ARTS & CULTURE

PERTH ARTS & CULTURE

The stunning natural landscapes found throughout Western Australia together with a unique mix of Indigenous, European and Asian cultures provides inspiration for many Western Australian artists, artisans and performers.

And to visitors of Western Australia – a fusion of creative integrity forms rich and harmonious experiences.

Western Australia's unique art and culture winds through all regions from the main hub in the State's capital of Perth, to the music and art festivals of the southern regions, the blend of Indigenous and European arts in the North West and the true Australian outback cultures of the Goldfields and Wheatbelt.

PERTH'S ART & CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Aboriginal Art & Craft Gallery
Below the lookout, Fraser Avenue, Kings Park, Perth
Tel: 9481 7082
10.30am – 4.30pm weekdays
11am – 4pm weekends
www.aboriginalgallery.com.au
Art and craft indigenous to Western Australia.

Art Gallery of Western Australia
James Street mall, Cultural Centre, Perth
Tel: 9492 6600
Open 10am – 5pm daily
www.artgallery.wa.gov.au
The world's best collection of Western Australian Indigenous art, major international exhibitions and treasures from the State Art Collection.

Aspects of Kings Park
Fraser Avenue, Kings Park
Open 9am – 5pm daily
www.bgpa.wa.gov.au
Features of the best in Australian contemporary craft and design.

His Majesty’s Theatre
825 Hay Street, Perth
Tel: 9265 0900
Open 10am – 4pm weekdays. Late on show nights
www.hismajestystheatre.com.au
The only remaining working Edwardian theatre in Australia. Enjoy a guided tour, main stage performance, or an evening of cabaret downstairs at the Maj.

Holmes A Court Gallery
Level 1, 11 Brown Street, East Perth
Tel: 9218 4540
Open 12 – 5pm Wednesday to Sunday
www.holmesacourtgallery.com.au
A diverse exhibition program featuring work from the Holmes a Court collection.

Horizon – The Planetarium
City West, Sutherland Street, Perth
Tel: 9486 8246
Shows daily
www.scitech.org.au
Explore the wonders of the Universe from Australasia’s biggest planetarium.

Museum of Performing Arts
His Majesty's Theatre
825 Hay Street, Perth
Tel: 9265 0900
10am – 4pm Monday to Friday
www.hismajestystheatre.com.au
Features exhibitions of theatre memorabilia including costumes, photographs, programs and more.

For information please contact Tourism Western Australia.
2 Mill Street
PERTH WA 6000
Tel: 08 9262 1700
Fax: 08 9262 1702
tourism.wa.gov.au
westernaustralia.com
**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts**  
James Street Mall  
Cultural Centre, Perth  
Tel: 9228 6300  
11am – 6pm Tuesday to Thursday and at weekends.  
11am – 9pm Friday  
[www.pica.org.au](http://www.pica.org.au)  
Australian and international visual, performing, new media and hybrid arts.

**Perth Mint**  
310 Hay Street, Perth  
Tel: 9421 7223  
9am – 5pm weekdays  
9am – 1pm weekends and public holidays  
Australia’s oldest operating mint.

**Scitech**  
City West,  
Sutherland Street, Perth  
Tel: 9481 5789  
10am – 5pm daily  
9.30am – 4.30pm schooldays  
[www.scitech.org.au](http://www.scitech.org.au)  
Hands on, minds-on science centre excitement for the whole family.

**State Library of Western Australia**  
James Street Mall,  
Cultural Centre, Perth  
Tel: 9427 3111  
9am – 8pm Monday to Thursday  
9am – 5.30pm Friday  
10am – 5.30pm weekends  
The premier reference library for Western Australia.

**The Swan Bells Belltower**  
Barrack Square, Riverside Drive, Perth  
Tel: 9218 8183  
Open 10am – 4pm daily  
Home to the bells of St Martin-in-the-Fields, with panoramic views of the Swan River.

**Western Australian Museum**  
James Street Mall,  
Cultural Centre, Perth  
Tel: 9427 2877  
Open 9.30am – 5pm daily  
Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting the natural and cultural heritage of Western Australia.
## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MAJOR ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MONTH</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>JANUARY</td>
<td>Southbound Concert</td>
<td>Busselton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Perth International Arts Festival</td>
<td>Perth and Albany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boyup Brook Country Music Festival</td>
<td>Boyup Brook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>WA Music Industry Festival</td>
<td>Boyup Brook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ballet at the Quarry</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Leeuwin Concert</td>
<td>Margaret River</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Symphony Under the Stars</td>
<td>Kings Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Nannup Music Festival</td>
<td>Nannup</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MARCH</td>
<td>Pops in the Park</td>
<td>Kings Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sculpture by the Sea</td>
<td>Cottesloe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APRIL</td>
<td>Fremantle Street Arts Festival</td>
<td>Fremantle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAY</td>
<td>Kimberley Moon Experience</td>
<td>Kununurra</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bunbury International Jazz Festival</td>
<td>Bunbury</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JUNE</td>
<td>City of Perth Winter Arts Festival</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kimberley Writers Festival</td>
<td>Kununurra</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY</td>
<td>City of Perth Winter Arts Festival</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUGUST</td>
<td>City of Perth Winter Arts Festival</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Opera Under the Stars</td>
<td>Broome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Shinju Matsuri</td>
<td>Broome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Perth Fashion Festival</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Artopia – All of WA (a biennial event)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Port Hedland Music Festival</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Southern Art &amp; Craft Trail</td>
<td>Great Southern Region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCTOBER</td>
<td>Southern Art &amp; Craft Trail</td>
<td>Great Southern Region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>York Jazz Festival</td>
<td>York</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn Art</td>
<td>Broome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sounds Outback</td>
<td>Mt Magnet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVEMBER</td>
<td>Awesome Festival</td>
<td>Perth &amp; Surrounds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Artrage</td>
<td>Perth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fremantle Festival</td>
<td>Fremantle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bridgetown Blues Festival</td>
<td>Bridgetown</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EXPERIENCE PERTH’S ART AND CULTURAL PRECINCTS

**KING STREET**
With its paved streets and European architecture, King Street is home to Perth’s trendy designer galleries and boutiques. This quaint street in the CBD is dotted with popular cafes, galleries and boutiques. Just off King Street, Wolf Lane is a hidden delight with chic boutiques and cafes.

Commanding attention on the corner of Hay Street is His Majesty's Theatre built during the Edwardian-era.

**NORTHBRIDGE**
Northbridge, next to Perth's city centre, is famous for its entertainment, arts, and nightlife. The cultural precinct includes the WA Museum, state library, Art Gallery of WA, performance venues and craft markets.

The Art Gallery of WA has one of Australia’s finest collections of Aboriginal art, as well as local, Australian and International modern and traditional artwork.

**SUBIACO**
Just 4km from the city centre lies the suburb of Subiaco with a distinct mix of old and new architectural styles that provide a pedestrian village experience.

Subiaco is home to designer boutiques, galleries, popular cafes, the Subiaco Markets and football oval.

**CLAREMONT**
Approximately 8km from city along the Swan River, and in the heart of Perth's Western Suburb sits trendy Claremont.

Claremont hosts the Perth Royal Show (September to October), and is home to upmarket designer boutiques, designer gifts, jewellery, collectibles, arts and crafts and bookshops.

**FREMANTLE**
Cosmopolitan Fremantle is alive with art and culture. With one main festival annually in November and several others, the old port's historic buildings and lanes have created an enclave for artists and their enterprises. As well as museums and great galleries, Freo is a hub for markets, independent fashion outlets, retro shops and great multicultural cafes and restaurants.

**SWAN VALLEY**
Perth's own wine region is also home to local artisans and craftspeople operating from studios and galleries dotted along the Swan Valley.

Just a 20-minute drive from Perth's CBD, the Swan Valley welcomes visitors with its unique blend of heritage, culture, art, wine and fresh produce. Rich in history, the Valley is textured by Indigenous, pioneering colonial and southern European roots.

**NEW NORCIA**
Home of the Benedictine monks, New Norcia is a town of extraordinary architecture, richly decorated interiors, European and contemporary Australian art, church bells, olive groves, Nyoongar Aboriginal culture and Mediterranean food.

Lose yourself for an hour in the Museum and Art Gallery where European religious art in the grand style hangs alongside contemporary Australian religious art. The Museum contains one of the finest collections of moveable heritage in Australia including gifts from the Queen of Spain and a fascinating array of artefacts.
## Regional Western Australia

### Australia’s South West

The magnificent landscape and dramatic natural wonders of Australia’s South West provide endless inspiration to a wide variety of talented artists, artisans and craftspeople producing almost every kind of art imaginable, from sculpture and furniture to glassware and jewellery. Galleries displaying these artworks are scattered around the region.

The Margaret River region is host to a number of festivals, gatherings and events that showcase the artistic and cultural diversity of the region. Open gardens, music, wildflower and food festivals are just a few types of events that you will find in the region each year.

Situated on the beautiful Princess Royal Harbour, Albany provides a stunning backdrop for its numerous festivals, exhibitions and fairs including a regional venue for the Perth International Arts Festival.

Danmark’s picturesque and serene beauty is inspiration for the many artists who live in the area. Browse through galleries of furniture, pottery, glass, sculptures and paintings.

Amidst lush rolling hills sits the Blackwood River Valley dotted with outstanding arts and crafts galleries and antique shops. The region comes alive with music festivals, including the Blues at Bridgetown and the Boyup Brook Country Music Festivals.

The Southern Forest Sculpture Walk at Northcliffe is the first purpose-built walk trail within Australia to permanently feature sculptures, music, photography and poetry. The 1.2km walk circuit showcases the awe-inspiring Karri, Jarrah and Marri forest of the Northcliffe Forest Park.

### Australia’s Coral Coast

Australia’s Coral Coast is rich in artistic history.

The Inland town of Mullewa is home to the stunning architecture of the Monsignor Hawes Heritage trail which passes 15 buildings designed by architect-priest John Hawes.

Geraldton provides an array of arts and cultural delights. Local artwork can be viewed in a number of galleries in the city’s centre. The beautifully designed HMAS Sydney memorial commemorates the loss of 645 sailors aboard the HMAS Sydney in World War II. The memorial features 645 seagulls to represent each sailor lost in the Sydney disaster.

### Australia’s North West

The Kimberley is a Mecca for arts and cultural experiences. In stark contrast to the southern regions in Western Australia, the Kimberley provides a rich display of tropical waters, spectacular gorges and thundering waterfalls.

Broome is the southern gateway to this region, and hosts a wide array of arts experiences from indigenous and non-indigenous galleries, Opera under the Stars on Cable Beach, Pearl and Diamond galleries and Sun Pictures – the world’s oldest picture gardens.

Indigenous Art Galleries dot the Kimberley landscape with stunning artwork by Indigenous Western Australians. Some well known galleries are located in Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Turkey Creek and Kununurra.

### Australia’s Golden Outback

Covering vast areas of Western Australia, Australia’s Golden Outback offers a surprising diversity of experiences from the rare beauty of the deep red earth to snow-white beaches and turquoise waters.

The region hosts a field of galleries, exhibitions and artistic residencies in remote rural communities and vibrant town centres, and is home to Antony Gormley’s internationally renown Inside Australia statues on Lake Ballard, near Menzies.

The coastal town of Esperance has a selection of unique art studios and galleries.