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Host City Perth

Visitors to Western Australia's capital city Perth often remark on the friendly, laidback environment that welcomes them and it's no wonder the locals are happy. Perth is an extraordinary place.

Blessed with more hours of sunshine than any other Australian city, Perth is one of the only capitals in Australia where you can explore a world-class wine region, picnic in one of Australia's oldest conservation areas or watch the sun set over the ocean, all within 30 minutes from the city.

The traditional land of the Nyoongar people, Perth is home to 1.7 million people, about 80 per cent of Western Australia's total population. It is also the melting pot of more than 200 nationalities. This diversity has contributed to Perth's vibrant arts, culture, music, fashion and dining scene.

Nestled between the sparkling Swan River and Kings Park & Botanic Garden, one of the largest inner city parks in the world, Perth city is the business hub for this resource rich state. In recent years Perth has experienced some incredible growth and development. New bars, restaurants and stores have emerged injecting new life into the city and inner city precincts of Mount Lawley, Subiaco, Leederville and Northbridge.

Economist Magazine rates Perth as one of the top 10 most liveable cities in the world, and it's no surprise, with its perfect combination of an amazing natural environment and cultural landscape.

The beach plays a significant role in Perth culture. With 19 to choose from in the metropolitan area it is easy to find your own quiet spot. A short ferry ride from the city Rottnest Island, or "Rotto" as the locals call it, is home to 63 secluded beaches.

Fremantle, a 20 minute drive from Perth city, is the best preserved example of a 19th century port streetscape in the world. Relax at a café, potter around the galleries and markets and soak up the atmosphere. For food and wine lovers, take a day trip to Western Australia's oldest wine region, the Swan Valley.

From Perth you can travel just a few hours in any direction to experience extraordinary Western Australia.

Swim with the gentle giant of the ocean, the mighty whale shark, at Ningaloo Reef; discover the world's only Horizontal Waterfall in the Kimberley; walk the world's largest outdoor gallery, created by British sculptor Antony Gormley, near Menzies; or indulge in premium wine and produce in Margaret River - the only wine region in Australia where you can experience white sand beaches, beautiful caves and towering forests.

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