

Broome has a very relaxed and laid back atmosphere, with an approximate population of just 14 000. The locals often refer to this atmosphere as slipping into “Broome time” meaning that Broome is the ideal place to unwind and relax.

Broome, the western ‘gateway’ to the beautiful and remote Kimberley region, is located on the North West coast of Western Australia, 2270 kilometres north of Perth and 2000 kilometres away from Darwin. Broome can be reached by road, either a 24 hour direct drive from Perth or 22 hours from Darwin. Broome can also be reached by a 2 hour flight from Perth and a 1 ½ hour flight from Darwin. Flying out of Broome to any other Australian city can often be expensive and is almost always not a direct flight.

Sights & Attractions

Broome is famous for beautiful sunsets over the Indian Ocean and an amazing 22 kilometre stretch of soft white sand, otherwise known as Cable beach. Camel rides at sunset along Cable beach are extremely popular for visitors to take in the stunning natural beauty of red and gold embossed sky, water and sand. Contact us at Travel Forever to book your own special camel ride experience.

Another breathtaking natural sight to be discovered in Broome is the “staircase to the moon” when a lit staircase effect appears across the mud flats at low tide leading up to the moon. This exquisite sight is only seen on certain dates from March to October when the full moon is rising.

Broome is also famous for the high quality pearls that are found in its surrounding turquoise ocean. Once upon a time Broome’s shimmering mother of pearl shell produced most of the world’s buttons until the invention of nylon ended this trend. A steep decline in the pearling industry was to follow until several local Perth families began heavily investing in the farming of these unique treasures. Broome Pearls have become synonymous with quality around the world and are definitely worth checking out in the many specialist shops around Broome. A visit to a Pearl Luggers museum or a modern day pearl farm can be arranged in town at the visitor’s center.

Other things to occupy your time include chilling out in Anastasia’s pool (an artesian -spa), or visiting the Japanese cemetery where many Japanese were buried in earlier pearling days. You may also wish to watch a movie at the open air cinema which claims to be the oldest operating cinema in the world.

Climate

Broome has just two seasons consisting of the ‘dry season’ (April to October) and the ‘wet season’ (November to March). In the dry season temperatures range from mid 20°C (Degree Celsius) to low 30°C (with low humidity), this is the perfect time to visit Broome and many domestic and international travelers flock here to soak up the sun! The ‘wet season,’ as it sounds, rains a lot! Also the temperatures are very high,

mid to high 30°C and the humidity can be stifling. Many of the national parks nearby actually close, due to the rains flooding them.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Broome suits all budgets, ranging from campsites for pitching tents or parking campervans, 4 different backpacker hostels, or alternatively hotels and motel style accommodation is available. All are within easy reach of either the town centre or Cable Beach. There is a 5 kilometre distance between Cable beach and the town centre with most accommodation types providing shuttle services between the two. The local bus service also runs between the town and beach until late and is inexpensive. If visiting Broome during the dry season we highly recommend booking your accommodation in advance in order to avoid disappointment as the population at this time of year almost doubles.

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