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Why Host a Meeting in Perth?



With endless sandy beaches, crystal blue skies, a laidback attitude and excellent meeting and conference facilities, Perth is the ideal place to combine work with pleasure. The metropolitan region has accessible transportation links, many of which are free, ready to transport visitors to a myriad of dining options and over 30,000 hotel rooms found throughout the city. Guests arriving by air are welcomed by the rapidly growing Perth Airport. After its AU\$26 million reconstruction in 1984, the airport's international terminal continues to make itself more accommodating to foreign travelers with recently upgraded passenger services and expanded check-in spaces.

Just 17 kilometers from the airport, Perth's major meetings venue, the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, finds a home next to the majestic Swan River in the heart of Perth's central business district. Capable of hosting 5,000 delegates, the three levels of this AU\$220 million venue boast glass-fronted reception foyers overlooking the river and the city beyond. World-class facilities include six exhibition pavilions with a total floor space of 16,554 square meters, the 2,500-seat tiered Riverside Theatre, 23 meeting rooms and the 1,760-capacity BelleVue Ballrooms.



For a smaller traditional venue, the [Burswood Entertainment Complex](#) offers its theater, meeting rooms and convention center facilities for groups of any size. Host an elegant reception for up to 1,300 guests in the contemporary Grand Ballroom, whose foyer overlooks the Swan River and Perth skyline. Invite attendees to a more intimate dinner at Botanical, a garden-adjacent venue divisible into configurations for groups of 40 to 250 people.

With its delicious eateries, lively bars and entertaining attractions, Perth is sure to make visitors long for some free time to explore the attractions that wait outside the meeting room. Why not bring the fun to attendees by hosting a meeting at a museum, concert hall or zoo? For a venue worth its weight in gold, [Perth Mint](#) offers a number of function rooms and outdoor settings at the home of the 11.45-kilogram Golden Beauty, one of the largest nuggets of gold in the world. Invite 300 guests to the spacious Beaufort Courtyard and Foyer at Perth Museum, or hold a meeting at the 1,729-seat auditorium in the majestic [Perth Concert Hall](#). With its colorful orangutans, giraffes and tigers, the [Perth Zoo](#) offers an exotic backdrop to conferences and functions of up to 350 people.

Perth's numerous unique venues sprawl into the Western Australian terrain. Get attendees away from the hustle and bustle of the city with a day trip. Among the city's many wineries, the [Sandalford Winery](#), about 25 minutes from Perth, offers wine tastings, tours and upscale dining on its charming 150-year-old estate. Tempt guests to attend a meeting at the serene River Retreat in Swan Valley, which offers room for up to 50 guests on its well-manicured grounds.

Perth's economy is booming, fueled by the rising demand for raw materials by developing countries such as China. Perth's amazing economic expansion is due to its relative proximity to huge reserves of gold, iron ore, nickel, manganese, diamonds, coal, oil and natural gas. Most of the world's top resource and engineering companies have offices in the city, including Rio Tinto, Woodside Petroleum and BHP Billiton. Among Perth's five universities, the University of Western Australia is renowned as a leading research institute.

Key Perth Metro Area Facts

Time Zone: Coordinated Universal Time+8 (UTC+8)

Convention Center: [Perth Convention Exhibition Centre](#)

Airports: [Perth Airport \(PER\)](#)

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| Population | 1,554,769 | Destination Type Listings |
| Hotels | 150 | • Beach destination |
| Hotel Rooms | 35,000 | • Smoke free restaurants |
| Unique Venues | 55 | |
| Restaurants | 264 | |

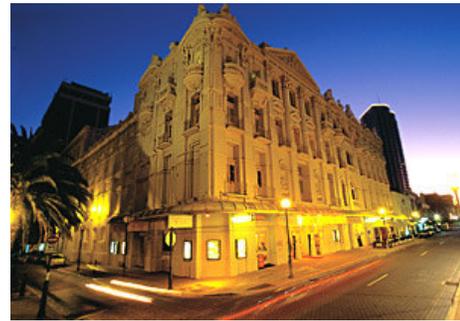
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Located in southwest Australia, Perth is one of the most geographically isolated cities in the world. The city's location places it closer to East Timor, Singapore and Jakarta than to fellow Australian cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. However, its seclusion has not had any effect on its growth – today the city is home to over 1.5 million residents. In fact, Perth is the only sizable city in Western Australia, an area that covers about a third of the continent.

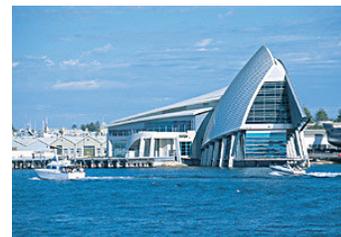
Founded as the Swan River Colony in 1829 by Captain James Stirling, Perth became the political center of the region and continues to serve as the seat of government for Western Australia today. Situated between the Indian Ocean and a low coastal escarpment known as the Darling Range, the city holds the title of the "sunniest city in Australia," creating the perfect environment to enjoy one of its many attractions lining the majestic Swan River downtown.

The title "sunniest city in Australia" is not the only name that has been given to this inviting city. Perth is also known as the "City of Light," a name it earned in 1962 when Perth-ites turned their lights on to say "Hello" to American astronaut John Glenn as he orbited the earth. Today, the city's nickname is encapsulated by the twinkling lights of Perth's various performance venues that illuminate the city's sky at night, including Perth Concert Hall, [His Majesty's Theatre](#) and Burswood Dome. Not only does the city of Perth hold many nicknames, its people also hold a nickname of their own. With a topography characterized by sandy soils and deserts, it is no wonder that the citizens of Perth have become known as "sandgroppers" to other Aussies.



The citizens of Perth are known for their light-hearted attitude towards life, a fact reflected in the wide variety of entertaining activities offered in the city and its surroundings. Spend an afternoon exploring the secluded oasis of Rottnest Island or taking pleasure in the scenic, recreation-friendly [Kings Park](#). Gain insight into Western Australia's history and unique environment at the Western Australian Museum's three Perth-based sites: the [Perth Museum](#), [Maritime Museum](#) and [Fremantle History Museum](#). Or, take a tour of the chilling [Fremantle Prison](#), which housed criminals from all walks of life for 136 years.

After a long day of amusement, grab a seat at an al fresco restaurant such as Cicerello's in Fremantle to take in the city's splendor and enjoy some of Perth's locally-caught, fresh seafood. For over 90 years, Cicerello's in Fremantle has been serving up oysters, mussels, crabs and more on its waterside tables overlooking Fremantle's Fishing Boat Harbor. When the sun goes down, head to the [Brass Monkey](#), a well-known bar and nightlife complex downtown and a promising spot to enjoy a perfectly blended cocktail. Whether for its idyllic landscape or bustling inner city, visitors are sure to fall in love with this secluded, but far from empty, city.



Perth Climate Information

Perth's Mediterranean climate results in hot, dry summers lasting December to March with an average high temperature of 29°C. A sea breeze from the southwest, known locally as the "Fremantle Doctor," cools the city down by up to 15°C during the summer heat. Winter, which lasts June to August, sees daytime temperatures averaging 18°C.

Rainfall in Perth is moderate and occurs mostly during the winter, although sporadic, short-lived thunderstorms occur during the summer months; occasional tropical cyclones may bring some significant rainfall as well. The best times to visit Perth are between March and May or between September and November, periods that afford pleasant temperatures and minimal precipitation.

Perth Places of Interest

Art Gallery of Western Australia

Founded in 1895, the Art Gallery of Western Australia boasts a collection of over 16,000 works including paintings, sculptures, craft and design, watercolors, drawings, photography and prints. Western Australian art is well represented, offering visitors insight into the deep history of indigenous Aborigines and the recent history of colonial settlers. The Indigenous Art Collection includes works by Western Desert, Kimberley and Southwest artists, while the Australian Art Collection highlights well-reputed national artists from both historic and contemporary periods. The gallery also hosts rotating exhibits, which in the past have included works by Monet, Russian art from the early 1900s, and Egyptian art on loan from the Louvre.

The gallery is an impressive venue for private functions, offering both indoor and outdoor event areas and catering for 12 to 250 guests. The Art Gallery of Western Australia is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. It is closed Good Friday and Christmas. Admission is free, though some exhibitions may require additional fees. *For more information:* +61 8 9492 6600

Fremantle Prison

Built by convicts in the 1850s, the threatening Fremantle Prison was in use for an astounding 136 years. Coming from various backgrounds, ages and crimes, the prisoners were a colorful cast of characters. Enoch Pearson Barrett, sentenced 10 years for larceny, later became head gardener of the city's public garden. Daniel Marsh, imprisoned for manslaughter, was later released and started a successful foundry business in town. With its colorful past, Fremantle Prison has become one of the most important heritage sites in Western Australia since its opening to the public in 1992.



Visitors can learn about the locations of the most infamous escapes, both successful and unsuccessful, on the Great Escapes Tour, or don a hard hat and boots to explore the labyrinth of underground tunnels where prisoners worked on the Tunnels Tour. For the truly brave, the nighttime Torchlight Tour delves into the supernatural side of the prison, still allegedly haunted by ghosts of its past.

Fremantle Prison is a dramatic venue for functions and conferences of 50 to 1,000 guests. Entertainment options, such as professional greeters dressed in prison warden uniforms, are available. Fremantle Prison is open Monday through Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Tour schedules vary based on type. Adult tour tickets range from AU\$17.50 to AU\$59. *For more information:* +61 8 9336 9200

The Perth Mint

One of the most important heritage buildings in the city, the Victorian era Perth Mint exudes an air of wealth and riches. Many a fortune has been forged from gold in Western Australia, and today the Perth Mint keeps the tradition alive as a manufacturer and worldwide distributor of gold, silver, platinum and themed coins. Visitors can immerse themselves in the opulence by watching a Gold Pour, a process in which pure gold is melted and poured into a solid gold bar, or by exploring the largest gold bar exhibition in the world, a glistening blend of shapes, sizes and designs. Guests also marvel at the Golden Beauty, one of the largest gold nuggets in the world at 11.45 kilograms.

The mint is available for a range of private events in both indoor and outdoor settings, including the grand foyer, boardroom, lawn gardens and Melt House. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and weekends and public holidays from 9 AM to 1 PM. It is closed Christmas, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day. Admission is AU\$15. *For more information:* +61 8 9421 7277

The Round House

Located at Arthur Head in Fremantle, the Round House was the first permanent building in the Swan River Settlement, Perth's original establishment. The unique 12-sided stone structure is now the oldest remaining building in Western Australia. Originally built as a goal, or jail, the house was based on the Panopticon, a type of prison that allows the prison warden to observe the prisoners without them knowing they are being watched. Visitors to the Round House can join a tour given by one of the volunteer guides, who are ready to fascinate visitors with stories of the Round House's rather grizzly history.

The Round House is open daily from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Tours run daily. Admission is by donation. *For more information: +61 8 9336 6897*

Western Australian Museum

Encompassing six sites, the Western Australian Museum provides wonderful insight into the region's history and unique environment. Three of its buildings find a home in Perth: the Perth Museum, the Maritime Museum and the Fremantle History Museum.

Perth Museum

Located in the heart of the cultural district, Perth Museum offers a range of fascinating exhibitions that explore the city and region's past and present. The *Diamonds to Dinosaurs* Exhibit features meteorites and about 10 million pre-solar diamonds, while the *Dampier Marine* Gallery showcases wild and wonderful organisms that live on the shores and under the waters of the Dampier Archipelago. Also of note, the *Western Australia Land & People* Exhibit presents a 10-meter-long video montage of Western Australia's changing landscape alongside a full-size model of the ferocious Carnataurus dinosaur.

The Perth Museum has venues available for private functions, including the Hackett Hall Foyer for up to 250 guests and the Beaufort Courtyard and Foyer for up to 300 people. The museum is open daily from 9:30 AM to 5 PM. It is closed Good Friday, Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Admission is by donation. *For more information: +61 8 9431 8324*

Maritime Museum

With exhibits divided into new maritime, shipwreck and submarine displays, the Maritime Museum at Victoria Quay explores Western Australia's long-storied maritime endeavors. At the *Batavia* Gallery, guests can see the reconstructed remains of this famous 17th century shipwreck, which crashed on its maiden voyage, only to end in a mutiny and massacre among the survivors. The *Indian Ocean* Gallery re-creates a 15th century Middle Eastern marketplace, while the *Submarine Ovens* offers visitors the chance to tour a decommissioned Royal Australian Navy Oberon Class submarine and learn what life would be like during the Cold War aboard the vessel.



The Maritime Museum has a number of venues available for private functions, including the Function Centre for up to 200 guests, the NWS Shipping Theatre for up to 204 guests and the Lionel Samson Entrance Gallery for up to 200 guests. The museum is open daily from 9:30 AM to 5 PM. It is closed Good Friday and Christmas. Admission is AU\$10. Tours of the submarine run daily from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Tour costs are AU\$3 for children ages 5-15 and AU\$8 for adults. *For more information: +61 8 9431 8334*

Fremantle History Museum

Fremantle History Museum is housed in a majestic stone building on Ord Street in Fremantle. With a focus on the social history of Western Australia, the museum offers visitors exhibits such as *Foundations of Fremantle*, which showcases convict artifacts, costumes and other objects from pre-European settlement through the 1930s. The *A New Australia: Post War Immigration to Western Australia* Exhibit documents the flood of immigrants into Australia after World War II, while *Within These Walls* details the amazing history of the museum building itself, which has been transformed numerous times, from a convict-built "lunatic" asylum to a women's home to a midwifery training school to an American supply base during World War II.

The Fremantle History Museum is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM. It is closed Christmas and Good Friday. Guided tours are complimentary. *For more information: +61 8 9430 7966*

Perth Entertainment

Burswood Entertainment Complex

As Perth's only 24-hour entertainment destination, Burswood Entertainment Complex is guaranteed to keep patrons amused for hours. From the funky bars and restaurants such as MINQ Bar and Lounge, the Ruby Room, and (A)Lure, to the live music and entertainment venues of Burswood Theatre, Burswood Dome and Paddy Hannan's, the complex certainly packs a punch. Guests can also try their luck at the popular casino, which offers a variety of games including baccarat, blackjack, Pai Gow, poker, pontoon and roulette.

Burswood Entertainment Complex offers a range of state-of-the-art venues for private functions. Hours and schedules vary based on attraction. Tickets for shows can be purchased at the Burswood Dome Box Office. Ticket prices vary based on performance. *For more information: +61 8 9362 7574*

Fremantle Markets

Since Sir John Forrest laid the foundation stone to this grand Victorian building in 1897, Fremantle Markets has grown into a Perth institution rich in history and tradition. Located in the heart of Fremantle's "Cappuccino Strip," the markets offer visitors 150 colorful stalls full of fresh and interesting foods, unique arts and crafts, soaps, antiques and more. Street performers, entertainment and musical acts amuse shoppers as they browse the goods. Visitors can also grab a bite to eat at one of the market's many food options, which are a true testament to the city's ethnic diversity. Fremantle Markets are open Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM and Monday public holidays from 10 AM to 5 PM. *For more information: +61 8 9335 2515*

His Majesty's Theatre

Built during the Gold Rush in the early 20th century, His Majesty's Theatre opened Christmas Eve in 1904. Its striking Edwardian era architecture boasts a groundbreaking sliding dome roof, designed to improve ventilation and keep audience members cool. His Majesty's Theatre offers guests a chance to see regular performances that in the past have included well-known actors Dame Nellie Melba, Vivien Leigh, Sir Robert Helpman and Katharine Hepburn. The theatre is also home to the West Australian Opera and the West Australian Ballet. When not catching a show, visitors can peruse the Museum of Performing Arts within His Majesty's, where glamorous costumes, press clippings, scripts and a beautiful silk program from an 1854 performance are on display.



Providing a memorable venue for functions, the main stage in the principal auditorium at His Majesty's Theatre can seat up to 1,200 people or transform into a gala ballroom with glittering chandeliers. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM. Ticket prices vary based on performance. *For more information: +61 8 9265 0900*

London Court Arcade

Built in 1937 by wealthy gold miner Claude de Bernales, London Court Arcade was designed to reflect the Tudor period in English history. Today, the arcade is a shopping haven that links Hay Street Mall and St. Georges Terrace in downtown Perth. Its quirky design, which includes a clock that replicates one of the dials of London's Big Ben clock tower and statues of Sir Walter Raleigh and Dick Whittington, provides quite a contrast to neighboring skyscrapers.

Visitors to the arcade can browse jewelry, fashion, candy, souvenirs, antiques and more at various arcade shops and boutiques such as John Walker Chocolatier, Passchendales Accessories, Purely Australian Clothing Company and Anthony Colin Jewelers. Numerous cafes also line the walkways, inviting guests to stop in for a bite and enjoy the sunshine flowing in from the court's open roof.

Perth Concert Hall

Described as one of the best fine music acoustic venues in Australia, Perth Concert Hall is the city's main concert venue and a regular host to theater, ballet, opera and orchestral performances. Aside from being home to the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, the concert hall has hosted a glittering array of internationally acclaimed performers including the London Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Contemporary performers such as Tori Amos, Harry Connick, Jr., and the legendary Ray Charles have also graced the hall, which is also home to a spectacular 3,000-pipe organ, built by Ronald Sharp.

Having hosted many national conventions and exhibitions, Perth Concert Hall has stunning venues for private functions including the 1,729-seat auditorium and the Gala Ballroom, whose capacity is 300 people. The box office, located on the ground floor of the concert hall, is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM and one hour prior to each show on performance nights. Ticket prices vary based on performance. *For more information: +61 8 9231 9900*

Perth Restaurants

1907 Bar and Restaurant

With its sumptuously regal red rugs, dark wooden chairs, ornate ceiling cornices and high-backed, soft suede booths, 1907 has elegantly revived a 100-year-old ailing historical building into a hotspot for modern Australian cuisine. Within this former rug trade factory, renowned chef Graeme Shapiro transforms his passion for fresh local

produce into such dishes as Manjimup marron and Port Lincoln mussels steamed in broth of tamarind, lime leaves and coconut cream. After dinner, guests can grab one of the original cocktails served from the completely-lit bar.

1907 has a private dining room available for 14 people. The restaurant serves lunch Tuesday through Friday from noon to 3 PM and dinner Tuesday through Saturday from 6 to 10 PM. Entrees range from AU\$32 to AU\$59. *For more information: +61 8 9436 0233*

Atrium Garden Restaurant

Amid the tropical palms of the central courtyard and the charming colonial atmosphere of the historic 1890s Esplanade Hotel, the Atrium Garden Restaurant offers a feast of mouthwatering delights at its daily breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets. A popular spot to find something to suit any taste, the Atrium's lunch and dinner buffets have an eye-popping array of freshly-baked bread, soups, salads and carved roasts, as well as the signature seafood selection of local prawns, tender baby octopus, mussels and a seafood salad. Homemade desserts, which include petit fours, gateaux, mousse and cheesecake, should not be missed.

The restaurant is available for private events. Atrium Garden Restaurant's lunch buffet is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 2:30 PM and Sunday from 12:30 to 3 PM. Its dinner buffet is open Sunday through Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 PM and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 PM. The breakfast buffet runs from Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 10 AM and Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 10 AM. The breakfast buffet starts at AU\$25.60, the lunch buffet at AU\$31.95, and the dinner buffet at AU\$39. *For more information: +61 8 9432 4802*

C Restaurant

For a truly top-of-the-world dining experience, patrons need look no further than C Restaurant. Located in the heart of the city center, this revolving restaurant at the top of St. Martin's Tower offers sweeping views of the city, Swan River, Kings Park and even Rottnest Island and the Darling Ranges. Guests can sit back and relax in the stylish environment, enriched by crisp white linen tablecloths, enormous windows and two separate lounge areas with comfy beige sofas. The C sashimi of salmon and nori blinis and the spinach gnocchi with a Napolitano and gorgonzola cream sauce are favorites.

The restaurant can accommodate group events and offers catering for up to 300 people. Set menus, available for groups of 15 or more people, range in price based on number of courses and meal type. C Restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 11 AM to close, Saturday from 5 PM to close and Sunday from noon to close. Entrees range from AU\$27 to AU\$45. *For more information: +61 8 9220 8333*

Jackson's Restaurant

This chic, simple, and meticulously designed restaurant has touches of a Japanese influence in both its color and style. White tablecloths and fine silverware create high expectations for a decadent meal, and the cuisine does not disappoint. Chef Neal Jackson incorporates his classical training into a modern Australian menu that keeps guests asking for more. Diners can order a la carte, or savor a bit of everything with the nine-course "Deگو" degustation menu. The "Big Deگو" includes three additional chef-selected courses. Jackson's signature of roast duck breast and leg confit with rosemary pear and black pepper sauce is not to be missed, and the soufflés come highly recommended for dessert.

Jackson's Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 7 to 11 PM. Entrees start at AU\$39. The Deگو costs AU\$110 without wine. *For more information: +61 8 9328 1177*

Perth Nightlife

Brass Monkey

One of the most photographed buildings in Western Australia, Brass Monkey stands out as an icon among the Perth nightlife scene. Packing a multitude of bars and restaurants in one location, Brass Monkey offers something for everyone, no matter what type of night out on the town they are planning. The upstairs Balcony Bar Café Lounge serves up great cocktails with a side of funky tunes, while the wine aficionado will delight in the over 500 local and international varieties served at the Grapeskin wine bar. With a large projector screen and numerous plasma televisions, the Tap Room lets sports fans watch the game while enjoying a glass of the bar's flagship brew Brass Monkey Stout, or one of its 19 other beers on tap. For hungrier patrons, the BRASSGRILL offers indoor and balcony seating where they can enjoy the best of the region's meats and fresh local seafood.

The Brass Monkey has six function areas for groups ranging from 20 to 100 people. The Brass Monkey is open Monday through Thursday from 11 AM to midnight, Saturday from 11 to 2 AM and Sunday from noon to 11 PM. BRASSGRILL is open Tuesday through Saturday from 4:30 PM to close. *For more information: +61 8 9227 9596*

Little Creatures

With a stunning location on Fremantle Harbor, Little Creatures has come a long way since its early days as a crocodile farm. The tin shed was converted into a microbrewery in 2000 and has since produced an array of award-winning ales. Most famous is its pale ale, brewed with fresh hop flowers, light citrus, passion fruit and honey. Patrons can watch the award-winning beer being made from their table while sipping a brew delivered straight from the conditioning tanks. At the new Creatures Loft, comfy sofas in the supper and wine bar invite guests to relax with a light snack and enjoy views of an electrifying sunset. Creatures Loft also hosts regular entertainment at its cabaret-style performance space.

Little Creatures is available for private events. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to midnight and Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM to midnight. Creatures Loft is open Thursday and Friday from 5 PM to 1 AM, Saturday from 2 PM to 1 AM and Sunday from 2 PM to midnight. *For more information: +61 8 9430 5555*

Rosemount Hotel

Following an extensive 2002 renovation, the Rosemount Hotel has emerged as Perth's finest retro pub and self-described "large art deco showplace." From its location in the bustling entertainment district of Fitzgerald Street, the pub lures music lovers with its nightly live music performances from local bands and international acts such as Shapeshifter. The Corner Bar provides a relaxed environment to enjoy a drink in one of the many comfortable couches and cozy nooks or over a friendly game of pool, while enormous glass doors lead revelers onto the spacious Garden Bar. Here, patrons can enjoy tapas such as chicken cashew tenders, vegetable spring rolls and salt and pepper squid while lounging in the afternoon rays in a deck chair or at the Tiki hut.

The Rosemount is open Monday through Wednesday from noon to midnight, Thursday through Saturday from noon to 1 AM and Sunday from noon to 10 PM. Performances at Corner Bar start Monday through Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 4 PM. Ticket prices vary. *For more information: +61 8 9328 7062*

Subiaco Hotel

Built in 1896 in the eponymous suburb of Subiaco, the Subiaco Hotel, or "Subi," was immediately adopted as a popular meeting place for the locals. It underwent a major renovation in 1994, transforming it into a restaurant and bar combination that effortlessly combines a chic, modern feel with old-fashioned charm. One of two bars on site, the classic Bianca's Bar offers 10 varieties of beer on tap, plasma screens playing the latest game, pool tables and live entertainment.

The Subi Cocktail Bar has a stylish vibe that attracts the crème de la crème of Perth's partying urbanites, who come to enjoy one of its eclectic libations. Guests can sip on the Elderflame, a mixture of cognac, Frangelico, basil, elderflower cordial, ginger, sugar and lemon, or the Hot Date, which combines brandy, Disaronno, Galway pipe port, fresh dates, brown sugar and orange. The restaurant offers elegant dining inside or al fresco on the large courtyard.

The Subi has venues for private events of up to 70 people. It is open Monday through Thursday from 7 AM to midnight, Friday and Saturday from 7 to 1 AM and Sunday from 7 AM to 8 PM. Most specialty cocktails are AU\$16. *For more information: +61 8 9381 3069*

Universal Bar

Often referred to as Northbridge's iconic bar, the Universal Bar has nurtured the best local live talent in Perth for over 14 years. Originally inspired by the atmospheric jazz and blues bars of New Orleans, Louisiana, Universal Bar has built an unrivaled reputation as a great musical nightspot. Award-winning bartenders wait on guests, serving up delicious cocktails, beers and wines. Large bi-folding doors open the bar onto the street and help create an outstanding atmosphere.

The Back Bar is a great private function area with its comfortable booths, neon lights and warehouse-style fixtures, while the upstairs Terrace Bar can accommodate 130 guests for events. Universal Bar is open Wednesday and Thursday from 5 PM to 1 AM and Friday and Saturday from 5 PM to 2 AM. Entrance is usually free, though some performances may require cover charges. *For more information: +61 8 9227 6771*

Family Activities in Perth

Aquarium of Western Australia

The Aquarium of Western Australia is packed full of amazing adventures, from Australia's largest underwater tunnel to *DANGERZONE*, an exhibit featuring some of the deadliest and strangest marine creatures in the world. Divided into five regions to reflect the amazing diversity of Western Australia's marine life, the aquarium is a

chance for visitors to take their time exploring the icy waters of the *Great Southern Coast*, the giant sharks, rays and turtles of *Marmion Marine Park*, and the beautiful living tropical coral reefs of the *Far North. Shipwreck Coast* features stingrays, turtles, sharks and other marine life of the Indian Ocean, while *Perth Coast* is home to moon jellies, cuttlefish, octopuses, sea horses and more.

Featuring two of the most spectacular ocean-side function rooms in Australia, the aquarium's Function Centre has room for 20 to 350 guests and the Aquarium Suite has room for 80 to 200 guests. The Aquarium of Western Australia is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Admission is AU\$14.50 for children and AU\$26 for adults. *For more information: +61 8 9447 7500*

Perth Zoo

With a major focus on conservation and research, Perth Zoo is a wonderful place to check out over 1,800 animals from all over the world. Major exhibits include the *African Savannah*, where visitors embark on a journey full of giraffes, rhinos, hyenas and zebras; the *Australian Bushwalk*, at which guests can sniff the scent of eucalypts and listen to the call of the kookaburra and music of the didgeridoo; and the *Asian Rainforest*, which is home to orangutans, Asian elephants, monkeys and tigers. Other exhibits include the *Australian Wetlands and Crocodile* Exhibit, the *Silvery Gibbon* Exhibit and the *Penguin Plunge*. Groups of 12 or more people can get an in-depth animal encounter with the Behind the Scenes Tour and Keeper for a Day experiences.

The zoo has a wide range of locations, themes and menus available for conferences or functions of 25 to 350 people. Perth Zoo is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. Admission is AU\$9.50 for children and AU\$19 for adults. *For more information: +61 8 9367 7988*

Scitech Discovery Centre

Promising to reveal the "scientific, technological and the fantastically futuristic sides of Perth," the Scitech Discovery Centre is the place to uncover the astonishing world of scientific discovery. Guests can check out the planetarium's twinkling stars, rotating planets and soaring meteors, or visit the *Patterns of Life* Exhibit to see a giant DNA tower, use an infrared camera and create an imaginary fish at the Virtual Fish Tank. The *Discoverland* Exhibit is designed to engage younger children with hands-on activities, while *Hot Topic* is an exhibition for older visitors to discuss current scientific issues.

Scitech and its planetarium are available for private events. The centre is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM and weekends from 10 AM to 5 PM. Admission is AU\$9 for children and AU\$14 for adults. *For more information: +61 8 9215 0700*

Recreation and Outdoors in Perth

Kings Park & Botanic Garden

Kings Park in central Perth is ideal for taking a walk, unpacking a picnic or simply lying in the shade of a tree after a long day of sightseeing. Overlooking Swan River and the Darling Range, the park's natural bush land is home to 319 species of native plants and 80 species of bird. With wishing wells, whispering walls and wonderful wildflowers, Kings Park provides a welcome natural rejuvenation for both visitors and locals alike.



The Botanic Garden at Kings Park features an impressive 2,000 of the region's 12,000 species of plants including Kangaroo Paw, Menzies Banksia and Red Flowering Gum. Visitors can stroll on their own among the Water Garden, Acacia Garden and Rare Flora Garden, or opt for a free guided walk to learn about both the garden and park from a knowledgeable guide.

Several private function spaces are on the Kings Park grounds, including the Rotunda for 50 people and the Frasier Avenue Lawn for 500 people. Kings Park is open daily. Free guided walks of the grounds run daily at 10 AM and 2 PM. *For more information: +61 8 9480 3659*



Perth Beaches

With some of the finest beaches in Australia, most Perth-ites are addicted to one water sport or another. From swimming, surfing, windsurfing and kite surfing to fishing, cray potting and yachting, visitors have numerous ways to get in touch with Australian beach culture. Close to downtown, Cottesloe Beach is particularly popular with families. Snorkeling is popular at Marmion Marine Park near Scarborough, and Scarborough Beach, just 20 minutes from downtown, will either delight or shock visitors with some "gnarly" waves.

For the less adventurous traveler, nothing beats just lying down on the sparkling sands to soak up some sun. Many of Perth's beaches have a range of cafes, bars and restaurants to transition an active day into a lively night.

Perth Bicycle Network

A cyclists' dream, Perth's Bicycle Network offers over 700 kilometers of cycling routes that lead guests along the sunny coastal terrain. Visitors can enjoy a pleasant day trailing the Swan River all the way to Fremantle, later continuing to the crashing waves of the Indian Ocean coast. Route-marked maps of the network are available from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's website and at tourist centers. About Bike Hire offers bike rentals by the hour, day or week. Bike rentals cost AU\$10 for one hour and AU\$33 for one day. *For more information: +61 8 9221 2665*

Sandalford Winery

Located just 25 minutes from Perth in Swan Valley, Sandalford Winery is sure to be an unforgettable wine tourism experience. The complex offers innumerable pleasures for the wine aficionado, from winery tours, al fresco dining among the vineyards and even a wine appreciation session aboard a river cruise. A memorable experience, the winery tour begins with a brief movie about the winery's history, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the operations, viewed from a suspended walkway. A wine tasting completes the 90-minute tour.

Guests can also stay on the grounds for dinner at Sandalford Restaurant, which provides a wonderfully relaxed dining experience amid a rustic ambience of limestone, wood and a warm open fire. Sandalford Estate also hosts a variety of indoor and outdoor events, from the popular wine maker's dinner to the premiere annual event Symphony at Sandalford, a showcase of major international acts with an orchestral backing.

With many indoor and outdoor function venues available for private hire, including the luxury cruiser *Miss Sandalford*, capable of seating 80 people, and Sandalford Restaurant, capable of seating 60 people, the winery is a lavish spot for any event. Winery tours run daily at 11 AM and 2 PM. Sandalford Restaurant is open daily for lunch at noon. Tours are AU\$22 per person. Reservations for tours are required. *For more information: +61 8 9374 9374*

Perth Tours

Heliwest

What better way to discover a new city than by helicopter? Heliwest tours give visitors a bird's eye view of Perth City, Kings Park, the Swan River, Fremantle and the beaches along the Indian Ocean. With a central location at the Burswood Entertainment Complex, Heliwest offers a range of tours including the Perth City Special, the Fremantle Flyer and the Scenic Beaches flight. For an even more daring adventure, guests can opt to get behind the controls with a trial introductory flight.

Tour schedules cater to guests' needs, but generally run daily, weather permitting. Tours range from AU\$70 to AU\$275. The trial introductory flight, which is conducted from the flying school located at Jandakot Airport, costs AU\$325. *For more information: +61 8 9499 7700*

Perth Tram Tours

A trip aboard a replica 1899 Perth Tram is a great way for visitors to get to know the city. The Tourist Trifecta, or "three tours in one day," starts with a tram ride of Perth, followed by a Swan River cruise to Fremantle, and ends with another tram trip around Fremantle and its harbor. Guests enjoy running commentary as they slide past such sites as the Perth Concert Hall, Kings Park, London Court, Burswood Resort Casino and the London Arcade, and later enjoy morning tea served on the Swan River cruise. Afternoon tea and a wine tasting are offered on the cruise back to Perth. Guests can upgrade their three-a-day package to include entrance to the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle and a seafood buffet lunch at the beautifully restored Esplanade Hotel.

Trams can be chartered for a range of private functions and group tours. Tours depart from city hotels at 8 AM and return at approximately 6 PM. Tickets cost AU\$77; upgraded tickets cost AU\$117. *For more information: +61 8 9322 2006*

Rottnest Express

A Class "A" wildlife preserve, Rottnest Island is a tranquil island escape of untouched sandy beaches, historic buildings, rare animals and calm, crystal-blue bays, all of which add up to one of the best opportunities for recreation near Perth. Visitors often flock to the island to partake in its excellent diving and snorkeling opportunities or to cycle the only 11-kilometer-long island.



Guests can also opt for one of four day tours offered by Rottneest Express, all of which include free hotel and ferry transfers from Perth to Rottneest Island. The Experience Rottneest tour encourages guests to explore the island at their own pace with either its bike only or bike and snorkel rentals. Discover Rottneest takes guests aboard a comfortable air conditioned coach bus to visit the historical, natural and cultural attractions on the island, while Historic Rottneest is a scenic train ride aboard the "Captain Hussey" to Oliver Hill, where passengers learn about Rottneest's military past. With the Omakase option, guests are accompanied by a dedicated and knowledgeable guide to take them around by bus or by bike to all the points of interest on the island. All tours can be upgraded to include lunch at a Rottneest institution: the Quokka Arms Hotel.

Tours from Perth depart daily at 8:45 AM. Experience Rottneest costs between AU\$90 to AU\$120; Discover Rottneest costs between AU\$125 and AU\$145; Historic Rottneest costs between AU\$105 and AU\$125; and Omakase costs between AU\$90 and AU\$190. Prices vary based on tour upgrades and departure location.

Perth Convention Center Information

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Located in the heart of Perth's central business district next to the majestic Swan River, the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre has helped to cement the city's reputation as a top location for meetings and events. Since the center's opening in 2004, Perth has jumped from the 111th to the 56th spot on the International Congress & Convention Association's meetings market. The only purpose-built convention, exhibition and meeting venue in Western Australia, the well-placed centre is easily accessible from downtown by foot, bus, train and ferry and is only a 15-minute drive from the airport. An adjacent hotel has 138 rooms, and a further 10,000 hotel rooms are located within walking distance, along with numerous cafes, bars, retail outlets and restaurants.



The stunning AU\$220 million venue was designed to capture the flow and essence of the adjacent river, with its glass-fronted reception foyers affording tremendous city and river views from all three of its levels. The world-class facilities include six exhibition pavilions with a total floor space of 16,554 square meters, the 2,500-seat tiered Riverside Theatre, 23 meeting rooms, and the BelleVue Ballrooms, with a capacity of 1,760 people. Having earned it the status of one of only six recipients of the Green Globe Benchmarking recognition, the center's facilities promise planners that any meeting held at the venue can be an eco-friendly one.

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre boasts some of the most advanced technical amenities in Australia and an enviable communications infrastructure. Intelligent acoustic room design to shield external noise, fiber optic cabling, advanced projection, audio and lighting systems and satellite links are among the features offered at the centre. Further amenities include wireless Internet throughout the venue, cloakrooms, a VIP room, a media room and a green room. With one of the largest kitchens in the region, the centre offers on-site catering that showcases the region's flavors and ingredients, such as lamb, fresh fruit and vegetables and Australian wines. The site is monitored 24 hours a day by discreet on-site security, and an on-site parking lot has 1,500 spaces.

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Perth Airport Information

Perth Airport (BNE)

Perth Airport, located approximately 12 kilometers from Perth's central business district, is Australia's 4th busiest airport. Due to its location south of Guildford, Western Australia, the airport plays a strategic role to many Asian, Indian Ocean and Pacific locations, as well as to Johannesburg, South Africa, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Operating from three main terminals and two runways, Perth Airport served 9.2 million passengers in 2007 and expects to see this number rise to over 10 million travelers in the following years.

Rebuilt at a cost of AU\$26 million in 1984, the international terminal T1 was constructed with future expansion in mind. The terminal underwent major internal refurbishments in 2003 and 2004 to allow for more passenger

services such as stores and concessions. Further upgrades that added an extra 2,500 square meters of space and more check-in counters were completed in 2005 and 2006.

Expansion and upgrades will continue over the next few years. The 2024 Airport Masterplan will see the international and domestic terminals merge at a cost of AU\$1 billion, allowing for more room for aircraft such as the Airbus A380 and the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Further service upgrades will include a multi-story parking garage, a hotel and a possible rail link.

Perth Airport offers a full range of duty free shopping and dining options to help travelers relax and pass the time before or between flights. From jewelry and gems to designer, beach and bush wear, guests are guaranteed an all-encompassing shopping experience. For snacks, Aroma offers coffee and pastries. Though easily accessible by bus and shuttle services to and from Perth's central business district, major hotels and Fremantle, the airport also has short-term, long-term, fast-track and regional terminals parking.

Airline carriers serving Perth Airport

- AirAsia X
- Air Mauritius
- Air New Zealand
- Airnorth
- Alliance Airlines
- Cathay Pacific
- Emirates
- Garuda Indonesia
- Jetstar Airways
- Malaysia Airlines
- National Jet Systems
- Ozjet
- Qantas
- Royal Brunei Airlines
- Singapore Airlines
- Skippers Aviation
- Skywest
- South African Airways
- Thai Airways International
- Tiger Airways
- Tiger Airways Australia
- Virgin Blue

Perth Public Transportation

Transperth

Transperth provides fully-integrated public transportation to the Perth metropolitan area. Operating in a zone system, Transperth buses, trains and ferries allow passengers to traverse the city's downtown in the central "free transit zone" or among subsequent zones that expand outward. Fares allow passengers to hop on or hop off any bus, train or ferry within the designated zone for up to three hours. Cash fares range from AU\$2.30 for travel within zone 1 to AU\$9.60 for travel among nine zones. All-day passes are available for AU\$8.40.

Buses

Transperth operates over 11,000 buses on more than 12,500 stops throughout the city and surrounding areas. A free Central Area Transit (CAT) bus services the inner city, while regular buses make numerous stops from downtown shopping centers to outlying beaches.

CAT buses run Monday through Friday every 10 minutes from 6:50 AM to 6:20 PM and weekdays every 15 to 35 minutes from 10 AM to 6:20 PM. Regular buses run Monday through Friday every 15 to 60 minutes from 6:30 AM to 11 PM. Regular weekend service is more infrequent and Sunday routes are less extensive.

Trains

Transperth operates suburban train lines from the Perth Train Station on Wellington Street. The network covers 69 stations and runs to Midland, Armdale, Fremantle, Clarkson and Mandurah. Fares are divided into nine fare zones and trains generally run daily from 5:30 AM to midnight and weekends until 2 AM. Trains run every 15 minutes until 7:30 PM and every 30 minutes thereafter; post-midnight services operate hourly.



Ferries

A popular transportation mode for guests looking to visit the [Perth Zoo](#), the Transperth Ferry runs across Swan River between Barrack Street Jetty and Mends Street Jetty. Ferry service runs every 30 minutes between 6:50 AM and 7:40 PM.

Rental Cars

Rental car companies Avis, Budget, Europcar, Hertz and Thrifty operate at Perth Airport. The car rental customer service desks are located on the ground floor of terminals T1, T2 and T3.

Taxis

Taxis are numerous in Perth and guests have no difficulty in flagging one down at the airport or among the streets of downtown. Fares start at AU\$3.50 and increase at a rate of AU\$1.44 per kilometer. Guests should expect a taxi fare of around AU\$33 from the city to the airport.

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| • Fremantle, WA | • 14 km |
| • Rockingham, WA | • 40 km |
| • Geraldton, WA | • 371 km |
| • Albany, WA | • 392 km |