

Yallingup Weekender 2-3 days

They say it's the Journey as well as the destination that make a great holiday. So why not start your holiday the moment you leave home! Visit the many towns and attraction whilst travelling en-route to your final destination Yallingup.

Suggested itinerary

Day 1 » Perth to Mandurah (or reverse) 70km If you can avoid the start and end of the business day, the Kwinana Freeway is light on traffic. Head south on the Kwinana Freeway and take the Mandjoogoordap Drive exit which will lead you into the heart of Mandurah. The Mandurah foreshore is where you will find all the main cafe's & restaurants or for a wider range family activities take the 'old Mandurah Bridge' to the south of the Foreshore to Kings Carnival to play a round of mini-golf or try one of many thrilling amusement rides.

Dolphin Quay is a not to be stop where there are restaurants with stunning waterfront views and a market full of local arts and crafts. If you have some extra time take a cruise with Mandurah Cruises to see the million dollar mansions on the water front, dolphins and the wetlands of the peel inlet. Abingdon miniature village is a quirky 'nostalgic' attraction just outside of Mandurah of modelled English houses and castles in miniature form. Explore these models, get lost in the rose hedge mazes and enjoy a traditional Devonshire tea in the historic "Ruby House". If you like the 'laid back' feel of Mandurah come back for a weekend, with a beachside location with really affordable accommodation options it's a perfect weekend getaway.

Day 3 » Mandurah to Bunbury

Option 1 - Mandurah to Bunbury via Harvey 114km

The inland route (via Pinjarra Rd and South Western Hwy) to Bunbury via Harvey features one of Western Australia's most famous picturesque farming towns. Famous for being a major Orange and Dairy producer this town gives you many chances to try the local produce. Why not stretch your legs by climbing the 62 steps to the Big Orange. A gold coin donation will get you to the top of this famous local landmark that rewards you with stunning views of orange orchards as far as the eyes can see.

Option 2 - Mandurah to Bunbury via Old Coast Road 105km

Continue south from Mandurah following the coastline. The Old Coast Rd is known to be the more scenic routes heading south. Visit the Harvey Estuary, Preston Beach and the Yalgorup



Leaping Dolphin
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Meelup Beach near Dunsborough
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National Park along the journey. A quick stop at Lake Clifton might intrigue you; here you'll find the oldest living organism found on the planet Stromatolites. Very few places on earth can claim to have these billion year old organisms in their own backyard! Situated on the corner of the Old Coast Road and Rigg Road you can still sample some Harvey produce even though you are not stopping through. At the Harvey Juicy Orange Café purchase a kangaroo or emu pie and wash it down with locally made orange juice. You can't get more local than that!

Bunbury to Yallingup 85km Bunbury is well known for the bottle nose dolphins which live in Koombana Bay. You can visit the Dolphin

Discovery centre and learn about these majestic creatures on a tour, by watching a 3D movie or visiting the aquarium. After you can browse the souvenir shop, grab a coffee at the cafe or just take in the fresh air at the local beach.

Within the city of Bunbury there are also a number of different places to eat, drink, shop and also learn about the history of the town. Begin with a 360 degree view of the city, ocean and inlet and climb the Marlston Lookout. As you make your way out of Bunbury you may also want to visit Anzac Park a heritage listed park and place of remembrance. Continue via Bussell Hwy past Busselton and Dunsborough until you reach the beautiful seaside locality of Yallingup.

Highlights

- » Mandurah Foreshore
- » Mandurah Dolphin Cruise
- » Bunbury Dolphin Discovery Centre
- » Harvey Big Orange
- » Lake Clifton
- » Pristine Coastline

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.
- » Take breaks regularly and drive after dawn and stop before dusk.
- » Stop at a roadhouse for a coffee break and to stretch.
- » Beware of native wildlife, on roads and in remote areas.
- » Check road conditions and weather.
- » Get an update on local road and weather conditions at Main Roads Western Australia, local visitor centres or by contacting the local Shire.

Visitor Centres

Mandurah	9550 3999
Bunbury	9792 7205
Busselton	9752 5800
Dunsborough	9752 5800
Harvey	9729 1122

Accommodation

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