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1. City Skyline
2. City Building
3. Swans on the Swan River
4. Snorkelling at Rottnest Island
5. Whale Shark at Coral Bay
6. Shark Bay



perth: a relaxed outdoor lifestyle

The city of Perth is located alongside the peaceful waters of the Swan River, 20 kilometres inland of the Indian Ocean on the west coast of Australia. The city centre bustles with activity and offers a range of choices for shopping. King Street with its contemporary retail outlets and eateries is a shopper's delight.

Perth's beaches are squeaky clean, white and offer a cosy position from which to view those famous Indian Ocean sunsets that 'easterners' can only envy from afar. Perth, you might say, is isolated from the rest of the country, but in many ways that is part of its charm. It has developed its own style and sophistication and in spite of its distance from the other major Australian cities, is very cosmopolitan.

The port city of Fremantle lies just south of Perth. It is a popular cultural hotspot, with some of the finest sandstone architecture indicative of early settlement in the area. It really thumps on the weekends when you will find creative markets, entertainment and an abundance of very colourful alfresco eateries and cafés.

The Swan Valley region is steeped in history and is one of Western Australia's oldest wine regions. It is home to more than 40 vineyards, many of which are still run by the original families that started the wineries many years ago.

Just a short ferry ride from Perth or Fremantle is Rottnest Island, a popular holiday destination for the young and young-at-heart that offers a very relaxed atmosphere. You may find a quokka or two, the unique little marsupial that the island takes its name from, walking alongside you. The best way to get around the island is on pushbike, stopping off at a number of small sandy bays along the way. The lighthouse is a characteristic landmark.

If you enjoy nature, then a visit to the Perth hills is a must. It offers rolling hills and valleys of native bushland, wineries and orchards, and is perfect if you enjoy bushwalking and hiking, and nowhere else in Perth will you find such amazing views over the Perth city below.

Northbridge and Fremantle are where you will find a range of nightclubs, pubs and bars, cafes and eateries, offering an eclectic mix of cultures and cuisines.

Just 132 kilometres north of Perth is Australia's only monastic town, New Norcia famous for its Benedictine Monastery and home of arguably the best bread in Australia – the New Norcia bakery. Monks from the order founded the monastery and community 150 years ago in pursuit of a simple life and religious contemplation. The olive groves that were planted there now form a picturesque backdrop to the monastery.

A trip to Margaret River, 275 kilometres south of Perth, is a must for the surf and sea, or the food and wine. There is something for everyone. A further 140 kilometres south is Pemberton, and its giant old-growth karri forests. If you're in town between the migration months of May and September, stop at Augusta along the way for a spot of humpback and southern right whale watching.



PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...

- Kings Park and the outdoor cinema
- The Perth Mint
- Botanic Gardens
- The Old Mill
- Perth Zoo
- Burswood Park
- Perth Bell Tower
- London Court
- Barracks Arch
- Fremantle Prison
- Cottesloe Beach

Perth Travellers Club

Now is the time to be getting out there and seeing Australia, no excuses, don't put it off any longer! When arriving to a new place there is so much to organise, it's almost like being put into a surreal experience in an almost unreal place. Experiencing something for the first time is an over whelming experience and something the Travellers Club in Perth understands all too well.

The Travellers Club is a home away from home for travellers as they arrive in Perth. We specialise in domestic adventure travel and act as a base for customers who are travelling longer term on a one year working holiday visa and want to find work, have a permanent address, purchase a vehicle, gain employment for a visa extension and plan their time in Australia. We can organise your whole itinerary all the way around the country and as one of the biggest buyers for adventure travel with two funky stores in Perth, an in-house recruitment agency and the fastest computers in the west including Global Gossip, the Travellers club offers the cheapest tours and is a one stop shop for setting yourself up.

It is very important to make sure you travel with the seasons rather than against them, this can make or break your well-earned holiday. Remember half the country experiences a wet season and the other half can have a pretty cold and wet winter, don't get stuck in the worst seasons. Let us help you see the most you can and get the best possible weather. For those of you working your way around we can



also advise the best places and times for job-hunting.

It's a great time to get off the beaten track, out of the urban grind and fire up your adrenaline levels, or find that perfect spot you've always wanted to see and simply 'chill' out. Go on get out there! It's time to remember what life is all about. The Travellers Club consultants are born and bred Australians and know their way around this wonderful country. Our consultants are very passionate about their home and the many things to see and do here. You can give the guys and girls at Travellers Club a toll free call from anywhere within Australia on **1800 016 969**, or you can email us on info@travellersclub.com.au.

Using Greyhound bus passes we can advise you on the best possible way to travel around the country, giving you the most freedom and flexibility to see Australia. To get the adrenaline pumping, here are some activities from around Australia.

Check out the adrenaline-pumpers here!

Coral Bay and Exmouth – Perfect destination for people of all ages seeking relaxation, adventure or simply something different. There are many tours on offer, these include glass bottom boats, diving tours, manta ray tours, whale watching tours, whale shark tours, scenic flights, quad bike tours, catamaran tours or simply enjoy lazing by the beach.

Karijini National Park – Discover the magnificent ancient gorges and swim in the waterfalls and pools. Go on a spectacular bushwalk from Dales Gorge to Circular Pool and back along the bottom of the Gorge to Fortescue Falls and discover the beautiful Fern Pool.

The Kimberleys – A timeless land, the Kimberleys will captivate you with its sense of space and remoteness. From the rugged inland ranges and spectacular gorges, to the pristine and remote coastline, this is

one of the world's last great wilderness areas and offers a truly unique experience. Don't forget to mention our special combination deals when booking more than one tour.

Here are some perfect examples of chilling out the Aussie way – find paradise and soak it up.

Learn to Surf Camping Trips – Lancelin: Camp in remote locations and see wildlife along the way. All surfing lessons provided along with all equipment and meals. Wake up in secluded locations and head out to catch a wave or two before breakfast.

Sea Kayaking – Expeditions to Monkey Mia (Western Australia): See pods of dolphins, dugongs, turtles, fish and rays up close and personal. Camp out under the stars on pristine beaches.

Camp out under the stars on your own beach – Cape Range National Park: Sleep under the stars or in a luxurious wilderness tent with your own comfy bed. All delicious meals are prepared for you, all equipment – snorkelling gear, wetsuits, sea kayaks, and guided snorkelling and bushwalking tours also included. Explore the sanctuary of the Ningaloo Reef with experienced guides. Amaze at tropical fish, beautiful coral and even a chance to swim with turtles.

As you can see there are so many things to see and do while you are travelling around, this is just the tip of the iceberg. For a more detailed list of places to visit and things to do, check out the Travellers Club website www.travellersclub.com.au. The website is a great source of information, or call the team direct on 1800 016 969. Don't forget to mention our special combination deals when booking more than one tour.

Billabong Backpackers Resort

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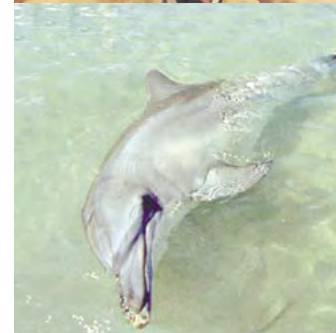
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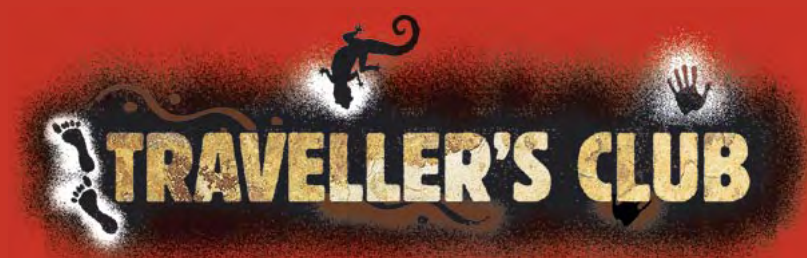


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