menu features Shark Bay tiger prawns, Wedge Island octopus, popcorn crocodile, kangaroo carpaccio and more.

## TIGERFISH (COTTESLOE, PERTH)

Longstanding coastal icon, The Cottesloe Beach Hotel has upped the sizzle factor with the opening of [Tigerfish](#). Touted as a 'spirited bar and dining destination', this upscale modern establishment is delivering bold Southeast Asian

flavours and design. Its varied spaces include a curved cocktail bar, light-filled dining room, cosy booths and perfectly positioned tables-for-two overlooking the Indian Ocean. An open robata grill elevates the kitchen theatre, while the private dining room will ensure events are intimate and stylish. The menu is designed to share, and drinks include handcrafted cocktails and an expansive wine list. Highlights include the Tigerfish House Punch, Albany rock oysters with red nahm jim and prawn toast spring rolls. Tigerfish is perfectly positioned opposite Cottesloe Beach, which is approximately 25 minutes' drive from Perth CBD.

## VINTNERS WINE BAR & MCHENRY HOHNEN CELLAR DOOR (WITCHCLIFFE, SOUTH WEST)

Located in Witchcliffe, deep in the Margaret River Region, [Vintners Wine Bar & McHenry Hohnen Cellar Door](#) is now open, offering wine tastings and meals within an inviting setting.



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Taking style cues from its surroundings, the rammed earth venue features a spectacular centrepiece bar, cosy fireside lounge and elegant dining area. Its expansive wine list of more than 300 bottles spans McHenry Hohnen's range, from current releases to rare, museum wines, alongside regional and international drops and bottles from Murray McHenry's collection. At the cellar door, visitors can enjoy a tasting and discover more about the winery's sustainable practices and acclaimed portfolio. Meanwhile, the kitchen is helmed by Head Chef Nicolas Delorme (formerly of Cape Lodge and Wills Domain) and heroes local produce (including from McHenry Farms) within its seasonal, Mediterranean-style sharing menu.

#### WAYFINDER CELLAR DOOR (DUNSBOROUGH, SOUTH WEST)

Wayfinder Wines has opened a unique cellar door tasting concept and restaurant experience in the town centre of Dunsborough / Quedjinup in the Margaret River wine region. **Wayfinder Cellar Door & Restaurant** offers the opportunity to taste Wayfinder wines from a dedicated wine-tasting bar. The rest of the venue is dedicated to casual dining, with a farm-to-table offering that features fresh, seasonal produce sourced straight from the Wayfinder vineyard and farm, alongside locally sourced meat and seafood. The extended wine list features Wayfinder wines as well as a select number of European imports.

#### WILD LOT DISTILLERY (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Led by a passionate female distiller, **Wild Lot Distillery** is a family-owned establishment which has opened in the heart of the Margaret River Region. Gaining traction with locals and visitors, Wild Lot Distillery offers guided tastings and curated cheese boards in a picturesque, family-friendly setting. Each gin batch is infused with local botanicals, fresh fruits and indigenous herbs, resulting in a lively product range which reflects its surroundings. The team prides itself on its thoughtful, sustainable approach at every stage of production.

#### WILLI'S PIZZA BAR (PERTH CBD, PERTH)

**Willi's Pizza Bar** is now open on the ground floor of The Royal Hotel, serving up Detroit-style pan pizza. Enjoy thick, cheesy and crispy rectangle sliced pizzas alongside primi side plates, neon lights, all backed by an '80s funk soundtrack. The bar's cocktails offer nostalgia with a twist, and the wine list is a blend of funky styles.

#### WILSON BREWING CO (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

**Wilson Brewing Co** has opened at the historic White Star Hotel in the coastal city of Albany. With a capacity to host 500 patrons, this space not only preserves Albany's rich heritage but also provides an exciting new home for craft beer lovers in the Great Southern. The family-friendly venue features an on-site microbrewery, where visitors can enjoy Wilson Brewing beers brewed right in the heart of Albany. The venue also serves as

a hub for live entertainment and events, where guests can enjoy locally brewed craft beer alongside classic, tasty pub food made with quality local ingredients.

#### YAHAVA KOFFEEWORKS (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

The Swan Valley is set for a major caffeine boost with the announcement of a new **Yahava KoffeeWorks** location, due to open 2028. To be set across 17-acres close to its current location, the new roastery is a visionary project to be Western Australia's largest walk-in coffee roastery open to the public. It's set to offer a sensory and immersive experience, including a cinematic walk-through of a coffee plantation, complete with crunchy soil sound effects underfoot. Visitors will be able to roam around the vast working roastery, watch live demonstrations, sample free tastings, take coffee classes, and purchase coffees and meals from the full kitchen. Offering views of the Swan River / Derbarl Yerrigan, the venue will also include alfresco dining and a nature playground. The Swan Valley is WA's oldest wine region and is a 25-minute drive from Perth's CBD.

#### ZYPHER LOUNGE (PERTH CBD)

A Japanese-inspired late-night lounge has opened its doors in Perth's CBD. **Zypher Lounge** takes its inspiration from modern Japanese izakaya, serving up a Japanese fusion menu of both indulgent dinners and late-night snacks, alongside a selection of sake and cocktails inspired by Tokyo's vibrant nightlife. Friday and Saturday nights feature live entertainment before the DJs hit the decks from 9pm.



**BUNDA BUNDA TOURS**  
◊ DAMPIER PENINSULA, THE KIMBERLEY

## ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

### BUNDA BUNDA TOURS (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

Join Jabirr Jabirr Ngumbarl man Jaden Howard to discover the coastal country of the Dampier Peninsula, a two-hour drive north of Broome / Rubibi. **Bunda Bunda Tours** is a cultural tagalong tour that takes guests along dirt tracks to discover mangrove ecosystems, freshwater springs and the white sandy beaches of Carnot Bay. Spend the full-day tour fishing in secret lagoons and foraging for shellfish whilst learning about traditional hunter gatherer techniques. Guests can cook up their catches of the day and enjoy the afternoon eating and lounging in a sheltered campsite.

### BOOLA BIDI DREAMING CENTRE (HARVEY, SOUTH WEST)

The **Boolabidi Dreaming Centre** in the town of Harvey has launched a walking tour to coincide with the Djilba wildflower season. Walk alongside local Elder Lesley Ugle on the Ridge Walking Tour — a two-hour experience showcasing bush medicine, flora and stunning views over the backwaters of Harvey Dam to the east and the coast to the west. There's also the Noongar Kaartdijin Bidee (Noongar Knowledge Path) Tour — a one-hour walk taking in the sights, sounds and cultural stories of the Harvey River, and the six Noongar seasons. The Boolabidi Dreaming Centre offers visitors Aboriginal cultural experiences on Bindjareb Noongar Country including cultural ceremonies, bush food and medicine workshops, artefact and tool making, and Noongar language lessons — as well as an extensive retail range of Aboriginal products.

### BURROWING BEE DREAMING (CARNARVON, CORAL COAST)

An Aboriginal cultural tour that uncovers the unique burrowing bee has launched in the Coral Coast town of Carnarvon. **Burrowing Bee Dreaming** is a 90-minute walking tour that explores the Gascoyne region, discovering traditional bush foods and the cultural background of the region. The main highlight of the tour is spotting one of the largest bees in the world, the Mungurragurra (Burrowing Bee). Only found in WA, these bees do not produce honey or live in colonies, instead thousands of them cluster together and dig individual nesting burrows. Toni Roe, named The Bee Lady of Carnarvon, leads these tours and shares the story of the Mungurragurra and their relevance to local Aboriginal culture.

### DJOONA (PERTH)

**Djoona** has launched a series of enriching and engaging cultural tours in the Perth / Boorloo area. The tours offer a dynamic mix of cultural experience, storytelling and truth-telling, along with sightseeing, and offer visitors a unique insight into the region's rich Noongar history. Visitors can opt to cycle along the Swan River / Derbal Yerrigan; join a guided bus tour through Perth city and surrounds, kayak along the Canning River wetlands, or discover the historical landscape of the South Perth Old Mill.

### DUDJA DREAMING (TOODYAY, PERTH)

**Dudja Dreaming** provides immersive experiences to enhance cross-cultural learning and stimulate growth through truth-telling and reconciliation practices.

Located in Toodyay in the Avon Valley region, there are four different hour-long tours to choose from. Guests can either stroll along the Avon River, head out to scenic lookouts or participate in the Newcastle Gaol Museum Experience, while engaging with WA's diverse and important Aboriginal history.

### GATHER HOSPITALITY GROUP (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

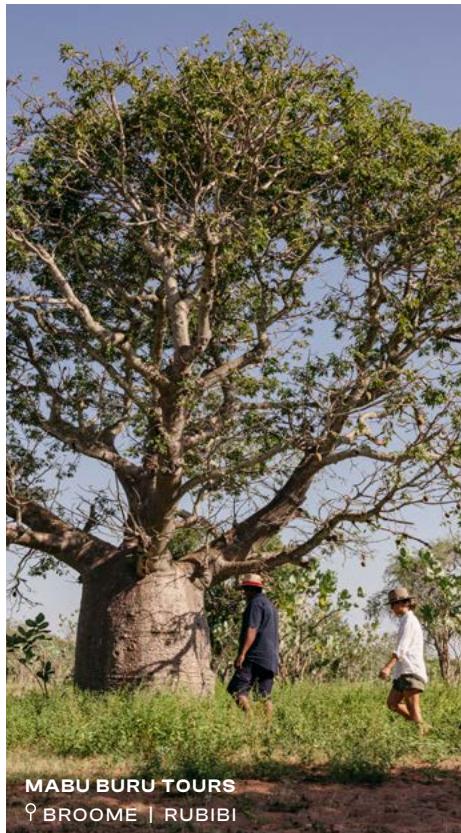
An Aboriginal food and art precinct is being developed in Fremantle / Walyalup, in a world-first initiative. **Gather Hospitality Group** is working to restore a 1950s heritage industrial workshop in Victoria Quay. The workshop will be home to a cafe, retail, Aboriginal art and literature area and event space by the end of 2026. A state-of-the-art visual and immersive experience will allow visitors to discover 60,000 years of Aboriginal stories and knowledge through advanced digital technology.

### INJIID MARLABU CALLS US (EL QUESTRO, NORTH WEST)

**Injiid Marlabu Calls Us** is an immersive tour experience at **El Questro** in the Kimberley region. It offers guests a heartfelt Welcome to Country Cultural Immersion experience that introduces the cultural, spiritual, physical and economic relationship of the Ngarinyin Aboriginal people with the vast expanse of the land and waters of the Kimberley. Be a part of ancient family rituals and listen to stories that have been passed down from generation to generation whilst seeing El Questro through the eyes of its Traditional Owners.

## KALGOORLIE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES (KALGOORLIE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Proud Ngadju Wangkatha man and internationally-acclaimed Aboriginal artist and advisor Jason Dimer has launched **Kalgoorlie Aboriginal Cultural Experiences** (KACE Tours). The walking tours take guests through the Goldfields city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to discover the art, history and cultural connections to the lands, including one of the largest First Nations outdoor art installations.



MABU BURU TOURS  
♀ BROOME | RUBIBI

## KINGFISHER TOURS AND GARINGBAAR BUSH BOTANICALS

Two women-led businesses, **Kingfisher Tours** and **Garingbaar Bush Botanicals**, have collaborated to create a unique and sustainable eco-tourism partnership in Purnululu National Park. Kingfisher Tours specialises in authentic, Aboriginal-led travel experiences, while Garingbaar Bush Botanicals harnesses the healing properties of native botanicals to craft beautiful handmade soaps. Through the partnership, Garingbaar founder Bec Sampi, a proud Gija Woolah custodian for country, will lead visitors through spectacular Gija and Jaru Country. Along the way, visitors will hear Dreamtime stories, see ancient rock formations and discover the wonders of bush tucker and bush medicine.

## MABU BURU TOURS (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

**Mabu Buru Tours** has introduced a 4WD tag-a-long coast foraging tour to its range of Aboriginal cultural experiences in Broome / Rubibi. The Binba Mayi coastal foraging experience is a half-day tour exploring Broome's surrounding mudflats, mangroves and creeks. An Aboriginal guide will show guests traditional foraging techniques and talk to the local culture. The tour finishes with a bush barbecue to cook up the catch of the day.

## MUNBULA CRUISE (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

An immersive Aboriginal cultural experience is set to debut at El Questro in WA's Kimberley during the 2026 season, allowing guests to gain a greater understanding of one of the world's oldest continuous living cultures. The **Munbula Cruise**, delivered by the Ngarinyin Traditional Owners, is a relaxing, three-hour cruise along the spectacular Chamberlain River. Along the way, guests will hear Dreaming stories, listen to traditional songs, and discover more about the region's deeply significant plants, animals and landforms. The seasonal experience has also recently joined Tourism Australia's Discover Aboriginal Experiences collective. El Questro is located approximately 100km from Kununurra / Goonoonoorrang and is accessible by road and air.

## NYINGGULU CULTURAL AND SNORKELLING TOUR (EXMOUTH, CORAL COAST)

Discover the wonders of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park / Nyinggulu and its connection to Aboriginal culture on a new tour in Coral Bay. The **Nyinggulu Cultural and Snorkelling Tour** is a collaboration between Balyungu Dreaming and Ningaloo Glass Bottom Boat. This unique glass bottom boat tour includes snorkelling to discover Ningaloo Reef's stunning corals and incredible marine life, as well as offering fascinating insights into the cultural history of the Ningaloo Coast, guided by the Traditional Custodians of the area. The three-hour tours are available from April 2025.



BAIYUNGU DREAMING  
♀ NINGALOO REEF | NYINGGULU



## WELLNESS OFFERINGS

### ALCHEMY SAUNAS (FREMANTLE, CITY BEACH, SCARBOROUGH, PERTH & SOUTH WEST)

Perth-based company **Alchemy Saunas** has expanded its popular sauna offering to additional iconic beach side locations at City Beach and Scarborough. With existing locations across Fremantle / Waylalup, West Leederville and further south in Busselton / Undalup, the popularity of the saunas adds to the growing trend of wellness experiences in WA. Alchemy Saunas has given the ancient tradition of sauna bathing a modern twist, with its saunas focusing on luxurious comfort and high-quality modern amenities whilst still being accessible and affordable. Each Alchemy Sauna is crafted in Australia with Western Red Cedar wood, with an emphasis on environmental efficiency and durability, alongside luxury design.

### BODHI (PERTH & SOUTH WEST)

**Bodhi Spa Group** has unveiled a suite of unique wellness therapies inspired by Aboriginal healing. Signature treatment, the Bodhi Kodo Massage is a sensory and

calming experience which incorporates a flowing style of massage. Its name Kodo means 'big melody', reflecting the dance-like rhythm of this rejuvenating treatment which includes warm rocks and activation of pressure points to ground and calm. Each Kodo massage begins with a smoking ritual, clearing the energy in the room to create a healing space. Several luxurious spa journeys are also on offer, revitalising visitors with mineral body wraps; a cocooning experience using Australian mineral-rich mud; scalp massages and exfoliating treatments featuring Australian salts and warm botanical oils. Bodhi has locations in Perth, plus a luxury wellness retreat overlooking the tranquil waters of Gunyulgup lake in the Margaret River Region.

### CLEAR MIND STUDIO (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

A sanctuary for mental and physical well-being, **Clear Mind Studio** has expanded its offering by opening a second venue in Fremantle. The unique urban retreat experience offers cold therapy ice baths, Finnish saunas, float therapy rooms, massage therapy and a Mediterranean-

inspired indoor and outdoor relaxation lounge. Adding to the existing studio in Inglewood, the Fremantle studio is the ideal destination to escape the hustle and bustle, reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

### EVOLVE IN YOU YOGA (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Connect with yourself and nature in a beachside wellness experience on Perth's Rottnest Island / Wadjemup. **Evolve in You Yoga** is offering morning or evening yoga and pilates classes at either Thomson Bay or The Basin, with both locations overlooking the ocean. Indulge in a blend of yoga, mindfulness and community connection set against the stunning natural backdrop of the island. The classes include dynamic asanas, breathing techniques, meditation and holistic wellness practices, catering to all levels of fitness.

### MELT SAUNAS (SUBIACO, PERTH)

Newcomer to the wellness space, **Melt Saunas & Cold Plunge** is bringing the heat through its Sunday Sessions with a difference. The luxe sauna and cold plunge studio tucked away in Subiaco has launched 'Melt Sessions', giving early-risers the chance to start their Sundays with DJ sets and a sauna session. The members-only events aim to bring the 'health, hospitality, and high vibes' and are held 8am to 10am every Sunday. Melt Saunas is a serene and welcoming studio which offers a place to recharge and unlock all the benefits of 'contrast' hot and cold therapy, including improved circulation, stress reduction and boosted mental clarity.

### MINDFUL IN NATURE (PEEL & PERTH REGIONS)

Perth-based tour company **Mindful in Nature** has unveiled a number of new tours and experiences, all designed to foster a deeper connection with nature and promote health and well-being. The Discover Forest Bathing in Dwellingup tour offers guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in the tranquillity of the forest in Perth's Peel Region. The Serenity in the Park: Eco-Wellness Experience in Yellagonga Regional Park in the northern suburb of Joondalup offers a peaceful retreat with mindfulness practices, gentle movement, and sensory activities to deepen the connection with nature. There is also the Forest Alchemy Day Retreat in Beelu National Park in the Perth Hills, where guests participate in a transformative day featuring a silent walk, Qigong practice, and a nourishing vegetarian lunch, complemented by a follow-up coaching session.

Plus, visitors to WA's Margaret River Region can now choose from three additional experiences from. The 'Cape Wellness Wander' takes visitors on a rejuvenating half-day experience in Dunsborough, including a mindful wander at Cape Naturaliste, and a delicious seasonal lunch at Ilma Beach House. The 'In Bloom: Qigong, Creativity & Wine at Whicher Ridge Winery' tour combines the restorative movements of qigong with mindful journaling, a shared picnic, sensory garden walk and wine tasting at Busselton small batch winery Whicher Ridge. The 'Nature for Everyone: Accessible Wellbeing Experience at Crooked Brook Forest' is a gentle, three-hour session which includes nature connection, journaling and a picnic lunch.

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