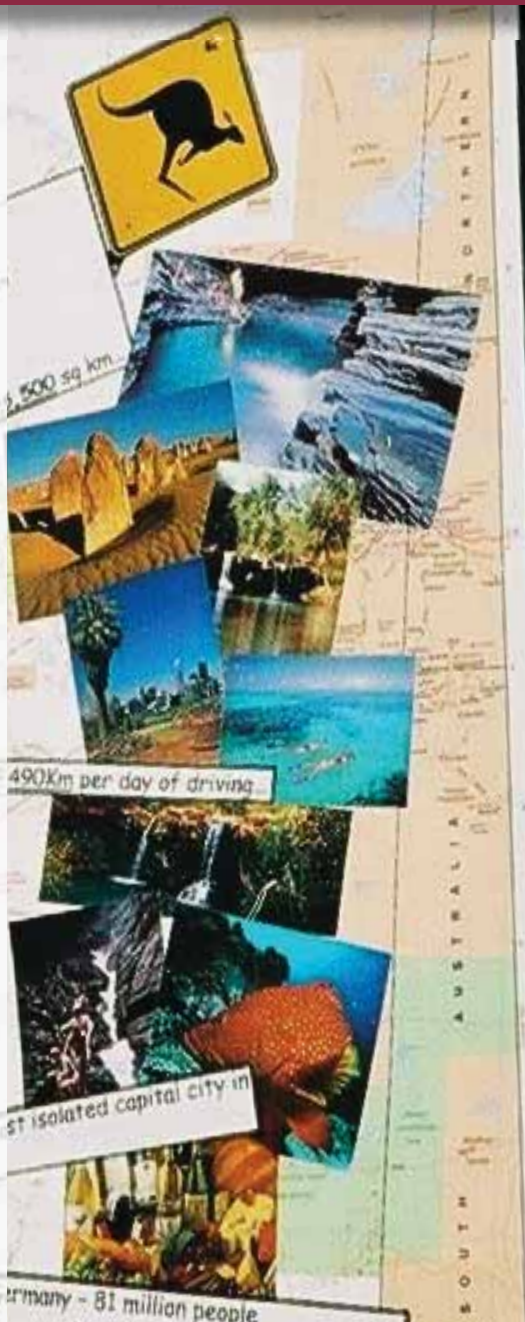
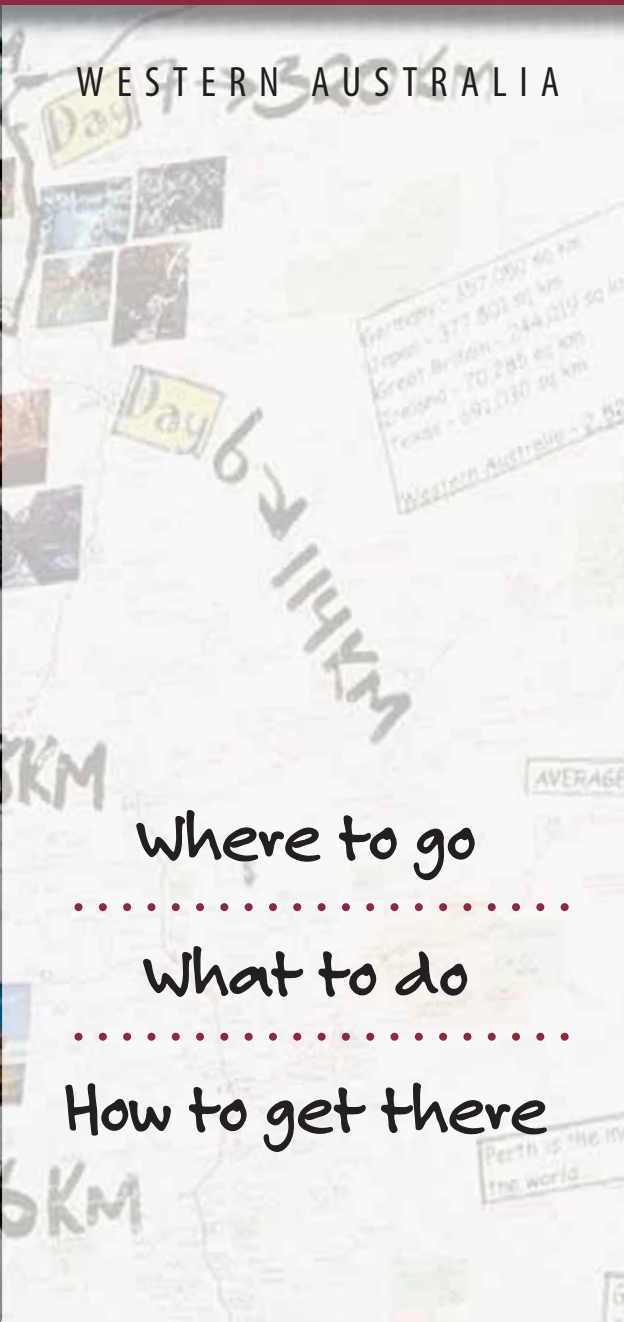




# The Good Stuff



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Where to go
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- How to get there

Perth - 157,000 sq km  
 Inland - 377,801 sq km  
 Great Australia - 244,019 sq km  
 Coastal - 70,285 sq km  
 Total - 597,030 sq km  
 Western Australia - 2,523,500 sq km

AVERAGE 490km per day of driving

Perth is the most isolated capital city in the world.

Germany - 81 million people

# The Emperors Crown

So how do we know so much about Western Australia?



Welcome to Perth, Western Australia and The Emperors Crown. We hope that your journey to our door was a safe and enjoyable one.

To further enhance your time spent in Perth and its surrounds, we here at The Crown have compiled a summary of various tours and activities that may be of interest.

Within these pages there are a number of independent activities for in and around Perth.

Each of the tours suggested are with well known operators with years of experience in their selected areas. This summary ranges from day tours, in and around Perth, to extended tours to the North and South.

For those with greater ambition (and time) we have even researched the extended trips right through to the Kimberley's and beyond.



Previous to becoming the Manager of The Crown, 'Hopper' was a Senior Tour Guide for one of Australia's largest touring companies.

Having completed over 70 tours of the West Coast he has developed a substantial amount of knowledge relating to the highlights of Western Australia, the different ways to get to and from these areas, and how to do it all according to the all important budget – whatever yours may be.

Hopper is very passionate about this vast state of ours and what it has to offer, please feel free to distract him from his duties and have a chat... You have been warned though - when it comes to exploring and discovering Western Australia he can talk all afternoon!

If you require any other assistance whilst at The Crown please do not hesitate to ask. We will help you out as much as we can and if we don't know the answer then we will find someone who does!

Enjoy your stay and again,  
**Welcome to Perth**



Perth is one of the youngest capital cities of Australia. It is also the most remote capital city in the world with our nearest neighbour being Adelaide some 3,500km to the east.

It was founded in 1829 by Captain James Stirling who was sent to settle the area as part of his retirement package from the British fleet as a commander. Of course, he wasn't the first to arrive here, with our state having a rich history including Dutch, French and Portuguese explorers.

Of a state population of only 2 Million people, almost 3/4 live here in Perth. The majority of those remaining enjoy the country life that is the "South West" and those that are left live in the harsh extremes of the North. Most of these attracted to the wealth of the mining industry.

## So, what can I see & do in Perth?

Now that you have arrived in Perth it may be time to get out and about and explore our wonderful city and its surrounds. In all your research before arriving, you have probably heard of our main sites and attractions?

There is the natural bushland of Kings Park in the centre of the city; Rottnest Island off the coast; the 'trendy' streets of Subiaco; the cappuccino strip in Fremantle - a port enveloped in culture and maritime history...

And then there are those things you don't always hear about. The Swan Valley and its wineries, Hillarys Boat Harbour and its underwater aquarium, or the coastal township of Lancelin and its surfing heritage, to name just a few....

### WA Maritime Museum

Cliff Street, Fremantle  
Phone: 9431 8444  
[www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime](http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime)

#### Gold coin donation

### Western Australian Museum

Perth Cultural Centre, James Street, Perth  
Phone: 9427 2700  
[www.museum.wa.gov.au](http://www.museum.wa.gov.au)

#### Gold coin donation

### The Perth Mint

310 Hay Street, Perth  
Tours every half hour, from **\$9.90**  
Phone: 9421 7218  
[www.perthmint.com.au](http://www.perthmint.com.au)

### The Perth Zoo

20 Labouchere Road, South Perth  
Phone: 9474 0444  
[www.perthzoo.gov.wa.au](http://www.perthzoo.gov.wa.au)  
**\$9.90 (Wed only \$8)**

### Subiaco Oval

250 Roberts Road, Subiaco  
To see live Aussie Rules Football go to:  
[www.ticketmaster7.com](http://www.ticketmaster7.com)  
Phone: 13 61 00  
**Match from \$22**

### Fremantle Prison

The Terrace, Fremantle  
Phone: 9336 9200  
[www.fremantleprison.com](http://www.fremantleprison.com)  
Doing Time Tour **\$15.50**  
Tunnel Tour **\$45**  
Torchlight Tour **\$19.50**

### Burswood Casino

Great Eastern Hwy, Burswood  
[www.burswood.com.au](http://www.burswood.com.au)

### Art Gallery of Western Australia

James Street Mall, Perth  
[www.artgallery.wa.gov](http://www.artgallery.wa.gov)

### Rockface Indoor Climbing

63B John Street, Northbridge  
[www.rockface.com.au](http://www.rockface.com.au)  
Phone: 9328 5998  
\$19 Including harness hire

### Kings Park & Botanic Garden

<http://www.kpbg.wa.gov.au>

### Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts

Perth Cultural Centre, 51 James Street  
Phone: 9227 6144  
[www.pica.org.au](http://www.pica.org.au)

### The Swan Bells

Barrack Square, Riverside Drive  
[www.swanbells.com.au](http://www.swanbells.com.au)

### AQWA

#### Aquarium of Western Australia

Hillarys Boat Harbour  
91 Southside Drive, Hillarys  
Phone: 9447 7500  
[www.aqwa.com.au](http://www.aqwa.com.au)  
**\$23.50**

### [www.theguide.com.au](http://www.theguide.com.au)

Check out this website for a comprehensive guide to Perth's nightlife - restaurants, cafes, pubs & clubs  
Site includes discount vouchers and special offers!

With all these ideas and information, the next big question is... "How do I get there?". **We have a simple system of public transport including trains and buses. For full timetable information, jump onto [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au).**

### Buses

To explore Perth at your own leisure, we have the C.A.T bus system (Central Area Transport) which is actually **FREE!**

To experience the daily organised tours, most leave from the tourist coach stand down on Wellington Street, just in front of the bus station. Some companies will even pick you up from the front of the hostel.

**See Hopper in reception for a map of the bus routes.**

### Need a Taxi?

Call Swan Taxis on **131330**.

### Or perhaps hire a car?

In Perth, we have all the usual suppliers of vehicles. Our preferred company is locally based Ezidrive. They have competitive rates and even deliver the car to the front door of the hostel. Too easy!

#### Ezidrive

640 Newcastle St.  
[www.ezidrive.com.au](http://www.ezidrive.com.au)  
Phone: 92277111

#### Bayswater Car Rentals

160 Adelaide Terrace  
[www.bayswatercarrental.com.au](http://www.bayswatercarrental.com.au)  
Phone: 93251000

#### M2000 Car Rental

166 Adelaide Terrace  
[www.m2000.com.au](http://www.m2000.com.au)  
Phone: 9325 4110

#### Budget Rent-a-car

960 Hay St  
[www.budget.com.au](http://www.budget.com.au)  
Phone: 132727

#### Europcar

3 Gordon St  
[www.europcar.com.au](http://www.europcar.com.au)  
Phone: 9226 0026



A lot of these sites are easily visited using our public transport or even hiring a car but sometimes it's just easier to jump on one of the many organised tours which operate around Perth on a daily basis. Please find below a list of tours and attractions which you may find of interest.

**Rottnest Island** from **\$58**

Rottnest Ferry return trip  
Rottnest Ferry + island coach tour and lunch  
Rottnest Ferry + bicycle hire

**Rockingham Dolphins** from **\$75**

Swim with the Dolphins – Day tour  
Watch the dolphins – Day tour

**Scarborough & Lancelin Surf School** from **\$79**

Scarborough Beach hourly surf lessons  
Lancelin surf trip – day tour  
5 day surf school in Lancelin

**Malibu Diving - Rottnest** from **\$150**

2 dive all inclusive day to Rottnest  
4 day Open Water dive course  
2 day Advanced dive course  
"Discover Scuba" Rottnest day trip  
"Discover Snorkelling" Rottnest day trip

**About Bike Hire** from **\$6**

Hire a bike and ride around the Swan River and Kings Park

**Oceanic Cruises** from **\$14**

Perth to Fremantle by ferry  
Perth to Fremantle and return to Perth by ferry  
Perth to Fremantle by ferry and tram tour around Fremantle  
Swan Valley wine cruise with lunch and booze all included

**Big Sky Winery Tours** **\$65**

Swan Valley bus trip winery tour with lunch

**Scenic Helicopter Flights** from **\$60**

Heliwest, Trinity Avenue, North Perth Foreshore  
5, 15 or 30 minute scenic tour of Perth & Fremantle

**The "Triple Tour"** from **\$65**

Combination of Perth sight seeing bus trip, Swan River ferry ride and Fremantle Tram ride to see all the sights. (Can be spread over 2 days)

**Skydive Express** from **\$260**

Tandem jump day trip  
Sky Diving courses also available

**Brookleigh Equestrian Estate** from **\$40**

Horse riding in the Swan valley

**Boshack Wilderness Experience**

Be taken on a journey of real Australian history, culture & heritage, just 90 minutes from Perth, near Toodyay.

**Rivergods Paddle Adventures** from **\$85**

Full Day Murray River white water rafting  
1/2 day Avon River white water rafting

**Yanchep Camel and Horse Rides** from **\$50**

Horse riding day trip  
Camel riding day trip

**Pinnacles Desert** from **\$99**

Day trip to the Nambung National Park to see the mysterious Pinnacles

**Pedal Oz**

Mountain biking trips around Perth  
City discovery from **\$69**  
Swan Valley trip from **\$89**

During your stay with us here at The Crown, your feet may just touch the ground long enough to find a little bit of routine. If lifting beers to your lips is your definition of exercise and your feeling a bit flab, the following information may be of interest to you?

**Beatty Park Leisure Centre**

220 Vincent Street, North Perth  
9273 6080

[www.vincent.wa.gov.au](http://www.vincent.wa.gov.au)

This leisure/fitness centre is just around the corner and is open from very early (am) to the early evening (pm). Its is home to a number of pools both indoor and outside as well as a fully equipped weights training Gym. They also conduct yoga and pilates classes as well.

**\$3.70** will get you a swim

**\$12.00** will get you a day pass to use all of the facilities

**\$80.00** will get you a pass for a month using all the facilities

**Fitness First**

166 Murray Street Mall  
9421 3100

[www.fitnessfirst.com.au](http://www.fitnessfirst.com.au)

More dedicated to the "Gym Junkie" this club is floor to ceiling weights and training. They also run the usual fitness classes as well. They do have a Sauna and steam room, but no pool.

**\$18** will get you a day pass

**\$30** will get you a 2 week pass to all facilities.

This can only be purchased online though and you must take your receipt to the club where they will exchange it for a 2 week membership card. Great value!

**Paragon 8 Fitness**

Paragon Arcade  
Level 1, 797 Hay Street Perth  
9322 1588

This is a very similar club to Fitness first, but they do have a pool/sauna/spa which may be a bonus if that is what you are after. Rates are a bit different as you have to sign up with a **\$44** "assessment", but after that it is only **\$8.00** to use the facilities.

**Feel like a run perhaps?**

The absolute best place to run in Perth is right at the top of the Street. Hyde Park was designed around the same time as this building (1897) and was based on Londons Hyde Park. It has a running path which surrounds a small lake with pretty birds and all the good stuff. Do a Kilometre for me whilst your up there.

**Or a game of tennis?**

The Tennis Courts across the road are available for hire. Phone Tennis Central on 9328 8128. Court hire starts at **\$11 for 1/2hr.**

**Other useful web sites of information...**

For all your public transport enquiries go to [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au)

**Want to know what the weather is doing today or tomorrow?** Go to [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or look for the print out on the office door.

**For directions ask reception...**



## And, what can I do outside of Perth?

To our South you will find the Margaret River region and its world famous wineries, the surfing beaches of Yallingup and the century old Boranup Forest. Nestled in between these sites are the country towns which make the South West, like Bussellton, Dunsborough, Margaret River, Pemberton, Denmark, Walpole and Albany.



Superb in the summer, but equally as inviting in the colder months - crisp nights and fresh mornings can be spent walking through the forest or watching the pounding surf as it ravages the coastline. Tours still run through this season and will take you along the highway to the various towns and their highlights, such as the tree top walk, caves, wineries, forest, beaches and stunning coastline.

# South



**There are several different companies which tour this area with a variety of packages during the winter months. These tours are relative to how much time you have and what you would like to see:**

### **Dirty Detours Mountain Bike Adventures**

Day trip mountain biking adventures in state forest surrounding Margaret River

### **Western Travel Bug**

2 Day Southwest including Albany and Pemberton

4 Day Southwest including Albany and the Margaret River region

6 day Southwest including Esperance, Albany and Margaret River

### **Western Xposure**

3 Day Southwest including Albany and the Margaret River region

5 day Southwest including Esperance, Albany and Margaret River

### **Cape Dive**

Day trips to dive on the sunken naval vessel "HMAS Swan"

### **Bushtucker River Tours**

Day tour canoeing on Margaret River with "bushtucker" specialists

## What about the North?

# North

The West Coast of Australia is as diverse as it is large. In fact, it is the largest State of Australia covering over 2,500,000 square kilometres. It has been described as the "real Australia", an endless horizon of red dust and sunsets. It is almost an opposite in comparison to the East Coast. There is only one highway, small (if any) towns and very few people. Literally hundreds and hundreds of kilometres of NOTHING!

To the North the days are long and dry but there is great reward when you finally make your arrival. The wild dolphins of Monkey Mia within the World Heritage listed Shark Bay area. The Ningaloo Reef near Coral Bay/Exmouth is always alive with corals, fish, and the creatures of the deep, such as the stunning and very rare Whale Sharks. And you cannot miss the ancient creation within Karijini National Park, probably one of the best kept secrets of Western Australia, if not Australia. Then there is the very chilled township of Broome which takes us on to the Kimberley's "Gibb River Road" and yet more adventure within our state boundaries.

With massive distances and very few facilities, the North is a much greater challenge to travel. It can be driven with a hire car or camper, but probably one of the easiest and safest ways is to choose one of the many tour companies that visit this area. Depending on your time and budget a wide variety of areas can be visited using these operators. Most are fully guided providing you, the adventure seeking traveller, with knowledge, entertainment, good food and if you're up for a real Aussie experience, the "1000 star hotel" every night - sleeping in a swag. An experience you will never forget.

**Below you will find comprehensive list of tours available and the operators which travel the long red roads of the north...**

### **Nullabor Traveller**

8 day Perth to Adelaide across the Nullabor plain

Owner Operators "Hassie" and Jo run the only tour company that crosses the great Nullabor. Whilst most choose to fly and some use the train, this tour is easily considered as one of the last frontiers in touring within Australia. Hugely vast, yet amazingly beautiful this adventure covers close to 4000km in 8 days across the great Nullabor Plain.

### **Southern Cross Safaris**

9 Days Perth - Exmouth - Karijini

- Perth return

8 days Perth - Exmouth - Karijini

- Broome

5 days Perth - Exmouth

Southern Cross is a small privately run company that has been operating for many years out of Perth. Driver/Owner Glen has held onto the Aussie spirit with his tours as he is one of the few operators which still make most of his 4WD driving Landcruiser and much prefers the nights around a camp fire rather than the lights of a township. Maximum groups of only 15 people make this tour a choice for the real enthusiast.



## Western Xposure

1 day Pinnacles day trip  
5 days Perth - Exmouth  
7 days Perth – Exmouth return to Perth  
10 days Perth – Exmouth – Karijini - Broome  
14 days Perth – Exmouth – Karijini - Broome return to Perth  
21 days Perth – Exmouth – Karijini – Broome – Gibb - Darwin  
8 Day Broome – Gibb - Darwin (*Seasonal*)

Western Xposure is one of the longest standing and largest operators in Western Australia. With over 20 years of history and touring experience in and around W.A., Western Xposure can cater for almost all your required adventures. They cover the North and Southern regions of our state with a variety of tours ranging from day trips to 24 day trips right through to the Kimberley's and into Darwin. Western Xposure keeps groups to a maximum of 20 people and are well suited to the fun seeking backpacker.

## Red Earth Safaris

8 days Perth – Exmouth – Perth return

Another small operator of the West, Red Earth conducts a weekly departure up our coast to Exmouth and back. Concentrating on the coastline up to Exmouth, Red Earth take a more relaxed approach to their time travelling up the coast and take in more of the sights and places. For those who prefer a little bit of luxury, Red Earth is a fully accommodated trip.

## Adventure Tours Australia

7 day Perth – Exmouth return to Perth  
9 days Perth – Exmouth – Karijini – Broome  
9 day Perth – Exmouth – Karijini – Perth return  
19 days Perth – Exmouth – Karijini – Broome – Gibb - Darwin (*Seasonal*)

Adventure Tours are very similar to Western Xposure as mentioned on this page. A.T.A. concentrates on trips heading North right through the Kimberley's and into Darwin. Outside of Western Australia Adventure Tours have an extensive list of tours which cover just about anything worth seeing in this huge country. The benefit to you is discounted tour prices with multiple trips booked. Again, these tours are suited to the fun and adventure seeking backpacker.

## Big Sky Tours

Pinnacles overnight  
3 days Southwest  
4 days Monkey Mia

Big Sky Tours are a small independent tour company where the owners are also your tour guides. Big Sky Tours are committed to providing world class, fun packed tours at budget prices. Whether it be an overnight adventure to the amazing Margaret River, the best value and funkiest wine tour operating in the Swan Valley, or one of our famous West Coast Safaris, Big Sky Tours loves showing you the best of what WA has to offer.

## Wilderness 4WD Adventures

3 day Kakadu Adventure: April-November  
4 day Kakadu Experience: May-October  
5 day Kakadu Expedition: June-September  
4 day Top End Blitz, Kakadu, Litchfield and Katherine Gorge: May-November  
9 day Kimberley Challenge: Darwin-Broome: April-November  
5 day Kimberley: Broome finish Darwin  
2 and 3 day Kakadu tours also available  
December through March

Carrying a maximum of 9 passengers, Wilderness 4WD Adventures provides access to 2 exclusive permit areas in Litchfield National Park and also holds special permits for access into remote areas of Kakadu. An exclusive Aboriginal Experience is available on all Kakadu and Top end tours. With more than 15 years of experience Paul and his team at Wilderness give a personalised approach to touring in the 'Top End'. Tours are for the fit and active, and you won't be disappointed.



We hope you enjoy your time in Perth,  
& with us here at the Emperors Crown.

As you can see there are many  
interesting, adventurous, educational & fun  
experiences to be had in and around Perth  
and Western Australia.

For general advice or assistance in  
booking any of the sights, trips, activities & tours  
in this booklet, please feel free to approach our  
friendly staff at any time!



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