Recommended itineraries by season

Spring
September – November
6 nights & 7 days

Spring colours Perth’s coast, countryside and outback with a dazzling carpet of native wildflowers. The blooms of over 12,000 varieties burst into life from August to November, creating the world’s largest display of wildflowers, stretching from the Coral Coast and sweeping down through the city and the Golden Outback to the south coast.

Starting your trip in Perth, you can choose to follow the wildflower trails up the coast to the curious Pinnacles or travel into the outback to Wave Rock.

Perth, Kings Park and the Swan Valley (2 days)
Perth boasts the biggest inner-city park on the planet, Kings Park and the Botanic Gardens, and hosts a huge wildflower festival in the month of September. Indigenous tours of the park provide a fascinating insight into life before European settlement, while the Kings Park Aboriginal Art Gallery gives you the chance to pick up some very unique and authentic souvenirs.

Enjoy lunch at a restaurant or cafe, or pack a picnic and enjoy the breathtaking views over spring flowers to the city skyline and Swan River. Or venture down to Barrack Street Jetty and hop on a wine tasting river cruise to Western Australia’s oldest wine region – the Swan Valley.

Coral Coast wildflowers and the Pinnacles Desert (3 days)
If you’re arriving at the start of the wildflower season (late July to early September), head north to the Coral Coast, starting your tour at nearby Yanchep National Park (45 minutes from Perth CBD) to meet the koalas, and then to Lancelin (1 hour drive from Perth CBD) – a popular coastal playground with gigantic white dunes, ideal for sand boarding and 4WD thrills. Be sure to stop and admire the roadside wildflowers in Badgingarra National Park before travelling west to Cervantes for a dinner feast of fresh local rock lobster.

Venture into the Pinnacles Desert of Nambung National Park (3 hour drive from Perth CBD), Australia’s most unique landscape, where thousands of limestone spires rise eerily out of the sand, some several metres tall. Join a guided tour of this amazing moonscape at sunset or sunrise – the perfect times for snapping photos and spotting kangaroos.
And for more wildflower wonders, Lesueur National Park (3 hour drive from Perth CBD) is pleasant day trip bringing you to one of the most varied floral displays on Earth with over 820 species. Stop and admire the banksias, starflower, smoke bush, hakea, grevilleas and leschenaultias.

Wave Rock, gold rush towns and wildflowers of the outback (3days)
Alternatively, if you’re visiting later in the season, from mid-September to early November, head south-east and see the Golden Outback glow with a rainbow of floral blooms. Here, you can picnic on a blanket of pink, yellow and white everlasting stretching as far as the eye can see.

On a guided tour from Perth, a few hundred kilometres from the ocean, you’ll be bowled over by a giant wave. Four billion years in the making, standing 15 metres tall and over 100 metres long, Wave Rock is a unique natural spectacle.

Hop on a flight from Perth to the gold rush capital of Kalgoorlie (one hour flight from Perth), where you can swing by the now famous Nullarbor Links Golf Course and play a hole on the world’s longest golf course, stretching 1,365 kilometres to South Australia. Or stare in awe on a tour of Kalgoorlie’s Super Pit Mine – one of the biggest open cut mines in the world, producing a staggering 800,000 ounces of gold every year.

One last day in Perth
Nature puts on an equally impressive springtime display in the Perth Hills from September to October. Here you can experience some true Australian bush and wildlife just a 40 minute drive from the city. For some closer encounters, head for the family-friendly Caversham Wildlife Park (20 minutes from Perth CBD), where you can meet the koalas, feed the friendly Kangaroos and even cuddle a wombat.

Spring is also whale watching season on Perth’s coast. Hop on a half-day tour from Perth, Fremantle or Hillarys to see these gentle giants of the sea cruise by on their annual migration.
Summer
December - February
6 nights & 7 days

With more hours of sunshine than any other Australian capital city, whichever activity you choose in and around Perth, chances are there will be a blue sky overhead. The summer sunshine hits the South West too, making December to February the perfect time of year to explore the world-famous Margaret River wine region, towering karri tree forests and pristine beaches.

Perth beaches, Rottnest Island, Rockingham dolphins (2 days)
With 19 metropolitan beaches to choose from, it’s easy to find your own slice of white sand to soak up the sun. Head for Cottesloe (20 mins drive from the Perth CBD) to swim, fish, learn to surf and dine on fresh seafood as you watch the spectacle of an Indian Ocean sunset. For keen nature-lovers, there’s also the option of heading just 45 minutes south of Perth to Rockingham. Here, you can experience the magical thrill of swimming with playful wild dolphins in their natural habitat.

A short ferry ride from Fremantle and Perth, or a scenic flight from Perth Airport, brings you to the car-free holiday island of Rottnest. Here, you can spend a day discovering fascinating convict, early settler and WWII history, spotting quokkas (the island’s cutest native inhabitants), or relaxing on one of its 63 beautiful beaches.

Bunbury Dolphins and Busselton Jetty (1 day)
Just two hours’ drive from Perth brings you to the cosmopolitan town of Bunbury, home to over 100 bottlenose dolphins. If you didn’t experience these majestic creatures in Rockingham, Bunbury’s Dolphin Discovery Centre will introduce you to their friendly wild pod in the interaction zone or on a dolphin swim tour.

Your next stop is Busselton (30 minutes from Bunbury), for a gentle walk or scenic tourist train ride along the longest wooden pier in the southern hemisphere – stretching 2km into the ocean it’s a must-snap photo opportunity. From here it’s just another 30 minutes to the Margaret River Wine Region and its luxury retreats, including Cape Lodge and Injidup Spa Retreat.

Margaret River Wine Region (3 days)
A trip ‘down south’ as the locals call it, isn’t complete without a tour of the world-class wineries and boutique breweries in the region. Enjoy a glass of wine with lunch at a fine dining restaurant and take in sweeping views of vineyards and spectacular coastal scenery.

Margaret River is a favourite spot for many other heavenly indulgences too, such as locally-made chocolate, fudge, ice cream, olive oils and cheeses. Time your visit to coincide with the Margaret River
Food and Wine Festival in late summer and treat your tastebuds to a sample of the region’s finest produce.

Then prepare to be blown away by the beauty of the South West’s green seas, towering forests and unique wildlife. Step into the sky and walk among the treetops at the Valley of the Giants. Or into the enchanting depths of Jewel and Mammoth caves.

**One last day living the Perth lifestyle**
The city plays host to a huge variety of music, cultural and sporting events in the summer months, including some world-class competitions. If you’d prefer to shop for souvenirs and gifts, hit the trendy Claremont Quarter or Perth’s King’s Street for luxury labels and fine South Sea pearl jewellery. Then join the locals for a warm night out under the stars, dining alfresco at some of Perth’s chic bars and restaurants.
Autumn
March - May
6 nights & 7 days

The months of March, April and May bring plenty of sunshine to Australia’s sunniest capital city for you to enjoy some of Perth’s top attractions and perhaps a round of golf. April and May also mark one of the biggest events in nature’s calendar – the arrival of the world’s biggest fish, the whale shark, to the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef north of Perth.

Perth attractions (1 day)

Sitting on the banks of the Swan River, Perth is a modern and friendly city, earning it a place among the world’s most liveable capitals. Take a stroll along the river foreshore to the Swan Bells. It’s one of the largest musical instruments on Earth and you can even have a go at ringing the bells.

Another big attraction is the Perth Mint – home to the greatest collection of investment gold bars on Earth and Australia’s largest natural nugget collection. Join a gold pour tour and see liquid gold transformed into a bar in the original melthouse of the world's oldest gold mint still operating from its original premises. Coin collectors will love the Chinese Astrological series made from 99.99% pure gold.

Ningaloo Reef and swimming with whale sharks (3 days)

Hop on a two-and-a-half hour flight from Perth to Exmouth and the Ningaloo Marine Park. Here, one of the largest, most bio-diverse reefs in the world can be reached by taking the shortest swim, just metres from the shore.

Snorkelling and diving tours from Exmouth to the outer reef offer the magical sight of manta rays gliding effortlessly and performing acrobatic mating displays in the shallows. And from April to June you have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of swimming alongside the largest fish in the world – the whale shark.

Shark Bay and Monkey Mia dolphins (2 days)

Heading down the coast to the World Heritage listed Shark Bay Area (6 hour drive), you’ll enjoy a close encounter with the friendly dolphins of Monkey Mia. For 40 years now, these wild but gentle creatures have been swimming into the shallows virtually every day. Feeding and meeting them is a magical experience.

Just to the south, Shell Beach lives up to its name as one of only two places on Earth where you’ll find a beach made entirely of one type of shell. And after a full day, the beachfront villas of Aspen Parks Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort are the perfect place to sit back and take in the uninterrupted sea views at sunset.
One last day in Perth

You’re never far from a fairway here in Perth. Minutes from the CBD, on the banks of the Swan River, lies Burswood Park – the State’s premier public golf course. And beyond the 18th hole sits the renowned Burswood Entertainment Complex, boasting 5-star luxury accommodation, a 24-hour casino, award-winning restaurants, theatre and indoor stadium.

No golfer visiting Perth should miss The Cut Golf Course at Port Bouvard, Mandurah (1 our drive from Perth CBD), voted WA’s No. 1 Golf Course in 2008. The Cut is set high in majestic ocean-front dunes with views of the Indian Ocean from more than half of its 18 holes, and provides the challenges and rewards of a true links experience to golfers of any ability.

If the green is not your thing, hit the Hay and Murray Street malls of the trendy Claremont Quarter for all your favourite brands. Perth’s King Street is also a haven for luxury international labels as well as WA’s own fine South Sea pearl and Kimberley diamond jewellers, Linneys and Kailis.
Winter
June - August
6 nights & 7 days

Even in the winter months of June, July and August you can still find a little summer sunshine in Western Australia by taking a two-and-a-half-hour flight to Broome from Perth. Known as the Pearl of the North West, endless stretches of pristine coastline, luxurious getaways and fine South Sea pearls await in exotic Broome.

Perth and Fremantle (1 day)
Blessed with a Mediterranean climate, Perth enjoys a mild winter – perfect for a Swan River cruise to the port city of Fremantle, just south of Perth. It’s one of the world’s best preserved examples of a 19th century port and streetscape, with world-famous heritage buildings revealing a fascinating maritime and convict history. Immerse yourself in history and soak up laidback ambience. Chill out at a street cafe, enjoy a fresh fish and chip lunch at the Fishing Boat Harbour, or a cleansing pale-ale at an award-winning microbrewery.

Broome diamonds and pearls (1 day)
After over 150 years of pearling, Broome (a 2.5 hour flight from Perth) still produces some of the world’s finest pearls. Hop on a cruise to the Willie Creek Pearl Farm to learn firsthand how South Sea Pearls are grown today. And for fascinating insights into the perilous early years, including two beautifully restored original pearling boats, head for Pearl Luggers in Chinatown. Here, you’ll also find the sparkling pearl showrooms displaying unique and beautifully crafted jewellery designs by Kailis and Paspaley, including the Kimberley’s rare and highly desirable pink diamonds.

Broome is also blessed with some of Australia’s best Aboriginal and contemporary artists and showcase their work in Chinatown’s many galleries. And when you’ve worked up an appetite, feast on eastern flavours at Broome’s best Asian restaurants, including Aarli Bar and Noodlefish.

Broome scenic flights and trikes (2 days)
Speed along the shallows of Roebuck Bay on a historical hovercraft tour. Take in the striking coastal scenery of Broome and walk with dinosaurs at Gantheaume Point, where 130 million-year-old dinosaur footprints lay embedded in the rock.

Then take to the skies on a scenic flight over the striking coastline of the Dampier Peninsular and set down in beautiful Cape Leveque to experience Aboriginal hospitality and culture. Your journey continues north to the pristine islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago (1.5 hour flight from Broome) and the only horizontal falls in the world, before returning to Broome.
For a ride on the wild side, take a Broome Trike Tour to visit a local crocodile park, sample Aboriginal bush tucker or indulge in locally-crafted beers. At Matso’s Micro Brewery you can even feast on a slice of fresh-grilled crocodile from their Australian Tasting Plate.

Cable Beach (1 day)
After a day relaxing in Broome’s luxurious ocean-front resorts, a gentle camel train ride at the world-famous Cable Beach is an incredible way to take in the Indian Ocean sunsets.

When the moon is full, Broome’s Roebuck Bay is one of the few places on Earth where you can witness the amazing natural illusion of a staircase reaching to the moon. Night markets are held at Town Beach on the first and second Staircase to the Moon nights each month – a great opportunity to purchase hand-crafted local products and dine under the stars on local cuisine.

Indulge in one last day in Perth
Winter in Perth is also a wonderful time to indulge in WA’s fine wine and fresh produce. Take a tour of the State’s oldest wine region, the Swan Valley – just 30 minutes from Perth city. Or time your visit to coincide with the Mundaring Truffle Festival and join top chefs from around the globe for a taste of WA’s world-renowned delicacy in the Perth Hills, a 45 minute drive from the Perth CBD.
Golfing
Year Round
6 nights & 7 days

World-class courses, stunning scenery, kangaroos and more hours of sunshine than any other capital city in Australia. No wonder Perth is one of the world's foremost destinations for a golfing holiday.

The best of Perth city (2 days)
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The city also plays host to an impressive list of world-class golfing tournaments, including the Johnnie Walker Classic and the Tournament of Champions. What better way to pick up some tips for your game than to watch how the pros do it.

There’s plenty of action off the green in the city’s vibrant centre too. Sample the finest local produce prepared by Perth’s award-winning chefs. Shop for the A-list of brands, from Prada to WA’s famous South Sea pearls and Kimberly diamonds. And find pure gold in abundance at The Perth Mint.

Mandurah and The Cut (1 day)
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The Cut is situated near Mandurah – a one hour drive south of Perth and one of the most vibrant regional cities in Western Australia. With the Indian Ocean, the expansive waterways of the Peel-Harvey Estuary and the lower reaches of the Serpentine River as its playground, it’s always a popular day-trip destination.

Play the world’s longest course (2 days)
Head for the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie (a one hour flight from Perth), the hub of Western Australia’s outback, for a golfing experience like no other. Here you can play a few holes on the unique greens and tees of the world’s longest course, spanning 1,365 kilometres with 18 holes located in towns and rest stops along the Eyre Highway to Ceduna in South Australia.

While you’re in town, be sure to take a tour of the incredible Super Pit Mine – one of the biggest open cut mines in the world, producing a staggering 800,000 ounces of gold every year.
Fine fairways, wines and fresh produce (1 day)
Continually rated as one of Australia's best golf resorts, The Vines Resort and Country Club in Perth’s Swan Valley (30 minutes from the Perth CBD) is surrounded by native bush with abundant wildlife, lush manicured gardens and vineyards.
Two equally challenging 18-hole golf courses await your arrival, both designed by architects Graham Marsh and Ross Watson and featured in the Top 20 Resort Courses every year. It’s also played host to some of the world’s golfing greats during the Heineken Classic 1993-2001, Johnnie Walker Classic 2006-2009, and the Lexus Cup 2007 which were held here. A relaxing stay at this country retreat also gives you the chance to sample the Swan Valley’s colourful history, art and award-winning wine.

One final day on Perth’s fine fairways
To the north of the city, you’ll find one of the world’s best kept 27-hole golf courses at Joondalup Resort (25 minutes from the Perth CBD), crafted by Robert Trent Jones Jr. Built on a hilly site, the course is routed over rocky ravines, bordered by lush bushland and affords frequent sweeping vistas of the surrounding countryside.

Venture south-east to the beautiful hills of Roleystone (45 minutes from the Perth CBD), where another challenging 18 holes of championship golf await you at Araluen. Designed by Roger Mackay and Michael Coate, the course features large undulating greens, impeccably manicured fairways, testing terrain and strategically-placed water hazards and bunkers.

And should you receive an invitation to Perth’s private members-only courses, you could have the privilege of experiencing the Lake Karrinyup Country Club (15 minutes from the Perth CBD) – host of the Tournament of Champions 2011. Or perhaps the Royal Perth Golf Club – with more than 100 years of tradition and experience, it has earned a reputation as one of the finest clubs in Perth.