

Destination Guide

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Welcome to Busselton

Renowned as the Events Capital of Western Australia, Busselton is a flourishing coastal destination in the magnificent Margaret River Wine Region.

Blessed with an enviable Mediterranean climate, our summers are typically dry and sunny, with temperatures ranging from warm to hot.

Abundant sunshine during the warmer months provides opportunities for delegates to take a break from business to explore the region's pristine coastline and picture-perfect landscapes.

During the cooler months, delegates may wish to taste wine in cosy cellar doors, explore temperate underground caves or visit art galleries.



Geographe Bay

Located on the sheltered shores of Geographe Bay, Busselton's calm north-facing beaches are perfect for aquatic activities such as swimming, sailing, boating, snorkelling, scuba diving, stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking.

During spring, humpback whales make an almighty splash in Geographe Bay!

Cruises departing from Busselton and Dunsborough offer excellent opportunities for close encounters with these majestic gentle giants.

Busselton Jetty

Stretching 1.841km out to sea, the heritage-listed [Busselton Jetty](#) offers many ways to immerse yourself in the magnificent marine environment it's built upon.

Stroll along the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere to see dolphins cruising, sea birds nesting, kids jumping into the turquoise water below and local fisherman catching their supper.

Walk the length of the jetty or ride the solar-powered Jetty Train to the Underwater Observatory near the end, before descending to the ocean floor to marvel at over 300 species of colourful marine life surrounding this viewing chamber.



Surf's up

In contrast to the calm beaches of Geographe Bay, just a short drive south of Busselton you'll encounter the legendary big-wave beaches of Yallingup and Margaret River.

Margaret River's Surfers Point features a lookout offering 180-degree views of the world-class waves crashing below.



Cape to Cape Track

If you'd rather explore this spectacular coastline on foot, lace up your hiking boots and discover the secluded bays, dramatic cliffs and scenic lookouts of the Cape to Cape Track, which spans the entire stretch of coastline between the Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin.

On this 135-km trek, hikers are guaranteed to encounter many different species of rare flora and fauna.

There are a number of award-winning tour operators offering guided walking tours of sections of this spectacular track, which is one of the Great Walks of Australia.



Heritage-listed Lighthouses

At each end of the Cape to Cape Track, stands a lighthouse... One tall and one small; equally important beacons built over 120 years ago to safely guide seafarers through this treacherous coastline.

Standing sentry on the rocky peninsula where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet, the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is 39 metres tall and offers an exhilarating bird's eye view of the rugged coastline below.

At the northern end of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge, the 20-metre-tall Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse stands on a high bluff 123 metres above sea level.

Visitors are invited to climb to the top of these historic lighthouses, take in the panoramic coastal views and learn about the region's rich maritime history.



Inspired Art

The region's stunning natural beauty has enticed and inspired acclaimed artists who live and work here.

Unique masterpieces crafted by local award-winning artisans are often striking expressions of the region in which they are made.

The Saltwater Gallery will showcase exciting, ever-changing exhibitions of local, national and international art.

Across the road at the Old Courthouse Complex, the [Gallery Store](#) features a carefully curated selection of inspired gifts created exclusively by local artists.

Browse the beautiful selection of jewellery, accessories, ceramics, pottery, glassware, paintings, photography, woodwork and sculptures.





Tall Trees & Tiny Wildflowers

You don't need to travel far to find untouched stands of tuart, karri, marri, jarrah and peppermint forests with fabulous trails for hiking and mountain biking adventures.

The largest stand of tuart trees in the world can be found at the northern entrance to Busselton, whereas further south you'll find towering karri trees in the breathtakingly beautiful Boranup Forest.

Gaze up into the heights of these grandiose stands of trees, but be sure to look down at the forest floor as well... With an abundance of endemic species of flora including rare, ornate orchids and many other colourful wildflowers, this is one of just 34 internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots.

Throughout the region, mature peppermint trees are home to critically endangered Western Ringtail Possums and many other species of fauna.

The high ropes course at [Forest Adventures](#) offers both an adrenaline rush and an exquisite bird's eye view of the majestic Ludlow Tuart Forest, as thrill-seekers climb trees and soar between them on a series of exhilarating flying foxes.



Ornate Caves

Visitors are invited to delve into ornately decorated depths of some of the region's spectacular limestone caves.

The nearest show cave to Saltwater, is Yallingup's [Ngilgi Cave](#), which is majestically adorned with ancient, awe-inspiring formations.

Ngilgi Cave's amphitheatre is well-known for awesome natural acoustics. In the early 1900s Australian opera star, Dame Nellie Melba famously had her grand piano lowered into the amphitheatre to perform in this stunningly beautiful location.

The Ancient Lands above ground experience at Ngilgi Cave is the perfect place to learn about the deep cultural significance of this area to the Wadandi Saltwater people. Learn more about Aboriginal culture on a guided tour with local a local Wadandi custodian.

Embark on a bush walk, enjoy a didgeridoo performance in Ngilgi Cave's amphitheatre, learn traditional fire lighting techniques and gain an insight into Indigenous plants, foods and medicines of the six Noongar seasons.

Further south along Caves Road, there are another three striking show caves to explore – [Mammoth](#), [Lake](#) and [Jewel](#) Caves.



Boutique Beverages

Since the 1970s, the Margaret River Region has established an outstanding reputation for producing some of the world's finest wines.

The countryside is dotted with picturesque vineyards and cellar doors where you can taste regional flagship wines, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, as well as other delicious drops produced here.

Many of these wineries offer unique guided tasting experiences to learn about the wines and experience the vineyards from which they originated.

These high-end experiences are perfect for pre and post touring opportunities and incentive itineraries. The Margaret River Wine Region's highly acclaimed winery restaurants attract some of Australia's most acclaimed chefs who use the finest locally sourced ingredients to craft the most delicious dishes.

Many of these award-winning wineries are perfect venues for high-end memorable off-site dining experiences. Paddock to plate... vine to glass.

Those who enjoy craft beer and spirits, won't go thirsty here either. There are plenty of craft breweries and quality distilleries to discover too.



Dining

Situated between the Busselton CBD and the Foreshore Precinct, there's a variety of excellent restaurants, cafes and bars in close proximity to Saltwater serving delicious dishes that showcase regional flavours.

These nearby fine dining restaurants offer excellent alternatives for off-site events and the region's artisanal producers and cellar doors are perfect for pre and post touring and incentives.

With an abundance of premium produce available, many regional chefs take great pride in crafting quality cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients.





Transport & Tours

The regional tourism industry is well-established and there are many award-winning [tour operators](#) ready and waiting to help visitors explore the region's breathtaking landscapes, world-renowned wineries and awe-inspiring attractions.

Ask us for tailored recommendations for pre and post touring, team building and incentives.

Browse the extensive range of regional tour operators to experience the region's finest attractions, exceptional hospitality and exquisite natural beauty.



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