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The best beaches near Perth (H1)

Perth sits on the doorstep of some of the most varied and accessible beaches in Australia. From classic surf spots to hidden snorkelling coves, there really is something for everyone within a short drive or ferry ride of the city.

Below is a selection of our favourite beaches near Perth, each with a quick guide to their proximity to Perth city.

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Beaches near Perth city (h2)

These Perth beaches are perfect for quick escapes or an easy surf.

City Beach (h3)

Where it is: 10 kilometres west-north-west of Perth's CBD, in the Town of Cambridge.

Top reasons to visit: [City beach](#) combines pristine white sand and crystal-clear waters with extensive picnic lawns, playgrounds and barbecue facilities. There's also a kiosk and fine-dining restaurant overlooking the ocean if you feel like treating yourself.

Cottesloe Beach (h3)

Where it is: 11 kilometres west of Perth's CBD, in the suburb of Cottesloe.

Top reasons to visit: Famous for its consistent, gentle waves and long stretches of soft white sand, [Cottesloe beach](#) is the go-to spot for an easy swim, casual paddle board session or a stroll along the jetty. The offshore reef also makes for excellent snorkelling when the swell is low.

Leighton Beach (h3)

Where it is: [Leighton Beach](#) is in North Fremantle, roughly 11 kilometres west of Perth's CBD.

Top reasons to visit: wide, open sand and reliable steady breezes make it a favourite for windsurfers and kitesurfers, while swimmers enjoy the cleaner surf and fewer crowds. The beach is also great for snorkelling, and because it's nice and calm, it's a good spot for younger children to swim.

Coogee Beach (h3)

Where it is: [Coogee beach](#) is in the suburb of Coogee, approximately 14 kilometres south of Perth's CBD.

Top reasons to visit: a protected swimming lagoon formed by offshore reefs offers safe water for all ages, plus there are picnic shelters, BBQs and the Coogee Maritime and Aquatic Club right on the sand.

Scarborough Beach (h3)

Where it is: Approximately 14 kilometres north-west of the city centre, in the suburb of Scarborough.

Top reasons to visit: A popular surf beach with patrolled swimming areas, [Scarborough](#) also boasts a popular beachfront precinct full of cafés, bars and skate facilities. It has hosted multiple Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, so the waves are reliable all year round.

Trigg Island Beach (h3)

Where it is: Around 14 kilometres north of Perth, in the suburb of Trigg.

Top reasons to visit: [Trigg Island beach](#) is one of Perth's top spots for surfers and bodyboarders, thanks to its reliable year-round waves and rocky reef breaks. Bird watchers will also enjoy spotting cormorants perched on the limestone outcrop known as Trigg Island.

Mettams Pool (h3)

Where it is: [Mettams pool](#) is on West Coast Drive between Scarborough and Hillarys, in the northern suburbs, roughly 16 kilometres from Perth's CBD.

Why it's good: Natural limestone reefs form a sheltered lagoon that's perfect for snorkelling and swimming. You'll often see a variety of fish like Wrasse, Red Lipped Morwongs and even the occasional lobster right off the shore.

Perth's outer beaches (h2)

These beaches are a bit further away from Perth City but they're worth a visit if you're [planning a day trip around Perth!](#)

Bathers Beach (h3)

Where it is: [Bathers beach](#) is on the Fremantle harbour foreshore, roughly 19 kilometres south-west of Perth's CBD.

Top reasons to visit: calm, sheltered water makes for easy swimming and short paddle sessions, while the surrounding limestone cliffs and nearby [Round House](#) bring a touch of history to your beach visit.

South Beach (h3)

Where it is: [South Beach](#) is east of Bathers Beach in Fremantle, about 19 kilometres south-west of Perth's CBD.

Top reasons to visit: gentle waves and a wide sandy shore make it ideal for families, and it's just a short walk from the [Fremantle Sailing Club](#) and the fishing boat harbour cafés.

Sorrento Beach (h3)

Where it is: [Sorrento Beach](#) is in the suburb of Sorrento, about 20 kilometres north of Perth's CBD, a stroll from Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Top reasons to visit: a calm stretch of soft sand ideal for a relaxed swim or paddle-board session, with cafés and watersport hire shops just behind the dunes.

Rottnest Island Beaches (h3)

Where it is: [Rottnest island](#) is around 18 kilometres offshore from Fremantle, reached by a 25-minute ferry ride. It's home to over 60 beautiful beaches.

Top reasons to visit: a collection of pristine bays like The Basin, Parker Point and Salmon Bay, boasting clear turquoise water, abundant marine life and the chance to spot quokkas on the sand.

Mullaloo beach (h3)

Where it is: About 26 kilometres north of Perth's city centre, a 30-minute drive.

Why it's good: [Mullaloo](#) is a Blue Flag beach with lifeguard patrols on weekends, wheelchair-accessible sand mats and a huge playground on the foreshore. The sand is soft, the water crystal clear and cafés are sprinkled along the strip.

Secret Harbour beach (h3)

Where it is: Around 56 kilometres south of Perth, near the suburb of Secret Harbour in Rockingham.

Why it's good: [Secret Harbour Beach](#) is known for its dependable surf and patrolled swimming during summer, Secret Harbour combines wide sandy bays with a modern adventure playground and café. Nearby, a golf course overlooks the sea.

Best beaches in Perth for families (h2)

- **City beach:** gentle waves, shaded parks, playgrounds and free BBQs right on the foreshore.
- **Mettams Pool:** sheltered lagoon, shallow snorkelling for beginners and plenty of hidden reef channels to explore.
- **Mullaloo beach:** wheelchair-friendly access, lifeguard patrols on weekends and a large playground right behind the sand.
- **Sorrento beach:** a calm cove a short walk from Hillarys Harbour, ideal for little ones to splash safely.
- **The Basin:** safe, shallow waters on Rottnest Island with newly refurbished BBQs, showers and accessible toilets.

Perth beach trips with a motorhome (h2)

From surf breaks to snorkelling havens and sheltered coves, Perth's coastline has a beach for every mood and every member of the family. And what better way to explore these gems than with the freedom and flexibility of a maui motorhome? With convenient pick-up

locations, including one right by the Perth airport, getting started on your Australian adventure has never been easier.

Here are a few handy tips to help you make the most of your time at the beach in Perth

- **Pack a picnic:** One of the best things about travelling in a maui motorhome in Perth is having your own onboard kitchen. Make some sandwiches, chop up some fresh fruit, and chill your drinks in the fridge before you head out for the day. At the end of your day at the beach, go out and explore Perth city and grab a bite to eat. Check out our [guide to the best places to eat in Perth](#).
- **Sun safety:** Always remember to pack sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses. Australia's sun can be intense, so it's better to be safe than sorry. And if you need some instant shade, just head back to your motorhome for a cool retreat.
- **Beach gear:** Use the storage space in your motorhome to bring along beach chairs, an umbrella, and even a small barbecue. There's room for the kids' beach toys too.
- **Freshen up:** The bathrooms in maui motorhomes come equipped with showers. So, after a day at the beach (or just when you need it!), you can enjoy a cool, refreshing shower before you relax with that glass of wine.
- **Park up off the sand:** While it might be tempting to drive your motorhome right up to the water's edge, please note that maui motorhomes are not permitted to drive on any beaches.

Don't miss out on experiencing the best things to do in Western Australia. [Book your maui motorhome online today](#) and start planning the beach getaway of your dreams!