

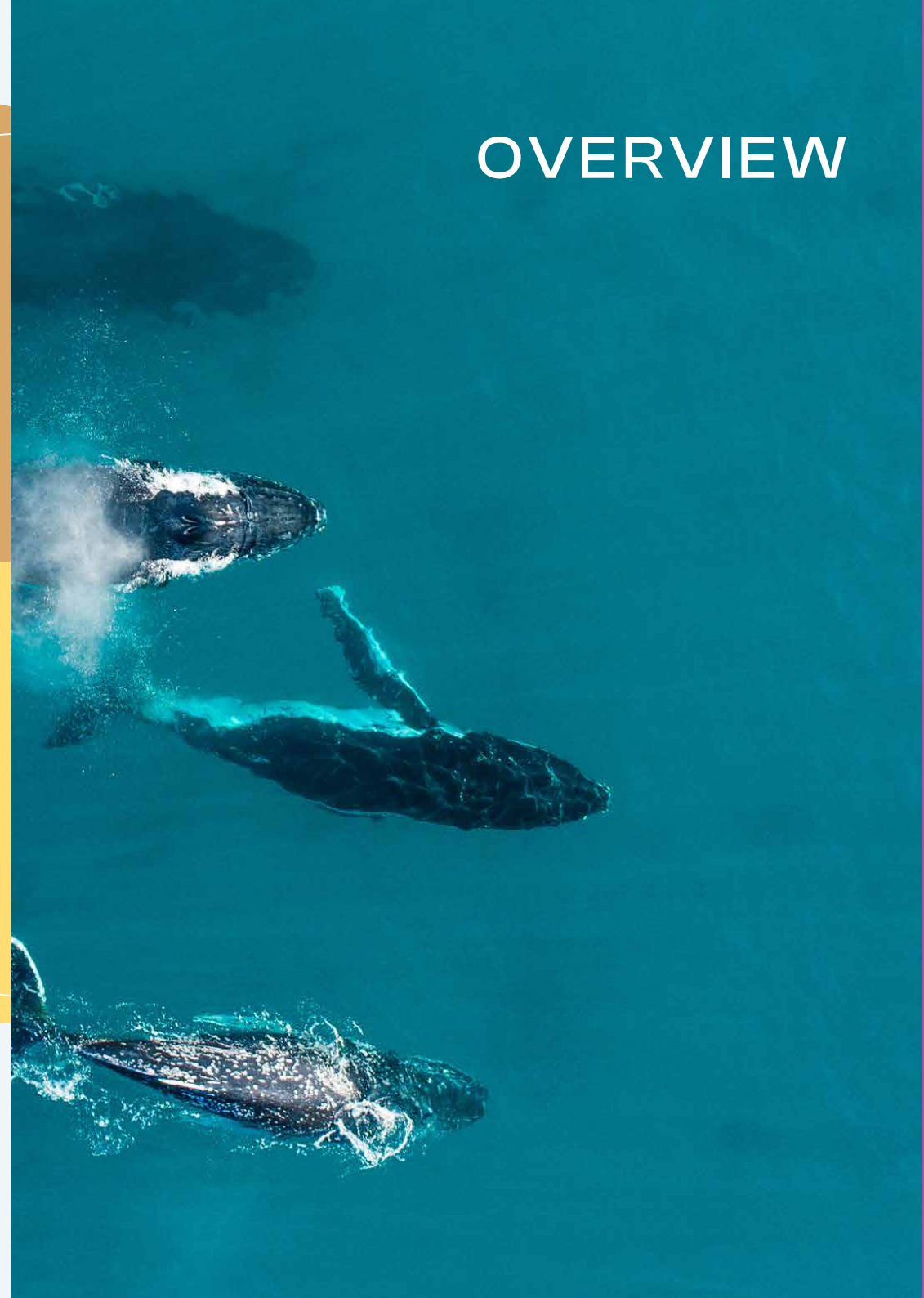
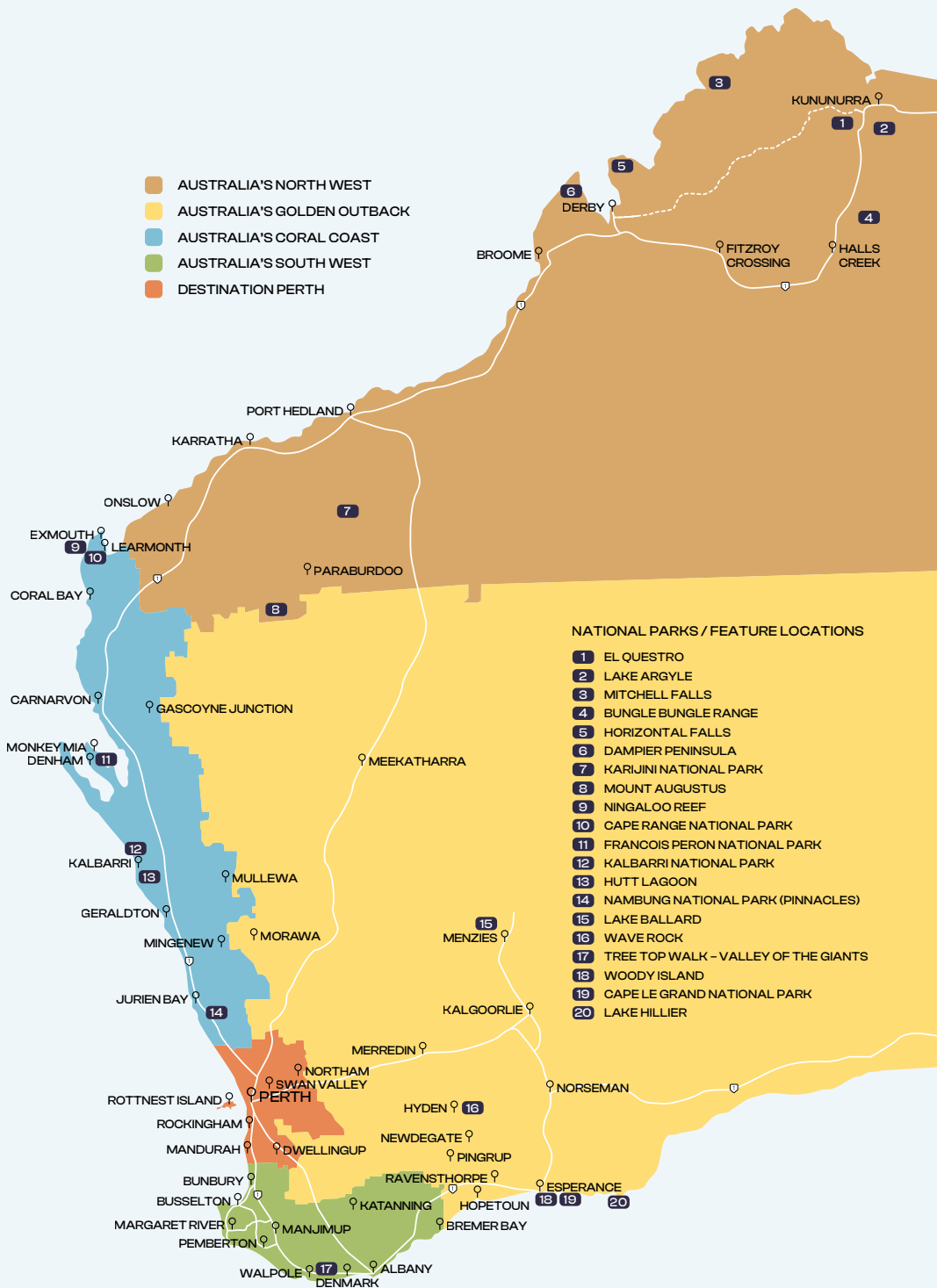
# TOURISM WESTERN AUSTRALIA MEDIA KIT 2022 - 23



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# OVERVIEW



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.

# 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:

1. 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.

2. 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. Optus Stadium, previously voted the most beautiful stadium in the world, has been a game changer, allowing us to attract blockbuster events such as the NRL State of Origin, the Bledisloe Cup and ICON — Perth's Festival of International Football.

3. 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 2.7 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 50,000 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) in Whadjuk Noongar country, Australia's sunniest capital city Perth (Boorloo) 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 an island paradise or exploring Perth's port city of Fremantle (Walyalup).

## Check out:

- **Perth's sparkling CBD.** An array of new public spaces and revitalised buildings have activated Perth CBD and surrounds. The vibrant waterfront precinct of Elizabeth Quay celebrates Perth's love affair with the Swan River. Boasting new hotels such as The Ritz-Carlton Perth and DoubleTree Hilton Perth Waterfront, riverfront views, alfresco and rooftop dining, public art and playgrounds have never been more accessible. Connecting Perth CBD to Northbridge, Yagan Square connects people to place and is a celebration of Western Australia's Aboriginal heritage. Not to be missed is the spectacular new WA Museum Boola Bardip, located in the Perth Cultural Centre; across the river, connected by the Matagarup Bridge, is the shiny new 60,000 seat world-class Optus Stadium.
- **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 native plants, as well as around 80 bird species. Tour its botanic gardens and spring wildflowers solo, or on a guided tour. Alternatively, discover the park's rich culture with an Aboriginal guide. Within an hour of Perth's CBD, you can swim with wild dolphins at Rockingham, cruise the canals in Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap), discover crystal caves in Yanchep National Park and hike the trails in the Perth Hills.

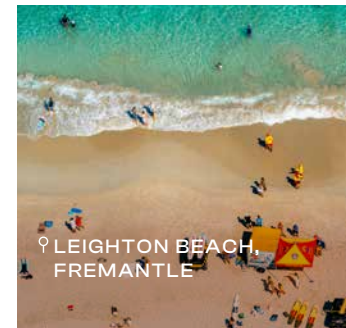
- **A stellar line-up of city beaches.** Home to 19 pristine metropolitan beaches, it's easy to find your own piece of paradise to enjoy one of Western Australia's famous coastal sunsets — whether that be from the sand, a picnic area, or one of the coast's many dining options. From Bathers Beach in Fremantle, to the iconic Cottesloe Beach and the 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.
- **Wining and dining.** Head into Perth's city centre and its urban hubs of Northbridge, Leederville, Mount Lawley, Victoria Park and Subiaco, plus the port city of Fremantle, for an ever-expanding range of small bars, restaurants, breweries and distilleries across the city's rooftops, laneways and heritage-listed buildings. Just a 30-minute drive from the CBD, or a cruise along the Swan River, will take you to Western Australia's oldest wine region, the Swan Valley. Tantalise your taste buds at over 40 world-class wineries, breweries, cideries, distilleries and gourmet artisan producers. 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 unique island paradise located just a short ferry ride from the mainland. Explore the island by scenic flight, segway, skydive, hop-on hop-off bus, waterbike or kayak; grab a snorkel or join a tour to discover the abundance of spectacular marine life, and meet 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.
- **An eclectic port city.** Discover maritime history, a 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 micro-breweries and choose from a variety of funky cafes, boutique bars and top restaurants. Join a guided walking tour to discover the city's colourful maritime history, bohemian culture and vibrant street art.



♀ REPUBLIC OF FREMANTLE, FREMANTLE | WALYALUP



♀ LEIGHTON BEACH, FREMANTLE



♀ WA MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP, PERTH | BOORLOO

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

Home to awesome marine life, endless white sandy beaches and the warm, turquoise Indian Ocean, this region boasts two UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites; Ningaloo Marine Park (Nynggulu) and Shark Bay (Gathaagudu).

## Experience:

- **Snorkelling at Ningaloo Reef.** Where the outback meets the reef, step off the beach and into an underwater wonderland of the world's largest fringing reef, the traditional lands of the Baiyungu, Jinigudira and Thalanyji people. Over 300 kilometres long, the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef is 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 220 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 Reef from mid-March to the end of July; while gentle humpback whales visit from July to October. Year round, you can also swim with acrobatic manta rays, while keeping an eye out for green and loggerhead turtles.
- **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 over 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 Western Australia'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 other dreamy colours at Hutt Lagoon near Port Gregory, where waters could 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, the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park.

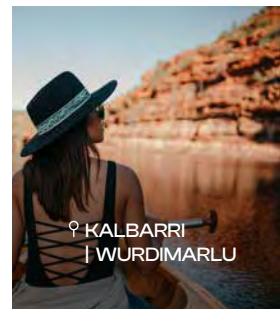
- **Extraordinary rock formations.** Experience an otherworldly landscape of incredible limestone spires rising eerily from the sand at the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park. Further up the coast, discover the town of Kalbarri (Wurdimarlu) in the Yamatji region, surrounded by soaring coastal cliffs and the incredible river gorges in Kalbarri National Park. Step out onto the 100-metre high, see-through Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka) for breath-taking 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 Murchison River to experience the depths and heights of the 400 million-year-old landscapes.



♀ COALSEAM NATIONAL PARK



♀ NINGALOO REEF  
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♀ KALBARRI  
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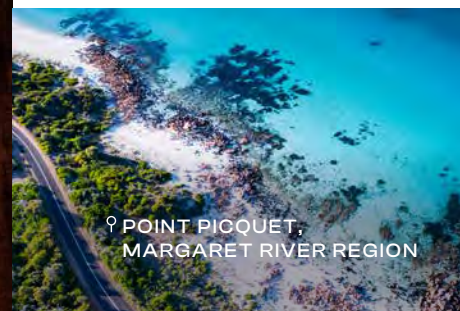
# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

Here you'll find world-class food and wine, beautiful beaches, surfing, cave systems, tall tree forests, whale-watching, wildflowers and the famous Margaret River wine region on Wardandi 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.

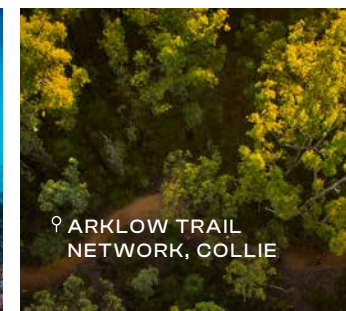
## Check out:

- **World-class wine and fresh local produce.** Home to six distinct wine regions including world-famous Margaret River, the South West also serves up some of Australia's best 'paddock to plate' fresh produce. Enjoy fresh marron, trout, venison, chocolates, cheeses, cherries, boutique beers and ciders, as well as the rare black truffle — more of them are produced in Manjimup than anywhere else in Australia.
- **Surfing, swimming, snorkelling.** The South West is world famous for its spectacular coastline and magnificent surf and swimming beaches. Follow in the footsteps of the world's best surfers who flock to the perfectly 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 Busselton Jetty Underwater Observatory.

- **Culture, arts and history.** Learn more about Aboriginal customs and history of the South West's first inhabitants through a number of Aboriginal centres and tours across the region. Forage for traditional bush foods, discover ancient traditions or experience the magic of a live didgeridoo performance inside an underground cave. 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 and the multi award-winning National Anzac Centre for a deeply personal connection with Australia's ANZAC history.
- **Tall timbers.** You'll get a bird's eye view of towering karri and tingle trees in the Valley of the Giants, between Denmark and Walpole, where the world-first Tree Top Walk is suspended 40 metres above the forest floor of Menang Noongar country. The South West is also home to giant jarrah, karri, marri and tuart trees. Near Pemberton you can climb two towering karri trees, up to 75 metres high, using climbing pegs to reach lookout towers.
- **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 and other world-class mountain biking trails through Collie and Margaret River or head underground at Ngilgi, Mammoth, Lake and Jewel caves to explore mesmerising labyrinths decorated with limestone crystal formations. From January to April, take an orca tour from Bremer Bay to see the southern hemisphere's largest killer whale pod in a deep-sea canyon 70 kilometres offshore. 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 on Menang country.



♀ POINT PICQUET, MARGARET RIVER REGION



♀ ARKLOW TRAIL NETWORK, COLLIE



♀ VOYAGER ESTATE, MARGARET RIVER REGION

# 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 pink lakes.** Home to Australia's whitest beach, Lucky Bay in Cape Le Grand National Park, just out of Esperance (Kepa Kurl), is so relaxing even the kangaroos sunbathe on the sand. For the full outdoor experience, follow the coastal walk trails or set up at some of Australia's most picturesque campsites. Back in town, be wowed around every corner along the 40-kilometre Great Ocean Drive. Catching the eye of photographers around the world is the bright pink Lake Hillier on Middle Island — where you'll witness astounding hues of bubblegum pink on a scenic flight by plane or helicopter.

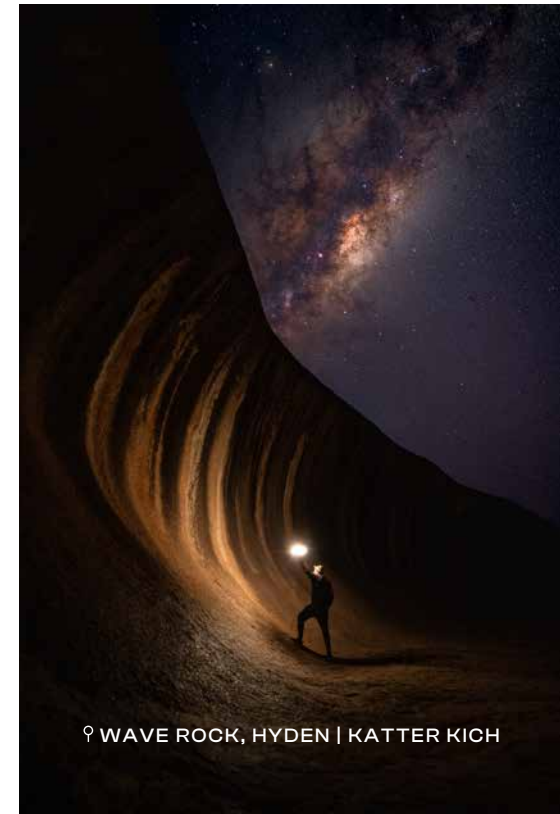
• **One of Australia's largest outdoor galleries.** The striking salt flats of Lake Ballard form the backdrop of Inside Australia, a truly unique installation of 51 life-sized steel statues by acclaimed sculptor Antony Gormley, inspired by residents of the nearby town of Menzies on Wongutha country.

- **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, you guessed it, 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's) 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.



♀ NALLAN STATION, CUE



♀ WAVE ROCK, HYDEN | KATTER KICH



# 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 culture and history.

## Check out:

• **Otherworldly wonders.** Discover Australia's only horizontal waterfalls, 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 experience the thrill of the falls up close by zipping through them on a speed boat, then stay overnight on a houseboat. Discover incredible natural wonders such as the world-famous Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) sunsets, dinosaur footprints, some of the biggest tides in the world and the natural phenomenon of the Staircase to the Moon; all whilst slipping into 'Broome time.'

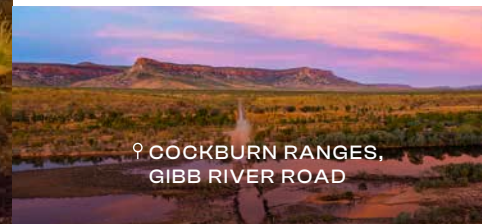
• **The pearling capital of Australia.** A laidback tropical oasis, and where the outback meets the ocean, Broome's unique pearling history dates back to the late 1800s. Today, Broome, the western gateway to the Kimberley, is one of the world's finest producers of pearls, and its unique history coupled with the culture of the Yawuru people offers a truly unique melting pot of Aboriginal and Asian heritage. Pearl farm tours offer a fascinating 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).

• **Aboriginal experiences.** The North West offers a range of profound Aboriginal experiences with the world's oldest living culture and the traditional custodians of this land. Explore ancient rock art galleries in remote places. Join an Aboriginal guide to go mud crabbing and spear fishing and listen to ancient stories. North of Broome, the Dampier Peninsula on Yawuru country has the highest concentration of Aboriginal tourism offerings in Australia. On the Burrup Peninsula in Murujuga National Park, join an Aboriginal guide to witness the most prolific rock 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 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, or camp nearby to explore hidden gorges and pools.

• **Remote luxury resorts and Kimberley cruising.** Escape the well-known and well-trodden, and truly get away from it all at one of the North West's remote luxury resorts. The Berkeley River Lodge can only be reached by sea or air, Kimberley Coastal Camp is accessible only by helicopter, 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 — then retreat back to the comfort of your own private suite.

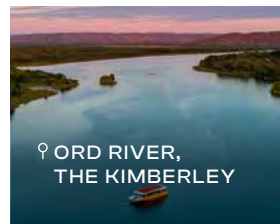
• **The hub of the eastern Kimberley.** Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang) on Miriwoong country is the perfect backdrop for an outback adventure and the gateway town to exploring the eastern region of the Kimberley. Base yourself here and join one of the many tours to experience the region's awe-inspiring attractions 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 still.



♀ COCKBURN RANGES, GIBB RIVER ROAD



♀ CABLE BEACH, BROOME | WALMANYJUN



♀ ORD RIVER, THE KIMBERLEY



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S DIVERSE EVENTS CALENDAR

Visitors can experience Western Australia's natural beauty, state-of-the-art venues and diverse culture in unique and unforgettable ways through an incredible range of world-class cultural, arts, sporting and culinary events.

## SHINJU MATSURI

♀ CABLE BEACH, BROOME | WALMANYJUN



# KEY EVENTS

## SHINJU MATSURI

Culture, food – Broome (Rubibi), North West – August 26 to September 10 2023

Japanese for ‘festival of the pearl’, Broome’s annual Shinju Matsuri is a vibrant celebration of the town’s unique multicultural and pearling history. Since the late 1800s, Broome’s prized South Sea pearls have brought together local Aboriginal people with Japanese, Chinese, Malay, Koepanger, Filipino and European workers. This cultural fusion continues to flourish in present-day Broome, where Shinju Matsuri’s nine-day whirlwind of colour, sound, taste and smell showcase the region’s natural beauty and unique history.

[shinjumatsuri.com.au](http://shinjumatsuri.com.au)



♀ MANDURAH  
| MANDJOOGOORDAP

## THOMAS DAMBO'S GIANTS OF MANDURAH

Art, culture – Mandurah and Perth Region – November 12, 2022 to November 2023

In an Australian-first, a series of enormous wooden sculptures have been installed south of Perth. Created by renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo, and standing at around five metres tall, the sculptures are intended to be protectors of the environment, and will each have their own distinct personality. Visitors will be encouraged to explore and discover these installations at five secret locations in Mandurah and the wider Peel region. An artist of international acclaim, Dambo has exhibited extensively throughout the world. His practice celebrates the diversity, beauty and importance of the natural world, with his works all handmade using recycled materials.

## HIGH VOLTAGE

Music, culture – Fremantle, Perth – May 7 2023

WA’s iconic rock history will be celebrated in a new AC/DC-inspired event — High Voltage. The new street circuit-style event will celebrate music and community, as well as the spirit of Fremantle-raised former lead singer of AC/DC Bon Scott. National and international live music acts will perform from trucks in a musical procession throughout the streets of Fremantle.

## FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND 2023

Sports – Perth – July 20 – August 20, 2023

Perth Rectangular Stadium will host five matches of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, giving sport lovers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of this global spectacular. Among the visiting teams will be Denmark, China PR, Canada, Republic of Ireland, Jamaica, Morocco and Colombia.



♀ PERTH RECTANGULAR STADIUM



**PERTH FESTIVAL**  
♀ KINGS PARK AND BOTANIC GARDEN | KAARTA KOOMBA

### PERTH FESTIVAL

Culture – Perth – February 10 to March 5, 2023

Perth Festival is Australia’s longest-running and most diverse international arts festival. It is renowned as a showcase for Aboriginal culture, presenting major new international premieres and celebrating Perth’s unique qualities and stories for diverse audiences. Over three weeks, the best artists of Western Australia and the world come together for hundreds of exciting shows across theatre, music, dance, film, literature, visual arts and free community events. Its many outdoor venues make the most of Perth’s natural beauty and consistent late-summer climate.

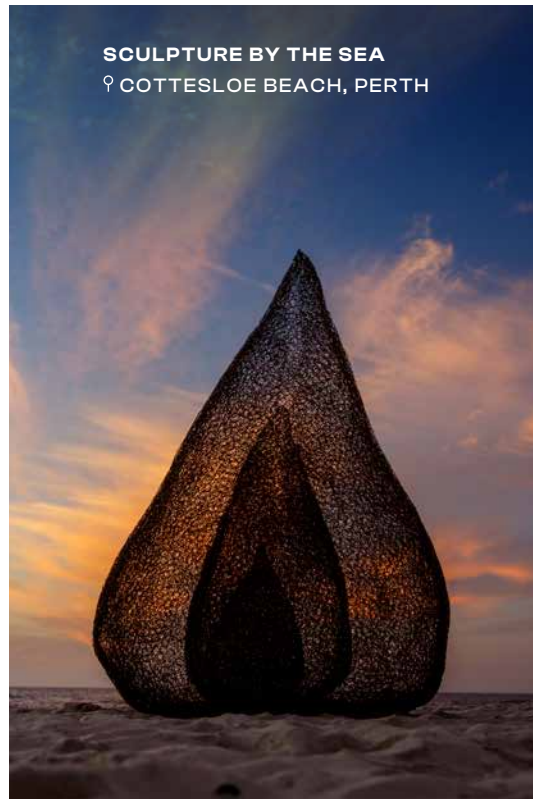
[perthfestival.com.au](http://perthfestival.com.au)

### SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, COTTESLOE

Culture – Perth – March 3 to 20, 2023

For a fortnight each year, Perth’s Cottesloe Beach transforms into a giant outdoor gallery to host the immensely popular Sculpture by the Sea exhibition. The free event showcases around 70 massive and magnificent installations by top local and international artists, set against the backdrop of one of the city’s most iconic beaches.

[sculpturebythesea.com/cottesloe](http://sculpturebythesea.com/cottesloe)



**SCULPTURE BY THE SEA**  
♀ COTTESLOE BEACH, PERTH

### SHORE LEAVE

Food, culture – Geraldton, Coral Coast – April 27 to 30, 2023

Now in its third year, Shore Leave is a celebration of the Midwest region’s culture, food and adventure offerings. The festival hosts one of the most unique dining experiences in WA, the Arolhos Islands Long Table Lunch. Other highlights include the Beach Price Markets at Fisherman’s Wharf, with a bustling seafood market, live cooking demonstrations, pop-up bars and food stalls; a Paddock to Plate dining event and unique stargazing experiences.

[shoreleavefestival.com.au](http://shoreleavefestival.com.au)



**MARGARET RIVER PRO**  
♀ SURFERS POINT,  
MARGARET RIVER REGION

### MARGARET RIVER PRO

Sport – Margaret River, South West – April 20 to April 30 2023

The Margaret River Pro has been a World Championship Tour event since 2014 and attracts the world’s top professional surfers to Margaret River each year. This region lives up to its reputation as one of the world’s most consistent big wave destinations, with more than 75 major surfing breaks. The event will see the world’s top male and female surfers compete in some of the most challenging and powerful surf on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

[worldsurfleague.com](http://worldsurfleague.com)

**BOAB METALS ORD VALLEY MUSTER**  
♀ KUNUNURRA | GOONOOORRANG



**TRUFFLE KERFUFFLE**  
♀ MANJIMUP

**BOAB METALS ORD VALLEY MUSTER**

Culture, music, food — Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang), North West – May 19 to 27, 2023

The Boab Metals Ord Valley Muster celebrates the culture and extraordinary natural landscapes of the Kimberley region in WA's North West. The festival prides itself on embracing the local community to present an impressive line-up of events including comedy nights, a street party and the Waringarri Corroboree. The muster's major drawcard, the Kimberley Moon Experience, is held on the banks of the Ord River and provides an idyllic setting to enjoy a stellar line-up of national and local musical acts.

[ordvalleymuster.com](http://ordvalleymuster.com)

**TRUFFLE KERFUFFLE**

Food and wine – Manjimup, South West – June 23 to 25, 2023

Truffle Kerfuffle is a weekend long celebration of WA's famous black truffles — found in Manjimup in the State's South West. Held during truffle season at Fonty's Pool in Manjimup, festival goers will enjoy interactive and hands on experiences. Join truffle hunters and their truffle dogs to search out prized truffles, visit the festival village to meet the producers and get a taste of the region, or enjoy a range of exclusive dining events.

[trufflekerfuffle.com.au](http://trufflekerfuffle.com.au)

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## WALKING ON A DREAM

### OUR STORY: THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Our Story is embedded in all facets of the new global tourism brand, Western Australia Walking On A Dream.

The WA tourism industry built this new brand. The journey to Walking On A Dream has been many years in the making. More than two years ago, Tourism WA began working on a new tourism brand for Western Australia that would set our unique State apart from competitor destinations across the country, and around the world. After undertaking the most extensive consultation in the Agency's history — which included consultation with more than 500 tourism industry business owners and leaders from across all regions of the State, and testing with more than 110 local, national and international consumers — the Our Story: The Spirit of Adventure narrative was born.

Our Story: The Spirit of Adventure is a narrative framework that outlines what makes Western Australia so special. It does this through five key pillars designed to provoke the spirit of adventure in every traveller, with these pillars the foundation for all Tourism WA's subsequent marketing and creative activities, including the domestic Wander Out Yonder campaigns and the Adventure Awaits international platform.

These five story pillars outline what Western Australia is, at its core. Western Australia is: Ancient Tracks, New Journeys™; barefoot luxury; otherworldly phenomena; majestic landscapes and big skies; and full of characters.

Walking On A Dream is inspired by the Our Story: The Spirit of Adventure narrative. Walking On A Dream uses the same founding principles to underpin a new creative approach for a bold new brand, to make WA shine as a world-leading destination of choice in a competitive global marketplace.

While the Our Story pillars still represent what makes WA unique and differentiates us from other destinations, we have added the themes of Time, Space, Connection and Freedom into our narrative.

These thematic pillars represent key attributes that global travellers are seeking from a destination in a post-pandemic world, and through the Our Story pillars, we can show the world how Western Australia delivers on these critical themes.

#### TIME

Western Australia is 60,000 years of stories, shared by the oldest living culture on Earth. Stories that bring otherworldly landscapes to life. Traditions that have been handed down across generations, and enriching experiences across the State and the seasons.

#### SPACE

Western Australia is otherworldly phenomena, majestic landscapes and big sky country. Supernatural contrasts of colour, sheer scale and spaciousness. Quiet, powerful, soulful.

#### CONNECTION

Western Australia is full of characters and rich with culture. A special place, where connecting with the land helps you reconnect with yourself. Locals with a warm, welcoming and a generous spirit, who share our culture, lands, and our way of life.

#### FREEDOM

Western Australia is brimming with special and rare experiences, for those seeking the freedom to embark on new adventures. Luxury, but not as you know it. One-of-a-kind experiences, set on nature's doorstep. Relaxed and down to earth. The freedom to embark on every kind of unforgettable adventure.

These pillars and the Walking On A Dream creative concept will give Tourism WA's marketing and communications the uniqueness needed to make Western Australia shine as an aspirational, memorable and desirable destination for leisure and business travel, from now and into the future.

# DESTINATION NEWS



# WHAT'S NEW & TRENDING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2022 / 23

Australia's largest State continues to draw wide acclaim from around the world with top travel publications including Western Australia (WA) in their annual lists of dreamy travel destinations.

There's a mix of exciting new projects, products and experiences that have recently been added to the WA offering, and coming soon. Below is a comprehensive rundown of what's new, what's to come and what will be trending in WA for the year ahead.



## PERTH HOTEL DEVELOPMENTS

Perth (Boorloo) continues to offer a number of new and refurbished properties that have opened in the CBD and surrounding urban and regional areas.

The newly acquired Accor property, Wonil Hotel Perth, will open its doors in February 2023. Located on the banks of the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan), Wonil Hotel has a chic modern setting, and is a stylish home base for visitors exploring the city.

In August 2022, the new 431-room Novotel Perth Murray Street officially opened to the public. The 431-room hotel is the largest Accor hotel in Perth, ideally located in the heart of the CBD. The property features a spectacular 12th floor fitness and spa facility, including a pool, steam room, day spa and sauna; four bars, a cafe and restaurant; four meeting rooms and a conference room for up to 120 people; and spacious modern rooms.

The Terrace is one of Perth city's favourite heritage venues. Reopening in December 2022, the Terrace was built in 1892 and resides in the West end of Perth's central business district. Extensive renovations for the hotel were completed in 2012, kicking off a proliferation of new and revitalised hotel developments across the city. Architect Jean-mic Perrine helped transform the venue into a boutique hotel with 15 rooms and a restaurant, which offers a range of casual dining options.

Perth's Parmelia Hilton hotel welcomed the opening of two new luxury premier suites in October. The hotel reopened in February 2021 after an extensive \$45 million-dollar refurbishment. The new suites add to the already 32 new rooms and refurbished executive lounge, lobby and restaurant at the iconic 53-year old hotel.

Since 2020, Perth has welcomed the opening of DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront overlooking the Swan River and city skyline at Elizabeth Quay, and Vibe Hotel in the inner-city suburb of Subiaco, with its spectacular rooftop restaurant and pool. Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) also welcomed its first boutique luxury accommodation — Samphire Rottnest, while the heritage-listed Warders Hotel has opened in Fremantle (Walyalup).





## PERTH'S NEW TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

The highly anticipated Matagarup Bridge zipline is now zipping into action, having officially opened to the public on December 5, 2021. Similar to the Matagarup Bridge climb experience, which opened in January 2021, the zipline adventure takes around 90 minutes, with guests having to climb 150 steps up the bridge to the launch platform, sitting over 35 metres above Perth's iconic Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan). Zippers will reach speeds of up to 75 kilometres an hour in an exhilarating ride over the river, before landing on Burswood Park foreshore.

Next door is the multi-award winning venue, Optus Stadium. In January 2023, the stadium was named Australia's most beautiful stadium for the third consecutive year. In the five years since it opened, the stadium has won 60 awards, including the international venue of the year in 2022. Last year, a new 42-metre-high viewing platform opened at Optus Stadium. VERTIGO provides visitors an opportunity to walk along the new platform, which projects around five metres beyond the edge of the stadium roof, offering spectacular 360-degree views not only over the stadium, but of Perth city too. This is followed by a unique lean-out experience from the rail-less, see-through platform towards the playing field. The platform is accessible to all ages and abilities, with lift access available.

On the water, Perth Wildlife Encounters has launched a new 3 Island Snorkel, Wildlife & Seafood Cruise which takes visitors to some of the top snorkelling spots in Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, home to pods of playful dolphins and Australian sea lions. Above the water, Efoil Australia has brought the latest trend in watersports to South Perth foreshore. With no experience required, all are welcome to experience the fun of effortlessly gliding along the Swan River on a Fliteboard Air, with 30 and 90-minute experiences on offer daily.

## CELEBRATING WA CULTURE & HERITAGE

Perth's vibrant cultural centre welcomed the opening of the spectacular new WA Museum Boola Bardip in November 2020. The museum hosts eight permanent exhibitions bursting with objects from the State's scientific and cultural collections, using state-of-the-art technology to create truly immersive experiences. The museum also hosts a number of world-class exhibitions and special events throughout the year. New in 2022, visitors to the museum will enjoy free performances by Aboriginal Noongar dancers every Saturday morning as part of Nyumbi. The groups perform traditional song and dance, and share stories of the State's rich culture and history.

The refurbishment of one of WA's much-loved heritage and cultural icons, His Majesty's Theatre, was completed in December 2022, with the original heritage balconies fully reinstated following their removal in 1953. Built in 1904, His Maj, as it's affectionately known, is a world-class venue for opera, dance and theatre, and is the only remaining operating Edwardian Theatre in the Southern Hemisphere. Meanwhile, the iconic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse in WA's Margaret River Region has also resumed its tours and ocean viewing deck after a year-long restoration of the 1895 limestone structure. Standing at 39 metres high, the lighthouse near Augusta is the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet.



## PERTH'S NEW FOOD & DRINK OFFERINGS

Perth's hospitality scene continues to thrive, with a number of new venues that have recently opened, or are set to open in 2023.

In the heart of the CBD, Terrarium is an exciting new multi-level cocktail and spirits bar serving up specialist cocktails, a comprehensive selection of spirits, and a refined bar food menu. The stylish yet moody space is overflowing with greenery and timber tones, all centred around the huge terrarium it's named after. The Rusty Fig also opened its doors at the end of 2022. The restaurant offers modern-Australian flavours and European influences led by Head Chef and Owner Graham Jessop, who is known for working in some of the world's finest restaurants. The front deck is built around an iconic fig tree that casts a giant figure over the venue.

That's in addition to Espresso & Prosecco which is serving up Italian style dining in Perth's Hay Street Mall, and is the first alfresco offering in the Mall in nearly a decade; and Any — a new bar and eatery on Queen Street complete with Chef's Counter experience.

Pan Pacific Perth has welcomed the opening of The Stage — a fun new dining concept, designed to surprise and delight guests, with a different pop-up restaurant performance every few months inspired by different cultures and cuisines.

Throughout 2022, there has been a boom in the revitalisation of historic hotels and spaces throughout Perth. After two years and a \$7 million renovation, the historic Bassendean Hotel is back, with all of the charm and character of the 1930s pub, while the

Claremont Hotel opened in January 2023 after an extensive restoration process to return the heritage site to its former glory. The original corner pub, built in 1902, has been expanded, restored, modernised and reimagined with a design flair and sense of glamour. The Beaufort is a new multi-level, state-of-the-art hospitality venue that has opened its doors along the vibrant Beaufort Street strip in Mount Lawley. Taking over a former 1950s warehouse space and set over three levels, The Beaufort offers patrons multiple venues to explore. The Rowing Pavilion has also opened its doors on the banks of Perth's Canning River in December 2022. The Mount Pleasant rowing sheds originally opened in 1962, when it hosted the city's one-and-only British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

Northbridge continues to boom with new hospitality offerings, including Ruinbar — a 300-person venue that has taken over a previously dilapidated heritage building. The interiors are inspired by eastern European ruin bars, with the courtyard area currently playing host to alternating food trucks over weekends.

To the outer suburbs and Perth's popular dumpling house Miss Chow's is expanding its offering with a new bar and bites venue in opening in Perth's neighbourhood of Mount Hawthorn. Lucy Luu infuses South-East Asian heritage with WA local produce, offering Asian fusion share plates, playful cocktails and a premium wine list. In Mount Lawley, Testun has opened its doors with a 50-seat dining room and bar featuring imaginative Italian



THE BEAUFORT, MOUNT LAWLEY

cooking in a fun and colourful setting, while in Karrinyup, Dandelion is a must visit — brought to life by the team at iconic city venues The Royal Hotel, Fleur, Willi's and The Standard. The new sprawling two-storey venue located at the recently redeveloped Karrinyup Shopping Centre includes two bars, a kitchen and distillery. Dandelion Spirits Co. is a bespoke distillery creating craft gins and vodka in-house, and forms the centrepiece of the bar floor.

Subiaco welcomed two new restaurants at the end of 2022. Legendary Perth restaurateur Clint Nolan — the curator behind nearly 10 of Perth's favourite venues including Henry Summer, Sneaky Tony's and Alabama Song — has again brought the joy of Mexican flavours and energy to his latest creation, Mexican Cantina La Condesa. La Condesa is often described as being 'Tulum-meets-SoCal Mexican cuisine'. Two of Perth's well-known hospitality stalwarts, Benny Tua and Leigh Power are behind the newly opened Shui Subiaco, which offers a modern Asian fusion of flavours, and a balance of spicy, sour, sweet and salt in its dishes. The menu is designed for sharing, with small and large plates on offer, and a drinks list offering fun and flavoursome cocktails.

Other Subiaco offerings that have opened recently include Shui Subiaco, Spirit of Little Things, Cherubino Cellar and Bar Loiter.

Taking over the upstairs restaurant space at the iconic Indiana Tearooms at Cottesloe Beach, Indigo Oscar opened in December 2021, serving stunning cocktails and a Latin American inspired menu with panoramic views over the Indian Ocean. The opening of the pop-up restaurant coincided with the unveiling of the proposed future plans for the redevelopment of the much-loved Indiana Tearooms, which includes a new multi-level terrace design with new restaurant, cafe, kiosk, promenade and covered public plaza — as well as a new 31-room boutique hotel and day spa.

Overlooking the stunning Peel Estuary, Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) has welcomed the opening of Boundary Island Brewery. Craft beers are brewed on site at the micro-brewery, which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mandurah Cruises has also launched a new tour, connecting its iconic dolphin experiences straight to the brewery. If that wasn't enough, Mandurah's first boutique distillery recently opened its doors. Little Stiller produces four specially crafted gins and two vodkas, distilled onsite using locally sourced botanicals.





## NEW FLAVOURS IN THE SWAN VALLEY

Two of WA's biggest spirit brands now call the Swan Valley wine region home, with the new Limeburners & Giniversity in the Valley opening its doors in June 2022. Master Distiller Cameron Syme brings his award-winning South West whisky and gin experiences to the new venue, along with a contemporary dining offering. The new 200-seat venue includes a restaurant, bar, cellar door and function space; with local beers and wines complementing the spirit offering — and also hosts the popular Giniversity and Limeburners blending experiences.

Also found in the Swan Valley is the newly renovated brewery and restaurant Valley Social. The venue features a spacious interior with multiple zones — including a main bar spirit lounge and outdoor lawn area to enjoy local craft beers, ciders, spirits and wines served across three different bars. It is home to the largest glass micro-brewery kettle in the Southern Hemisphere, with all beers produced on-site, as well as the house spirits, and a custom-built black beauty smoker serving up a variety of smoked barbecue meats.

Meanwhile, Old Young's Kitchen has opened next door to the popular distillery of the same name in the Swan Valley. The restaurant complements the existing distillery tasting room, which specialises in hand crafted gin and vodka. The menu focuses on fresh, hyper-local and sustainably produced native ingredients with plates designed for sharing. The drinks list heroes the region's wine and beer offerings, with Old Young's spirits a focus in the cocktail selections. The storytelling around gourmet delights in the Swan Valley continues with the addition of immersive tours coming to Funk Cider, from production tours and cider-blending workshops, to regular 'meet the maker' events. All are due to start in early 2023, delving deeper into the region's produce offering beyond Verdelho, Chenin Blanc, beer and diverse roadside stalls. Then on the edge of the Swan Valley, you'll find Oscar's at Guildford Landing. Opening in June 2023, its philosophy is to source quality local ingredients, treat them with simplicity and cook over fire.

## FREMANTLE'S CONTINUING RENAISSANCE

Fremantle (Walyalup) was named in TIME's annual list of the World's Greatest Places of 2022, which highlights 50 extraordinary travel destinations from around the globe. The port city, located just a half-hour drive or train ride from Perth CBD, earned a spot in this year's list thanks to a once-in-a-generation renaissance of its civic heart and surrounds. This bohemian city blends old with the new, home to a 19th century port streetscape, and a recent surge of new hospitality offerings and public spaces. In the recently redeveloped city centre — Walyalup Koort (meaning 'Heart of Fremantle' in Whadjuk Noongar language) — FOMO is a new commercial space offering hawker-style food stalls, entertainment, art and dining spaces for visitors to sit, eat, walk and engage.

The historic A Shed building at Fremantle's Victoria Quay is now home to a new brewery, with leading Perth craft brewer Gage Roads Brewing opening its first public-facing venue. The 1,500-capacity family-friendly venue includes a microbrewery, restaurant and bar, a children's play area, and 100-metres of al fresco seating overlooking the strip of ocean between Fremantle and Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) from which Gage Roads took its name. The brewery forms part of Fremantle's Victoria Quay revitalisation project — which looks to enhance the public space at the historic

port and develop the precinct into a major tourism and recreation space. It's also home to the world-class WA Maritime Museum.

Located on the iconic Cappuccino Strip, Sailing for Oranges is a new bar / cocina, serving Iberian inspired food and drink. The venue opened in late 2022 and is the sister venue of Fremantle favourite Emily Taylor. An extensive refurbishment of the previous site at Kahuna Brewery, the venue includes an extended deck, new bar, modern function spaces and seating for 150.

La Lune is a charming Parisienne-style cafe, bar and bistro, which has opened in a gorgeous light-filled heritage space on George Street in East Fremantle. The venue's relaxed all-day dining concept is inspired by New York French-style neighbourhood bistros. Its menu has been developed with the direction of chefs Jesse Blake and Josh Chen, both formerly of Petition at State Buildings.

Meanwhile, the coastal pocket of North Fremantle has welcomed a new neighbourhood bar. Overlooking Leighton Beach, one of Perth's most popular beaches, Al Lupo offers a contemporary coastal dining experience. With expansive windows, a sunken sunroom and al fresco dining, this menu showcases local WA seafood, boasting a drinks list of Italian-style cocktails, local beer and a mix of Australian and European wine.



## ROTTNEST ISLAND

Visitors to Perth's Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) will now be welcomed by a spectacular new nine-metre-high sculpture, *Koora-Yeye-Boordawan-Kalyakoorl* (Past-Present-Future-Forever), which opened to the public in December 2021. The sculpture depicts a Noongar warrior and breaching whale, creating a powerful statement at the end of the main ferry jetty where visitors arrive.

Two other significant enhancements have been delivered on the Island as part of a multi million dollar investment from the Commonwealth's National Tourism Icons Program:

- A \$5.8 million revitalisation of the Settlement Mall improving services, accessibility, and family-friendly amenities, featuring new paving, seating and shade shelters; and
- \$2 million in new comforts at the Island's premier swimming spot, The Basin, including new toilets, seating, shade shelters, barbecues and beach showers.

Visitors to Rottnest Island can now also discover the island's underwater wonders on a new snorkelling tour experience. Rottnest Snorkel tours operate a three-hour snorkelling experience led by highly experienced guides. Guests will step on-board a custom-built 10 metre boat to cruise the Island's shallow bays and crystal-clear waters. Snorkelers will have the opportunity to discover more the 400 species of fish, 20 types of coral and

multiple shipwrecks. For those who wish to explore at their own pace, there is a new self-guided snorkel trail in the vibrant waters of Little Salmon Bay. Starting at the limestone reef along the left side of the bay, guests can use the yellow buoys as a guide, reading the information cards attached below the surface as they snorkel at their own pace.

A touch of Italy has recently arrived at the Island, with new restaurant *Isola* — meaning 'island' in Italian — opening its doors. Taking over the former Thomson Restaurant, guests can enjoy aperitivos and share plates from an Italian-inspired menu whilst overlooking stunning Thomson Bay.

Kuld Creamery has opened a pop-up venue on Rottnest Island for the summer season. Located at The Basin, the ice-cream van is scooping out unique flavours all made using locally sourced cream, milk and eggs. A 'Rotto' exclusive, the *Quokka Traxx* — vanilla ice-cream, Kuld peanut butter cups and a thick ripple of fudge — is destined to be a summer favourite!

At Discovery Park Rottnest Island — the Island's glamping accommodation that opened in 2018 — a million-dollar investment has seen the upgrade of accommodation options for groups or larger families looking to stay together, and the refurbishment of popular *Pinky's Rottnest Island*, which includes a newly developed alfresco lawn space, increased weather protection and a resort-style dining area.



♀ PINKY BEACH, ROTTNEST ISLAND | WADJEMUP

It's now easier than ever to get to Perth's island paradise, with SeaLink Rottnest welcoming a new vessel to its fleet, *Quokka 3*; and Rottnest Fast Ferries launching the largest vessel, the *Harbour Master*.

Alternatively, fly across to the Island with *Swan River Seaplanes*, *Fly Rottnest* or *Rottnest Air Taxi*.

In exciting accommodation news, a major redevelopment of Rottnest Island Lodge site commenced in mid-2022.

The \$40 million development includes a range of new accommodation, including affordable and premium options, with 46 new boutique-style rooms and 56 refurbished rooms. The redevelopment will also feature new food and beverage facilities — including a restaurant with a focus on WA produce, café, gelato bar, wellness centre, community space and two pools. The redevelopment of the Rottnest Island Lodge is anticipated to be completed in 2025.





♀ MURUJUGA NATIONAL PARK, THE KIMBERLEY

## ABORIGINAL CULTURE & TOURISM

The rich and unique culture of Australia's Aboriginal people stretches back at least 50,000 years, making it the world's oldest living culture. Across coastal, urban and outback WA, more than 100 Aboriginal tourism operators proudly share their fascinating stories, distinctive cultures and traditional lands with visitors through a variety of authentic experiences. The State continues to welcome a rise in the number of Aboriginal tourism operators wanting to share their culture.

In 2021, the Jina: Western Australian Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan was launched, with the vision of positioning WA as the premier authentic Aboriginal tourism destination in Australia. The four-year plan, backed by the \$20 million Aboriginal Tourism Fund, will support a range of initiatives including

the development of new Aboriginal tourism experiences and encouraging more Aboriginal people to work in the tourism industry.

In May 2022, the sixth Camping with Custodians campground opened at Djarindjin on the Dampier Peninsula. Owned and operated by the Djarindjin Community, the 37-site campground is accessible directly off the newly sealed Cape Leveque Road, and accommodates caravans as well as campers. Aboriginal tours and experiences are also available to book through the new campground facility. The Camping with Custodians initiative is an Australian-first program that gives visitors the chance to stay at high quality campgrounds on Aboriginal lands that are operated by the community.

Murujuga National Park, located near the town of Karratha in WA's North West, is home to one of the largest, densest and most diverse collections of rock art (petroglyphs) in the world. There are over one million recorded, with some estimated to be more than 45,000 years old. Given the region's incredible significance to Aboriginal culture and history, the park was officially added to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List in February 2021, which is the first important step in the UNESCO World Heritage nomination process. With current timeframes, it is hoped that the earliest Murujuga will be added to the World Heritage list is 2024. To experience this incredible ancient art gallery through the eyes of a traditional owner, join Ngurrangga Tours on a guided tour to discover the cultural significance and history of the region.

In the eastern Kimberley region, Home Valley Station is now under new management. Run by Balanggarra Ventures, a subsidiary of traditional custodian group Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation, the tourism facility is now known as Balanggarra Home Valley, and is taking bookings for 2023. On the country of the Balanggarra and the Wanjinna-Wunggurr Wilinggin people, the expansive property offers 36 rooms, campgrounds, a swimming pool, a general store and the Dusty Bar and Grill. Balanggarra Home Valley will offer cultural tours with Traditional Owners, including stargazing and rock art tours, as well as other activities.

In November 2022, an historic announcement from El Questro detailed the G'Day Group's intention

to return the land to traditional owners. The agreement between the Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation and the Western Australian Government covers the traditional lands of Wanjinna Wunggurr Wilinggin people at El Questro Wilderness Park in the Kimberley. El Questro will remain accessible to tourism, with the area known for its raw beauty and remote, untouched wilderness areas including Emma Gorge and Zebedee Springs.

Baiyungu Dreaming is the first Aboriginal tour experience on offer in the Ningaloo region, traditional lands of the Baiyungu, Yinigurdira and Thalanyji people. 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.

In Broome (Rubibi), Mabu Buru Tours has launched the town's first and only Aboriginal corroboree experience on Yawuru Country. Wakaj — meaning 'the coming together of family' — is a unique Aboriginal experience provided in collaboration with Yatangal. The tour begins with a welcome from tour guide Johani Mamid, who will then introduce the Pintirri Dancers for a sunset corroboree performance traditionally known as Maru, before damper around the fire.

## COMING TO FRUITION IN THE MARGARET RIVER REGION

WA's hotel development spotlight has shone brightly on Perth (Boorloo) in recent years — and rightly so. Australia's first Hilton Garden Inn opened its doors in Albany (Kinjarling) in November 2021, and the Margaret River Region in WA's South West will welcome the brand's second property in 2023. The Hilton Garden Inn Busselton will offer 112 rooms with stunning views over Geographe Bay and the iconic Busselton Jetty, and includes a rooftop bar.

Smaller new dream stays in the Margaret River region include olive grove lakeside glamping at Olio Bello; luxury accommodation amongst nature at Bina Maya Yallingup Escape, 8 Paddocks, Serenity Gully and The Grove Quindalup; and off-grid tiny cabins by Unyoked.

The Grove Quindalup is an award-winning architectural home, inviting guests to enjoy an immersive, relaxing getaway among five acres of bushland — located just minutes from the town of Dunsborough. Accommodating up to eight, the luxury escape features four rooms and two master suites with private ensuites and a central freestanding bath, plus an outdoor infinity pool.

Alternatively, visitors can enjoy gourmet product by day at Olio Bello, and incredible sunset lake views in the evening. Six new luxury safari-style bungalows nestle around the lake

surrounded by 8,000 olive trees.

Bina Maya Yallingup Escape recently welcomed the addition of a new luxury villa. Luxury Villa Two complements the existing accommodation — with signature Scandinavian features, two king bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, an outdoor bath and shower, a fully equipped kitchen and stocked pantry, plus a lounge room with a log fireplace. Also in Yallingup, global nature brand Unyoked has launched three new tiny cabins in hidden locations throughout the Margaret River Region. With 8 Paddocks' luxury chalets, guests can choose from three cabins that offer rustic fireplaces, north-facing outdoor decks and outdoor concrete baths overlooking 180 acres of bushland, pasture and vineyards.

In other developments in the Margaret River Region, South West Cruises launched an exciting new sunset dining concept in 2022. The half-day Taste of the Bays Cruise is an indulgent foodie experience, featuring an all-inclusive, seven-course progressive dinner on-board a 60-foot charter boat cruising through the calm waters of Dunsborough's Geographe Bay.

WA's premier wellness spa group BODHI Wellness Spa Retreat opened its doors on its latest luxury offering. This new custom designed five-star wellness retreat overlooks the tranquil waters of Lake Gonyulgup, and offers a strong



focus on wellbeing with all-natural beauty and body treatments, boasting five couples' suites, hydrotherapy baths, infrared sauna and reiki.

Broome-based KAS Helicopters has also started offering scenic flights from its new summer season base at Busselton Margaret River Airport. The tours provide a whole new perspective of the Margaret River Region. Guests can choose from a short scenic flight over Busselton (Undalup) and surrounds, a full Cape to Cape tour, or a range of winery and brewery tours combining

tastings and lunch, with bespoke itineraries also available.

Overlooking the iconic Busselton Jetty and Geographe Bay, visitors of beloved Shelter Brewing Co. can now enjoy brews and sunset views from the water on board the Cape Crusader. During this three-hour experience, the family-friendly local kitchen offers a 1.5-hour sail with the brewery's best brews and bar snacks overlooking a Cape Naturaliste sunset, before returning for dinner and drinks.

## OTHER SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENTS

The Great Southern region has seen a proliferation of new and refurbished boutique dream stays. Stillwood Retreat is a new bespoke accommodation offering for Denmark. Nestled amongst towering karri trees and set on five acres, the studio retreat includes a living room with a fireplace, compact kitchenette, king bed and a rain shower. Outside, there are two jetties overlooking private dams, and an outdoor claw foot bath offering stunning views of the rolling hills and forest surrounds.

Also in Denmark, Upland Farm has three new stunning eco-friendly chalets nestled in the rolling hills on a 107-acre working cattle farm — complete with luxury feature baths made from cattle trough. Chimes Spa Retreat is another refurbished boutique lodge offering a dreamy and restorative experience. This retreat boasts 10 exclusive boutique suites, all beautifully appointed with freestanding double round baths. The on-site day spa includes three treatment rooms, with two accommodating couples or friends, where guests are treated with luxurious organic products. The spa also features a steam deck, sauna, ice plunge and vichy shower.

Denmark welcomed the opening of Flame Trees in 2022 — a new restaurant in the town centre where the 1920s prohibition atmosphere — moody lighting, crystal chandelier, oil paintings, and antique furniture — complement a list of crafted cocktails, craft beer and wine from of the Great Southern.

Neighbouring Albany (Kinjarling), the biggest town in the Great Southern region of WA's South West, also has more developments on the accommodation front. Latitude 35°S is an architecturally designed luxury holiday home located in Goode Beach. Surrounded by nature and sitting atop a granite outcrop offering, this beautiful stay offers stunning panoramic views over otherworldly coastline. Accommodating up to eight people, the property features an expansive master suite and three guest rooms all with ensuites, as well as large entertaining areas, dining rooms, cosy fireplaces and wraparound balconies. This luxurious stay also offers both sunrise and sunset views over the Southern Ocean.

Construction on a new landmark hotel at the iconic Middleton Beach in Albany is likely to begin in 2023. A buyer has been confirmed for the oceanfront site, with Seashells Hospitality Group confirmed as the operator. The new four-star plus hotel — Seashells Albany — will offer 80 to 100 rooms, and a choice of one and two-bedroom spacious and stylish suites. The hotel will also see the creation of beachfront food and beverage facilities. Seashells Hospitality Group has existing self-contained offerings in the Margaret River Region (Yallingup), Perth (Mandurah and Scarborough), and Broome, plus Nautica Residences by Seashells holiday apartments in Perth (Fremantle, Hillarys, Scarborough and Mandurah).

Further west, Little House Republic has opened a series of off-grid little houses in Scott River, near Darradup. Founded in 2021, Little House Republic has a goal of being a truly regenerative company, and its houses are thoughtfully designed to make the most of the incredible landscape, on private parcels of land.

In the Southern Forests and Valleys town of Pemberton, Ampersand Estates has recently opened its cellar door and luxury accommodation offering. Located on the picturesque Donnelly River, the winery is a reimagining of the original Donnelly River Wines, one of the first wineries established in the region. In 2022, the estate welcomed the opening of three fully self-contained luxury accommodation offerings — Settlers Cottage, The Homestead and The Vintners Residence.

Nearby in the town of Bridgetown, Serenity Gully is a new luxury off-grid eco glamping experience nestled high in the hills. Having opened in September 2022, the property features three beautifully-appointed tents. Here, guests can immerse themselves in 478 acres of land boasting private Jarrah forests, as well as fields filled with wildflowers, native birds and animals. Each tent is fitted with a king-sized bed, ensuite, kitchenette, lounge room, private fire pit with gas barbeque, as well as a cosy indoor fireplace and outdoor bath.

♀ FLAME TREES, DENMARK





♀ EARN YOUR VINO, MARGARET RIVER REGION

## MARGARET RIVER REGION'S EPICUREAN OFFERINGS

The renowned Margaret River Region has seen a number of new offerings added to its ever-growing list of incredible food and wine experiences.

Frui Momento is the highly anticipated joint venture between award-winning chef Seth James (former head chef at Wills Domain) and winemaker Larry Cherubino. The indoor restaurant boasts a contemporary, pared back menu — plus an alfresco champagne lounge — serving caviar, seafood and charcuterie. Frui Momento is also home to a cocktail bar that offers sweeping views over rose gardens, a vineyard and a lake. Meanwhile, Maison LASIAILLE provides a fine French patisserie option for diners in the famed wine region.

Owner and French pastry chef Romain Lassiaille mastered the art of chocolate and pastry-making at Michelin-starred restaurants in Paris and Switzerland.

In Busselton (Undalup), the former head chef and head gardener of Noma (a three-Michelin-star restaurant in Copenhagen), have recently opened their own restaurant. Alberta's by Ben Ng and Kirsty Marchant is a cosy 50-seat café and store currently offering locally sourced coffee and baked goods, with plans for a rotating dinner menu that focuses solely on produce sourced from the region that day. Busselton has also welcomed the opening of Monkey Bar Vasse. The industrial-themed venue houses the production facility for

Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co. — one of the region's much-loved breweries and cideries.

New cellar door experiences include small-batch artisan winemaker Amato Vino's opening in Witchcliffe — focusing on lo-fi and minimal intervention wines — and Gralyn Estate relaunching the region's very first cellar door with an intimate underground wine tasting experience.

Bringing all things gourmet delights together, Earn Your VINO is a new all-inclusive and immersive wine tour experience designed to allow guests the opportunity to follow the region's seasonal winemaking calendar. These high-end, small-group luxury experiences provide exclusive behind-the-scenes access to winemakers and producers, as well as accommodation and experiences, and are privately

catered by one of the region's most awarded chefs. Bespoke all-inclusive multi-night packages are currently available for the Margaret River Region, and also the towns of Pemberton and Manjimup in the Southern Forests. In November 2021, Origins Market opened its doors in Busselton, offering a market like no other and a vibrant community hub for both locals and visitors to the Margaret River Region. The market offers a space for more than 60 makers, growers, producers and artisans in the region to showcase their produce and talent, allowing visitors to engage with farmers, producers, winemakers, artisans and creators — all under one roof. In 2022, the markets added a range of new bookable tours and experiences to its offering, ranging from food and wine pairings to art tours — providing a unique way for visitors to explore the culinary delights of the region.



♀ GRALYN ESTATE, MARGARET RIVER REGION

## CORAL COAST NEWS

Destinations along the Coral Coast Highway from Perth to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo region have seen a rise in new product.

Exmouth tour operator Dive Ningaloo has welcomed a new dive charter vessel to its tour offering. The newly restored Lady Ningaloo will provide visitors with access to the underwater wonderland of the Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu) and the Muiron Islands. Launching in April 2023, the vessel is the only one of its kind in the region, and will be used for year-round high-end liveaboard three or seven-night diving expeditions along the Ningaloo coast.

Just in time for the 2023 turtle hatching season in the Ningaloo Region, Exmouth Adventure Co. is now offering a Summer Sunset Turtle Watching Tour. From the Jurabi Coastal Park, visitors can watch nesting turtles in their natural habitat at the water's edge as they inch up the beach and start to dig their nests.

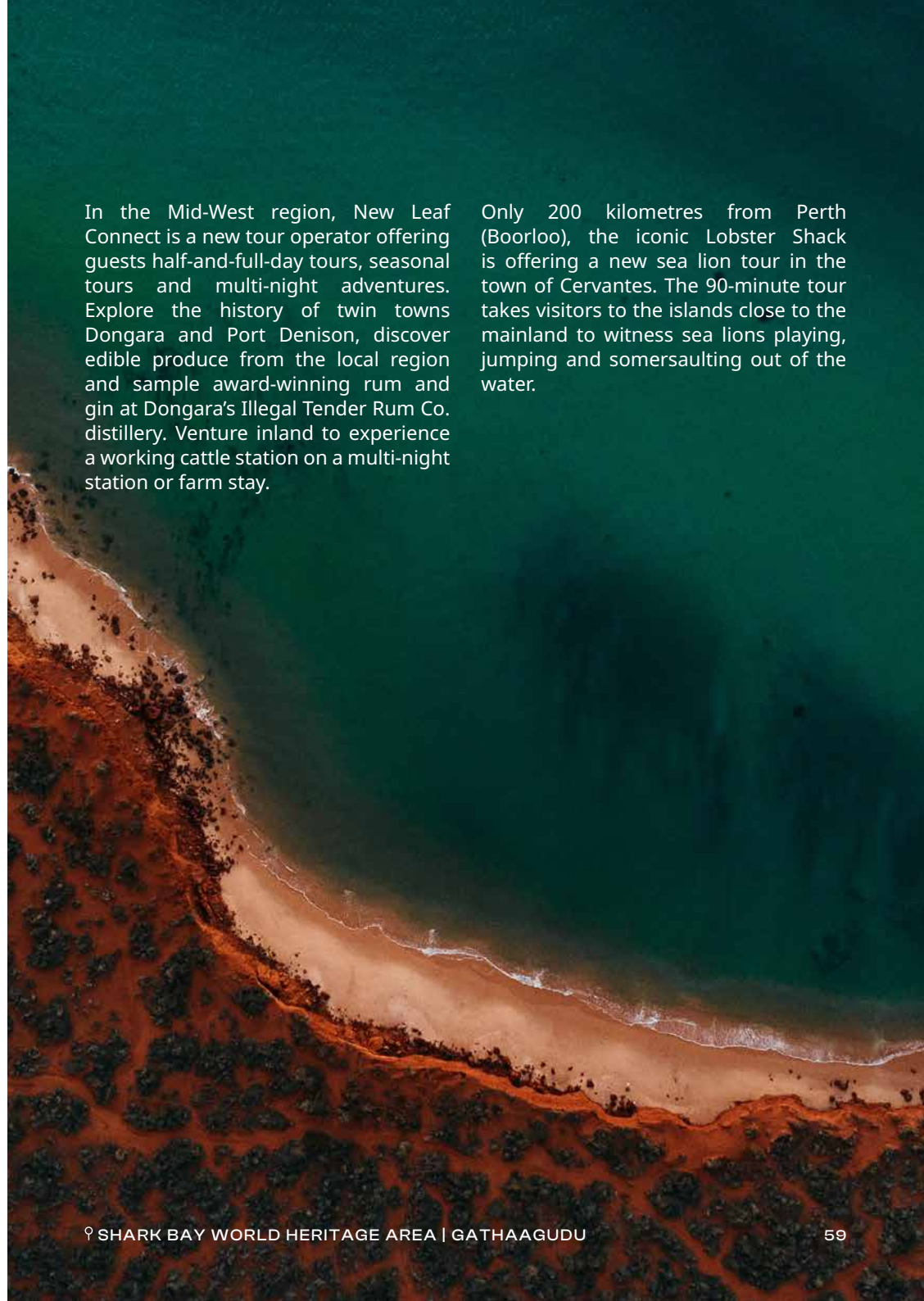
An authentic outback station stay located between Coral Bay and Exmouth, Bullara Station has also added two new luxury bell-style glamping tents and safari huts to its accommodation offering. A shearing shed hub and café are other new highlights.

The Coral Coast's other World Heritage-listed region, Shark Bay (Gathaagudu), is now home to day trips that adventure to one of WA's most unique national parks — Dirk Hartog Island. Guests of Dirk Hartog Island Life Adventures depart by boat from Denham, before landing on the Island to enjoy beach walks, kayaking and exploring the Homestead, before heading off on a guided 4WD tour.

Researchers in Shark Bay have recently made the incredible discovery that it is home to the world's largest plant. Genetic testing has revealed that what was thought to be a giant seagrass meadow in the shallow waters of Shark Bay, is actually a single massive clone of *Posidonia australis* seagrass. About 4,500 years old and measuring 180 kilometres, researchers say it is the single largest plant known to exist on Earth. Shark Bay's vast seagrass beds are the largest and richest in the world, covering 103,000 hectares. The waters are also home to one of the world's largest dugong populations who feed off the seagrass, as well as being a haven for green and loggerhead turtles.

In the Mid-West region, New Leaf Connect is a new tour operator offering guests half-and-full-day tours, seasonal tours and multi-night adventures. Explore the history of twin towns Dongara and Port Denison, discover edible produce from the local region and sample award-winning rum and gin at Dongara's Illegal Tender Rum Co. distillery. Venture inland to experience a working cattle station on a multi-night station or farm stay.

Only 200 kilometres from Perth (Boorloo), the iconic Lobster Shack is offering a new sea lion tour in the town of Cervantes. The 90-minute tour takes visitors to the islands close to the mainland to witness sea lions playing, jumping and somersaulting out of the water.



## DREAMY KIMBERLEY DELIGHTS

The Kimberley towns of Broome (Rubibi) and Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang) connect one of the world's last true wilderness areas.

Broome's Town Beach precinct has been transformed thanks to a \$24 million redevelopment, including a new 112-metre fishing jetty, grassed terraces for Broome's popular night markets and Staircase to the Moon viewing, plus a children's playground and water park. The final stages of the revitalisation of Broome's historic and nationally iconic Chinatown precinct are now also complete, breathing new life into the town's cultural and historic heart.

Adjacent to Town Beach and overlooking Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nagulagun) with prime waterfront views, Discovery Park's Broome Holiday & Caravan Park is currently undergoing a \$15 million redevelopment. The first stage was completed in July 2022, with 15 new deluxe studio cabins and a new resort pool now open. The second stage is expected to be completed in time for the 2023 season, with the addition of new beachfront chalets and additional facilities for guests. The first stage of The Cambridge Kununurra is also due to open for the 2023 season, providing a 5-star accommodation option right in the heart of the eastern Kimberley region.

At Horizontal Falls (Garaanngaddim), enjoy a luxurious new way to experience the phenomenon and its changing directional tides with Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures. The newly refit Jetwave Pearl is a 'floating hotel', offering an exclusive base for a maximum of 20 guests to enjoy 24 hours of pure excitement with helicopter flights, a mix of adrenaline power boat and relaxing cruises, and a guided fishing charter.

For the 2022 season, Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm on the Dampier Peninsular launched 15 brand new glamping eco tents. Featuring private ensembles and king-sized beds, the air-conditioned tents allow Cygnet Bay to extend its season and operate year-round, with access to the famed Waterfall Reef and pearling experiences. Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm also partnered with Broome's Moontide Distillery to release the first gin in the world to use pearl oyster as a botanical. The Pearler's Gin is distilled with juniper berries, Burdekin plum, lemon myrtle, mint and oyster mantle — which is a by-product of the cultured pearling process, giving the gin a unique minerality and umami taste.

Spinifex Brewing Co. is Australia's first part Aboriginal and veteran-owned craft brewery, and has started construction on a new multi-million-dollar alehouse venue at Broome's iconic Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) that will cater for up to 600 guests. In the

interim, it's opening a pop-up bar and restaurant — Zookeepers by Spinifex Brewing Co., offering a casual dining experience overlooking the new ale house development.

Le Rhum Bar is the newest restaurant offering for Broome's Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, serving a harmonious blend of international flavours with influences from Africa, Asia and European cooking — with a five-course degustation on offer. In Kununurra, the Kimberley Experiences Group has announced it's purchased the iconic Pumphouse Restaurant, with plans to reopen in early 2023. Situated on the famous Ord River, the Pumphouse boasts some of Kununurra's best river views and provides a unique dining experience set amongst the original pump infrastructure.

In new experiences for the Kimberley, Broome Tours added a new Mud Crabbing Adventure to its offering in 2022, allowing visitors to experience the thrill of catching a prized Kimberley mud crab. The tour consists of a catamaran cruise to catch a 'muddy' in the mangroves, ending with a feast of freshly cooked chilli mud crab on the sail back through Roebuck Bay.

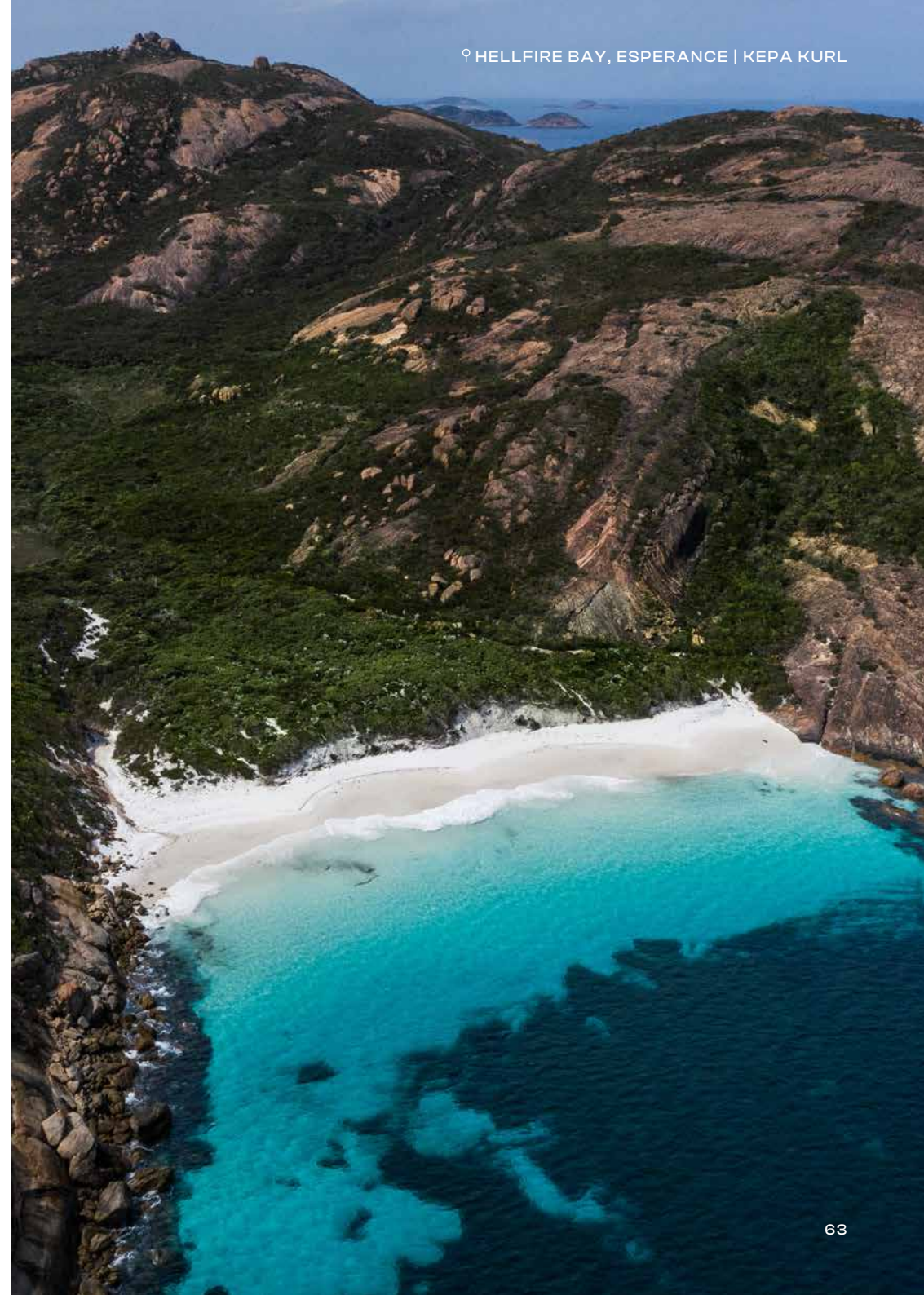


## NEW OFFERINGS IN ESPERANCE

Visitors to the coastal town of Esperance in WA's Golden Outback can take to the skies on a flying pub crawl, thanks to a new tour offered by Fly Esperance. Catch spectacular coastal scenery and experience an exciting remote airstrip landing, as you enjoy lunch and drinks at a quaint rural Australian pub and one of the region's iconic breweries. Tour Esperance has also just launched with a 4x4 beach drive to the Cape Le Grand National Park. Departing daily, the tour starts with a 25km beach drive, before heading into the National Park to explore the beautiful scenery of iconic locations such as Frenchman's Peak and Hellfire Bay.

Heyscape is continuing to expand its tiny cabins across WA. With 11 petite stays across the Perth, Wheatbelt and Margaret River regions, it's expected to open its Esperance offering in April 2023.

RAC Esperance Holiday Park re-opened in December 2021, following an extensive refurbishment. The holiday park features 170 shady powered campsites, including eight with private ensuite bathrooms, and a mix of self-contained family villas and studio rooms. Facilities include a state-of-the-art camp kitchen, large indoor recreation room, resort style swimming pool, playground, and outdoor barbeque areas.



## HIKING, BIKING AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE IN WA

The outdoor adventure playground of Collie, nestled in the Darling Ranges in WA's South West, continues to transform into a recreational tourism hub. Wellington National Park has been expanded by over 7,000 hectares, and Stage One of the new world-class Wambenger Trails has been complete. The first 15 kilometres of the new trails network opened in 2021, with another new 10-kilometre Kylie Trail opening in August 2022. The project will ultimately see nearly 110 kilometres of new mountain bike trails, including further trails in Wellington National Park, Westralia Conservation Park, Arklow forest block and Collie — all in WA's South West. In addition, facilities at the Wellington Dam mega-mural are being improved to cater for the increase in visitors.



♀ ARKLOW TRAIL PARK, COLLIE

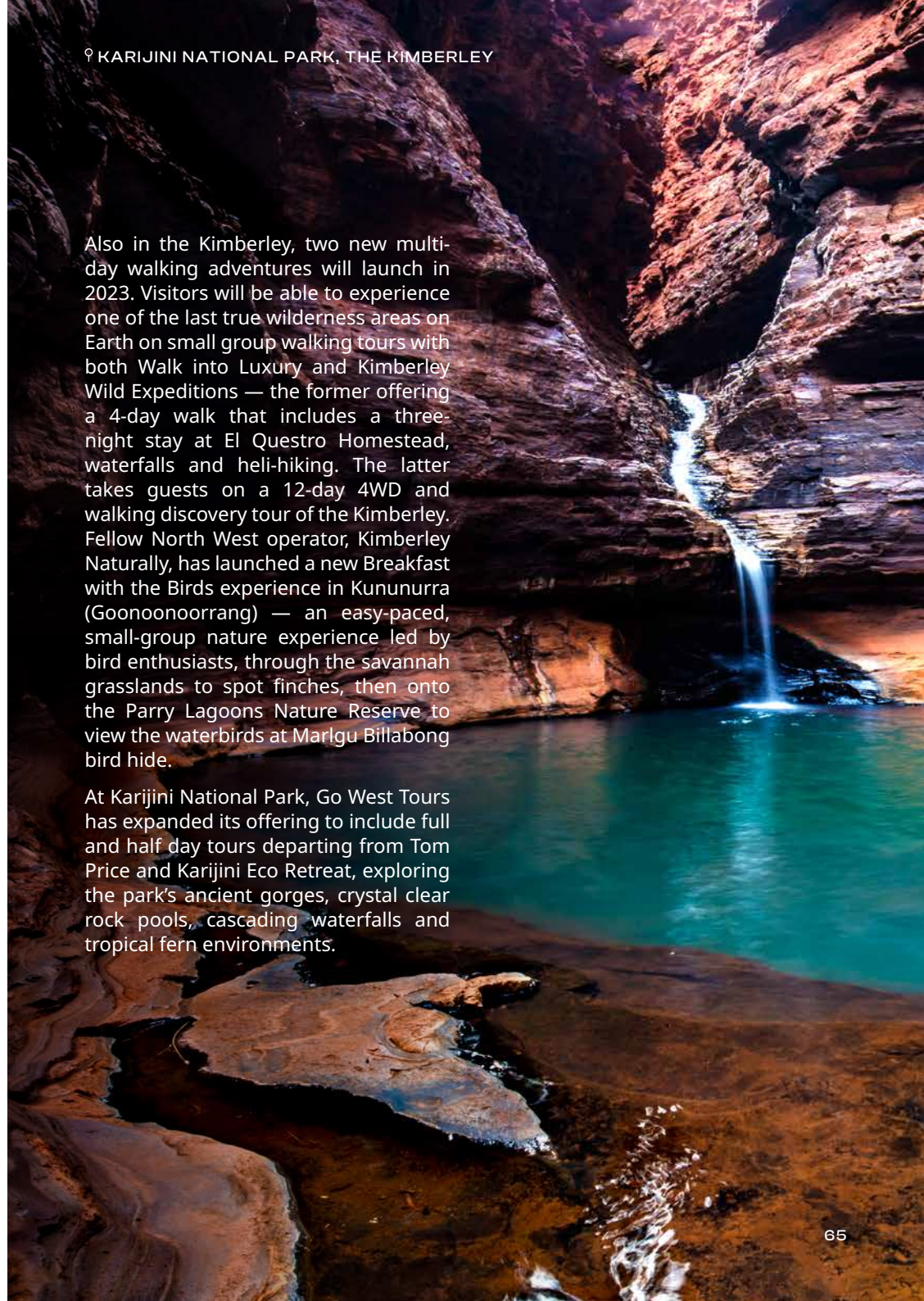
Further south in the town of Nannup, a new mountain bike park is currently being constructed. Once complete, the Nannup Tank 7 Mountain Bike Park will attract mountain bike enthusiasts each year to explore over 35 kilometres of fresh trails. These trails have been designed to maximise Nannup's unique natural elevation and make the most of its picturesque landscape, including tall timber forests. The park will also offer trails to suit a range of abilities. Both of these developments complement the Dwellingup Adventure Trails project, which also saw 35 kilometres of trails developed only 90 minutes from Perth.

The Dryandra Woodland and Warlibirri are WA's newest national parks. Located near the town of Narrogin, the Dryandra Woodland National Park is the first national park in WA's Wheatbelt region. A popular destination for wildlife enthusiasts, campers and bushwalkers, Dryandra 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 numbats, woylies, brushtail wallabies, chuditch, quenda and the mound-building mallee fowl. Its signature wildlife encounter is an experience to see the endangered number in its natural habitat. Warlibirri National Park spans close to 16,000 hectares and is located in the Kimberley region, east of Fitzroy River.

♀ KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK, THE KIMBERLEY

Also in the Kimberley, two new multi-day walking adventures will launch in 2023. Visitors will be able to experience one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth on small group walking tours with both Walk into Luxury and Kimberley Wild Expeditions — the former offering a 4-day walk that includes a three-night stay at El Questro Homestead, waterfalls and heli-hiking. The latter takes guests on a 12-day 4WD and walking discovery tour of the Kimberley. Fellow North West operator, Kimberley Naturally, has launched a new Breakfast with the Birds experience in Kununurra (Goonoonoorang) — an easy-paced, small-group nature experience led by bird enthusiasts, through the savannah grasslands to spot finches, then onto the Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve to view the waterbirds at Marlgu Billabong bird hide.

At Karijini National Park, Go West Tours has expanded its offering to include full and half day tours departing from Tom Price and Karijini Eco Retreat, exploring the park's ancient gorges, crystal clear rock pools, cascading waterfalls and tropical fern environments.





## ECOTOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

WA will soon be home to the world's longest electric highway, with a network of almost 100 new electric vehicle fast charging stations and back-up charges at 49 different locations over the coming years. The charging stations will connect Perth (Boorloo) and regional WA — stretching north to Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang), south to Esperance (Kepa Kurl) and east to Kalgoorlie (Karlkurla), with the average distance between charging stations around 160 kilometres. Each location will have a standard fast charger, allowing drivers to top up their electric vehicles in as little as 15 minutes. The world's longest continuous EV fast-charging is expected to be completed and fully operational by 2024.

Electric vehicles can now cross the Nullarbor, thanks to BiØfil plugging the gap between Western Australia and South Australia on the 90 Mile Straight. Remotely located at Caiguna Roadhouse in the Golden Outback, the world-first EV station is powered using vegetable oil from roadhouse deep fryers.

A new innovative partnership will see the introduction of zero-emission flights serving some of WA's most iconic tourism attractions across the Kimberley, Pilbara, Golden Outback and Perth regions, set to take off as early as 2026. Leading WA-based aviation and tourism businesses Aviair and HeliSpirit have partnered with global company Eve Air Mobility, an Embraer Group,

to bring a fleet of up to 50 new zero-emission electric aircraft to WA within the next four years. The electric vertical take-off and landing (eVOLT) aircraft, which can carry up to four passengers, are able to land and take-off vertically, offering the convenience of a helicopter, with the speed and comfort of a similar sized fixed-wing aircraft — but with an emission-free, low-noise solution.

Rottneest Island (Wadjemup) skydiving company Skydive Geronimo has become the first skydiving operator in Australia to commit to offsetting 100 per cent of its aviation fuel carbon emissions. This is a major step forward in reducing the company's global footprint, which will be achieved through offsetting its Rottneest Island flight carbon emissions through a WA-based carbon neutral program.

In WA's South West, the Margaret River Region was named Western Australia's first certified ECO Destination, becoming only one of four in Australia. Through this globally recognised certification program, visitors are assured the region has a range of high-quality nature-based tourism products and a strong commitment to improving sustainable practices into the future. Driven by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, and supported by the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association, 26 businesses across the region are now ECO Certified. In addition to this, around 68 wineries across the Margaret

River region are certified members of Sustainable Wine Growing Australia, with 12 per cent of vineyards certified organic or biodynamic, including the iconic Voyager Estate which will be certified organic in 2023.

Disconnect from the day-to-day and immerse in the tranquillity of nature at one of the many sustainability-focused accommodation offerings that are popping up in secluded forests, valleys and fields across WA.



Heyscape is a unique accommodation concept offering cosy and secluded tiny cabins in off-grid locations surrounded by nature, less than a few hours' drive from Perth. A new family-sized cabin has recently come online near the town of Toodyay, with a further two tiny cabins opening near the town later in the year.

WA has an increasing number of boutique nature stays, set amongst towering forests, overlooking dreamy water views or perched on working farms. That includes properties such as Serenity Gully near Bridgetown; Stillwood Retreat and Upland Farm in

Denmark; Heyscape in Toodyay and Perth Hills; Little House Republic near Nannup; and Binya Maya Yallingup Escape, Petit Eco Cabin, Barn Hives, 8 Paddocks, Unyoked and Tree Chalets in the Margaret River Region.

Set in unspoilt environments, eco-friendly properties such as Sal Salis at Ningaloo Reef (Nynggulu), Petit Eco Cabin and Barn Hives in the Margaret River Region, Eco Beach Resort near Broome (Rubibi), Karijini Eco Retreat in Karijini National Park, and Faraway Bay in the Kimberley all feature sustainable materials and are designed to respect the surrounding pristine landscapes.

There are also a number of minimal impact glamping sites located across WA's regions; Mile End Gamping, Two Blind Cows, Olio Bello and the recently opened Heavenly Waters in the Avon Valley Region. El Questro's Emma Gorge Resort, Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge and APT Wilderness Lodges are also fantastic options found across the regions.

Work is also underway to develop new environmentally sensitive accommodation and tourism experiences in WA's national parks. A total of \$17.7 million has been committed towards the development of 'shovel ready' accommodation sites around the State to encourage the development of eco lodges, retreats and other unique accommodation offerings; as well as new tourism experiences in national parks and nearby towns.

♀ BARN HIVES,  
MARGARET RIVER REGION



## DARK SKY TOURISM

Dark Sky Tourism is defined as travelling to destinations to experience the night sky free from artificial night pollution. WA's unique environmental characteristics, epic landscapes and endless night skies means there is no shortage of stargazing opportunities for visitors. Take advantage of WA's big skies on one of the number of tourism operators offering astronomy-based adventures.

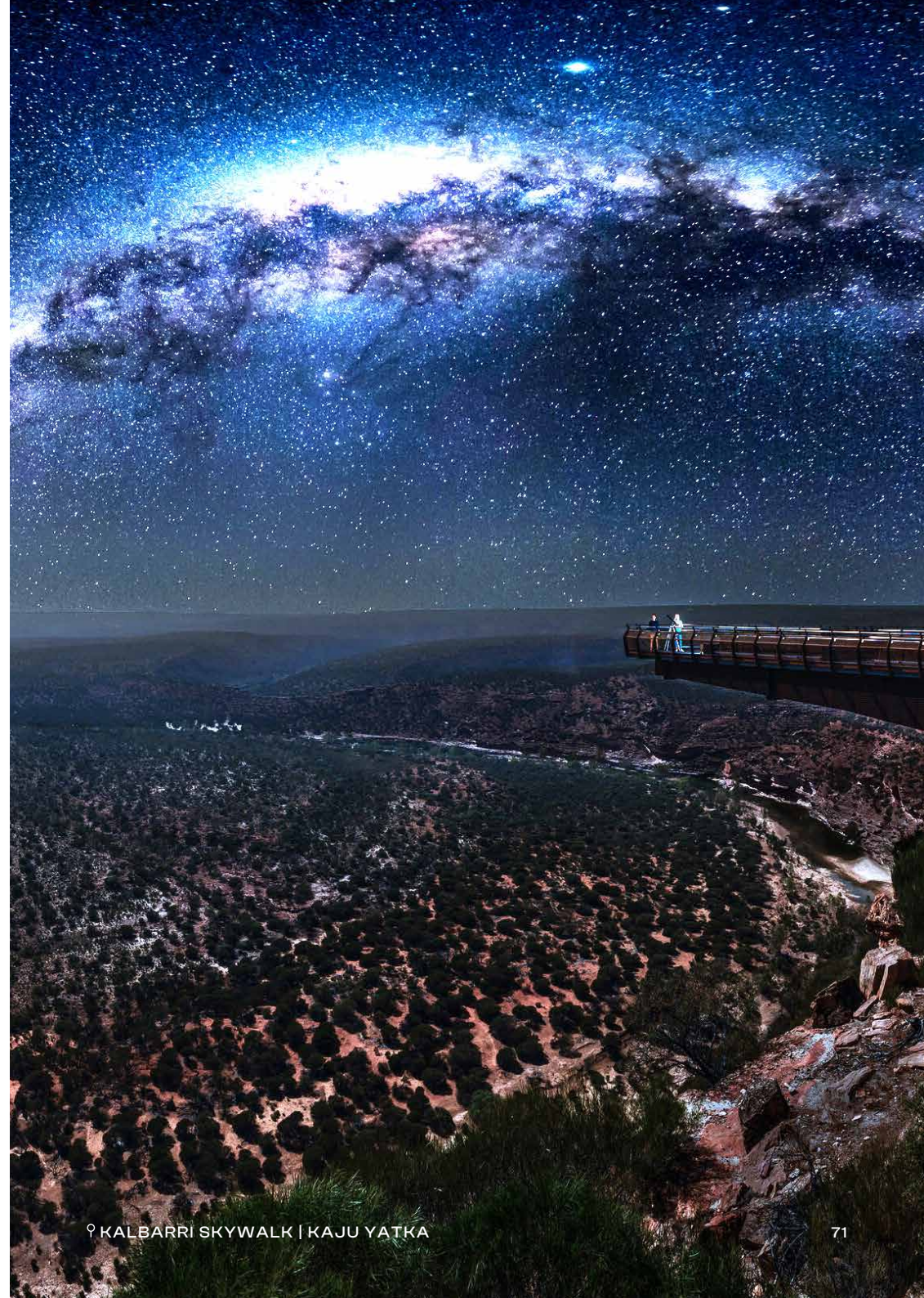
Based in Perth (Boorloo), Off the Beaten Track offers moon gazing hikes during a rising full moon, and stargazing hikes where guests can hike to a lookout point in the Perth Hills to view the night sky through a telescope. Lumineer Tours take guests to the otherworldly Pinnacles in Nambung National Park and use the latest in astronomy equipment to offer the ultimate sunset-to-star gazing experience. In Mandurah (Mandjoogoodap) Salt and Bush Eco Tours are now offering wildlife nocturnal tours and stargazing nights at the Thrombolites in Lake Clifton.

In WA's Coral Coast region, experience the magic of the night sky whilst perched 100 metres above the mighty Murchison River on the Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka) with D'Guy Charters, and in Broome (Rubibi), gaze at the wonders of the universe with Space Gandalf (aka Greg Quicke) from Astro Tours using big telescopes and lasers. WA is home to stunning dining under the stars, too — like the Lake Argyle Gourmet Camp Oven in the Kimberley region.

Aboriginal Australians are often credited with being the world's first

astronomers, as the stars have been used for navigation, calendars, ceremony, cultural lore, song-lines and art for thousands of years. Traditional Owners like Capes from Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Adventures offer campfire storytelling and stargazing experiences. In 2023, Balanggarra Home Valley in the eastern Kimberley region will be offering stargazing tours with an Aboriginal guide. Guests will use state-of-the-art telescopes and equipment and — thanks to some of the lowest light pollution in the world — the naked eye to view the majestic starscape of Balanggarra Home Valley.

On April 20, 2023 visitors to Exmouth in the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo region will have front row seats for one of nature's most phenomenal occurrences — a total solar eclipse. At around 11:27am, those in the region will experience 62 seconds of totality as the sun is completely blocked by the moon. The path of totality will graze the tip of WA in a 40-kilometre wide track near Exmouth, making it the most accessible land-based place on Earth to view the spectacle. Whilst Exmouth is in complete darkness for just over a minute, the rest of WA will experience a partial solar eclipse. Those in Perth will witness a 72 per cent eclipse, Geraldton (Jambinu) about 80 per cent, Carnarvon 97 per cent, Karratha 97 per cent, and Coral Bay and Onslow will see a 99 per cent eclipse. WA is one of the very few land places worldwide where people can view the natural phenomenon, with the next solar eclipse to take place in WA 2031.





## AVIATION NEWS

A new direct Qantas flight between Perth and Rome took off in June 2022. The direct Boeing 787 Dreamliner service is currently the only non-stop link between Australia and continental Europe. The new seasonal route returns in 2023 for the northern summer — with the service available three times a week from 17 June until 2 October.

This new direct service complements the return of Qantas' direct flight from London to Perth, which began operating daily again in May 2022. Meanwhile, Phillipines Airlines will also start direct flights between Manila and Perth. Three flights a week will be operating from March 2023.

Exploring one of WA's most diverse destinations is now easier thanks to Jetstar's new direct flights between Melbourne and Busselton in the Margaret River region, which took off in April 2022. The new direct flights to Australia's premium wine region operate Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Qantas will also start direct flights between Melbourne and Exmouth in April 2023. The flights to see the wonders of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef (Nynggulu) will operate twice a week; each Thursday and Sunday. Flights will be available during Exmouth's peak season, from April until October.

Meanwhile, visitors arriving into Perth Airport can now access Perth City in less than 20-minutes thanks to the new Metronet Airport line. Trains operates every 12 minutes in peak, every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes at night between suburbs High Wycombe and Claremont. The new Airport Line is the only train service in Australia that will transport commuters to and from the airport at the regular fare, capped at \$5 per passenger — making travel affordable and accessible to accommodation and attractions.

## EXPEDITION CRUISING NEWS

WA is one of the world's largest States, and with more than 20,000 kilometres of coastline, including its many islands, it's a perfect cruising destination. Expedition cruising in the Kimberley allows guests to experience one of the world's last true wilderness areas. Multi-day, all-inclusive experiences range from boutique vessels filled with Australian charm to big ship comforts, complete with five-star service. Historians, naturalists and geologists who travel on board many vessels guide excursions, unlocking the country's secrets — including galleries of Aboriginal rock art.

Luxury touring company APT has launched the Colours of the Coral Coast, is a new 15-day cruise from Perth (Boorloo) to Broome (Rubibi), stopping in at Abrolhos Islands, Kalbarri National Park, Shark Bay (Gathaagudu) and Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu) to swim with the mighty whale shark. This new itinerary combines two of Western Australia's unique UNESCO World Heritage-listed regions, complementing Kimberley coastal expeditions from Broome to Darwin. Not only does this itinerary explore the turquoise water of the Buccaneer Archipelago, but it also includes a fast boat ride through the Horizontal Falls (Garaanngaddim) and a visit to the iconic King George Falls. Also adventuring along the Kimberley coast, all three of Coral Expeditions' vessels are primed for the 2023 season from Broome to Darwin, including the new Coral Geographer.

WA-based luxury expedition cruise ship True North has also released a new South West itinerary. Adventure South West departs from Esperance (Kepa Kurl), where guests will wonder at the endless picturesque beaches that skirt Cape Le Grand. Highlights include spotting Orcas at Bremer Canyon, sampling wine in the Margaret River region, and visiting Perth's island playground Rottneest (Wadjemup). Known for its once-in-a-lifetime adventure offerings in WA's Kimberley region, True North Adventure Cruises will also see its new vessel set sail in March 2023. True North II is a purpose-built expedition cruising vessel, offering a more intimate experience with capacity for only 22 guests, plus a combined saloon/lounge area, sundeck, outdoor bar deck and dedicated sports deck. A member of the Luxury Lodges of Australia signature collection, True North II also offers guests barefoot sophistication, multiple adventure boats, as well as an on-board helicopter.

PONANT will bring a new level of luxury to the Kimberley expedition cruising experience for the 2023 season. Partnering with Paspaley Group, the new seven-to-14-night bespoke itinerary will see guests sailing through the ancient wonders of the Kimberley coast on-board the newly refurbished iconic three-masted sailing yacht the Le Ponant — which offers 16 staterooms for a maximum of 32 guests. Adding to the unique experience, an exclusive and private scenic flight on-board one



of Paspaley's vintage Grumman Mallard flying boats will take guests from or to their embarkation point, and guests will also experience private access to Paspaley's pearl operations in Kuri Bay.

Three newcomers will make their maiden voyage to Western Australia's Kimberley coast in 2023. Seabourn Venture is the company's first expedition-led ship. Considered one of the world's finest luxury expedition ships, it even has two custom-built submarines, bringing

Seabourn guests that bit closer to wildlife and dreamlike surrounds in one of the world's last true wilderness areas. Swan Hellenic is bringing Minerva to the Kimberley for the first time, with Heritage Expeditions — Heritage Explorer another newcomer. Meanwhile, Lindblad National Geographic makes its Western Australian return with the Orion.

## EPIC EVENTS CALENDAR

WA plays host to an incredible range of world-class cultural, arts, sporting and culinary events throughout the year.

In an Australian first, a series of enormous wooden sculptures have been installed south of Perth. Created by renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo, and standing at around five metres tall, the Giants of Mandurah are 'protectors of the environment', and each have their own distinct personality. Located in Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) and Subiaco, visitors are encouraged to explore and discover these installations at five secret locations until the exhibition ends in November 2023. An artist of international acclaim, Dambo has exhibited extensively throughout the world, and his practice celebrates the diversity, beauty and importance of the natural world — with his works all handmade using recycled materials.

WA's iconic rock history will be celebrated in a new AC/DC-inspired event — High Voltage. The new street circuit-style event will celebrate music

and community, as well as the spirit of Fremantle-raised former lead singer of AC/DC Bon Scott; taking over the streets of Fremantle (Walyalup) on May 7, 2023. National and international live music acts will perform from trucks in a musical procession throughout the streets of Fremantle.

On the culinary calendar, Shore Leave Festival will celebrate WA seafood in the town of Geraldton (Jambinu) from April 27 to May 1, and in the heart of truffle country, Manjimup will host an incredible line-up of Australia's top culinary talent when Truffle Kerfuffle returns in June 2023.

In the State's North West, the Boab Metals Ord Valley Muster (May 13 to 22) will shine a spotlight on the culture and extraordinary natural landscapes of the eastern Kimberley region; and Broome's (Rubibi's) annual Shinju Matsuri (festival of the pearl) will return in 2023, celebrating the town's unique multicultural and pearling history (August to September).

### MARGARET RIVER PRO

♀ SURFER'S POINT, MARGARET RIVER REGION

For sporting fans, the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia and New Zealand™ — the world's largest female sporting event in the world — comes to Perth in July-August 2023. Perth Rectangular Stadium will host five matches, presenting locals and visitors with a once-in-a-life-time-opportunity to be part of this global spectacular. Among the visiting teams will be Denmark, China PR, Canada, Republic of Ireland, Jamaica, Morocco and Colombia. The World Surf League's annual Margaret River Pro is set to return in 2023 (April to May). Perth's award-winning Optus Stadium will also welcome the 2023 Australian rules football (AFL) season, with the Fremantle Dockers and West Coast Eagles taking on their rivals.

Other standout events to keep an eye on include the annual FRINGE World Festival (January to February) and Perth Festival (February to March), which both deliver a vibrant program of live music, theatre, visual arts, comedy, dance and family friendly events throughout Perth's festival of summer. Sculpture by the Sea turns the iconic Cottesloe Beach into a stunning sculpture park during the month of March.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA DREAM LIST





# 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 the gentle giants of the ocean, with tours operating out of Coral Bay and Exmouth.

## BUNGLE BUNGLE RANGE

In the Kimberley, another World Heritage 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 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, Kurruma 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.



## 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

Known for its magnificent deep red and white banded gorges, created over 400 million years from the flow of the Murchison River, the popular national park — located in near the coastal getaway town of Kalbarri (Wurdimarlu) — has recently welcomed a spectacular new skywalk experience. The 100-metre high Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka) provides stunning vistas of the Murchison River Gorge, extending 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 (Boorloo). From its family-friendly play areas amongst nature, to an art gallery, 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.

## 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 (Garaangaddim) 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 see the falls up close by speed boat, with the option of staying overnight on a houseboat.



♀ CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

## ANCIENT CAVES

In the Margaret River Region, an extraordinary network of over 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 or be mesmerised by a didgeridoo performance from an Aboriginal guide.

## SURF A 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.

## THE DERBARL YERRIGAN

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 boat 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

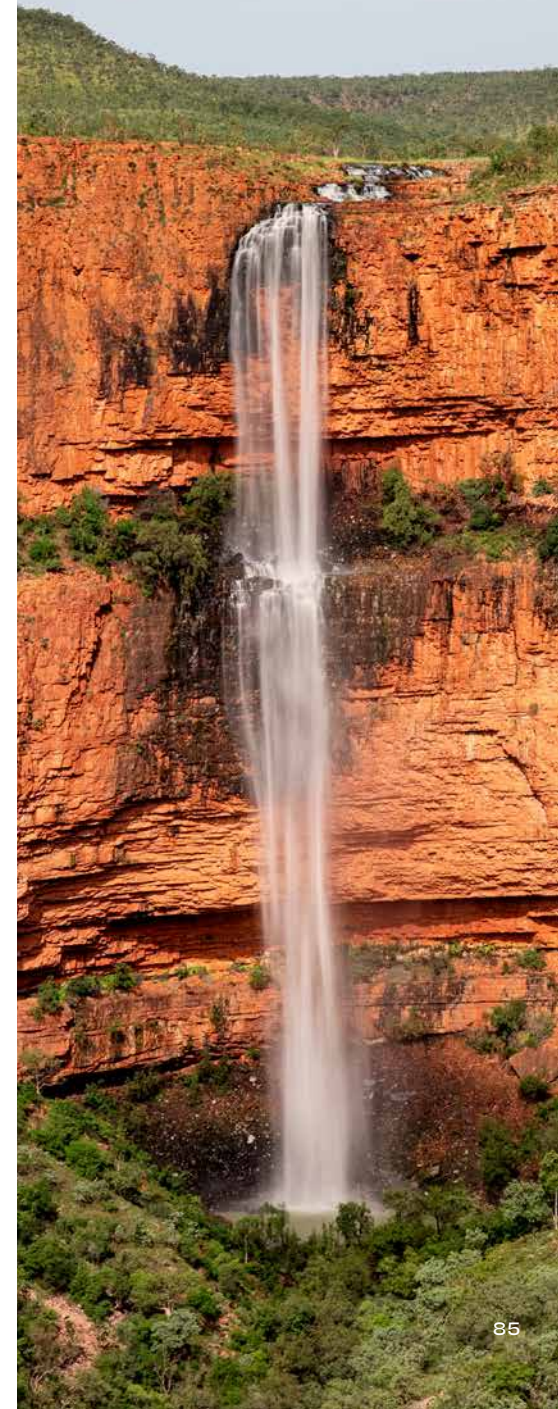
oldest wine region and the only one in Australia that can be accessed via river from a capital city.

## 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 a number of 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 fans 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.



# 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 meet 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 (Nynggulu) — 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.

## MEET THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST ANIMAL

Just off the coast of Perth (Boorloo) 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 when getting that winning shot.

## GET UP CLOSE WITH WILD DOLPHINS

Perth Wildlife Encounters (45 minutes from Perth) and the redeveloped Dolphin Discovery Centre in Bunbury (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, 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).

## TRIP OF A LIFETIME – ORCA CONGREGATION

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 endangered species and join the researchers in observing and photographing the highly social family groups and larger pods.

## TURTLE NESTING ALONG NINGALOO

The Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area 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 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.

## KIMBERLEY BIRD SPOTTING

In the Kimberley region, excellent bird spotting opportunities await birding enthusiasts year-round. Broome'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. Over 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.

## KANGAROOS, PENGUINS AND OTHER WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

An easy day-trip from Perth (Boorloo) takes you to Penguin Island near Rockingham, where you can see and learn about WA's largest colony of adorable little penguins. The surrounding Shoalwater Marine Park is also 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 at Hamelin Bay near Augusta, you can get close to smooth stingrays, black stingrays and eagle rays in the shallow water. In Esperance, on WA's south-east coast, Lucky Bay's local kangaroos like to sunbathe on the white sand, 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.

## 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.



# EATING & 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 and 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.
- Along WA's scenic south coast, Albany (Kinjarling), Denmark, Frankland River, Mt Barker and Porongurup are highlights of the Great Southern wine region, which is particularly well known for its exceptional Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon.
- 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 Swan River cruise. 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.

- 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 the 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 have been starting to turn heads.

## 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 Manjimup each June, a lively festival — Truffle Kerfuffle — presents a weekend of hands-on activities and leading culinary talent in the heart of truffle country.

## GRAZE YOUR WAY THROUGH PERTH'S RESTAURANTS

With an influx of new hotels came the opening of signature restaurants across the city. Enjoy fine dining at venues such as 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. Other new and trending dining options creating a foodie buzz include Fleur, Double Rainbow, Le Rebelle, Will Street, Lotus, TOMA, Nieuw Ruin, Casa, Cooeo and Dandelion.

## 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 octopus; Albany 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 offer luxury dining cruises across the State, from pulling up live western rock lobster off the coast

of Rottnest, eating blue swimming crab in Mandurah, experiencing the tastes of the South West in the bays of Dunsborough, to harvesting live pearl oysters and sampling rare pearl meat on the Kimberley Coast in Broome.

## GET CRAFTY WITH LOCAL BEERS

Fremantle (Walyalup) 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. Gage Roads Brewing opened its first public facing venue in January 2022. The popular 100-metre-long venue has taken over the historic portside A Shed building at Fremantle's Victoria Quay. 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, Longneck, Bevy at The Camfield. Nowhereman and Little Island are also two fantastic options closer to the city, with a scenic drive up the coast taking you to the Indian Ocean Brewing Company. You can also see how local beers and cold cider are bringing extra flavour and attitude to traditional wine regions such as the Swan Valley (Homestead Brewery, Valley Social or Mash, for example) and the Margaret River Region (Black Brewing Co., Eagle Bay Brewery or Shelter Brewing Company, to name a few). Western Australia is home to more than 80 breweries, so there's a few to work through!

## FEAST IN THE 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 to tour banana plantations and meet the farmers behind tropical fruits and vegetables.

In WA's South West, Genuinely Southern Forests offer 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.

## 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 tippie 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 and Henry Summer in Northbridge, Gage Roads Brewery, Bathers Beach House and The Left Bank in Fremantle and The Breakwater at Hillarys.

## JOIN THE NATURAL WINE MOVEMENT

Perth is welcoming an increase in outlets offering naturally produced and minimal intervention wines, including the openings of Wines of While in Northbridge and Madalena's in South Fremantle. The boutique bars offer a range of national and internationally sourced varieties; complemented by the growing number of Western Australian wineries producing organic 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.

♀ AMELIA PARK WINES,  
MARGARET RIVER REGION



## REGIONAL AND URBAN DISTILLERIES

Regional small batch distilleries can be found all across Western Australia, from Kununurra (Goonoonoorang) 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 has just released 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. Perth's (Boorloo's) urban distillery trails are best discovered with Hidden de Tours and Two Feet & a Heartbeat, with the new Republic of Fremantle a highlight with their Swan Valley Verdelho spirit base.

## 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.

## KOOMAL DREAMING ♀ MARGARET RIVER REGION



## 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 Fine Vines celebrate the region's food and wine offerings, and in the nearby Ferguson Valley, Lost & Found showcases up-and-coming wine region.

In the south-east corner, Taste Great Southern unearths the incredible variety of produce. In the Coral Coast, sample fresh seafood at Shore Leave Festival in Geraldton and enjoy the region's variety of tropical fruits and vegetables at Gascoyne Food Festival. Broome's Shinju Matsuri celebrates the pearling town's rich multicultural history, and both Ord Valley Muster and the new Taste of the Kimberley shine a spotlight on the tropical agriculture in Kununurra's Ord River Irrigation Scheme. In Perth, the annual Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) Crab Fest showcases the native blue manna crab that the Mandurah region is well-known for.

# ART & 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

### WA Museum Boola Bardip

Meaning 'many stories' in local Noongar language, the WA Museum Boola Bardip — which opened to the public after a \$400 million redevelopment in November 2020 — is a landmark building 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 landscape, 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.

### CONNECT WITH ABORIGINAL CULTURE

For over 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

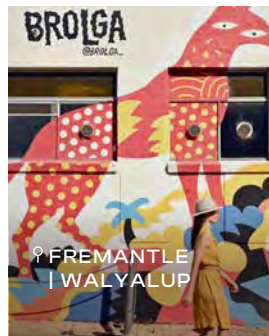
Tucked down laneways and splashed across buildings, Perth's (Boorloo's) captivating street art offers a vibrant glimpse into the heart and soul of the city. New works are appearing regularly across the city as the urban art scene evolves, and in recent years, the city has gained worldwide attention with 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.



♀ NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH | BOORLOO



♀ WA MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP, PERTH | BOORLOO



♀ FREMANTLE | WALYALUP



## 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 (Boorloo'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 convict tales at the Round House in Fremantle (Walyalup) — the Swan River Colony's first-ever building, or 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 & 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 will celebrate 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. A new online portal [visitwanderland.com.au](http://visitwanderland.com.au) brings together all of these museums, cultural centres and remarkable private collections. WAnderland is packed with 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 now '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.

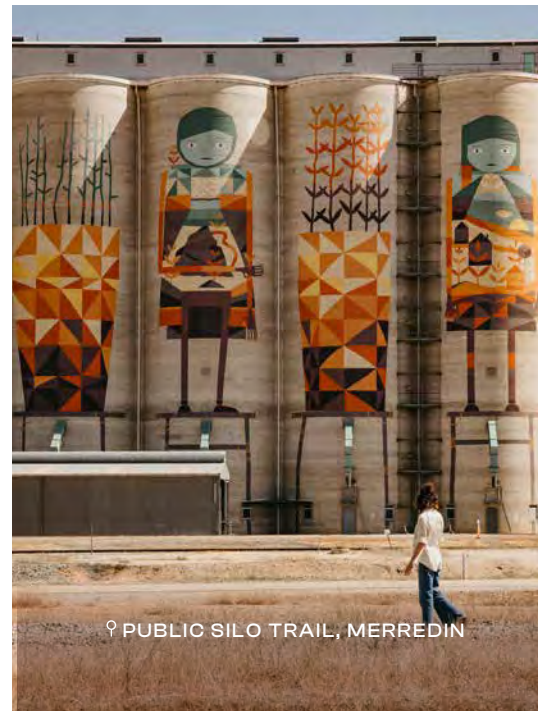
## FREMANTLE'S MARITIME STORIES

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

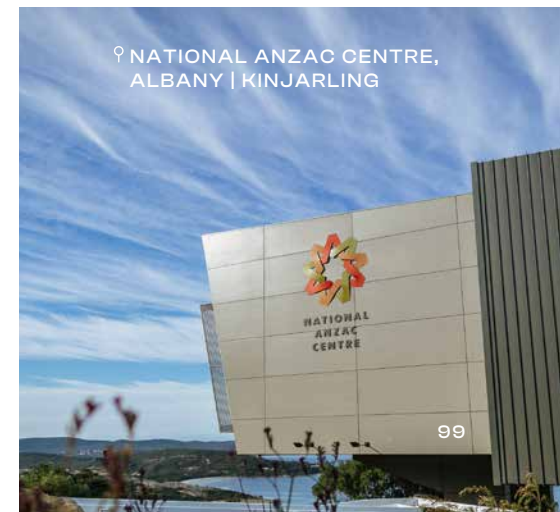
The multi-award winning National Anzac Centre in the coastal city of Albany (Kinjarling) is Australia's foremost museum honouring the Anzac legend. Set within Albany Heritage Park in the South West town, the centre offers visitors a deeply personal connection to Australia's Anzac history, which dates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



♀ PUBLIC SILO TRAIL, MERREDIN



♀ WARINGARRI ABORIGINAL ARTS CENTRE, KUNUNURRA | GOONOOORRANG



♀ NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE, ALBANY | KINJARLING

# BEACHES & LAKES

The waters off WA's 20,000 kilometres of mainland coastline and islands are some of the most pristine in the world – and 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 lakes 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 (Boorloo), 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, 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 1000-plus islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago all waiting to be explored on a Kimberley expedition cruise.

## PERTH'S PARADISE – ROTTNEST ISLAND

The ferry 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 hire 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 the 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 — where you can also try out sandboarding on the white dunes.

## WRECKS, REMOTE SHOALS AND TRAILS – DIVE AND SNORKEL

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. 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'. If this isn't remote enough for you, take a tour to the 'aquarium in the middle of the ocean' at Rowley Shoals, 300 kilometres west of Broome (Rubibi), where it could just be you diving among coral gardens with giant clams and schools of tuna and mackerel. 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.

## 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 bright pink Lake Hillier on Middle Island near Esperance is sure to blow you away with its striking hues. Witness the awe-inspiring colours of both of these lakes from the air on a scenic flight, where the pink hues contrast with the blue of the ocean.

## 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

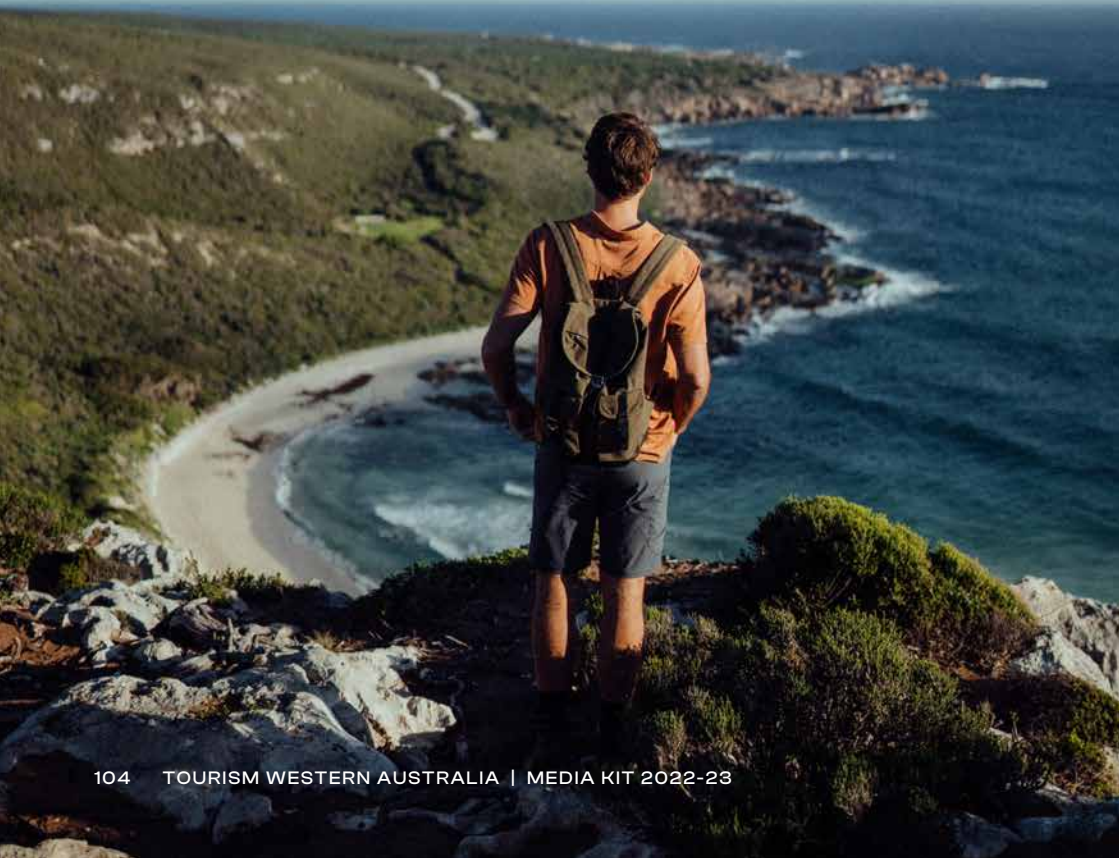
Moon. The phenomenon occurs around three times a month at extremely low tide when the full moon rises over the exposed mudflats of Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nagulagun), creating the optical illusion of lunar stairs. The staircase phenomenon can also be experienced at other north-west locations including Karratha, 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.

♀ HUTT LAGOON, PORT GREGORY

♀ HORIZONTAL FALLS | GARAANNGADDIM

# HIKES & TRAILS

From steep and winding 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, 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.

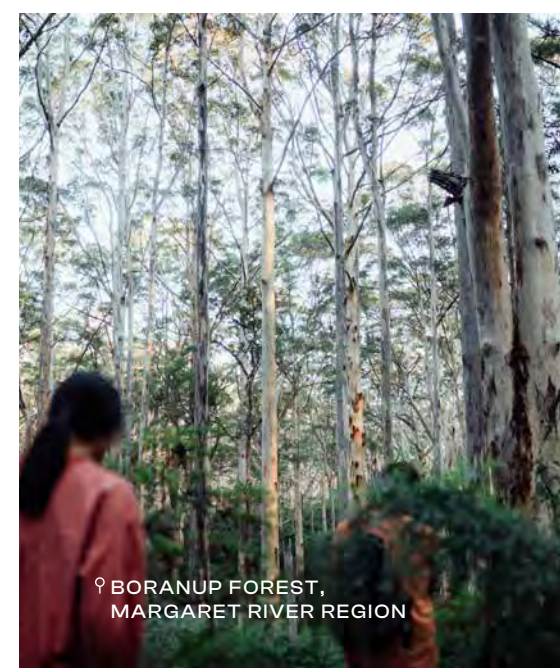
## MUNDA BIDDI TRAIL, PERTH AND SOUTH WEST

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.

## 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.



♀ BORANUP FOREST, MARGARET RIVER REGION

## **MOUNT LENNARD, 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.

## **WADJEMUP BIDI, ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Traverse unique landscapes of Rottne Island (Wadjemup) along Wadjemup Bidi — a series of walk trails in the A-class reserve, off the coast of Perth (Boorloo). 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.

## **LANE POOLE RESERVE, DWELLINGUP**

Located in the Peel Region, just under 1.5 hours' drive from Perth, 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.

## **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 decent is the most popular, known for its wooden berns and rollercoaster corners.

## **PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK, THE KIMBERLEY**

World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park, in WA's Kimberley region, 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.

## **♀ PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK, THE KIMBERLEY**



## **ARKLOW TRAILS NETWORK, COLLIE**

Completed in 2020, the Arklow Trails 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.

## **BLUFF KNOLL, STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK**

Located north of Albany (Kinjarling) in the Stirling Range National Park, 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 one 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.

## **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 Oxe's Lookout.

## **CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK, NINGALOO**

Located within the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, 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 (Nyinggulu).

## **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 (Boorloo) city, 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.

# ABORIGINAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The rich and unique culture of Australia's Aboriginal people stretches back at least 50,000 years — making it the world's oldest 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. Here's a snapshot of some of the options.



### BRIAN LEE HUNTER'S CREEK TAGALONG TOURS (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

The beautiful and remote Dampier Peninsula was once a camping ground for the Bardi (Saltwater) People of this region. Tag-along with Brian Lee to explore the history, seasonal bush fruit, traditional fishing techniques and stories of this timeless landscape, which is a wildlife haven for turtles, sea birds and whales. [kooljaman.com.au](http://kooljaman.com.au)

### GO CULTURAL TOURS & EXPERIENCES (PERTH)

The Perth-based company recently introduced two new cultural tours, in addition to its Elizabeth Quay Goomup experience. Visitors to Rottnest Island — known as Wadjemup to the local Noongar people — can now experience traditional Aboriginal culture on a new 90-minute walking tour. The tour offers visitors the opportunity to learn about Rottnest's history and the spiritual significance to the Noongar people, and includes a Welcome to Country, traditional sand ceremony, and song and storytelling with Aboriginal guide, Walter McGuire. In Perth's iconic Kings Park and Botanic Garden — known as Kaarta Koomba to the local Noongar people — guests can now learn about Kaarta Gar-up, the traditional name for the Mount Eliza escarpment in Kings Park, and its intriguing past and spiritual significance to the Aboriginal people on Go Cultural's new Kings Park Tour. [gocultural.com.au](http://gocultural.com.au)

### KOOMAL DREAMING (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

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. [koomaldreaming.com.au](http://koomaldreaming.com.au)

### LURIDGII ECO CULTURAL TOURS (KUNUNURRA NORTH WEST)

Kununurra-based tour leader Ted Hall oversees four-wheel-drive tag-along tours, outback camping and cultural awareness programs in Miriuwung country. Tours include a Jaliwang Diamond Mine Tour through a rugged landscape steeped in traditions, and Jaliwang (barramundi) Dreaming to reach the Argyle Diamond Mine, where you can see the precious gemstones — including the rare pink diamond — and the operations involved in their extraction. [luridgiitours.com.au](http://luridgiitours.com.au)



KOOMAL DREAMING  
♀ NGILGI CAVE,  
MARGARET RIVER REGION

### MIMBI CAVES (NEAR FITZROY CROSSING, KIMBERLEY – NORTH WEST)

One of Australia's best-kept secrets, this vast subterranean labyrinth 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 Gooniyandi 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. [mimbicaves.com.au](http://mimbicaves.com.au)

### NARLIJIA EXPERIENCES (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Engaging tours by Broome (Rubibi) born-and-bred Yawuru man Bart Pigram offer an Aboriginal and multicultural perspective of the pearling town and its fascinating history. You'll learn about saltwater people, the seasons, the land and the food that sustained this ancient coastal culture for thousands of years. Scour for oysters and other tasty morsels in Broome's mangroves, where you can spot mudskippers, mud crabs and a variety of birds at low tide. [toursbroome.com.au](http://toursbroome.com.au)

### NGALANG WONGI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL TOURS (BUNBURY, SOUTH WEST)

Bunbury's original inhabitants, the Noongar people, hunted and fished throughout the Koombana Bay area for thousands of years. Artist and didgeridoo player Troy Bennell 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. [ngalangwongi.com.au](http://ngalangwongi.com.au)

### NGURRANGGA TOURS (BURRUP PENINSULA, PILBARA – NORTH WEST)

This unique archaeological area houses the world's largest collection of ancient Aboriginal rock carvings, with more than one million petroglyphs dating back as far as the last ice age. Tour this amazing outdoor art gallery and surrounding coastal landscape with Clinton Walker, a descendant of the local Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people, who has spent his entire life learning about his ancestors and culture. [ngurrangga.com.au](http://ngurrangga.com.au)



HUNTER'S CREEK TAGALONG TOUR  
♀ DAMPIER PENINSULA

## MABU BURU TOURS (BROOME NORTH WEST)

Johani Mamid will take you on a very personal journey that explores Yawuru Culture through country, nature, history, lore and traditional knowledge. You'll discover things hidden in plain sight throughout the landscape of Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) to Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nagulagun), taste seasonal fruits, encounter local wildlife and hear the stories of the Yawuru. A special seasonal tour only operating in November and December, allows you to experience the turtle nesting season with your highly experienced guide. [broomeaboriginaltours.com.au](http://broomeaboriginaltours.com.au)

## OOLIN SUNDAY ISLAND CULTURAL TOURS (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

Join Roseanna 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, the 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. [sundayislandtours.com.au](http://sundayislandtours.com.au)

## WARRANG-BRIDIL (PERTH)

This new 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. The 60-minute 'on country' tour with a Noongar guide explores the shores of the spectacular Swan River (Derbal Yerrigan) overlooking Perth (Boorloo) city, Matagarup Bridge and the Optus Stadium precinct. It also features in-depth insights into the history of the Noongar nation and the importance of culture, language, values, relationships, responsibilities and social structures. [warrang-bridil.com.au](http://warrang-bridil.com.au)

## GOLDFIELDS HONEY ANT TOURS (KALGOORLIE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Experience an authentic on-country bushfood foraging experience in the heart of WA's Golden Outback. You'll sample the sweetest of bushfoods, the prized honey ant, forage for witchetty grubs, discover seasonal nuts and fruits, and learn about bush medicine plants. After the foraging, gather round the campfire for billy tea, damper and slow cooked stew whilst being captivated by cultural stories about the traditional lifestyles of the Tjupan people and how they still practice cultural ways on country. [goldfieldshoneyanttours.com.au](http://goldfieldshoneyanttours.com.au)

## WULA GURA NYINDA ECO ADVENTURES (SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE REGION – CORAL COAST)

Francois Peron National Park 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 for an inside view of the deep spiritual connection between the local Nhandu 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, to his tour offering. [wulagura.com.au](http://wulagura.com.au)

## BORRGORON COAST TO CREEK TOURS (DAMPIER PENINSULA NORTH WEST)

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. [cygnetbaypearlfarm.com.au](http://cygnetbaypearlfarm.com.au)

## KINGFISHER TOURS (KUNUNURRA NORTH WEST)

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 before exploring the World Heritage-listed landscape on foot; sailing through the remote isles of the Eclipse Archipelago off the Kimberley coast on a luxury yacht; or bouncing along in a 4WD to visit remote communities, learning stories of the land and its people along the way. [kingfishertours.com.au](http://kingfishertours.com.au)

♀ PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK, THE KIMBERLEY



WULA GURA NYINDA  
ECO ADVENTURES  
♀ SHARK BAY | GATHAAGUDU





## SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL WALK (DAMPIER PENINSULA, KIMBERLEY NORTH WEST)

Join Bardi-Jawi man Bolo Angus and his family on an inspirational journey through his traditional country on the Dampier Peninsula at Lullumb. Learn about Bardi Jawi culture and experience hunting and gathering techniques passed down through the generations. Walk through mangroves, paperbark forests, salt plains, and freshwater creeks. Forage for crabs, fish and oysters, and enjoy them over an open fire on the beach. [lullumbtours.com.au](http://lullumbtours.com.au)

## DALE TILBROOK EXPERIENCES (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

Join Wardandi Bibbulmun woman Dale Tilbrook 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 lunch, 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. [daletilbrookexperiences.com.au](http://daletilbrookexperiences.com.au)

## DJURANDI DREAMING (PERTH)

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. [djurandi.com.au](http://djurandi.com.au)

## KIMBERLEY CULTURAL ADVENTURES (BROOME NORTH WEST)

Join Robert Dann, a proud Kimberley man, for an incredible three-hour cultural experience. 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. [kimberleyculturaladventures.com.au](http://kimberleyculturaladventures.com.au)

## KURRAH MIA (ALBANY, GREAT SOUTHERN)

Kurrah Mia is a Menang Noongar tour and art gallery based in Albany (Kinjarling) showcasing culture through art and sharing knowledge of Boodja (Country). Visit or shop at an Aboriginal art gallery with authentic arts and crafts, or join a cultural walking tours on Menang Boodja and learn about bushfoods, medicines and traditional place names. [kurrahmia.com.au](http://kurrahmia.com.au)

## UPTUYU ADVENTURES (BROOME NORTH WEST)

Discover a unique and personal insight into Broome's rich pearling history and culture as Neville Poelina, a third-generation pearl diver, recounts his personal tales and those of Broome's pioneers. [uptuyu.com.au](http://uptuyu.com.au)

## WARRWANY CULTURAL TOURS (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Join Francis Shovellor on a journey through Karajarri Country and culture, where the turquoise waters meet towering limestone rocks and caves. This insightful journey takes you back in time as you look back on years of history. By sharing the history with visitors to the region, the Karajarri people keep their culture and language alive. [warrwanyculturaltours.com.au](http://warrwanyculturaltours.com.au)

## KING SOUND DISCOVERY (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

The Dampier Peninsula is surrounded by the Indian Ocean to the west and north, and King Sound to the east. With massive tides, coastal inlets, bays, mangroves and plenty of bush tucker, King Sound Discovery is the perfect opportunity for owner Terrence Howard to share his culture and passion with his guests. [experience.welcometocountry.com](http://experience.welcometocountry.com)

## LOMBADINA COMMUNITY (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Be welcomed and immersed into the Lombadina Community, with white beaches, turquoise waters and red dirt. Experience the thrill of catching your own fish, spot whales from the shore or snorkel in the crystal waters, keeping an eye out for some of the most unique sea life. Tours are timed to take full advantage of the tides ensuring your experience is more exhilarating than exhausting. [lombadina.com](http://lombadina.com)



♀ WARINGARRI ABORIGINAL ARTS CENTRE, KUNUNURRA | GOONOOORRANG



♀ DALE TILBROOK EXPERIENCES, SWAN VALLEY, PERTH

## ABORIGINAL ART CENTRES

### MAALINUP ABORIGINAL GALLERY (SWAN VALLEY PERTH)

Only a short 30 minutes from the Perth (Boorloo) CBD, in the Swan Valley wine region, Maalinup Aboriginal Gallery is unique to Perth as an Aboriginal-owned and operated enterprise offering Aboriginal cultural activities, talks, performances and bush tucker, as well as a gallery full of local Aboriginal art, exquisitely different hand painted gifts and high-quality Australian made souvenirs. Drop in and sample sauces, jams, chutneys, oils and dukkahs from the bush tucker range or treat yourself to a handmade soap or book. [maalinup.com.au](http://maalinup.com.au)

### WARINGARRI ABORIGINAL ARTS (KUNUNURRA NORTH WEST)

Located in the heart of Miriwoong Country in Kununurra (Goonoonoorang), Waringarri 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. [waringarriarts.com.au](http://waringarriarts.com.au)

### WARMUN ART CENTRE (WARMUN, KIMBERLEY NORTH WEST)

See the effect of your presence at Warmun Art Centre, a community based art centre where all of the income earned goes directly back to the Gija community. Visitors can become involved in the support, maintenance and promotion of Gija art and language at [warmunart.com.au](http://warmunart.com.au)

### MOWANJUM ABORIGINAL ART AND CULTURAL CENTRE (DERBY NORTH WEST)

A cultural hub made up of Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal communities, the centre includes exhibitions, workshops, festivals and community projects. A true community centre comprised of young and old people who draw inspiration from each other, and centuries of traditions. [mowanjumarts.com](http://mowanjumarts.com)

## ABORIGINAL BUSH FOODS

### BINDI BINDI DREAMING (PERTH, SOUTH WEST)

Noongar woman Marissa Verma offers cooking classes using traditional Aboriginal foods and techniques for those who want to fully immerse in Noongar culture. Learn about native bushfoods and how you can use them in delicious recipes. [bindibindidreaming.com.au](http://bindibindidreaming.com.au)

### KOOK KOO'S OWN (ONLINE)

Inspired by his own Kook Koo (mother), try some natural remedies that are sustainably sourced and traditionally created. From natural anti-histamines to healing balms, self-care comes to a head at Kook Koo's Own. [kookkoosown.com.au](http://kookkoosown.com.au)

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

♀ WARINGARRI ABORIGINAL  
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♀ MOWANJUM ABORIGINAL ART  
AND CULTURAL CENTRE, DERBY

# 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. ◀ ▶

## 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, and the award-winning Cape Lodge boutique hotel, which has hosted the likes of Kylie Minogue, Sting and celebrity chefs Heston Blumenthal and Nigella Lawson.

## 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 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, Allure, Paspaley, Cygnet Bay and Willie Creek Pearls, and in the outback town of Kununurra (Goonoonoorang), step inside Kimberley Fine Diamonds or Nina's 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 (Rubibi) pearl meat, Rotttnest Island (Wadjemup) crayfish, Exmouth prawns, Albany (Kinjarling) Akoya oysters and, of course, the State's famous wines. Perth's (Boorloo's) dining scene continues to flourish — with recent newcomers such as Hearth at The Ritz-Carlton Perth, Fleur, Will Street, Lotus, Nieuw Ruin, Le Rebelle, TOMA and Dandelion, creating buzz alongside favourites such as the multi-award-winning Wildflower, Petition Kitchen, David Thompson's 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 with Corsaire, or take a Swan River Seaplane adventure from Perth to the Margaret River region for an exclusive taste of everything it has to offer.

## TREAT YOURSELF TO A LUXE STAY IN PERTH

Perth's newest hotel offering, The Ritz-Carlton Perth, is the brand's first return to Australia in 10 years. Overlooking the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan), it features 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. Perth's island paradise recently welcomed the opening of Sapphire Rotttnest. Ideally situated on Thomson Bay, the new 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.



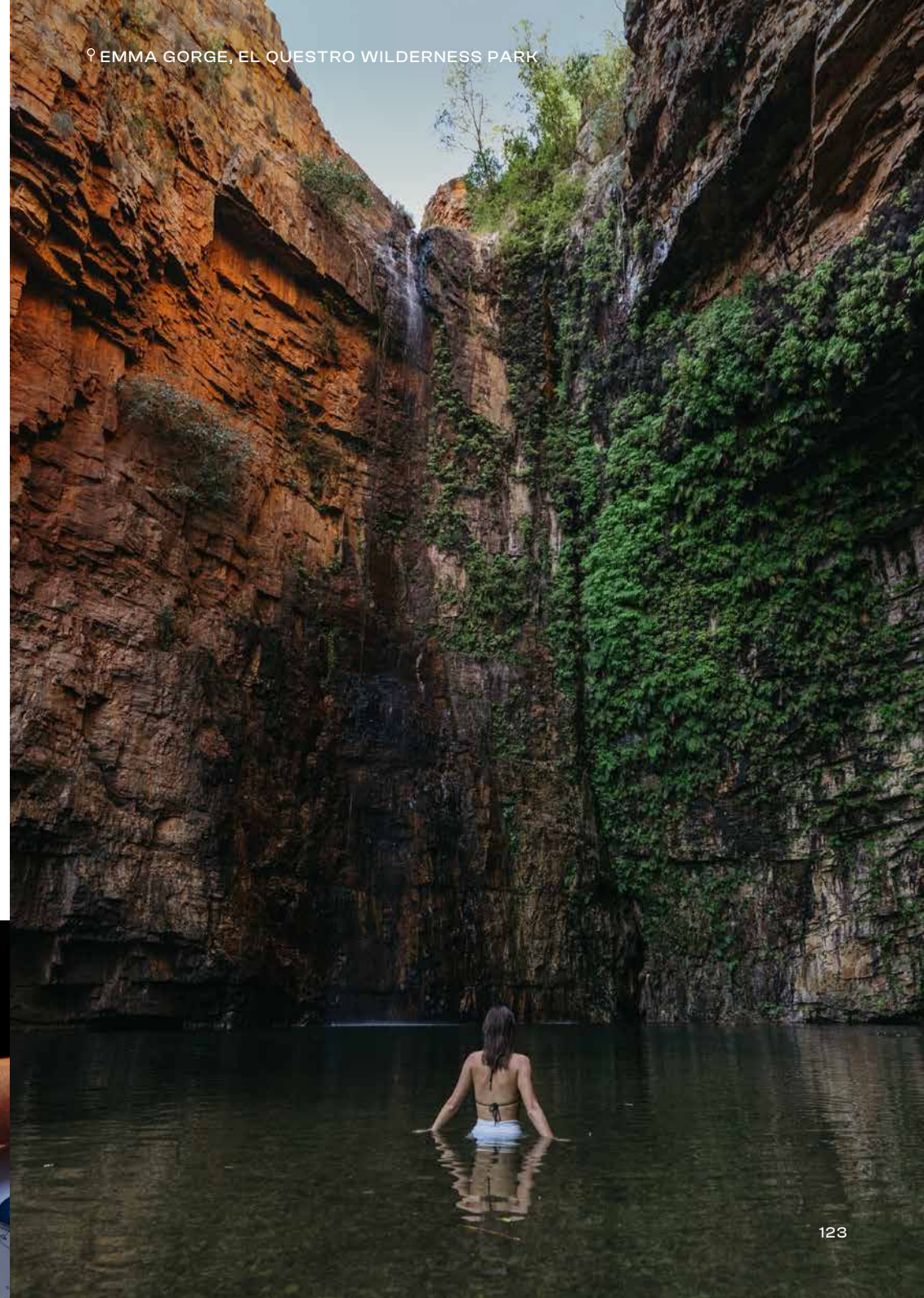
## ECO-RETREAT 'GLAMPING' AND BOUTIQUE STAYS

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 accommodation nestled in the dunes. In the South West, experience true relaxation at off-the-grid boutique stays set amongst forests and fields at new properties, 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, Heyscape Tiny Cabins and Tree Chalets in the Margaret River region.

## WALKING TO 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 2023, Walk into Luxury will offer a new signature walk of one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth, the magical Kimberley. 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.

♀ EMMA GORGE, EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK



♀ CYGNET BAY PEARL FARM, THE KIMBERLEY



NEW PRODUCT





# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRODUCT 2022/23

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

## ACCOMMODATION

### AMPERSAND ESTATES (PEMBERTON, SOUTH WEST)

In the Southern Forests town of Pemberton, Ampersand Estates — a reimagining of the original Donnelly River Wines, comprises of a winery, distillery, wedding venue and accommodation. In addition to a cellar door, the estate is home to three fully self-contained luxury accommodation offerings — Settlers Cottage, The Homestead and The Vintners Residence. Originally built in the late 1870s, the newly renovated Settlers Cottage is a traditional two-bedroom, one bathroom house with a log fireplace. The Vintner's Residence is located at the top of the estate overlooking the vineyards, while the Homestead is situated along the Donnelly River. Both these properties offer five ensuite bedrooms, with a fully equipped kitchen, dining and lounge room, fireplace and large outside decks.

[ampersandestates.com.au](http://ampersandestates.com.au)

### BINA MAYA YALLINGUP ESCAPE (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Bina Maya Yallingup Escape offers luxury self-catering accommodation in the heart of the Margaret River Region on Wardandi Noongar Country, and has recently welcomed the addition of a new villa. Luxury Villa Two complements the existing Luxury Villa One and The Residence — with signature Scandinavian features, two king bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, an outdoor bath and shower, a fully equipped kitchen and stocked pantry, plus a lounge room with a log fireplace. Offering self-catering luxury with a difference, guests are able to indulge in in-house massages and facials, personalised yoga sessions, sound bowl massage, private chef degustation and breakfast delivered to the door.

[binamayayallingupescape.com.au](http://binamayayallingupescape.com.au)

### BULLARA STATION STAY (NINGALOO, CORAL COAST)

Located between Coral Bay and Exmouth, Bullara Station Stay offers authentic outback station accommodation on a working cattle station deep in the heart of Ningaloo. The station has recently introduced two new luxury bell-style glamping tents, as well as safari huts for 2023 season. Both accommodation offerings are furnished with bedding and linen, with the safari huts also including a kitchenette, ensuite and air-conditioning. The station has also welcomed 60 new camping and caravan sites, as well as a new ablution block with a hot water system, a shearing shed hub, upgraded power systems and a commercial kitchen and café.

[bullarastation.com.au](http://bullarastation.com.au)

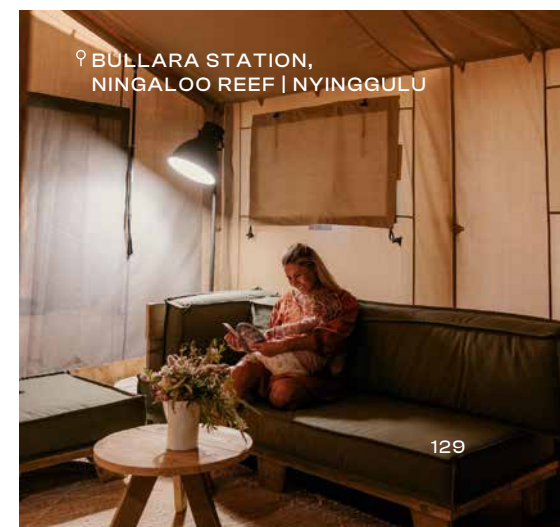
### CAMPING WITH CUSTODIANS – DJARINDJIN (DAMPIER PENINSULA, NORTH WEST)

The sixth Camping with Custodians campground opened in May 2022, located at Djarindjin on the Dampier Peninsula on Yawuru Country. Owned and operated by the Djarindjin Community, the 37-site campground is accessible directly off the newly sealed Cape Leveque Road, and will accommodate caravans as well as campers. Aboriginal tours and experiences will also be available to book through the new campground facility.

[djarindjin.org.au](http://djarindjin.org.au)

### CHIMES SPA RETREAT (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

Chimes Spa Retreat is a new architecturally-designed boutique lodge offering a dreamy and restorative experience, near the town of Denmark in WA's South West region. The owners purchased the property in February 2022 and have completely renovated the existing accommodation offering to reveal a luxurious and welcoming space where guests can rest and relax, whilst taking in the panoramic views of the picturesque coastline. Chimes Spa Retreat offers 10 exclusive boutique suites, all beautifully appointed with freestanding double round baths. The on-site day spa includes three treatment rooms, with two accommodating couples or friends, where guests are treated with luxurious organic products. The spa also features a steam deck, sauna, ice plunge and vichy shower. Whilst nestled amongst nature, Chimes Spa Retreat is located less than a 10 minutes' drive from the Denmark town centre, close to local eateries, wineries and a spectacular array of south coast beaches.





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

Cygnets Bay Pearl Farm, located on the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome (Rubibi) on Yawuru Country, has launched a number of new glamping tents. Adding to the property's existing accommodation offering, the 15 eco tents bring a new level of luxury with private ensuites, air-conditioning and king-sized beds. The air-conditioned tents allow Cygnets Bay to extend its season and operate year-round. Built to be eco-friendly with minimal impact on the surrounding environment, the entire production of the new tents used local businesses, including furniture items made in Broome by Aguyana, a not-for-profit organisation. Surrounded by hundreds of locally grown plants, the new glamping tents are located within easy walking distance to the pool and restaurant, with wheelchair accessible tents also available. The working pearl farm also offers discovery tours and cultural experiences, as well as waterfall reef and giant tides sea safaris.

[cygnetbaypearlfarm.com.au](http://cygnetbaypearlfarm.com.au)

### **DISCOVERY ROTTNEST ISLAND (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)**

Rottnest Island's (Wadjemup's) glamping accommodation offering, Discovery Rottnest Island — which opened in 2018 — has upgraded some of its accommodation options for groups or families looking to stay together, with extended communal outdoor decking

areas for neighbouring tents. The popular Pinky's Beach Club has also received a million dollar renovation, which includes a newly developed alfresco lawn space, increased weather protection and resort style dining area.

[discoveryholidayparks.com.au](http://discoveryholidayparks.com.au)

### **THE GROVE QUINDALUP (QUINDALUP, MARGARET RIVER REGION)**

New boutique luxury accommodation awaits in WA's renowned Margaret River Region. The Grove Quindalup is an award-winning architectural home that invites guests to enjoy an immersive, relaxing getaway among five acres of bushland — located just minutes from the town of Dunsborough. Accommodating up to eight, the luxury escape features four rooms and two master suites with private ensuites and a central freestanding bath, plus an outdoor infinity pool.

[thegrovequindalup.com.au](http://thegrovequindalup.com.au)

### **HILTON GARDEN INN ALBANY (SOUTH WEST)**

The city of Albany (Kinjarling) in the Great Southern region welcomed the opening of Australia's first Hilton Garden Inn hotel in November 2021. Located on the Albany Waterfront Marina, next to Albany Entertainment Centre, the five-story hotel comprises of 108 stylish and functional king, twin and accessible guest rooms, including six deluxe rooms each with panoramic ocean views; a 24 hour fitness centre;

three meeting rooms; plus a variety of dining options including a restaurant, bar and 24-hour shop serving grab-and-go menu options.

[hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

### **HEAVENLY WATERS (AVON VALLEY, PERTH REGION)**

Heavenly Waters is a luxury eco camping experience situated on the banks of the Jimperding Brook, near the town of Toodyay. Located a one hour drive north east of Perth (Boorloo) in the Avon Valley region, the rural property currently has one eco-tent, with plans to build two more, boasting 82 square metres of floor space, including an ensuite shower, toilet, kitchen and king size bed. During the cooler months, guests can warm up by a fire pit, while there's also an outdoor woodfired bath tub for a true barefoot luxury experience.

[heavenlywaters.com.au](http://heavenlywaters.com.au)

### **HEYSCAPE (AVON VALLEY, PERTH REGION)**

Heyscape is a unique accommodation concept offering cosy and secluded tiny cabins in off-grid locations surrounded by nature. Adding to the current offering of two-person cabins, a new family-sized cabin has recently come online near the town of Toodyay, in Perth's Avon Valley region. Located on a working sheep farm, and offering sweeping views over the valleys and hillsides, the stylishly appointed cabin includes a queen size bed, bunk bed and a portacot — plus a kitchenette, outdoor barbeque, indoor shower and composting toilet; all surrounded by wildlife and nature. Heyscape also offers five other two-person tiny cabins in secluded locations all less than a few hours' drive from Perth.

[heyscape.com.au](http://heyscape.com.au)



## HOLIDAY INN WEST PERTH (PERTH)

IHG Hotels & Resorts opened the Holiday Inn West Perth in November 2021, located within walking distance to Perth's (Boorloo's) Kings Park and Botanical Garden (Kaarta Koomba). Formerly the Sage Hotel West Perth and built in 2016, the hotel's 101 guestrooms have undergone a soft refurbishment, while the hotel lobby has been transformed. Part of the hotel's charm is the 1902 heritage building, home to Julio's Italian restaurant, as well as two boardrooms.

[ihg.com](https://www.ihg.com)

## KARIJINI ECO RETREAT (PILBARA NORTH WEST)

Karijini Eco Retreat, which offers safari-style eco tents, cabins and campsites in the heart of the spectacular Karijini National Park, has recently added three new luxury eco tents to its accommodation offering. The new glamping tents feature a bespoke design, with furnishings of natural wood and leather, king sized bed with linen, a private ensuite bathroom, front and rear decks, local Aboriginal artwork, and a spacious interior with pristine views over the national park. The new tents offer an exclusive experience, incorporating eco-friendly designs and practices to ensure the sustainable management of the park's natural and cultural values.

[karijiniecoretreat.com.au](https://www.karijiniecoretreat.com.au)

## LATITUDE 35°5 (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

Latitude 35°5 is an architecturally designed luxury holiday home located in Goode Beach, just over 20 kilometres from Albany (Kinjarling), surrounded by nature in the Torndirrup National Park and sitting on top of a granite outcrop offering stunning panoramic views over the coastline. Accommodating up to eight people, the property features an expansive master suite and three guest rooms all with ensuites, large entertaining areas with a dining room, cosy fireplace and a 160-bottle wine cellar, with timber, local granite and imported marbles used throughout. The wraparound balcony also offers both sunrise and sunset views over the Southern Ocean.

[latitude355.com](https://www.latitude355.com)



## OLIO BELLO (COWARAMUP, MARGARET RIVER REGION)

Award-winning olive oil farm Olio Bello, located in the Margaret River Region, is offering a new lakeside glamping experience on its 320-acre property. Six new luxury safari-style bungalows nestle around the lake surrounded by 8,000 olive trees. Designed for minimum environmental impact and maximum luxury, each bungalow features a private ensuite, kitchenette, eco-fan, reverse-cycle air-conditioning and farm-made products. By day, enjoy the gourmet produce, hand-rolled pasta and olive oil of the farm and by night, take in sunset views and the sound of ocean waves from nearby Gracetown. Olio Bello is a certified organic farm located near the town of Cowaramup in the Margaret River Region, a three-hour drive south of Perth.

[oliobello.com](https://www.oliobello.com)

## PARMELIA HILTON (PERTH)

Perth's Parmelia Hilton Hotel reopened in February 2021 following a \$45 million transformation. The iconic 53-year old hotel now has a new-look, and features completely touchless digital key technology. Some of the works carried out include a complete revitalisation of the hotel lobby — featuring locally-inspired design and artwork, an additional 32 new rooms, executive lounge, refurbishment of the restaurant, and an integrated thoroughfare connecting the hotel lobby to the Brookfield Place precinct.

[hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com)

## PRIVATE PROPERTIES HOLIDAY HOMES (SOUTH WEST)

Private Properties Holiday Homes has opened five new properties to its ever-growing portfolio. This includes three in the South West town of Denmark — Emerald Cove, Above It All and Roo Corner. Emerald Cove is a tranquil country retreat on Wilson Inlet, sleeping eight, with a pot belly wood fire, piano, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Above It All is set on 25 acres on Mount Shadforth, with treetop views of the Stirling Ranges. It sleeps six people and boasts its own bike pump track, perfect for kids and families. Roo Corner sleeps eight people with four bedrooms, indoor and outdoor dining, and an open kitchen.

It's also welcomed the opening of Marmaduke, located in the Margaret River Region; and Oceanic in the suburb of Dawesville in the coastal city of Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap) — an hour's drive south of Perth. While located 200 kilometres apart, both offer coastal views and sunsets over the Indian Ocean, sweeping verandas and wide-open living spaces — with Marmaduke offering access to the famed Margaret River wine region and Oceanic just a five-minute drive from The Cut Golf Course, one of the Great Golf Courses of Australia.

## RAC ESPERANCE HOLIDAY PARK (ESPERANCE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

RAC Esperance Holiday Park opened in the coastal town of Esperance (Kepa Kurl) in December 2021 following a complete redevelopment. Originally named the Esperance Seafront Holiday Park, and purchased by RAC in December 2019, the new park features 170 shady powered campsites, including eight with private ensuite bathrooms, two- and three-bedroom self-contained family villas, and four studio rooms for couples and small families. Facilities include a state-of-the-art camp kitchen, large indoor recreation room, resort-style swimming pool, playground, and outdoor barbeque areas, plus two pet friendly cabins and an onsite dog wash.

[parksandresorts.rac.com.au](https://parksandresorts.rac.com.au)

## SERENITY GULLY (BRIDGETOWN, SOUTH WEST)

Nestled high in the hills overlooking the town of Bridgetown, Serenity Gully is a new luxury off-grid eco glamping experience that opened in September 2022. Featuring three beautifully-appointed tents, and situated on 478 acres of private Jarrah forests and fields filled with wildflowers, native birds and animals, the property allows guests to truly immerse themselves in nature. Each tent is fitted with a king-sized bed, ensuite, kitchenette, lounge room, private fire pit with gas barbeque, plus a cosy indoor fireplace and outdoor bath.

[serenitygully.com.au](https://serenitygully.com.au)



## STILLWOOD RETREAT (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

Stillwood Retreat is a new bespoke accommodation offering located in the Great Southern town of Denmark on Menang Noongar Country. Nestled amongst towering karri trees and set on five acres, the architecturally designed studio retreat is the perfect place to disconnect and immerse in nature. The sustainability-focused accommodation includes a living room with a fireplace, an oversized linen sofa, compact kitchenette, king bed and a two-person bath tub with rain shower. Outside, there are two jetties overlooking private dams, and an outdoor claw foot bath offering stunning views of the rolling hills and forest surrounds.

[stillwood.com.au](https://stillwood.com.au)

## THE SWAN VALLEY RETREAT (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

The Swan Valley Retreat in WA's oldest growing wine region now offers guests a new luxury accommodation option. The Wine Barrel is a new architecturally-designed villa, which takes inspiration from the region with its wine barrel design, and complements the existing Cabernet and Merlot rooms. Guests at the Wine Barrel will enjoy their own private panoramic sauna with outdoor shower, and a cedar hot tub located on the deck that overlooks the property's surrounds. Inside the room, relax amid the high ceilings, stylish furnishings and a giant freestanding bathtub with its own smart TV. The property also has an on-site day spa, with hydrotherapy, floatation therapy, clay treatments and facials available.

[swanvalleyretreat.com.au](https://swanvalleyretreat.com.au)

## TREE CHALET (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Tree Chalets is a luxury accommodation offering near Busselton (Undalup) that provides the unique experience of being nestled in amongst the 90 acres of bushland in chalets that are powered by the sun and fed by rainwater. With two chalets to choose from — Rosegum or Bluegum — both are fully self-contained and include a kitchenette, a separate bedroom with luxury bedding, walk-in rainfall shower, a wood fire, an outdoor cast iron bath with hot water and outdoor deck that offers stunning views over the Rosegum plantation. Tesla car chargers are also installed on each chalet to complement the eco-friendly accommodation offering.

[treechalets.com.au](https://treechalets.com.au)



## UNYOKED (AUGUSTA, SOUTH WEST)

Global nature brand Unyoked launched its offering in Western Australia at the end of 2022. Unyoked invites people to choose their cabin based on the time of escape they need. It's unveiled three new tiny cabins in hidden locations throughout the Margaret River Region; a three hours' drive south of Perth (Boorloo).

[unyoked.co](http://unyoked.co)

## UPLAND FARM (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

Upland Farm is a stunning new eco-friendly farm stay located near the town of Denmark in the Great Southern region. Nestled in the rolling hills on a 107-acre working cattle farm, the property features three environmentally-conscious indulgent cabins clad in Iron Ash timber and large glazed windows to celebrate the panoramic farm land views. The three cabins all have their own unique qualities and views, with a guest house featuring a master king bedroom and ensuite, a king or twin single room with adjacent bathroom and a fully equipped kitchen; and two recently completed luxury cabins with one king bedroom and ensuite, with a ploughman style kitchenette.

[uplandfarm.com.au](http://uplandfarm.com.au)

## WHEATBELT LUXURY ESCAPES (AVON VALLEY, PERTH REGION)

Wheatbelt Luxury Escapes offer two new exclusive boutique accommodation options in the historic town of York, in the Avon Valley region. Surrounded by secluded landscape and sweeping views, Talbot Lodge is located just 20 kilometres south-west of York. The two bedroom rural property features two lounge areas, a cosy fireplace, chef's kitchen, cathedral ceilings with plush furniture and luxury linen, plus walking trails and petting farm animals. Mansfield Cottage is located on the outskirts of York, and is a beautifully restored heritage property that offers two bedrooms, a chef's kitchen, open plan entertainment area and a cosy outdoor fire pit.

[wheatbeltluxuryescapes.com.au](http://wheatbeltluxuryescapes.com.au)



## TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

### ABROLHOS ADVENTURES (GERALDTON, CORAL COAST)

Operating from Geraldton (Jambinu), Abrolhos Adventures has introduced a new vessel to its fleet this season — the catamaran ferry MV2000. The vessel offers all-inclusive sightseeing day tours to the Abrolhos Islands, and is able to reach the islands in 80-minutes — as opposed to the 2.5-hour journey on other vessels. Abrolhos Adventures also offers seasonal whale watching tours, departing from Geraldton.

[abrolhosadventures.com.au](http://abrolhosadventures.com.au)

### APT (PERTH, CORAL COAST & NORTH WEST)

Luxury touring company APT has launched a new 21-day small ship expedition cruise along WA's Coral Coast and North West coastlines aboard the 99-passenger MS Caledonian Sky. Colours of the Coral Coast and Kimberley Coast visits 21 destinations along the WA coastline, departing from Perth (Boorloo) and finishing in Broome (Rubibi). Highlights of the itinerary include exploring Kalbarri National Park and the Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka), visiting the friendly wild dolphins at Monkey Mia, swimming with whale sharks in the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef (Nynggulu), taking an exhilarating fast boat ride through the Horizontal Falls (Garaangaddim) in the Kimberley, and relaxing on the white sands of Broome's Cable Beach (Walmanyjun). Cruisers shorter on time can opt for the shorter 15-day Perth to Broome Colours of the Coral Coast cruise, which includes all of the main Coral Coast highlights and experiences of the 21-day option.

[aptouring.com.au](http://aptouring.com.au)

## BAIYUNGU DREAMING (NINGALOO, CORAL COAST)

Baiyungu Dreaming is the first Aboriginal tour experience on offer in the Ningaloo 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. Tour options include sunset campfire experiences with ancient stories, and exploring the coastal plain near Coral Bay to discover shell middens and a sea turtle nursery; learning how to find fresh drinking water; plus the chance to snorkel on World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu).

[baiyungudreaming.com.au](http://baiyungudreaming.com.au)

## BODHI SPA RETREAT (YALLINGUP, SOUTH WEST)

WA's premier wellness spa group BODHI Wellness Spa Retreat has opened the doors to its latest luxury offering near the town of Yallingup in the Margaret River Region. After five years at Injidup Spa Retreat, this new custom designed five-star wellness retreat overlooks the tranquil waters of Lake Gunyulgup, and offers a strong focus on wellbeing with all-natural beauty and body treatments, boasting five couples' suites, hydrotherapy baths, infrared sauna and reiki. BODHI Yallingup is the most luxurious wellness destination yet, and adds to the five existing locations in Wembley, Highgate, Cottesloe, Qantas T3 Perth International Transit Lounge and The Westin Hotel in Perth (Boorloo).

[bodhispa.com](http://bodhispa.com)

## BROOME CRUISES (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Broome Cruises started sailing for the 2021 season, offering a new deluxe dining experience on the waters of Broome (Rubibi), finishing at Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) for an iconic Kimberley sunset. The half-day Sunset, Seafood & Pearling Cruise is the only one of its kind in Australia, and showcases the region's unique character, exquisite local cuisine, pearling heritage and magical sunsets. The all-inclusive half-day experience includes a seven-course menu showcasing fresh Kimberley seafood, and a hands-on pearl oyster harvest experience with Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm.

[broomecruises.com.au](http://broomecruises.com.au)

## BROOME TOURS (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Broome Tours has recently added a new Mud Crabbing Adventure to its tour offering, allowing visitors to experience the thrill of catching a prized Kimberley Mud Crab. The tour begins with a catamaran cruise of Roebuck Bay (Yawuru Nagulagun) to reach the mouth of Broome's incredible creek systems. Experienced guides then demonstrate the tips and tricks for catching a 'muddy' before taking the group on an adventure through the mangroves to cast and pull pots to catch their own. Guests are then treated to freshly cooked chilli mud crab on the cruise back through Roebuck Bay.

[broometourswa.com.au](http://broometourswa.com.au)

## BUSY BLUE BUS (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

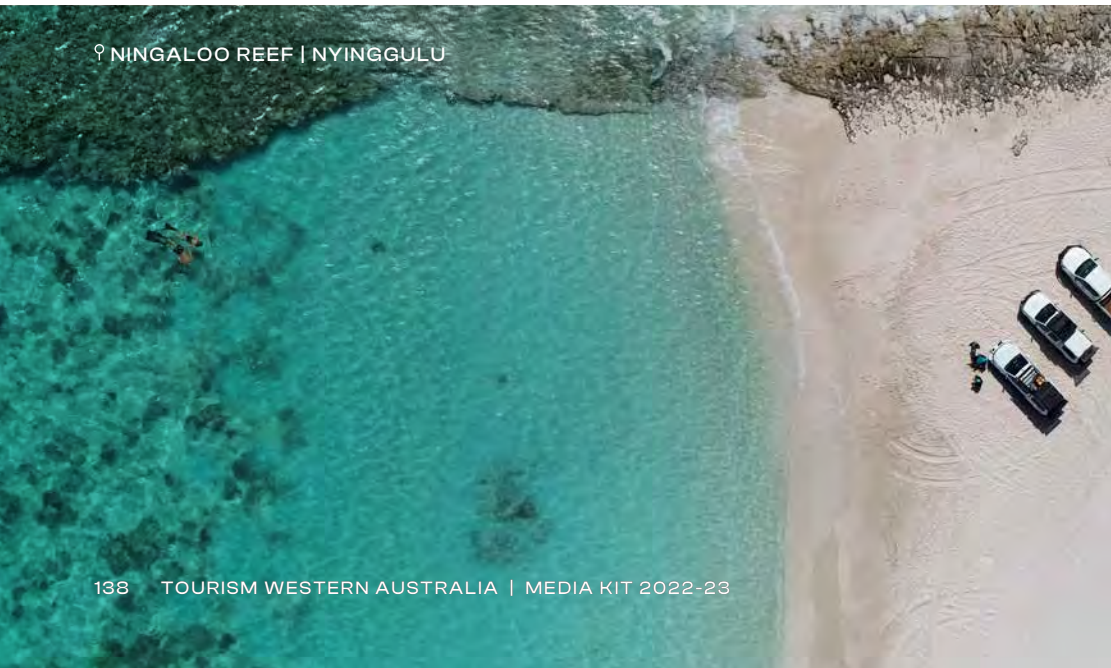
Discover iconic sculptures and contemporary artworks by local and international artists in the alleyways of Albany on the new Albany Street Art Walking Tour. Guests can walk the streets of the coastal town with a local guide to discover murals and sculptures that tell the stories of Albany's history and culture. The tours depart every Thursday from the Albany Visitor Centre.

[busybluebus.com.au](http://busybluebus.com.au)

## BETTENAY'S MARGARET RIVER (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Bettenay's Margaret River launched a new Toasty Tastings by the Fire winter experience in 2021 to warm up its guests. The guided tasting includes four premium estate wines, a nougat-inspired liqueur, followed by toasting French-style nougat over an open fire whilst enjoying a hot chocolate infused with Nougaretto liqueur. Located in the heart of the Margaret River wine region, the family-owned winery produces small batch wines alongside French-style soft nougat using locally sourced honey.

[bettenaysmargaretriver.com.au](http://bettenaysmargaretriver.com.au)



## CAPE LEEUWIN LIGHTHOUSE (AUGUSTA, SOUTH WEST)

The iconic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse in WA's Margaret River Region has reopened its tours and ocean viewing deck after a year-long restoration of the 1895 limestone structure. During the restoration, moss was removed, mortar replaced, and metalwork and timber restored. A brass wind instrument, removed from the top of the lighthouse some 50 years ago, has also been reinstated. The Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse — located near the town of Augusta — a 3.5 hour drive south of Perth (Boorloo) — has cast its protective light since 1896, and at 39 metres high, it remains the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, at the treacherous meeting place of the Southern and Indian Oceans.

## CORAL EXPEDITIONS (CORAL CAST & NORTH WEST)

Australia's pioneering small ship cruise line, Coral Expeditions launched a number of new itineraries in 2021. The new voyages explore the coastline and unique islands off WA — including the Abrolhos Islands, Ningaloo Reef (Nyinggulu), Rowley Shoals, the Dampier Archipelago and the Montebello Islands, as well as the celebrated Kimberley voyage departing from Broome (Rubibi). The cruising company has also welcomed the addition of a brand new vessel this year, the Coral Geographer. Both the Coral Adventurer and Coral Geographer have been designed and built specifically for extended expeditions along the Australian coast.

[coralexpeditions.com](http://coralexpeditions.com)



♀ CAPE LEEUWIN LIGHTHOUSE,  
MARGARET RIVER REGION



CORAL EXPEDITIONS  
♀ THE KIMBERLEY

## D'GUY CHARTERS (KALBARRI, CORAL COAST)

Kalbarri-based touring company D'Guy Charters has recently launched a new star gazing tour, showcasing the region's incredible night skies. The three-hour tour takes guests to the Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka) in Kalbarri National Park. Perched above the mighty Murchison River Gorges, guests will take in the wonders of the night sky, with either telescopes or the naked eye.

[dguycharters.com.au](http://dguycharters.com.au)

## DIRK HARTOG ISLAND LIFE ADVENTURES (SHARK BAY, CORAL COAST)

Dirk Hartog Island Life Adventures is a new tour offering day trips to explore the unique Dirk Hartog Island, located off the coast of Shark Bay (Gathaagudu). Guests will jump aboard the vessel 100% Wild Adventure from Denham, taking in ocean views before landing on Dirk Hartog Island to enjoy beach walks, kayaking and exploring the Homestead. The tour also includes a guided four-wheel-drive adventure to the west side of the island to view the spectacular landscape, and visit the blowholes and Surf Point marine sanctuary.

[dirkhartogisland.com.au](http://dirkhartogisland.com.au)

## DIVE NINGALOO (EXMOUTH, CORAL COAST)

Exmouth tour operator Dive Ningaloo has recently welcomed a new dive charter vessel to its tour offer. The newly restored Lady Ningaloo will provide visitors with access to the underwater wonderland of the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef and the

Muiron Islands. The vessel is the only one of its kind in the region, and will be used for high-end liveaboard three or seven-night diving expeditions along the Ningaloo Coast — offering the only overnight dive charter service in the region. The liveaboard dive charters can be operated year-round, offering a new unique experience for visitors to Ningaloo.

## DRYANDRA WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK (NARROGIN, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

The Dryandra Woodland is WA's newest national park. Located near the town of Narrogin, the Dryandra Woodland National is the first national park in WA's Wheatbelt region. A popular destination for wildlife enthusiasts, campers and bushwalkers, Dryandra 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 numbats, woylies, brushtail wallabies, chuditch, quenda and the mound-building malleefowl. Basic accommodation is available at Lions Dryandra Village, with campsites at Congelin Campground and the new Gnaala Mia Campground.

[parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

## EARN YOUR VINO (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Earn Your Vino is a new all-inclusive and immersive wine tour experience designed to allow guests the opportunity to follow the seasonal winemaking calendar of WA's wine regions. These high-end, small-group luxury experiences provide exclusive behind-the-scenes access to winemakers and producers, as well as accommodation and experiences, and are privately catered by one of the region's most awarded chefs. Bespoke all-inclusive multi-night packages are currently available for the Margaret River Region, and the town of Pemberton in the Southern Forests. Highlights include truffle hunts, lakeside long table dining and wine tasting among the vines.

[earnyourvino.com](http://earnyourvino.com)

## ELEVATE – ART GALLERY OF WA (PERTH)

Opened to the public in December 2021, the Art Gallery of WA's rooftop venue, Elevate, offers a new multi-use gallery space that brings together art and entertainment against Perth's (Boorloo's) city skyline. The major redevelopment has created the largest commercially available rooftop venue in Perth, accommodating up to 500 people. The new rooftop features food and beverages with a distinct WA flavour; an open-air sculpture walk, with works from the State Art Collection; a new internal gallery space for exhibitions and events; and two outdoor multi-purpose spaces with views of the

city, Perth Hills and WA Museum. The new venue also includes an external lift and sky bridge from the Perth Cultural Centre precinct — allowing visitors access to the rooftop when the gallery is closed.

[artgallery.wa.gov.au](http://artgallery.wa.gov.au)

## EFOIL AUSTRALIA (PERTH)

Efoil Australia has brought the latest trend in watersports, eFoiling, to South Perth foreshore. With no experience required, all are welcome to experience the fun of effortlessly gliding along the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan) on a Fliteboard Air, with 30- and 90-minute experiences on offer daily.

[efoilaustralia.com](http://efoilaustralia.com)

## EXMOUTH ADVENTURE CO. STARTS TURTLE SUNSET TOUR

Just in time for the start of turtle hatching season in the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Region, Exmouth Adventure Co., known for its eco tours, is now offering a Summer Sunset Turtle Watching Tour. From the Jurabi Coastal Park, visitors can watch nesting turtles in their natural habitat at the water's edge as they inch up the beach and start to dig their nests. Learn the lifecycle and habits of marine turtle species nesting along the Ningaloo Coast in small groups of 10 people. Tours take place three times a week from December to March.

## FLY ESPERANCE (ESPERANCE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Visitors to the coastal town of Esperance (Kepa Kurl) in WA's Golden Outback region can take to the skies on a flying pub crawl thanks to a new tour offered by Fly Esperance. The Esperance Flying Pub Crawl offers guests spectacular coastal scenery, an exciting remote airstrip landing, plus lunch and drinks at a quaint rural Australian pub and one of the region's iconic breweries. Marvel at the white sandy beaches and crystal blue waters of Twilight Bay, Blue Haven, Hellfire Bay, and Australia's whitest beach — Lucky Bay, before stopping for lunch at the Condingup Tavern, then moving on to Lucky Bay Brewery to sample a tasting paddle of Esperance's only locally made beers. Tours start from \$695 per person and run for 4 to 5 hours.

## GOLDFIELDS HONEY ANT TOURS (KALGOORLIE, GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Goldfields Honey Ant Tours is a new Aboriginal tour, offering an authentic on-country bushfood foraging experience in the heart of WA's Golden Outback. Guests can sample the sweetest of bushfoods — the prized honey ant, forage for witchetty grubs, discover seasonal nuts and fruits, and learn about bush medicine plants. After the foraging, guests gather around the campfire for billy tea, damper and slow-cooked stew while being captivated by cultural stories about the traditional lifestyles of the Tjupan people and how they still practice cultural ways on

country. The half-day tours depart from Kalgoorlie (Karlkurla), and are offered as a self-drive tag-a-long tour.

[goldfieldshoneyanttours.com.au](http://goldfieldshoneyanttours.com.au)

## GO WEST TOURS (KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK, NORTH WEST)

Go West Tours — a family owned and managed company that has been operating in the Pilbara for 31 years — has recently acquired Lestok Tours, expanding its offering to include full and half day tours of Karijini National Park on Banyjima, Kurruma and Innawonga Country. Departing from either Tom Price or Karijini Eco Retreat, these established tours take guests through the park's ancient gorges, crystal clear rock pools and swimming holes, cascading waterfalls and tropical fern environments. Tours now take place in upgraded vehicles, with each location offering easy walking tracks or viewing platform access. Go West Tours also offer Iron Ore Mine Tours in the Pilbara, as well as airport transfers and charters.

[gowesttours.com.au](http://gowesttours.com.au)



## HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE (PERTH)

The refurbishment of one of WA's much-loved heritage and cultural icons, His Majesty's Theatre, is now complete with the original heritage balconies fully reinstated. Removed in 1953, the return of the balcony structures across the two levels respects the 118-year-old building's original façade, reflecting its grand opulence, while also allowing visitors to walk along the balconies and verandas. Built in 1904, His Maj, as it's affectionately known, is a world-class venue for opera, dance and theatre, and is the only remaining operating Edwardian Theatre in the Southern Hemisphere. The revitalisation of this iconic heritage building has been taking place for over four years, and includes the addition of a state-of-the-art orchestra pit lift, new acoustic treatments, improved air-conditioning, a more spacious box office, a new entrance and ticketing window, accessible toilets, and the refurbishment of the street level Crew and King café — offering theatre patrons a unique dining experience with WA produce featuring prominently on the menu.

## KAS HELICOPTERS (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

KAS Helicopters has started offering scenic flights over the Margaret River Region thanks to the launch of a new seasonal base at Busselton Margaret River Airport on December 2021. Operating during the summer months, there are scenic flights and winery tours available. Guests can choose from a short scenic flight over Busselton

(Undalup) and surrounds, or a full Cape to Cape tour taking in all of the region's stunning highlights. The range of winery tours combine spectacular coastal flights with wine tasting and lunch at selected venues. Bespoke itineraries are also available, including accommodation drop-offs and pick-ups, and VIP transfers.

[kashelicopters.com.au](http://kashelicopters.com.au)

## KIMBERLEY NATURALLY (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

Experience the unique birds of the Kimberley on a new tour hosted by Kimberley Naturally. Breakfast with the Birds is an easy-paced, small-group nature experience led by bird enthusiasts, and provides a close up view of some of the Kimberley's rare and diverse bird species. Guests are provided with binoculars and spotting scopes to ensure great sightings, and get to enjoy a savannah breakfast of fresh produce grown locally in the Ord River region. The tour departs from Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang), and takes guests through the savannah grasslands to spot finches, then onto the Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve to view the waterbirds at Marlgu Billabong bird hide.

[kimberleynaturally.com](http://kimberleynaturally.com)

## KIMBERLEY WILD EXPEDITIONS (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

Kimberley Wild Expeditions has released a new Kimberley tour offering for the 2023 season. The new 12-day 4WD and walking adventure provides an opportunity for guests to explore more

of the Kimberley region on foot. The walking component of the tour means guests have more time to trek through cave tunnels, into remote gorges, under waterfalls, across savannah plains, along escarpments, up rocky river beds and around an ancient desert meteorite crater. The tour includes three nights at El Questro, plus a mix of National Park camping and private camps that are set up ready and waiting, and an excursion to the famous Wolfe Creek Crater.

[kimberleywild.com.au](http://kimberleywild.com.au)

## WALYALUP KOORT (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Fremantle's (Walyalup's) civic heart has received a once-in-a-generation redevelopment, creating a vibrant cultural and commercial hub for the port city. Walyalup Koort — which means 'Heart of Fremantle' in Whadjuk Noongar language, has welcomed the opening of the new Walyalup Civic Centre, including the stunning new Fremantle Library. The redevelopment has also seen the rejuvenation of the precinct's public spaces, including the new Fremantle-themed adventure playground. At the heart of the new hub is FOMO — a new commercial space offering a contemporary laneway retail, art and dining destination, providing visitors with a space to sit, eat, walk and engage.

[walyalupkoort.com](http://walyalupkoort.com)



♀ KWILLENA GABI POOL, MANDURAH | MANDJOOGOORDAP

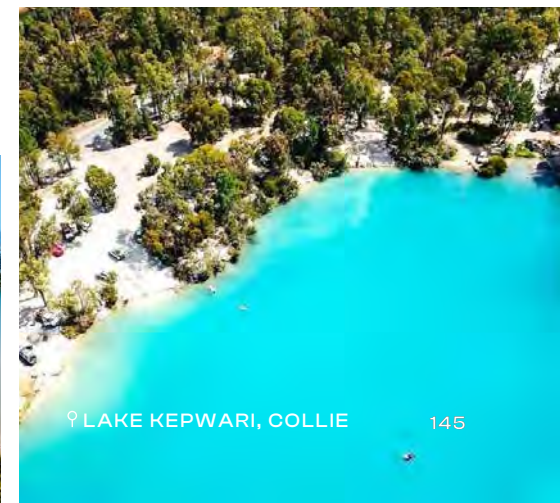
## KWILLENA GABI POOL (MANDURAH, PERTH REGION)

A new circular estuary pool has opened to the public in the coastal city of Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap). Kwillena Gabi Pool, meaning 'dolphin waters' in Whadjak Noongar language, features floating pontoons shaped in a circular formation, as well as a surrounding paved pedestrian area, shade structures and a small jetty. With a maximum depth of almost 4.5 metres, and an accessible wheelchair ramp, the pool is suitable for all ages and abilities to enjoy.

## LAKE KEPWARI (COLLIE, SOUTH WEST)

The outdoor adventure playground of Collie, has welcomed the opening of a new water-based tourism hub at Lake Kepwari, located 10 kilometres south-east of the town. Featuring areas for boating, waterskiing, swimming, camping and picnicking — the new development at the lake has seen the construction of a dual lane boat ramp, designated parking for boat trailers and sealed accessible pathways.

[parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au)



♀ LAKE KEPWARI, COLLIE



## LOBSTER SHACK (CERVANTES, CORAL COAST)

The Coral Coast town of Cervantes, a popular holiday stop along the Coral Coast Highway, is now offering a tour with the friendly local sea lions. The Lobster Shack's Australian Sea Lion Tours takes visitors to the islands around Cervantes to witness sea lions playing, jumping and somersaulting out of the water. Guests will also have the opportunity to swim and snorkel with these friendly and playful seals. Tours are approximately 90 minutes and start from \$85 per adult.

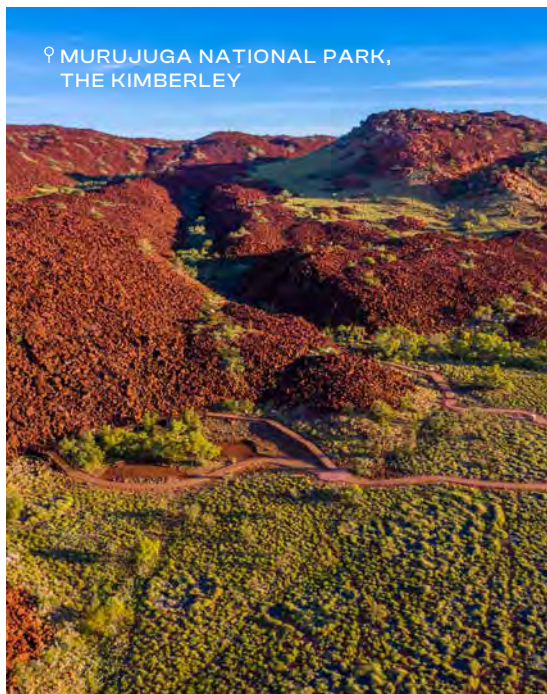
## MABU BURU TOURS (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Mabu Buru Tours, a Broome-based Aboriginal cultural tour operator offering on-country experiences on Yawuru Country, has recently launched the region's first and only Aboriginal corroboree experience. Wakaj — meaning 'the coming together of family' — is a unique Aboriginal experience provided in collaboration with Yatanggal. The tour begins with a welcome from tour guide Johani Mamid, who will then introduce Mervyn Mulardy to lead the Pintirri Dancers into a corroboree performance, traditionally known as Maru. The Pintirri Dancers will take guests into the sunset with the sounds of traditional Karajarri songs. Wakaj is a typical gathering of Johani and Mervyn's family, and the experience will leave guests with a deeper understanding of Yawuru and Karajarri culture, country and history; as well as discovering Bugarrigarra (The Dreaming) through stories, song and dance.

[broomeaboriginaltours.com.au](http://broomeaboriginaltours.com.au)



MATAGARUP ZIP+CLIMB  
♀ MATAGARUP BRIDGE, PERTH



♀ MURUJUGA NATIONAL PARK,  
THE KIMBERLEY

## MATAGRUP BRIDGE ZIP+CLIMB (PERTH)

Perth's Matagarup Bridge — connecting East Perth to the Optus Stadium precinct — is the centrepiece for an iconic new adventure tourism attraction, the Matagarup Bridge Zip+Climb. The bridge climb opened to the public in January 2021 followed by the zip-line, which opened in December 2021. Guests can climb the 314 steps to reach the bridge's 72-metre-high Sky View platform — offering stunning 360-degree views over the city, Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan) and Optus Stadium. Adventure seekers, they can then make their way to the launch platform of the bridge, sitting 35-metres above the Swan River, to zip-line 400 metres across the river to a landing platform in Burswood Park.

[zipclimb.com.au](http://zipclimb.com.au)

## MURUJUGA NATIONAL PARK (PILBARA, NORTH WEST)

Visitors to Murujuga National Park in the Pilbara now have improved access to viewing culturally significant rock art with a new walking trail and signage. The 700-metre Ngajarli Trail helps showcase the national park's array of rock art — with some estimated to be more than 45,000 years old. Interpretive signage has also been added to educate visitors on the cultural importance of the area to traditional owners. The modern infrastructure, the first recreational development in the national park, will allow greater access for a wider range of people through tours run by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC), and other traditional owner tour businesses.

[parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

## NATIONWEST AVIATION (PERTH & CORAL COAST)

Nationwest Aviation has recently announced a new addition to its fleet. The Gipps Airvan is a high-wing scenic aircraft that, along with the current fleet of Cessna's, allows every passenger to have a window seat. Nationwest Aviation offers a range of scenic tours departing from both Perth (Boorloo) and Kalbarri (Wurdimarlu), including flights over the Abrolhos Islands, Pink Lake at Hutt Lagoon, the coastal cliffs and river gorges of Kalbarri; as well as day tours to Monkey Mia in Shark Bay (Gathaagudu), Wave Rock (Katter Kich), Wave Rock (Katter Kich), and station stay experiences.

[nationwestaviation.com.au](http://nationwestaviation.com.au)

## NEW LEAF CONNECT (DONGARA, CORAL COAST)

New Leaf Connect offers guests the opportunity to disconnect from the hustle and bustle and reconnect with WA's expansive Mid-West region. The range of tours on offer include half and full day seasonal tours and multi-night adventures. Explore the history of twin towns Dongara and Port Denison, discover edible produce from the local region and sample award-winning rum and gin at Dongara's Illegal Tender Rum Co. distillery on a Taste of Irwin tour. Venture inland to see a working cattle station on a multi-night station or farm stay. Seasonal offerings include a range of wildflower-themed tours, while custom trips and private transport options are also available.

[newleafconnect.com.au](http://newleafconnect.com.au)

## OOLIN SUNDAY ISLAND CULTURAL TOURS (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Oolin Sunday Island Cultural Tours is a new Aboriginal tourism experience operating from the Dampier Peninsula, north of Broome (Rubibi) on Yawuru Country. Guests will join Roseanna 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, the 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.

[sundayislandtours.com.au](http://sundayislandtours.com.au)

## PERTH COASTAL EXPLORER (SUNSET COAST, PERTH)

After a trial period last summer, WA's only open-top double decker bus will now be permanently cruising along Perth's (Boorloo's) Sunset Coast during the spring and summer months, allowing guests to experience the city's premier coastal destinations from a unique perspective. The Sunset Coast Explorer tour offers pick up and drop off in Perth City, taking guests to the iconic Scarborough Beach, plus Hillarys Boat Harbour and Sorrento Quay. Hop off to experience white sandy beaches, cafes, bars, restaurants, shopping and attractions — plus the Aquarium of WA.

[perthexplorer.com.au](http://perthexplorer.com.au)

## PERTH MINT (PERTH)

The Perth Mint, which welcomes visitors to experience the magic, allure and history of gold in WA, has undergone renovations to the site's original heritage-listed building. The building now has an enhanced foyer and upgraded jewellery boutique, including a new Pink Diamond Room, as well as new blockbuster geological specimens in its award-winning gold exhibition.

[perthmint.com](http://perthmint.com)

## PERTH WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS (ROCKINGHAM, PERTH)

Perth Wildlife Encounters has launched a new luxury Sunset Cruise tour operating from Rockingham. Complementing the Swim with Wild Dolphins tour, this new sunset tour will allow guests to sit back and relax on-board a luxury vessel while taking in the views of Rockingham's spectacular coastal sunsets, with the chance to spot the resident dolphins and other aquatic wildlife, plus enjoy a swim from the boat.

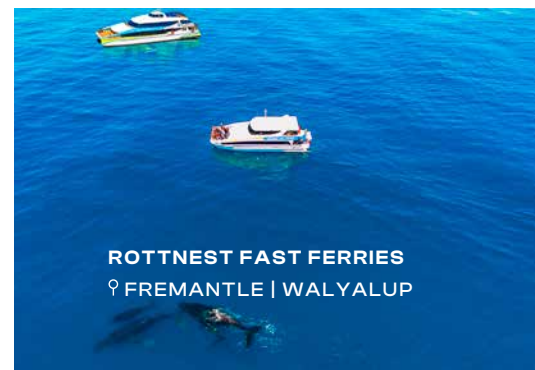
[dolphins.com.au](http://dolphins.com.au)

## PONANT (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

Luxury small ship cruise operator PONANT will bring a new level of luxury to the Kimberley expedition experience for the 2023 season. Partnering with Paspaley Group, the new seven to 14-night bespoke itinerary will see guests sailing through the ancient wonders of the Kimberley coast on-board the newly refurbished iconic three-masted sailing yacht, Le Ponant — which offers 16 staterooms for a maximum of 32 guests — as well as shore landings on

state-of-the-art Zodiac boats. Adding to the unique experience, an exclusive and private scenic flight on-board one of Paspaley's vintage Grumman Mallard flying boats will take guests from or to their embarkation point, and guests will also experience private access to Paspaley's pearl operations in Kuri Bay.

[au.ponant.com](http://au.ponant.com)



## ROTTNEST FAST FERRIES (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Rottnest Fast Ferries has recently launched Whale Watching Perth, offering a selection of new whale watching experiences from Fremantle (Walyalup). The two-hour cruises set off from Sardine Jetty at Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour. Similar to the existing tours departing from Hillarys, the new tours feature live commentary by marine scientists from The Aquarium of Western Australia. Guests will cruise on a state-of-the-art Voyager vessel fitted with expansive viewing platforms, hydrophones and licensed bar facilities. The experience offers visitors prime viewing of the annual southern migration of humpback, southern right and rare pygmy blue whales, with tours operating from September to December. Rottnest Fast Ferries also launched its third and largest vessel in 2021, the Harbour Master. The 37.2-metre twin hull catamaran has capacity for 420 passengers, with three spacious levels across indoor and outdoor spaces.

[rotnestfastferries.com.au](http://rotnestfastferries.com.au)

## ROTTNEST SNORKEL (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Rottnest Snorkel tours operate a three-hour snorkelling experience at Perth's island playground Rottnest (Wadjemup), led by highly experienced snorkelling guides. Guests will step on-board a custom-built 10-metre boat and cruise the island's shallow bays and crystal clear waters. Snorkelers will have the opportunity to discover more than 400 species of the fish, 20 types of coral and multiple shipwrecks.

[rotnests snorkel.com.au](http://rotnests snorkel.com.au)



### SALT AND BUSH ECO TOURS (MANDURAH, PERTH REGION)

Salt and Bush Eco tours is a new ecotourism business based out of Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap). Showcasing the region's natural wonders, including Yalgorup National Park, tours are conducted by local professional naturalist guides Jamie and Sebastian Van Jones. Tours on offer include guided kayak and sailing kayak adventures through the Peel-Harvey Estuary, as well as guided nature walks that showcase local wildflowers, birds and geology throughout this biodiversity hotspot.

[saltandbush.com.au](http://saltandbush.com.au)

### SEALINK ROTTNEST ISLAND (PERTH)

SeaLink WA has expanded its services by introducing another boat to take visitors to Perth's Rottne Island (Wadjemup). The additional vessel, named Quokka III, offers daily departures from Barrack Street Jetty at Elizabeth Quay.

[sealinkrotnest.com.au](http://sealinkrotnest.com.au)

### SHELTER BREWING CO. (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Visitors of beloved Busselton (Undalup) brewery Shelter, set against the backdrop of the iconic Busselton Jetty and Geographe Bay, can now enjoy brews and sunset views from the deck of the new Cape Crusader. During this three-hour experience, the family-friendly local kitchen offers a 1.5-hour sail with the brewery's best brews and bar snacks overlooking a Cape Naturaliste sunset, before returning for dinner and drinks. Busselton is a 2.5 hours' drive south of Perth in the Margaret River Region.

[shelterbrewing.com.au](http://shelterbrewing.com.au)

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

South West Cruises is an exciting new sunset dining concept in the Margaret River Region, which started sailing in January 2022. The half-day Taste of the Bays Cruise is an indulgent foodie experience featuring an all-inclusive, seven-course progressive dinner on-board a 60-foot charter boat cruising through the calm waters of Dunsborough's Geographe Bay. The menu showcases the incredible wine and local South West produce, including Albany (Kinjarling) oysters South West marron.

[southwestcruises.com.au](http://southwestcruises.com.au)

### THE OZONE & VERTIGO – OPTUS STADIUM (PERTH)

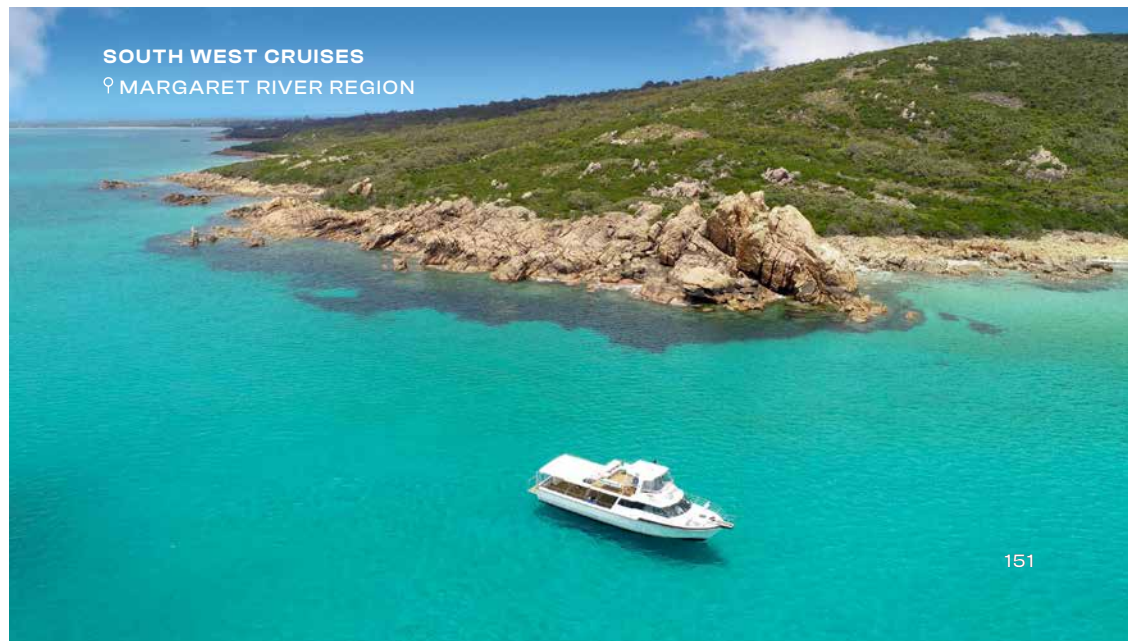
THE OZONE is the destination to experience all of the unique tour offerings at Perth's Optus Stadium. The new HALO rooftop tours provide breathtaking views of the stadium, where guests climb 78 steps to the rooftop before taking a seat 42-metres above the ground to take in the expansive sight. VERTIGO is the latest rooftop experience where visitors and tour groups can walk along a new platform projecting five metres beyond the edge of the stadium roof. The new experience also allows the more daring participants to lean out from the rail-less platform towards the playing field. The new platform is accessible to all ages and abilities, with lift access available for those that require it. Other experiences available through The Ozone behind-the-scenes tours and Aboriginal experiences.

[theozone.com.au](http://theozone.com.au)

### THOMAS DAMBO'S SCULPTURES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In an Australian first, a series of enormous wooden sculptures will be installed south of Perth this year. Created by renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo, and standing at around five metres tall, the sculptures are intended to be protectors of the environment, with each having their own distinct personality. Located in Mandurah and the wider Peel region, visitors are encouraged to explore and discover these installations at five secret locations before the exhibition closes in November 2023. An artist of international acclaim, Dambo has exhibited extensively throughout the world, and his practice celebrates the diversity, beauty and importance of the natural world — with his works all handmade using recycled materials.

### SOUTH WEST CRUISES ♀ MARGARET RIVER REGION





WARRANG-BRIDIL  
? OPTUS STADIUM, PERTH

## UNTAMED ESCAPES (PERTH, SOUTH WEST & GOLDEN OUTBACK)

Australian Wildlife Adventures has recently rebranded as Untamed Escapes, as part of its shift into the wellness tourism space. The company has combined its tour operations, Nullabor Traveller and Xplore Eyre, to form one inclusive brand. Some of the new tours on offer include a four day Esperance (Kepa Kurl) Wellness Retreat; a four day Yoga Retreat from Perth (Boorloo) to the Margaret River region, a three day Margaret River Luxury Escape; and a four day Margaret River and South West Private Tour, where guests will experience the region's finest food and wine.

[untamedescapes.com.au](http://untamedescapes.com.au)

## WALK INTO LUXURY (KIMBERLEY, NORTH WEST)

Visitors to one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth — the Kimberley in WA's North West — can now experience its magic on a luxury small group walking tour, thanks to the launch of Walk into Luxury's new Kimberley experience. The signature 4 Day Kimberley Walk — which is available to book for the 2023 season — includes a three-night stay at one of Australia's Luxury Lodges, El Questro Homestead. The four-day tour includes a scenic flight from Kununurra (Goonoonoorrang) to Mitchell Plateau, including a heli-hiking experience at Mitchell Falls (Punamii-unpuu); guided hikes to Emma Gorge and El Questro Gorge waterfalls; exclusive use of Zebedee Springs thermal pools; sunset drinks at a scenic gorge lookout; bird

watching experiences; plus all meals, drinks and ground transfers.

[walkintoluxury.com](http://walkintoluxury.com)

## WARRANG-BRIDIL (OPTUS STADIUM, PERTH)

Warrang-Bridil is a new Perth-based Aboriginal cultural tour that hopes to 'close the gap' on the knowledge and understanding of Noongar people's heritage. On the one-hour tour, guests will walk with a Noongar guide along the shores of the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River), Matagarup Bridge and Optus Stadium. On the 60-minute tour, guests will discover the Noongar cultural influence in the development of the Optus Stadium precinct and Matagarup Bridge, as well as participate in a traditional Noongar ceremony and view cultural tools and artefacts.

[warrang-bridil.com.au](http://warrang-bridil.com.au)

## WELLINGTON DAM MEGA- MURAL (COLLIE, SOUTH WEST)

The world's biggest dam mural officially opened in the South West town of Collie in March 2021. The 8,000 square metre Wellington Dam mega-mural was painted by internationally-renowned Australian artist Guido van Helten, and is inspired by local stories and photographs which reflect the community. The mural, entitled Reflections, is spread across the Wellington Dam wall within the Wellington National Park, just west of Collie town centre, and represents how the waterways are culturally significant to both locals and visitors. The Wellington Dam mural forms the

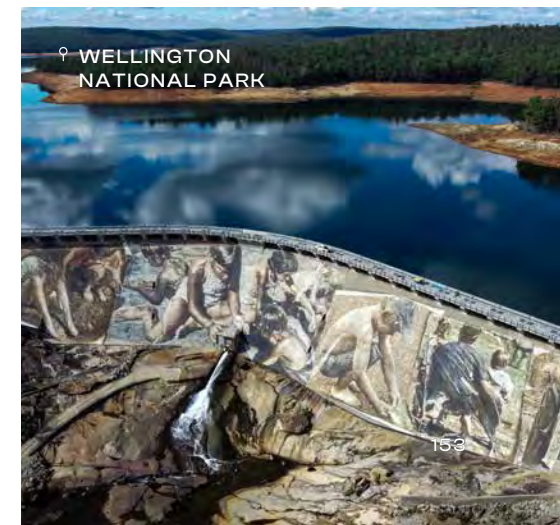
centrepiece of the new Collie Mural Trail, an expansive outdoor art gallery connecting the dam with Collie's town centre. The trail showcases the talents of over 30 Australian artists, including many Collie locals, with 40 murals currently included in the trail.

[colliemuraltrail.com](http://colliemuraltrail.com)

## WHALE WATCH WESTERN AUSTRALIA (HILLARYS, PERTH)

Whale Watch Western Australia has introduced a new vessel specifically designed for whale watching. Whale Watch 1 is a 15-metre luxury vessel equipped with whisper quiet motors, which dramatically reduce the noise footprint, and offers the best water level viewing available. Also included are below-water cameras with TV screens accompanied with the in-water hydrophone, capturing both sound and vision for guests and the on-board marine scientists. The new vessel departs seasonally from Hillarys to witness WA's annual humpback whale migration.

[whalewatchwesternaustralia.com](http://whalewatchwesternaustralia.com)



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## FOOD & WINE

### AL LUPO (NORTH FREMANTLE, PERTH)

The coastal pocket of North Fremantle is set to welcome a new neighbourhood bar this summer. Overlooking Leighton Beach, one of Perth's (Boorloo's) most popular beaches, Al Lupo will offer a contemporary coastal dining destination for locals and visitors alike. The 120-person venue features expansive windows, a sunken sunroom and alfresco dining — as well as a menu that showcases local WA seafood, and a drinks list that features Italian-style cocktails, local beer and a mix of Australian and European wine.

### AMPERSAND ESTATES (PEMBERTON, SOUTH WEST)

Ampersand Estates has recently opened its cellar door. Located on the picturesque Donnelly River in Pemberton, the winery is a reimagining of the original Donnelly River Wines, which was one of the first wineries established in the region. Working in partnership with some of the South West region's top winemakers, core wine varietals include Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Riesling and Pinot Noir. Ampersands Estates is also home to Rainfall Distillery — Australia's only single harvest distillery — producing vodka and gin using local ingredients. In early 2022, the estate welcomed the opening of three fully self-contained luxury accommodation offerings — Settlers Cottage, The Homestead and The Vintners Residence.

[ampersandestates.com.au](http://ampersandestates.com.au)

### AMATO VINO (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Small-batch artisan winemaker Amato Vino has opened a new cellar door in the town of Witchcliffe, in the Margaret River Region. Producing lo-fi and minimal intervention wines in the region since 2003, the new Tasting Bar is located in the heritage-listed Darnell's Trader building, offering guests a cosy and intimate tasting space.

[amatovino.com.au](http://amatovino.com.au)

### ANY (PERTH)

Any is a new bar and eatery located on Queen Street in the heart of Perth's CBD. The venue offers guests a progressive and topical dining experience, ranging from tastings at the Chef's Table, to an intimate à la carte experience in the dining room or a tasty drink in the lounge bar.

[anydining.com.au](http://anydining.com.au)

### ALBERTA'S (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Alberta's is a cosy 50-seat café owned and managed by Ben Ing and Kirsty Marchart (the former head chef and head gardener), from three-Michelin-star restaurant Noma in Copenhagen; one of the world's best restaurants. The kitchen and store opened recently, and currently offers locally sourced coffee and baked goods. The plans are to slowly introduce a lunch offering to the dining room, followed by dinner, with a rotating menu that focuses on seasonal produce sourced from local growers across the South West region.

[instagram.com/albertas\\_busselton](https://www.instagram.com/albertas_busselton)

## ASTRAL WEEKS (PERTH)

Astral Weeks is Perth's (Boorloo's) first hi-fi record listening bar, located down an alleyway in Northbridge's Chinatown Precinct. The 60-seat vinyl-based listening bar houses a hand-built Line Magnetic hi-fi system which sits mounted behind the bar, with the venue's interior designed to enhance the acoustics experience. The drinks menu includes a selection of lo-fi wines, craft beers, spirits and sake served by bartenders who are all either musicians or DJs.

[astral-weeks.com.au](http://astral-weeks.com.au)



## B. LUCKY & SONS (PERTH)

B. Lucky & Sons is a new bar and entertainment venue located on level one of Forrest Chase in Perth's CBD. The venue features an old-school cocktail bar, arcade games, bowling lanes and escape rooms. On arrival, guests are transported to downtown 1970s America, complete with an old-school laundromat, an old TV repair shop and barbershop. The bar looks like an old American gas station counter, and when guests enter the Strike bowling zone, they are greeted with 10 bowling lanes, two karaoke rooms, two escape rooms and four party rooms. Across the hall is B. Lucky & Sons bar and arcade sitting within the façade of an old-fashioned pawnshop.

[luckyandsons.com.au](http://luckyandsons.com.au)

## BAR LOITER (SUBIACO, PERTH)

Bar Loiter is a new venue that has opened at the back of Dilly Dally in Subiaco following a major refurbishment. The new Italian-inspired bar and restaurant offers seated dining, a long wine table, plus an alfresco space — which was created by removing parts of the roof during the renovation. Bar Loiter offers a menu of house-made Italian share plates, alongside a drinks selection of cocktails, wine and craft beer on tap.

[dillydally.com.au](http://dillydally.com.au)

## BAR ROGUE (MOUNT LAWLEY, PERTH)

The owners of award-winning small bar and restaurant Le Rebelle in Mount Lawley, opened a new wine bar on Beaufort St in December 2021. Bar Rogue is a casual 75-seat wine bar that proudly features WA producers and wines, alongside classic cocktails and a food menu that focuses on top quality produce with around a dozen small share plates designed for enjoying with drinks.

[barrogue.com.au](http://barrogue.com.au)

## THE BASSENDEAN HOTEL (BASSENDEAN, PERTH)

After two years and a \$7 million renovation, the historic Bassendean Hotel is back serving patrons in the Perth suburb of Bassendean. Architectural firm Woods Bagot and local historians worked together to restore the 1930s pub's historic charm and character. The Bassendean Hotel is now welcoming locals and visitors to enjoy live music and entertainment amongst its cosy lounges, saloon bars, a speakeasy, state-of-the-art sports bar and family-friendly courtyards. Bassendean is located between Perth City and the Swan Valley.

[thebassendeanhotel.com.au](http://thebassendeanhotel.com.au)

## THE BEAUFORT (MOUNT LAWLEY, PERTH)

The Beaufort is a new multi-level, state-of-the-art hospitality venue that has opened its doors along the vibrant Beaufort Street strip in Mount Lawley. Taking over a former 1950s warehouse space and set over three levels, The Beaufort offers patrons multiple different venues to explore. The ground floor features an outdoor beer and wine garden, which leads upstairs to the second level, the heart of the building and the main bar and dancefloor area which surrounds the central tiered jungle. Upstairs again is a large rooftop terrace space known as the Candy Bar, and hidden within the depths of the building is a concealed speakeasy called Cypher — which plays live music each night and has one of the largest spirit collections in Perth. The venue is also home to Lotus — a modern south-east Asian restaurant serving up a unique sharing style menu, that is also set over three levels.

[thebeaufort.com.au](http://thebeaufort.com.au)



## **BOUNDARY ISLAND BREWERY (MANDURAH, PERTH REGION)**

Boundary Island Brewery is a new micro-brewery in Mandurah (Mandjoogoordap), located on the water's edge at the Mandurah Quay Resort and overlooking the stunning Peel Estuary and its namesake, Boundary Island. The craft beers are brewed onsite, with takeaways also available. The venue is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and offers a range of specialty pizzas prepared in a state-of-the-art pizza oven. Mandurah Cruises has also launched a new tour to connect their iconic dolphin experience straight to the brewery.

[boundaryislandbrewery.com.au](http://boundaryislandbrewery.com.au)

## **BUNGALOW NEIGHBOURHOOD SOCIAL (DUNSBOROUGH, SOUTH WEST)**

Bungalow Neighbourhood Social is a new bar located in an old sixties woodworking warehouse which has been transformed into a lush tropical venue in the beachside town of Dunsborough. The Californian beach house styled bar serves sourdough fermented pizzas, natural wine, local beer and tropical spirits.

[bungalow.social](http://bungalow.social)

## **CHERUBINO CITY CELLAR (SUBIACO, PERTH)**

One of the top wineries in the renowned Margaret River region, Larry Cherubino, has opened a cellar door in the city-fringing suburb of Subiaco. Cherubino City Cellar is a 50-person capacity small wine bar, boutique wine store and event space. The wine list features Larry Cherubino's own offerings, as well as other wines from the Margaret River region and Great Southern; alongside a number of Italian drops and an Italian-inspired food menu.

[citycellar.com.au](http://citycellar.com.au)

## **CLAREMONT HOTEL (CLAREMONT, PERTH)**

An institution of Perth's (Boorloo's) western suburbs, The Claremont Hotel is set to reopen this summer after a highly anticipated renovation that's returned the heritage hotel to its full glory. Acquired in 2022 by Australian Venue Company — the country's second largest pub operator — the original corner pub, built back in 1902, has been expanded, restored, modernised and completely reimagined with a design flair and sense of glamour. The two-level Claremont Hotel will boast a radically re-designed space with sports bars, lounges, a bistro, rooftop dining terrace and significant functions and meeting spaces, all enveloped by original balconies and newly-created open-air dining and relaxing terraces.

[thclaremont.com.au](http://thclaremont.com.au)



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## **CONVENIENTS (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)**

Convenients is a secret bar and live music venue hidden within a fully functioning convenience store, located across from the Northbridge Piazza. Guests will step through a fake fridge door to enter the 120-capacity speakeasy, which also serves up a range of late-night signature burgers, and local beers from Feral Brewing.

[convenients.com.au](http://convenients.com.au)

## **CORVO (CLAREMONT, PERTH)**

Corvo is a new European-inspired bar and kitchen located in the Claremont Quarter precinct. The space is designed for wining and dining, with a seasonal European style menu featuring fine local produce, and a wine list of almost 300 selections, as well as cocktails, beers and bar snacks.

[corvobar.com.au](http://corvobar.com.au)

## **THE DAM (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)**

The Great Southern town of Denmark has recently welcomed the opening of The Dam restaurant. Located at the Raintree on a picturesque farming property, it is also home to a Cannabis Botanical Distillery — the first distillery in WA to use cannabis sativa to make its spirit base. The restaurant offers stunning views over the property's green hills and large dam, and serves a seasonal menu featuring local produce sourced from the property, alongside seltzers and cocktails made from the in-house distillery, plus local beers and wine. The Dam's garden also features an amphitheatre, where guests can enjoy drinks and antipasto platters in the sun whilst listening to live music.

[raintree.com.au](http://raintree.com.au)

## DANDELION (KARRINYUP, PERTH)

Dandelion is a sprawling two-story venue located at the recently redeveloped Karrinyup Shopping Centre, which includes two bars, a kitchen and distillery. Dandelion Spirits Co. is a bespoke distillery creating craft gins and vodka in-house, and forms the centrepiece of the bar floor. Alongside the spirits is a seasonal rotating tap of easy drinking wines, and the open plan kitchen includes a rotisserie grill and wood fired oven, allowing Executive Chef Chase Weber to play with fire in his style of cooking.

[dandelionperth.com.au](http://dandelionperth.com.au)

## ESPRESSO & PROSECCO (PERTH)

Perth (Boorloo) CBD's Hay Street Mall has welcomed its first alfresco food and beverage offering in nearly a decade. Espresso & Prosecco is serving up Italian style dining in the CBD's major shopping precinct, and is the first alfresco offering in nearly a decade. Serving up breakfast, lunch and aperitivo in the outdoor licensed area, the venue will also soon open a rooftop bar. Diners can enjoy traditional Italian fare such as panino, focaccia, gelato and spritz.

## FLAME TREES (DENMARK, SOUTH WEST)

The Great Southern town of Denmark in WA's South West has recently welcomed the opening of a new restaurant in its town centre. Flame Trees offers a 1920s prohibition atmosphere — moody lighting, crystal chandelier, oil paintings, and antique furniture complement a list of crafted cocktails, craft beer and wine from of the Great Southern alongside Mediterranean tapas style dining.

## FLIGHT CLUB (PERTH)

In an Australian first, the iconic international social darts experience Flight Club has opened its door in Perth's CBD. The 1800s UK fairground-themed venue is home to two bars across two levels, and pays homage to the heritage of darts combined with the traditional British pub. Flight Club has transformed the traditional game of darts into a fast-paced, exciting social experience for groups to enjoy, alongside a DJ, an extensive food menu featuring hearty and healthy dishes, and a cocktail menu of classic favourites.

[flightclubdarts.com.au/perth/](http://flightclubdarts.com.au/perth/)

## FRUI MOMENTO (MARGARET RIVER, SOUTH WEST)

Fruì Momento is the highly anticipated joint venture between award-winning chef Seth James (former head chef at Wills Domain) and winemaker Larry Cherubino, located in the Margaret River region. The restaurant — which opened in January 2022 — seats up to 60 guests and offers sweeping views over rose gardens, grape vines and a lake. Guests can expect a contemporary, pared back menu with a choice of two or three courses focusing on local produce with an Asian influence. The restaurant also features an alfresco champagne lounge — serving caviar, seafood and charcuterie, and boasts a cocktail bar.

[fruimomento.com.au](http://fruimomento.com.au)

## GAGE ROADS BREWING (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Gage Roads Brewing opened the doors to its first public-facing venue in January 2022, taking over the historic A Shed building at Fremantle's (Walyalup's) Victoria Quay. Built in 1926, the 100-metre-long dockside cargo shed at the entrance to the harbour has been transformed into a brewery, restaurant, bar and family-friendly venue — with

much of the shed's heritage still retained throughout. Located right on the Walyalup Waterfront, the venue also includes a 100-metre strip of alfresco seating overlooking the ocean, plus a children's play area. Guests can sample the full range of Gage Roads beers on tap, poured direct from 16 different tanks, along with a rotating list of brewery-only exclusive brews. The food menu offers bites and share plates inspired by the sea and local WA produce, as well as woodfired pizzas.

[gageroads.com.au](http://gageroads.com.au)

## GRALYN ESTATE (MARGARET RIVER REGION, SOUTH WEST)

Gralyn Estate in the Margaret River region has recently reopened its original underground cellar door to offer a new intimate and premium wine tasting experience. The winery was the first in the region to open a cellar door in 1978, and the original cellar door had been closed for many years before a new modern cellar door was built. Guests now have the opportunity to go behind the scenes for the rare opportunity to taste museum wines dating back to 1980 in a small group setting.

[gralyn.com.au](http://gralyn.com.au)



📍 GAGE ROADS BREW CO., FREMANTLE | WALYALUP



## INDIGO OSCAR (COTTESLOE, PERTH)

Taking over the upstairs restaurant space at the iconic Indiana Tearooms at Cottesloe Beach, Indigo Oscar opened in December 2021. The stunning new venue serves cocktails and a Latin American inspired menu focusing on fresh local seafood, with panoramic views over the Indian Ocean.

[indigooscar.com.au](http://indigooscar.com.au)

## ISOLA (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

At Perth's (Boorloo's) Rottnest Island (Wadjemup), Isola — meaning Island in Italian — has recently taken over the former Thomson Restaurant. The restaurant serves up an Italian inspired menu, with aperitivos and share plates that can be enjoyed with a drink in hand, overlooking stunning Thomson Bay.

[isolabarecibo.com.au](http://isolabarecibo.com.au)



♀ ISOLA, ROTTNEST ISLAND  
| WADJEMUP

## ITALIAN STREET KITCHEN (PERTH)

The Raine Square precinct in Perth's CBD has recently welcomed the opening of a new Italian restaurant offering. Italian Street Kitchen the first opening for WA following restaurants in Sydney and Brisbane, and since September has been serving up to 240 guests with lunch and dinner through the week. The restaurant's experience plays on the street food presence of watching the chefs in the kitchen, smelling the aromas, and living the traditions of fresh made pasta made in house every day.

[italianstreetkitchen.com](http://italianstreetkitchen.com)

## JETTY BAR & EATS (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Jetty Bar & Eats is a new 120-person waterfront venue overlooking the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan). Located on the old East Street Jetty, the bar and eatery is designed to look like a low-key shack on the water, but the interior delivers with a cool, timeless and timber-clad fit out. The food menu is fusion Mediterranean cuisine, with a focus on seafood and seasonal produce, and the drinks menu has a Greek wine focus.

[jetty.bar](http://jetty.bar)

## KULD CREAMERY (ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH)

Kuld Creamery, which has been serving up locally crafted ice-cream to Perth locals and visitors since 2016, has opened up a pop-up venue on Rottnest

Island for the summer season. Located at The Basin, the ice-cream van will scoop out delicious and unique flavours all made using locally sourced cream, milk and eggs. Alongside the local favourites, Kuld Creamery will also offer a 'Rotto' exclusive, the Quokka Traxx — vanilla ice-cream, Kuld peanut butter cups and a thick ripple of fudge.

## LA LUNE (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

La Lune, a charming Parisienne-style cafe, bar and bistro, has opened in a gorgeous light-filled heritage space on George Street in East Fremantle. The venue's relaxed all-day dining concept is inspired by New York French-style neighbourhood bistros with a menu developed with the direction of chefs Jesse Blake and Josh Chen, both formerly of Petition at State Buildings. French classics such as steak frites, nicoise salad and steak tartare feature alongside lighter offerings, with a big focus on Western Australian produce and seasonality. The venue is open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks.

[lalunefremantle.com](http://lalunefremantle.com)

## LAGOON YALLINGUP (YALLINGUP, SOUTH WEST)

Overlooking the shores of Yallingup Beach in the Margaret River region, Lagoon Yallingup is a new restaurant, kiosk and bar serving up local seafood fare in a relaxed beachside setting. Set across two levels, it offers ideal coastal views to enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinners and drinks. Chef and owner Ben Jacob

has created a menu that showcases native ingredients and local seafood of the South West region, with wines from the Margaret River region's boutique wineries. Lagoon also offers a range of takeaway options, including locally brewed coffee, served through the kiosk window.

[lagoonyallingup.com.au](http://lagoonyallingup.com.au)

## LE RHUM BAR (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Le Rhum Bar is the newest restaurant offering for Broome's (Rubibi's) Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, serving a harmonious blend of international flavours with influences from Africa, Asia and European cooking — with a five-course degustation on offer. Complementing the dining experience is a range of unique cocktails, allowing guests to truly immerse themselves in the tropical surrounds and unique cuisine.

[cablebeachclub.com/dine](http://cablebeachclub.com/dine)



## LEEDERVILLE PRECINCT (LEEDERVILLE, PERTH)

The iconic Leederville Hotel, which has been the social and entertainment hub of the city-fringing suburb of Leederville for over 120-years, has recently undergone a multi-million dollar redevelopment. Now referred to as the Leederville Precinct, the heritage-listed Leederville Hotel has been thoughtfully refurbished, and is now also home to a dedicated beer bar Sandgropers, and live music and entertainment venue Leeder Hall. The neighbouring outdoor bar and restaurant venue The Garden has also been revitalised, with all venues now connecting seamlessly with the new 90-person all day yard bar and dining venue Servo.

[theleedervilleprecinct.com.au](http://theleedervilleprecinct.com.au)

## LIMEBURNERS & GINIVERSITY IN THE SWAN VALLEY (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

Two of WA's biggest spirit brands are now in the Swan Valley region, with the new Limeburners & Giniversity in the Valley opening its doors in June 2022. Award-winning Master Distiller Cameron Syme brings his award-winning whisky and gin experiences to the new venue, along with a contemporary dining offering. While the distilling operations will remain in WA's Great Southern and Margaret River regions, with Limeburners in Albany and Giniversity in Margaret River, the venue will see the Swan Valley's first ever whisky on show. The new 200-seat venue includes a restaurant, bar,

cellar door and function venue; with local beers and wines complementing the spirit offering — and also hosts the popular Giniversity and Limeburners blending experiences.

[distillery.com.au](http://distillery.com.au)

## LITTLE STILLER (MANDURAH, PERTH REGION)

Little Stiller is Mandurah's (Mandjoogoordap's) first boutique distillery, located on the popular Mandurah Terrace and overlooking the estuary. Producing four specially crafted gins and two vodkas, distilled onsite using locally sourced botanicals, the venue offers a Little Stiller tasting plate experience, as well as a range of classic cocktails with a fun twist. A selection of bao buns are on the menu for those feeling hungry, as well as sharing style offerings.

[littlestiller.com.au](http://littlestiller.com.au)

## LONG NECK BREWERY (PERTH)

Long Neck Brewery is located right on the picturesque Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan) at Point Fraser on the eastern edge of Perth (Boorloo) CBD. It is Perth's only craft brewery located on the water offering direct boating access. The brewery pays homage to the State's native black swans, and offers craft beer brewed on-site, along with seltzers and ciders. The food menu offers share style mains and pizza, with a focus on fresh local produce.

[longneckbrewery.com.au](http://longneckbrewery.com.au)

## LUCY LUU (MOUNT HAWTHORN, PERTH)

Perth's popular dumpling house Miss Chow's is expanding its offering with a new bar and bites venue opening in Perth's neighbourhood of Mount Hawthorn. Lucy Luu infuses South-East Asian heritage with WA local produce, offering Asian fusion share plates, playful cocktails and a premium wine list. Diners can expect bites like sriracha prawn toast with saffron aioli, deep-fried lamb ribs with xin jiang crust, and steak tartare with Szechuan spice and wasabi aioli.

[lucyluu.com.au](http://lucyluu.com.au)

## MAISON LASSIAILLE (METRICUP, SOUTH WEST)

Maison LASSIAILLE opened its doors in the Margaret River Region early 2022, offering a fine French patisserie option for diners in the famed wine region. Owner and French pastry chef Romain Lassiaille mastered the art of chocolate and pastry-making at Michelin-starred restaurants in Paris and Switzerland. He worked his magic at Pullman Bunker Bay Resort until opening his own venue with business partner Romain Bouthier. Maison LASSIAILLE offers Parisian-style patisseries including macarons, chocolate bonbons and petit gâteau in the French-themed café and gardens. The venue has recently launched a new High Tea offering, available on Thursdays between 11:30am and 1:30pm, with French favourites such as Foi gras Gougère, macarons and pannacotta on the menu, with vegetarian and vegan options available.

## MEXICAN CANTINA LA CONDESA (SUBIACO, PERTH)

Legendary Perth Restaurateur Clint Nolan — curator behind nearly 10 of Perth's favourite venues including Henry Summer, Sneaky Tony's and Alabama Song — has again brought the joy of Mexican flavours and energy to his latest creation, a new cantina La Condesa, which just opened its doors in Subiaco, Perth. La Condesa is often referred to as 'Tulum-meets-SoCal Mexican cuisine'. An interior of warm earthy tones and offering of mouth-watering tacos, local seafood, and seasonal fruit cocktails create an authentic resort-like experience.

[lacondesarestaurant.com](http://lacondesarestaurant.com)

## MONKEY BAR (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

The Busselton (Undalup) suburb of Vasse in the Margaret River region has welcomed the opening of Monkey Bar Vasse. The industrial-themed venue also houses the production facility for Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co. — one of the region's much-loved breweries. The casual bar menu offers a selection of pizzas, alongside the complete range of Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co. specialty beers, and local wines.

[cheekymonkey.com.au](http://cheekymonkey.com.au)



♀ NABER + IIII, LEEDERVILLE



♀ NIEUW RUIN, FREMANTLE | WALYALUP

### MONTY'S LEAP (ALBANY, SOUTH WEST)

Monty's Leap winery in the Great Southern region reopened with a new cellar door and restaurant in December 2020. The winery, located just 20 minutes from the coastal city of Albany (Kinjarling), offers stunning views of the rolling hills and Kalgan River, and produces Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The new restaurant menu celebrates fresh local and seasonal produce with a Southern French influence.

[montysleap.com.au](http://montysleap.com.au)

### NABER + IIII (LEEDERVILLE, PERTH)

Naber + IIII is located next to the recently revitalised Leederville precinct. The neighbourhood bar combines two separate venues — fine-dining bar Naber, which overlooks Oxford Street, and relaxed all-day courtyard IIII (pronounced four) located out the back of Electric Lane. Both the food and drinks menu hero local producers, with verbal specials rotating weekly.

[naberandfour.com.au](http://naberandfour.com.au)

### NIEUW RUIN (FREMAN TLE, PERTH)

Nieuw Ruin is a small bar and eatery, located in a beautifully restored 150-year old cottage in Fremantle (Walyalup). Offering 'good food, good cocktails and weird wine,' the venue boasts a 300-bottle wine list featuring boutique and independent producers. The all-woman team in the kitchen deliver a menu focusing on fresh and local WA produce, ranging from small snacks to generous dinners at custom-built communal tables.

[nruin.com](http://nruin.com)

### OSCARS AT GUILDFORD LANDING (GUILDFORD, PERTH)

Oscar's at Guildford Landing opened in June 2022, offering a modern Australian menu designed for sharing in the heart of historic Guildford, at the start of the Swan Valley wine region. Celebrating the incredible produce of WA, the restaurant's philosophy is to source quality local ingredients, treat them with simplicity and cook over fire. The drinks menu features only WA wines and beers, served in a comfortable and cosy setting.

[oscarsguildford.com.au](http://oscarsguildford.com.au)

### OLD COURTHOUSE (FREMAN TLE, PERTH)

One of Fremantle's iconic heritage buildings, The Fremantle Courthouse, has been given a new lease on life, re-opening as the Old Courthouse in December 2021. Originally built in 1899 and operating as a courthouse and police station until 2001, the 122-year old building has been transformed into a sleek bar and casual eatery. The historic court rooms now serve local brews, wines and a range of premium spirits, with reference to the building's history highlighted throughout, including the magistrate's bench and witness stand. The bar leads to an enclosed pavilion, a leafy outdoor beer garden and large grassed area.

[oldcourthouse.com.au](http://oldcourthouse.com.au)

### OLD FAITHFUL BAR & BBQ (FREMAN TLE, PERTH)

One of Perth's (Boorloo's) more popular barbecue restaurants, Old Faithful Bar & BBQ, has opened a second venue in Fremantle. Located in a 130-year-old heritage building (originally a liquor merchant), the new 200-capacity basement bar and restaurant features 32 beer taps with local WA brews, rare whiskies, and an expanded food menu of smoked meats and sides, plus burgers, sandwiches and meat platters.

[oldfaithfulbar.com.au](http://oldfaithfulbar.com.au)

### OLD YOUNG'S KITCHEN (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

Old Young's Kitchen is a new restaurant located in Perth's Swan Valley region. Sitting next door to the popular Old Young's Distillery, which specialises in hand-crafted gin and vodka, the restaurant complements the existing distillery tasting room. The menu focuses on fresh, hyper-local and sustainably produced ingredients with plates designed for sharing; and the drinks list heroes the region's wine and beer offerings, with Old Young's spirits a focus in the cocktail selections.

[oldyoungskitchen.com.au](http://oldyoungskitchen.com.au)



♀ OLD FAITHFUL BAR & BBQ, FREMANTLE | WALYALUP

## ORIGINS MARKET (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Origins Market opened its doors in November 2021, and is a new vibrant community hub for both locals and visitors to Busselton (Undalup) in the South West. The market offers a space for more than 60 makers, growers, producers and artisans in the region to showcase their produce and talent, allowing visitors to engage with the farmers, producers, winemakers, artisans and creators — all under one roof. Visitors can sample some of WA's best wineries, cideries, distilleries and breweries, enjoy international cuisine from more than 20 food stalls, as well as hand-crafted gelato, freshly roasted coffee, freshly caught fish and pastries baked on site. The market has also recently added a range of new bookable tours and experiences to its offering, ranging from food and wine pairings to art tours.

[originsmarket.com.au](http://originsmarket.com.au)

## PAPA FUEGO (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Opening in 2021 at the refurbished Continental Hotel in Broome (Rubibi), Papa Fuego is a new South American themed small bar and restaurant that captures Broome's tropical setting perfectly. The kitchen's flame grill is the feature for all of the dishes on the menu, and the drinks list includes a signature range of tropical inspired cocktails and an extensive wine list.

[papafuego.com.au](http://papafuego.com.au)

## PICADA (PERTH)

Picada is a new Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant that has recently opened in Perth's (Boorloo's) Hibernian Place precinct. Taking over the former Arthur & Co., chef Graham Arthur brings together a passion for Spanish food and quality WA produce. Serving up sangria and cocktails in a Mediterranean-style setting, the space is ideal for social gatherings with family and friends.

[picada.com.au](http://picada.com.au)

## PIRATE LIFE (PERTH)

The largest brewpub in Perth's CBD opened its doors to the public in October 2021. Pirate Life Brewing Company is a multi-venue site located in the former Sony building on Murray Street. The multi-storey space includes casual fine dining restaurant TOMA, serving locally sourced produce using a custom-made parrilla woodfired grill, as well as two exclusive private dining rooms. The venue also boasts art murals and installs from local artists — as well as the in-house brewery with 16 Pirate Life Perth taps in the brewery's 15-metre main bar, plus basement rum bar Honey.

[piratelife.com.au/perth](http://piratelife.com.au/perth)

## PLANET ROYALE (PERTH)

Planet Royale is a new multi-purpose venue situated in the heart of Northbridge. It pays homage to its previous tenant, the old IMAX Cinema, with sentimental elements spotted throughout including the old carpets, movie posters and a theatre. The venue is home to Pulp Kitchen, a post Americana diner; Barcadia, an arcade bar with one of the best pinball line-ups in Australia; Major Tom's, a cocktail bar paying homage to rock 'n' roll legends; plus live entertainment space The Royale Theatre.

[planetroyale.com.au](http://planetroyale.com.au)

## REPUBLIC OF FREMANTLE (FREMANTLE, PERTH)

Republic of Fremantle is a new urban distillery located in the heart of Fremantle's (Walyalup's) West End. Crafting signature vodka and gin using innovative grape to glass distilling methods, and sourcing wine from WA vineyards which is then double distilled in a custom-built copper still, located in the venue. The 100-seat bar and kitchen offers tasting flights, fresh cocktail creations and an eclectic selection of small share plates and aperitivo style snacks.

[republicoffremantle.com](http://republicoffremantle.com)





### THE ROWING PAVILION (MOUNT PLEASANT, PERTH)

The Rowing Pavilion opened its doors in December 2022 on the banks of Perth's (Boorloo's) Canning River in the suburb of Mount Pleasant. The iconic rowing sheds originally opened back in 1962, when it hosted the city's one-and-only British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Today, three Perth hospitality entrepreneurs — all with significant track records in the food and beverage industry — have come together to transform the three-level venue to create the city's newest riverside hospitality offering. The Rowing Pavilion offers uninterrupted views up and down the Canning River, with a striking new contemporary design featuring function rooms and a terrace overlooking the grassy river bank, as well as a kitchen serving up a traditional pub menu. The Rowing Pavilion is hoping to follow suit with the eastern States that have transformed iconic former sporting pavilions into brilliant hospitality venues.

### RUINBAR (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

Located on the corner of Beaufort and Newcastle Street in the cultural hub of Northbridge, Ruinbar is a new 300-person venue that has taken over a previously dilapidated heritage building. The interiors are inspired by eastern European ruin bars, with the courtyard area currently play host to alternating food trucks over weekends, with plans underway to open an Australian style pizzeria. With a third of the bar's 18 taps reserved for local WA beers and a steady rotation of Australian beers on the remaining taps, there is a beer-for-all — plus Aperol spritz and Paloma cocktails to suit all tastes.

[ruinbar.beer](http://ruinbar.beer)

### THE RUSTY FIG (PERTH)

The Rusty Fig has recently opened its doors in the Perth CBD — with its 130-year old heritage-listed Port Jackson Fig tree, a gift to the residents of the Old Cloisters building, anchoring the restaurant in its traditions. The Rusty Fig restaurant offers modern-Australian flavours and European influences led by Head Chef and Owner Graham Jessop, who is known for working in some of the world's finest restaurants. Rusty Fig is based in the Perth CBD on St George's Terrace.

[rustyfig.com.au](http://rustyfig.com.au)

### SHELTER BREWING CO. (BUSSELTON, SOUTH WEST)

Shelter Brewing Co. has released its first alcohol-free beer, the easy drinking Jetty Jump Pale. Brewed with carefree summer days in mind, and with a flavour profile of tropical notes and citrus characteristics, the non-alcoholic option adds to the Busselton (Undalup) brewery's core range. Available in select bars and bottle shops, patrons can also enjoy the non-alcoholic option whilst overlooking the stunning Busselton Foreshore in WA's South West at Shelter's popular and family-friendly venue.

### SHUI SUBIACO (SUBIACO, PERTH)

Shui has just opened its doors on Rokeby Road in Perth's neighbourhood suburb of Subiaco. The new restaurant offering is helmed by two of Perth's well-known hospitality stalwarts, Benny Tua and Leigh Power, with Benny being behind beloved Perth venues such

as Mechanic's Institute, Sweetwater Rooftop Bar and Old Synagogue in Fremantle, and El Grotto in Scarborough; and Leigh Power named 2022 WA Chef of the Year. Shui Subiaco offers a modern Asian fusion of flavours, with a balance of spicy, sour, sweet, and salt in its dishes. The menu is designed for sharing, with small and large plates on offer, and a drinks list offering fun and flavoursome cocktails.

### SPINIFEX BREWING CO. (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Spinifex Brewing Co. will open a pop-up bar and restaurant at Broome's (Rubibi's) iconic Cable Beach (Walmanyjun) in March. Taking over the former Sydney Cove Oyster Bar venue, and prior to that, the popular Zookeepers café, the new Zookeepers by Spinifex Brewing Co. will offer a premier casual dining experience for the North West pearling capital. After closing Sydney Cover Oyster Bar, former owner and operator Phillip Thompson has decided to stay on in Broome and take on the role of General Manager of Hospitality at the new Zookeepers. The venue overlooks the site for Spinifex Brewing Co's multi-million-dollar, 4,500 sqm development — Spinifex Ale House. Guests will be able to enjoy a cocktail and dine on locally-sourced cuisine while watching the landmark hospitality venue's construction.



### SPIRIT OF LITTLE THINGS (SUBIACO, PERTH)

Spirit of Little Things is a new urban distillery that has opened its doors in Perth's (Boorloo's) city-fringing suburb of Subiaco. Producing small-batch artisan gin infused with native botanicals, the converted warehouse features a large copper still, high ceilings and polished concrete floors. A selection of local wines and craft beers feature alongside the many gin options, as well as a small food menu that showcases the best of WA's local produce. The venue also offers gin tasting flights and masterclasses.

[littlethingsgin.com.au](http://littlethingsgin.com.au)

### THE STAGE (PERTH)

The Stage is a fun new dining concept at Pan Pacific Perth. The new restaurant offering is designed to surprise and delight its guests, with a different pop-up restaurant performance every few months inspired by different cultures and cuisines. The Stage also has a Theatre High Tea offering, featuring an indulgent sweet and savoury menu, free flowing tea and coffee, fun cocktails and Australian sparkling wine.

[the-stage.com.au](http://the-stage.com.au)

### THE TERRACE (PERTH)

One of Perth City's favourite heritage venues has re-opened its doors after two years, just in time for warmer weather. Originally named Bishop's Grove, St George's House was built in 1892 and resides in the West end of Perth's central business district. Extensive renovations for the hotel were completed in 2012, kicking off a proliferation of new and revitalised hotel developments across the city. Architect Jean-mic Perrine helped transform the venue into a boutique hotel with 15 rooms and a restaurant, which offers a range of casual dining options.

[theterraceperth.com](http://theterraceperth.com)

### TERRARIUM (PERTH)

Terrarium is an exciting new multi-level cocktail and spirits bar located in Perth's CBD. Serving up specialist cocktails, a comprehensive selection of spirits, and a refined bar food menu, the stylish yet moody space is overflowing with greenery and timber tones, all centred around the huge terrarium it's named after. The venue features a green tiled bar, large timber slab tables and blue velvet booths, as well as a plant-filled open-air rooftop terrace. The cocktail list puts a creative spin on the classics and the food menu offers up refined bar snacks.

[terrariumperth.com](http://terrariumperth.com)

### TESTUN (MOUNT LAWLEY, PERTH)

Testun is a new 50-seat dining room and bar featuring imaginative Italian cooking in a fun and colourful setting. The neighbourhood osteria features a seasonal menu, utilising almost exclusively local suppliers, with house-made cured meats, focaccia and pickles, and Italian favourites with a modern twist that are designed for sharing. The drinks list is a strong nod to Australian and Italian wines, with retro 'fancy goon' also on offer, as well as a house-made spirit program.

[testun.com.au](http://testun.com.au)

### TOOTS (NORTHBRIDGE, PERTH)

In Northbridge's Chinatown precinct, Toots is a new disco bar, dance club and eatery within a secret bar — which requires a password on entry — where visitors will be thrown back to the glam disco era of the '70s. The menu features retro Australian-Italian inspired cooking and throwback '80s cocktails.

[lavishhabits.com.au/venues/toots/](http://lavishhabits.com.au/venues/toots/)

## VALLEY SOCIAL (SWAN VALLEY, PERTH)

Valley Social opened its doors in Perth's (Boorloo's) Swan Valley region in July 2022. Taking over the former Elmar's venue, the newly renovated brewery and restaurant features a spacious interior with multiple zones to enjoy local craft beers, ciders, spirits and wines served across three different bars. The food menu features fresh local produce, with the venue's custom-built black beauty smoker serving up a variety of smoked barbeque meats. The venue is also home to the largest glass micro-brewery kettle in the Southern Hemisphere, with all beers produced on-site, as well as house spirits, and includes a main bar, dining area, spirit lounge, alfresco and outdoor lawn area to kick back and relax.

[valleysocial.com.au](http://valleysocial.com.au)

## WILD FLOWER BROOME (BROOME, NORTH WEST)

Wild Flower is a new tapas bar and restaurant in Broome (Rubibi) — and the first exclusive tap venue for Broome-based brewery Spinifex Brewing Co. — WA's first part Aboriginal and veteran-owned craft brewery that creates craft brews infused with native Australian botanicals. Wild Flower Broome specialises in fine food, great wine and craft beer, and is located on the redeveloped Town Beach foreshore precinct.

[wildflowerbroome.com.au](http://wildflowerbroome.com.au)

## WILDFLOWER (PERTH)

One of Perth's most lauded fine-dining restaurants, Wildflower — located in the historic State Buildings precinct and the signature restaurant for COMO The Treasury hotel — has unveiled a new eight-course tasting menu. In celebration of seven years of Wildflower, the uniquely elevated menu, curated by Head Chef Michael D'Adamo, features exceptional ingredients from WA's renowned producers, including the highest quality pearl meat sourced through world-renowned WA pearling company Paspaley Pearls.

## WILL ST (LEEDERVILLE, PERTH)

Renowned chef and restaurateur Will Meyrick has opened his latest restaurant Will St, in Perth's city-fringing suburb of Leederville in October 2021. The 120-person bar and restaurant is the culmination of Meyrick's culinary journey so far, having lived in Asia for almost 20 years. The menu includes a curated collection of traditional Asian share dishes alongside fun bar snacks, with the drinks list featuring classic western cocktails with spicy eastern notes and quality wines from around the globe.

[willstreetperth.com](http://willstreetperth.com)

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