

Nature & Wildlife - Itineraries

Australia's South West has 1,147 kilometres of coastline that ranges from white sandy beaches to rugged sea cliffs.

Experience its diversity by travelling the entire length or design a trip to suit yourself. [Whales](#) can be spotted along the coastline from June through to early December. Or venture inland and enjoy the tranquillity of nature on a tour through the forests of Australia's South West.

The Western Coastline - 3 days

Perth - Bunbury - Busselton/Dunsborough - Margaret River - Augusta - Perth

- Leave Perth for [Bunbury](#) to see the [dolphins](#) of Koombana Bay on a boat cruise then:
- Head south to spend the night on the pristine shores of Geographe Bay at [Busselton](#) or [Dunsborough](#) (whale watching cruises operate here from September to early December).
- Head around Cape Naturaliste to the exposed western coastline famous for its surfing and long sandy beaches.
- Overnight in [Margaret River](#) before heading to [Augusta](#) and Cape Leeuwin where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet (whale watching cruises operate here from June to September).
- Farewell the Southern Ocean before heading back to Perth.

The Southern Coastline - 3 Days

Perth - Albany - Denmark - Walpole - Perth.

- Experience the rugged southern coastline by fast tracking to [Albany](#) where beautiful sandy beaches are interrupted by rocky outcrops and cliffs. Whale watching cruises operate from Albany in season.
- On the next day head west along the scenic drive to [Denmark](#) and be sure to see the Wilson Inlet and Ocean Beach.
- Greens Pool makes another fascinating stop as you continue on towards [Walpole](#).
- Don't miss the Conspicuous Cliffs and Mandalay Beach.
- Spend the night in Walpole before travelling back to Perth.

5 Days of Forests and Flowers

Perth - Bridgetown - Pemberton - Northcliffe - Walpole - Albany - Perth.

- Travel inland from Perth through the rolling hills of [Harvey](#) and on to the Collie River Valley's [jarrah forests](#). The area comes alive with [wildflowers](#) in spring and there are a number of bush walks you can enjoy.

- Continue south to the [Blackwood River Valley](#) and travel from [Balingup](#) to [Nannup](#) along the scenic Blackwood River.
- Stay in Nannup or travel on to [Bridgetown](#) for the night.
- In the morning, set off for the karri forests around [Manjimup](#) and [Pemberton](#). A trip over the Yeagerup Dunes is not to be missed. View world-class outdoor sculptures at the forest art trail in [Northcliffe](#). Spend the next day exploring the Valley of the Giants near [Walpole](#) where [karri](#) trees grow right to the water's edge.
- Walk above the tree tops and explore the Ancient Empire walk. Stay in Walpole before slowly travelling through to Albany taking in the sights and scenery of the Torndirrup National Park.
- Overnight in [Albany](#) and wind your way back to Perth through the Stirling Range which also offers some fantastic walks and an abundance of [flora](#) and [fauna](#).

Road Safety Tips - Vehicles are not the only road users in the South West.

Try to avoid travel at the high risk time of dawn and dusk. If you see an animal on the road in front of you brake firmly in a straight line and sound your horn.

Do not swerve as it is safer to stay on the road.