Few travellers make it to this shady, palm-fringed mission at the end of a disintegrating track, but those who make the effort are rewarded with laid-back camping, WWII wrecks, lonely beaches and legendary fishing.

Tumbleweeds blow across the road as you extricate yourself from your vehicle, shake off the dust and enter the cool, shady interior of the Ironclad Hotel. In the hottest town in Australia, an icy beer has never tasted better.

When it comes to Australian inselbergs (colossal 'island' boulders), Uluru in the Northern Territory gets all the glory. But far-flung Mt Augustus is twice as hefty and twice as tall.

Just begging to be explored, remote Dirk Hartog Island has a fascinating history. Just getting here is an adventure...and the sunsets this far west are as good as they get.

This spectacular archipelago of 122 islands and reefs off Geraldton hosts sea lions, turtles, pythons, ospreys, wallabies...and more than a few shipwrecks.

Go marsupial crazy and get acquainted with bilbies, bodgies and woylies at Dryandra’s excellent Barna Mia Nocturnal Animal Sanctuary.

Around Esperance you’ll find a trio of brilliant national parks – Cape Le Grand, Cape Arid and Stokes – offering isolated fishing, swimming, camping and beach-going kangaroos.