

Arts history and culture 7 days



Australia's South West is ideal for self-drive holidays. With a good network of sealed and signposted roads, and relatively short travelling distances between towns and attractions. Discover the best of Australia's South West on a great self-drive journey. It can take you a couple of days or better still a couple of weeks. Discover some of the arts, history and culture that the SW has to offer, whilst completing this drive.

Suggested itinerary

Day 1 » Perth to Albany 420km

Journey south along Albany Highway to Kojonup home to the historic Military Barracks and The Kodja Place interpretive centre. Continue on to Albany,

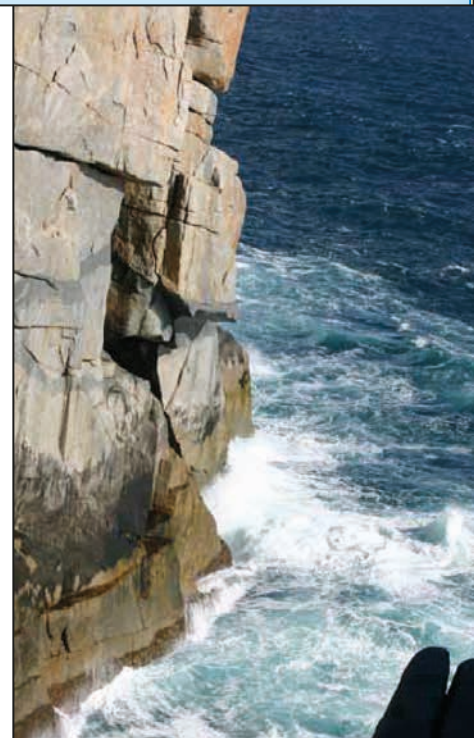
where white settlement in Western Australia began. Overnight in Albany.

Day 2 » Albany to Pemberton Wine Region 240km

Visit Albany's many historic attractions and buildings. Travel west through Denmark and Walpole to admire the creations of local artisans in some of the region's many galleries. Overnight at RAC Karri Valley Resort.

Day 3 » Pemberton to Margaret River Wine Region 140km

Visit the Southern Forest Sculpture Trail in Northcliffe before heading north to the Manjimup Timber Park. Continue north through Bridgetown and across to Nannup, both historic towns filled with local arts and crafts. Head west to overnight in the Margaret River Wine Region.



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Day 4 » Margaret River to Busselton 50km

Start the day with a tour of Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse at Augusta. Take the scenic Caves Road to Ellensbrook Homestead near Gracetown. Continue north along Caves Road to the Wardan Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Finish the day by visiting a number of the galleries in the region. Stay overnight at RAC Busselton Holiday Park, try a game of mini golf or take a swim in the pool.

Day 5 » Busselton to Bunbury region 50km

Take a stroll along the Busselton Jetty before visiting the Courthouse Arts Centre. Next take a 22km scenic drive to explore Wonnerup House near the Vasse Estuary Wetlands. Continue north to overnight in the Bunbury region.

Day 6 » Bunbury to Collie River Valley 55km

Spend the morning visiting a number of Bunbury's historic buildings such as King Cottage Museum, Rose Hotel and St Marks Church. After lunch head to the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries before taking the John Boyle O'Reilly interpretive walk in the Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park. Overnight in the Collie River Valley.

Day 7 » Collie via Harvey to Perth 200km

Spend some time in Collie looking for the various murals that depict the history and natural attractions of the town. Travel to Harvey to visit Stirling Cottage, a replica of the home of May Gibbs, creator of the children's stories of Snugglypot and Cuddlepie before returning to Perth.

Safe driving tips

- » Let someone know your destination and schedule.
- » Take a current detailed road map and keep track of your mileage.
- » Be aware of your vehicle's limits and take your time.
- » Carry extra food, fuel, drinking water, a first aid kit and vehicle spares, communication equipment, and emergency contact details.
- » Take breaks regularly and drive after dawn and stop before dusk.
- » Stop at a roadhouse for a coffee break and to stretch.
- » If you are travelling into or via Indigenous communities, you will need to be granted a permit via the Department of Indigenous Affairs, prior to travelling.
- » Fires can be extremely dangerous, care should be taken at all times and a campfire should never be left unattended.
- » Beware of native wildlife, on roads and in remote areas.
- » Check road conditions and weather.
- » National Park Passes may also be necessary.

Highlights

- » Aboriginal cultural centres
- » Galleries
- » Early settler historic sites
- » National parks
- » Wine regions
- » Wildflowers, beaches and forests
- » River cruises, wine tours
- » Access to caves, canoeing, snorkelling, fishing, golf, mountain biking, rock climbing and abseiling, sailing and house boats, swimming, walking trails and surfing.

Visitor Centres

Mount Barker	(08) 9851 1163
Denmark	(08) 9848 2055
Walpole	(08) 9840 1111
Pemberton	(08) 9776 1133
Manjimup	(08) 9771 1831
Nannup	(08) 9756 1211
Bridgetown	(08) 9761 1740
Margaret River	(08) 9780 5911
Augusta	(08) 3758 0166
Busselton	(08) 9734 2051
Bunbury	(08) 9792 7205
Collie River Region	(08) 9734 2051
Harvey	(08) 9729 1122

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