

# Perth and The West Coast



PERTH • MARGARET RIVER • NINGALOO REEF • GOLDEN OUTBACK

## Welcome to Travelpoint Holidays' Perth and The West Coast

Travelpoint Holidays has been a leader in creating Australian holiday experiences for over 15 years and our team of 250 travel experts are here to create the most wonderful holidays for you and your family.

We can craft your Travelpoint Holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments, resorts and lodges, as well as day and extended cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, rail journeys and a huge range of sightseeing tours. Whatever you want to do and wherever you want to go we not only know all about it but we also know the best people to do it with!

Our Perth and The West Coast brochure features the incredible regions of Western Australia from Esperance in the south (p49) to Karijini National Park in the north (p52). Food and wine lover's are spoilt for choice in the Margaret River and South West wine regions, while nature enthusiasts can see beautiful wildflower displays, walk amongst giant Karri trees (p45) or through a desert of limestone pillars (p36). There are fantastic touring routes leading to the famous outback town of Kalgoorlie (p13-14) and amazing wildlife encounters on the Coral Coast. Swimming with giant whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef (p63) and meeting the wild dolphins of Monkey Mia (p60) are experiences not to be missed.

Travelpoint Holidays has a comprehensive brochure range covering all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific available through our 4,000 travel agency partners in Australia and New Zealand. For copies of our other brochures see your travel agent or call us on 1800 TRAVEL (Australia) or 0800 408 708 (New Zealand).

So have a great time on your Travelpoint Holiday to Perth and The West Coast and thank you for letting us create the perfect holiday for you.

Andrew Burnes

CEO Travelpoint Holidays





Cottesloe Beach



Golden Outback



Ningaloo Reef

Friendly locals, incredible wildlife encounters and amazing natural attractions. See it all in Western Australia's Perth and The West Coast region.



Kalbarri National Park



Fitzgerald River National Park



Esperance



Kalgoorlie

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# Planning your Travelpoint Holiday

Whether you are holidaying in Perth and The West Coast for the first time or returning again, our travel planners will go to great lengths to create your dream holiday. Here are just a few reasons to entrust your holiday plans to the experts at Travelpoint Holidays.

## 100% Australian Owned

Travelpoint Holidays is operated by AOT Holidays, a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. The AOT Group has been in the travel business for over 22 years and is proudly Australian owned with offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

## The Australian Specialists

Travelpoint Holidays has been specialising in Australian holidays for over 15 years. Our product team travels to the destinations we feature in our brochures searching for new products and the best deals available. We have the largest range of Australian holiday options and our knowledgeable team will provide expert advice to ensure your holiday is a memorable one.

## Travelpoint Bonus Offers

At Travelpoint Holidays we are passionate about offering you value for money. Throughout this brochure, you'll find hotels and tours with bonus offers ranging from free nights to free room upgrades. Just look for the 'Travelpoint Bonus' box.

## Travelpoint Exclusive Offers

'Travelpoint Exclusives' are deals we have negotiated exclusively for Travelpoint Holidays customers. Just look for the 'must do' activities in the region with a choice of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. These packages represent excellent value for money and are only available through Travelpoint Holidays. Our great Holiday Packages start on page 10.

## Travelpoint Holiday Packages

We've taken the hard work out of planning your holiday by putting together a range of packages which partner the 'must do' activities in the region with a choice of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. These packages represent excellent value for money and are only available through Travelpoint Holidays. Our great Holiday Packages start on page 10.

## Hannah's Hot Tips

Our Product Managers are passionate about travel and have visited the destinations they look after many times. Throughout this brochure, Hannah, our Perth and The West Coast Product Manager, shares her favourite experiences. Check out her 'Hot Tips' on page 9.

## Crafting Your Experience

This brochure provides you with a wide choice of holiday options including accommodation, day tours, cruises, car hire and more. So whether you're planning a short break, the perfect romantic retreat or the grand Australian tour, we can tailor make a holiday just for you. Our team of travel experts will combine the best available airfares, car hire deals, accommodation and touring experiences to create your dream holiday. Use this brochure for inspiration, then let us help you create your adventure.

## Customer Care Helpline

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is only a phone call away seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Travelpoint holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

## More Holiday Ideas...

AOT Holidays has a fantastic range of products covering Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Ask your travel agent for one of our many brochures.





The information on the following pages is designed to help you plan your perfect Perth and The West Coast getaway. Check out how to use this brochure, find out where to stay and where to go on pages 6 and 7, then get in the know with Our Favourite Experiences on page 8. There's more insider tips on page 9 as well as other Travel Tips for planning your holiday to Perth and The West Coast.

### School Holidays

Queensland	16 – 25 April
	25 June – 10 July
	17 September – 2 October
	11 December 11 – 22 January 12
New South Wales	9 – 25 April
	2 – 17 July
	24 September – 9 October
	21 December 11 – 26 January 12
Victoria	9 – 26 April
	2 – 17 July
	24 September – 9 October
	23 December 11 – 31 January 12
ACT	16 April – 1 May
	9 – 24 July
	1 – 16 October
	22 December 11 – 2 February 12
Tasmania	22 April – 1 May
	4 – 19 June
	3 – 18 September
	22 December 11 – 13 February 12
South Australia	16 April – 1 May
	25 June – 10 July
	17 September – 2 October
	10 December 11 – 22 January 12
Western Australia	20 April – 4 May
	9 – 24 July
	1 – 16 October
	16 December 11 – 31 January 12
Northern Territory	2 – 10 April
	25 June – 24 July
	1 – 9 October
	17 December 11 – 29 January 12

### Accommodation Ratings

STAR and Diamond ratings are used throughout the brochure to describe the standard of accommodation.

**STAR RATINGS** Properties bearing the STAR symbols are independently assessed by AAA Tourism, the national tourism body of the Australian Auto Clubs. The STARS and the STAR Rating Scheme are a Registered Trademark of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. Travelpoint Holidays has no input into the assessment process.

**DIAMOND RATINGS** Properties bearing Diamond symbols do not participate in a recognised rating scheme. The rating is supplied by the individual property based on their own assessment. We therefore recommend they be used as a guide only.

- ★★  
◆◆ Budget standard of accommodation
- ★★★  
◆◆◆ Comfortable standard of accommodation
- ★★★★  
◆◆◆◆ High standard of accommodation and facilities
- ★★★★★  
◆◆◆◆◆ Superior standard of accommodation and facilities
- ☆  
◇ Denotes additional half rating

### Apartment Style Accommodation

In general, self catering apartments feature cooking facilities with a minimum of microwave, hot plates, saucepans, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Laundry facilities will be located either in the apartment, or in a guest laundry within the property. Most apartments are serviced every 7 days and do not provide hotel facilities such as portage, room service or mini bars. Most apartments provide an initial supply of items such as tea, coffee, soap and toilet paper.

### Room Images

Room images featured on property listings are the lead-in room type, unless captioned otherwise.

### What the Symbols mean

- Kids Club facilities are available. Check listings for details.
- Day spa facilities are available.
- The property has one or more rooms providing wheelchair access with assistance.
- A bonus is available if you are celebrating a special occasion (eg. honeymoon). Advise your travel agent when booking. The definition of 'special occasion' and type of bonus offered is at each property's discretion. Conditions may apply.
- Eco-Friendly STAR Accreditation certified by AAA Tourism to properties that have met key criteria in areas of energy efficiency, waste management and water minimisation.
- Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
- Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.

### Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per room for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights. We are always sourcing great deals throughout the year, so we recommend you use the prices in this brochure as a guide and ask your travel agent for the best available deal when booking.



# Perth and The West Coast

## Perth and Surrounds

Perth could be considered the perfect city. Warm sunny weather year round, acres of parkland and a river that meanders through the city from vineyards to the sea. Cruise the Swan River, head to the beach or dine out in style. Discover the city on foot with a stroll through Kings Park and Botanic Garden. Shop up a storm at an array of boutiques or browse the art galleries of Kings Street.

Head out to Fremantle for its laid back atmosphere and local history. Hit the weekend markets or grab a bite overlooking the harbour. When it's time to head for the water, ride the ferry to Rottnest Island for white sand and snorkelling. At the beach holiday hot spots surrounding Perth – from Mandurah in the south to Mullaloo in the north – it's all about swimming, surfing and relaxing. Or for award winning wineries and gourmet food take a drive to the Swan Valley.

## Margaret River Wine Region and Surrounds

Foodies can find their slice of heaven in the Margaret River Wine Region. Famed for its world class wineries and locally grown produce, the region is a place to indulge in the pleasures of the palate. With more than 60 wineries as well as gourmet food experiences ranging from cheese to chocolate and venison to olive oil, it's a food lover's paradise.

Go beyond the rolling green vineyards and fertile farmland to discover another side of the Margaret River Region. Stunning beaches boast some of the best surf in Western Australia, ancient forests are home to giant Karri trees and underground caves feature wonderful formations. The coastline offers up some other unexpected delights including Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and its dramatic views, the longest wooden jetty in the southern hemisphere in Busselton, and playful whales in Augusta and Geographe Bay (in season).

## South Coast

For the scenery alone, the south coast is a must see. For towering Karri forests and picturesque vineyards, head south east of Margaret River to Pemberton. Fish or canoe down the peaceful streams. Continue your itinerary around the national parks and wineries.

The seaside views from Walpole to Esperance make for the perfect self drive holiday. Jump in the car and cruise past coves, bays and inlets. Be sure to stop over for fresh seafood by the beach.

In untouched wilderness, nature reaches new heights in the Stirling Range National Park. Be there during spring to see masses of wildflowers. At the Valley of the Giants, stroll through the canopies across the tree top walk to feel on top of the world.

## Karijini and The Golden Outback

Colourful characters, genuine hospitality and quintessential Australian landscapes – the Golden Outback has it all. Get a taste for the real outback in Kalgoorlie and the Goldfields. See reminders of Kalgoorlie's wild past as a gold rush town in its heritage buildings and museums. Try your luck panning for gold or tour a multimillion-dollar open pit mine.

Nature comes in all forms in the Golden Outback, from the giant Wave Rock near Hyden, to fields exploding with wildflowers during spring. See all this and more travelling the West's awesome self drive routes. The Canning Stock Route and Gunbarrel Highway feature on many a 4WD enthusiast's wish list. For more amazing scenery explore Karijini National Park with its plunging gorges, waterways and waterfalls.

## Coral Coast

Western Australia's Coral Coast is overflowing with one of a kind natural attractions. Start with the spectacular Pinnacles Desert near Cervantes and its amazing limestone pillars. Move on to the dramatic landscapes of Kalbarri National Park, then to swimming, fishing, snorkelling and diving in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Monkey Mia is the spot for an encounter of a special kind. The local wild dolphins are famous for their almost daily ritual of swimming to shore for a dose of human interaction. Continue north to the marine paradise of Ningaloo Reef. It's an aquatic playground with coral gardens just metres from white sandy beaches in Coral Bay. And the experience of a lifetime awaits in Ningaloo Marine Park. From April to June you can have the ultimate wildlife encounter – swimming with giant whale sharks.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

Surf Pro Margaret River	3rd-10th
Fremantle Street Arts Festival	22nd-25th

### MAY

Pemberton Autumn Festival	7th
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### JUNE

Perth Winter Arts Festival	1st Jun-31st Aug
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### SEPTEMBER

Kings Park Festival, Perth	1st-9th
Perth Fashion Festival	TBC
The Round Races, Kalgoorlie	11th-17th

### OCTOBER

Perth Royal Show	1st-5th
Spring in the Valley, Swan Valley	1st-31st

### DECEMBER

Ironman Western Australia Triathlon, Busselton	4th
ISAF Sailing World Championships, Perth	3rd-18th

### JANUARY

BMW Perth Cup	1st
Hopman Cup, Perth	1st-8th
Australia Day Skyshow, Perth	26th

### FEBRUARY

Leeuwin Concert Series, Margaret River	TBC
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### MARCH

Margaret River Wine Region Festival	TBC
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TBC – dates for this event were yet to be confirmed at the time of printing.



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- REGIONAL AIRPORTS
- NATIONAL PARKS
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- MAIN ROADS



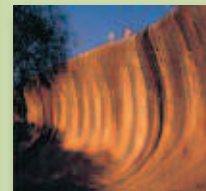
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**DISTANCES BY ROAD (KM)**

<b>PERTH</b>												
416	<b>ALBANY</b>											
179	349	<b>BUNBURY</b>										
248	333	56	<b>BUSSELTON</b>									
757	479	683	719	<b>ESPERANCE</b>								
1260	1658	1512	1512	1938	<b>EXMOUTH</b>							
4434	818	611	664	1105	835	<b>GERALDTON</b>						
337	347	366	422	381	1557	723	<b>HYDEN</b>					
577	981	782	831	1257	802	152	876	<b>KALBARRI</b>				
607	836	738	797	389	1718	883	487	1037	<b>KALGOORLIE</b>			
281	376	102	48	762	1546	713	471	865	845	<b>MARGARET RIVER</b>		
853	1255	1058	1106	1533	704	429	1151	395	1312	1151	<b>MONKEY MIA</b>	
344	238	161	146	648	1607	773	442	927	829	138	1202	<b>PEMBERTON</b>

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# Our Favourite Experiences

## The Classics

The West Coast is home to one of Australia's best loved food and wine meccas – the Margaret River. Nowhere else can you enjoy fresh local produce and wine from a nearby vineyard, surrounded by everything from beautiful beaches to ancient forests and underground caves. Tour the Margaret River Wine Region with your tastebuds at the ready and stock up on locally made cheeses, chocolates, boutique beers and wines.

There's an amazing wildlife encounter to be found everywhere along the West Coast. Imagine coming face to face with a 12 metre whale shark or swimming alongside the manta rays of Ningaloo Reef. Even the dolphins come out to say hello at Monkey Mia, visiting the beach up to three times a day. With the whole of Rottnest Island car-free, you might just see the island's famous residents, the Quokkas.

## Action and Adventure

The rugged landscapes and river gorges of Western Australia call adventurers to action. Trek past the limestone pillars of the Pinnacles Desert. Bush walk through Cape Le Grand National Park near Esperance or in Karijini National Park for an incredible outback adventure. Jump in the 4WD to see the best of the West's 4WD routes. Snorkelling with giant whale sharks or manta rays on the Coral Coast will really get the adrenalin pumping.

## Nature

The West Coast has an impressive menu of natural attractions. Be spoilt for choice year round with stunning landscapes in the Golden Outback, giant Karri forests in the South Coast and postcard-perfect marine parks in the Coral Coast. Visit between July and November to see the countryside bloom with an abundance of wildflowers. It's the biggest display in the country. Head underground and tour the cave systems of the Margaret River or up into the treetops and peer down from the Valley of The Giants Tree Top Walk at Walpole. Marvel at the gigantic Wave Rock at Hyden or at Mount Augustus – the largest rock in Australia at twice the size of Ayers Rock.

Life's a beach in Western Australia. With 12,500 kilometres of coastline, take your pick of the best surf and sand. Catch a wave in the Margaret River, see white sand and brilliant water at Esperance or head to Monkey Mia to relax amid the rust-red dunes.

## Culture and Heritage

Soak up the vibrant culture and history of Western Australia. You'll find evidence of the more than 40,000 year history in the Aboriginal rock art of the Golden Outback. Take in some of the best indigenous art in the Art Gallery of Western Australia and the Western Australian Museum. Visit the Aboriginal owned and operated Maalinup Gallery in the Swan Valley.

Mining heritage leads to adventure in the Goldfields of the Golden Outback. Get a taste for the tough pioneering days as you pan for gold, tour the ghost towns or listen to a tale or two in Kalgoorlie's historic pubs. See an art site with a difference at Lake Ballard – the contemporary forms of the Gormley Sculptures are worth the visit.

## Wining and Dining

The dining experiences throughout Perth and The West Coast are as diverse as the landscape.

### Perth and Surrounds

- Head to the food hubs of Northbridge, Mount Lawley, Subiaco and Fremantle
- Perth's BlueWater Grill and Fraser's Restaurant are both famous for great views and excellent food
- For fine dining visit Star Anise in Shenton, Da Bruno's in Inglewood or Jacksons in Highgate
- Cicerello's is a Fremantle institution and the place for fresh fish and chips

### Margaret River Wine Region

- Amberley and Lamont's are popular restaurants with locals and visitors
- For award winning food and wine with magnificent views visit Vasse Felix Winery
- Voyager Estate boasts its own range of condiments and an elegant restaurant

### Regional Western Australia

- Have a pub meal in the Golden Outback
- Indulge in fresh seafood on the Coral and South Coasts

## Must See & Do

Cruise along the scenic **SWAN RIVER** – page 32

Visit Perth's historic **BELL TOWER** and **THE PERTH MINT** – page 31

Enjoy fine wine and gourmet delights in the scenic **MARGARET RIVER** region

Explore secluded beaches and discover the diverse wildlife including the Quokka on **ROTTNEST ISLAND** – page 34

Stroll along the almost two kilometre 143 year old **BUSSELTON JETTY**, the longest wooden jetty in the southern hemisphere

Walk along the **VALLEY OF THE GIANTS TREE TOP WALK** in Walpole – Nornalup National Park – page 34

Relax on Esperance's white **SANDY BEACHES** – page 49

See the intriguing limestone rock formations of the **PINNACLES**, north of Perth – page 36

Visit World Heritage Listed **SHARK BAY MARINE PARK** on the Coral Coast – page 57

Hand feed wild dolphins at **MONKEY MIA** – page 60

Snorkel with whale sharks at **NINGALOO REEF** (Apr-Jun) – page 63

Marvel at the ancient formation of **WAVE ROCK** at Hyden – page 35

Discover the history of the gold rush in Kalgoorlie and **THE GOLDFIELDS** region – page 54



# Travel Tips

## How to Get There

**BY AIR** Virgin Blue, Qantas and Jetstar service Perth from capital cities throughout Australia. Skywest is the major regional airline with flights between Perth, Geraldton, Kalbarri, Monkey Mia, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Esperance and Albany.

### FLIGHT DURATION

FROM / TO	PERTH
Sydney	4 hrs
Melbourne	3 hrs 35 mins
Adelaide	2 hrs 45 mins
Brisbane	4 hrs 20 mins
Cairns	4 hrs 10 mins
Darwin	4 hrs

The above table shows flight durations for direct flights only. Connecting flights from other destinations are also available. Times are a guide only and subject to change.

**BY RAIL** Experience the last remaining trans-continental train journey, the Indian Pacific. This amazing rail journey begins in Sydney, traverses Australia from coast to coast before concluding in Perth (operates in reverse). Alternatively, board the train in Adelaide before continuing onto Perth.

**BY CAR** Take the time to explore and discover as you make your way through Perth and The West Coast by road.

Whether it's getting there or getting around we recommend Avis car hire. See page 68 for details or ask your travel agent about the great specials Avis has to offer. Travelpoint Holidays offers a selection of suggested driving itineraries, providing you with the freedom to discover some of the highlights of Perth and The West Coast at your own pace. Refer to the Self Drive Holidays starting on page 12 for more details.

Travellers should drive at a speed that suits the road, vehicle, weather conditions and their driving experience. In remote parts of Western Australia driving slowly on gravel roads is recommended. It is not uncommon to encounter roaming wildlife on the side of the road. Particular care should be taken when driving at dawn and dusk, and if possible avoid driving at night.

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838	1255	1040	1088	1565	691	413	1198	380	1416	1135	MONKEY MIA	
328	238	161	137	714	1596	760	568	919	926	138	1193	PEMBERTON

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## HANNAH'S HOT TIPS

### Great way to start the day?

A scenic walk along the banks of the beautiful Swan River.

### A popular summer spot for families?

Coof off in the main lagoon at the Great Escape Leisure Park at Hillarys Boat Harbour.

### A great way to spend a lazy Sunday?

Explore the iconic Fremantle Markets followed by a Sunday afternoon session at Little Creatures Brewery.

### A top place for pies?

Check out the Dunsborough Bakery and indulge in their famous pies.

### The perfect spot to party on a Saturday night?

The Eurobar in Northbridge Perth has a unique party atmosphere as well as a laidback outdoor beer garden.

### My favourite spot to watch a Perth sunset?

See a spectacular West Coast sunset at Cottesloe Beach whilst enjoying some freshly cooked fish and chips.

## Beach Safety

Australia has some of the world's best beaches, however care and caution should be exercised at all times. Please remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and listen to instructions from lifesavers and lifeguards.

## Weather Guide

### TEMPERATURE AVERAGE

	Perth, South West and Golden Outback	Coral Coast
Summer	17°C to 30°C	26°C to 33°C
Autumn	13°C to 25°C	21°C to 33°C
Winter	8°C to 18°C	15°C to 28°C
Spring	12°C to 23°C	21°C to 32°C