

Welcome to Albany, nestled on south coast of Western Australia, widely regarded as one of the most incredibly beautiful and diverse coastlines in the world – in equal turns stunningly gorgeous and fearsomely rugged. Albany is the traditional home of the Menang Noongar peoples who lived here for several thousand years before it was established as the first European Settlement in Western Australia.

The Albany Visitor Centre invites you to take time to explore the history, culture and natural wonders of our beautiful City. Choose from the suggestions below and build your experience based on the amount of free time you have while visiting Albany. Needing more information? The Albany Visitor Centre is open from 10am 7 days a week. Give us a call or pop in and we can book your tours and experiences.

A FEW HOURS

ANZAC HISTORY

Drive up to the top of Corndarup / Mount Clarence and follow the steps up to the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial. Follow the path to the Padre White Lookout and take in the scenic views of King George Sound, Princess Royal Harbour and the City Centre.

FOOD, WINE AND MORE

Grab a Dining Out Guide from the Albany Visitor Centre and treat yourself to lunch or dinner at one of the many local businesses celebrating local produce. You will find that most establishments will offer a range of local beer, wine and spirits to compliment your meal.

GET BACK TO NATURE

Take a drive out the Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park. Witness the fearsome waves atop the lookout platform. Marvel at the spectacular views of the Southern Ocean and Albany coast from Bald Head to West Cape Howe.

HISTORIC SITES

Grab an Albany Historic Walk Map from the Albany Visitor Centre and explore the historic buildings that tell the story of Albany's early settlement. Visit the Albany Town Hall on York Street. This much loved iconic building has recently been renovated and hosts a range of arts and cultural events, civic events, performances and exhibitions.

WHALES

Get up early and walk Ellen Cove Boardwalk, if you are lucky you will see a whale or two from the lookout points. Enjoy a coffee and some breakfast at a café and watch the sun come up at Binalup / Middleton Beach.

HALF DAY

Make your way towards Irrerup / Mount Adelaide and wander the grounds of Princess Royal Fortress and walk up to the Convoy Walk to the Lookout. Immerse yourself in the history of Western Australia's older surviving military site while exploring the gun batteries, massive coastal gun defenses and the barracks where the officers lived and worked.

Take a trip out the Great Southern Distilling Co. Book a tour of Limeburners Distillery, then sit back and relax with an award winning whiskeys while looking out over Princess Royal Harbour. If whiskey isn't your thing head down South Coast Highway to Wilson Brewing Company for a locally made beer or two.

Spend the day walking along one of Albany's many Beautiful Beaches. Misery Beach was recently awarded best beach in Australia and the delightful Little Beach boasts beautiful white sands, granite outcrops providing insta-worthy shots galore. Make a day of it and explore the Baie des Deux Peuples Heritage Trail.

Take the time to explore the featured Museums featured on the Historic Walk Map. Choose from the Albany Convict Gaol, Patrick Taylor Cottage, Museum of the Great Southern or the Brigg Amity. Looking for an activity to do in the evening? Why not book a spooky night tour of the Albany Convict Gaol.

Jump on board a whale tour. When the weather is fine, boats depart from Princess Royal Harbour every morning during whale season. Marvel at the creatures of the deep while taking in the spectacular views. Tours can be booked at the Albany Visitor Centre.

FULL DAY

Take the time to visit the multi-award winning National Anzac Centre. Assume the identity of an actual service man or woman, and follow their experience of the Great War. Their stories start at recruitment and continue through training and embarking, life on the convoys and the conflicts of WWI. At the end of your journey through the Centre, discover the fate of your character.

Jump aboard the Busy Blue Bus for an unforgettable experience of the produce the Great Southern has to offer. Choose from the wine tour, 'Mt Barker Grape Escape' or taste your way through the gourmet gems onboard the 'Tasting Delicious Denmark' tour.

A visit to Kinjarling (Albany) and the Great Southern Region is not complete without taking an Aboriginal Cultural tour with Kurrah Mia. Learn about how the Menang Noongar People moved throughout the land for hunting and gathering, for ceremonial rituals and daily life.

Find you way to the site of the first farm in Western Australia, Strawberry Hill at Barmup. The farm sits on Menang Noongar Country at a place called Barmup, meaning 'place of tall trees'. Start your visit in their award-winning Visitor Hub, explore the new interpretation in the 1836 house and take one of the self-guided tours of the grounds to appreciate the surrounding cultural landscape.

Take a drive out the Albany's Historic Whaling Station at Discovery Bay. Explore the world's only complete historic whaling station and experience a fascinating insight into Albany's past. During the whale migration season, you can see whales just of shore. Grab a cuppa at the cafe and take in the views of King George Sound while you plan your next adventure.

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