

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN AMAZING ALBANY

1. Call into the Albany Visitor Centre to get a map and local knowledge ready for your exploring today!
2. Stroll across to Alison Hartman Gardens to see the monument of Mokare, erected in recognition of the role he played in the peaceful coexistence between the Noongar people and the first European settlers. While you are there check out the heritage listed Oak and Pine Trees!
3. Visit the Town Hall, the oldest civic building in the town, now a vibrant art gallery-playing host to a huge range of local artists.
4. Take a walk up and down York Street & Stirling Terrace, visiting a great selection of retail and food outlets.
5. Look out for the "street art" painted in the alleyways in York Street; collect the Public Art Trail from the Visitor Centre to make sure to spot them all!
6. Find the local attraction 'Dog Rock', a granite rock that looks just like the profile of a dog, at the start of Middleton Road, near Middleton Loop.
7. Visit Strawberry Hill / Barmup. The first farm settled in Western Australia, view the historic old homestead, the beautiful old gardens, and the award-winning Visitor Hub.
8. Continue your journey along the scenic drive to Middleton Beach. Park your car and take the opportunity to feel the squeaky white sand between your toes walking along the beach.
9. While you are on foot, be sure to take a peaceful stroll along the boardwalk. For those feeling energetic, put on those walking shoes and head off on the 6km return walk that will inspire you with its breathtaking views across the Ataturk entrance. Look out for many monuments on the way.
10. By this time, you will have worked up a healthy appetite. Take a walk around the beach, visit the surrounding cafés and treat yourself to an aromatic coffee or a fresh fruit smoothie for coffee enthusiasts to enjoy locally roasted coffee! If you cannot follow the aroma, ask for more details at the Visitor Centre.
11. Now time for a drive down to tranquil Emu Point, visit the boat harbour and marina. This is where Albany's Riverboat Cruise leaves daily at 9 am between September and May for a scenic four-hour cruise up Kalgan River. Make sure you pop into the Visitor Centre for assistance with bookings for a great day on the water!
12. Leaving Emu Point, take a 3km walk around Lake Seppings, observe the amazing birdlife and long neck turtles from the bird hide, and observe the revegetation work in progress at this beautiful wetland.
13. Take a drive along the beautiful Marine Drive around Mt Adelaide – a truly spectacular view!
14. Take a turn into the Albany Heritage Park, drive up Apex Drive and visit the Desert Corps Memorial on top of Mount Clarence, also included the Padre White Lookout, where the first dawn service in Australia was conducted. Both lookouts have incredible views sweeping over the city, plus a great spot to get your bearings!

15. Visit the National ANZAC Centre within Albany's Heritage Park. Take up the identity of a serviceman or woman's identity and follow their experience of the Great War. Princess Royal Fortress, another intriguing historical part of the heritage park, was Australia's 'first line of defence.'
16. Take a drive out to Lower King while you are in the area. This is an opportunity to go through two river systems and the surrounding rural area. See the Oyster Harbour fish traps by following the signs after going over the Lower King Bridge, turning right into Morilla Drive and then left into Barameda Road.
17. Take an 11km walk on the east bank of the Kalgan River. The Luke Pen Walk is a peaceful trail that meanders up the east bank of the Kalgan River, passing the historic Noongar fish traps.
18. Pat some friendly animals or hand-feed the lovely Australian parrots at the walk-in aviary and petting zoo located at the Old Marron Farm along Two Peoples Bay Road; enjoy fresh Marron from the Little Beach Store.
19. Visit picturesque Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve and the turquoise bay Little Beach voted one of the top five beaches in Australia.
20. By now, you will realise that visiting Albany for a day is not a possibility. Perhaps it's time to head back into the city of Albany and make a reservation in one of our fantastic restaurants or pack up a BBQ and use one of the many facilities on offer in our region.
21. Visit the Torndirrup National Park and the surrounding area. This is a necessary visit, and this area alone can quickly fill a half day.
22. Make sure you visit the Wind Farm, the spectacular new viewing platform at the Gap and the Natural Bridge, the Blow Holes (a 2km return trip on foot), which 'blow' with north-by-north-westerly winds a high tide, and Jimmy Newells Harbour.
23. Take in the sensational views from Stony Hill. Try spotting dolphins or schools of salmon at Salmon Holes. Whale Spotting can be done from various high points - July to October.
24. Visit The Historic Whaling Station at Discovery Bay. Being the last to close in Australia, it is a fantastic museum showcasing the whaling history that was once Albany's biggest industry. The 3D movie theatres inside the old oil tanks are memorable. Make sure you allow at least 2 hours for the museum, then take a stroll through the gorgeous new Botanical Garden and discover our native wildlife in the Australian Wildlife Park.
25. On the way home, drop into the award-winning Limeburners Distillery, where you can taste a selection of spirits or relax with a cocktail. It is number one in the state.
26. Learn about sandalwood at The Sandalwood Shop. Hear how it is distilled and how the oil is used to produce a range of fragrant beauty and therapeutic products on one of the free tours.
27. Take a day trip to the majestic Porongurup region, only 40km inland, with wineries, art galleries and beautiful hikes. Allow time (approx 2.5 hours return) to climb the Granite Skywalk at Castle Rock.
28. Continue 50 km along the Chester Pass Road to the Stirling Ranges National Park, a nature lover's paradise. Be prepared for a long walk up to the top of Bluff Knoll (approx. 5

hours return) – the view is worth the climb. Maps and more info are available from the team at the Albany Visitor Centre.

29. Perhaps you may be keen on a round of golf? There are a few courses to choose from, and the staff at the Visitor Centre can give you the details, or maybe a game of bowls may be more to your liking.
30. Take a swim in one of many protected turquoise bays. If you have children and need a tranquil area or are keen to get amongst the pounding surf, there is a beach option for everyone. Hire a surfboard and hit the waves. Hire a canoe or a stand-up paddleboard and paddle up the river on the calm waters.
31. Call into the Visitor Centre and get a fishing guide. Visit the local tackle shop, get kitted up, and then try to catch a fish from one of many locations at the beach or river (no permits needed if fishing from the shoreline or riverbank).
32. Take a scenic flight. If you thought the coastline was magnificent from the ground, you should see it from the air, unbelievable!
33. Take a scenic cruise on the Princess Royal Harbour and King George Sound, or go on a scenic informative river cruise that meanders up the Kalgan River.
34. How about a winery tour? The region has some fantastic wines with tastings available. You will need your own skipper to take you on a wonderful day out. Speak to the Albany Visitor Centre staff to book a wine tour in the region.
35. Try a sample of handcrafted local Albany beer at Wilson Brewery. Open Monday to Sunday, 10 am-9 pm, and there is sure to be a beer that suits most tastes.
36. Visit the weekend markets around town. Our Local Farmers' market is on Saturday morning, 8 am until noon, in Collie Street. The Boat Shed markets on Sundays from 9 am until 1 pm is along Princess Royal Drive.
37. Call into the Visitor Centre and ask the team for a historic Landmarks and Laneways map. This will take you on a walking trail highlighting all the colonial buildings in our town centre. Albany is WA's first settlement, so there are many historical attractions to see, or you may like to go on a 2 hour guided history walk with one of our local historians.
38. Take a stroll through the Museum of the Great Southern, capturing Albany's history and showcasing world-class exhibitions regularly. Take the children down to the 'see & touch' gallery. There is even a preserved lion and turtle, plus a discovery centre where there are all sorts of activities.
39. Be sure to visit Albany's special historic icon, the Brig Amity, a replica ship built to recognise the arrival of the first settlers in 1826.
40. The Old Convict Gaol highlights a fantastic selection of historical artefacts. Visit the old cells and feel the hairs on your neck stand up as you take a step back in history or go on a spooky night tour.
41. While visiting the historical attractions, do not forget to visit Western Australia's oldest wattle and daub building filled with historical relics, Patrick Taylor Cottage.
42. History enthusiasts would enjoy browsing through the Albany History Collection located in the Albany Public Library. It has a fantastic collection of photographs and other archival materials. In the interim, contact [history@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:history@albany.wa.gov.au)

43. Walk a section of the Bibbulmun Track. There are easy day walks and 3 - 5 day hikes from Albany. Alternatively, for avid hikers, why not spare 5-7 weeks to complete the world-famous Bibbulmun Track, only 1000km!
44. Take the children to our great new park down at Middleton Beach with the pirate ship, or the award-winning Eyre Park with the giant flying fox, or Emu Beach with swings and slides.
45. Hire some bikes and use one of the many cycle trails on offer in the area. Ask our team for a '10 Great Rides' map or cycle a section of the Munda Biddi trail.
46. Call into the Visitor Centre and get a copy of the free '10 Great Walks' map; Albany is home to some of the most beautiful day walks in Western Australia!
47. Cross the footbridge from Stirling Terrace to discover the Anzac Peace Park, the Albany Entertainment Centre and the Marina. See a show at the Albany Entertainment Centre, the Great Southern regions' premier performing arts and convention centre.
48. For an incredible 360-degree view of the town, drive up to Mount Melville, a lookout tower with internal steps and two viewing levels with fantastic views over the harbour and town.
49. Snorkel or dive one of our beautiful bays or dive the sunken wreck, HMAS Perth.
50. If the weather is a bit damp, how about catching a movie at our local cinemas.
51. Have a go at a tandem paragliding flight over our great coastline at the Wind Farm or the famous Shelley Beach.
52. Watch a local artist at work or view an exhibition at the Vancouver Art Centre.
53. Swim or take a class at the Leisure and Aquatic Centre. Kids will love the loopy slide, whirlpool and beach entry pool. There are a gym and basketball courts if you need to work out!
54. Enjoy a day at Torbay/Young's Siding. During the season, watch whales swim by. Enjoy Shelley Beach, West Cape Howe (the most southerly tip of Western Australia), local galleries including photography, pottery and glass making and beautiful cafes.
55. Watch the sunset over Sand Patch with the wind turbines behind you – a magic way to end the day.
56. Tune into our local radio channels 88FM, 95.3FM, 630AM & 1611AM
57. Visit [amazingalbany.com.au](http://amazingalbany.com.au) for all events, facts and information.

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