

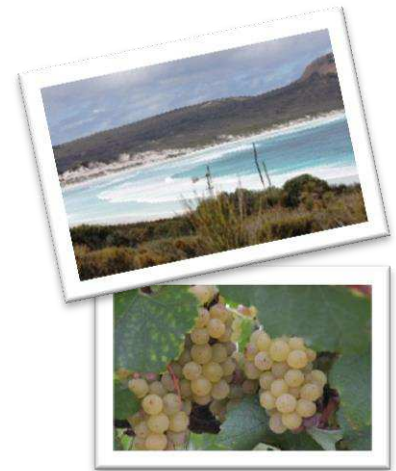


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# Travel Highlights

## South Western Australia



### Distance

2150 km circuit

### Best Time to Travel

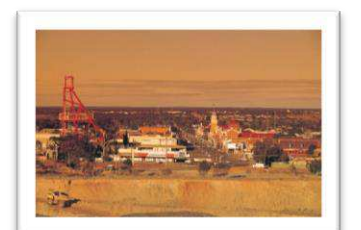
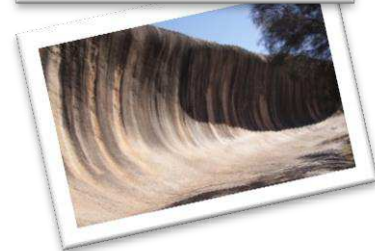
any; one of the more temperate areas in Australia, however will be cool in winter

### Suggest Time Frame for Travel

14 days for circuit or longer if you have time OR  
Perfect to add onto a trip across the Nullarbor

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- Enjoy the world renowned **wildflower** displays, usually Aug/Sept to Nov (*depending on weather conditions*)
- You'll have the opportunity to see plenty of **wildlife** including **emus**, **kangaroos** (*even on the beach if you're lucky*) and **whales** (Jul – Oct)
- Meander through the **Swan Valley** for some wine tasting, and onto the stunning **Avon Valley** to the historic town of **York**
- Consider a detour to **Wave Rock**, near **Hyden** through the Salt Plains.
  - **Wave Rock** is one of Australia's famous landforms - it looks like a giant surf wave of multi coloured granite about to crash onto the bush below. There are some great walks around the surrounding bushland, salt lakes and sand plains. You can also go on top of the rock – which is from over 2,700 million years ago - before dinosaurs roamed the earth! Best enjoyed early morning/evening.
- Continuing on to **Kalgoorlie-Boulder** to visit Australia's gold capital and learn fascinating stories of the early prospectors in pursuit of gold. Visit the **Super Pit**, which is the biggest open pit gold mine in the country.
- Head south to **Norseman**, situated in the Great Western Woodlands, where you can visit the largest temperate woodland left in the world. Gateway to the iconic Nullarbor Plains.



- **Esperance** has the most beautiful coastal scenery with squeaky white sand and turquoise water.
- The **Cape Le Grand National Park** is where you can see kangaroos lazing on the beach. Cape Le Grand does have some sealed roads in the National Park and camping options (non-powered) – keep your eyes peeled in the farmer’s lush green paddocks just before you arrive at the National Park. You’ll probably see a number of kangaroos and emus in this area.
  - **Around Esperance**, The **Great Ocean Drive** (Tourist Loop) is a 38km scenic drive that follows the local coastline and then loops back into town and is a must do. Some of the highlights to see along the way are the **Rotary Lookout**, **Twilight Beach**, **Observatory Point**, the **Wind Farm** and **Pink Lake**.
- Detour to **Stirling Range National Park** for dramatic scenery and a hike if you are feeling energetic.
- Back out on the coast, **Albany** offers beautiful sandy beaches, interrupted only by rocky outcrops and cliffs. Whale watching cruises operate from Albany in season. (May to Sept usually)
  - Visiting **Torndirrup National Park**, near Albany is a must to visit. It’s amazing to see what the massive power of the Southern Ocean has created. The spectacular rock formations of **The Gap**, **Natural Bridge** and the **Blow Holes** are definitely worth visiting.
  - There’s wineries around Albany to visit
- **Denmark** is home to the **Scotsdale Tourist Drive**, which is a beautiful forest drive, passing number of vineyards, galleries and opportunities to pick up local produce for your dinner
  - Visit **Williams Bay NP**
    - **Greens Pool** is beautiful and where the locals head for their early morning swim, even in winter. Explore the nearby **Elephant Rocks**.
- Visit beautiful National Parks for exploring and walks on your way to **Pemberton**.
  - One of the popular ones is the **Valley of the Giants** where you can see very **large karri trees**. In this area, is also the Tree Top Walk, which is spectacular. You can walk 40 metres above the ground to marvel at the canopy of the beautiful tingle forest.
- The cool climate wines produced around **Pemberton** and **Manjimup** are superb and are complemented by the fresh produce of the area. Maybe you’ll also have a chance to enjoy one of the local delicacies – marron (fresh water crayfish).
- **Augusta** and **Cape Leeuwin**, which is the most south-westerly mainland point of Australia and where the Indian Ocean meets the Southern Ocean.
- **Margaret River** is a must do. The Mediterranean climate allows you to relish in the pristine vineyards and stunning coastline, throughout all four seasons.
  - Winery hopping is a popular tourist activity with many wineries provide free tasting of their international award winning selections. Also in the area you can sample many other delicacies including olives, cheeses, oils, preserves and chocolate.
  - Explore **Caves Road** which is a scenic drive all along the coast from **Augusta** in the south to **Dunsborough** in the north. This coastline is famous for its **surfing**, long sandy beaches and **caves** (you can arrange entry tour into these caves)
- **Yallingup** - a surfer's paradise but fun to watch if you're less adventurous
- **Busselton** - most famed for its far stretching jetty – one of the longest jetties in the world. You can walk along the wooden decking, to the tip of the pier or take a train.
  - *You'll find a number of **freedom camps** (free or low cost camping) and commercial camps in beautiful locations along this entire South Western corner*
  - *Grab a Holiday National Park Pass to save money on entry fees*

