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*Inspiring trip ideas from
travellers and locals*

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Explore Perth's trendiest streets, alleys and laneways

just **ANOTHER
DAY** *in* **WA**

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Make tracks from Perth to Margaret River

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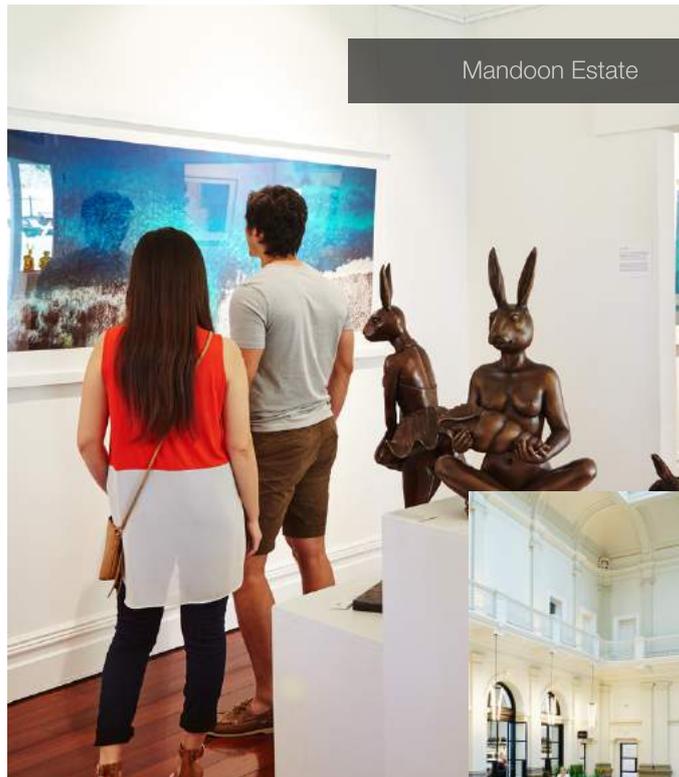
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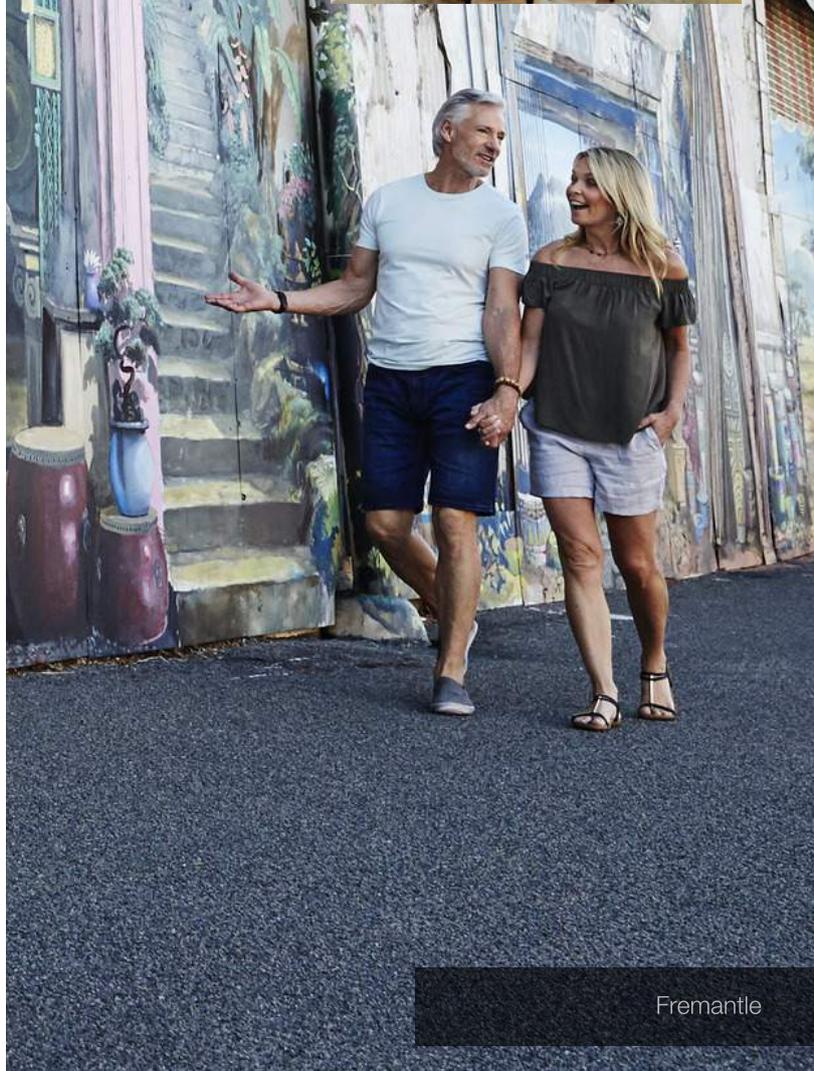
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Mandon Estate



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CHECK OUT

Perth's transformation

New and returning visitors are relishing dramatic changes in Perth, with hundreds of new restaurants, entertainment options, public spaces, tours and hotels popping up all over the city.

1 Elizabeth Quay

At the heart of Perth's transformation is Elizabeth Quay, an energetic waterfront precinct connecting the city centre and Swan River. Whether its food, ferries or festivals, you'll always find something happening here.



2 Cuisine, culture and couture

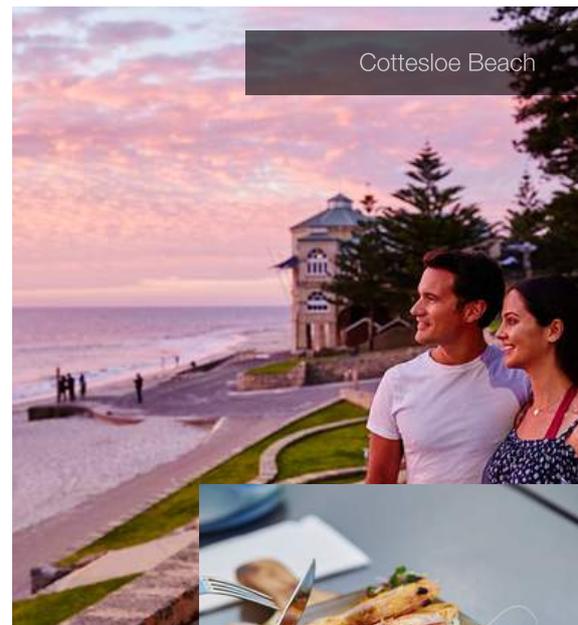
Head around the city and the urban villages of Mount Lawley, Leederville, Northbridge, Victoria Park and Subiaco for an ever-expanding range of dining, shopping and entertainment options.

3 Day trips

Where to begin? Within an hour of Perth's central business district you could be taking a quokka selfie on Rottnest Island, exploring the Swan Valley or Perth Hills wine regions, swimming with dolphins at Rockingham, cruising canals in Mandurah, or discovering a World Heritage listed prison in Fremantle.

4 City sunsets

With 19 pristine metropolitan beaches to choose from, it's easy to find your own piece of paradise, where you can sit back and enjoy one of WA's famous coastal sunsets. Check out Scarborough Beach, which is set to become one of Australia's best beachfronts, with a beachside swimming pool, cafes, restaurants and public art.





STORIES &
experiences

Stories to inspire you by travellers and locals

6 REASONS TO STAY ANOTHER DAY IN PERTH



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Petition Kitchen

FROM SEAPLANES TO MARGARET RIVER TO THE SECLUSION OF AN ISLAND ESCAPE STRAIGHT FROM THE CITY, YOU'LL NEVER BE STUMPED FOR NEW EXPERIENCES IN AND AROUND PERTH. IF YOU'VE GOT AN EXTRA DAY OR SO IN HAND, FLEUR BAINGER CHECKS OUT SOME OF YOUR HOTTEST OPTIONS.



Rockingham

Heading to Perth? We hope you've got some spare time up your sleeve. With seaplane daytrips to Margaret River, heli-skydiving over Rottnest Island and swimming with wild dolphins, you might be tempted to miss your flight home...

SWIM WITH WILD DOLPHINS

There's nothing like seeing a wild dolphin zoom through the water in your direction, eyeballing you as it glides past with what you'd swear is a cheeky grin. More than 200 playful bottlenose dolphins frolic in the waters off Rockingham, 45 minutes south of Perth, making daily interactions pretty much guaranteed.

SNAP A SELFIE WITH THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST ANIMAL

The cheerful quokkas inhabiting Rottnest Island have to be some of the world's friendliest critters. These furry natives appear to smile, and provided you're mindful of their personal space, they're rather partial to starring in a quokka selfie.

VISIT THE BIRTHPLACE OF LITTLE CREATURES BREWING

Head to Fremantle's fishing boat harbour and explore the home of WA's most famous microbrewery, Little Creatures. Tour iconic steel beer vats on a brewery tour and then chase it with a free sample of everything on tap. Afterwards, grab a waterside table and taste the expansive menu of beer-matched snacks, meals and bar food too.

SEAPLANE TO MARGARET RIVER WINE COUNTRY

You'd be hard pressed to find a more spectacular way to get to Margaret River than via the new Swan River Seaplane service. The low altitude scenic flight over Perth's towering skyscrapers, sparkling coastlines, patchwork farmland and rolling vineyards delivers you to your getaway in less than an hour.

STAY IN HISTORIC LUXURY

'Point Zero' is the spot that marks Perth's geographical centre. It happens to be the location of Como the Treasury, the world's number two hotel, as voted by Condé Nast Traveller in 2017. The suites, pool, spa and restaurants are housed in restored 1870s heritage buildings. Tip: the mini bar is free!

DRIVE THROUGH THE PINNACLES AT SUNSET

The aged, yellow spires of the Pinnacles resemble a bizarre lunar landscape. Thousands of these eroded limestone formations poke through the earth, surrounded by sand dunes and ocean glimpses. The glow at sunset is magical and otherworldly.



The Pinnacles



Rottnest Island

Stories to inspire you by travellers and locals

PERTH'S TRENDIEST STREETS



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Daddy Long Legs

PERTH'S SUBURBS HAVE BEEN BUSY GENTRIFYING GRACEFULLY. FROM COFFEE TO CRAFT BREWING, JAPANESE FOOD TO JAZZ. ELLA LIASCOS BREEZES THROUGH THE LOCAL STREETS HOSTING THE BEST LOCAL HAUNTS.

Once named 'hipster heaven' by a New York Times writer, Perth's trendiest streets have since expanded. Here are some of the best.



Kitsch Bar

OXFORD STREET

Leederville

Buzzing Oxford Street is lined with trendy restaurants, cafés, and clothing stores that are busy both day or night. Kitsch Bar and The Low Key Chow House broadly celebrate Asian street food with a modern Australian twist, while Tsuke-Ba hones in on experimental Japanese.

BEAUFORT STREET

Mt Lawley

All six kilometres of Beaufort Street are filled to the brim with some of Perth's most Instagram-worthy restaurants and cafés. Also known as a superior music hub, Beaufort Street is home to The Ellington, Perth's most respected jazz club. The old art deco style Astor Theatre also attracts high profile international musicians and theatre performances. Once you've enjoyed the show, stop by for an outdoor drink at busy pub, The Flying Scotsman.



Future Shelter

“ Most vibrant in the day, part of it has been nicknamed the 'Cappuccino Strip' after it's alfresco cafes, like 30-year-old Gino's. ”

SOUTH TERRACE

Fremantle

A stone's throw from the harbour and South Beach, the breezy South Terrace strip begins at the train station and extends to South Fremantle. Most vibrant in the day, part of it has been nicknamed the 'Cappuccino Strip' after it's alfresco cafes, like 30-year-old Gino's.

WILLIAM STREET

Northbridge

William Street is well known for its many high quality Vietnamese and Chinese restaurants. In the centre, there's charming contrasts, like the sophisticated Shadow Wine Bar opposite the bustling Universal Bar. Elsewhere, Young Love Mess Hall and The Bird are home to popular live bands, DJ's and a cool atmosphere for a stress-free night on the town.

ESPLANADE

Scarborough

With a California feel, all the action at the Esplanade neatly surrounds a large, beach-facing roundabout. Barefoot beach goers are welcome at relaxed cafés like The Local Shack and Health Freak Café, and when the sun starts to set, golden ale is the beverage of choice at pubs like the Squire's Fortune or hip live music venues like El Grotto.

ALBANY HIGHWAY

Victoria Park

The lengthy Albany Highway first earned its reputation as a culinary hub by offering every style of Asian cuisine available, including Balinese, Japanese, Malaysian and Chinese. Nowadays, the area is known for specialty coffee and brunch spots as well as stylish bars like Sixteen Ounces café and Harvest Espresso.

Stories to inspire you by travellers and locals

SPECIAL FEATURE: THE KING OF ALL PARKS



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Kings Park

MOVE OVER CENTRAL PARK NYC, KINGS PARK IN PERTH TAKES THE THRONE FOR INNER CITY SIZE. THIS HISTORIC ABORIGINAL MEETING GROUND SHOWCASES WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, HOSTS SOME OF THE CITY'S HOTTEST CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES, PLUS IT'S ONLY A MINUTE'S WALK FROM THE CBD.



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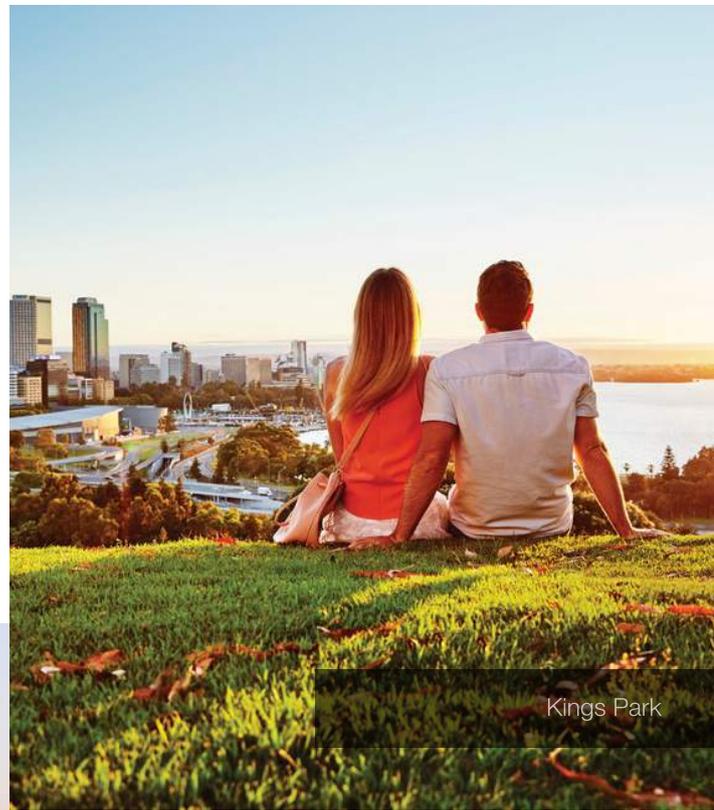
No matter how often you go – Kings Park, the largest inner city park in the Southern Hemisphere, will dazzle you every time. Only five minutes from the city centre, it's an oasis that delivers sweet escapism from everyday life.

At 400 hectares, Kings Park is 60 hectares larger than New York's Central Park, and for locals, it's equally as iconic.

Drawn in by a stunning entrance of tall, lemon-scented gums, most people spread picnic rugs on the grass around the State War Memorial, or stroll to the lookouts.

One of the park's most treasured attractions is the giant Boab, a unique species of tree that can live for 2000 years. Wide and rounded like a bottle, sprouting green tufts and tangled branches from its top, standing in the Boab's shadow will make you feel like you're exploring another world.

During wildflower season, and the annual Kings Park Festival, the park is particularly arresting. See pastel everlastings, fringe tufts of velvety kangaroo paw blooms, purple sprays of Geraldton wax and scarlet grevilleas, plus thousands more textural and intricate wildflower species. If you can't make it at festival time, the wildflowers generally last throughout October.



Kings Park



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Kings Park

King's Park also hosts some of the city's biggest concerts, the natural setting a perfect amphitheatre to see the likes of Blondie, Cyndi Lauper, Tim Minchin and Lorde. Meanwhile, on the park's western side, the open-air Moonlight Cinema draws crowds over summer.

For thousands of years, local Aboriginal people used the area for ceremonies, dreaming, cultural activities and hunting grounds. The self-led Boodja Gnarning Walk is dotted with signage explaining the ways in which trees and land were used by the Nyoongar people. While you might plan to visit for an hour or two, expect Kings Park's charms to hold you there far longer. Free walks run for between one and three hours and depart daily at 10am, 12pm and 2pm.

Stories to inspire you by travellers and locals

PERTH'S HOTEL REVOLUTION FROM CITY TO COAST



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COMO The Treasury

PERTH HOTELS ARE CREATING A REPUTATION FOR THEIR WORLD-CLASS AMENITIES. FROM THE REDEFINITION OF AN AIRPORT HOTEL, TO TRANSFORMING TIRED FAÇADES INTO BOUTIQUE LUXURY. MAX BREARLEY EXPLORES EXACTLY WHAT PERTH'S ACCOMMODATION HAS TO OFFER.



COMO The Treasury



Seashells Scarborough Beach



Heno and Ray, InterContinental

Perth has become a city favoured as a gateway for travellers, but also for global brands. In recent years luxury operators such as COMO have made Perth their first Australian landfall, with COMO The Treasury (pictured above), at the heritage State Buildings helping to establish Perth on the luxury travel map.

As the sector expands many other brands are following suit, with existing operators renewing properties and raising standards, giving Perth hotel diversity and value from city to coast.

AIRPORT ARRIVALS

Aloft, is “a vision of W Hotels”, the upscale hotel brand that is favoured by global travellers with an eye on design and luxury. Situated in Rivervale, just a few miles from Perth Airport, a walk or drive from Perth’s new stadium and a short ride to the city, Aloft is a luxurious but affordable option for both business travellers and tourists.

Close to the Swan River, many of the spacious rooms have impressive river and city views. While a global brand on an impressive growth trajectory, Aloft has a local feel at its core. W XYZ Bar on its ground floor stocks West Australian premium wines and beers, while the in-house Springs Kitchen wouldn't be out of place in one of Perth's up and coming inner suburbs. With 224 rooms, it can be hard to impart the vibe of a boutique hotel, but by using good design, colour and West Australian contemporary art, Aloft has managed to achieve it.

IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

From the floor to ceiling windows of the InterContinental, Perth's changing face is evident. The hotel itself (formerly Rydges) is a new entrant onto the city's scene. Below the Hay Street and King Street intersection, with His Majesty's Theatre adjacent, and the low rise period buildings of King Street's luxury shopping precinct on the doorstep, it is truly at the city's heart. High rise development is happening across the cityscape; including the Ritz Carlton at Elizabeth Quay.

Throughout the InterContinental, a residential luxury abounds, with thoughtful design, well-appointed rooms, and commissioned art in all guest rooms and public areas. An intimate reception area adds to the discreet feel of this five star property. Bars and restaurants, at the InterContinental take a distinctly Spanish approach. Heno and Rey is a laid back bar come restaurant that is set to be a city haunt for guests and locals alike, while Ascua, a more upscale restaurant has a woodfired grill at its centre.

For a boutique stay in the heart of Perth's art precinct the Alex Hotel offers one of the city's most well connected locations. Minutes from the central train station, and from the CBD, this urban hideaway is seconds from the State Theatre, Art Gallery of WA and Perth Institute of Contemporary Art. At the epicenter of the city's small bar scene, it's an ideal stay for those looking to get to grips with Perth after dark.



COASTAL LIFE

While a city stay puts you in the heart of the business, shopping and arts precincts, a stay by the coast allows a taste of Perth life at its best. Cottesloe, is a coastal icon, and favoured location for catching the sunset. At its centre since 1905, the Cottesloe Beach Hotel took on its classic art deco frontage in the 1930's. Above the traditional beachside bar, beach club and fish bar, you'll find just 13 rooms (10 with ocean views). This is beachside boutique.

Further north along the coast Scarborough is a suburb on the up. A major redevelopment of its foreshore and the opening of beachside bars and cafes make it a great coastal destination. Seashells Serviced Apartments offer ocean views and a level of comfort usually associated with the five star market. Well-equipped kitchens, spacious and well designed bedrooms and living areas give the feel of a home away from home.

FREMANTLE ON THE RISE

The port city has always offered an edgier experience to neighbouring Perth; one reason why it has a reputation for an alternative, artistic vibe. While Perth hotel properties are seeing renewal, Freo is no exception.

Tradewinds, a classic hotel overlooking the Swan River and the iconic cranes of the Freo dockyards, has undergone a refurbishment that goes beyond a lick of paint. Polished concrete walls, quality furnishings and a modern aesthetic are a cornerstone of this reborn hotel. A cocktail trolley, well-stocked mini bar and rooftop terrace perfect for sunset views are all part of the Tradewinds experience. Small details are the DNA of the Prendiville Group (owners of Cottesloe Beach Hotel, Hotel Rottnest, Pier 21 Apartments), a third generation, WA-owned operator.

In the centre of Fremantle, the Hougoumont is a collision of old and new. The name is that of the ship that transported the last convicts to the port. But the shipping link doesn't end there the hotel's innovative design incorporates original parts of the Duke of York Hotel, with modular, shipping container units. Described as a "boutique small room hotel", its size has an advantage, with prices amongst the best in both Perth and Fremantle within this bracket.



Tradewinds



Aloft



journeys

Trip ideas and journeys to help you plan

PERTH'S SECRET VINEYARDS



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Lancaster Winery

FOODIES HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO MARGARET RIVER FOR YEARS. HOWEVER, THIS HAS MEANT WA'S OTHER REGION OF VINEYARD VIRTUOSITY HAS FLOWN UNDER THE RADAR. MAX VEENHUYZEN PROFILES THE SWAN VALLEY AND PERTH HILLS LATEST AND GREATEST.



The Swan Valley



Mandoon Estate



La Fattoria Wines

"It's a lexicon of flavours," says winemaker Arch Kosovich of John Kosovich Wines as he siphons a splash of 60-year-old muscat from its weathered barrel. He's right. This liquid has been gracefully aging in the family's hand-dug underground cellar since the 1950s. In many ways, it tells the story of Western Australia's oldest winemaking region.

While Margaret River may enjoy global praise, as far as age goes, it's a teenager compared to the Swan Valley.

The late Jack Mann, founder of the family-owned Lamont's is renowned as one of the most influential winemakers in Western Australian history and his legacy remains today. Lamont's winemaker Digby Leddin oversees a range that includes a plush Shiraz and fruity Verdelho.

Not all the Swan Valley's family run ventures are small-scale. You've likely heard of Sandalford Winery and one of the area's newer players, Mandoon Estate. In addition to a cellar door showcasing the handiwork of winemaker Ryan Sudano, the estate is also home to a polished, modern Australian restaurant, a family-friendly playground, and on-site craft brewery, Homestead.

Speaking of beer, it's worth acknowledging the area's growing number of craft brewers, like Feral Brewing and its much loved Hop Hog IPA. Between Feral and other specialist brewers – Duckstein, Mash Brewing and Old Young's smoked gin, Swan Valley's appeal to adventurous drinkers becomes all too clear.

Up in the nearby Perth Hills, you'll find a picturesque region of lush landscapes, rolling hills and farming scenery.

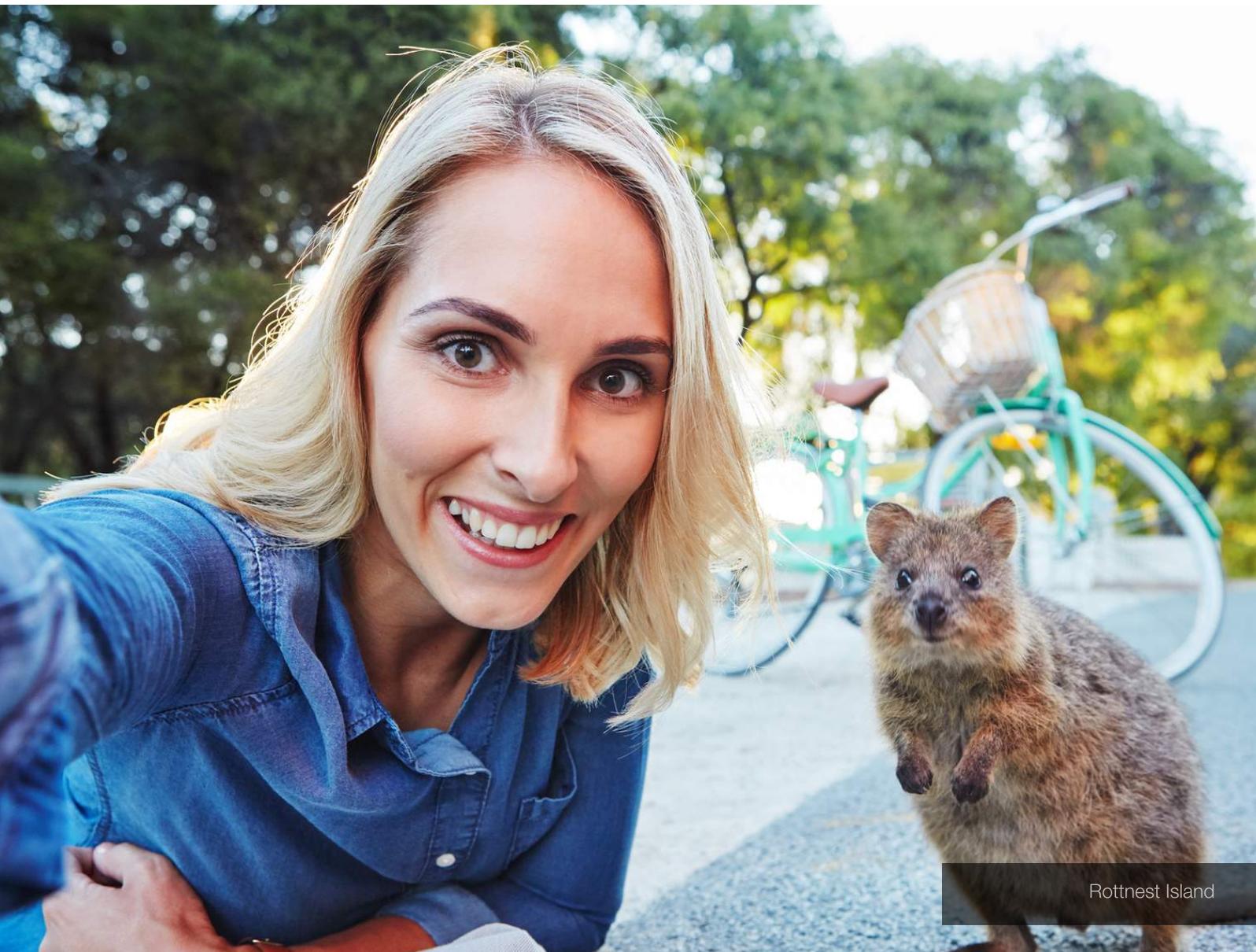
"The Hills are like a sleeping giant," says Fairbrossen winemaker Matthew Bowness. "It feels like it's on the cusp of blowing up. One of the big differences is the majority of businesses are family-owned so you really get that sense of boutique and artisan. Invariably you're talking to the owner at the cellar door". Head to La Fattoria, and Myattsfield for other Perth Hills favourites.

Trip ideas and journeys to help you plan

ROTTNEST: A JOURNEY TO PERTH'S SECLUDED ISLAND ESCAPE



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Rottneest Island

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP TAKING A SELFIE WITH ROTTO'S (AS THE LOCALS CALL IT) MAGNIFICENT MARSUPIAL, THE QUOKKA. GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AND THEN EXPLORE THE ISLAND BY BIKE, WHILE YOU TAKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET.



You can explore Rottneest Island in a day, but my tip is to take a few days or more, and set your watch to island time.

GETTING THERE

By Plane or Helicopter

Getting to Rottneest can be an adventure in itself! Rottneest Express is the most popular and economical way to reach the island, but there are other ways to get there.

The Rottneest Air Taxi for example, flies up to 6 passengers and takes only 12 minutes, which can work out to be not much more expensive than the ferry. You can also opt to extend time in the air, enjoying the bird's eye view of coral formations on the way over.

For those that have only one day to explore Rottneest, a catamaran covers both transport and activities, which could include whale watching depending on the season. You'll get breakfast and lunch, and free reign of snorkels, kayaks and stand up paddle boards to explore the turquoise bays too.

EXPLORING ROTTNEEST'S SECRET SWIMMING SPOTS

You can't go wrong choosing any of the 20 beautiful bays on the Island, but there's also an additional 63 secluded beaches.

For Snorkelling

In the warm Leeuwin current that runs through Rottneest, you'll find green turtles and 135 species of tropical fish.



The Basin



Little Salmon Bay

If you prefer to stay near the main settlement, The Basin is 10 minutes away and is a perfect beginner snorkelling location.

The limestone reefs around Rottnest may look beautiful, but they've also been responsible for a few shipwrecks over the years. Among the best preserved is The Uribes, a popular snorkelling spot at the east end of Thomson Bay,

For Swimming or Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Hire a bicycle and paddleboard, pack snacks from the general store and head to Parker Point or to the Champagne Pool at Marjory Bay for ripple-free waters.

For Surfing

Hire a bicycle and paddleboard, pack snacks from the general store and head west to the Champagne Pool at Marjory Bay for ripple-free waters.

WHERE TO SPOT QUOKKAS AND HUMPBACK WHALES

Whale and Dolphin Watching

One of the most peaceful things about Rottnest is that there are no cars (if you don't count the island's buses that shuttle holidaymakers who prefer more than two wheels as their mode of transport), so the island is a bicycle haven. Just an 18-minute cycle from the main settlement is Little Salmon Bay, a prime spot for watching migrating humpback whales between September and December, and bottlenose dolphins all year round.

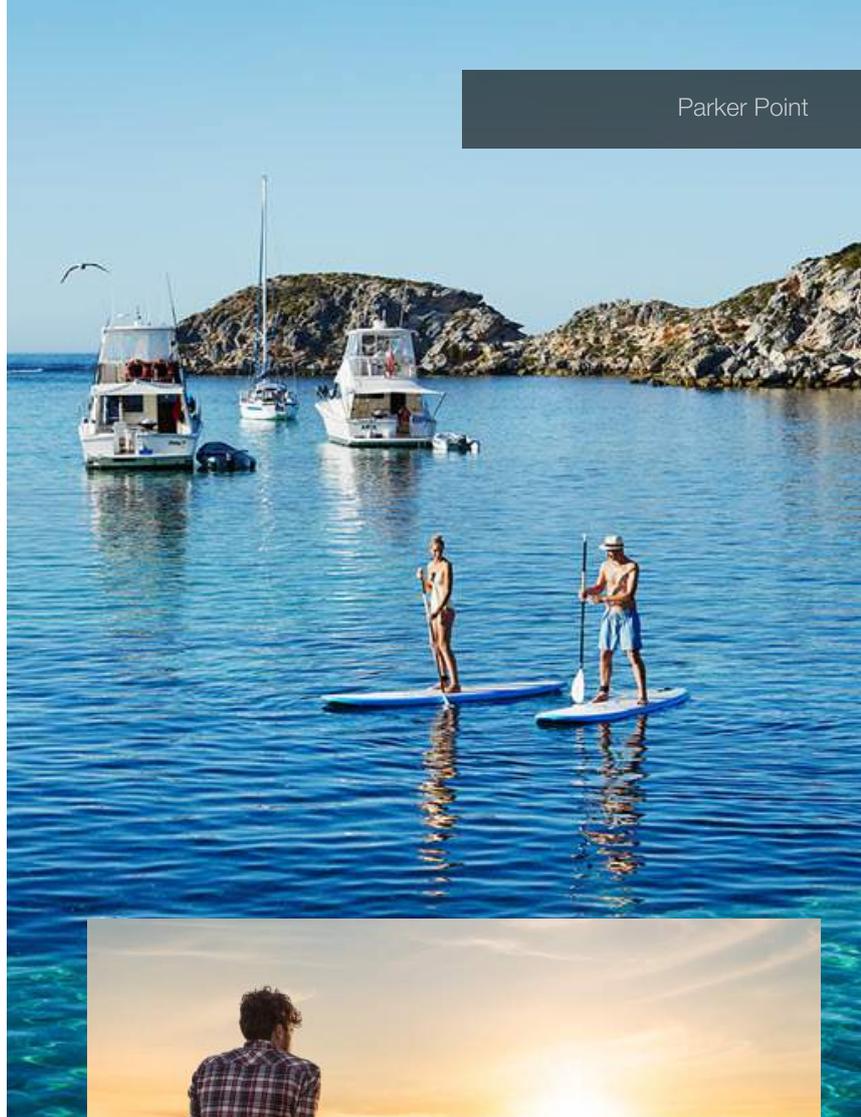
Spot Quokkas Along Wadjemup Bidi

The quokka's furry smile has made them a viral sensation, which — since the rise of social media — has become one of Rottnest's most sought after souvenirs. Let's keep these little marsupials smiling by exercising care when snapping your pic!

LOCAL WATERING HOLES

No trip to Rottnest is complete without a jam donut or a meat pie from the bakery. Geordies Café & Art Gallery is also a must for coffee enthusiasts and breakfast lovers.

Parker Point



Thompson Bay

BEST SPOTS TO WATCH THE SUNSET

For dinner with a view, pick up takeaway fish and chips and cycle to Bathurst Lighthouse for sunset. For double the impact, the lake at Geordie Bay mirrors the sky's purple and orange hues.

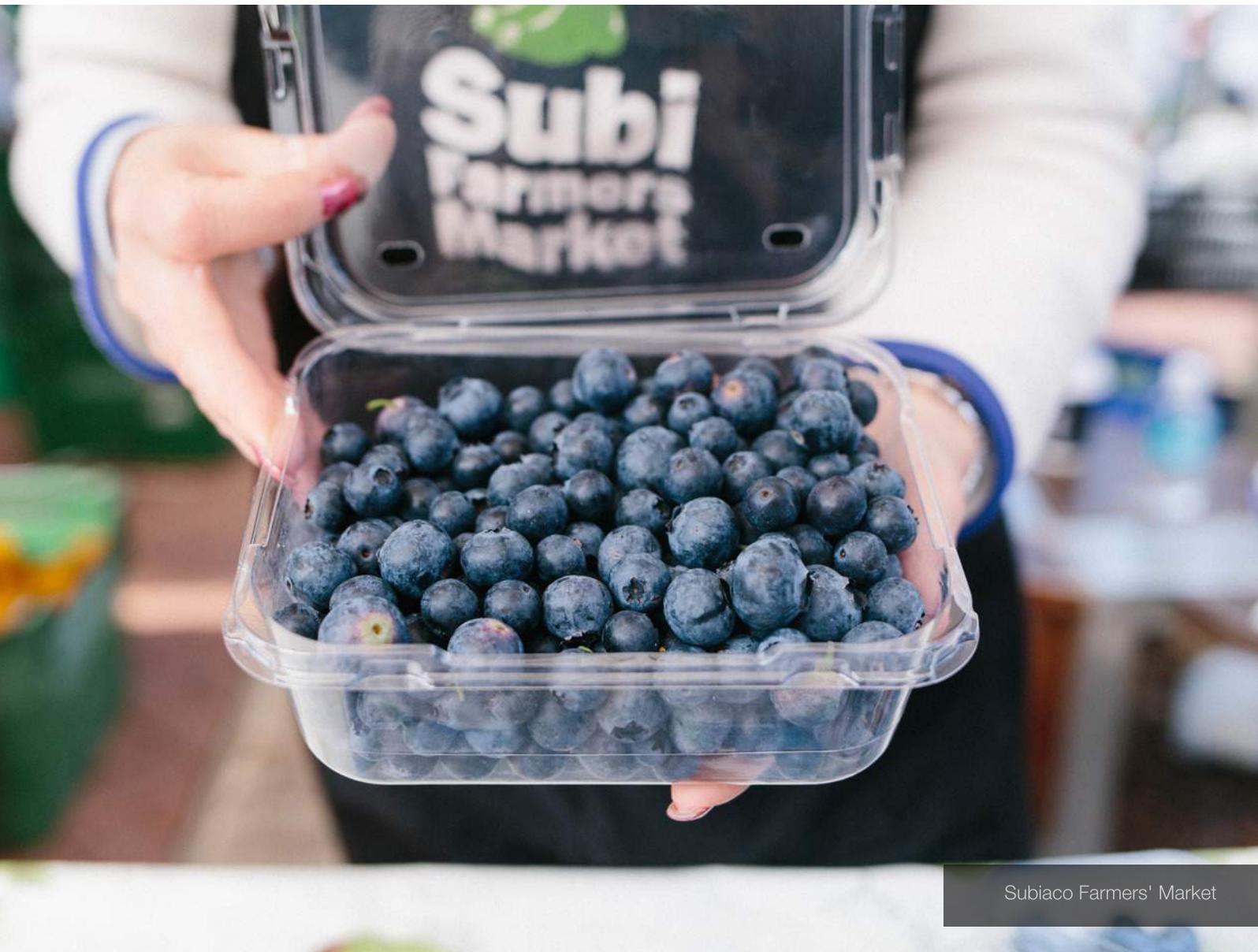
A sparkling golden ale and uninterrupted sunset views at Hotel Rottnest is the perfect way to end a trip to the island.

Trip ideas and journeys to help you plan

KEEPING IT LOCAL: SIX OF PERTH'S BEST FARMERS' MARKETS



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Subiaco Farmers' Market

IF HIGH QUALITY PRODUCE IS HIGH ON YOUR SHOPPING AGENDA, SKIP THE SUPERMARKET AISLES AND BUY DIRECT FROM LOCAL GROWERS AT PERTH'S WEEKEND FARMERS' MARKETS. HERE, WE PROFILE SIX OF THE CITY'S BEST.

Perth's local farmers' markets are not only a place to purchase seasonal produce – often organic and always free-range – they also provide a great opportunity to meet and mingle with like-minded locals and growers.

KYILLA COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

*Kyilla Park, Clieveden Street, North Perth
Held every Saturday, 8am-11.30am*

While fresh produce is one of Kyilla Community Farmers' Market's major drawcards, the weekly event is the result of Kyilla Primary School's vision for a more unified community. Each Saturday, locals flock to the thriving market to do their weekly shop, while chatting to neighbours over barista-brewed coffee.

Top tip: Don't leave without buying a bacon and egg roll made from local ingredients – all proceeds go directly to the primary school.



SUBI FARMERS' MARKET

*Subiaco Primary School, Bagot Road, Subiaco
Held every Saturday, 8am-12pm*

The Subi Farmers' Market is one of the oldest in WA and still one of the best. Come ready for breakfast – here you'll find everything from spanakopita to shakshuka. Beyond brekkie, there's plenty of fresh fruit and veg, charcuterie, cheeses, seedlings, and even a knife sharpening service!

Top tip: Visit Strange Grains Bakery for excellent gluten-free bread and Mr. Drummonds for incredible salted caramel crumpets.

PERTH CITY FARM

*1 City Farm Place, East Perth
Held every Saturday, 8am-12pm*

An organic oasis in the heart of the CBD, Perth City Farm is for the true locavores. Monday to Friday, the destination is a thriving community garden, and on Saturdays the grounds are transformed into a bustling farmers' market. Enjoy breakfast in the on-site café while kids burn off steam in the sandpit, then browse the stalls selling everything from biodynamic meats to organic clothing and baby products.

Top tip: Green-thumbs looking for inspiration can wander through the permaculture vegetable garden.



PERTH HOME GROWN

*Murray Street Mall, Perth
Held every Sunday, 11am-4pm*

While most other markets are winding down, Perth Home Grown is just getting warmed up. Set in the heart of Perth's busiest pedestrian mall, it is dedicated to sustainable living with absolutely everything on offer home-made or home-grown. Browse the stalls to find orchard-direct fruit and veg, unique handmade homewares and baked goods.

Top tip: This is a great place to find unique, locally-made gifts. The Canadian donuts are pretty hard to pass up too.

GROWER'S GREEN FARMERS' MARKET

*South Fremantle Senior High School, Annie Street, South Fremantle
Held every Sunday, 8am-12pm*

Looking for a genuine supermarket alternative? Look no further than Grower's Green Farmers' Market. Here, passionate local stallholders sell everything from beef to bread, and honey to home grown fruit and veg. Enjoy live music while snacking on Turkish, Indian, Vietnamese, Italian and Moroccan cuisine. On the first Sunday of every month, a 'Big Market' is held with additional stalls selling vintage and hand-made clothing, jewellery, crafts and books.

Top tip: Get your morning off to a fresh, fiery start with a traditional Vietnamese pork bahn mi.

VIC PARK MARKETS

*Jon MacMillian Park, Kent Street, East Victoria Park
Every Sunday, 8am-12pm*

A quick tip for those planning on attending Vic Park Markets: make sure you skip breakfast! While this market has less fresh produce than others in town, its selection of food vendors ranges from Turkish and Vietnamese through to home-baked pastries and crepes. Visit on the last Sunday of each month to catch one of the market's special events, which in the past have included a 'buy nothing' swap meet and a doggie day out under the park's stunning Morton Bay fig trees.

Top tip: Grab a bag of fresh bagels for lunch – they're the best!



A PERFECT MATCH: PERTH AND MARGARET RIVER

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MARGARET RIVER IS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS, AND FOR GOOD REASON. PREMIUM LOCAL PRODUCE, SURF, NATURE, CRAFT BEER AND WINES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY WILL ACCENT YOUR IDEAL ITINERARY, THOUGHTFULLY PUT TOGETHER BY OUR EXPERT WA INSIDERS.



Bunker Bay

Margaret River

Blessed with a Mediterranean climate, tall timber forests and glorious coastlines, holidaymakers flock to Margaret River for its rejuvenating combination of surf, wine, and nature.

Distance: 270km
Travel time: 5 days



DAY 1

Perth to Margaret River

To skip the sunset peak hour on your way to Margaret River, it's best to leave around lunchtime, or after 7pm.

Once you're on the road, break up the drive with a pit stop for coffee at the Bunbury Farmers' Markets. The large market also sells premium produce and top-quality cheese and dips for the journey.

There's endless accommodation options to choose from depending on your needs and the type of experience you're after. For a memorable camping stay, Mile End's opulent geodesic domes are set on a private 144 acre estate, and is only 15-minutes from town. For those who prefer to be in the centre of things, Margaret's Forest Holiday Apartments is suited for families or larger groups.

If you're itching to get out in nature after the long drive, there's a great selection walking trails. Canal Rocks to Wyadup is a highlight for its exceptional views of the coast and lookouts at sunset.

DAY 2

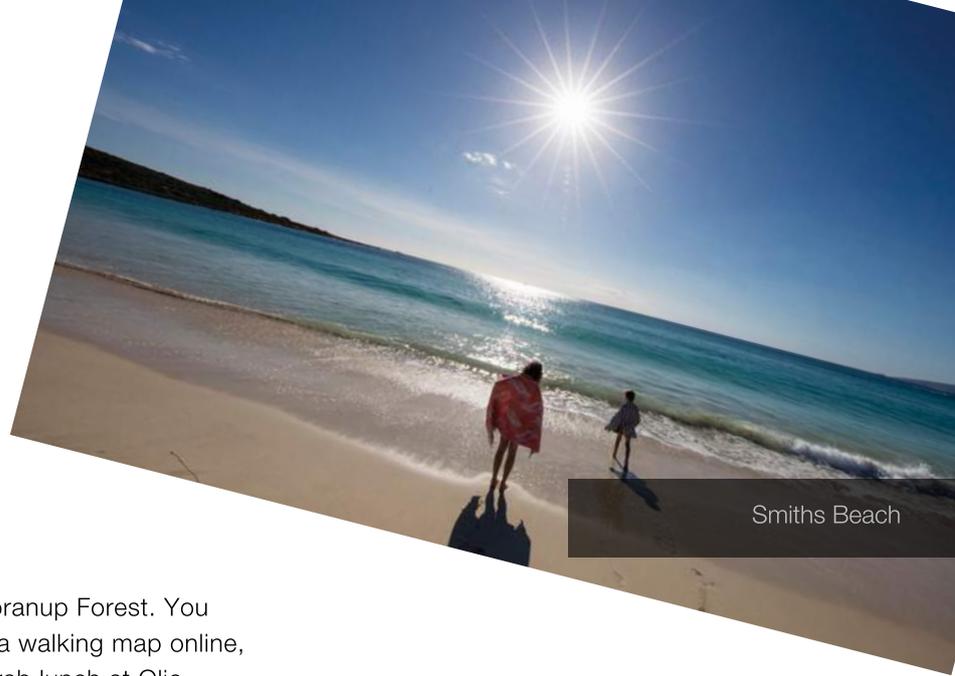
For a local breakfast, the eclectic Margaret River Bakery is a must-visit, and Sidekick is great for healthy, gluten free options.

Afterwards, Jester's Flat offers picnics and trail rides through the forest or along the beach. After a morning spent soaking up the natural surrounds, it's time for a pit stop at Eagle Bay Brewing Co. Boasting views of the valley, it's a great place to relax while enjoying a local brew or lunch.

Also worth a stopover is the historical Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse; the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia. For dinner, Piari & Co's menu transforms with the seasons, featuring the best ingredients from the South West region, with wines from nearby vineyards.



DAY 3



Smiths Beach

Get up early for a walk or bike ride through Boranup Forest. You can hire cycles at Life Cycle Bikes, download a walking map online, or pick up a hard copy at the visitor centre. Grab lunch at Olio Bello.

For dinner, Swings Taphouse is a cellar door in town specialising in wood fired pizza, local craft beers and a seasonal menu. Highlights include anchovy and red pepper crostini, and lamb rump with baba ganoush.



Boranup Forest



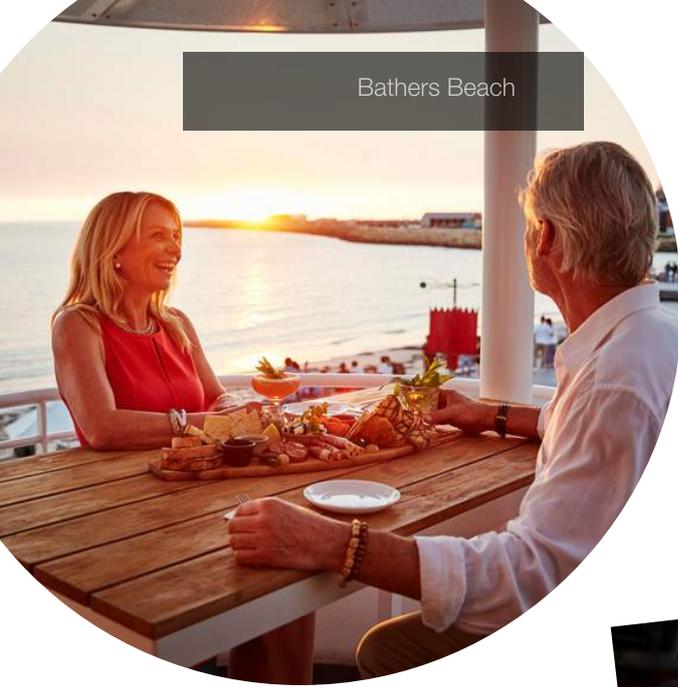
Olio Bello

DAY 4

Start with a morning dip and breakfast. Smith's Beach fulfils this perfectly, with its proximity to gourmet deli and satisfying brunch spot; Lamont's.

After a three hour journey back to Perth, Propeller's stylish alfresco in North Fremantle is a sunny and reliable place for lunch, inspired by Middle Eastern flavours.

Bathers Beach

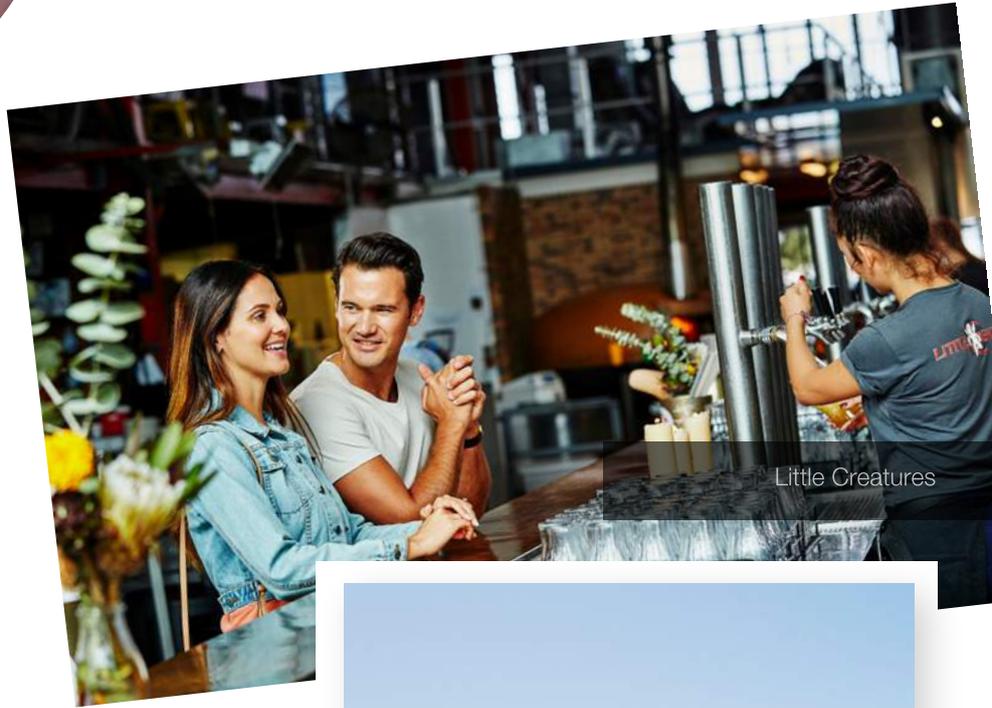


Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour is the perfect spot for fish and chips on the jetty at Cicerello's with stunning views of the harbour. It's also conveniently across from Kailis' gelato stand. For craft beer brews, the famous waterfront brewery Little Creatures is only a few doors down, and Bathers Beach around the corner.

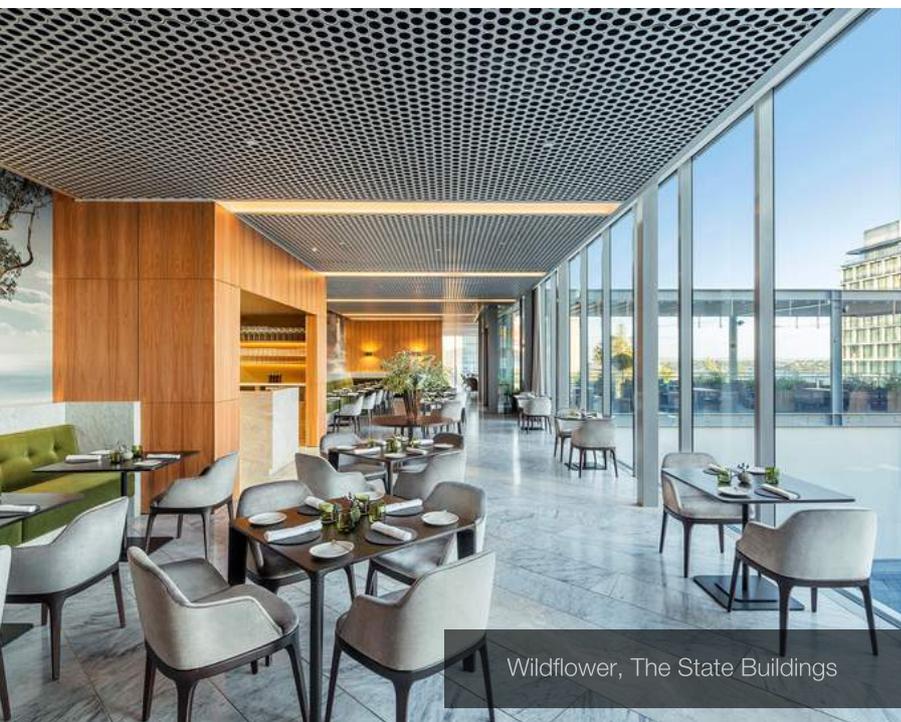
DAY 5

With world-class kitesurfing conditions, Cottesloe Beach is a consistently good spot for beginners and veterans. You can opt for a two hour lesson with Yogaworx or choose a three lesson package.

Spend the afternoon and evening exploring the Old Treasury State Buildings, an ample collection of some of Perth's most esteemed bars and restaurants.



Little Creatures



Wildflower, The State Buildings



Cottesloe Beach

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