



Travel itinerary



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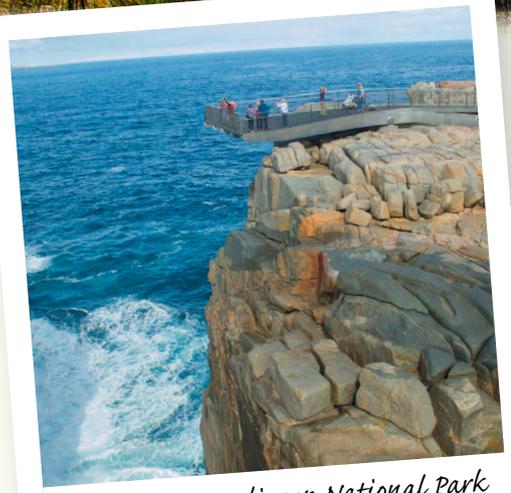
Self-drive short breaks



Albany to Esperance

Porongurup, Stirling Range, Fitzgerald River and Cape Le Grand national parks

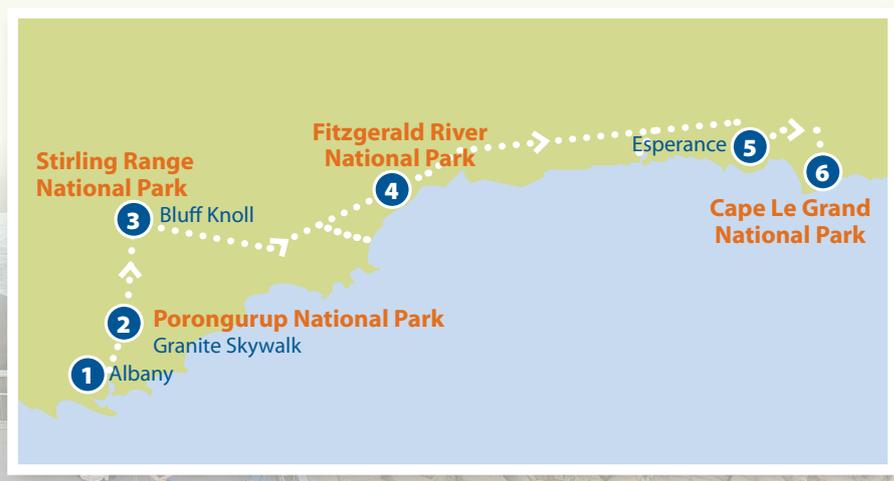
Tour dramatic landscapes where rugged peaks rise abruptly from surrounding plains and stunning white beaches curve between prominent rocky headlands.

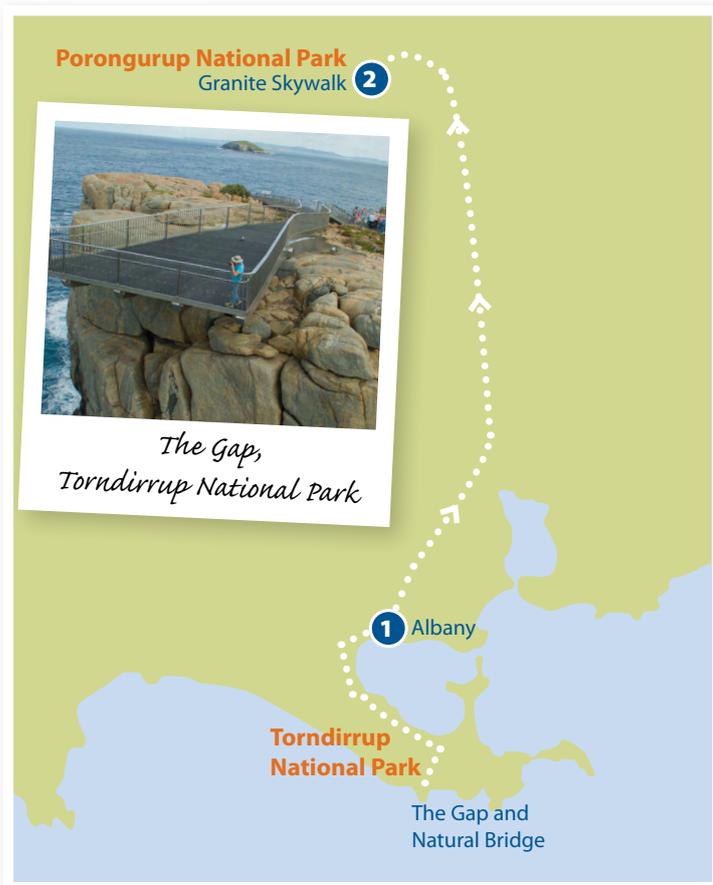


The Gap, Torndirrup National Park



Friendly locals





Porongurup National Park Granite Skywalk 2



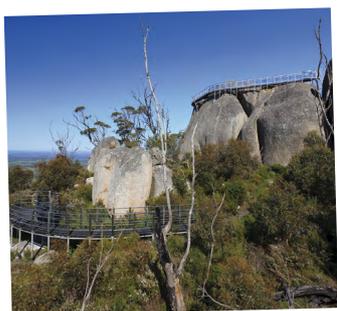
*The Gap,
Torndirrup National Park*

1 Albany to Porongurup National Park 51km 40 min

Chester Pass Road

Begin your day at the award-winning facilities at The Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park. Watch dramatic Southern Ocean swells surge against vertical cliffs from state-of-the-art viewing platforms - an exhilarating experience for all ages.

Leave Albany on Chester Pass Road toward the weathered granite peaks and marri, jarrah and karri forests of the Porongurup Range. Enjoy lunch in a picnic area amongst the trees and stretch your legs on the 600m Bolganup Trail or one of the longer options.



*Castle Rock,
Porongurup National Park*

Granite Skywalk

Hike to Castle Rock for spectacular views from the Granite Skywalk toward the coast and Stirling Range. The 4.4km-return trail leads past Balancing Rock to a lookout at the base of the granite outcrop and a 6m ladder to the suspended walkway on the summit.



2 Porongurup National Park to Stirling Range National Park

58km 40 min

Chester Pass Road

Continue north-east to Stirling Range National Park.

The unsealed Stirling Range drive runs through the centre of the park passing by the major peaks and providing scenic views and linking picnic areas, lookouts and walk trails.

Must do:

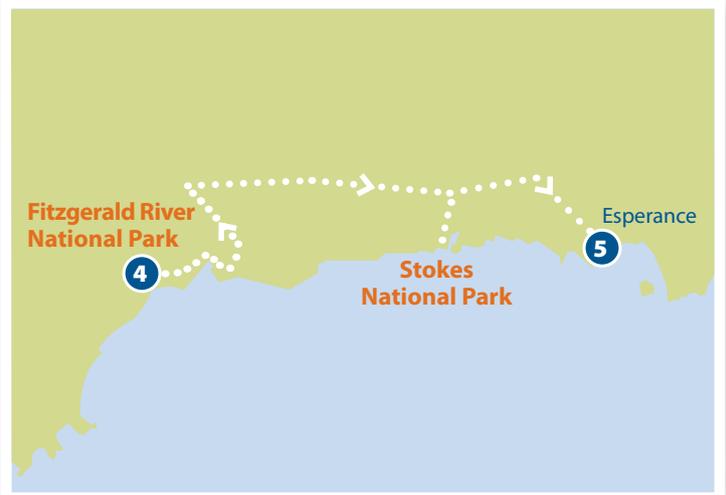
Visit the Eastern Lookout for great views of the Stirling Ranges, surrounding landscape and the imposing north face of Bluff Knoll (1095m), the highest peak in the south of Western Australia.



The strenuous 6.8km-return, Class 4 **Bluff Knoll walk trail** takes 3-4 hours, but the views from the summit are exceptional.



Bluff Knoll, Stirling Range National Park



3 Stirling Range National Park to Fitzgerald River National Park

185km 1 hour 50 mins (west end park entrance)

Chester Pass Road, Gnowangerup-Jerramungup Road and South Coast Highway

Fitzgerald River National Park is renowned for its rugged inland and coastal beauty. More animal species live in this park than any other reserve in the South West and it is one of the largest and most botanically significant national parks in Australia. Enter the western end of Fitzgerald River National Park via the unsealed road to visit the Point Ann area. The sealed road from Hopetoun, at the eastern end of the park, has easier access to sheltered beaches, walk trails, campgrounds and coastal views.

Camp at:



St Mary campground (western end of the park)
Four Mile campground (eastern end of the park)
Bookings essential at Four Mile:
parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au.

4 Fitzgerald River National Park to Esperance

200km 2 hours

South Coast Hwy

Heading east along South Coast Highway, call in at Stokes National Park, 80km west of Esperance. Try fishing in Stokes Inlet or take a four-wheel-drive excursion to the Moir Homestead ruins, Fanny Cove and Shoal Cape or to Skippy Rock.

Camp at:



Benwenerup campground
All sites in this quiet campground at Stokes Inlet are suitable for caravans.

The picturesque town of Esperance is the gateway to national parks with some of the most spectacular coastal landscapes in Western Australia. Explore walk trails with breathtaking views, swim in crystal clear waters and immerse yourself in fascinating history.



Ranger's tip

Watch whales from a purpose-built platform at Point Ann from June to October. Southern right whales use the shallows of the bay to give birth, nurse their young and socialise before migrating back to Antarctic waters.



Shoal Cape,
Stokes National Park



Little Hellfire Bay,
Cape Le Grand National Park



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Camp at:



Le Grand Beach campground

Camp behind the dunes from a sweeping ocean beach.

Lucky Bay campground

Large caravans and camper trailers can be accommodated above a beautiful protected beach.

Bookings essential: parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Must do:



Walk your choice of perfect sandy beaches or a section of the 15km Le Grand Coastal Trail for gorgeous scenery of coastal heath, rocky headlands and distant islands.

5 Esperance to Cape Le Grand National Park

72 km 50 min

Merivale Road and Cape Le Grand Road

Cape Le Grand National Park is characterised by heath covered sandplains, beaches curving between rocky headlands and impressive granite peaks including Mount Le Grand and Frenchman Peak. The stunning white beaches are some of the best in Australia.

Picnic at Hellfire Bay or Lucky Bay and check out the whistling rocks at Thistle Cove. Take the opportunity to surf, swim or fish or climb to the top of one of the peaks for panoramic views.

6 Drive further east to Cape Arid National Park

For a more remote experience, head further east on unsealed roads to Cape Arid National Park and visit some of the most secluded, whitest and visually spectacular beaches in Western Australia.

Handy information

Parks All the park information you need for your trip: exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Camping Campground information and bookings: parkstay.dbca.wa.gov.au.

Park passes Buy park passes online at shop.dbca.wa.gov.au at Parks and Wildlife Service offices and at selected tourism outlets and visitor centres. Royal Automobile Club (WA) members can buy discounted passes at rac.com.au.

Trails Detailed information about many of Western Australia's most popular trails: trailswa.com.au.

Social media Share your park experiences with us @[exploreparkswa](https://twitter.com/exploreparkswa) and use #[exploreparkswa](https://twitter.com/exploreparkswa).

Visitor centres Accredited visitor centres display the blue and yellow "i" symbol and can help with maps, accommodation, tour bookings and local knowledge. Find details at visitorcentreswa.com.au.

Tours and accommodation For additional information and ideas to help plan your trip: westernaustralia.com, australiassouthwest.com and australiasthroughoutback.com.

All accommodation and tour providers operating in national parks are accredited. Search for accommodation and tours at trustthetickwa.com.au.

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