



Cottesloe Beach, Perth

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Australia's **SUNNIEST CITY** offering **A VIBRANT URBAN** and **NATURE ADVENTURE**

Long celebrated as one of the world's prettiest and most liveable cities, Perth is now striding confidently on to the international stage as a leading player in Australia's cultural, hospitality and events scene. New attractions, accommodation, wining and dining offerings and cultural and entertainment precincts have flourished, complementing the city's natural beauty. So what's new, and what's to come?

New city precincts

Connecting the Swan River and city, the vibrant waterfront precinct of Elizabeth Quay opened in 2016. Look out for Go Cultural's Aboriginal walking tours, river cruises, public art, pop-up events, kids play areas, a brewery and restaurants. Multiple development projects are taking shape, including the newly-opened Ritz-Carlton Perth, its first Australian property in over 10 years. The hotel offers a rooftop bar, Songbird, and fine-dining restaurant, Hearth.

As part of the Perth City Link project, two new public precincts have been unveiled. Kings Square is a short walk from Perth Arena, Northbridge and the Perth Cultural Centre where visitors can have a bite to eat or meander through the Art Gallery of WA; while Yagan Square is the flagship public space. Designed to celebrate WA with a strong Aboriginal narrative, Yagan Square is a hub of activity, day and night, with a digital tower and digital canopies for light, art, and video projections, native gardens, and public art. This hub is also home to a market hall, featuring around 20 food vendors, other eateries, bars and pop-up events, such as the annual Fringe World festival.



Elizabeth Quay

Elsewhere, heritage buildings and laneways are now home to bustling bars and street art. More than 80 walls across Perth and surrounding suburbs have become a canvas for local, interstate and international artists, including a new 23-storey masterpiece adorning The Adnate hotel. Opening at the end of 2015, the State Buildings has become one of Perth's most popular wining and dining precincts.

Situated in the centre of the city, the former government buildings have been reinvented and as well as housing luxury boutique hotel COMO The Treasury, visitors will find David Thompson's Long Chim, celebrated Perth chocolatier Sue Lewis, Rohan Jewellery, COMO Shambhala, Wildflower restaurant (with a menu revolving around the six Indigenous Noongar seasons) and many more unique foodie experiences.

Recently opened Hibernian Place is home to the 368-room, five-star Westin Perth, Guy Grossi's Garum restaurant, much-loved WA wellness spa Bodhi J, a coffee roaster, rooftop bar and new eateries.

New hotels

Perth now offers some of the best value hotel and short-stay accommodation in Australia. Not only are visitors enjoying more choice in accommodation with a broad selection of boutique, big name and luxury accommodation options, Perth hoteliers are also offering up some great deals.

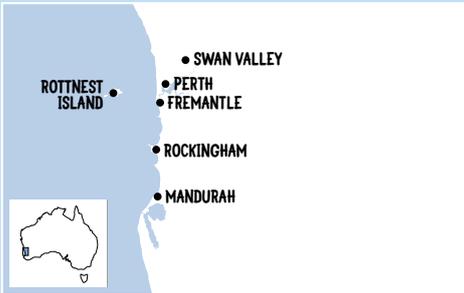
Since 2012, over 40 new or redeveloped hotels have opened in and around Perth, adding nearly 5,000 new rooms to the local market with names such as COMO, Crown Towers, Ritz-Carlton, Intercontinental and Aloft among the mix.

By 2022, it is expected that a further seven new hotels will come online, adding even more new rooms. Among the names still to come are DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Waterfront, and Dorsett Hotel.



State Buildings, Perth

Kings Park, Perth



When to visit



With clear blue skies and comfortable temperatures Perth is a great holiday destination year round.

Getting here



There are daily direct flights to Perth from Auckland with Air New Zealand.



Perth is serviced by the Indian Pacific train from Sydney and Adelaide.



Fremantle is Perth's major port facility for ocean liner cruising, which is located 30 minutes from the centre of Perth.

How to get around



For road trip visitors, Perth is a depot for all major rental cars and motor homes. A regular and reliable metropolitan train and bus system runs through Perth city and surrounding suburbs and there are free 'CAT' buses that circuit the inner city.

Need more information

For more information about Perth including itineraries, events and more visit westernaustralia.com

TOP THINGS to DO

KINGS PARK AND SWAN RIVER

Kings Park and Botanic Garden is one of the largest inner city parks in the world offering stunning views and the opportunity to see a snapshot of WA's native flora species. The Swan River and its cycle-friendly foreshore is a great place to enjoy the weather. Pack a picnic, go for a twilight sail or try your hand at fishing.



HIT THE BEACH

Just 20 minutes from the CBD, Perth's sensational 19 beaches offer a range of coastal experiences. From beachfront dining at City Beach and Trigg, to watching the sun melt into the ocean on the iconic white sands of Cottesloe, or taking in the wave action at board and kite surfing hotspot Scarborough.

THE SWAN VALLEY

Just 20 minutes drive east of Perth, and also accessible via river cruises from the city, the Swan Valley is the state's oldest wine growing region. There is a range of guided or self-guided tours available, with six breweries, over 40 wineries, distilleries, gourmet produce, and several restaurants and cafés to discover.



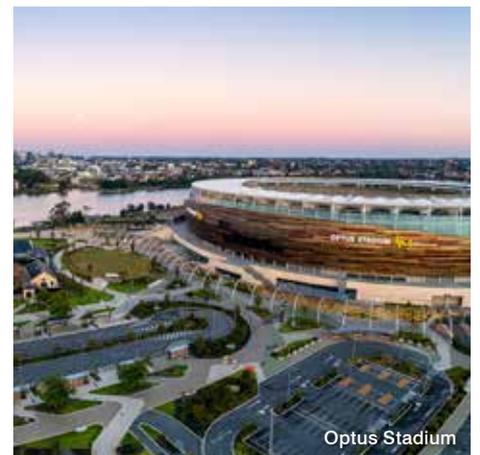
ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham is home to a vast array of marine fauna including seals, penguins and wild dolphins. The seaside town is a 40 minute drive or train ride south of Perth where you can swim in ocean waters with the wild dolphins or watch from a viewing platform as they frolic beneath your feet. 1,200 little penguins live a short ferry ride away on Penguin Island where you can meet, feed and learn about them, and a further boat cruise to Seal Island offers a chance to watch sea lions and seals basking on the beach.



ROTTNEST ISLAND

Famous for its laid back atmosphere and dazzling beaches, Rottnest Island lies just a 30 minute ferry ride from Fremantle - or if you want an aerial journey, by seaplane and helicopter. It's hard not to relax in this car-free zone where hiring a bike is the best way to get around, though buses also tour the island. Hop between 63 bays and 20 pristine white beaches, snorkel nearby shipwrecks or just enjoy the unique ecosystem where the friendly local marsupial, the quokka, thrives. There is a range of tours or self guide options available for this day or overnight island retreat. The beachside glamping, Discovery Rottnest Island, opened in 2019!



OPTUS STADIUM

With 60,000 seats and a fans-first approach in design and technology, Optus Stadium, named world's most beautiful stadium and the best in Australia, is a multi-purpose venue that hosts a range of sport and entertainment events, and has already seen the All Blacks, Black Caps and Warriors grace the pitch. Attending an Australian rules football match from March to August is a must-do. Accessible by road and public transport, the venue also offers an impressive entry via foot over the Matagarup Bridge from the Burswood Peninsula to East Perth and the CBD. Next door, The Camfield is Australia's largest pub!