



Bunbury – the City of Three Waters

Get ready for a trip to Bunbury Geographe in Western Australia's South West. Situated 180 kilometres south of Perth, the region offers a huge selection of excellent natural attractions, vibrant cafes, wineries and breweries, paddock-to-plate food, endless beaches, untouched forest, and a mass of excellent accommodation options, making it the perfect destination to stay a while.

Bunbury, the City of 3 Waters, is a vibrant seaside port city undergoing an energetic renaissance. Surrounded by beautiful waterways, the city's rhythm is laid-back and low key yet at the same time it's edgy with a banging arts scene, massive event calendar, and an ever-growing collection of independent boutiques, small bars, and cafes with an obsession with providence and seasonal produce.

Unearth its rich blend of maritime history, fascinating marine life (it's home to more than 150 wild dolphins), and unforgettable natural experiences -- many situated within walking distance from the city centre.

Only minutes away are the green pastures, vineyards, undulating hills, fertile valleys and quaint towns of the Geographe region. Venture through wineries, breweries, orchards and farm gates. Seek out nature, with miles and miles of national park and state forest, five major river system, rare Tuart trees, bountiful dams, natural waterholes and cascading waterways. Smell the fresh, clean air and be invigorated. Tackle the Bibbulmun Track, one of the world great walks, or beat the Munda Biddi on your mountain bike.

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THINGS TO SEE & DO

Swim with dolphins

Bunbury is home to wild but friendly dolphins that live in Koombana Bay. These gentle creatures visit the Bay's shore to the delight of visitors worldwide. Head to the Dolphin Discovery Centre and learn about these amazing creatures, meet them in the interactive zone or take a boat and swim tour (October-April).

Delve into Bunbury's urban cool

Art is integral to the life and character of Bunbury, with monuments, sculptures and public artwork dotted throughout the city. Wander through laneways to uncover an impressive collection of street art by local and international artists. Want more? Go Outside the Box and find the 20 whimsical characters painted on electrical boxes scattered through Bunbury's CBD. Along the way pay a visit to the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, home to regional WA's largest art collection. It's pink and located in an old convent, so you won't miss it! At night, take in a show at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. If you're after something more intimate, find the latest Good Nights pop-up live music show held in unique and quirky venues across the region.

See our iconic natural attractions

The Bunbury Geographe region offers spectacular natural wonders. Take a walk through Western Australia's southernmost mangroves, hug the King Jarrah Tree, venture through world-recognised rare Tuart Forest, or visit millions of year old basalt rock formations at Wyalup Rocky Point.

Heap up a lookout

For 360 degree views of the city, climb the lookouts at Marlston Hill, Boulters Heights or the newly built lookout at Koombana Cove.

Swimming, snorkelling, diving and more

With kilometres of untouched coastline, the region is an aquatic playground boasting pounding surf, sheltered bays, extensive estuary systems (bring your paddle boarding or kayak), and beautiful rivers. We promise you beach seclusion only minutes from the CBD. You can even 4WD drive along the beach in parts. The Lena Dive Wreck, situated 3kms off the coast of Bunbury, is home to a fascinating array of marine life. In season, grab a scoop net in the Leschenault Estuary and walk away with a feed of Blue Manna Crabs.

Enjoy a few hours of indulgence over a long lunch at a winery or sample a local brew

The renowned Geographe Wine Region is home to more than 30 boutique wine producers and renown for producing exceptional alternative varieties. Stroll through vineyards with a glass of local wine, or dine at one of the many winery restaurants, where local chefs celebrate the local produce. In the Ferguson Valley, vineyards perch on fertile slopes that rise above Bunbury – the views will not disappoint. Beer and cider lovers don't fret. You will be well taken care of too with a number of breweries and a distillery in the region.

Go mountain bike riding

Set to an iconic backdrop of national parks and waterways, the Geographe region is an ideal place to go mountain bike riding. You will find tracks throughout the region but Collie is

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mountain bike central with more than seven excellent locations. For those after the biggest challenge of them all – try to *Beat the Biddi* on the famous Munda Biddi Track.

Road cyclists are not forgotten with picturesque, quiet roads that wind through the valleys. Take a hill climb challenge up the Darling Scarp to Collie or within the steep hills of Balingup. If you like a more sedate approach, hire a bike from the Bunbury Visitor Centre and grab a Cycle-It Bunbury map to discover the array of bike paths in the city.

Keep the family busy

If you need to keep the kids entertained for a few hours while your partner competes then why not take the family to Bunbury Wildlife Park! Meet the dingoes, play with the kangaroos, or feed the parrots. It is also adjacent to a great playground and the Big Swamp Wetlands. Further afield, go searching for Gnomesville. About 5000 gnomes live in the Ferguson Valley and await your visit. On the way back to Bunbury, travel through Donnybrook for a play at the Apple Fun Park – it's Australia's largest free entry playground offering hours of fun for the little ones.

Walk a section of the Bibbulmun Track (or all of it, if you're game!)

One of the world's most significant walks, the Bibbulmun Track is 1000 kilometres long stretching from Perth to Albany. A large section of the track meanders through the Geographe, surrounded by stunning jarrah forest and waterways. Throw in a picnic rug, a basket full of local produce, a great bottle of Geographe wine, and then stop by one of the many swimming holes along the banks of the Collie or Blackwood rivers. It's the perfect summer afternoon.

Take a drive through quaint country towns and villages

Here you will find unique experiences only found in this part of the world. You will wind through historic villages, quirky towns, artist communities, along spectacular sweeping fertile plains and up rolling hills. Reignite yourself.

EAT & DRINK

Venture to Victoria Street to find the city's culinary hot spots. Prefer a view? As the City of 3 Waters you don't have to look hard to find a café overlooking the beach, inlet or the Marlston Waterfront. Sip cocktails in renovated warehouse buildings or savour wine street-side in a recycled storage container for the best in country-urban cool.

Go to the source of WA's best produce with a tour through the farmlands of the Geographe! In season, sweet orchards dripping with fruit will delight. Stumble across quaint produce roadside stalls where you can eat your way through the region from apples and pears to cheese, olives, beef, and more. Afterwards, find a quaint tearoom or country cafe to experience the best 'home-cooking'.

The Geographe Wine region is filled with boutique wineries run by passionate artisans. Local vigneronns have utilised the expertise and plantings of the most prestigious global wine

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regions to handcraft wines that are fast gaining popularity, recognition and national accolades.

WHAT'S ON

There is always something on in the Bunbury Geographe from iconic events to unique, grassroots experiences. To find out what is happening, visit the events calendar at www.visitbunburygeographe.com.au

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Find accommodation

Check out accommodation options and book online by visiting visitbunburygeographe.com.au

Alternatively, contact the Bunbury Visitor Centre's friendly staff on (08) 9792 7205 or email welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au

Travelling by car

Travelling south by car takes approximately 1 hour 45 minutes when travelling on the Kwinana Freeway and Forrest Highway. Visitors arriving via Perth airport can now take a very quick route along Roe Highway that flows directly into Kwinana Freeway (National Route 1 - State Route 2). The alternative is the South West Highway; an inland route which is a little slower getting here, but very scenic.

Traveling by air

The Perth International and Domestic Terminals receive flights daily from all Australian cities, with car hire, bus transit and other modes of transportation available to those arriving. There are also charter flights available to Bunbury's airfield, including pickups from the Perth International and Domestic Terminals.

Traveling by train

Bunbury is accessible by rail with the Australind train departing from the Perth Railway Station in the Perth CBD twice daily. The train takes approximately two hours and 30 minutes, making stops along the way. Visit www.transwa.wa.gov.au

Travelling by bus

Southwest Coachlines operate a daily service 7 days a week departing from Perth at 7.30am, 1.20pm and 6.45pm from Perth Elizabeth Quay Bus port. The bus journey takes approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes. Multiple daily services also operate from both the International and Domestic airport terminals. Visit www.southwestcoachlines.com.au

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Getting around

Public transit buses depart regularly from the Bunbury Visitor Centre. Taxis can also be sourced through the Bunbury Visitor Centre or by calling 131 008 for Bunbury Taxis.

Tours

A number of operators offer a range of tours for visitors to explore the length and breadth of the region. Apart from sight-seeing tours, you can cruise along the Leschenault Inlet, go wine tasting, dive the Lena, learn local Aboriginal culture, or take a horse ride in Harvey River Valley to just to name a few. Book them at the Bunbury Visitor Centre.

VISITOR INFORMATION

BUNBURY VISITOR CENTRE

- Visitor information & maps
- Free accommodation and tour booking service
- Bike hire
- Local produce & gifts
- Free walking tours

Haley Street, Bunbury

Open 7 days. Monday- Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm,

Sundays & Public Holidays: 10am-2pm

welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au

Freecall: 1800 BUNBURY or 08 9792 7205

Other visitor centres are also located throughout the Bunbury Geographe region.