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WA - The Perfect Caravanning and Camping Destination

Being the largest State with more open space, diversity of countryside and challenging outback conditions, seeing and experiencing it on a caravan and camping holiday is really the best - and in some areas the only - way to go.

Whether you arrive in the north, centre or the south of WA it might be a good idea to plan for the shoulder seasons to avoid the crowds who flock to the popular towns and caravan parks each year.

The South West is delightful at any time of year with its lush countryside, wineries, cafes and restaurants, concerts and events, fresh produce, thriving art and craft communities, and water activities on its many lakes, rivers and the ocean.

The walks and views are stunning. Albany is famous for its maritime history, rugged ocean and cliff views and is part of the epic Bibbluman Track. From there you can head to the tall timber forests of Pemberton and the Tree Top Walk in Walpole.

The region has a large number of excellent caravan parks, many of which organise regular social events on the park to help visitors to meet and mingle with the other guests.

In the North West, the Kimberley and Pilbara regions are where you will find gorges, waterfalls, rivers and extraordinary and ancient land to cross, so a caravan, camper trailer, motorhome or 4WDrive is definitely the best mode of travel.

On the more 'beaten track' are the coastal towns of Broome with its famous laid back lifestyle and Exmouth with the world recognised Ningaloo Reef, whale sharks, deep sea fishing and diving.

Add the pearling industry in Broome and its history, the cosmopolitan cafes, restaurants, art and craft galleries and shops and this could take several trips. Some of the many drawcard events include:

- Ord Valley Muster (Kununurra) in May
- Boab Festival (Derby) in July,
- Carnival Racing in the major towns through July and August
- Shinju Matsuri Festival (Broome) in September
- Garnduwa Festival (Fitzroy Crossing) in October
- The Rodeo Season is also in full swing across the region

The Coral Coast and Mid West is famous for wildflowers, historical mining towns, superb crayfish and prawns, early settlements and the famous Pinnacles rock formations. Geraldton at its heart is a thriving town with the famous HMAS Sydney Memorial, historical museums, maritime history, and international windsurfing events.

Kalbarri's rugged coastal gorges are a stepping stone to a soft adventure holiday with rock climbing, canoeing, fishing and horse riding. It is also known for its Rainbow Jungle, the Australian parrot breeding centre.

The Golden Outback is a treasure trove of experiences taking in the recently - developed Golden Quest Trail, the small Goldfields towns of Leonora, Laverton and Kookynie, and the Andrew Gormley statues on Lake Ballard near Menzies.

The next destination Kalgoorlie still has the romantic atmosphere of a goldrush mining town, with the amenities of a modern, booming mining city.

Don't miss the tours of Australia's Mining Hall of Fame, the Super Pit mine, the famous Bordellos and enjoy a drink at one of the historic hotels. Kalgoorlie still holds the record of the greatest number of pubs in one town.

From Kalgoorlie you can make your way to Norseman, which also has a mining history – it was named after the horse that found a gold nugget - and Esperance where the Cape Le Grand National Park overlooks aqua oceans and a myriad of islands that you can visit. WA's French and early explorer history abounds there.

All points of the compass point to Perth and its surrounding hills and coastal areas where you can enjoy the entertainment and comforts of a capital city, and still feel you are on a relaxed holiday.

There are a number of caravan parks in the outer suburbs that are easy to access, off the main highways and you can unhitch and use the public transport to easily get around.

The Swan Valley wineries and restaurants, Fremantle markets, café strip and maritime museums, cosmopolitan Subiaco and unspoiled Rottnest Island are great experiences close to the city.

Mandurah is another nearby holiday spot popular for ocean and estuary fishing and crabbing. An hour's drive east of Perth is the beautiful Avon Valley and the historic towns of York and Northam.

WA offers some of the best golf courses, fishing spots and bowling tournaments where visitors can join in, so don't forget golf clubs, fishing gear, and bowls; they will be put to good use almost everywhere you go.

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