



# Coast



## Find yourself in Fremantle!

Located on the coast just 30 minutes from Perth's city centre, the bustling and dynamic port city of Fremantle has long been renowned for its eclectic mix of arty and alternative types.

Its streets buzz with the song of buskers, the side walks fill with a wild collection of art and music floats out from trendy cafés and bars.

Combine this with funky fashion boutiques, character heritage buildings, a busy working port, stylish museums, galleries and unique events and you've got a city simply bursting with colour and life.

Known as the world's best preserved example of a 19th century port streetscape and boasting Western Australia's largest collection of heritage listed buildings, Fremantle possesses a depth of character that cannot be replicated elsewhere.



## Fabulous Fremantle!

Fremantle is one of the easiest cities in the world to explore by foot, bicycle or scooter. All leading attractions are located in close proximity and the 'free' Fremantle CAT bus completes regular circuits around the city of Fremantle stopping at popular places of interest and offering easy access to major attractions and venues.

Its Cappuccino Strip is jam-packed with lively restaurants, the streets are abuzz with shoppers and historical pubs brim with patrons from across the globe. You can also try a visit to one of the stylish micro breweries. These breweries offer an incredible range of tasty amber ales and are an emerging scene all of their own.

The city's multicultural mix is most evident in its food and restaurants. A strong Italian influence has produced a vast array of pizza and pasta restaurants while Asian, Indian and a whole host of other cuisine can also be found nestled among Fremantle's winding streets.

You'll also find some of the state's most popular seafood restaurants and cafés dotted around Fremantle's colourful Fishing Boat Harbour - the perfect place to sample the Indian Ocean's bounty.

Fremantle has a wonderful nightlife with several clubs that play live music until the early hours. If you have the energy, by the time you leave the clubs, the cafés will be open for a morning coffee.

Don't miss the vibrant weekend markets for the freshest of fruit and veg, as well as an eclectic mix of buskers, stalls and goods. Even if you don't buy anything, an afternoon pottering through both the E-Shed and Fremantle Markets is enough to forget your everyday worries.

Fremantle also has seven days a week shopping, allowing visitors to relax over a cup of coffee on the Cappuccino Strip before going in search of innovative fashion or that special gift from Fremantle's quirky shopping precinct.

Shoppers love Fremantle for its funky Australian fashions and independent designs. Young and upcoming designers are choosing Fremantle to launch their stunning new designs and there are around 50 boutiques crammed into Market and High Streets.

Art lovers are catered for with art ranging from highbrow gallery displays to Indigenous designs, to street art on the side walk.

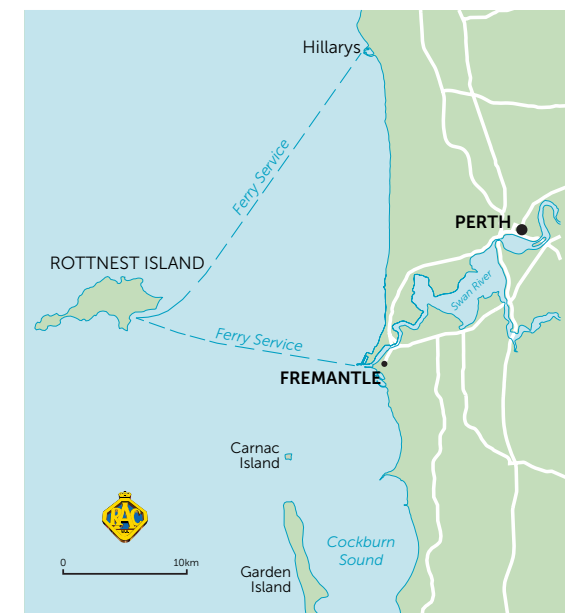
Fremantle is also home to Notre Dame University Australia, whose investment in, and restoration of, many fine old buildings is bringing new life to the West End, as students from all over the world fill its streets.

Outside the city centre you'll find gorgeous beaches and walking and bicycle trails meandering along the sparkling waters of the coast and the river's edge.

South Fremantle with its calm beaches and restaurants has emerged as a vital part of the Fremantle experience and in East Fremantle you'll find river walks, parks and restaurants. Across the water, North Fremantle is a good place to hunt for antiques.

Fremantle is easily accessed by train, bus or river cruise from the city and boasts an excellent selection of accommodation options ranging from friendly backpackers to luxurious hotels.

You need only spend a day in Fremantle to find yourself falling in love with this colourful port city - it is impossible to avoid getting caught up in its charm.



### Freo musts..

- Enjoy a coffee and soak up the atmosphere along the famous 'Cappuccino Strip'
- Potter through the markets and be entertained by a local busker
- Enjoy fresh fish & chips at Fishing Boat Harbour
- Hop on board an historic tram ride or discover Fremantle's history on a self-guided walking trail
- Go underground on the fascinating Prison Tunnel tour
- Visit the WA Maritime Museum at Victoria Quay, Fremantle Arts Centre or one of the many other museums and galleries
- Feast on the local flavours on offer at the many restaurants and cafés
- Sample boutique beer at one of the great micro breweries
- Find fashion, great shopping, original artworks and quirky gifts.

want more info?



**Fremantle Visitor Centre**  
Town Hall, Kings Square, Fremantle  
Tel. 61 8 9431 7878



## Step back into timeless Fremantle

Fremantle is the ideal place to learn about Western Australia's pioneering history. You can experience extraordinary stories of convict prisoners, maritime heroes, murderous mutineers and pioneering settlers at an excellent range of museums and attractions.



'Step inside and do time' at Fremantle Prison, one of Western Australia's premier heritage attractions. The Prison was built by convicts in the 1850s and was used continually as a place of incarceration and punishment for almost 140 years. Visitors can explore the Prison's fascinating history on an entertaining Prison Day Tour, Tunnel Tour adventure or spooky Torchlight Tour.

The Western Australian Maritime Museum is especially popular with its stunning maritime design, set on Victoria Quay at the entrance to Fremantle Harbour. The museum contains a world-class exhibition of Western Australia's maritime history, including Alan Bond's America's Cup-winning yacht, Australia II.

The old Shipwreck Museum in Cliff Street houses the original timbers and treasures from the infamous 17th century Dutch Batavia shipwreck which sank in 1629.

The Army Museum showcases the entire colonial and post-federation periods through to the end of World War II, while the historic Round House was the first permanent building in the colony - making it the oldest building in the state today.

How about visiting the character building housing the Fremantle Arts Centre? While appreciating the exhibitions, you can learn about the centre's fascinating history as a lunatic asylum and shelter for homeless women.

You can also experience much of timeless Fremantle aboard an historic Fremantle Tram tour which fills you in on the historical secrets of old-time Fremantle.

## Freo Festivals

Every year a fun-filled line up of festivals and events are found in Fremantle, providing even more reasons to visit this colourful and vibrant port city.



### Cracker Night - Australia Day Fireworks

Fremantle skies will come alive with bursts of colour as fireworks light up the night.

**When** 26 January 2009

**Where** Bathers Beach, Fremantle

### Fremantle Outdoor Film Festival

Take a picnic down to Princess May Park and enjoy the art of filmmaking as the sun goes down. Comfortable chairs provided and bar available.

**When** 30 January - 28 February 2009

**Where** Princess May Park, Fremantle

### The Fremantle Boat Show

A Showcase of all aspects of boating and water activities from luxury cruising, sailing, fishing and scuba diving to jet skiing, waterskiing and windsurfing.

**When** 27 - 29 March 2009

**Where** Fremantle Esplanade



### West Coast Blues & Roots Festival

Each year Fremantle rocks to this great festival to a line up of blues and roots music. Patrons stroll freely between stages and the fun lasts all weekend long.

**When** 18 & 19 April 2009

**Where** Fremantle Esplanade



### Wardarnji Indigenous Cultural Festival

A Celebration of ancient and living Aboriginal cultural heritage. Watch the traditional Middar (dance) of Australia's first people, taste bush tucker and hear the stories of the Aboriginal people passed down, generation to generation, through story telling and music.

**When** 14 November 2009

**Where** Fremantle Esplanade



### Fremantle Street Arts Festival

Experience the supreme skill and outrageous behaviour of the world's best buskers at Fremantle Street Arts Festival. The streets of Fremantle will ignite over the Easter long weekend with more than 100 performances of wildly entertaining acts.

**When** 11 - 13 April 2009

**Where** Various pitches around Fremantle

### Fremantle Festival

The Fremantle Festival is the principle community event held in Fremantle each year. It is a celebration of the stimulating and colourful culture that enriches Fremantle and fosters participation of cultural, ethnic, arts and community groups.

**When** 13 - 15 November 2009

**Where** Various areas around Fremantle

For more information  
contact the City of Fremantle  
8 9432 9888 or  
[www.visitfremantle.com.au](http://www.visitfremantle.com.au)



## The island paradise of Rottneest

Just 19km off the coast of Perth, yet an entire world away, lies the sunny holiday island of Rottneest. Blessed with a casual, atmosphere, picturesque scenery, dazzling marine life and some of the world's finest beaches and pristine bays, Rottneest Island is Western Australia's very own island getaway.

The island earned its curious name when in 1696, Dutch explorer, William de Vlamingh, mistook the island's unusual marsupial population for common rats and named it Rottneest - literally translating to 'rats nest'. Today, having a photo taken alongside the 'rats' - known as **Quokkas** - is one of the main highlights for visitors to the island.

Located just a short ferry ride from Fremantle, Hillarys or Perth City, and an even shorter plane flight from Jandakot airport, it's easy to see why Rottneest Island is a favourite destination for Perth locals and those from further afield.

As there are virtually no cars on the island, bicycles are the transportation of choice. Bikes can be hired, or you can bring your own aluminium steed by ferry from the mainland for a small fee. Covering an area only 11km long and 4.5km wide, the island is easy to explore. Allow at least 2.5 hours for a leisurely 24km cycle right around the island.

If bike mode doesn't appeal, you can also enjoy the journey by **air-conditioned coach**. Private bus charters are available but one of the best options is to catch a ride with local company, Bayseeker Tours.

This hop-on/hop-off service runs daily, and with 18 stops on the agenda, takes you to many of the **secluded bays** and secret hideaways located around the island. Bus numbers are limited to preserve Rottneest's fragile environment. Day passes for this service can be purchased from the Rottneest Island Visitor Centre.

The visitor's centre is also a great place to book a number of tours. Choices range from a variety of **guided walks** to historic train journeys and glass bottom boat rides.

You can also pick up maps marking the many locations of the excellent bike and walk trails that criss-cross the island.

Not surprisingly, water activities play a major role in island life and with just over 135 species of vibrant tropical fish and 20 species of coral, heading below the surface is a truly worthwhile experience. The Island also boasts the **world's most southerly corals** and a water temperature at least 6 degrees warmer than on the mainland.

Seasoned divers will be happy to know that just off the coast slumbers a vast graveyard of over 13 shipwrecks waiting to be explored. Informational plaques can be found alongside the wrecks and are complemented by onshore plaques indicating their location for those that don't want to brave the depths. If you want to take the plunge and don't have your own equipment you can hire it on the island.

Rottneest is also renowned for **surfing**, so take your board along and prepare to carve up the waves! There are also plenty of other activities such as fishing, boating, golfing, a family fun park and a brand new wellness centre. The lively pub is worth a visit and you can enjoy a meal at several dining establishments in the main Thompson Bay settlement area.

Accommodation ranges from camping to bungalows, and villas to comfortable serviced apartments making Rottneest Island the perfect place to spend a relaxed few hours or an indulgent few days.



### 'Rotto' style..



- Join one of the many free guided walking tours of the island
- Hire a bike & ride around the island
- Discover the island's many sheltered bays & pristine beaches
- Stop in for a drink at the Quokka Arms, the original residence of the Governor of WA
- Hop on board an Island Coach Tour and explore Rottneest's beautiful natural environment
- Go snorkelling & discover tropical fish and 20 species of coral
- Swim in the sparkling waters, catch a wave or some windsurfing action
- Learn about the island's history at Rottneest Island Museum
- Discover the marine life including dolphins, sea lions or the humpback whales on their annual migration
- Spend a few days at a range of accommodation options



### want more info?



**Rottneest Island Visitor Centre**  
Located at the end of the Main Jetty  
Tel. 61 8 9372 9732

# Our Spectacular Sunset Coast!



There are few places in Australia where the sun sets over the ocean and the west coast provides the unique opportunity in some idyllic settings. As the day draws to a close, it will become perfectly clear why this area of our region is known as the Sunset Coast.

Stretching from popular **Cottesloe Beach** in the south, to peaceful **Two Rocks** in the north and encompassing the hinterland, this region is definitely a great place for the whole family.

Located only 20 minutes west of the city centre, you can hire a car, catch a bus or join a tour to easily explore the region. Start at the beautiful southern beaches, like Cottesloe, City Beach, Floreat, Scarborough and Trigg. These beaches offer a kaleidoscope of leisure opportunities from sun bathing and swimming, to surfing, windsurfing and diving.

Be sure to stop off at one of the many beachside cafés and restaurants lining the coast. Sit overlooking the ocean and find yourself mesmerised by the fresh sea breezes, spectacular views and colourful parade of people passing by.

**City Beach** is a regular winner of the 'best beach' award in Perth, so be sure to visit. There is also a great sand dune eco-walk to **Floreat Beach** from there that provides an in-depth understanding of the delicate coastal environment.

To get amazing views of the coastline and Perth city, head up to **Reabold Hill**, located in City Beach, which is the highest natural point along the Sunset Coast and a great place to take photos.

From City Beach, get lost in the views as you head north to the legendary beach of **Scarborough**, recognized as one of Australia's finest surfing and swimming beaches - a mecca for surfers, people watchers, backpackers, locals and holiday makers alike.

Further north along the coast, you will find the **Hillarys Boat Harbour**, abuzz with happy crowds from the heat of summer,

right through to winter's coolest days. The quay is filled with resort style shopping, an excellent selection of cafés and restaurants, a family fun park, as well as a protected beach that is perfect for the kids.

At Hillarys Boat Harbour be sure to visit **AQWA, the Aquarium of Western Australia**. People of all ages will find themselves captivated by the array of marine life showcasing the whole WA coastline. AQWA also boasts the largest aquarium and underwater tunnel in Australia!

On the other side of the harbour is the **Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre**, which provides a fascinating insight into the workings of marine research.

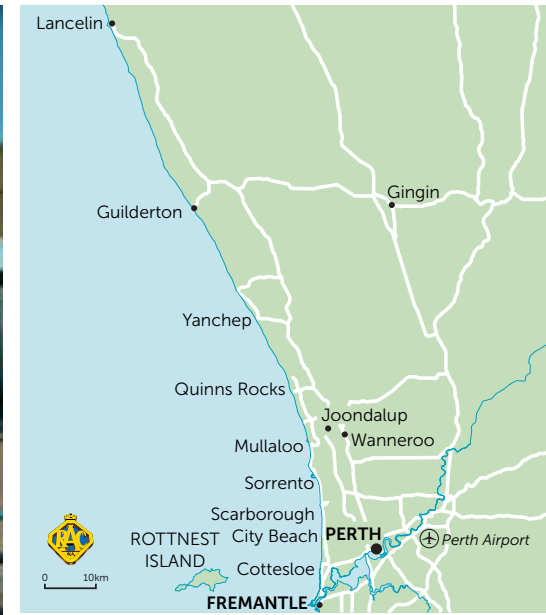
If you love the water and want to get out on the high seas, then why not charter a yacht or boat from Hillarys, join a whalewatching cruise (in season) or go deep sea fishing. You can even catch a fast ferry over to Rottnest Island.

When it comes to deciding on where to stay all needs are catered for. Whether it's a resort or hotel, self contained apartment, bed and breakfast, caravan park or backpackers hostel, you will find it all.

Venture inland and you will find the city centre of **Joondalup**. Easily accessible from Perth by train or road, Joondalup City Centre is home to an exciting selection of food and entertainment options that include restaurants, cafés, pubs, cinemas and shopping areas.

You can also set out on well signposted walking trails around Joondalup to really get back to nature. Or, if it's a full 18 hole golf course you're after why not visit the nearby **Joondalup Resort and Country Club**, regarded as one of the finest courses in Australia.





**Experience this!** ✨

- Take a dip in the ocean, or catch a wave at one of the 19 sensational white sand beaches
- Relax at a picturesque beachside café or restaurant along the coast
- Soak in the awesome beauty as the sun sets over the Indian Ocean
- Scuba dive or snorkel in the sparkling, pristine waters amongst a variety of fish and marine life
- Visit Hillarys Boat Harbour and Mindarie Quay for shopping, cafés, restaurants & spectacular boats
- Discover WA's unique marine life at AQWA and the new Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre
- Visit Yanchep National Park for a variety of experiences including koalas, caves & indigenous culture
- Visit Joondalup for a great variety of shopping & dining options
- Stay a night or more at one of the many accommodation options from backpackers to hotels, resorts & holiday homes



**Mindarie Marina**

Back along the coast is the largest man made harbour in Australia, the Mindarie Marina. With a spectacular array of pleasure boats, sparkling water and excellent restaurants, Mindarie has a lot to offer. Inland, you will pass through the city of Wanneroo where you will find weekend markets, striking golf gardens, wineries and many other attractions. In season this is a great place to stop for fresh strawberries; you may even get the chance to pick them!

**Yanchep**

Yanchep National Park is at the top end of the Sunset Coast and is home to one of Australia's largest koala colonies, as well as populations of friendly kangaroos and thousands of native birds. The park is one of Western Australia's oldest national parks and is just 45 minutes north of Perth city. If you feel like some fresh air, set out on a stroll through the towering trees of the national park. Watch the tiny bush birds flitter through the trees and breathe the forest air deep into your lungs, to find yourself fully energised.

If you're up for a bit of adventure descend deep below the earth on a cave tour to experience the surreal and spectacular beauty of the park's limestone caves. The caves in Yanchep National Park comprise one of the six major cave regions of WA and there have been more than 600 caves documented in the park.

The Yanchep area is also steeped in ancient Aboriginal culture and has long been a sacred place for the local Nyoongar people. Visitors to the park are able to participate in a variety of cultural activities at the recently opened Wangi Mia (Talking Place) where you can experience Aboriginal heritage, with Aboriginal people in a natural environment. Whilst in this northern area of the Sunset Coast, take the time to go fishing in the beautiful Yanchep Lagoon. Or head further north again, where you will come across Two Rocks, a peaceful coastal community. Two Rocks also boasts a marina and boat harbour and the coastline is scattered with historic shipwrecks.



# Gingin Coast to Country

With its patchwork of rolling farmyards, idyllic coast and fresh seasonal produce, the stretch of countryside from Guilderton and Lancelin through to Gingin offers a highly appealing place to explore.

Known as Gingin Coast to Country, this region is about one hour's drive north of Perth by following the coast or heading north on the Great Northern Highway. Start your explorations on the coast at Guilderton which boasts an idyllic coastal setting and is situated on the banks of the languid Moore River. There are many walking trails in and around Moore River which allow visitors to relish nature at its best. A boardwalk allows visitors to appreciate the many species of birds and the surrounding area offers a great place to relax and have a picnic.

Swimming, kayaking, canoeing and cruising along the fertile river are also high on the agenda for holiday makers to the area.

Fishing is a popular past time in this region where fishermen can enjoy casting a line for the likes of delicious tailor or bream. You can fish either in the river itself or off the coast in spots like Ledge Point, Caraban and Quinns Rocks.

If you want to stay a few days, visitors can book into a beach house in the area and really make the most of the activities on offer.

Journey a little further north and you have the coastal township of Lancelin. Soaring sand dunes frame Lancelin to the east and the sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean spread to the horizon in the west. Here you can indulge in all manner of outdoor activities, taste locally caught seafood or simply laze on the uncrowded beaches.

Lancelin is something of a mecca for adventurers. One of the most popular activities is sand boarding down the mountainous sand dunes or try joining a 4WD tour bus for the ride of a lifetime across the massive dune environment.

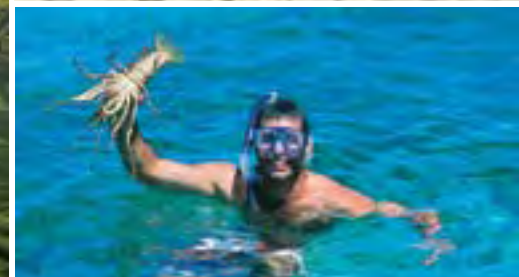
Water sports are also very popular due to the excellent ocean conditions. With a virtually year-round consistent swell, Lancelin has made a name for itself as a superior windsurfing, kitesurfing and surfing destination. If you're not a surfer but are keen to learn, there are plenty of local surf schools available. Divers are also spoilt for choice with over 15 ghostly shipwrecks lurking just offshore.

Venturing further inland towards Gingin, along Gingin Brook Road, be sure to stop at one of the charming restaurants or cafes nestled amid sprawling cottage gardens. These cosy settings offer an excellent way of tasting some of the region's fresh produce. The area is also well known for its vast olive tree plantations.

Gingin is a charming rural town where you will find some interesting colonial and Australiana architecture. Gingin is also surrounded by farmlands where you can sample some wonderful fresh produce which includes anything from beef, citrus fruit and honey to olives, olive oil, locally produced wine and all manner of tasty organic treats.

## Experience this!

- Sample some of the region's lovely fresh produce including, seafood, olives, citrus fruit & strawberries
- Indulge in some 4WD action and sand boarding over the mighty sand dunes at Lancelin
- Enjoy the great outdoors & paddle a canoe along beautiful Moore River
- Windsurf, dive, snorkel, swim or surf in the crystal clear waters
- Try your luck fishing on the beach or in the river
- Call into one of the region's friendly cafes or restaurants
- Get close to nature and discover a variety of birdlife on a walk trail
- Sample some local wines at one of the region's wineries
- Stay at a range of accommodation from bed & breakfasts to beach cottages
- Visit the fascinating Gravity Discovery Centre and learn more about science



## Gingin Coast to Country



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# Rockingham

Located just 45 minutes south of Perth, Rockingham forms the southernmost border of the Perth metropolitan area. With beautiful expanses of safe beaches, water sports, and environmental parks, Rockingham is a popular tourist destination.

The city fronts onto the sheltered waters of Cockburn Sound with Garden Island, Penguin Island and Seal Island very close by. The Shoalwater Islands Marine Park is located a mere 500 metres offshore and plays host to one of the finest displays of wild sealife and birdlife to be found anywhere in the world.

Weathered strings of craggy limestone islands make up the marine park which boasts secluded white sandy bays. Vibrantly coloured corals, over 600 pairs of little penguins, 150 bottlenosed dolphins and countless sea lions call this area home.

There are a number of ways to experience and interact with the local wildlife.

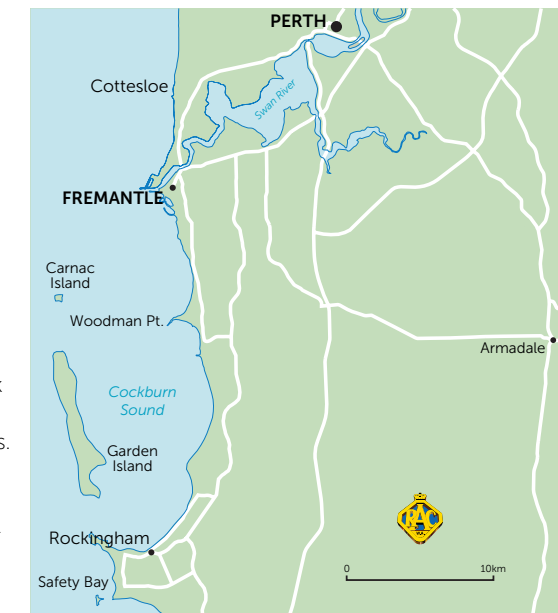
Starting out in the early morning, a dolphin interaction tour takes you to the heart of wild dolphin territory and introduces you to aquatic characters like Ringo, Boomerang and Logo. Led by your experienced guide, you will then plunge below the surface of the ocean where you will be swiftly surrounded by a host of curious bottlenosed dolphins all vying for your attention.

A wildlife safari expedition will see you paddling your own well-equipped kayak amongst the chain of islands. Cruising is also a great way to take in the sights. A 45 minute excursion takes you to the beaches

of Seal Island, past the rugged cliffs and pristine coves of the marine park and back to Penguin Island to witness the hand feeding of the sick and injured little penguins. Adventure lovers are also in for a treat in Rockingham. You can head to Safety Bay to take to the waves on windsurfing sail or catamaran. Fresh afternoon breezes here make for excellent sailing conditions. Even non-sailers will love chilling out on the beach and watching the colourful sails dash across the waves.

For calmer conditions, head to Rockingham Beach. This protected swimming area is ideal for families and also offers a safe snorkelling environment. More experienced snorkellers and divers can head to the West Coast Dive Park. This park is rich in dive wrecks and boasts a wonder world of fish and coral.

Food and wine lovers are well catered for in Rockingham with a host of excellent cafés and restaurants along the foreshore and a number of nearby wineries with cellar door sales. History buffs can also set out on a number of heritage trails, walks and drives that exist within the region. Other activities include, first-class championship golf courses, historical sights and some excellent recreational fishing.



Have you ever dreamed of swimming with wild dolphins? Experience it today with Australia's original and multi award winning dolphin specialists. With over 20 years of experience, friendship and trust built up with the local dolphins, we offer a unique opportunity to interact with these fascinating creatures. Swim and Watch tours depart daily Sept-May.

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Visit Penguin Island, Perth's 'must do' ecotourism destination, just a 5 minute ferry ride across beautiful Shoalwater Bay. See the little penguins being fed at the Discovery Centre before enjoying perfect white sandy beaches and secluded bays. Glass bottom boat cruises explore spectacular islands and take in the entertaining antics of local sea lions daily Sept - May.

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## Get close to nature..

- Enjoy an incredible eco-tourism experience and swim with the wild dolphins or join a dolphin watch tour.
- Take a tour to the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park & see the little penguins & Australian sea lions.
- Experience excellent scuba diving at the West Coast Dive Park.
- Have a picnic or BBQ at Bell and Churchill Park next to the beach.
- Dine at the excellent cafés and restaurants in the region.
- Get close to wildlife at Marapana Wildlife Park.
- Take a trip along the Baldvins Kariny Wine trail and enjoy tasting locally produced wines.
- Discover the great snorkelling, windsurfing and surfing spots.
- Try your luck with some fishing off a jetty or the beach.
- Tee off at a nearby championship golf course.

## want more info?

 **Rockingham Visitor Centre**  
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## Experience this!



- Catch the train to Mandurah and ride the Foreshore Express to the heart of the City and the popular eastern foreshore.
- Visit Dolphin Quay at the beautiful Mandurah Ocean Marina
- Take a cruise around the canals and estuary and be sure to keep an eye out for dolphins
- Picnic on the eastern or western foreshores overlooking the estuary
- Play a round of golf at one of the region's world class golf courses
- Throw in a line and catch fish under the bridge, off the beach or on a fishing charter
- Pick up some local arts and crafts or fresh produce at one of Mandurah's markets
- Enjoy a cycle trail or self guided walk on the Historic Walk Trail
- Take time out at one of the many excellent cafés or restaurants
- Check out the many local galleries and museums.

# Mandurah

The vibrant regional city of Mandurah is nestled between the Indian Ocean and the expansive waterways of the Peel-Harvey Estuary. About an hour south of Perth, it's easily accessible by car or just 48 minutes by train on the new southern suburbs rail service.

On arrival by train, the Visitor Welcome Centre at the Mandurah Train Station provides information about the attractions and amenities in Mandurah as well as providing assistance for the transit trip from the station to the city centre.

Over recent years, Mandurah has grown from a small seaside town into a lively and cosmopolitan city with over 60,000 residents and is famed for its beautiful waterways and relaxed holiday atmosphere.

The waterways provide endless activities such as fishing, swimming, waterskiing and no trip to Mandurah would be complete without a boat cruise on the vast, silken waters of the estuary.

There are several boating options available from chartering your own pontoon to hiring a house boat for up to a week. Or you could join a cruise through the award winning canals - be sure to keep an eye out for the wild bottlenosed dolphins, regular visitors to the Mandurah waterway. On a cruise of the canals, you can see how the other half live as you journey past multi million dollar mansions, some of which are just holiday homes!

A fantastic array of restaurants is on offer along the waterfront, catering for all styles of taste and budget. Why not indulge in seafood fresh from Mandurah's waters; be sure to try some of the sweet crab meat for which Mandurah is so renowned.

The state-of-the-art Mandurah Performing Arts Centre is a distinctive feature overlooking the waters of Mandjar Bay and showcases a wide range of local, national and international creative talent. The Centre supports a thriving performing and visual arts scene and is one of the busiest regional performing arts spaces in the country with a full calendar of performances and exhibitions throughout the year.

Local galleries can also be found along the foreshore and the Mandurah Art Gallery always has a busy exhibition calendar of touring and local artists.

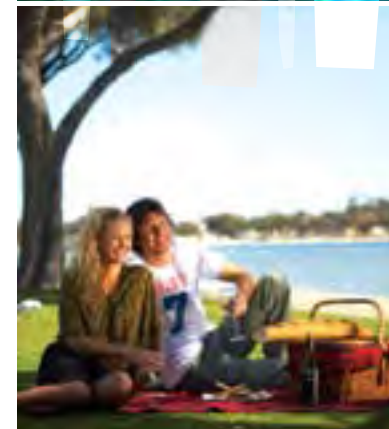
The nearby Dolphin Quay and the world class Mandurah Ocean Marina offer excellent boating facilities and are home to a range of luxury pleasure craft, recreational and commercial fishing vessels, undercover markets and restaurants as well as offering spectacular views of the Venetian-style canals, exclusive townhouses and million dollar vessels.

Graced with endless stretches of pristine coastline, there are plenty of places to go swimming and surfing right on Mandurah's doorstep. There are also numerous coral reefs offering a diverse variety of fish which makes Mandurah an ideal spot for divers to get below the surface and enjoy the deep blue sea. Thanks to a mild Mediterranean climate, water temperatures are moderate all year round and the area is protected from any major boating or shipping channels.

With plenty of attractions including an aquatic fun park, carnival and free space to run around, the kids will love Mandurah. Tree lined walkways, grassed picnic areas and safe swimming beaches make it a perfect destination for the whole family.

For those wanting to explore the great outdoors there are an excellent selection of walk and bike trails. These trails meander alongside the river, by the estuary and along the ocean's shores.

Beyond Mandurah, there's something for everyone who visits the Peel Region. Stretching from the white sands and blue waters of the coast to the rugged terrain of the Darling Scarp the region offers a wide range of activities from visiting wineries and historical attractions, to bush walking and horse riding along trails through the vast Jarrah Forests.



want more info?



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