PERTH

IN 24 HOURS

Effortlessly laid-back, charmingly cosmopolitan, and with a plethora of natural, cultural and culinary hits, Perth is the perfect place to spend a day.

No day in Perth starts without coffee. With an endless supply of independent coffee shops serving crisp espressos, frothy cappuccinos and silky flat whites, you're assured of a great brew wherever you go. So why not choose by interior? Opt for the red-bricked and high-ceilinged heritage of La Veen, the pastel shades of Someday Coffee Co, or the industrial chic of old mechanics shop Gordon St Garage.

If you want something more substantial, pop into one of Mary Street Bakery's five city sites. Its stack of fried chicken and buttermilk pancakes – topped with peanuts, maple syrup, chilli and a fried egg – is the most wonderfully indulgent breakfast in Perth. Best of all, it's available until mid-afternoon.

Get your bearings with a midday trip up the Bell Tower, an 82.5m-high glass and copper campanile overlooking Elizabeth Quay. From here, you'll see across the city and out to sea. Afterwards, go explore some of the city centre sights you've seen from above – from the historic Gothic-style Perth Town Hall to the newly opened Yagan Square, home to food markets, artworks and cultural events.

Next, take a walk around Kings Park. The largest inner-city green space in the world (it is 80ha larger than New York City's Central Park), it is visited by millions every year for its flower-filled botanic garden, fascinating aboriginal art gallery and gorgeous vistas across the Swan River.

Perth is also a popular jumpingoff point for the famous Margaret River wine region. A three-hour drive from the city, you should set off now if you're planning to visit.



Head out to the coast by taking a ferry from Barrack Street Jetty to Fremantle ("Freo" in the local vernacular). a dynamic port city that draws the arty, alternative crowds. The attractions here are the Fremantle Markets, a grand old Victorian-era market hall where you can buy everything from designer fashion to antiques (as well as pick up a well-deserved afternoon snack): and Fremantle Prison, a UNESCOlisted former jail that gives a vivid insight into the life of a 19thcentury convict.

Up the coast, Cottesloe Beach is Perth's favourite strip of sand. Head into the glittering green sea for a swim, or to snorkel or surf. Or just relax with a drink at Indiana, an Art Deco teahouse above the beach, and watch the sun set.





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2000 HOURS

Head back into the centre for the

evening. Perth's restaurants often close early, so start with dinner. For modern Australian fare with a view, opt for C Restaurant, an upmarket revolving restaurant on the 33rd floor of St Martins Tower. Or for a more intimate meal (with an unbeatable wine list), try Balthazar. In both places, you will find typical

Western Australian produce, from fresh seafood to flavoursome truffles.

Cosmopolitan Perth
has a dining scene where
international cuisine plays a
big part. Highlights include
African-European fusion
food at Baby Mammoth, uberhearty German pub fare at
Brotzeit, creative Japanese
sushi and seafood dishes
at The Bonsai, and Scandiskewed pastries at Miss Maud.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Gordon St Garage is buzzing at breakfast; canoeing under Fremantle Prison; sculptures on Cottesloe Beach.

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THIS PAGE, FROM TOP:
Fremantle Markets;
craft beers on tap at
The Old Brewery;
enjoy whisky at
Varnish on King.

Beer is a big part of Perth culture, and there are several great brewpubs in the city. One of the best is The Old Brewery and Riverside Brewhouse, a microbrewery offering lagers, pale ales and wheat beers on tap. Petition Beer Corner, with 18 independent taps, is another good city-centre option. For something stronger, Varnish on King offers a 140-strong whisky list, as well as bacon and whisky pairings.

Finish your day with some live music by heading to hipster haven The Bird, which often hosts album-launch events for up-and-coming Aussie indie bands. Or for a different vibe, visit The Ellington for world-class jazz, blues, funk, soul and R&B most nights of the week.



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Fraser Suites Perth



Overlooking the beautiful Swan River, which snakes its way through the centre of the city and out to the coast, Fraser Suites Perth offers fully furnished, luxurious serviced apartments in an unbeatable location.

The award-winning property features more than 235 residences. from studios to two-bedroom apartments. Each has open-plan living and dining areas, extensive kitchen facilities, and floor-toceiling windows with panoramic views. They also come with a range of mod cons, including air-conditioning, state-of-theart entertainment systems and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi. Other hotel facilities include the wonderful Heirloom Restaurant and Bar, as well an indoor heated pool, spa and sauna, and a 24-hour fitness centre.

And with on-the-doorstep attractions such as the Bell Tower, Perth Town Hall and Yagan Square – as well as an array of restaurants, bars and live music venues – there is nowhere better to base yourself in Perth.

FROM TOP: The stylish lobby of Fraser Suites Perth; the indoor swimming pool is heated for your comfort.





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OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

What is the best kept



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secret of the city?
Rooftop Movies - this is
something you probably
won't find on your own.
It's a wonderland of astro
turf, retro caravans, palm
trees and fairy lights
located seven floors atop
a city carpark. Rooftop
Movies showcases cult
classics and new releases
throughout the summer.

What's your tip to make the best of the city? Head to the beach in the morning before the southwest breeze comes in, which can make the ocean a bit rough and the weather a little cooler.

Best way to get around Public transport within the CBD is great. The bus services are free of charge, so visitors can get around the city easily.

Favourite shopping haunts Both the Hay Street and Murray Street malls are great options for shopping, with all the favourite Australian and global brands in one place.

Great eats

Heirloom Restaurant at Fraser Suites Perth is one of my favourites (I might be biased, as I happen to be the Head Chef). We only use seasonal, organic and local produce sourced from the very best Western Australian growers. My favourite dish is the Cone Bay Barramundi.

Best view

Zig Zag Scenic Drive in Gooseberry Hill has one of the most picturesque views of the city. You can get a panoramic view of the very south to the very north of Perth, and it's only 30 minutes from the CBD.

Must-sees

You must visit Rottnest Island to witness some of the most pristine coastlines, as well as see our little island friends the quokkas (right).