A LUXURIOUS MARGARET RIVER ESCAPE



Lavish long table lunches, exclusive vineyard wine tastings and idyllic retreats surrounded by nature – no other destination in Australia's South West radiates luxury and splendour quite like Margaret River. For the traveller looking for a little more luxury, this 3- to 5-day itinerary covers all they need to experience an indulgent Margaret River holiday.

LEG ONE: COASTAL EXCELLENCE

Perth > 2hr30min/225km > Busselton > 25min/23km > Dunsborough

The calm, crystal clear waters of Geographe Bay set the scene for the first leg of this opulent South West escape.

Cinematic ocean views backdrop stunning aerial adventures, gourmet floating feasts and immersive experiences in and around nature, while the natural environment surrounds accommodation options chosen for their understated luxury.

ENROUTE

It's a leisurely 2.5hr drive from Perth to the first destination on this itinerary: Busselton.

Whether self-driving or taking a coach, travellers can expect to see native bush (which in-season, burst with colourful wildflowers), pine plantations and farmland along the route, before setting their eyes on the glistening Indian Ocean, which laps up and down Busselton and Dunsborough's coast.

MUST-DOS

Experience Margaret River's world-class attractions and pristine scenery from above with **Scenic Helicopters**.

Sip on sparkling wine while riding the iconic red train all the way to the end of the 1.8km-long **Busselton Jetty**, then descend 8m below the water's surface for a glimpse of an underwater paradise.

Embrace Aboriginal culture, stories and food during one of **Koomal Dreaming's** culturally immersive tours.

MUST-STAYS

Guest can dive into their very own heated plunge pool when they stay at **Aqua Resort**, which features fully selfcontained, modern beach houses located by the beach in Busselton.

From soaking in the rich blue hues of the Indian Ocean, to sinking into a luxurious bubble bath – **Pullman Bunker Bay Resort** offers guests unrivalled opportunities to enjoy premier travel experiences in a spectacular, seemingly untouched setting.

Else, find everything you need to bring out the best in you at the **Hilton Garden Inn Busselton**, where you'll get comfortable with spacious rooms, and inspiring social spaces.



RECOMMENDED



SUGGESTED TRIP LENGTH
3 - 5 days



TOTALLEGS
3



NUMBER OF TOWNS

NEED-TO-KNOWS

- We recommend travellers spend one to two days enjoying each leg of this itinerary.
- The easiest way to travel to the Margaret River Region is by flying to either Perth Airport or the Busselton Margaret River Airport (Jetstar flights depart from Melbourne and Sydney to the Busselton Margaret River Airport each three times a week).
- For Perth Airport transfers, we recommend MyDriver or McLeods Tours.
- Avis, Avraa Car Hire, Busselton & South West Rent A Car, Europear and Hertz car hire options are available at the Busselton Margaret River Airport.
- We have provided our top recommendations of trade-ready products and services below.

<u>Click here</u> for Australia's South West's full trade-ready list.







LEG TWO: VINE TO BOTTLE, FARM TO FORK

Dunsborough > 10min/11km > Yallingup > 30min/36km > Margaret River

The Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, renowned for its limestone sea cliffs, granite rock formations and sheltered bays, surrounds the breathtaking scenic walks, undulating vineyards and lavish stays within the next leg of this Margaret River journey.

ENROUTE

Cape Naturaliste is home to some of the most beautiful, white sandy beaches this side of the equator.

Travellers can feel the sand between their toes at the postcard- perfect Bunker Bay and Smiths Beach, or watch surfers ride waves at Yallingup and Injidup Beaches.

They can marvel at the might of the Indian Ocean as it crashes into natural granite formations like Sugarloaf Rock, Canal Rocks and Injidup Natural Spa, and between July and October, they might even be able to spot a Humpback, Southern Right or Blue whale swimming in the water.

MUST-DOS

Discover fine aboriginal art from awardwinning Australian Artists at the **Yallingup Aboriginal Art Gallery** before enjoying wines from some of the regions first vines next door at **Jilyara Estate**.

For an intimate and exclusive peek into one of the Margaret River's most private and awarded properties, **Fraser Gallop Estate**, book the winery's A Taste of the Vineyard experience.

Visit the Cellar Door at **Domaine Naturaliste** for a glass of world class
Chardonnay or Cabernet or stay for a
seated wine flight and cheese board in the
picturesque tasting room, nestled right
between the vines.

Stop by natural skincare providore **Vasse Virgin** to buy (or make) a beautiful, natural, holiday memento.

MUST-STAYS

Smiths Beach Resort offers an unparalleled seaside location with matching creature comforts.

Located within the beautiful gardens of the heritage-listed **Caves House Hotel**, **Seashells Yallingup** presents one- and two-bedroom apartments and spa rooms all with their own private balconies.

Set amongst 7.5 acres of beautiful native Australian bushland, **Bina Maya Yallingup Escape** is an award-winning, Scandinavian design-inspired retreat featuring two villas and one residence with the most beautiful forest views.









LEG THREE: THE EDGE OF THE STATE

Margaret River > 30min/45km > Augusta > 13min/16km > Hamelin Bay > 35min/40km > Margaret River

The final leg of this luxurious Margaret River escape takes travellers to the most southern point of the state, the seaside hamlet of Augusta, and past world-class wineries known for their award-winning drops.

ENROUTE

Caves Road, named after the 100-plus limestone caves that lie beneath the surface of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge, connects the towns between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin together.

An iconic drive and a must-do for all Margaret River visitors, Caves Road traverses through some of Margaret River's famed wineries, past grazing cows in seemingly endless paddocks, and through the magnificent Boranup forest, renowned for its skyscraping karri trees.

The road ends just outside of Augusta, but not before leading to another well-renowned beach – Hamelin Bay. The bay's main attraction, aside from its beautiful stretch of white sand and coastal cliffs akin to those in Greece, are its friendly, giant rays, which cruise up and down the bay at dawn and dusk each day.

MUST-DOS

Watch the Indian and Southern Oceans converge from the top of mainland Australia's tallest lighthouse, **Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse**.

Go underground and explore **Lake**, **Jewel** and **Mammoth Caves**, which are filled with stunning, ancient crystal structures.

For a premium wine experience, visit one of Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia's Margaret River wineries – Leeuwin Estate, Vasse Felix or Voyager Estate – and embark on a wine tasting or tour that goes beyond the cellar door.

MUST-STAYS

Lap up luxury at **Cape Lodge**, a country manor-style estate with 22 beautifully appointed rooms and suites, plus a coveted restaurant headed by one of the region's best chefs.

Windows Estate, Margaret River

Located a short drive from the likes of Leeuwin Estate, Vasse Felix and Cullen Wines, Eight Willows Retreat presents 25 self-contained luxury chalets with bush, forest, lake or vineyard views.

ALL-INCLUSIVE: THE ROYAL TREATMENT

Perth > 3hr/270km > Margaret River

Have a guest in need of the royal treatment? For a truly one-of-a-kind retreat that doesn't lack in grandeur, try an all-inclusive roundtrip from Perth with these experience providers:

Time poor? **Swan River Seaplanes** can whisk away guests from Perth's Swan River down to the heart of Margaret River, where they'll embark on a 5-hour private tour through the very best wineries and vineyards in the state before boarding their scenic flight back to Perth.

Seafarers will love hopping aboard **Eclipse Expeditions**' luxury catamaran, which allows guests to experience the best of Margaret River from the land and sea.

With **Untamed Escapes**, guests can indulge on exquisite culinary delights during private tastings at vineyards and farms, receive cooking lessons from celebrity chefs and get pampered at a





