

# Margaret River

**Margaret River is one of Western Australia's premier tourist destinations located just 300 kilometres (3½ hour's drive) south of Perth. Margaret River could be considered the people of Perth's 'favourite' local holiday destination! Come summer or winter, we love this area for its many varied attractions and its spectacular natural beauty.**

As this town and the surrounding area is only a short drive away from Perth most visitors self-drive to the area, but there are two bus companies that run from Perth and stop off along the way. Margaret River is about 10 kilometres from the coast and while as lovely as the small township is, it is the surrounding region with its forests, beaches, caves and wineries that make the visit truly special. Having transport via tour, car or camper is extremely beneficial to make the most of the area, there are also some fantastic local tours for wine tasting, horse riding, mountain biking and canoeing existing for those bussed in.

The township of Margaret River boasts a charming 'high' street bustling with cafes, surf shops, two pubs and lots of arts and craft galleries. There are plenty of places to find an evening meal, but we recommend that you don't leave it too late to find one.

There are dozens of places to stay in the town locals affectionately call "Margs", indeed far too many to name here! However if you do require a recommendation for accommodation we are only too happy to help. There are two backpacker hostels located in the town and there is one located out near the beach. The busy time for all of these places is during the school holidays and when they have the big surf competitions on, especially the Margaret River Masters, when the accommodation gets heavily booked out.

With something to suit everyone, from wine and food lovers to active surfing fanatics, Margaret River is definitely at the top of places to see in Western Australia.

## Sights & Attractions

This is a young wine producing region, the first producer "Vasse Felix" opened in just 1968. The Margaret River region has produced some high quality fruity and flavoursome wines despite the fact that Margaret River is yet to offer "aged" wines. In the past three decades a tremendous number of wineries have opened, creating huge diversity and choice for the avid wine taster. We strongly recommend that you visit the Margaret River tourist information office, situated at the bottom end of town and have a chat with the helpful staff. You can pick up a map and plan your own wine route or take advantage of the expertly run wine tours that relieve you of the driving (and prevent illegal drink driving as public transport is scarce). These tours often include a visit to the chocolate factory and will end up at a local brewery for palate cleansing ale to finish off the tour.

Margaret River is famous for its raging surf and every year the Margaret River Masters draws world-wide attention and surfing professionals

to the area. Much of the surf in this area is not for the faint hearted, experience is essential; however there are many beaches featuring calmer seas more suitable for the beginner and intermediate surfer, body boarder or body surfer. Surf schools run classes to get visitors standing on a board all through summer.

The Margaret River region is also increasingly becoming home to many artists, so is a great place to pick up a special Australian piece. You'll find a vast array of local paintings, jewellery, ceramics and sculpture at the many galleries in the region and there's a bustling live music scene to check out! Many musicians touring Australia often make a stop at the famous Settler's Tavern, which hosts a number of local bands also.

One of the main reasons for the popularity of the Margaret River Region is the stunning natural scenery to be found. The huge Karri trees of the Boranup forest (a short drive south of town) are a spectacular sight to behold and the numerous beautiful caves in the area are definitely worth a look. The coastline here is some of the most beautiful in Australia and you can easily find yourself the only person on a pristine beach stretching for kilometres on end! The Margaret River itself (which runs through town) is also fun to explore on a tour or by hiring a canoe from the river mouth.

## Climate

Situated 10 kilometres inland from the Indian Ocean coast and 50 kilometres north of the Southern Ocean coast near Augusta, Margaret River enjoys relatively mild weather all year round with a sunny, dry summer and an average of 26°C (Degrees Celsius) in Summer (December to February) and a mild average of 14°C in winter (June to August), but there is often cool night-time temperatures and if there is a breeze off the Southern Ocean at any time of year, this is going to force even the most hardy visitor to put on a jumper (sweater).

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