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Wills Domain Winery, Margaret River

## Experience **TOP QUALITY WINE**, **WORLD-CLASS SURF** and **FOOD FESTIVALS**

The Margaret River Region is renowned for producing some of Australia's very best food and wine. But that is just the beginning of what's on offer. From the coast, to the caves, to the forest there is enough on offer in the Margaret River Region to satisfy everyone, from the foodie to the serious adventurer.

### Margaret River Region

The Margaret River Region encompasses the towns of Dunsborough, Busselton, Yallingup, Cowaramup, Augusta and Margaret River. It is known for its premium wines, and offers travellers a unique opportunity to indulge in a range of holiday experiences. It is the only wine region in Australia where you can hop from award-winning wineries and restaurants to stunning beaches, tall-timber forests, world-class surf breaks and ancient caves. Blessed with mild weather and abundant sunshine, Margaret River has evolved from a chilled-out surfer town into a popular base for enjoying the region's fine flavours and spectacular scenery, where rolling vineyards sit against a backdrop of ocean and forest.

Producing over 20% of Australia's premium wine, the tastings are top notch. Besides over 100 cellar doors, you'll be spoilt for choice with many fine restaurants, boutique breweries, art galleries and fresh produce, from divine cheeses to decadent chocolate. Time your visit to coincide with the annual wine and food festivals and you'll get to savour many of these flavours in one hit.

Those with a taste for adventure will find plenty to indulge in too, from exploring the famous Cape to Cape track, or spotting whales off the coast.

From Perth, it's an easy three hour drive via coast or country. Budget travellers can catch the coach that departs daily. Or, you can opt to arrive in style, fly direct from Melbourne three times a week.

After a journey surrounded by premium wineries, and amazing vistas of undulating vineyards, it is the lush forest, the river and the surf breaks that add an extra dimension to Margaret River.



Smiths Beach

During the day the towns are bustling with sandy beach feet, but at night they come alive with a totally different scene of fantastic foodie restaurants, wine bars, and pubs with live music. Decadent food, premium produce, internationally renowned wine, surf culture, art and a love for nature combine to be the soul of the town and some of the main attractions.

Stunning walking and cycling tracks meander along the river or through the surrounding forest to the vineyards and farms. The world-famous Margaret River surf is only 10 minutes from the Margaret River town centre.

A range of quality accommodation is available ranging from backpackers, bed and breakfasts, apartments, luxury lodges, manors and hotels.



Beach BBQ, Western Australia Gourmet Escape

### Western Australia Gourmet Escape

It's a full plate at the annual Western Australia Gourmet Escape, which is hosted in Perth and Margaret River each November with a line-up of international celebrity chefs and homegrown favourites.

In 2019, Marco Pierre White was joined by Momofuku's David Chang, Jock Zonfrillo, Colin Fassnidge and Pierre Koffmann.

Western Australia Gourmet Escape offers something for everyone from the avid foodies to those simply chasing a bit of celebrity action, and of course those who want to try the region's premium wines in spectacular locations.



Olio Bello, Margaret River



Cape to Cape walk trail, near the Wilyabrup Cliffs



## When to visit



A year round destination, the Margaret River Region has a Mediterranean climate with warm summers and cool, wet winters.

May - December: catch the annual Humpback, Blue and Southern Right whale migration; and each year at the end of November the global food and community migrate to the Margaret River region for the Western Australia Gourmet Escape.

September - November: wildflowers bloom along the many walking trails and coastal tracks.

## Getting here



There are daily direct flights to Perth from Auckland. From March 2020 you can also access direct flights to Busselton from Melbourne.



All major rental cars have depots at the Perth Airport and from there, the Margaret River Region is an easy three hour drive south with low traffic congestion.

## How to get around



With so much to explore, taking a road trip lets you set your own pace. The Margaret River Region is a collection of coastal towns starting in Busselton through to Augusta, all easily accessible within a radius of a 60 minute drive. Taxis and guided tours are also available in the towns of Busselton, Dunsborough, Yallingup and Margaret River

## Need more information

For more information about Margaret River including itineraries, events and more visit [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com)

# TOP THINGS to DO

## THE COAST WITH THE MOST

The region stretches along some of the most pristine coastline and swimming beaches you'll ever experience. The shoreline is no less impressive, offering rugged rocky bays and towering limestone cliffs just waiting to be explored.

Busselton Jetty and Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse both offer uniquely different perspectives of the coastline. The former is the second longest jetty in the world and can be traversed by foot or train to the end which houses an incredible underwater observatory that offers marine views 8m beneath the waterline. At over 100 years old, mainland Australia's tallest and still working lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin marks the point where the powerful Indian and Southern Oceans converge.



Sugarloaf Rock

## ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURE

With coast, forest and caves found within this region, you will be spoilt for choice to be as adventurous as you want. From surfing, diving, snorkelling, hiking, mountain biking, quad biking, caving, abseiling and more on offer. And you can choose from one of the many local tour providers to show you the best spots or self-guide yourself through the region.



Boranup Forest

## EPIC LANDSCAPES

A perfect counterpoint to the 24-hour roar of the surf breaking on the sand, the giant timber forests through the Margaret River Region have stood silent for thousands of years. Find the giant Jarrah, Karri, Marri and Tuart trees by simply driving down Caves Road, one of the most scenic roads in the region. Western Australia's south is also home to some spectacular limestone and crystal caves including Jewel, Ngilgi, Mammoth and Lake Caves which can be explored with guided tours.



Wills Domain Winery

## EXTRAORDINARY FOOD AND WINE

The region has more than 150 local wine producers, with over 100 of them trading directly to the public from their cellar doors. Most famous for its Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Cabernet Sauvignon, the Margaret River Region produces around 20% of Australia's premium wine. Choose to self-guide or take one of the many guided tours across the cellar doors of the region. Or if your taste buds prefer try the local craft brews, ciders and distilleries for another distinctive Margaret River thirst quencher.

There is also no better place to get your gourmet foodie fix. Home to a bounty of fresh produce, it's no surprise that the region has developed a reputation for being Western Australia's culinary epicentre. There are the freshly farmed marron, trout and venison; handcrafted cheeses and chocolates; boutique beers and crisp ciders. With such a variety of dining on offer, every meal you have in the Margaret River Region is a celebration of the best the locals have to offer.



Ngilgi Cave

## CULTURE IMMERSION

Immerse yourself in the culture of the region from the customs of the Aboriginal Noongar people, to the local artisans and musicians, there are plenty of experiences to deepen your love for the area. Experience the world's most ancient living culture at the Wardan Aboriginal Centre in Yallingup. Or venture to Ngilgi Cave and discover firsthand the fascinating Aboriginal legend of the battle between good and evil spirits that gave the cave its name.