

Steve Price's guide to the ultimate Western Australia road trip



WA is without doubt the Road Trip State, where nature, food and epic scenery awaits.

Steve Price hit the road to discover the best of the south west, from stunning beaches to a moving ANZAC history, premium wine, ancient caves and much more.

It's hardly surprising the area was nominated as one of the world's top 10 regions to visit.

But it's time to step aside Lonely Planet, this is Steve Price's guide to WA's incredible south west.

PERTH

After arriving in Perth, check-in at the brand new [Westin Hotel](#) for a luxurious start to your holiday.

Head on down to Subiaco to experience, what The Australian's John Lethlean describes as, the nation's "best pasta" at [Lulu La Delizia](#).

Steve's pick is the blue swimmer crab gnocchi, which is out of this world!

ALBANY

Drive the 4.5 hours or take a 1 hour Rex flight down to Albany, on the south coast, where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia.

Take a short drive out to [The Gap](#), where natural and man-made beauty collides. Step out onto the incredible Natural Bridge, 40 metres above the wild seas below.



The Gap and Natural Bridge, Torndirrup National Park

On your way back to town, stop in at the [Limeburners Distillery](#), home to some of Australia's most awarded whiskies. Steve loved their smokey concoctions, made with peat that's been growing on WA's rugged coastline for thousands of years!

Head up the hill to [National Anzac Centre](#), perched high above Albany with an incredible view of the King George Sound. This is where the very first convoy of ANZACs departed Australia for World War I in 1914.

Then, at sundown, take a short walk to the astonishing [Field of Light: Avenue of Honour](#), a moving sensory tribute to our soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Field of Light: Avenue of Honour will remain in place until ANZAC Day 2019

Albany is also host to incredible restaurants, including Australia's best fish and chips at [Hooked on Middleton Beach](#), one of Australia's best bars [Liberte](#), breweries, wineries and so much more.

DENMARK AND WALPOLE

Steve continued his road trip with a drive to Denmark, the location for classic Australian novel *Breath* and its big-screen adaptation directed by and starring Simon Baker.

Grab breakfast in town before taking in the spectacular beaches at [Greens Pool](#) and [Elephant Rocks](#).

"It's the most pristine, clear, blue water I have ever seen, anywhere in the world," says Steve.



Greens Pool, Denmark

Steve continued on to the nearby [Valley of the Giants](#) and its impressive Tree Top Walk, a 40-metre high footpath that takes you through the canopy of some of the world's biggest and oldest trees.

MARGARET RIVER

Steve wrapped up his Western Australia road trip in style, in the stunning Margaret River region, just a few hours south of Perth.

Starting at the ancient [Ngilgi Cave](#), local Aboriginal guide Josh Whiteland, from [Koomal Dreaming](#), shared his people's cultures and customs.

Josh and Steve bonded over a love of food, learning all about the native ingredients that have inspired some of Australia's best chefs.

Then it was off to one of the region's world-class wineries, [Wills Domain](#), where owner Darren Haunold showed off his fare.



Wills Domain winery

Don't forget to go for a dip at the pristine Meelup Beach and hit the local-favourite, Dunsborough Bakery, for a bite to eat.

There are so many different ways to *experience extraordinary* in Western Australia.

Find out all about the Road Trip State [HERE](#)

Steve Price was in Western Australia as a guest of Tourism Western Australia