Perth Travel Guide

Perth: Australia's Sunniest City

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Things to do in Perth

Landmarks & Monuments

Perth's iconic landmarks represent the city's rich history and modern development, from historic buildings to contemporary architectural marvels.



Must See

Kings Park & Botanic Gardens

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Perched high above the Swan River, this stunning 400-hectare park offers **panoramic city views**, diverse plant collections, and walking trails through bushland. Features native wildflowers, a memorial garden, and excellent picnic spots. The **Lotterywest Family Area** includes playgrounds and water features.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Perth Mint

1.5 hours Book Ahead

Map

Historic site housing one of the world's oldest operating mints, established in 1899. Visitors can observe **live gold pouring** demonstrations and learn about Australia's gold rush heritage. The gift shop sells unique gold coins and collectibles.



Top Pick

Swan Bells Tower

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

Distinctive bell tower at Barrack Square featuring 12 ancient bells brought from London's St Martin-in-the-Fields Church. Interactive exhibitions showcase Perth's history. Climb the tower for **elevated river views** and visit the café overlooking the Swan River.



Notable

Old Mill

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

One of Perth's oldest standing buildings (1830s) is a restored stone windmill showcasing early colonial architecture. Museum exhibits feature milling history and colonial artifacts. Scenic riverside location perfect for photography and picnics.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- Kings Park is free to enter; parking is available but can be busy on weekends
- Visit Perth Mint's gold pouring demonstration in the morning for the best experience

- Swan Bells Tower is centrally located; combine with nearby museums for a cultural day
- Arrive at Old Mill early to avoid crowds and enjoy peaceful river views

Museums & Galleries

Perth's cultural institutions showcase Aboriginal art, natural history, and contemporary works in world-class facilities.



Must See

Western Australian Museum

3-4 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Major museum with three locations covering **natural history, Aboriginal culture, and maritime heritage**. Highlights include dinosaur fossils and indigenous artifacts. The Boola Bardip building in the city center is modern and comprehensive.



Top Pick

Art Gallery of Western Australia

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Premier art institution featuring Australian, Aboriginal, and international artworks. Collections span from colonial paintings to contemporary installations. The **Elder Hall** hosts special exhibitions and cultural events regularly.



Notable

Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Cutting-edge venue for **contemporary art, experimental performances, and digital installations**. Regular exhibitions feature local and international artists. The Raw space showcases emerging creatives.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- WA Museum Boola Bardip charges A$15 for standard adult general admission; children enter free.; special exhibitions may charge a fee
- Boola Bardip’s regular hours are 9:30am–5pm; after-hours events are scheduled separately.
- Purchase a combined museum ticket if visiting multiple locations
- Check websites for temporary exhibitions before visiting

Religious Sites

Perth's places of worship reflect the city's spiritual heritage and architectural diversity.



Top Pick

St George's Anglican Cathedral

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

Iconic Gothic Revival cathedral built in the late 19th century, featuring **ornate architecture with native timber interiors**. Beautiful stained glass windows and peaceful cloisters. Regular services and guided tours available. Historic burial ground includes notable Perth pioneers.



Notable

Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

Historic Roman Catholic cathedral completed in 1865, featuring **stunning Victorian architecture and Italian marble**. The ornate interior includes beautiful religious artwork and vaulted ceilings. Active parish church with regular Mass times.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Dress respectfully when visiting active religious sites
- Check service times before visiting cathedrals during worship hours
- Photography may be restricted inside some churches; always ask first
- Learn about Noongar culture from local guides for authentic experiences

Parks & Gardens

Perth's extensive green spaces offer recreation, relaxation, and natural beauty throughout the city.



Must See

Swan River Parks & Foreshore

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Scenic 8-kilometer parkland stretching along the river with walking and cycling paths, picnic areas, and water sports facilities. **Gorgeous sunset views** and riverside dining options. Popular for jogging, rowing, and leisurely walks. Multiple access points with car parking.



Must See

Cottesloe Beach

Half day No Booking Needed

Map

Perth's most famous beach featuring **pristine white sand, clear turquoise waters, and excellent swimming conditions**. The historic Cottesloe Beach groyne provides iconic photo opportunities. Nearby cafés, restaurants, and beachfront amenities. Family-friendly with designated swimming areas.



Top Pick

City Beach

Half day No Booking Needed

Map

Sheltered, family-friendly beach with calm waters ideal for children and swimming. Extensive facilities include playgrounds, picnic areas, and water sports centers. **Wave pool and aquatic center** nearby. Popular for families and casual swimmers.



Top Pick

Scarborough Beach

Half day No Booking Needed

Map

Popular north Perth beach famous for **strong waves suitable for surfing** and beach volleyball. Modern facilities include restaurants, shops, and a beachfront promenade. Beautiful sunset views over the Indian Ocean. Lifeguard-patrolled for safety.



Notable

Yanchep National Park

4-5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Coastal national park featuring limestone caves, walking trails, and native wildlife. **Yanchep Caves** include stalactites and underground lakes. Beach access with picnic facilities. Home to kangaroos, native birds, and wildflowers in spring.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Bring sunscreen and hat; Perth's sun is intense year-round
- Beaches have designated swimming areas; always swim between lifeguard flags
- Early mornings offer fewer crowds and better wildlife viewing
- Water temperature varies from 13°C in winter to 24°C in summer

Neighborhoods & Districts

Unique districts throughout Perth each offering distinct character, dining, shopping, and entertainment experiences.



Must See

Fremantle

4-6 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Historic port town 30km south featuring **Victorian architecture, museums, markets, and artistic culture**. Iconic Fremantle Prison offers historic tours. The Round House and West Australian Maritime Museum showcase heritage. Vibrant Cappuccino Strip has excellent cafés and restaurants.



Top Pick

Northbridge

3-4 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Creative hub and entertainment district featuring **galleries, street art, trendy restaurants, and nightlife**. Boisterous during weekends with cultural events and markets. Museums and performance venues scattered throughout. Best visited in evening for dining and entertainment.



Top Pick

South Perth

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Upscale residential area with riverside parks, excellent dining, and shopping along Canning River. **South Perth Foreshore offers scenic walks** and picnic spots. Quality restaurants and boutiques line the streets. Family-friendly atmosphere with cultural facilities.



Notable

Subiaco

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Trendy neighborhood with **boutique shopping, independent cafés, and modern dining scene**. Tree-lined streets and vintage charm mixed with contemporary development. Subiaco Arts Centre and local galleries. Popular weekend destination for shopping and dining.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- Fremantle requires at least 4 hours; plan a full day for thorough exploration
- Northbridge comes alive in the evening; visit during day for quieter museum experience
- South Perth offers the most relaxed atmosphere for families
- Subiaco is ideal for boutique shopping and weekend brunch

Tours & Activities

Diverse activities and guided experiences showcasing Perth's natural beauty and cultural heritage.



Must See Book Ahead

Rottnest Island Tour

Full day Book Ahead

Day trip to nearby island famous for **quokkas (smiling marsupials), pristine beaches, and coral reefs**. Ferries run from Fremantle (about 30 minutes) and from Perth (longer). Snorkeling, swimming, cycling, and wildlife spotting. Historic attractions include the Rottnest Island Wadjemup Museum.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Swan River Cruise

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Scenic cruises along the Swan River with **panoramic views of Perth skyline and Kings Park**. Sunset cruises offer dinner and drinks. Morning and afternoon options available. Expert commentary on city history and landmarks. Excellent photography opportunities.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Penguin Island Tour

4-5 hours Book Ahead

Visit to sanctuary island home to **penguins, sea lions, and other marine wildlife**. The ferry to Penguin Island departs from Shoalwater, near Rockingham. The island is generally closed from after WA Day until 15 October, and may also close on very hot days. Guided tours showcase native animals and habitats. Walking trails through natural areas. Evening penguin parade viewing experience available.



Top Pick

Caversham Wildlife Park

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Interactive wildlife facility featuring **native Australian animals including koalas, kangaroos, and dingoes**. Hand-feeding experiences and photo opportunities. Educational shows and demonstrations throughout the day. Modern facilities with good accessibility.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Wine Region Tours (Margaret River & Swan Valley)

Full day Book Ahead

Guided tours to nearby wine regions featuring **world-class wineries, vineyard restaurants, and wine tastings**. Margaret River (3 hours south) specializes in cabernet sauvignon; Swan Valley (1 hour north) offers diverse varietals. Scenic countryside and gourmet dining.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book Rottnest Island tours in advance, especially during school holidays
- Sunset river cruises are popular; reserve tickets early
- Bring comfortable shoes for island and wildlife tours
- Wine region tours often include lunch; check inclusions when booking

Shopping & Markets

Diverse shopping destinations from modern malls to vibrant markets offering everything from souvenirs to gourmet goods.



Top Pick

Hay Street & Murray Street (CBD Shopping)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Perth's main shopping precinct featuring **international brands, department stores, and boutiques** in the CBD. Modern arcades and alleyways connect major retailers. Pedestrian malls are car-free and pleasant for strolling. Mix of high street and independent shops.



Top Pick

Northbridge Markets

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Remove or name the specific market and confirm its current schedule, artwork, clothing, jewelry, and gourmet food. Live music and street performers. Excellent for unique gifts and Australian souvenirs. Lively atmosphere with food stalls and cafés.



Top Pick

Fremantle Markets

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Historic 1897 market hall offering **fresh produce, seafood, international foods, crafts, and clothing**. Eclectic vendor mix and artisan goods. Live entertainment and dining areas. Busy and atmospheric, especially on weekends.



Notable

Westfield Perth & Karrinyup Shopping Centre

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Modern shopping malls with **comprehensive retail selections, dining options, and entertainment**. Climate-controlled comfort with diverse store options. Karrinyup features outdoor areas. Convenient parking and public transport access.

Tips for Shopping & Markets

- Northbridge Markets operate weekends from 10am-5pm
- Fremantle Markets are open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday public holidays.; quieter on weekday mornings
- CBD shopping is best on weekdays to avoid weekend crowds
- Most shops close by 5pm; some venues open until 9pm on Thursday-Friday

Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Perth, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



KARLA★★★★★ 4.9 (3,300)

1-2 hours

Map

KARLA is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.9★ from 3300 reviews. Located at 376/420 Wellington St, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:30 – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: 5:30 – 10:30 PM
- Wednesday: 11:45 AM – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:45 AM – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 11:45 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:30 PM



Twenty Seats★★★★★ 4.9 (282)

1-2 hours

Map

Twenty Seats is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.9★ from 282 reviews. Located at 301 Lord St, Highgate WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: Closed



Peasants Paradice★★★★★ 4.9 (463)

1-2 hours

Map

Peasants Paradice is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.9★ from 463 reviews. Located at 197 Brisbane St, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 8:30 PM
- Friday: 4:00 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: 4:00 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday: 4:00 – 8:00 PM



alba★★★★★ 4.7 (1,100)

1-2 hours

Map

alba is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.7★ from 1100 reviews. Located at 376/420 Wellington St, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM



Angel Falls Grill★★★★★ 4.7 (7,208)

1-2 hours

Map

Angel Falls Grill is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.7★ from 7208 reviews. Located at Shop/16 Shafto Ln, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, 4:30 – 9:15 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 9:15 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 8:00 PM



Oscar's in the Valley★★★★★ 4.7 (475)

1-2 hours

Map

Oscar's in the Valley is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.7★ from 475 reviews. Located at 45 Hyem Rd, Herne Hill WA 6056, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Balthazar★★★★★ 4.6 (1,549)

1-2 hours

Map

Balthazar is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.6★ from 1549 reviews. Located at 6 The Esplanade, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



UMA Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (1,159)

1-2 hours

Map

UMA Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.6★ from 1159 reviews. Located at 207 Adelaide Terrace, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Seven Sins Perth Hills★★★★★ 4.6 (1,883)

1-2 hours

Map

Seven Sins Perth Hills is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.6★ from 1883 reviews. Located at 1 Soldiers Rd, Roleystone WA 6111, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 5:00 – 10:00 PM



Gibney Cottesloe★★★★★ 4.6 (878)

1-2 hours

Map

Gibney Cottesloe is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.6★ from 878 reviews. Located at 40 Marine Parade, Cottesloe WA 6011, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM



Reel Kitchen★★★★★ 4.6 (291)

1-2 hours

Map

Reel Kitchen is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.6★ from 291 reviews. Located at 1 Barrack Square, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:30 – 10:00 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 6:30 – 10:00 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:30 – 10:00 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:30 – 10:00 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 6:30 – 10:00 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:00 – 10:30 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:00 – 10:30 AM, 5:30 – 9:00 PM



Nextdoor★★★★★ 4.5 (600)

1-2 hours

Map

Nextdoor is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.5★ from 600 reviews. Located at 79 Angelo St, South Perth WA 6151, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 4:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 4:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 4:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 4:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 3:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Wildflower★★★★★ 4.5 (1,071)

1-2 hours

Map

Wildflower is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.5★ from 1071 reviews. Located at COMO The Treasury Level 4, 1 Cathedral Ave, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Rambla On Swan★★★★☆ 4.4 (1,501)

1-2 hours

Map

Rambla On Swan is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.4★ from 1501 reviews. Located at South Shore Shopping Centre, 39/85 S Perth Esplanade, South Perth WA 6151, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM



C Restaurant in the Sky★★★★☆ 4.4 (5,114)

1-2 hours

Map

C Restaurant in the Sky is a highly-rated restaurant in Perth, rated 4.4★ from 5114 reviews. Located at Level 33/44 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM, 5:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM, 6:00 – 11:00 PM

Practical Information

Ideal Travel Seasons

Autumn (March-May) and **Spring (September-November)** offer perfect weather with temperatures 20-25°C, minimal rain, and comfortable outdoor exploration. **Summer (December-February)** brings intense heat (30-35°C) but is ideal for beach activities and water sports. **Winter (June-August)** is mild (12-18°C) with occasional rain; fewer tourists and lower accommodation rates.

Best months: September-October and April-May provide ideal conditions with spring wildflowers and autumn festivals. Avoid January for intense heat and December-early January for holiday crowds.

Getting Around Perth

Public Transport: Transperth operates integrated bus, train, and ferry networks. The **Free Zone** in the CBD offers free travel. Smartrider card provides convenient discounted access. Trains connect the CBD to suburbs efficiently.

Taxi & Rideshare: Uber and local taxi services available throughout the city. Reliable and reasonably priced for short distances.

Rental Cars: Essential for exploring regional attractions like Margaret River and Rottnest Island. Major international rental companies available at the airport. Drive on the left side of the road.

Airport Transfer: Perth Airport gives the Airport Central rail station as 18 minutes from Perth Station. minutes.), bus, taxi, or ride-share. Shuttle services available for hotels.

Walking & Cycling: Perth CBD is compact and walkable. Excellent cycling paths along rivers and beaches. Bike hire services available throughout the city.

✈ Airport Transfer

Perth Airport (PER) to city center:

- **Airport Line train:** Direct rail from the on-site Airport Central station to Perth CBD in about 20 minutes, A standard fare is A$3.50 cash, A$3.15 with a 10% SmartRider discount, or A$2.80 with a 20% Autoload discount.
- **Airport shuttle bus:** Door-to-door shared shuttle to CBD hotels in 30 to 45 minutes, around AU$25 per person
- **Taxi:** Metered ride to the city center takes about 25 minutes and costs approximately AU$45 to AU$55
- **Private transfer:** Pre-booked private car to the CBD in around 25 minutes, typically AU$70 to AU$90 per vehicle

Shopping & Souvenirs

What to Buy: Aboriginal art and didgeridoos (authentic pieces from local artists), merino wool products, opals and gemstones, macadamia nuts, wine from Margaret River, Akubra hats, and boomerangs.

Local Products: Western Australian wines, jarrah wood crafts, sea salt products, and unique artisan goods from Northbridge galleries.

Shopping Districts: Hay Street and Murray Street in the CBD for mainstream retail. Subiaco and Northbridge for boutiques and independent shops. Markets on weekends for authentic souvenirs at better value.

Bargaining: Fixed prices in shops; bargaining possible at markets but not expected. Haggis and haggling are not part of Australian culture—polite negotiation may work for bulk purchases.

Tax: GST (10%) included in marked prices. Tourists can claim GST refund for purchases over A$300 at departure.

Annual Events & Festivals

February: For 2026, Perth Festival ran 6 February–1 March; FRINGE WORLD ran 21 January–15 February.

March: Rottnest Island Race (annual yacht race) and Perth Fashion Festival.

April-May: Wildflower season peaks; numerous wildflower festivals throughout Western Australia showcase native flora.

The 2026 Perth Royal Show ran 26 September–3 October.

September: Fringe World Perth and King's Park Festival features outdoor cinema and cultural events.

The 2026 Cottesloe exhibition ran 6–23 March.

December: Christmas carols and summer festival events. New Year's Eve celebrations at beaches and city venues.

National Holidays: ANZAC Day (April 25), Australia Day (January 26), It is now called the King’s Birthday; in metropolitan WA, the 2026 public holiday was Monday 28 September.

5-Day Sample Itineraries

Day 1: Perth CBD & Kings Park

Start with breakfast in the CBD, explore Hay Street shopping precinct, visit the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Lunch at a CBD café. Afternoon in Kings Park with scenic walks and botanical gardens. Sunset views over the Swan River. Evening dinner in Northbridge with live entertainment.

Day 2: Beaches & Coastal Experience

Morning at Cottesloe Beach for swimming and relaxation. Lunch at beachfront café. Afternoon at City Beach exploring the aquatic center. Late afternoon explore Scarborough Beach and promenade. Sunset coastal walk. Dinner at beachfront restaurants.

Day 3: Fremantle Discovery

Day trip to Fremantle (30 minutes by train). Visit the historic prison with guided tour. Explore Fremantle Markets for lunch and shopping. Cappuccino Strip for coffee and people-watching. Maritime museum and Round House. Afternoon walk along the harbor. Return to Perth for dinner.

Day 4: Rottnest Island Adventure

Early ferry to Rottnest Island. Snorkeling and swimming at pristine beaches. Quokka spotting and wildlife viewing. Bike rental for exploring the island. Lunch at beachfront venue. Afternoon cultural museum visit. Optional penguin parade experience before ferry return.

Day 5: Wine Region & Nature

Guided tour to Margaret River wine region (3-hour drive south). Vineyard tastings and winery restaurant lunch. Scenic countryside exploration. Return via Cape Naturaliste and beach stops. Alternative: Swan Valley wine region closer to city with smaller family-run wineries.

Best Photography Locations

Kings Park & Botanic Gardens: Sunrise and sunset over the CBD skyline with botanical gardens in foreground. Tree-lined paths provide natural framing. Best light: early morning and late afternoon.

Swan River Foreshore: Iconic skyline reflections in calm water. Best during golden hour (sunrise/sunset) when light is warm and directional. Barrack Square offers historic architecture framing.

Cottesloe Beach Groyne: Picturesque wooden groyne structure in turquoise water. Best at sunrise or sunset for warm light and long shadows. Early morning avoids crowds.

Fremantle Port: Historic Romanesque Round House and port architecture. Industrial elegance with historic charm. Good natural lighting most afternoons.

Rottnest Island Beaches: Pristine white sand and turquoise water. Quokka selfies at Quokka Point. Best midday for vibrant colors; avoid harsh overhead sun shadows.

Urban Street Art: Northbridge features colorful murals and street art. Best captured during overcast days for even lighting or late afternoon for directional light on walls.

Sunset Locations: Any west-facing beach (Cottesloe, City Beach, Scarborough) or King's Park for dramatic sky colors and silhouettes.

Power & Electrical Information

Voltage: Australia uses 230V/50Hz electrical system.

Plug Types: Australian standard is **Type I** plugs (three flat pins in triangular configuration, unique to Australia/New Zealand).

Adapters: Universal travel adapters or Australian Type I adapters required for devices from other countries. Available at airports, hotels, and travel shops. Many hotels provide adapters for guests.

Device Compatibility: Most modern devices (phones, laptops) are dual-voltage (100-240V) and work with appropriate adapters. Check device specifications. Hair dryers and heating appliances typically require voltage converters.

Charging: USB charging ports common in hotels, airports, and public spaces. Portable power banks recommended for full-day outdoor activities.

Must-Try Dishes & Dining

Seafood Specialties: Fresh **Barramundi, snapper, and Western Australian rock lobster** are exceptional local catches. **Fish and chips** at beachside venues offer excellent quality. Oysters from the south coast and prawns from local markets.

Australian Cuisine: Vegemite on toast for breakfast (acquired taste), **lamingtons** (chocolate coconut cakes), and **Anzac biscuits**. Bush tucker experiences featuring native ingredients like wattleseed and finger limes.

Local Specialties: Western Australian wines paired with local produce. Margaret River wines with gourmet café dining. Farm-to-table restaurants showcasing regional ingredients.

Dining Districts: Northbridge for trendy restaurants and cafés. Fremantle's Cappuccino Strip for coffee culture. South Perth and Subiaco for upscale dining. Beachside venues offer casual dining with ocean views.

Dining Tips: Main meals typically 12-2pm (lunch) and 6-10pm (dinner). Tipping is discretionary (5-10% for good service). BYO alcohol policies common at casual venues. Booking recommended for popular restaurants on weekends.

Street Food: Markets offer diverse cuisines from Thai to Italian. Food trucks provide casual meals throughout the city. Kebab and Vietnamese pho shops popular for quick, affordable meals.