



Around Perth

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- ➔ Hotel Rottne (p925)
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- ➔ Taste & Graze (p928)
- ➔ Lobster Shack (p931)
- ➔ Beach Bistro (p932)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Cervantes Lodge & Pinnacles Beach Backpackers (p931)
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Why Go?

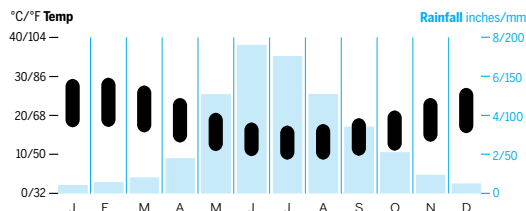
Although Western Australia (WA) is huge, you don't have to travel too far from Perth to treat yourself to a tantalising taste of what the state has to offer. A day trip could see you frolicking with wild dolphins, snorkelling with sea lions, scooping up brilliant-blue crabs or spotting bilbies in the bush. Active types can find themselves canoeing, rafting, surfing, windsurfing, sandboarding, diving, skydiving and mountain biking.

Get up early to experience the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park at dawn, and return at dusk for a spectacular end to the day. Explore historic towns classified by the National Trust, or experience the monastic ambience of fascinating New Norcia.

We've designed this chapter so that the main headings can be tackled as day trips, or better still, overnights. If you're embarking on a longer trip, whether north, south or east, you'll find your first stop within these pages.

When to Go

Mandurah



Mar Good beach weather and a fine time to spot thrombolites in Lake Clifton.

Jun Food and wine excellence at the Avon Valley Gourmet Food & Wine Festival in Northam.

Aug Wild flowers start to bloom, and brave/crazy paddlers take part in Northam's Avon River Festival.



Around Perth Highlights

- 1 Cycling your way to a slice of coastal paradise on **Rottnest Island** (Wadjemup; p922), then spending the afternoon swimming, sunning and snorkelling.
- 2 Enjoying a sublime sunset over the other-worldly **Pinnacles Desert** (p930).
- 3 Getting chipper with Flipper while palling about with scores of wild dolphins in **Shoalwater Islands Marine Park** (p927), off Rockingham.
- 4 Splashing about with sea lions at **Green Head** (p932).
- 5 Exploring the intriguing monastery town of **New Norcia** (p932).
- 6 Learning the fine arts of windsurfing, kiteboarding and sandboarding in sleepy seaside **Lancelin** (p930).
- 7 Immersing yourself in the wonderful wild flowers of the **Lesueur National Park** (p930).