

Western Wonderland

Highlights

✕ Flexible Holidays

We've curated optional experiences to reveal Albany. Or find your own adventure in this historic WA town.

🏞️ Iconic Sites

Nature humbles at Wave Rock and the Pinnacles, kangaroos sleep on beaches in Esperance, and ocean awaits along Busselton's jetty.

📸 Time For You

It's hard not to smile when you spot a quokka on Rottnest. Explore the island's powdery beaches and turquoise waters at your own pace.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

The Aboriginal connection to Yanchep National Park is strong, your enlightening visit supporting custodians of the land.



Kalbarri Skywalk

15 DAY
24 Included Experiences

From **\$7191***

Departure Dates

2024	2025
Aug 18, 25	May 18
Sep 1, 8, 22	Aug 24
Oct 6	Sep 7, 21
	Oct 5

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, additional departure dates, flight information, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests and multi-trip savings, visit aatakings.com/WEMP or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

15 Full Breakfasts **B** 9 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L** 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

1 Welcome to Perth

Perth may be the West Australian capital, but it's home to a remarkable amount of green space. Spend your day here exploring inner-city Kings Park, perhaps, to witness more than 3,000 floral species in the Botanic Gardens, overlooking the Swan River. It's hard to believe how far you've come already – and what's yet to come. Get the low-down with your Travel Director over dinner. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B D**

2 Perth - Wave Rock

Wave Rock deserves its name – the cliff resembles an enormous surf wave above the bush. The rainbow-hued granite swell is a short walk from another imaginatively named rock formation: Hippo's Yawn. You can climb through the 'neck' to grab a happy snap. Wave Rock locals are a friendly bunch, passionate about the place they call home. But don't take our word for it. Meet Sheenagh, who will show you her farm and talk life on the land. Which can be harsh, but also healing, in a way unique to the Aussie outback. Feed her cattle and glimpse her collection of vintage cars. **Hotel: Wave Rock Motel, Hyden. B D**

3 Wave Rock - Kalgoorlie

Get your bearings on a Kalgoorlie town tour, with vistas over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Today's outings continue to gleam as you visit Hannans North Mine; nothing puts life into perspective like standing next to enormous U-Haul trucks and loaders. **Hotel: Rydges Kalgoorlie. B D**

4 Kalgoorlie - Esperance

More than 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and white sandy beaches... it's no wonder Cape Le Grand National Park is voted among the most alluring of its kind in Australia. Just when you thought WA couldn't get any prettier, you arrive at Thistle Cove – sun, sand, sea and sculpted rock formations that 'whistle' with the sounds of the wind and waves – and Lucky Bay, a postcard-worthy cove where kangaroos sunbake on the sand. **Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D**

5 Esperance - Albany

Today's journey takes you through Fitzgerald River National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, then Stirling Range National Park, blanketed with 1,500 species of wildflowers, some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Enjoy perspective from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, one of WA's highest peaks. **Hotel: The Dog Rock Motel. B D**

6 Albany Free Time

Nature, history, food and wine... there's not much that Albany can't do. The hardest thing you have to decide is which direction to wander. Perhaps opt for a tour to the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Maybe explore Torndirrup National Park, where steep cliffs give way to dramatic rock formations and whales are a common sight. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion. The choice is yours. **Hotel: The Dog Rock Motel. B**

7 Albany - Margaret River

Suspended 40 metres above the forest floor, the Tree Top Walk gives you a bird's-eye view of the soaring tingle trees that stand large through the Valley of the Giants. More lofty attractions await at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, the tallest of its kind in Australia, set at the tip of a peninsula where the Indian and Southern oceans meet. Standing here, the wind in your hair, you'll feel like you're on the edge of the Earth. Being amid nature makes you thirsty. It's a good thing the Margaret River wine region is on the horizon. **Hotel: Stay Margaret River. B D**

8 Margaret River

The Margaret River's 200 vineyards produce 25 per cent of Australia's premium wines. And then there are the gourmet purveyors in between... you're in for a tasty day. Vasse Virgin makes olive oil that's sweet enough to drink. We recommend you savour it with bread, however, while learning how it's made and browsing other products it's used in – like delicately scented soaps. Lunch is leisurely, at a vineyard with plenty of time to sip and savour local drops, many of which take home global awards. If you still have room for dinner, ask us for recommendations. **Hotel: Stay Margaret River. B L**

9 Margaret River - Fremantle

The Margaret River is one of the only wine regions in the world where grapes are grown just metres from the sand. The coastal backdrop follows you all the way to Busselton, home to the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Tip your cap to those who built this 1.8-kilometre structure out into Geopraphe Bay. The afternoon is all yours in Freo. Hot tip: The city's markets feature 150 stalls under one roof, and there are hip new lifestyle precincts to while away the evening in. **Hotel: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle - by Rydges. B D**

10 Fremantle Free Time

Sometimes, the most memorable travel days are those where you lose yourself wandering the foreshore, lingering over lunch or a cool ale. We highly recommend you spend this day of leisure doing just that (Freo's Little Creatures Brewery is legendary). Of course, having a local show you around also has its benefits, with a

Fremantle tour revealing those hidden haunts most visitors pass right on by. If you're catching the ferry for a Rottnest Island tour, make sure you have your phone ready to capture selfies with the island's smiley quokkas, not to mention the blindingly turquoise water. **Hotel: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle - by Rydges. B**

11 Fremantle - Geraldton

Yanchep National Park is staggeringly beautiful. It's also incredibly spiritual, as you'll discover on an Aboriginal cultural experience revealing First Nations history through Dreamtime stories and didgeridoo sessions. It's a hands-on experience – don't worry if you can't make the didg hum; there are traditional tools to play with. We've left some of the best to last: entering Nambung National Park you're greeted by an ethereal moonscape. Your Pinnacles tour meanders around this collection of head-scratching limestone formations. This afternoon, Geraldton's moving HMAS Sydney Memorial beckons. **Hotel: Mantra Geraldton. B**

12 Geraldton - Monkey Mia

The colours of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Shark Bay are so vivid, you'll think they're painted on, a patchwork of blues fading into powdery sand so white you'll need your sunglasses. This is what awaits in Monkey Mia. We wouldn't blame you wandering barefoot along the beach, ordering sundowners as the day disappears in a blaze of glory. Other than a cruise to spot all sea creatures great and small, perhaps the best way to gain perspective of the vast coastline is on an optional scenic flight over Shark Bay Marine Park. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort. B D**

13 Monkey Mia - Kalbarri

Bring your stamina – today's adventures begin early. But if there's anything worth getting out of bed for, it's Monkey Mia's wild dolphins, which swim close to shore to greet visitors every morning. Keep your sunnies handy at Shell Beach, a powder-white cove formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells up to 10 metres deep, and Hamelin Pool, the world's best-known colony of stromatolites. Believe it or not, these rock-like formations are alive. Arriving at Kalbarri National Park you'll take in the Murchison River Gorge from the Hawks Head Lookout. If you're here during wildflower season, expect acacia, banksia and caladenia in full bloom. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort. B D**

14 Kalbarri - Perth

Just when you thought WA couldn't get any more colourful, Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon – just one of the state's bubblegum pink lakes. Arriving back in Perth you have a Farewell Dinner to swap contact details with your new friends and reminisce about the last two weeks. **Hotel: Travelodge Perth. B FD**

15 Farewell from Perth

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when your trip concludes after breakfast. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B**

