



Perth & Fremantle

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Long Chim (p71)
- ➔ Brika (p72)
- ➔ Wildflower (p71)
- ➔ Bread in Common (p91)
- ➔ Manuka Woodfire Kitchen (p92)

Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Como The Treasury (p68)
- ➔ Durack House (p69)
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Why Go?

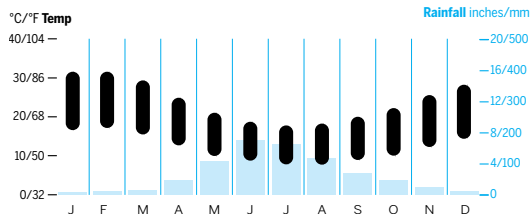
Basking under a near-permanent canopy of blue sky, Perth is a modern-day boom town, stoking Australia's economy from its glitzy central business district. Anchored by the broad Swan River flowing past skyscrapers and out to the Indian Ocean, the city boasts recent developments like Elizabeth Quay and Perth Stadium, which have added a more cosmopolitan sheen to this traditionally laid-back town.

But Perth's heart is still down at the beach, tossing in clear surf and relaxing on the sand. The city's beaches trace the western edge of Australia for around 40km, and on any given day you can often have one all to yourself.

Perth has sprawled to enfold Fremantle within in its suburbs, but the raffish port town with a great food and arts scene maintains its own distinct personality – immensely proud of its nautical ties, working-class roots and bohemian reputation.

When to Go

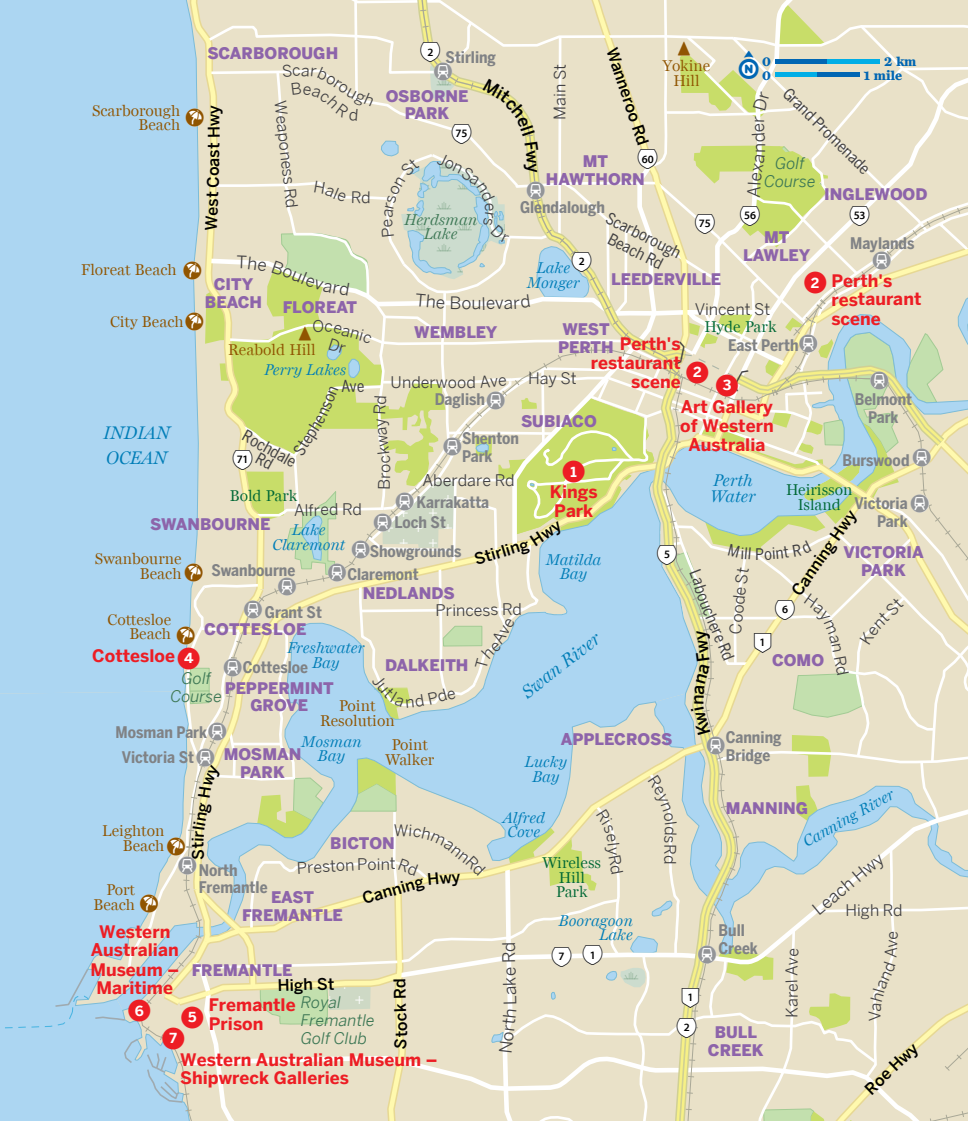
Perth



Feb Perth's Art 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 wildflowers, the Perth Royal Show and the Listen Out festival.



Perth & Fremantle Highlights

1 Stretching out on the lawn in **Kings Park** (p56) with the glittering river and city spread out below you.

2 Experiencing **Perth's restaurant scene** (p70) in the eateries of Mt Lawley, Northbridge and the city centre.

3 Exploring a wealth of local art, including a significant

Indigenous collection in the **Art Gallery of Western Australia** (p53).

4 Enjoying the sunset with a sundowner after a hard day's beaching at **Cottesloe** (p57).

5 Doing time with the ghosts of convicts past in World Heritage-listed **Fremantle Prison** (p85).

6 Exploring Freo's seafaring past in the spectacular ocean-front **Western Australian Museum – Maritime** (p85).

7 Learning about the fascinating 1629 wreck of the *Batavia* at the **Western Australian Museum – Shipwreck Galleries** (p85).