

An assortment of ideas for activities you might enjoy while visiting Perth for ACRS

Local attraction	Activities	How to get there (from Elizabeth Quay in the city)	Links for more information	Estimated time required
Rottnest Island	Rottnest Island is a great place for a getaway, only 20 km from the coastline. It is the perfect place for biking around, snorkelling, spotting quokkas or enjoying a relaxing day on an empty beach. You can hire a bike from the ferry companies or head to the bike depo on the island when you get off the ferry. There are corals to be found in Salmon Bay, Parker Point and spotted around in other bays. https://www.mscience.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Corals_of_Rottnest_Island_FINAL_PROP ER_4_WEB.pdf	Ferries to Rottnest Island leave from Elisabeth Quay, Fremantle (B Shed) and Hillaries boat harbor. There are 3 ferry companies.	Rottnest Express https://rotnnesteexpress.com.au/ Rottnest fast ferries https://www.rotnnestfastferries.com.au/ SeaLink https://www.sealink.com.au/rotnnest-island/	Full day or overnight
Diving on Rottnest Island or other places	You could also consider visiting Rottnest Island to do a dive with one of the dive charter operators.		https://www.bucklistdiver.com/charters-dives/rotnnest-island-dive/ https://perthscuba.com/pages/rotnnest-island-boat-dives https://bluedestiny.com.au/dive-snorkel-charters/	Full day
Cottesloe Beach	Cottesloe beach is one of Perth's most iconic beaches. Have a swim, visit a cafe, or watching a sunset over the Ocean.	You can get to Cottesloe beach from the city by: 1. Taking the Fremantle line (train) to Grant St Station and	https://www.westernaustralia.com/en/attraction/cottesloe-beach/56b2678fd5f1565045daabd8	Half day

		having a ~20 min walk. 2. Taking bus 27 to Claremont Station, and then bus 102 to Cottesloe.		
Penguin Island	Penguin Island is a popular escape into nature and wildlife. Many birds breed on the Island and it is within the Shoalwater Marine Park.	The ferry leaves from Shoalwater, WA. You can get to Shoalwater by taking the Mandurah trainline to Rockingham, and then taking bus 551 to Shoalwater.	https://www.penguinisland.com.au/	Half day or full day
Point Peron	A great snorkelling and diving spot where you can search for weedy sea dragons.	You can get to Point Peron by taking the Mandurah trainline to Rockingham and then Taking the bus 551.	https://exploreperonarks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/cape-peron-rockingham-lakes	Half day
WA Maritime Museum	Explore the interesting Maritime history of WA and Australia. There are currently 3 short movies playing as well: one on Ningaloo, whale migration and on Indigenous connection to the stars.	You can get to the Maritime Museum by taking the Fremantle line (train).	https://visit.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime/under-dome-cinema-experience	Half day
Mettam's Pool	Snorkelling. Can be very nice with good conditions and, due to the limestone rock formations, there are caves and swim throughs. If too much swell or wind visibility might not be good.	You can get to Mettam's pool using the Joondalup line (north) and then taking the bus 423 from Stirling.	https://exploreperonarks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/mettams-pool	Half day
Kings Park and Botanic Garden	A large patch of remnant bushland with much to explore and walks tracking through the park. At the top the Botanic Gardens is definitely	You can walk to Kings Park from the city or the University. To get to the	https://www.bgp.wa.gov.au/kings-park	Half day

	worth a visit as they showcase the beautiful and diverse flora of WA across its many different regions. There are cafes, the Aspects gift shop, and tours available including some cultural tours and around the Botanic Garden.	botanical garden, you can take the purple cat to the entrance of the view point.		
Fremantle markets	Friday-Sunday. Many nice food stalls, and local small traders.	Take the Fremantle train line.	https://www.westernaustralia.com/en/attraction/fremantle-markets/56b266dfd5f1565045da9fb9	Half day
Swan Valley	Only a short distance from Perth, a wine valley is located. There are many wineries, and breweries where you can do tastings and tours.	You can get to the Swan valley using the Midway line and then taking bus to Midland, and then taking bus 335 up to Swan valley but this may be best done with a car.	https://www.swanvalley.com.au/eat-drink/wineries	Half day
Hiking	There are some good trails close to Perth for hiking. This will probably only be feasible if you have a car. Some examples include a hike at the Lesmurdie Falls or in John Forrest National Park.	Car is necessary.	https://perthisok.com/best-of-wa/the-best-waterfalls-all-hikes-in-perth/	Half day – Full day
Dryandra Woodland	A beautiful remnant patch of bush with one of the biggest populations of numbats. You can also see other unique animals such as Woylie's, Boodies, and phascogales. Doing the tour at Barna Mia at nighttime is a great way to see many of our special Australian mammals. There is a campgroup and also some accommodation in	Car is necessary.	https://explorepertharks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park/dryandra-woodland-national-park https://explorepertharks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/barna-mia-nocturnal-wildlife-experience	Full day/ multi-day

	cottages, though the latter books out early.			
Lancelin/ Cervantes	Explore the The Pinnacles of Nambung National Park and feel like you could be on the Moon. A bit further up the road are stromatolites (Lake Thetis). The stromatolite-building micro-organisms of Lake Thetis resemble the earliest forms of life on Earth.	Car is necessary.	https://www.australiascoralcoast.com/see-do/national-parks/the-pinnacles	Full day
Margaret River	Wine region, beautiful beaches and bush.	Car is necessary		Multi-day
Jurian Bay sea lion swim		Car is necessary	https://aussiemarineadventures.com.au/sea-lions/	Full day/ multi-day