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SURF ROAD TRIP · 7 DAYS FROM PERTH AND BACK

Western Australia Surfing Itinerary

Surf your way around Western Australia's southern beaches, from Rottnest Island and Mandurah to Margaret River, Denmark, Bremer Bay and Esperance, then back to Perth.

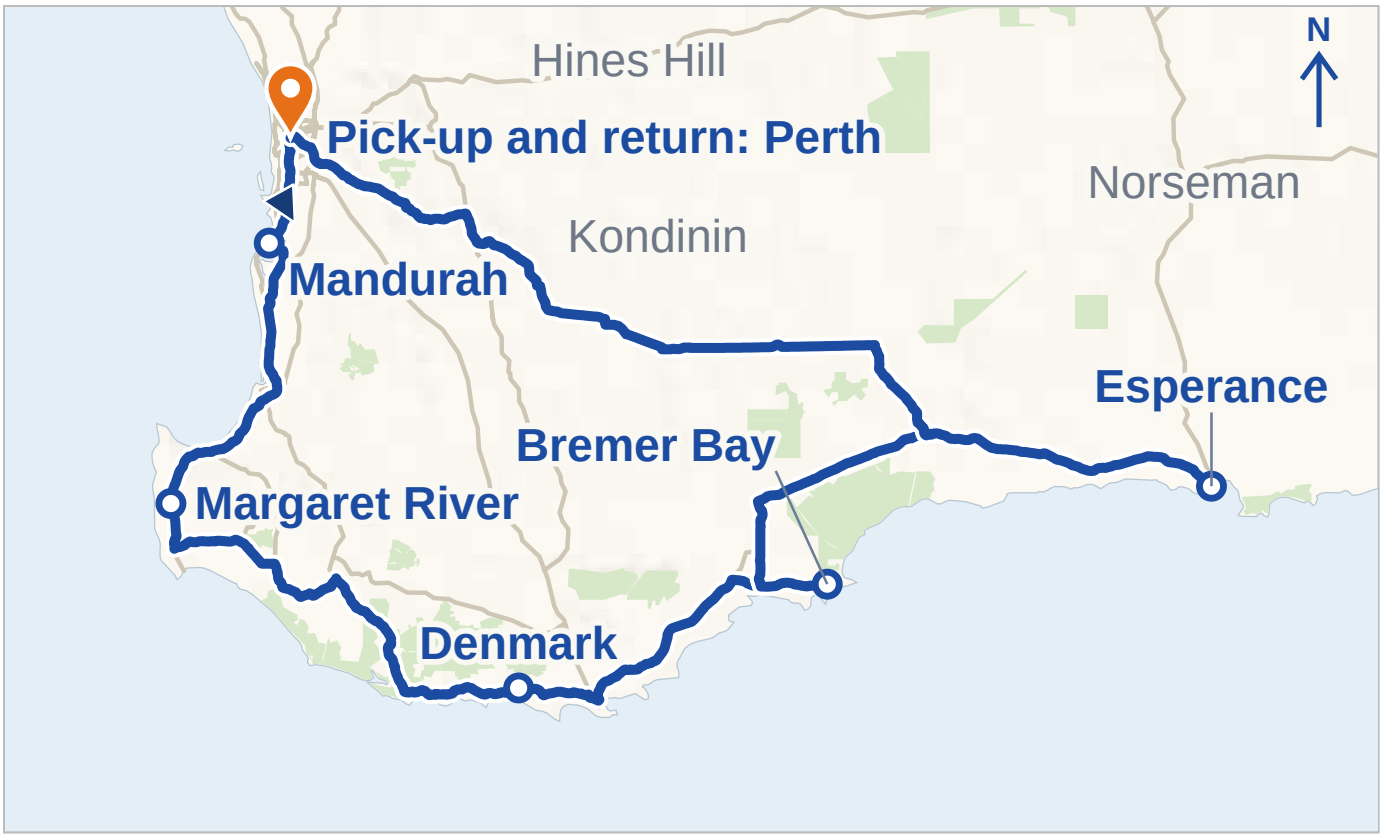
DISTANCE	DAYS	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 1,930 km	7 days, 6 drives	Loop from Perth	About 28 h 30 min by campervan

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
695 km, Esperance to Perth	Campervan

This trip crosses the Country of the Whadjuk Noongar, Wadandi, Menang Noongar, Wudjari, Ngadju and other First Nations peoples. Traditional Custodians



Surfers Point, Margaret River, day 3 · Illustrative image



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BEFORE YOU BOOK

Hiring a campervan for this trip

Your route
All rental vendors in Australia have restrictions on where their vehicles can be taken, so discuss your planned route with the rental company when you pick up. Get the rental company's permission before taking the vehicle somewhere it restricts. If you take it there without permission, you may lose your excess reduction and be fully responsible for any damage. You may also have to pay for towing and recovery, and for damage to other people's property. See road restrictions and when you are fully responsible.

The last day
Esperance to Perth is about 695 km, about 10 hours by campervan, too far for one comfortable day. Add a day to your hire and split it with a night at Lake Grace, about halfway.

Picking up in Perth

Most Perth branches are in the eastern suburbs, a short drive from Perth Airport, and Apollo, Britz, Maui, Maui Elite, Mighty and Mighty Lite share one branch in Redcliffe (Perth branches). Check-in includes a walkthrough of the vehicle, so allow about an hour, and reach

the branch at least an hour before it closes. More on campervan hire in Perth: branches, hours and each brand's rules.

PICK-UP DAY IN PERTH

DAY 1

Perth

PICK-UP

Collect your car or campervan in Perth today. If you're renting a camper, allow plenty of time at the depot so the rental company can show you how it works before you leave. Take some time to discover what Perth has to offer before beginning your journey.

Travel out to Rottnest Island for the day and try out a couple of the best surf spots there. Strickland Bay has been ranked in the top 50 breaks in the world, making it a popular place for surfers to check out. Other locations on the island that surfers, body boarders and stand-up paddle boarders love are Stark Bay and Salmon Bay.

Pick-up guide Allow time at the branch for the handover and van demonstration, and bring the documents the rental company asks for. See what to expect when you pick up your campervan: the inspection and demonstration, documents you'll need, choosing a pick-up time, getting there from the airport and what to do if you'll be late. The Perth branch list has each branch's address and hours.

Stay Discovery Parks – Perth Airport

DRIVE

72 km from Perth | **about 1 h 10 min** by campervan

Via **Kwinana Freeway**

DAY 2

Perth to Mandurah

Depart this morning and head south on the Kwinana Freeway until you reach Mandurah.

Check out Avalon Beach for the best surfing conditions and the opportunity to try out some windsurfing. There is a surf spot known locally as the Gearies, just south of Falcon Bay, which has some of the best waves for surfers.

Stay Miami Holiday Park

DRIVE

205 km from Mandurah | **about 3 h** by campervan |

Via **Forrest and Bussell highways**

DAY 3

Mandurah to Margaret River

Depart this morning and head south on the Forrest Highway to Bussell Highway in Margaret River.

Margaret River is full of great places for surfing, with 75 breaks along a 130-kilometre area; it can be hard to choose. Check out Cowaramup Bay in Gracetown or Surfers Point, which is just before Prevelley. Surfers Point is not for the faint-hearted, offering waves up to and over 15 feet.

Margaret River is worth staying for an extra night to check out surf beaches a little further away, including Dunsborough and Boranup. You could even set yourself the challenge of following the Margaret River coastline to find all the best surf spots.

Stay Margaret River Tourist Park

DRIVE

325 km from Margaret River | **about 5 h** by campervan |

Via **South Western Highway**

DAY 4

Margaret River to Denmark

Depart this morning and head south-east through the karri forests to Denmark.

Ocean Beach is one of the most popular destinations for surfers and swimmers as the beach is patrolled during the summer. Therefore, it can get very crowded on the beach. If you're looking for a more secluded and quieter beach, the Lowlands are on the other side of the Wilson Inlet and have great waves for intermediate surfers.

Stay BIG4 Denmark Ocean Beach Holiday Park

DRIVE

235 km from Denmark | **about 3 h 30 min** by campervan | Via **Albany**

DAY 5

Denmark to Bremer Bay

Depart this morning and follow National Route 1 to Borden-Bremer Bay Road in Boxwood Hill.

If you have the chance, stop off in Albany, which is roughly 40 minutes into your journey to Bremer Bay. Albany has some great surf beaches for a wide range of surfers.

Bremer Beach has a great variety of waves for different experience levels. The southern corner of the bay is a great place for kids and those who have just started learning to surf. The middle of the beach has bigger waves, for those who want more of a challenge. Blossoms Beach is also another option as it is more of an isolated beach, and requires an experienced surfer to be present in case of rips or accidents.

Stay Bremer Bay Caravan Park

DRIVE

400 km from Bremer Bay | **about 5 h 30 min** by campervan |

Via **South Coast Highway**

DAY 6

Bremer Bay to Esperance

Depart this morning and follow Borden-Bremer Bay Road to get on the National Route 1 to Chadwick.

Esperance has a lot of great beaches to try out including West Beach, Fourth Beach and Observatory Beach. If you are more of an experienced surfer, check out Chapman's Point, which can have more powerful waves.

Stay Bathers Paradise Caravan Park

DRIVE

695 km from Esperance | **about 10 h** by campervan |

Via **South Coast Highway**

DAY 7

Esperance to Perth

LONGEST DRIVE RETURN

Depart this morning and follow the National Route 1 back to Perth.

When you return your campervan, allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking, as rental companies charge for late returns.

Long drive This is about 10 hours by campervan. To break it, add a day to your hire and stay a night at Lake Grace, about halfway.

Return guide Plan your last day around your drop-off time, and check your branch's address and hours in the Perth branch list. See returning your campervan: choosing a drop-off time, what to do if you're running late and returning early.

Returning in Perth

Fill up before you return the van, and allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking, as rental companies charge for late returns, and drop-off times are often earlier than people expect. With an early flight, returning the van the day before takes the pressure off (drop-off times).

Enjoy the waves, and check the conditions before you paddle out.

Traditional Custodians

Perth: Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation (City of Perth (https://perth.wa.gov.au/community/community-services-and-facilities/elders-advisory-group))

Margaret River: Wadandi and Pibelmen people (Shire of Augusta Margaret River (https://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/kentico_admin/awcontent/ShireOfAugustaMargaretRiver/MeetingDocument/M-08c77589-28d5-4be3-b674-e3cf79b785bf/MINUTES-25-March-2026-OCM.pdf))

Albany: Menang Noongar people (City of Albany (https://www.albany.wa.gov.au/documents/13451/city-of-albany-arts-culture-and-heritage-plan))

Esperance: Kepa Kurl Wudjari people of the Nyungar nation and Ngadju people (Shire of Esperance (https://infocouncil.esperance.wa.gov.au/Infocouncil/Open/2026/06/ORD_23062026_MIN_AT.PDF))

Country boundaries are approximate, and some are shared or contested. These names follow local councils and park managers. The AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia (https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia) shows the wider picture.

Pay your respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which you are travelling, and to their Elders past, present and emerging. The Australian environment is fragile, so tread lightly: take only photos and leave only footprints.

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