

WELCOME TO ONE OF THE TOP TEN REGIONS IN THE WORLD TO VISIT IN 2010. AS CHOSEN BY LONELY PLANET.

Relax and recoup in the Australia's South West after the Great WA Bike



AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST TRAVEL GUIDE 2011 - A SNAPSHOT OF HOLIDAY IDEAS

The West Australian  
**Great WA**  
**Bike Ride 2011**  
A week in another world

EXPERIENCE  
**EXTRAORDINARY**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Tree Top Walk, between Walpole and Denmark.

Each year Lonely Planet chooses 10 regions they believe to be the world's most incredible to visit. And this year, they've selected Western Australia's South West. With its prestigious luxury retreats, world-class wineries, stunning natural landscapes and relaxing spa treatments the Geographe Bay and the Margaret River Wine Region lends itself perfectly to the ultimate getaway weekend and it's just two hours drive south of Perth.

## ACCOMMODATION

Australia's South West region has a range of accommodation options available including quality motels, hotels, caravan and holiday parks, five star resorts, chalets, apartments, farm stays and bed and breakfasts, there are plenty of accommodation options to choose from. During peak periods and school holidays, you will need to book in advance.



Boranup Beach, located near Margaret River.



Margaret River Wine Region.

# ENJOY ONE OF THE MANY TOURS ON OFFER

## Winery Tours

The Margaret River Wine Region produces 26% of Australia's premium wines and is ranked among the world's most famous wine regions. Notable varieties of the Margaret River Wine Region include Cabernet, Merlot, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. There are many half day and full day winery tours on offer and many will pick you up from your front door.

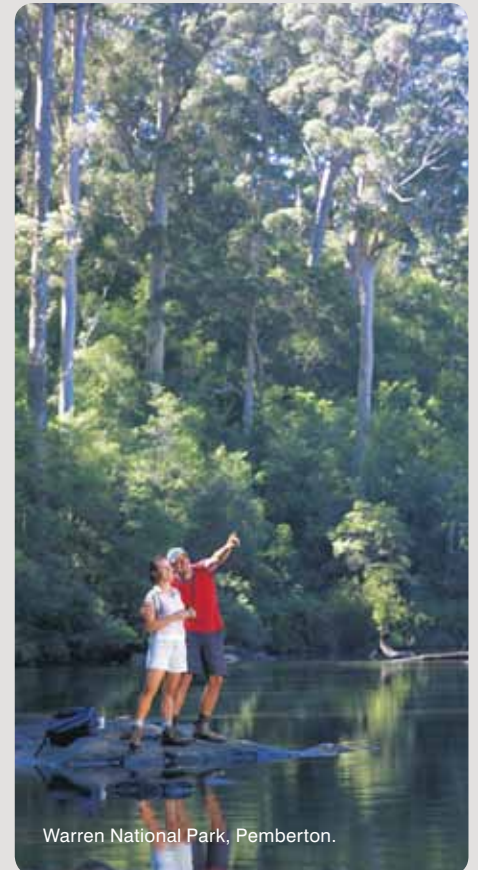
## Cave, Canoe and Bushtucker Tours

Canoe past cliffs, caves, pioneer and aboriginal sites, witness the healthy native eco system which boasts clean, clear water, Australian wildlife, unique forests and tranquil waters. Enjoy the shipwreck stories at the caves entrance or be adventurous and join your guide on a wild cave adventure. Paddle upstream past forested kangaroo habitats and learn the history of our first native inhabitants and the trials of the famous Bussell family of Busselton.

## Blackwood River Cruises

Sit back, relax and experience the beauty of the magnificent Blackwood River and the abundant wildlife.

**Other tours include:** Abseiling and rock climbing, 4 wheel driving, day spas, bushwalking, degustation tours, food and wine, horse riding, diving, kayaking, kitesurfing, mountain biking, nature and wilderness and wildflower tours.



Warren National Park, Pemberton.



Lesauwin - Naturaliste National Park.



Quay West Resort, located in Bunker Bay.

## OTHER THINGS TO SEE AND DO

### **Busselton Jetty Experience**

Extending almost two kilometres out over Geographe Bay, the heritage listed Busselton Jetty is the longest timber jetty (pier) in the Southern Hemisphere, situated in the seaside resort town of Busselton. The Underwater Observatory is located at the end of the jetty and descends 12 metres to the ocean floor where you can view the marine life through the many large windows. The Busselton Jetty is currently undergoing a full restoration project and is due to re-open summer 2010/2011.

### **Surfing**

The undisputed surf capital of Western Australia is Margaret River home to a huge crop of challenging and powerful waves. With consistently spectacular surf, it's no surprise the area is a firm favourite with the world's elite. Surfer's Point, which hosts the Drug Aware Pro Margaret River, offers powerful ground swells and first-class waves. Even more challenging waves can be found at The Box, North Point, Smiths and Three Bears.

### **Caves**

The limestone ridge of the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park hides a series of caves, many of which are open to the public. The subterranean world that these caves open up is an amazing experience and few visitors fail to be impressed. Ngilgi, Mammoth, Lake and Jewel caves run guided tours and have been enjoyed by the public for the last century. They are now recognised internationally for their beauty and pristine condition.

### **Country Pubs**

Locally brewed beers and fresh cuisine make the pubs of Australia's South West truly unique. Here, the water feature in the beer garden is often the ocean itself. Add fine wines, beautiful natural surroundings and charming country town settings, and you have the perfect place in which to sample the local culture, history, hospitality and fine food.

### **Tree Top Walk, between Walpole and Denmark**

Explore Western Australia's world famous forest of gigantic tingle trees and take a bird's eye view of the towering forest from the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk, a spectacular lightweight bridge through the forest canopy. The bridge gently ascends into the tree tops 40 metres above the forest floor.

### **Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse**

Breathtaking panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, Cape Naturaliste, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and the beautiful Geographe Bay coastline reward visitor to the top balcony. Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is the tallest on mainland Australia and sits on the tip of a spectacular peninsula where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet.

### **Bibbulmun Track**

Is one of the most recognised walks in the region which stretches for nearly 1,000 kilometres between Kalamunda in Perth and Albany on the south coast. The track runs through or near the towns of Collie, Balingup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole and Denmark before finishing in Albany. Along its path are areas of old growth forest, pretty farmland, rugged coastal cliffs and remote beaches. It even passes near some



of the regions most popular attractions like the Gloucester Tree in Pemberton and the Tree Top Walk, between Walpole and Denmark.

### **Sailing**

Geographe Bay in Australia's South West is one of the safest and most picturesque sailing spots in the State. Seafarers can set sail on a privately chartered yacht and learn the ropes, or simply kick back and enjoy a skippered cruise. Explore the region's stunning white sandy beaches, snorkel in the clear turquoise waters and look out for friendly dolphins playfully riding the bow.

### **Golf**

In Australia's South West you will find golf courses set amidst natural bushland, lush parks, unique wetlands filled with birds and even along the coast. If lush green undulating fairways, challenging bunkers and lakes coupled with stunning ocean views, majestic forests and fine wine sounds like an ideal place to play a round, then golf in Australia's South West is for you.

## VISITOR CENTRES

For more information on holidaying in Australia's South West, make the local Visitor Centre your first port of call. Staffed by local experts, Visitor Centres are your one-stop-shop for maps of the region and information about the best things to see, as well as booking tours and accommodation. Find your local visitor centre using the regional list below:

### **Australia's South West**

[www.australiassouthwest.com](http://www.australiassouthwest.com)

### **Harvey Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9729 1122 [www.harveytourism.com](http://www.harveytourism.com)

### **Bunbury Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9792 7205 [www.visitbunbury.com.au](http://www.visitbunbury.com.au)

### **Collie Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9734 2051 [www.collierivervalley.org.au](http://www.collierivervalley.org.au)

### **Donnybrook Visitor Information Centre**

Tel: (08) 9731 1720 [www.donnybrookwa.com.au](http://www.donnybrookwa.com.au)

### **Balingup Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9764 1818 [www.balinguptourism.com.au](http://www.balinguptourism.com.au)

### **Nannup Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9756 1211 [www.nannupwa.com](http://www.nannupwa.com)

### **Bridgetown - Greenbushes Visitor Centre**

Toll Free: 1800 777 140 [www.bridgetown.com.au](http://www.bridgetown.com.au)

### **Boyup Brook Visitor Information Centre**

Tel: (08) 9765 1444 [www.bbvisitor.mysouthwest.com.au](http://www.bbvisitor.mysouthwest.com.au)

### **Busselton Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9752 1288 [www.geographebay.com](http://www.geographebay.com)

### **Dunsborough Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9752 1288 Fax: (08) 9756 8065  
[www.geographebay.com](http://www.geographebay.com)

### **Margaret River Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9780 5911 [www.margaretriver.com](http://www.margaretriver.com)

### **Augusta Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9758 0166 [www.margaretriver.com](http://www.margaretriver.com)

### **Manjimup Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9771 1831 [www.manjimupwa.com](http://www.manjimupwa.com)

### **Pemberton Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9776 1133 [www.pembertonvisitor.com.au](http://www.pembertonvisitor.com.au)

### **Northcliffe Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9776 7203 [www.northcliffe.org.au](http://www.northcliffe.org.au)

### **Walpole - Nornalup Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9840 1111 [www.walpole.com.au](http://www.walpole.com.au)

### **Denmark Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9848 2055 [www.denmark.com.au](http://www.denmark.com.au)

### **Albany Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9841 9290 [www.amazingalbany.com](http://www.amazingalbany.com)

### **Cranbrook Tourist Centre**

Tel: (08) 9826 1008

### **Kojonup Visitor Centre**

Tel: (08) 9831 0500 [www.kojonupvisitors.com](http://www.kojonupvisitors.com)

### **Katanning Tourist Information Centre**

Tel: (08) 9821 2634 [www.katanningwa.com](http://www.katanningwa.com)

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