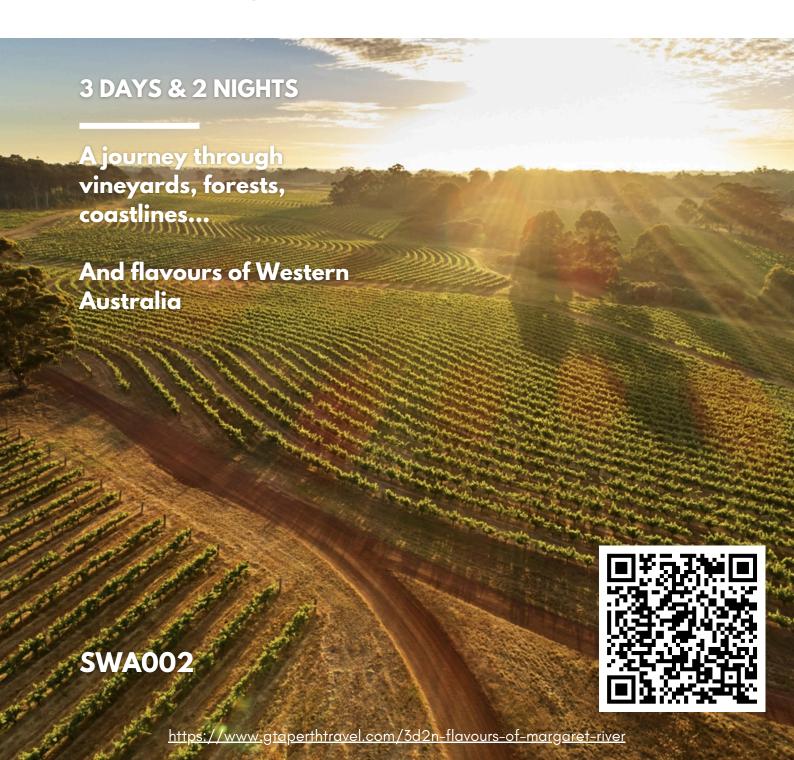
# FLAVOURS OF MARGARET RIVER





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#### **OVERVIEW**

A journey through vineyards, forests, coastlines, and flavours of Western Australia

Experience the best of Western Australia on an indulgent three-day journey through the Margaret River and South West region - a destination where world-class wines meet pristine beaches, ancient caves, and lush forests.

This tour combines breathtaking natural beauty with gourmet pleasures, offering guests a perfect blend of relaxation, discovery, and flavour.

With limited group size and your own experienced driver-guide, every detail is taken care of — so you can simply sit back, savour the scenery, and enjoy the taste of the South West at its finest.



**ITINERARY** 

# SOUTH WEST REGION MARGARET RIVER TRIP







Your adventure begins in the heart of Perth, where our friendly driver-guide greets you with a smile and a comfortable minibus ready to take you south. As the city fades into open road, the scenery transforms into wide golden fields, gumtree forests, and glimpses of the glittering Indian Ocean.

#### **Busselton Jetty**

Our first stop is the charming seaside town of Busselton, the northern gateway to the South West. Here lies Busselton Jetty, a 1.84-kilometre masterpiece of timber and history — the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Stroll along its length or hop aboard the miniature train to the end of the jetty, where the Underwater Observatory awaits. Here, over 300 marine species dance in turquoise waters: soft corals, shimmering fish, delicate seahorses — nature's own aquarium.

#### **Shelter Brewing Co.**

Lunch today is at Shelter Brewing Co., Busselton's most celebrated beachfront restaurant and brewery. The entire building is a modern industrial glasshouse — wide open spaces, soaring ceilings, and panoramic windows framing the Indian Ocean just metres away.





Here, freshness is the philosophy. The menu celebrates local farmers, fishers, and brewers. Begin your meal with a seafood platter brimming with grilled Augusta prawns, buttery and sweet; tender Busselton squid with a light lemon aioli; and oysters so fresh they taste like a kiss of the sea.

Prefer something heartier? The grass-fed beef burger is a house favourite — juicy local beef topped with caramelised onions, house relish, cheddar, and crisp lettuce, served with sweet potato fries.

Pair your meal with a chilled pint of Shelter
Pale Ale, whose bright citrus and tropical notes
mirror the sea breeze. And if you prefer
something softer, their homemade ginger
beer is a refreshing delight.

#### **Explore Busselton**

After lunch, you may stroll the lively Busselton foreshore, browse small boutiques and artisanal market stalls, or linger in a nearby café with a flat white — a gentle moment to soak in the atmosphere.

#### Higgins Lane Motel (or similar standard)

In the late afternoon, we continue south to Margaret River. Upon arrival, check into Higgins Lane Motel (or similar standard), a quiet and stylish boutique accommodation just steps from the town's main street. Each room is elegantly appointed with plush bedding, rain showers, eco-friendly toiletries, and private patios or balconies overlooking leafy surroundings. Its central location makes it perfect for evening strolls to cafés, wine bars, and restaurants.







#### Dinner

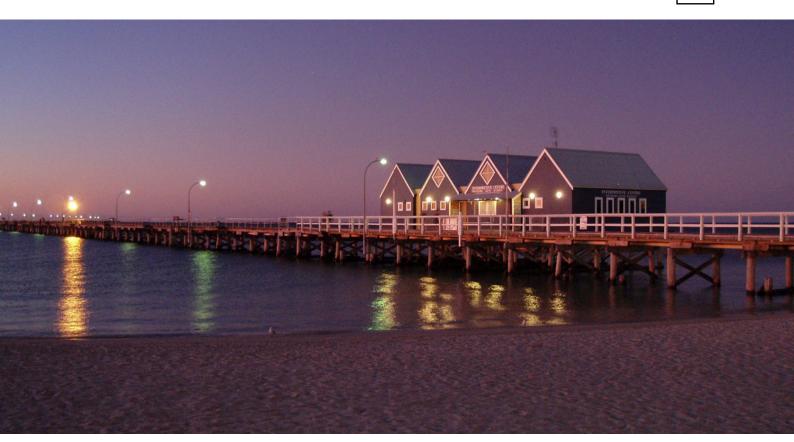
Dinner is free and flexible this evening — your guide will offer personalised recommendations depending on your preferences.

One of the beloved options is Settlers Tavern, a local icon housed in a 1936 heritage building with timber beams, warm lighting, and a lively bar filled with locals. Their menu blends rustic charm with modern Australian flavours:

- Slow-roasted lamb shoulder, rich and fragrant with rosemary, served over silky parsnip mash with a red wine jus.
- Pan-seared barramundi, its skin crisp and golden, paired with lemon beurre blanc and roasted heirloom vegetables.
- Wild berry cheesecake or panna cotta for a gentle, fruity finish.

For those wanting something quieter, Margaret River also offers intimate bistros, modern wine bars, and casual wood-fired pizza kitchens — perfect for a relaxed first night in town.





Margaret River mornings are crisp, clear, and filled with birdsong. A gentle breeze carries the scent of eucalyptus and the promise of a beautiful day ahead.

#### **Margaret River Bakery**

Breakfast is at Margaret River Bakery, a local treasure. The bakery's vintage European decor — floral china, mismatched chairs, pastel walls — creates a whimsical, cozy atmosphere that feels like stepping into a storybook café.

Enjoy warm sourdough toast topped with smashed avocado, feta, and heirloom tomatoes drizzled with olive oil; a flaky croissant filled with house-made berry jam and clotted cream; or their famous cinnamon scrolls fresh from the oven. Pair your breakfast with a flat white or single-origin pour-over brewed from local roasters.

#### **Margaret River Distilling Company**

Next, visit the internationally acclaimed Margaret River Distilling Company, awarded at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. This distillery is known for its whiskies and gins infused with native botanicals, capturing the spirit of Western Australia in every drop.

DAY 2

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#### Distilling Craft, Underground Wonders & An Omakase Masterpiece







A guided tour reveals the secrets behind their craft — gleaming copper stills, fragrant botanicals like lemon myrtle and juniper, and rows of oak barrels quietly aging their signature spirits.

Tastings are guided by friendly staff who share stories behind each blend: a whisky with notes of eucalyptus, vanilla, and honey; a citrusy gin layered with native spices. This isn't just a tasting — it's a sensory journey.

#### The River Hotel

Lunch awaits at The River Hotel, a 1936 heritage landmark with high ceilings, dark timber beams, and vintage chandeliers. The bistro menu is built around seasonal, local produce.



- Start with grilled chicken salad tender free-range chicken on crisp greens, avocado, and citrus vinaigrette.
- Or try the roasted vegetable tart with buttery pastry, caramelised root vegetables, and creamy goat's cheese.
- End with a classic warm apple crumble, served with vanilla bean ice cream — the perfect balance of sweet, tart, and comfort.

#### **Mammoth Cave**

In the afternoon, descend into the mystical Mammoth Cave, a limestone wonder that stretches deep beneath the karri forest. Wooden boardwalks wind through ancient chambers where stalactites glitter in soft light, and fossils of prehistoric megafauna whisper stories from 50,000 years ago.

The first chamber is fully accessible, ensuring everyone can experience the magic. As you walk, the audio guide enriches your journey with natural history and myth.

#### Miki's Open Kitchen

As the sun sets, prepare for the culinary highlight of the trip: a dinner experience at Miki's Open Kitchen. This restaurant is the crown jewel of Margaret River's dining scene — intimate, elegant, and booked out months in advance.

Chef Miki blends Japanese omakase tradition with premium Western Australian ingredients, creating a 23-course tasting menu that unfolds like poetry. Each dish is crafted before your eyes in an open kitchen, where the rhythmic movement of knives and flames becomes a performance.

Sample dishes include:

- Esperance scallops with yuzu foam, a delicate ocean kiss with citrus brightness.
- Smoked eel nigiri crowned with local truffles
- Miso-glazed Margaret River Wagyu, seared to buttery perfection.
- Matcha mousse with candied citrus for a gentle, aromatic finale.

Optional sake or wine pairings are curated to match each dish, elevating the experience into a symphony of flavour.

Return to our accommodation for a serene night — a gentle breeze through the trees, a heart full of stories, and a palate still singing.











#### **Margaret River Town**

Continue your immersion in Margaret River, where the town's vibrant community fosters a culture of creativity with local artisans, farmers' markets, and craft breweries. Its proximity to pristine beaches and ancient forests makes it a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, offering a timeless escape into Western Australia's heart.

After enjoying a hearty à la carte brunch in Margaret River this morning, spend some time exploring the town and making wonderful memories on your final day in this beautiful little destination.

DAY 3

Vineyard Elegance: A Grand Finale at Leeuwin Estate



#### **Leeuwin Estate**

Your final stop is Leeuwin Estate, one of the world's most respected wineries. Here, art, wine, and fine dining intertwine to create an experience that defines Margaret River luxury.

The restaurant overlooks endless vineyards through floor-to-ceiling windows. Sunlight pours in, crystal glasses sparkle, and crisp white linens set the stage for a meal that's less about eating and more about celebrating the land.



### Three-Course Signature Lunch — A Seasonal Culinary Symphony (The winery changes its menu according to the season).

**Entrée** — Seared kangaroo loin with wattleseed beetroot reduction Pink, tender kangaroo loin seared just to lock in its natural sweetness. Paired with earthy wattleseed and roasted hazelnuts, this dish is a love letter to native Australian ingredients.

**Main** — Pan-roasted barramundi with herb crust, cauliflower purée and charred asparagus

The fish's crisp skin gives way to silky white flesh, balanced by the creaminess of cauliflower purée and the brightness of charred greens. A drizzle of citrus white wine sauce elevates every bite.



**Dessert** — Dark chocolate tart with honeycomb and vanilla bean ice cream

A rich, decadent finish with just the right touch of sweetness, enhanced by West Australian honey and a sprinkle of sea salt.

Pairing with selected wines from the winery (at your own expense) Wine pairings feature the winery's iconic Art Series Chardonnay and Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon, each selected to complement the menu's delicate layers of flavour.

This is not just a meal — it's the grand finale of your journey, an elegant farewell surrounded by vines and the soft hum of the wind through the leaves.



### HIGGINS LANE MOTEL

Higgins Lane Motel, nestled in the heart of Margaret River, is a boutique haven designed for comfort and immersion in the region's charm. Your single or double bedroom features plush bedding, contemporary furnishings, and large windows that invite natural light and views of surrounding greenery.





Ensuite bathrooms offer rain showers and eco-friendly toiletries, ensuring a refreshing retreat. A private patio or balcony provides a serene spot to sip local wine, while the motel's central location places you within walking distance of Margaret River's vibrant dining, shopping, and cultural attractions.

Complimentary Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and tea/coffee facilities complete your stay, making Higgins Lane the perfect base for your culinary and natural adventure.

#### HIGGINS LANE MOTEL OR SIMILAR STANDARD

# INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS



## KNOW YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We have meticulously designed every detail to ensure you embark on your journey with ease, without worrying about the tedious preparations. The items listed below are all included in the itinerary, allowing you to focus fully on experiencing nature and enjoying your trip.

#### **Costs include:**

- 3 Days Round-trip comfortable transport from Perth CBD no need to self-drive
- 2-night accommodation at a carefully selected, legal and comfortable stay
- Omakase Dinner featuring a curated chef's tasting menu with seasonal ingredients
- Three-course dining at Leeuwin Estate, one of Margaret River's most iconic wineries
- Mammoth Cave entry ticket, to explore a breathtaking natural underground world
- Busselton Jetty entry ticket, to visit one of Western Australia's most famous coastal landmarks
- One included lunch at a local restaurant
- Professional guide throughout the journey
- All itinerary planning, transportation, guiding services, and selected tasting fees (depending on location)

#### Costs do not include:

- Breakfast
- Wine tasting fees (optional, at own cost)
- Personal expenses and extra drinks
- Travel insurance and personal spending
- Any activity or expense not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions

## TRANSPORT IN **GTA PERTH TRAVEL**









#### **ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE**

- Equipped with all standard government-mandated safety features for your peace of mind
- 99% UV-protection window tinting, specially designed for Western Australian weather
- Automatic doors for convenient and easy access
- Each seat fitted with USB-C charging ports and individual reading lights
- Features a sunroof and individual cabin temperature control for passenger comfort
- Spacious interior with ample luggage space to accommodate your travel needs

# PACKING LIST

Margaret River is rich in vineyards, forests, coastlines, and charming rural towns. The climate is pleasant but with significant temperature variations between day and night, especially in autumn and winter. To ensure a comfortable and enjoyable tasting tour, it is recommended to bring the following:

- O1 Lightweight outdoor clothing and slip-resistant shoes
- **Q2** Light jacket or warm clothing
- O3 Sunglasses and sunscreen
- **Q4** Reusable water bottle
- 05 Camera or mobile phone
- Personal medications, sunscreen, and insect repellent
- Personal toiletries and daily necessities

FIND THE
PERFECT
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JOURNEY

**Kind reminder**: The grounds often have stone slabs or grass surfaces, so comfortable and sturdy footwear is recommended; high heels are not advised.

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