



PASSPORT TO Western Australia



Work, Study & Play in WA!



Sun, adventure, an awesome natural environment and friendly people - it's what you'll find when you visit Western Australia.

Nowhere else in the world can you experience and interact with such unique natural attractions.

Dive with the world's largest fish - the whale shark, snorkel with manta rays, swim with wild dolphins, walk amongst the tree tops of ancient trees, sleep under a canopy of stars in the desert, or explore the beehive-like formations of the Bungle Bungles with the help of an Aboriginal guide.

Western Australia truly is the authentic Australian experience.

Working in Western Australia

Western Australia's thriving economy has meant there has never been a better time to get an exciting job in the tourism or hospitality industry. Western Australia has a very well developed tourism industry with plenty of exciting jobs available across this vast State.

From our iconic nature based experiences, to our fantastic local produce, Western Australia provides a great backdrop for tourism. Our well established service sector also means visitors to WA are unlimited with choice, making it an ideal place to work, study and play.

Vacancies are available across the State with many leading tourism and hospitality employers registering their interest in employing workers from the USA. Please refer to the following list of employers supporting international working holiday maker programs.

Rates of pay and other benefits

Each job has different pay rates depending on previous experience, type of work, location and whether accommodation or food is included. There are Federal and State Awards in place to ensure a minimum rate of pay for tourism and hospitality workers.

It is also important to note that tipping is not mandatory in Australia. Some businesses will have a tip jar or provide an optional gratuity section on the customer's receipt, but in general, Australia does not have a tipping culture.

Other benefits in this industry vary widely: for example, employees may be eligible to receive staff discounts, free holidays and/or meals with some employers.

It is advised that all queries relating to minimum awards be directed to the Australian Government's Workplace Infoline on 1300 363 264. Further detailed information on pay can be found by contacting the relevant employer.

Studying in WA

Perth, Western Australia offers a unique learning environment that nurtures creativity and provides access to unrivalled academic resources. Visitors will find everything they need to achieve their potential – All in a city famed for its friendliness!

Western Australia's extensive vineyards and world renowned winery's have created top-class wine appreciation and viticulture courses unparalleled to that anywhere else in the world.

Courses are available to students over the age of 18 and gives students an in depth appreciation and understanding of wine.

Play in WA

If you're in search of a holiday destination that's unspoilt, unpretentious and full of adventure, Western Australia is waiting to welcome you.

Here, there are natural wonders to discover, friendly people to meet and a relaxed lifestyle to enjoy.

Western Australia is the authentic experience you've been looking for – the real Australia.

Joshua Trovato's internship at Fraser's Restaurant



A passion for food helped 19 year old Joshua Trovato, An aspiring chef from the United States, secure an internship at Fraser's Restaurant in Perth, where he has launched an exciting career and enjoyed some truly Western Australian experiences.

"I'm pursuing a degree in Culinary Arts at North Carolina's Johnson and Wales University. To complete my study I had to do an internship and I chose Fraser's.

"Coming to Australia was a big decision but I'm glad I made the move. WA has so much to offer – great beaches, wines, and lifestyle. Some of the highlights have been visiting beautiful Rottnest Island, Perth Zoo, and attending my first AFL (Australian Football League) game.

"At Fraser's I enjoy the fast pace of the kitchen and lots of hands-on experience, I love that every meal that comes out has my signature on it - and the view from Kings Park is sensational.

"Cooking with fresh local ingredients has been a unique experience of its own. I've always had a big taste for food, my family is Italian and food is a major part of our culture, but I never thought I'd get the chance to cook or eat kangaroo!

"The people have been so warm and welcoming and I have definitely made some lifelong friendships.

"When I return to the States I will continue my studies with a degree in Food and Beverage Management. One day I hope to run my own restaurant."

Experience Perth



The greater Perth region is like a microcosm of the whole state. The Swan Valley and Darling Range are dotted with superb vineyards, fantastic restaurants and romantic boutique hotels and guesthouses.

If the beach scene is your thing, you've come to the right place. In Perth, head to Cottesloe Trigg and Scarborough to swim, catch some waves, or learn to surf. Other spots along the coast are the domain of windsurfers, kite surfers, wave jumpers and sailors.

The rustic holiday island of Rottnest is just offshore. Here, you can snorkel over shipwrecks, laze on the beach, or throw in a fishing line. Swim with dolphins in Rockingham or watch them play at Mandurah.

Kings Park is one of Perth's most popular attractions. It's made up of 400 hectares of park and bush land, devoted to WA flora, overlooking the city and Swan River. It is an unofficial law that you can't leave Perth without a photo of yourself standing among the park's lemon-scented gums, with the city skyline in the background.

For history head to New Norcia, Australia's only monastic town. But if you really want to get close to heaven, try ballooning or skydiving in the Avon Valley.

Hungry for nightlife? You'll find Perth has a lively and original music and arts scene. Northbridge, Leederville, Subiaco, Mt Lawley and Fremantle are full of bars and restaurants, pubs and clubs.

While you're there, you can also get your fill of culture. The Art Gallery of Western Australia features a permanent collection of some of Australia's most famous artists. Their indigenous art collection in particular, is one of the best in the world. Meanwhile, the household names of tomorrow are busy working away in their Fremantle studios today.

Australia's Coral Coast



The Indian Ocean is teeming with marine life including humpback whales, dolphins, turtles, dugongs and colourful tropical fish by the thousands.

Become one of the lucky few who can say they've swum alongside the biggest fish in the world. Whale sharks pass by each year from April to July at Ningaloo Reef. You'll feel like a minnow, but luckily these creatures, which can grow up to 18 metres long, eat only plankton.

There's also the chance to swim with graceful manta rays, or snorkel over the reef which is only a few metres from shore. No overcrowded pontoons here – it's just you, a mask and fins, and the most amazing marine life you're ever likely to see. Pristine waters make visibility excellent, and WA's delicious weather means you hardly ever need a wetsuit.

Dolphins are found right along the coast and there are many opportunities to interact with these inquisitive creatures – feed them at Monkey Mia in the Shark Bay World Heritage area or watch them at play.

You'll find all kinds of interesting marine activities right along the coastline. Explore deserted islands of the Dampier Archipelago and the Abrolhos Islands or chase some waves and wine off Kalbarri and Geraldton.

Inland, the wildflowers rival the coral for colour. With over 12, 000 species on show between July and November, the wildflower season is one of the state's best loved natural attractions.

Stop by the Pinnacles near Cervantes. These bizarre limestone pillars will amaze you with their rugged beauty.

Australia's Golden Outback



For history, heritage and high adventure, head to the Gold Rush country of the 1890s. You can explore mines and museums, pan for gold or visit one of Kalgoorlie's historic pubs.

Check out world-famous sculptor Antony Gormley's life size figures contemplating the salt flats of Lake Ballard.

Wildflowers abound here too. During the season, Australia's Golden Outback is covered in an

artist's palette of colour.

And for brilliant white beaches, bush and bunking down under the stars, head south to Esperance – a place so relaxed even the kangaroos sun bake on the beach.

The authentic way to see the real outback is by four wheel drive. And if you want to meet some locals as well as wildlife, make sure you include a pub stay, farm stay or station stay along the way.

Australia's South West



For generations, the warm climate and ideal soil conditions have drawn winemakers from around the globe.

Now, Western Australia's wineries are recognised as some of the best in the world – while still maintaining a warm and personal approach.

In Australia's South West the local winemakers are more than happy to share their secrets and show you how they transform humble grapes into award winning drops. Some wineries offer wine blending lessons where you learn how to make your own.

There are also some amazing natural attractions to discover 'down south' as the locals call it.

Wild surf beaches alternate with secluded bays. You can paddle down peaceful rivers or search for whales at sea.

Tall tree forests, underground caves and dramatic sea cliffs make a visit to this and the Great Southern wine region, truly unique.

And when it comes time to rest, accommodation ranges from rustic wood cabins in the middle of the forest, to five star resorts along millionaire's row. Like the wine, there's something to suit everyone's taste and budget.

Australia's North West



The region is a vast wilderness area waiting to be explored.

Karijini National Park, near Tom Price, is a must see. Here, the red earth suddenly opens up to reveal dramatic gorges, secret canyons and enticing rock pools. Each new colour in the rock hints at the Earth's history. For an indigenous perspective on the area, stop by the Interpretive Centre as you enter the park.

As you explore, it's easy to believe you're the first person to ever visit the area - that is, until you stumble across ancient rock art. The Bradshaw paintings near the Gibb River Road are thought to date back to the last ice age. At the Burrup Peninsula there are more than 10,000 rock engravings making it one of the most important indigenous art sites in the country.

Perhaps the oldest 'artwork' is the Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park. Mother Nature spent 20 million years eroding these huge orange and black 'beehives' into a state of perfection. The Bungles reveal another angle to their beauty from the air.

A luxury cruise is a great way to explore the Kimberley coast, rivers and gorges. Make sure you include the Buccaneer Archipelago on your itinerary. The fishing is amazing, and the Horizontal Waterfall spectacular.

Whether you choose to travel by four wheel drive, charter plane or luxury cruiser, this ancient landscape will leave you feeling both inspired and humbled.

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