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Why Go?

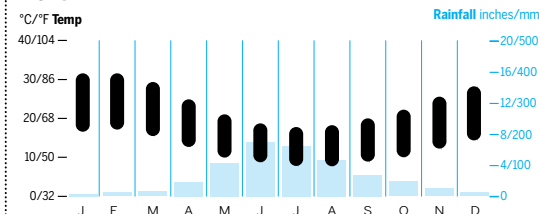
Planted by a river and beneath an almost permanent canopy of blue sky, the city of Perth is a modern-day boom town, stoking Australia's economy from its glitzy central business district. Yet it remains as relaxed as the sleepy Swan River – black swans bobbing atop – which winds past the skyscrapers and out to the Indian Ocean.

Even in its boardrooms, Perth's heart is down at the beach, tossing around in clear ocean surf and stretching out on the sand. The city's beaches trace the western edge of Australia for some 40km, and you can have one to yourself on any given day – for a city this size, Perth is sparsely populated.

Perth has sprawled to enfold Fremantle within its suburbs, yet the port city maintains its own distinct personality, proud of its nautical ties, working-class roots, bohemian reputation and, especially, its football team.

When to Go

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Feb Perth's Arts Festival is on and school starts, so the beaches are less crowded.

Mar Warm and dry, so great weather for the beach, and not as swelteringly hot.

Sep Kings Park wild flowers, the Perth Royal Show and the Listen Out festival.



Perth & Fremantle Highlights

- 1 Stretching out on the lawn in **Kings Park** (p895) with the glittering river and city spread out below you.
- 2 Doing time with the ghosts of convicts past in World Heritage-listed **Fremantle Prison** (p912).
- 3 Experiencing Perth's bustling **eateries** (p904) of

- Mt Lawley, Northbridge and the city centre.
- 4 Exploring a wealth of local art, Indigenous and otherwise, at the **Art Gallery of Western Australia** (p896).
- 5 Soaking up the decaying gold-rush grandeur of **Fremantle's historic streetscape** (p912).

- 6 Enjoying the sunset with a sundowner in hand after a hard day's beaching at **Cottesloe** (p897).
- 7 Hitting **Fremantle's pubs** (p918) and letting the bands of Bon Scott's home town shake you all night long.