2017 GERALDTON Holiday PLANNER

ESCAPE TO THE ABROLHOS
A SPECTACULAR EXPERIENCE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT!

SECRETS OF THE BATAVIA
SHIPWRECK STORIES OF HEARTBREAK, SURVIVAL, BRAVERY AND RESCUE

JUST ADD WATER
AND MIX IT WITH A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!

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BOOMING CAFE CULTURE
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WELCOME TO THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON. OUR REGION, WITH A POPULATION OVER 41,000 INCLUDES GERALDTON, GREENOUGH, WALKAWAY AND MULLEWA. FROM COASTLINE TO INLAND THERE IS A HUGE VARIETY OF THINGS TO SEE AND DO.

The City of Greater Geraldton respectfully acknowledge the Yamaji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land and pay respect to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamaji People.

Geraldton is located 420km north of Perth in the Australia’s Coral Coast region and is the largest regional city north of Perth.

Its weather has a Mediterranean type climate with hot summers and warm winters. Summer temperatures average 32–33 °C (90–91 °F) with some days over 40 °C (104 °F).

October to April is the ‘windy season’ with afternoon sea breezes cooling coastal areas. Winter temperatures average around 20 °C (68 °F) with most of the yearly rainfall falling in this period.

THANK YOU TO OUR TALENTED PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Follow the fascinating works of Monsignor Hawes.

Interested in heritage?

DID YOU KNOW MULLEWA IS FAMOUS FOR ITS UNIQUE WREATH FLOWER?

WHAT ABOUT HISTORY?

The Abrolhos Islands and the Batavia Story are amazing. Not to forget the moving tribute at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial.

Love the sea?

Geraldton is a mecca for surfing, fishing, kiteboarding, swimming and more.

SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY PHOTOS!

We love to see photos of visitors enjoying their stay in Geraldton & surrounds! Share with us on social media by using the hashtag #LOVEGERALDTON

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Top Ten Musts

1. **HMAS Sydney II Memorial**
   - 24-hour access, car parking off Gummer Avenue, daily tours 10.30am run by the Geraldton Volunteer Tour Guides, no bookings required, donations welcome.

2. **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**
   - Opening in 2016 in the grounds of the St Francis Xavier Cathedral is the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre incorporating a museum and café/restaurant. Discover the remarkable man behind some of Australia’s most celebrated and unique buildings. The cathedral is open daily, entry by donation. Visitors welcome, tours Monday and Friday 10.00am and Wednesday 4.00pm, fees apply (check with the Visitor Centre if tours are running during the summer months).

3. **Western Australian Museum - Geraldton**
   - Open daily, 11.30am daily highlights tour, no bookings required, entry by donation.

4. **The Esplanade**
   - 24 hour access, interpretive signage, viewing platforms, binoculars, look out for the sea lions!
There are five heritage trails in Geraldton ranging from 650 metres to 4km, Waterfront Trail, Bluff Point Trail, Victoria Hospital Trail, West End Trail and Marine Terrace Trail. A detailed brochure is available from the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

A flight or 3-5 day charter to these magnificent islands is a must. Contact the Visitor Centre for charter contacts or to make a flight booking.

From butterflies along the terrace to paintings, textiles and weavings, celebrate colour, culture and all things art through the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton Street Art, Arts and Cultural Development Council (ACDC), Yamaji Art, and Mullewa’s Aboriginal Art Workshop and Gallery.

Self-guided heritage walk or join a guided tour Tuesdays and Thursdays 2.00pm. Geraldton Goal and Craft Centre open Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 3.30pm, entry by donation (check with the Visitor Centre for opening times/guided tours in summer months).

The tallest ‘metal’ lighthouse in Australia with its red and white stripes makes for a special icon for Geraldton. Interpretive signage tells the history of the lighthouse. The Fresnel lens is now displayed at the Western Australian Museum – Geraldton. Bluff Point Lighthouse Keeper’s Cottage Museum on Chapman Road is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am-3.30pm.
Tours

TIME TO BOOK A HOLIDAY TO GERALDTON NOW! ABROLHOS ISLANDS, BATAVIA STORY, MAGNIFICENT MEMORIAL, STUNNING CATHEDRAL, AND AN EVENING MEAL OF LOBSTER AFTER A FACTORY TOUR.

HMAS SYDNEY II MEMORIAL
The magnificent HMAS Sydney II Memorial is the Nation’s premier site for honouring the 645 crew lost in battle on 19 November 1941 resulting in Australia’s worst maritime disaster. The memorial offers sweeping views of Champion Bay and the Moresby Range; truly a must-see to experience. Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides conduct tours daily at 10.30am with free car parking from Gummer Avenue.

TIN HEADS
This is THE largest tin collection in Australia with over 8,000+ tins and growing. There’s biscuit tins, cereal tins, tea tins, with all its many themes from royalty to sport, planes, trains and automobiles. It is amazing to see such variety! The collection is open to the public every second Sunday or by appointment by gold coin donation.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL
Monsignor Hawes was a priest and an architect with the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Cathedral Avenue his most celebrated design right in the heart of Geraldton. Guided tours are available Monday 10.00am, Wednesday 4.00pm and Friday 10.00am – fees apply.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM – GERALDTON
Enjoy a guided highlights tour of the Western Australian Museum – Geraldton offered daily at 11.30am at 1 Museum Place by the marina.

VICTORIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND OLD GAOL & CRAFT CENTRE
Learn the history of Geraldton’s first District Hospital and Gaol on the corner of Chapman Road and Bayly Street. Feel the uneasy presence of those who have gone before! The Old Gaol and Craft Centre’s cells are also individual craft shops so wander through and visit our ‘friendly inmates’. The Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides offer tours Tuesday and Thursday at 2.00pm. (Note: Tours may not operate as frequently during the Summer months so please check with the Geraldton Visitor Centre).
BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY
Learn how weather is recorded and measured by meteorological experts through a guided tour of the bureau before releasing the weather balloon that captures all relevant data. Daily tours at 12.30pm by appointment. For more information contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

LIVE LOBSTER FACTORY
Gain a firsthand insight into the crayfish industry by joining a guided tour of the live lobster processing factory at the Geraldton Fisherman’s Cooperative at the end of Fisherman’s Wharf at 206 Connell Road. From catch to pack to export, this interactive tour operates most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.00am – fees apply. Check with the Geraldton Visitor Centre as tours may be subject to change due to operational procedures.

SUNSET CRUISES
As the sun sinks into the Indian Ocean why not treat yourself to a Sundowner cruise in the Geraldton harbour. Enjoy food, beverages and live music during the warm Summer months. It truly is a beautiful way to experience this picturesque city by the beach. You may even spot a sea lion or dolphin! For details on dates contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

ABROLHOS ISLANDS
Known for the Batavia story, the islands are also recognized for crayfishing, pearls, bird and marine life. Diving, fishing, snorkelling, photography, bird watching, the Abrolhos Islands are truly spectacular. Enjoy a 2 hour, half day or full day flight or if you have more time consider a charter to immerse yourself in its unique beauty. A trip to the Western Australian Museum – Geraldton to take in the fascinating yet brutal Batavia story is a must before venturing out to the islands. For information on flight bookings and charters please contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre.
WHAT TO DO? DRIVE, WALK OR A MIX OF BOTH? LOTS OF PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES BY THE OCEAN, RIVERS AND INLAND LANDSCAPES. SUNSET AT THE ESPLANADE IS BEAUTIFUL.

THE ESPLANADE
Located at the southern end of the Geraldton Foreshore, The Esplanade offers views of the City, Port, Champion Bay and Moresby Range from a 360 degree viewing platform. The area includes picnic and barbecue space, walkways, binoculars, and interpretive signage telling the story of the Port, Champion Bay and of our local sea lions. Popular for a walk, sunsets, fishing and photography, enjoy this unique part of Geraldton’s Foreshore.

GERALDTON HERITAGE TRAILS
Five heritage trails capture the times of Geraldton’s yesteryear. These self-guided walks range from 650 metres to 4kms and are complemented by a Trails brochure.

CHAPMAN RIVER REGIONAL PARK
In the heart of Geraldton lays a place of significant value. Along the length of the Chapman River, detailed beauty of native flowering plants, birds, reptiles and wildlife is framed by sweeping vistas from the Moresby Range out across the Indian Ocean. Walk or cycle around estuarine salt marsh where it is easy to forget you are in a city! Home to over 300 species of native flowering plants some found nowhere else. Take an hour or a day at any time of year to explore this beautiful 8km long park. Access points to the park are at various locations.

GREENOUGH RIVER NATURE WALK TRAIL
Stretching along the Greenough River is this beautiful nature walk trail suitable for walking and mountain biking. Enjoy the landscape and variety of birdlife on this 17km circular track taking you down one side of the river then crossing over at Old Ford Crossing to make your way back along the other side. Approximately 500m along Greenough River Road is a car park that is the commencement place for the track in Cape Burney 10kms south of Geraldton. From here you can look down the river to the east and up the river west to see where the Greenough River meets the Indian Ocean.

YAMAJI DRIVE TRAIL
From Mass Rock in Mullewa, to the picturesque Ellendale Pool in Walkaway and the Ilgarjiri Sculptures along the Geraldton Foreshore, this drive trail celebrates the culture and history of the Yamaji people. Pick up a brochure to guide your way at the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

MULLEWA WALK TRAILS
Discover the township, history and culture of Mullewa on five walking trails on offer ranging from 590 metres to just under 3kms. Wander a natural bush trail, town and rail heritage, wildflower discovery or learn of the amazing works of priest and architect Monsignor Hawes. Mullewa brochures are available at the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

MULLEWA DRIVES
Situated 100km east of Geraldton is the township of Mullewa that comes alive during wildflower season. There are two drive trails The Northern Loop (115km) and The Southern Circuit (145km). Mullewa brochures are available at the Geraldton Visitor Centre.
Wildflowers

GERALDTON IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE AS THE MID WEST PROVIDES A WILDFLOWER EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER.

CHAPMAN RIVER REGIONAL PARK
This 300 ha area is home to over 300 species of native flowering plants, some of which occur nowhere else. No less impressive is the 123 recorded species of bird, both migratory and resident, 22 reptile and 7 frog species. While native flowers can be seen during any season, they are at their best and between June and October.

MULLEWA WILDFLOWER WALK
This 2,820 metre circuit starts and finishes on Lover’s Lane. Allow 45-70 minutes. Interpretative signage identifies and describes some of the most common and spectacular species.

GERALDTON VISITOR CENTRE WILDFLOWER DISPLAY
In the lead up to the Mullewa Wildflower Show, the Centre is showered in wildflowers and information to excite people in such a colourful season. Varieties of flowers are on display as well as souvenirs for purchase.

MILLS POINT LOOKOUT
7km east of the North West Coastal Highway, Mills Point Lookout offers spectacular views across the Chapman Valley to the east and Geraldton to the west. An abundance of wildflower species come to life during the season including Dampiera, Grevillea pinaster, Hibbertia and Melaleuca.

MULLEWA WILDFLOWER SHOW
The wreath flower (Leschenaultia macrantha) is the star attraction of the annual Mullewa Wildflower Show traditionally held for four days at the end of August at the Mullewa Town Hall. It’s also a great opportunity to discover wildflowers at nearby Pindar, Coalseam Conservation Park or take in the town’s Wildflower Walk.

FLOWERING TIMES
There is always something flowering in the Mid West but between late July to October there is a smorgasbord of flowers and it becomes a festival feeling with people coming from far and wide to come and see the wildflowers.
Abrolhos Islands

AN ARCHIPELAGO OF 122 CORAL ISLANDS WITH CRYSTAL BLUE WATERS AND AN ABUNDANCE OF SEA LIFE. A VISIT TO THE HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS A MUST FOR ALL VISITORS TO GERALDTON.

THE BATAVIA
In 1629 the Batavia was shipwrecked in Morning Reef in the Wallabi Group. Commander Francisco Pelsaert and select crew set off in the ship’s longboat to seek help and those left endured one of the most horrific mutinies in history.

SHIPWRECKS
According to the Australian National Shipwreck Database there are 52 shipwrecks recorded off the Abrolhos Islands from the sailing vessel Batavia in 1629 to the trawler Southern Cross in 1971.

SNORKEL
Coral reefs brimming with sea life is typically what greets a snorkeler to these beautiful islands. The Leeuwin Current makes for pleasant sea temperatures all year round ranging from 24°C (75°F) in the summer months to 20°C (68°F) in the winter months.

DIVE
The Batavia shipwreck lies in shallow waters as is ‘the’ number one dive spot in Western Australia. There are seven self-guided dive trails or you may like to charter a boat. For the self-guided dive trails download the Information Guide at www.fish.wa.gov.au Learning to dive courses and excursions are also available in Geraldton.

PEARLS
The pearls cultivated from the Abrolhos Islands are becoming increasingly popular. From the Akoya to the Black Lipped Pearl and a variety of colours in between, these pearls can be made into a jeweller’s work of art. For a list of jewellers in Geraldton and to purchase a unique Abrolhos pearl contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

WEIGH ANCHOR IN THE ABROLHOS
Located approximately 60km off the Geraldton coast, the Islands comprise three major island groups, the Wallabi, Easter and Pelsaert Groups stretching from north to south across 100 kilometres of ocean.
FLY
All year round flying to the Abrolhos Islands is a spectacular adventure. Take in the views of Geraldton before heading over the Indian Ocean keeping your eye out for cargo boats, fishing vessels, sharks and whales migrating (seasonal). Make your way over the islands before landing on East Wallabi. On your trip home see where the Batavia was shipwrecked. For tour bookings contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

CHARTER/CRUISE
What better way to relax at the islands than on a charter boat. From an overnight fishing trip through to a 9-day Discovery Tour offering snorkelling, kayaking, fishing, crayfishing, birdwatching, island walks and Batavia history tours. Contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre for information on minimum numbers and calendar of trips.

LOBSTER
A sought after delicacy on a visit to Geraldton the Western Rock Lobster is Western Australia’s most valuable commercial fishery and the waters around the Abrolhos are an important lobster-breeding site.

FISHING
Recreational fishing is permitted around the islands within allocated seasons. For regulations and licenses please contact the Department of Fisheries www.fish.wa.gov.au

MAMMALS
The islands mark the northern most habitats of the Australian Sea Lion. Other mammals include the Tammar wallaby, bush rat, dolphins and migrating whales.

SEA LIFE
There is an abundance of sea life including fish species of baldchin groper, coral trout, and dhufish, as well as spectacular tiger sharks, great whites and other shark species, coral, seagrasses and more.

FLORA
There are over 140 species of native flora on the islands and all are classified as protected. These include heath, dwarf shrub land, saltbush and mallee.

BIRDS
The islands are among Australia’s most important sites for breeding seabirds such as the noddies shearwaters and terns. Over two million birds from 35 species breed on the islands and some rare species are known to only nest here.

REPTILES
There are 26 terrestrial species of reptiles, many endemic to the Abrolhos including skinks, geckos, snakes and the marine green turtle.

BATAVIA PARK
In Geraldton featuring the Wiebbe Hayes Statue and Mariner’s Astrolabe.
With Geraldton’s temperate climate, water activities can be enjoyed all year round. National and international kiteboard and windsurf enthusiasts love the windy season of Geraldton around October to April while the surfers enjoy winter swells around April to October.

**POINT MOORE LIGHTHOUSE**

The Point Moore Lighthouse is an iconic Geraldton landmark. Standing 34 metres high, its beam can be seen 26km out to sea. It is the oldest surviving Commonwealth lighthouse in Western Australia. Made of prefabricated cast-iron it is the tallest ‘metal’ lighthouse in Australia.

GERALDTON’S COASTLINE HAS SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES WITH SO MANY WATER ACTIVITIES ON OFFER. SWIM, SNORKEL, DIVE, STAND UP PADDLE, SURF, KITEBOARD, WINDSURF, FISH, BEACH COMB, IT’S ALL HERE INCLUDING THE SPECTACULAR ABROLHOS ISLANDS.
## GEORGE BEACH GUIDE

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<td>8km north of town</td>
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<td>Northern end of Foreshore Surf Life Saving Club.</td>
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GERALDTON IS A WATER ENTHUSIASTS’ HEAVEN! ALL YEAR ROUND THERE ARE SO MANY WATER BASED ACTIVITIES FOR THE BEGINNER TO SEASONED PROFESSIONAL...

SWIMMING
In the heart of Geraldton is Town Beach, a popular swimming location with pontoons bobbing on the waters during the warmer months. Town Beach and Back Beach are both patrolled beaches however most beaches along the coast are great for a swim.

DIVING
Geraldton has two of the Top Ten Dive Wrecks locations in WA with the Batavia rated #1 and South Tomi rated #10. A permit is required to dive the South Tomi. Point Moore offers a shore dive of limestone reefs which populate reef and pelagic fish, ideal for both diving and snorkelling. Dive courses and excursions are available, contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre for more information.

SNORKELLING
One of the most beautiful locations for a snorkelling experience is at the Abrolhos Islands. Rated #2 in the Top Ten Dive and Snorkel Spots in Western Australia, the islands are teeming with marine life. Daily flights available or boat charters.

SURFING
While surfing can be enjoyed all year round, the ideal conditions are between April to October. There are so many surf locations to explore such as Back Beach for the beginner to Flat Rocks which is one of three locations in the Surfing WA State Rounds each year, as well as Drummonds and Glenfields just to name a few.

FISHING
Just about anywhere along the coast is an ideal place to drop a line, or maybe you have your own boat or would like to take a fishing charter adventure. It’s all here for you!

CHARTER BOAT
For fishing, snorkelling, celebrating or just for the adventure, charter boats offer services including sunset tours, cruises, fishing charters and more. Contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre for information as dates and times vary.
Cruise Ships
A growing industry world-wide, Geraldton is regarded as one of the most welcoming and friendly locations for cruise ship stops. Shore excursions can include the Town Tour, Greenough, Oakabella, Kalbarri and Abrolhos Islands.

Water Park
Positioned on Geraldton’s beautiful foreshore, the Water Park is one of the most popular places during the warmer months as kids splash around at the many water activities.

Fisherman’s Wharf
Watch the fishing boats, take a lobster tour, buy some fresh seafood or grab some tasty fish and chips at Fisherman’s Wharf.

Kayaking and Canoeing
Whether it’s an open ocean paddle or the calm waters of the river, Geraldton offers kayaking and canoeing in some truly beautiful locations. Enjoy the scenic city view or spot a dolphin or sea lion in Champion Bay, take in the birdlife and meandering waters of the Greenough River, relish in the tranquillity that is Ellendale Pool or behold the variety of native plant species along the Chapman River.

Stand up Paddling
There are plenty of locations for stand up paddling for the beginner to the more advanced including Champion Beach, Town Beach, St Georges and Point Moore.

Batavia Coast Marina
The welcoming location for the many cruise ships and a myriad of water vessels that frequent our city. Enjoy boardwalks with interpretive signage and visit the WA Museum - Geraldton. The marina is also home to the Batavia Long Boat Replica. Constructed in 2002 the long boat sails regularly on a Sunday.

Kiteboarding and Windsurfing
Geraldton is known as ‘the windy city’ and in the months October to April kiteboarding and windsurfing devotees come from far and wide to experience some of the best locations in the world at Point Moore and Coronation Beach.

Aquarena
A multi-purpose swimming facility with a range of activities including aquatic group fitness classes. Open daily (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).
GREENOUGH WILDLIFE AND BIRD PARK
Say hello to Prince Charming the pure white kangaroo, pat a dingo, see a crocodile up close, hold a snake, and see the other wonderful animals that call the Greenough Wildlife and Bird Park home.

Family Fun

THERE IS SO MUCH FOR THE FAMILY TO DO, IT’S AMAZING! WATER PARK AND PLAYGROUND, YOUTH PRECINCT, WILDLIFE AND BIRD PARK, AND OF COURSE, LOOKING OUT FOR THOSE SEA LIONS!

AQUARENA
Fitness and fun for the whole family with school holiday programs available. The Aquarena features a 50m outdoor pool, 25m indoor heated pool, leisure pool, hydro pool, water slide, giant inflatable obstacle course, beach volleyball courts along with a café and free barbeque facilities.

BEACHES
Check out the Beaches section in this holiday planner for locations and facilities.

WATER PARK AND PLAYGROUND
Right in the heart of Geraldton on the magnificent foreshore. Free fun for the kids with lawn areas and a coffee shop for parents. A fantastic, safe place for families to enjoy a picnic and relax while the kids climb, run and play.

SEA LIONS
You just have to say ‘sea lions’ and kids eyes light up. Follow the pathways along The Esplanade to viewing platforms and binoculars. How many sea lions are there lazing on the rocks today?
SKATE PARKS
Skateboard, scooter and BMX riders are all welcome. All City skate parks are unsupervised and usage is ‘at your own risk’. Skate parks are located in: Maitland Park, Glendinning Park, Wonthella, Strathalbyn, Forrester Park, Drummond Cove, Cape Burney, Walkaway and Mullewa.

YOUTH PRECINCT AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE
The newest addition to the Geraldton Foreshore, includes aerial climbing, rage cage, interactive zones, free WiFi, lawn areas for picnics, and an open space for concerts.

CINEMA
Geraldton offers a variety of ways to ‘catch a flick’. The main cinema has daily screenings of the most current movies as well as weekly screenings of the world’s best alternative films each Wednesday through Film Harvest Midwest. The Queens Park Theatre also holds Pizza, Wine and Movie nights, as well as special foreshore and Aquarena film screenings.

PLAYGROUNDS
There are over 40 playgrounds dispersed throughout Geraldton, Mullewa and Greenough varying in size and facilities.

PCYC
Providing opportunities for young people to engage in and develop through healthy programs and activities. With great school time and school holiday activities on offer, there is certainly something for everyone.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Available each school holiday at the Visitor Centre and various locations in Geraldton to cater for children and families.

GERALDTON IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS MANY SPORTS ON OFFER FROM CRICKET TO FOOTBALL TO JUDO TO TENNIS. THERE ARE MANY SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE VISITOR.

FITNESS GYMS
Travelling but still need to take time out for a work-out, sh’bam, yoga, circuit or weights? Contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre to steer you in the right direction for gyms that offer casual visits.

GOLF
There are three golf courses in the Geraldton region – Geraldton Golf Club, Spalding Park Golf Club and Mullewa Golf Club. All are 18 hole courses and open to the public.

RACING
The Geraldton Turf Club holds a variety of races and functions throughout the year including the Geraldton Cup and Melbourne Cup Day marquees.

CHRI S MAINWARING MEMORIAL
This viewing platform was built as a lasting tribute to Australian Rules Football (AFL) player Chris Mainwaring. Chris was a member of the West Coast Eagles inaugural squad in 1987 and contributed to the successful premiership wins in 1992 and 1994. He played with the Eagles until 1999.

WATER SPORTS
See Just Add Water, page 14.
GALLERIES, HISTORY AND ALL THAT STREET ART! IT MAKES GERALDTON SO COLOURFUL AND VIBRANT. WHAT A CHOICE FOR ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC, MOVIES AND LAUGHS.

GERALDTON REGIONAL ART GALLERY
Located on the corner of Durlacher Street and Chapman Road in the old Town Hall, the Gallery opened its doors in 1984 and continues to be the premier visual arts institution in the Mid West. The Gallery houses the City of Greater Geraldton Art Collection comprising over 475 pieces of art. Regular works as well as temporary exhibitions makes it a valuable stop for any art lover.

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ACDC)
ACDC on Marine Terrace is the peak arts body for the Midwest. Encompassing the spectrum of culture and the arts; visual arts, performing arts, music, theatre, dance and new media arts, ACDC hosts a diversity of exhibitions, workshops and arts events in its gallery space.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS COTTAGE
Located on Chapman Road this beautiful cottage with light tower was built in 1876 for the Geraldton lighthouse keeper and his family. The cottage, made of whitewashed limestone rubble is set amongst beautiful gardens and has been home to the Geraldton Historical Society since 1971.

YAMAJI ART
This Aboriginal art centre on Marine Terrace provides professional services for artists with a focus on sustaining cultural maintenance and arts practice in a variety of mediums including painting, textiles, weaving, print-making, design and performance. The centre includes a gallery and sales outlet plus an artist’s studio and workshop.

GERALDTON REGIONAL LIBRARY
Not just books! The library offers free computer and internet access (bookings required) plus free WiFi. As a visitor there is plenty of space to sit and relax with a book or magazine (the loan of items is only permitted through becoming a member). Learn more about the fabulous history of Geraldton in the Heritage Services area at the Library. The library is open daily except public holidays.
**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM — GERALDTON**

Celebrate the rich history of the land, sea and people of the Mid West region. Enjoy a guided tour through the stories from four major early shipwrecks including the infamous Batavia. Learn more about the discovery of HMAS Sydney II, the pride of the fleet. Discover ancient landforms, Yamaji culture, and the region’s natural landscapes and marine environment. Find out about European exploration and settlement in the Mid West including the agriculture, fishing, mining and science industries. The museum is located on the beautiful Batavia Coast Marina.

**ILGARIJIRI— THINGS BELONGING TO THE SKY**

These sculptures on the Geraldton Foreshore affectionately known as the Emu Eggs evolved from the interpretation of two paintings, The Emu in the Sky by Margaret Whitehurst (Wajarri) and The Seven Sisters & the Hunter by Barbara Merritt (Badimaya). The work raises awareness, education, and communication of Indigenous culture in the Yamaji region.

**STREET ART**

Geraldton has a thriving arts and culture scene that includes impressive urban street art within the city centre. There are the light boxes, angel wings, octopus, art panels, all sorts of weird and wonderful creations.

**THE COMEDY EMPORIUM**

Local institution The Comedy Emporium delivers fun and entertaining shows featuring local, intra and interstate comedians with a little musical entertainment thrown in.

**MOVIES**

Take in one of the latest films at the local cinema or check with the Geraldton Visitor Centre on Art House films, and movies on the Foreshore or at the QPT or Aquarena.

**RSL (RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE) BIRDWOOD HOUSE**

Built in 1935 in memory of those that serviced in war, Birdwood House Military Museum on Chapman Road is one of the finest regional military museums in the state. Displays include uniforms, photos, medals, weapons and personal effects.

**MUSIC SCENE**

Geraldton plays host to a healthy music scene including the annual Nukara Music Festival and Red Hill Concerts a must for any music lover. Local pubs and hotels offer regular musical entertainment from covers bands, original national and international touring artists, to local and touring DJs and Jukebox Saturday nights. Check out the Weekend Activities List from the Geraldton Visitor Centre for what is on.
Events

CHECK OUT WHAT’S ON WHEN PLANNING THAT TRIP AND GATHER YOUR PROGRAMS, WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AND OTHER INFORMATION FROM THE GERALDTON VISITOR CENTRE.

JANUARY TO DECEMBER
This is not an exhaustive list and we encourage you to check with the Visitor Centre closer to the time you are visiting to see what new events are on.

• Australia Day Celebrations
• Funtavia: Fringe World Hub
• Nukara Music Festival
• Valley View Vintage Air Display
• Red Hill Concert
• Geraldton Boat, Caravan & Camping Show
• Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival
• Mullewa Muster & Rodeo
• Geraldton Wildflower Display
• Mullewa Wildflower Show
• Mullewa District Agricultural Show
• Goodness Festival
• Sunshine Surf Masters
• Show and Shine
• Festivals on the Foreshore
• Fremantle to Geraldton Ocean Classic
• HMAS Sydney II Memorial Service

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
Whether it’s a sunset cruise, new exhibition, markets, or live music, this is a must for what’s on each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Weekend Activities are posted each Friday on our Facebook page and are also available in the Centre or subscribe via a weekly e-mail.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMS
To keep up to date with the festivals in and around Geraldton, visit our facebook page www.facebook.com/geraldtonvisitorcentre
100km east of Geraldton, Mullewa is home to the rich history of Monsignor Hawes and a spectacular array of wildflowers. Collect a Mullewa brochure from the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

**The Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel**
Designed and built by Monsignor Hawes during his 22 years stay in Mullewa, considered to be one of his finest designs.

**Monsignor Hawes Priest House Museum**
Attached to the church is the Priest House where Monsignor Hawes lived and where many of his personal effects remain. The church and museum can be visited upon request, please contact the Mullewa Community Resource Centre.

**Mullewa Muster & Rodeo**
Held over the West Australia Day long weekend (late May or early June) this rodeo just keeps getting bigger and bigger with not only ‘the biggest prize money in the west’ rodeo but the Beaut Ute and Whip Crackin’ Competitions and a Country Music Concert. Visit www.mullewamuster.com for more information.

**Mullewa Agricultural Show**
Held either the last Saturday in August or first Saturday in September this show has been going annually since 1931! Monster trucks, animal farm, quick shear competition, fireworks, exhibitions, fun for the whole family.

**Mullewa Scenic Lookout**
The lookout gives an overview of the town and surrounding bush and farm lands with interpretive signage. Access to the lookout via vehicle or alternatively take the 2,370m loop as part of the Mullewa Bushland Trail.

**Stay**
Accommodation and meals are available at Inspirations as well as the Railway Hotel. For those camping and caravanning, there is the Mullewa Caravan Park.

**Murals**
Colourful murals can be seen depicting aspects of the town’s history such as the ANZAC Mural next to the Community Resource Centre, mosaics along the Monsignor Hawes Walk as well as street power pole art decorations.

**Aboriginal Art Workshop & Gallery**
Meet artists at work and browse beautiful finished works for sale in the gallery.
Greenough and Walkaway

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HISTORIC GREENOUGH: MUSEUM, SETTLEMENT AND A PHOTO AT THE LEANING TREE. VISIT WALKAWAY MUSEUM, WIND FARMS AND ELLENDALE POOL.

WIND FARMS
Comprising the Alinta Wind Farm and Mumbida Wind Farm, there are dozens of turbines reaching 78 metres high and is Western Australia’s largest renewable energy generator. Viewing area, interpretive signage, plus a fantastic outlook over the farmland.

ELLENDALE POOL
This scenic waterhole is surrounded by giant gum trees and a rocky gorge, and is watched over by Bimarra the Serpent who rests underneath the magnificent cliff face. Interpretive signs celebrate the importance the pool has played in Aboriginal and European history and is the ideal picnic or camping location, fees apply.

BOOTENAL SPRING
This freshwater spring is believed to be the site of confrontations between Aboriginal people and early settlers and is part of the Yamaji Drive Trail.

WALKAWAY STATION MUSEUM
An impressive museum for any rail enthusiast or historian. Wander through the beautiful old station to visualise how it would have operated in the late 1800s. See where the station master lived and worked and learn about the history of this small community. Open March to November, Tuesday to Sunday except public holidays.

GREENOUGH WILDLIFE AND BIRD PARK
This park has been rescuing and rehabilitating Australian wildlife for over 30 years. Animals at the park include kangaroos, emus, crocodile, dingos and an array of reptile and birdlife. Come say hello to Prince Charming the pure white kangaroo. Open daily except Wednesdays on Company Road.
**Greenough Museum and Gardens**

Located in a beautifully restored two storey homestead the Museum offers an insight into the social history of the area. Built between 1862 and 1880 for John Maley; miller, storekeeper, hotel proprietor and entrepreneur. Maley was known locally as the King of the Flats. With its community garden, historic trees and interactive displays, this place is full of surprises. Open daily of the Brand Highway.

**Central Greenough Historic Settlement**

The buildings of Central Greenough were constructed between 1863 and 1913 and provide a rare insight into the early settlement of agricultural lands. Entry to the historic settlement is through the former Greenough store (Wainwrights), through to the modern Cafe & Visitor Centre. Stroll through the settlement at your leisure using the brochure as your guide. Open daily off the Brand Highway.

**Leaning Tree**

Buffeting from the salt laden winds, local eucalyptus trees have grown horizontally and become an icon of the area. Parking off the Brand Highway available.

**Devlin Pool**

As part of the Greenough River Nature Walk Trail, Devlin Pool is popular for nature enthusiasts and a peaceful spot to paddle a canoe, try your hand at fishing or to relax at the gazebo.

**Hampton Arms Inn**

Opened in 1863 the Inn is an historic hotel offering accommodation, a rustic pub and restaurant with an extensive second hand bookshop. Located on Company Road the Inn and Bookshop is open daily except Mondays.

**More to Do in Greenough & Walkaway**

Greenough River Nature Walk Trail Page 8
Greenough in 1 Day Page 32
Shop

ABROLHOS PEARLS, BOUTIQUES, MARKETS, GIFTWARE, AND A BROWSE FOR SECOND-HAND BOOKS MIXED IN WITH A CAFÉ STOP HERE AND THERE MAKES FOR THE PERFECT SHOPPING DAY!

LOCALLY MADE
From olive oil, honey and beer; to soaps, bath relaxants and candles; to decorative tiles, timber lighthouses and jewellery; there is such a variety of talented artists making beautiful products for a visitor to take as a memory or to give to a loved one. You can find many of these products at the Geraldton Visitor Centre, markets and gift shops.

PEARLS AND JEWELLERY
Be tempted by an Abrolhos Pearl featured on a beautiful hand crafted piece of jewellery such as a necklace, ring or bracelet. From costume jewellery to exquisitely unique pieces, Geraldton has many gorgeous jewellery stores.

GIFTS
Geraldton has a fabulous selection of gift shops suited to any budget and taste. You may need a day to get to them all! We are sure that you will find a gift or three to make that someone special smile.

BEAUTY
You’re on holiday, relax! Have a facial, a massage, pedicure, haircut, or even update your make up. From beauty salons to day spas and everything in between there is no excuse to not treat yourself while on holiday and r-e-l-a-x.

MARKETS
Head to the markets for an array of local produce, gifts, plants and foods. Saturday’s are the Farmer’s Market and Sunday’s the Railway Markets.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING
If you’re travelling and you need new hiking boots, fishing rod, esky or tent, Geraldton have the services and stores to suit you.

SUPERMARKETS
Geraldton has a number of IGA supermarkets, some open seven days a week. You can also find Coles and Woolworths both open Monday to Saturday.

SECOND HAND
Many travellers love wandering second hand book stores and op shops. Whether you’ve after a novel, preloved clothes or a cup and saucer for the trip, there is a good variety of second hand shops about.

SEAFOOD
You can’t visit Geraldton without experiencing the local seafood, especially the lobster (crayfish). A selection of restaurants offer lobster on their menu or you could buy your own and prepare just the way you like it.

BOUTIQUES
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THE GREAT THING ABOUT FOOD IN GERALDTON IS OUR DIVERSITY. WHETHER YOU LIKE CHINESE, THAI, ITALIAN, INDIAN, MEXICAN, SEAFOOD, VEGETARIAN, FISH AND CHIPS OR A GOOD OLD PUB STEAK, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERY PALATE AND BUDGET.

EAT

EATING OUT
Enjoy an evening meal before a movie, wine and dine by the marina, enjoy live entertainment, have a drink with friends. From $10 pub meals to exquisite lobster (crayfish) dishes, Geraldton has a generous choice when it comes to eating out.

CAFES
If there is one thing that is growing in popularity in Geraldton and giving the city a cool funky vibe, it is the selection of fabulous cafes popping up. In fact, one is an actual permanent ‘pop-up’ café! Come in to the Geraldton Visitor Centre so we can show you on a map where they are. Maybe you could do a ‘café-crawl’ where you savour the coffee varieties and pick your favourite!

TAKE-AWAYS
What better way to enjoy the sunset than sitting on the foreshore overlooking the Indian Ocean with some local pink snapper and chips, or maybe enjoy a delicious burger by Fisherman’s Wharf, a salad sandwich at the Mullewa lookout, or picnic in the park. Whatever your tastes, there are plenty of places to select from.
FROM CAMPING TO RESORT ACCOMMODATION, THERE IS SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERYONE’S TASTE AND REQUIREMENTS. STAY FOR A NIGHT OR TWO, THREE OR FOUR, WHY NOT A WEEK?

HOTELS, MOTELS, RESORTS, SELF-CONTAINED, BED AND BREAKFAST
From a no-fuss room with a pub meal to luxury resort, fine dining, pool and spa surrounds, Geraldton’s demand for accommodation is growing.

FLOATING HOTEL
Built for luxury on the sea, the Eco Abrolhos is one of the largest vessels working out of Geraldton. At 35 metres it can accommodate up to 38 passengers. Check with the Geraldton Visitor Centre on any upcoming 5 or 9 day Island adventures.

CAMPING
The Geraldton area including Mullewa and Greenough offer camping options for tents through to RVs in a selection of caravan parks including powered and unpowered sites. Alternatively, Ellendale Pool along the Greenough River is a picturesque place to bring-your-own supplies and set up camp, fees apply.

CHALETS AND BACKPACKERS
Camping along the way and would love your own private chalet for a night or two to relax and spread out or a nice hot shower and comfy bed at the backpackers? Stay at the only backpackers in Geraldton or a selection of caravan parks offer on-site chalets at reasonable rates.
ACCOMMODATION DIRECTORY

VISITOR CENTRE BOOKING SERVICE
Contact the friendly staff at the Geraldton Visitor Centre who can help you choose the style of accommodation perfectly suited to your needs and budget.

You can also browse and book online via www.visitgeraldton.com.au

Best Western Hospitality Inn Geraldton
Ideally located in a quiet position and only minutes from the CBD. The Best Western Hospitality Inn Geraldton offers spacious, affordable and well appointed rooms and self contained.
169 Cathedral Avenue
(08) 9921 1422

Geraldton's Ocean West Holiday Apartments
Comfortable units that can be configured to create a two bed, two bath or four bed, two bath. Options available upon request.
1 Hadda Way
(08) 9921 1047

Ocean Centre Hotel
An iconic 4 star beachfront hotel conveniently located in the heart of the CBD and offering one of the best views of the Geraldton waterfront. Just steps away from restaurants, shopping and entertainment. Free WiFi.
Corner Cathedral Avenue & Foreshore Drive
(08) 9921 7777
www.oceancentrehotel.com.au

Zebras Accommodation
Enjoy a unique African safari experience in Geraldton. Spend a night or two in one of six luxurious ensuite bedrooms with full use of additional facilities to make you feel more at home.
2 Glendinning Road
(+61) 0427 089 385

Mantra Geraldton
Centrally located on the Batavia Coast Marina, Mantra Geraldton is within a short walk of the CBD. Offering spacious one, two and three bedroom fully self contained apartments.
211 Foreshore Drive
(08) 9956 1300 or 13 15 17

Foreshore Backpackers
Live. Laugh. Love
With plenty of beds available, ‘you’re in for sure’ at the Foreshore Backpackers.
172 Marine Terrace
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Fully furnished studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments with cable channels, kitchen and laundry facilities just 100m from the beach. Suitable for short and long stays.
298 Chapman Road
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geraldton@waldorf.com.au
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Belair Gardens Caravan Park
Just 2 minutes from the CBD. Deluxe accommodation, ensuite sites and powered and unpowered sites which will suit even the biggest rig. You’ll be surprised what Belair Gardens has to offer!
463 Marine Terrace
(08) 9921 1997

Drummond Cove Holiday Park
Just 10 minutes north of Geraldton with panoramic ocean views. Accommodation to suit all budgets, large tent and caravan sites, pet friendly, shop and more! Special weekly rate of $120 for S/C vehicles.
1633 North West Coastal Highway
(08) 9938 2524

WWW.VISITGERALDTON.COM.AU 27
**Tin Heads**
See the largest tin collection in Australia with more than 8000 tins and growing! There's biscuit tins, cereal tins and tea tins with all sorts of themes from royalty to sport, planes, trains and automobiles. Open every second Sunday or by appointment.
80 Beattie Road, Waggrakine
(08) 9938 3200

**Western Australian Museum - Geraldton**
*Keep your eyes open!* When early explorers sailed the Western Australian coast their advice was simple - *keep your eyes open.* The wonders of the desert to the sea are revealed at the Western Australian Museum - Geraldton.
2 Museum Place
(08) 9431 8393

**Lighthouse Keepers Cottage Museum**
View Geraldton's first Lighthouse Keepers Cottage and Tower, built in 1876. Now a museum from the pioneering past. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. Small entry fee applies.
355 Chapman Road
(08) 9923 1837 or (08) 9921 3790

**Yamaji Art**
Aboriginal owned art centre in Western Australia. We provide professional services for artists with a focus on sustaining cultural maintenance and arts practice in a variety of mediums. Open Monday to Friday from 9am - 4pm (or advised).
205 Marine Terrace
(08) 9965 3440

**Old Gaol and Craft Centre**
The gaol houses a unique gemstone display and locally made arts and crafts are on sale inside the cells. Open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 3.30pm. Guided tours run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm at the Victoria House.
84 Chapman Road
(+61) 0459 541 568

**Greenough Wildlife and Bird Park**
Say G’day to the local menagerie! Meet the kangaroos, some funny old birds or have a close encounter with an Australian favorite. From crocodiles to cockatoos, kangaroos, dingoes and more. *Feeding available for kangaroos and farm animals.*
449 Company Road, Greenough
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*Abrolhos Island Tours*  
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**Beach, Sand & Land Tours**
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www.beachsandandlandtours.com.au
(+61) 0408 932 454

**Eco Abrolhos**
Our 5 day cruises to the Abrolhos Islands explore the wonder that is the Abrolhos Islands in all its forms; the historic, the scenic and the aquatic.
6 Baker Street
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Fresh modern food, barista-made coffee and homemade cakes. Relax in the cozy vintage restaurant or breezy kitchen garden. Open breakfast, lunch and coffee Monday to Friday and dinner Friday and Saturday nights. BYO available!

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35 Marine Terrace
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Shop 4 Penny Lane Arcade
(08) 9964 9996

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Premium 24/7 on call windscreen repair or replacement and window tinting services. Novus use the latest state-of-the-art equipment and are solidly supported by their respective West Australian, national and international franchise networks.

13-17 Sanford Street
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A WEEKEND AWAY IN GERALDTON

FRIDAY
6:00pm  Arrive in Geraldton by car or by plane from Perth and pick up your hire car
7:00pm  Check into your accommodation
7:30pm  Enjoy dinner at one of Geraldton’s restaurants

SATURDAY
7:00am  Breakfast
8:45am  Arrive at the Geraldton Airport
9:00am  Fly to the Abrolhos Islands for the day, fly back late afternoon.
4:30pm  Take a rest in your accommodation
6:00pm  Pre-dinner drinks
6:30pm  Dinner
8:30pm  Catch some live music or movie (check out Arts, Culture & Entertainment on page 18)

SUNDAY
6:00am  Walk on beach
7:00am  Breakfast at a local café
9.00am  Geraldton Visitor Centre
9:30am  The Esplanade
10:30am HMAS Sydney II Memorial Tour
11:30am Western Australian Museum – Geraldton Highlights Tour
12:30pm Fish and chips on the Foreshore
1:30pm  Enjoy a walk along the Geraldton Heritage Trail
2:30pm  St Francis Xavier Cathedral (open to the public if no service is on)
3:00pm  Drive to Point Moore to see the tallest ‘metal’ lighthouse in Australia
3:30pm  Enjoy a coffee and treat on the Foreshore before heading back home
5:00pm  Arrive at airport to return your hire car and fly to Perth

Awesome Itineraries

MORE AND MORE TRAVELLERS ARE REALISING THAT GERALDTON IS NOT JUST A QUICK STOPOVER BUT A DESTINATION IN ITSELF WITH SO MUCH VARIETY AND HISTORY.

Many have called into the Visitor Centre only planning an overnight stay then rescheduling when learning of the many attractions and activities on offer. The great asset with Geraldton is its amazing year round climate. We’ve collated some suggested itineraries to consider. They don’t capture all of the amazing things you can do but it gives you an idea to tempt you to stay longer or come back for a return visit!

We also hope that whether travelling from the north or south you’ve experienced some amazing places along the way as you explore this beautiful region. From the north Exmouth, Coral Bay, Carnarvon, Shark Bay and Kalbarri, and from the south Cervantes, Jurien Bay and Dongara - Port Denison.

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### GERALDTON IN 3 DAYS

**DAY 1**

- See Geraldton in 1 day

**DAY 2**

- 7:00am  Breakfast  
- 8:45am  Arrive at the Geraldton Airport  
- 9:00am  Fly to the Abrolhos Islands for the day  
- 4:30pm  Head back to your accommodation for a rest  
- 6:00pm  Pre-dinner drinks  
- 6:30pm  Dinner  
- 8:30pm  Catch a late movie

**DAY 3**

- 7:00am  Walk along the Foreshore and visit the Batavia Park and Ilgarrijiri  
- 8:00am  Breakfast  
- 9:00am  Drive to Point Moore to see the tallest ‘metal’ lighthouse in Australia  
- 10:00am  View street art, the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery and boutique shopping  
- 11:00am  Return to the Western Australian Museum – Geraldton to explore and the Marina  
- 12:30pm  Lunch at a local café for bagels, high tea or gourmet jaffles  
- 2:00pm  Take a tour of the Victoria District Hospital and Old Gaol (Tuesday and Thursday) or do a self-guided walk and visit the ‘shops’ housed in the cells of the gaol  
- 4:00pm  Have an swim, laze on the beach or another coffee, it’s time to unwind  
- 6:00pm  Pre-dinner drinks  
- 6:30pm  Dinner

### GERALDTON IN A WEEK

**DAY 1**

- See Geraldton in 1 day

**DAY 2**

- See Greenough in 1 day

**DAY 3**

- See Day 2 of Geraldton in 3 days

**DAY 4**

- You’ve just spent three days exploring Geraldton, the history of Greenough and the magical beauty of the Abrolhos Islands. Today you can sit back and relax in Geraldton.  
- 7:00am  Walk on beach  
- 8:00am  Breakfast in a local café  
- 9:00am  Stroll along Marine Terrace for some retail therapy  
- 10:00am  Take a lobster factory tour, wander Fisherman’s Wharf or leisurely walk to Point Moore and enjoy a swim at Pages Beach  
- 12:30pm  Take a tour of the Bureau of Meteorology (bookings essential)  
- 1:30pm  Head back to Geraldton for a pub lunch and cold beer or wine  
- 2:30pm  Pack a picnic and head to Ellendale Pool. Relax among the gum trees at this picturesque waterhole along the Greenough River. On your return stop by the Wind Farm  
- 6:00pm  Pre-dinner drinks back in Geraldton  
- 6:30pm  Dinner

**DAY 5**

- See Mullewa in a day

**DAY 6**

- See Oakabella, Northampton and Chapman Valley in a day

**DAY 7**

- See Day 3 of Geraldton in 3 days

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Don’t forget to ask our friendly staff at the Geraldton Visitor Centre for help with tour bookings & operating hours.
OAKABELLA, NORTHAMPTON AND CHAPMAN VALLEY IN 1 DAY

7:00am Breakfast in Geraldton
8:00am Drive to Coronation Beach for a swim or beach walk
9:45am Arrive at Oakabella Homestead for your 10:00am tour of the homestead (the most haunted place in Western Australia. (Open daily except for the month of February)
11:30am Enjoy a cup of tea and homemade scones at Oakabella. Loretta is famous for her scones and you won’t be disappointed.
1:00pm Travel 20kms north to Northampton and wander the botanic line and visit the Gwalla Railway Precinct. The Original Railway Station (now home to the Geraldton Visitor Centre) in Geraldton and Gwalla were built as the first government railway line in Western Australia. The Sacred Heart Convent and St Mary’s in Ara Colei are two examples in Northampton of Monsignor Hawes architectural design. If you are there Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday the Chiverton House Museum is open (10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm)
3:00pm Make your way via the ‘Scenic Route’ to Nabawa through the farming lands of Chapman Valley then head south to Nanson
3:30pm Explore part of the Chapman River trail at Nanson with nesting boxes, trail markers and interpretive signage.
4:30pm As you make your way back to Geraldton stop at Mills Point Lookout for a view back over the Chapman Valley. Alternatively, you may like to have an afternoon beer or cider and relax before dinner is served at 6:00pm at Burnt Barrel, nestled in the farmlands of Chapman Valley (bookings recommended)
6:00pm If you’re back in Geraldton enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants on offer.

GREENOUGH IN 1 DAY

7:00am Breakfast in Geraldton
8:30am Walk on beach at Cape Burney
9:30am Greenough Museum and Gardens
10:30am Stop and take a photo of the Leaning Tree
11:00am Explore and have lunch at the Central Greenough Historic Settlement
1:00pm Explore the thousands of books at the Hampton Arms Inn Bookshop or pat an animal at the Greenough Wildlife and Bird Park
3:00pm Stretch your legs and explore parts of the Greenough River Nature Walk Trail
6:00pm Fish and Chips on the Foreshore back in Geraldton
7:00pm Evening walk up The Esplanade or around the Batavia Marina
Getting to and Around

**DRIVE**
While it only takes 4.5 hours to drive from Perth to Geraldton, driving allows travellers the freedom to explore, take their time and experience places along the beautiful Indian Ocean Drive.

**FLY**
Less than an hour is all it takes to reach Geraldton from Perth. QantasLink 13 13 13 qantas.com.au and Virgin Australia 13 67 89 virginaustralia.com fly daily. Check arrival times at geraldtonairport.com.au

**BUS**
Heading up or down the state of WA Integrity Coach Lines 1800 226 339 integritycoachlines.com.au operates services from Perth all the way up to Broome and includes Geraldton as one of its destinations. Alternatively TransWA 1300 662 205 transwa.wa.gov.au also offer bus services from Perth as far as Kalbarri and include Geraldton.

**LOCAL BUS**
Local bus services operate in Geraldton Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays). Timetables are available from the Geraldton Visitor Centre or pta.wa.gov.au.

**TAXI**
This service is available from the Geraldton airport as well as taxi bays at various locations in Geraldton.

**BIKE HIRE**
Cycling is a fun way to see Geraldton and there are plenty of shared paths and Bicycle Lanes to use. Check with the Geraldton Visitor Centre on bike and electric bike hire.

**CAMPER TRAILER HIRE**
If you’re travelling and would love to try camping, this is a great way to experience the ‘camping life’ with pop up campers and camper trailers as well as all the accessories you will need. Contact the Geraldton Visitor Centre for more details.

**CAR HIRE**
Flying into Geraldton and need a car? There are five hire car companies operating from Geraldton Airport. If you are already in the centre of town, Hertz and Budget offer a free pick up and drop off of your hire car.

**PARKING**
If you are towing a caravan or trailer we suggest utilising the boat parking area off Marine Terrace (Francis St) just south of the Geraldton Visitor Centre.

Staff at the Centre can then advise of other locations suitable around town. You can download or view a brochure on line at visitgeraldton.com.au for information on free, paid and time restricted parking.

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**MULLEWA IN 1 DAY**

7:00am  Breakfast in Geraldton

8:00am  Drive to Mullewa

9:00am  Drop into the Community Resource Centre to organise a visit to the Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel and Monsignor Hawes Priest House via the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Walk

11:00am  Head up to the Mullewa Scenic Lookout and walk the Mullewa Bushland Trail or alternatively in the cooler months explore the Wildflower Walk

12:30pm  Head back to the town centre for a cool drink and lunch

2:00pm  Time for a self-drive around the Northern or Southern Loop (both partly sealed/gravelled but suitable for all vehicles)

5:00pm  Check in to your accommodation and relax

6:30pm  Dinner at Inspirations or the Railway Hotel, stay overnight in Mullewa
EXPLORE AND ENJOY AUSTRALIA’S CORAL COAST FROM CERVANTES TO EXMOUTH. DOWNLOAD THE HOLIDAY PLANNER FROM WWW.AUSTRALIASCORALCOAST.COM.

TRAVELLING NORTH
Chapman Valley (20km)
Farmland, museum, lavender, Burnt Barrel BREWBO
Northampton (50km) Classified as an ‘historic town’ it is one of the oldest settlements in WA
Kalbarri (150km) Rugged coastal cliffs and a photo at Nature’s Window
Shark Bay (413km) Home to the Monkey Mia dolphins, Stromatolites and Shell Beach
Carnarvon (478km) Fresh produce all year round, Space and Technology Museum
Exmouth (835km) Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area: turtles, humpbacks and whale sharks

TRAVELLING SOUTH
Dongara–Port Denison (65km) Stroll along the Shipwreck Trail or take in the views at the Fisherman’s Lookout Obelisk
Jurien Bay (195km) Join a Sea Lion Tour, go skydiving or visit nearby Lesueur National Park
Cervantes (215km) Visit Nambung National Park and Lake Thetis

Horrocks Beach Caravan Park
Only a 45 minute drive north of Geraldton with beautiful beaches and great fishing! The park contains caravan and camper bays (powered or non-powered), as well as cabins. Perfect location for a getaway.
1 North Court, Horrocks
(08) 9934 3039

Kalbarri Refrigerated Caravan Park
Horrocks Beach Caravan Park is only a 45 minute drive north of Geraldton with beautiful beaches and great fishing! The park contains caravan and camper bays (powered or non-powered), as well as cabins. Perfect location for a getaway.

Lavender Valley Farm
A gorgeous seasonal cafe situated roughly 25 minutes north-east of Geraldton. Operates from April to mid December. Beautiful scenery and a great day trip out.
1852 Chapman Valley Road
(08) 9920 5469

Shire of Chapman Valley
The Moresby Range is the gateway from Geraldton with a range of self drive day trips including overnight and short term camp sites on the way. Enjoy our carpets of wildflowers, heritage, cottage tourism activities and more.
(08) 9920 5011
www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au

Kalbarri Wagoe Beach Quad Bike Tours
Let us take you for an enjoyable adventure to soak up the beautiful scenery of Kalbarri’s Wagoe Beach.
Wagoe Beach, Kalbarri
(08) 9936 6060
www.kalbarriquad.com

Kalbarri Reef Villas
Accommodation consists of eight spacious two bedroom villas and one honeymoon suite villa. All villas are fully self contained and surrounded by relaxing sub-tropical gardens.
Coles Street, Kalbarri
(08) 9937 1165
Geraldton Visitor Centre

Our services
- Information on all there is to see and do in Geraldton
- Accommodation bookings
- Tour bookings
- Retail gift shop and souvenirs
- Comprehensive range of travel maps and books
- Book exchange
- Free WiFi
- Interpretive space
- National Park Pass outlet
- Event ticketing outlet
- Information brochures on locations in WA

Our facilities
- Public toilets
- Ample car parking, including disability parking
- Coach and caravan parking bays nearby (access via Francis Street)
- Potable water (by boat ramp via Francis Street)

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