

## **The Best of Western Australia** *Perth, Freemantle and the Margaret River Wine Valley*



### **Day 1: Arrive Perth**

Arrive in Perth, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in the city, the Richardson Hotel & Spa, for two nights in an executive room (incl. breakfast).

Evening at leisure.

### ***The Richardson Hotel & Spa***

*The Richardson Hotel enjoys an enviable location in the vibrant suburb of Subiaco, just outside the centre of Perth. It offers 74 rooms, each with full en-suite facilities, separate lounge and balcony. Other facilities include a spa, an outdoor deck and a swimming pool.*

### **Day 2: Perth**

A free day to discover Perth at your own pace.

Perth is situated on the banks of the Swan River, which runs directly through the heart of the city. There are pleasant strolls to be had along the river, which can be combined with time spent shopping in the city centre. Take the time also to visit Kings Park, a huge park notable for its botanic gardens and seasonal wildflower meadows.



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A short drive south of Perth is Cottesloe Beach. This is one of the most beautiful beaches in the region, and is particularly popular with surfers and swimmers. Cottesloe is shaded by pine trees, which provide a welcome respite from the sun, and has a number of lovely cafes offering tea and lunch. It can get quite busy, but there are a number of quieter spots on the coast not far from Cottesloe, including some peaceful coastal trails, if you're looking to escape the crowds.



Further along the coast is the port city of Fremantle, with its rich European heritage. Fremantle's city centre is almost as lively as Perth's; it is typically abuzz with shoppers and al fresco diners during the day, while in the evening the pubs and bars are packed to the hilt. There's great seafood – the best fish and chips in Oz, the locals will tell you! – to be had at the harbour.

**Touring can be pre-booked if preferred:**

- We can arrange a tour of Perth with a local guide – either half-day or full-day, private or with a group.
- Hire a bike and explore Kings Park, with its beautiful botanic gardens
- Take a surf or body boarding lesson at Cottesloe beach
- You can hire a hobby cat on the Swan River or we can arrange for a lesson in kite surfing
- Take a ferry to Rottnest island, walk on the beach, hire a bike, have lunch and meet a quokka
- Cruise the Swan River to Swan Valley and stop for lunch in a winery
- Visit the Aquarium of Western Australia, one of the best of its kind in the world.

**Day 3: Margaret River**

Collect your hire car from the office in Perth this morning and begin your self-drive tour. You'll be driving to Margaret River, a 3 hour drive along the coast from Perth—there are beautiful views to be enjoyed en route, so take your time.

On arrival, check into the Cape Lodge for 3 nights in a Superior Spa Suite.

**Cape Lodge**

*Situated in the heart of the Margaret River wine region and surrounded by 25 acres of parkland, lakes and gardens, Cape Lodge is the perfect base for exploring the region's famous wine valleys and gorgeous beaches.*





*A member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Cape Lodge is renowned for its wonderful location, stylish accommodation and fine restaurant. Small and intimate, the 5-star boutique hotel offers just 22 suites, which are split between an original homestead, which also houses the lobby and lounge, and a collection of private villas dispersed widely throughout the hotel grounds.*

*Cape Lodge's restaurant is situated on the edge of the main lake and features a marvellous al fresco dining deck, as well as a 15,000 bottle premium wine cellar.*

#### **Day 4: Margaret River Tour**

In the morning join with a small group of travellers (no more than six) for a tour of the Margaret River wine region. You will be led by an expert guide, knowledgeable about both the wine valleys and the wider region. You will have the chance to visit a select few vineyards and enjoy a delicious lunch and wine pairing at the Cape Mentelle winery (included).

This is a beautiful region of the coast so pack your camera and expect stunning scenery!

#### **Day 5: Margaret River**

There are no scheduled tours today—explore the Margaret River region at leisure. This is a beautiful part of Australia, a patchwork landscape of green pastures, olive groves and miles of grape vines, interspersed with pretty 19<sup>th</sup> century towns where you can explore craft shops and gourmet food stores. The region is most famous for its vineyards – its wineries produce over a tenth of Australia's wines, including a number of premium labels – but it produces much more besides, including everything from chocolate to olives. You can tour a number of breweries, a fudge factory, and even a crayfish farm on the coast, if you're so inclined.



In contrast to its domesticated hinterland, the coastline of the Margaret River region is wild and rugged! For keen walkers, there are lovely walks to be had on the limestone coastline between Capes Leeuwin and Naturaliste, part of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, while a little inland from the coast are beautiful forests of karri and marri trees that are a pleasure to explore on foot.

#### **Additional Local Touring Options which can be booked**

- Spend a day exploring one of the region's many coastal walks. Ask the hotel to prepare a picnic lunch for you.
- The Valley of the Giants, close to Walpole, offers a treetop walk
- Ocean cruises to view whales and dolphin are available for much of the year (from August), though this does generally require you to join with a larger tour group.
- Try your luck at fly fishing on the Blackwood River
- A 1-2 hour drive from Margaret River, the D'Entrecasteaux National Park offers beautiful scenery and fewer visitors.

**Day 6: Perth**

After breakfast at Cape Lodge, travel back to Perth and return your hire car at Perth Airport. Check in for your onward travel arrangements.

**Price Guide:**

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£1,140** based on 2 people travelling or from **£1,035** based on 4 people travelling, staying in twin share accommodation and subject to availability at the time of booking. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

**Includes:**

Accommodation and meals as described  
 Car hire  
 Margaret River tour  
 10% mandatory Goods & Services Tax

**Excludes:**

International and domestic flights  
 Australian Visa  
 Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote  
 Items of a personal nature