

The Rebirth of Perth

TEXT: Carmen Jenner

Friday Night

After checking into either the **Hilton**, **Northbridge Hotel** or a **Quest Apartment**, put on your fancy threads and taxi on over to the **Must Winebar** for some serious bubbles in the swanky upstairs Champagne Room. Once you're suitably relaxed, head downstairs to the bistro where you'll find French provincial fare, or prop yourself up at the winebar for some tasty bar snacks.

Serious foodies won't be able to resist **Jackson's**, just a few steps away, or across the road is **Two Fat Indians**. Resume your position at **Must** or join in the migration of punters heading on foot down Beaufort Street to the stylish **Luxe Bar** for cocktails and slinking around.



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Sunday

Savour a breakfast of champions at either the **Bluewater Grill**, overlooking the river, or **Indiana**, perched on the edge of the Indian Ocean. Afterwards, head 20 kilometres southwest of Perth to **Fremantle**, the home of the bohemian, where your hangover will be in good company. Spend the morning at the **Maritime Museum** or simply wander around the back streets exploring the **New Edition Bookshop**, onetime prison **The Round House**, various quirky shops, and the colonial architecture.

When you feel those rumblings within, head to the buzzing **Little Creatures Brewery** at the **Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour**. After lunch, puruse the markets and hang out with the buskers on the busy **Cappuccino Strip**. Finally, head back to the harbour for an idyllic end to a getaway in the west with fish'n'chips and the sunset.



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Saturday Night

If you've got the stamina for a feast of epic proportions, then Perth's best awaits at **Restaurant Amusé** – and bookings are essential. Those with modest tastes will adore **Nahm Thai** or **Andaluz Bar and Tapas**. To round things off, get trumpeted away at **Ellington's Jazz Club**. Book a table or go for standing room only and prepare to be overwhelmed by the talented local and international acts.

For alternative entertainment try **Deville's Pad**, a kitschy club offering themed nights and live entertainment; dancing and devilry is encouraged. If you've got money to burn, visit the casino that never closes at the **Burswood Entertainment Complex**.

Once considered a bit dull, the blossoming capital of Western Australia proves to be anything but

Saturday

Hopefully sleep came soundly because it's time for breakfast at **Fraser's Restaurant** in Kings Park, Perth's answer to New York's Central Park. If your state is still precarious after breakfast, find a quiet and sunny spot to flop down, or the intrepid can walk among the treetops at the **Lotterywest Federation Walkway**. Either walk down or grab a taxi to The Old Swan Brewery complex, housing **The Old Brewery Grill**, Perth's premier steakhouse, and **Zafferano Restaurant**, serving Italian seafood.

Now it's time for some retail therapy in the city. For street fashion visit the arcades and department stores in the Hay Street and Murray Street malls, including the historic **London Court**, which houses **Devin's Cigars**. Then wander up to the west end of Hay Street and take a detour down **King Street**, where you'll find 20th-century architecture and designers like Tiffany & Co. and the edgy Australian label Ruth Tarvydas. Stop for coffee along the way at **Tiger, Tiger** and return to your hotel for a pit-stop and an outfit change.

- ① Must Bistro.
- ② Fremantle markets.
- ③ ④ Ellington's Jazz.
- ⑤ City skyline from King's Park.
- ⑥ Angel in Fremantle.
- ⑦ New Edition Bookshop.
- ⑧ Nighttime city skyline.

PRACTICALITIES: PERTH

How
Virgin Blue (www.virginblue.com.au), Qantas (www.qantas.com.au) and Jetstar (www.jetstar.com) fly to Perth from other Aussie cities, and from various locations in Asia and the Pacific.

When
The warm months from November to March are what Perth is all about.

Stay
Parnelia Hilton Perth, 14 Mill St, Perth, +618 9215 2000, www.hilton.com
Northbridge Hotel, 210 Lake St, Northbridge (cnr Brisbane St), +618 9328 5254, www.hotelnorthbridge.com.au

Quest Apartments, +613 9645 8357, www.questapartments.com.au
See www.lastminute.com.au for cheap weekend rates on city hotels.

Eat
Perth
Must Winebar & Bistro, 519 Beaufort St, Highgate, +618 9328 8255, www.must.com.au
Jackson's Restaurant, 483 Beaufort St, Highgate, +618 9328 1177, www.jacksonsrestaurant.com.au
Two Fat Indians, 524 Beaufort St, Mt Lawley, +618 9228 0720, www.twofatindians.com.au
Fraser's Restaurant, Fraser Ave, West Perth, +618 9481 7100, www.frasersrestaurant.com.au

The Old Brewery Grill, 173 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth, +618 9211 8999, www.oldswanbrewery.com.au
Zafferano Restaurant, 173 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth, +618 9321 2588, www.zafferano.com.au
Tiger, Tiger, Murrury Mews, 329 Murray St, Perth, +618 9322 8055, www.tigertigercoffeebar.com
Restaurant Amusé, 64 Bronte St, East Perth, +618 9325 4900, www.restaurantamuse.com.au
Nahm Thai, 223 Bulwer St, Perth, +618 9328 7500
Andaluz Bar and Tapas, Basement, 21 Howard St, Perth, +618 9481 0092, www.andaluzbar.com.au

Fremantle
Bluewater Grill, 56 Duncraig Rd, Applecross, +618 9315 7700, www.bluewatergrill.com.au
Indiana Tearooms, 91 Marine Parade, Cottesloe Beach, +618 9385 5005, www.indiana.com.au
Little Creatures Brewery, Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, Mews Rd, Fremantle, +619 8430 5555, www.littlecreatures.com.au

Do
Perth
Luxe Bar, 446 Beaufort St, Highgate, +618 9228 9680, www.luxebar.com
Lotterywest Federation Walkway, Kings Park, Fraser Ave, West Perth, +618 9480 3600, www.bgpa.wa.gov.au

London Court, between Hay St Mall and St George's Tce
King St, off Hay St West
Ellington's Jazz Club, 191 Beaufort St, +618 9228 1088, www.ellingtonjazz.com.au
Deville's Pad, 1/3 Aberdeen St, Perth, +618 9225 6669, www.devillespad.com
Burswood Entertainment Complex, Great Eastern Highway, Burswood, +618 9362 7777, www.burswood.com.au

Fremantle
Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, +618 9431 8444, www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime

The Round House, 10 Arthur Head, Fremantle, +618 9336 6897
New Edition Bookshop, 82 High St, Fremantle, +618 9335 2383, www.newedition.com.au
Cappuccino Strip, South Terrace, Fremantle

Transport
Swan Taxis, 13 13 30 (within Western Australia), www.swantaxis.com.au
Airport Car Hire Perth, +618 9362 4748, www.airportrentacar.com.au/perth

Information
Western Australian Visitor Centre www.wavisitorcentre.com.au
Fremantle Visitor Centre www.fremantlewa.com.au