CARNARVON
– and –
CORAL BAY

plus the SOUTHERN NINGALOO REEF & GASCOYNE HINTERLAND





Shire of CARNARVON
CATCH A *taste* OF THE GREAT LIFE

2026-27

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Welcome to CARNARVON — and — CORAL BAY

WHERE THE MIGHTY GASCOYNE RIVER MEETS THE CORAL COAST, CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY COMBINE FERTILE LANDSCAPES, PRISTINE BEACHES AND WORLD-CLASS MARINE ENCOUNTERS IN ONE EXTRAORDINARY DESTINATION.

Thanks to this unique geographical advantage, Carnarvon's fertile plantations and farms supply the majority of Perth's fruit and veg during the winter months.

And yet, if you visit during the summer months, this extraordinary river is dry as a bone; its apparently empty, wide riverbed leaving an echo of its true nature, flowing only after the rains fall further inland. Known as an ephemeral river, the Gascoyne is the key to Carnarvon's vital place in WA's agricultural story.

The river's proximity to the bountiful Indian Ocean also means that Carnarvon has a thriving prawn, scallop, crab and fishing industry, so make sure you sample some local specialties in Carnarvon's and Coral Bay's cafes and restaurants.

Head to Coral Bay and the Southern Ningaloo reef and you'll be overawed by the natural beauty of the coast, the ability to walk right out from the beach and snorkel with reef life. If a taste of the highlife is what you crave, head to the Kennedy Range National Park and discover the world's largest monolith (Mount Augustus).

Stay in homesteads, camp on the beach, in friendly hotels and enjoy campfire chats with your new best friends.

It's the region that's got it all.



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The Shire of Carnarvon acknowledges and respects the Yinggarda (Carnarvon) and Baiyungu (Coral Bay) as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.
The Shire of Carnarvon is committed to honouring the traditional custodians' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.



WHERE TO *stay* IN CARNARVON

BIG 4 PLANTATION CARAVAN PARK
- 589 Robinson Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 8100
- info@plantationcaravanpark.com.au
- big4.com.au/caravan-parks/wa/coral-coast/plantation-caravan-park

THE CARNARVON HOTEL
- 121-125 Olivia Terrace, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1181
- carnarvonhotel@bigpond.com
- carnarvonhotel.com.au

CAPRICORN HOLIDAY PARK
- 1042 North West Coastal Highway, Brown Range
- (08) 9941 8153
- capricorncarnarvon@summerstar.com.au
- gdayparks.com.au/parks/western-australia/carnarvon/capricorn-holiday-park

GASCOYNE HOTEL
- 57 Olivia Terrace, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1412
- gascoynehotel@gmail.com
- gascoynehotel.com/

CORAL COAST TOURIST PARK
- 108 Robinson Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1438
- info@coralcoastpark.com
- coralcoasttouristpark.com.au

HOSPITALITY CARNARVON, BEST WESTERN
(SureStay Collection)
- 6 West Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1600
- carnarvon@hospitalityinns.com.au
- carnarvon.wa.hospitalityinns.com.au

NORWESTA LIFESTYLE PARK
- 24 Angelo Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1277
- www.norwesta.com.au

OASIS WATERFRONT HOLIDAY HOME
- 137 Olivia Terrace, Carnarvon
- +61 419 913 292
- frzop@wn.com.au
- carnarvon.org.au/accommodation/oasis-waterfront-holiday-accommodation

OUTBACK OASIS CARAVAN PARK
- 49 Wise Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1439
- reservation@outbackoasis.au
- outbackoasis-caravanpark.com

THE CARNARVON LUXURY CANAL HOME
- 17 Jaaga Cove, Carnarvon
- 0407 078 875
- mkpinner@bigpond.com
- carnarvon.org.au/accommodation/the-carnarvon-luxury-canal-holiday-home

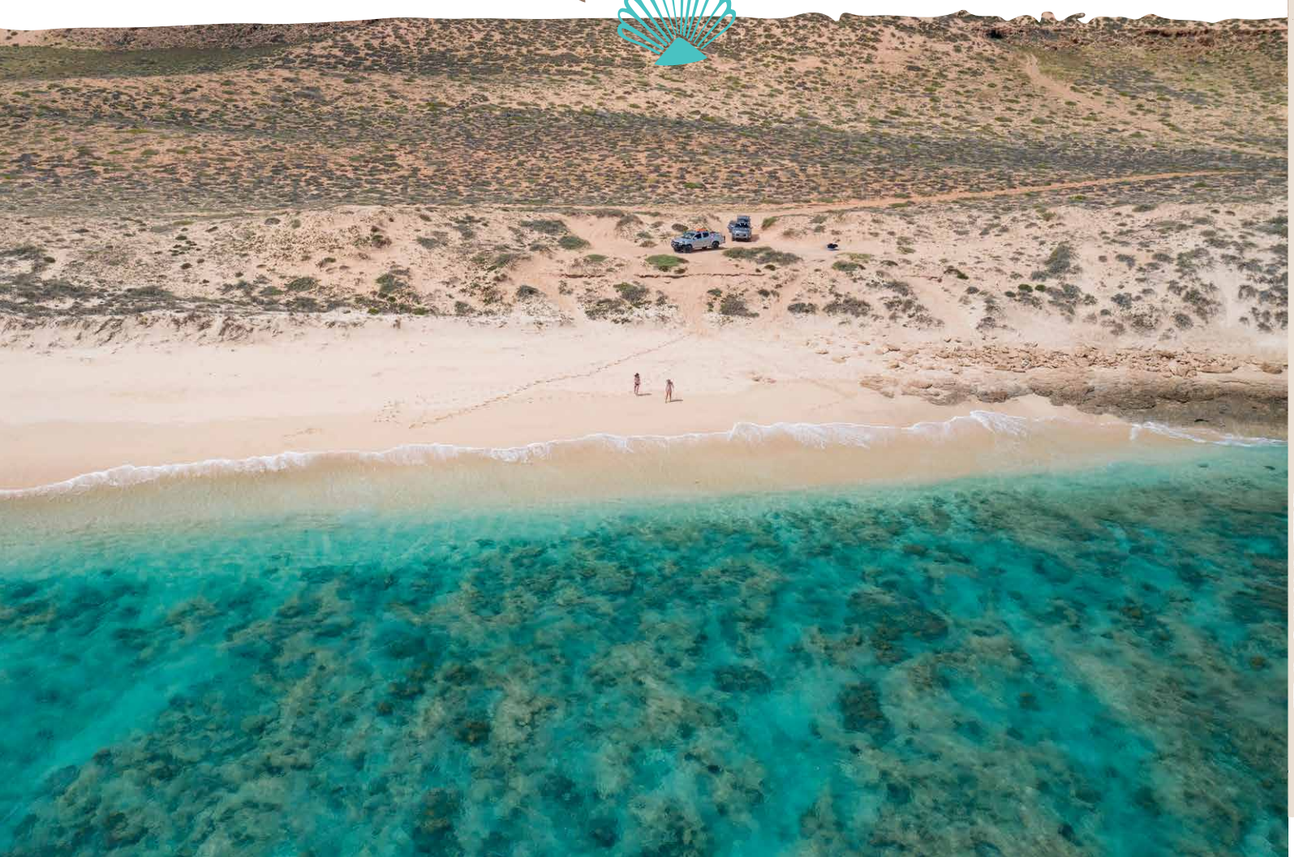
CARNARVON CENTRAL APARTMENTS
- 120 Robinson Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1317
- info@carnarvonapartments.net.au
- carnarvonapartments.net.au

PELICAN POINT WATERFRONT RESORT
- 369 Pelican Point Rd, Babbage Island
- 0425 437 121
- Info@carnarvonretreat.com.au

DISCOVERY PARKS
- 546 Robinson St, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 8150
- carnarvon@discoveryparks.com.au
- discoveryholidayparks.com.au

CARNARVON CARAVAN PARK
- 477 Robinson St, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 8101
- bookings@carnarvonpark.com.au
- carnarvonpark.com.au

GATEWAY MOTEL
- 379 Robinson Street, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 6900
- bookings@thegatewaymotel.com



WILDERNESS STAYS

GNARALOO STATION
- Gnaraloo Rd, Carnarvon
- (08) 9948 5000
- bookings@gnaraloo.com.au.
- gnaraloostation.com

WARROORA STATION
- Exmouth Coral Bay Road
- (08) 9942 5920
- warroora.com

QUOBBA STATION
- Gnaraloo Rd, MacLeod
- 0418 885 258
- quobbabookings@gmail.com
- quobba.com.au

RED BLUFF
- 5561 Gnaraloo Road, Macleod
- (08) 9948 5001
- bluffbliss@hotmail.com
- quobba.com.au

GLADSTONE – YARINGA STATION
- Gnaraloo Road, Carnarvon
- (08) 9942 5952
- yaringa@westnet.com.au
- gladstonebaywa.com

BULLARA STATION
- Burkett Rd, Exmouth Gulf
- (08) 9942 5938
- stay@bullarastation.com.au
- bullarastation.com.au

WOORAMEL RIVER RETREAT
- 0499 425 888
- info@wooramel.com.au
- wooramel.com.au

Open from 1 March to 1 December

NEED *to* KNOW

HOW TO GET HERE

BY ROAD

From the south: Follow the North West Coastal Highway and turn left onto Carnarvon Road about 6km before town, it's a direct route to the town centre. If you miss the turn, simply continue to the T-junction at Robinson Street (opposite Caltex) and turn left.

From the north: Continue straight down Robinson Street into town.

Before you travel, check road conditions as heavy rain can cause closures. For updates, contact Main Roads (138 138), or for local and station roads, call the Visitor Centre

- (08) 9941 1146

BY BUS

Integrity Coach Lines operates regular north- and south-bound services to Carnarvon. Bookings and

- Carnarvon Visitor Centre
- (08) 9941 1146.

BY AIR

Rex Airlines offers daily flights from Perth to Carnarvon and Monkey Mia (Shark Bay).

LOCAL SERVICES

Carnarvon offers convenient water refill and caravan dump points, making it easier for campers and RV travellers to manage their water and wastewater while exploring the region.

Festival Road Dump Point & Water Tap

- Festival Road (off Robinson Street), Carnarvon
- Two potable water taps plus blue-shell sewer inlet

Hill Street Dump / Water Point

- Hill Street, Carnarvon
- In-town dump point listed by Shire
- Accessible for longer rigs; check signage for restrictions

Visitor Centre – Water and Long Vehicle Parking

- Camel Lane, Carnarvon
- One potable water tap and Long Vehicle Parking

Banks & ATMs

Carnarvon is the only town in the region with full banking services -ANZ and Commonwealth Bank, all located in the town centre. Additional ATMs are scattered around town, and the Post Office can handle most bank transactions.

If heading beyond Carnarvon, the Visitor Centre can advise on services further afield (08) 9941 1146).

TIPS & NOTES

- Always rinse dump point outlet after use to maintain cleanliness.
- Check signage for long vehicle parking restrictions or designated areas.
- Telstra works best in our area, other phone providers will struggle with reception
- Kangaroos and livestock are common at dawn/dusk — drive cautiously.

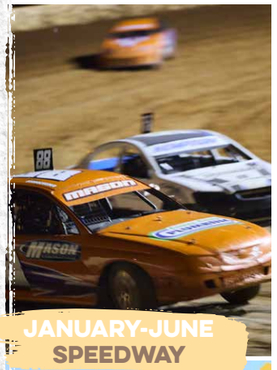
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NOT TO MISS

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING IN CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY!

From vibrant community celebrations to action-packed adventures, our annual events capture the spirit of life on the Coral Coast. Local markets, fishing events, and family-friendly festivities bring the community together all year round while offering visitors the chance to join in, meet the locals, and experience the region at its most lively. Time your visit right, and you'll see why we say: in Carnarvon and Coral Bay, there's always a reason to celebrate.



JANUARY
WINDFEST



JANUARY-JUNE
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THIS LIFE SUMMER SERIES



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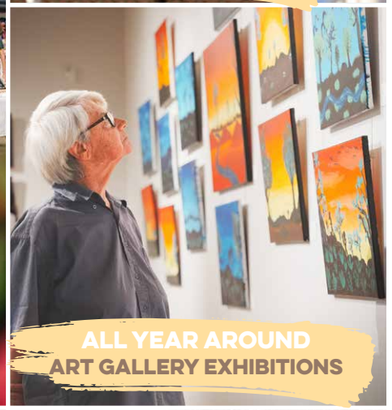
MAY-SEPTEMBER
RACES



MAY
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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER
GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL



ALL YEAR AROUND
ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



AUGUST
KICKSTARTERS
GASCOYNE DASH

Instagram
WORTHY

SNAP YOUR WAY THROUGH CARNARVON & CORAL BAY

Think sunsets at Pelican Point, quirky Humpty Dumpty selfies and colourful Cactus Garden shots. In Coral Bay, turquoise Ningaloo Reef, golden beaches, and coastal lookouts make every post scroll-stopping. Wide-open outback roads complete the picture-perfect feed.



BOUGAINVILLEA
@willa_wandering



FIFO CHICKENS



HUMPTY DUMPTY



KING WAVES KILL



RED BLUFF CAVE
@ab.and.al



SELFIE WITH
A TURTLE

KING WAVES KILL
@sandyvantravels



HEART POOL
@ WARROORA STATION
@cjmaddock



WILDFLOWERS
AT KENNEDY RANGE



CACTUS GARDEN
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BETWEEN THEM, CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY OFFER EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLIDAYS THAT WILL STAY WITH YOU FOR A LIFETIME. BUT WITH SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO, WHERE DO YOU START?

FOODIE TOUR

Carnarvon is known as the food bowl of WA, and you'll taste why.

Drive the iconic Fruit Loop Trail and stop at farm gates for whatever's in season; mangoes, bananas, tomatoes, herbs and more, all grown in rich red soil along the Gascoyne River.

Seafood lovers can enjoy fresh local catch straight from the coast, while bush-tucker inspired dishes connect modern plates with ancient ingredients.

End your day with a sunset along the Fascine and something fresh on your fork.







TRAVEL WITH KIDS

Load up the car and let the adventure unfold. Start in Carnarvon with a wander along the Fascine, a cruise around the Fruit Loop, and a few fun roadside photo stops.

Head north to the dramatic Quobba Blowholes, where ocean spray and rugged cliffs make memories that stick. Station stays like Quobba, Red Bluff or Gnaraloo offer red dirt, starry skies and space to slow down.

Finish in Coral Bay, where the reef begins right off the beach. Slip on a snorkel and drift through calm, clear water full of colour and life.

Simple, relaxed, and the kind of family trip you'll talk about for years.

SCAN ME

INLAND hinterland

Follow the historic Kingsford Smith Mail Run from Carnarvon to Meekatharra via Gascoyne Junction, exploring early transport routes and rich Aboriginal history. Wander Kennedy Range National Park with cliffs, wildflowers and hidden canyons, then marvel at Mount Augustus, the world's largest monolith. In Meekatharra, stroll gold-mining streets, tackle the Meeka Rangelands Discovery Walk, and camp under vast night skies to soak up the raw red-earth beauty of the outback.

SCAN ME

48 HOURS

Spend 48 hours soaking up the laid-back charm of Carnarvon, starting with coffee or brekky at one of the buzzing cafés along Robinson Street. Wander the Fascine, enjoy lunch in town, then take a relaxed drive around the Fruit Loop to pick up fresh local produce straight from the source. Snap a photo with Humpty Dumpty on North River Road, visit the iconic Cactus Garden, and settle in for a pastel sunset at Pelican Point before dinner at the Carnarvon Hotel.

Balance coastal beauty with culture by exploring Gwoonwardu Mia, the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct and the Space & Technology Museum. For adventure, head north to the Quobba Blowholes and Aquarium, or unwind wandering the Gascoyne River and surrounding bushland.

SCAN ME

TAKE YOUR TIME IN THE GASCOYNE

Begin at Wooramel River Retreat, a peaceful outback hideaway where red-earth landscapes and the gentle river set the tone for a slow, immersive adventure. From here, travel into Carnarvon to stock up on fresh local produce, explore the region's heritage at Gwoonwardu Mia, the Heritage Precinct, and the Space & Technology Museum, and prepare for the coastal and i nland journey ahead.

Follow the coast, north to the Quobba Blowholes, Red Bluff, and Gnaraloo, here rugged shorelines meet endless horizons. In Coral Bay, snorkel or cruise among turtles, manta rays, and seasonal whale sharks, or discover local gems like Five Fingers Reef.

Venture inland to the ochre escarpments and wildflower valleys of Kennedy Range National Park, then stand beneath Mount Augustus, the world's largest monolith. Return to Carnarvon to relax, enjoy fresh local flavours, and watch the sun set over the river, completing a journey from reef to desert and back.



DOG-FRIENDLY

Pack your leash for a dog-friendly adventure through Carnarvon and Coral Bay, where sun, sand, and turquoise waters await. In Carnarvon, stroll the Fascine or Old Tramway Walk, explore the quirky Cactus Garden, and snap a photo with your pup. Stop at cafés with outdoor seating, then chase a golden sunset at Pelican Point.

Along the coast, walk Quobba Blowholes, Red Bluff, and scenic lookouts. In Coral Bay, enjoy beach strolls, shoreline sniffing, and panoramic views at Five Fingers Reef, with dog-friendly cafés for a rest. For outback fun, explore red-dirt tracks or camp under the stars together.

SCAN ME





ADVENTURE SEEKER ITINERARY

For those who prefer their holidays with a dose of adrenaline, Carnarvon and Coral Bay deliver in spades. Start in Carnarvon with a sunrise walk along The Fascine, then head north along the coast, stopping first at the crystal-clear waters of The Aquarium before reaching the thundering Quobba Blowholes. The surf breaks of Gnaraloo and the red-dirt tracks of Red Bluff set the tone for the days ahead. Spend your time hiking rugged coastal trails, exploring hidden coves, and swimming in pristine ocean pools where the water is as wild as it is inviting.

Continue North to Coral Bay, where adventure meets the reef. Snorkel drift lines teeming with fish, join a manta ray or whale shark tour, or take a quad bike out across the coastal dunes to reach secluded beaches. From ocean thrills to outback tracks, this is a week carved out for explorers who like their landscapes bold and their days full.

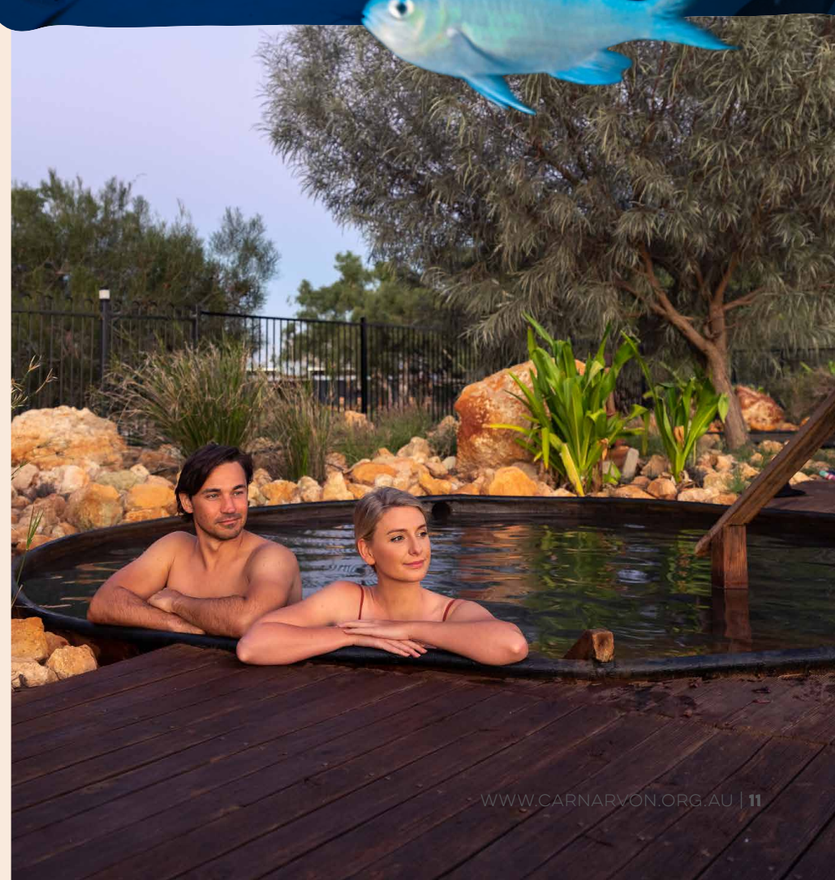
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WELLNESS WEEKENDER

Start your unwind along the Coral Coast at Wooramel River Retreat, where warm artesian pools relax you beneath towering river gums. In Carnarvon, enjoy slow mornings on the Fascine and peaceful moments at Pelican Point before resetting at Rejuvenate – The Wellness Booth with a cold-water plunge and sauna therapy.

Savour fresh, seasonal produce at local plantations or the Growers' Market. Join yoga or fitness classes, wander Gascoyne River trails, or head north to Red Bluff for long beach hours, desert horizons, and a grounding massage at Totoka Day Spa. Finish in Coral Bay, floating or snorkelling at Ningaloo Reef, joining a beachside yoga class, or simply soaking up the turquoise water and coastal calm.

SCAN ME



The BIG THREE

1

HERITAGE PRECINCT

Step Back in time at Carnarvon's Heritage Precinct and discover Carnarvon's fascinating pastoral past, from its role in WA's food and wool industry to the historic One Mile Jetty, once the longest in northern WA. Imagine bustling ships loading livestock and goods, then stroll the mangrove boardwalk to Dwyer's Leap, soaking up maritime history.

Explore, imagine, and uncover the stories that shaped Carnarvon.

- onemilejettyprecinct.com.au
- Annear Place, Carnarvon

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Interpretive Centre** – The story of the One Mile Jetty and HMAS Sydney.
- **Historical Buildings** – Shearing Hall of Fame, Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage.
- **Railway Station Museum** – Home of the Kimberley Steam Train, WA's last operating northwest steam train.
- **Lock Hospital Tragedy Memorial** – Commemorating the tragic forced removals from Bernier and Dorre Islands.





2

GWOONWARDU MIA

Immerse yourself in the rich stories and traditions of the Gascoyne's five Aboriginal language groups: Yinggarda, Baiyungu, Malgana, Thadgari, and Thalanyji. Explore interactive exhibits, wander the ethnobotanical garden, and meet artists keeping culture alive.



Gwoonwardu Mia is where heritage, creativity, and the land come together — a must-see for culture lovers.

- gahcc.com.au
- 146 Robinson St, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 1989

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Buriganyja Wanggaya** – An award-winning, interactive journey into local Aboriginal history.
- **Skydome** – Time-lapse night skies showing the Gascoyne's first astronomers.
- **Light Table** – Animations, sound, and cultural insights at your fingertips.
- **Artefacts & Bees** – Discover shields, grind stones, shell necklace replica, and burrowing bees unique to the region.

3

SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM

Just outside town, this museum celebrates Carnarvon's pivotal role in Australia's space and communications history. In 1966, the Casshorn antenna, the "Sugar Scoop," enabled Australia's first live TV broadcast to the BBC, launching Carnarvon onto the world stage. The town later became key to the manned space program and satellite communications. Opened by space legends including Buzz Aldrin and Gene Cernan, the museum offers artefacts, interactive displays, and immersive stories.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Mercury Redstone Rocket** – 25-metre-tall replica at the entrance.
- **Apollo Experience** – Step inside a full-size capsule.
- **Interactive Displays & Space Theatre** – Hands-on space tech and exploration stories.
- **Space Shop** – Souvenirs, astronaut ice cream, and NASA gear.

- carnarvonmuseum.org.au
- Mahony Ave, Carnarvon
- (08) 9941 9901







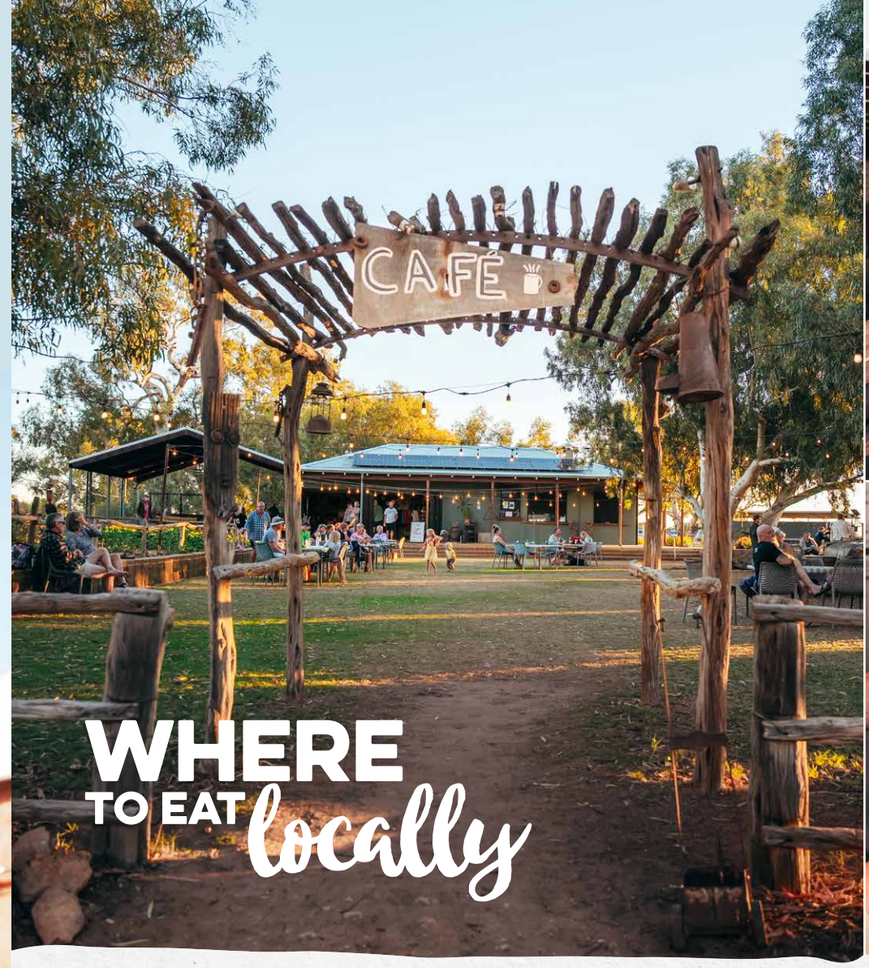
FOOD TRAIL
& local eats

CARNARVON IS ALL ABOUT FRESH FLAVOUR, AND THE BEST WAY TO TASTE IT IS STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE.

Carnarvon's reputation as the 'Food Bowl of WA' is best experienced by tasting your way through it. Between May and October, the Gascoyne Growers' Markets bring the region's fertile heartland to life, with local growers selling produce often picked the night before, sometimes even that morning, ensuring unbeatable freshness. Wander between stalls overflowing with tropical fruit, crisp vegetables, preserves and handmade treats, including favourites from Nella's Preserves and Jacquie's Gascoyne Tropical Fruit.

Grab a coffee, enjoy breakfast, and soak up the lively community atmosphere before continuing your food journey along the famous Fruit Loop Drive Trail. This scenic self-drive winds through lush plantations and along the banks of the Gascoyne River, where roadside stalls and family farms offer seasonal produce straight from the source. From mangoes and bananas to tomatoes and fresh vegetables, every stop showcases the rich soils and growing traditions that define Carnarvon's thriving food culture.









WHERE TO EAT locally

Sails Restaurant
6 West Street.
A fully-licensed a-la-carte venue known for refined dining and standout seafood.

Bakery Plus
99-125 Robinson St
Serving up fresh bakery favorites, Vietnamese bánh mì, hearty pies, and sweet pastries.

Mar E Sol Cafe Bistro
131 Harbour Rd, by the boat harbour.
Offers modern Australian fare with fresh local produce and great water views.

Miss Fang Cafe & Restaurant
24 Angelo St
Fusion of Japanese and Chinese-inspired dishes in a relaxed garden deck setting.

Carnarvon Hotel
121 Olivia Terrace.
Traditional pub ambience with hearty meals and scenic views of The Fascine.

Taste of Italy by Valeria
348 Robinson St.
Artisan Italian café/deli, homemade pastas, quality coffee, gluten-free options.

Gascoyne Bakery Cafe
12 Robinson St.
Bakery café serving fresh baked goods, pies, pasties, good coffee — ideal breakfast or snack stop.

Kestrel Cafe
1 Annear Pl, Babbage Island
Café near the Carnarvon Heritage Precinct; great for relaxed breakfast/lunch with views.

Good Paddock Restaurant by Gascoyne Hotel
Olivia Terrace.
Casual pub-style restaurant with generous servings, ideal for groups or relaxed nights out.

Jardilunji Mia Café
146 Robinson St
(inside the cultural centre).
Community café offering bush-tucker inspired dishes in a training-school setting.

6701 Waterfront Cafe
71 Olivia Terrace.
Café on the foreshore with fresh local produce, great views of the water and casual lunch/coffee vibe.

Port Hotel
35 Robinson Street.
Classic pub hub in the heart of town, lunch & dinner, Aussie pub classics like steak, pasta, pizza.

Chicken Treat
72 Robinson St
A popular and convenient stop for travellers, serving quick, tasty meals perfect for eating on the go.

Cuppa and Crumb
36 Robinson Street
Cuppa and Crumb delights with freshly baked cakes, coffee, cupcakes, grazing boxes, and bespoke catering for every occasion.

River Gums Plantation
289 Margaret Row
Enjoy a peaceful lunch at River Gums Plantation Café, the perfect spot among gum trees, surrounded by nature's beauty matched with great food.

CARNARVON Town Map

HERITAGE PRECINCT

Stroll around the Heritage Precinct, taking in the new One Mile Jetty Centre, with stories of the Gascoyne region, historic relics and fascinating history. Browse the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage, WA's first shearing hall of fame and the Railway Museum. Discover the array of birdlife and Lock Hospital Memorial on one of the many walk trails.



PLANTATIONS

Take a drive along South and North River Roads and Robinson Street to visit plantations that offer a selection of seasonal fresh produce direct from the growers. Crops vary depending on the time of the year but include fruit and vegetables such as bananas, mangoes, tomatoes, pumpkins, beans, capsicum, melons, grapes and zucchini.





SPACE MUSEUM

The site of the Overseas Telecommunication Commission (OTC) Satellite Earth Station was used by NASA for relaying all communications and data to Houston and by the European Space Agency (ESA) as a tracking station, closing after assisting in the tracking of Halley's Comet in 1987. The original administration building is now home to the Space and Technology Museum.



GWOONWARDU MIA

The Gascoyne region's five Aboriginal language groups come together to celebrate and recognise Indigenous culture. Experience the Gascoyne's Aboriginal history, art, heritage and culture including the national award winning interactive permanent exhibition, Burlganyja Wanggaya – Old People Talking.



FASCINE

Meaning "bundle of sticks" the name was derived from early attempts to stop erosion of the foreshore. Lined with stately palms, it is now a popular spot for a stroll, picnic or magnificent sunsets.



SEAFOOD

Much of the state's seafood comes from the water off Carnarvon, with a thriving prawn, scallop, crab and fishing industry. During the season freshly-caught seafood can be purchased directly from outlets.



Carnarvon Visitor Centre
21 Robinson Street, Carnarvon WA 6701 T. (08) 9941 1146 E. info@carnarvon.org.au
Open: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm | Saturday 9am-12pm (May – October)
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm | Sat & Sun Closed (November – April)
www.carnarvon.org.au

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LOCAL SERVICES (Turn over for CBD map)

CARAVAN PARKS & ACCOMMODATION
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Outback Oasis Caravan Park 2
Norwesta Lifestyle Park 3
Discovery Parks Carnarvon 4
Plantation Caravan Park 5
Capricorn Holiday Park & Auto Wash 6
Carnarvon Caravan Park 7

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ABORIGINAL *Culture*

EXPLORE THE LAND AND STORIES OF THE YINGGARDA AND BAIYUNGU PEOPLE WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES FEATURING BUSH FOODS, LOCAL TRADITIONS, AND CULTURAL INSIGHTS.

TOURS

Wooramulla Eco Tours
See Carnarvon through Yinggarda eyes with Rennee, a proud local woman. Explore riverbeds and bushland, learn about edible plants and bush medicines, and hear Dreaming stories under the stars. In spring, witness Dawson's burrowing bees emerging — a special cultural event. Relaxed, genuine, and deeply connected to Country, these tours are a beautiful way to experience culture and nature.

Burrowing Bee Dreaming
Join Toni "The Bee Lady" Roe on a gentle 90-minute walk through claypans to see Mungurragurra (Dawson's Burrowing Bees) in early spring. Learn about their life, cultural significance, bush foods, and traditional medicines while connecting with Country and local Aboriginal stories. Warm, welcoming, and full of quiet wonder.

ATTRACTIONS

Gwoonwardu Mia celebrates the five Aboriginal language groups of the Gascoyne — Yinggarda, Baiyungu, Malgana, Thadgari, and Thalanyji. The centre features permanent and touring exhibitions, a café, gallery, ethnobotanical garden, and artist programs.

Buriganyja Wanggaya: Old People Talking is a multi-award-winning interactive exhibition sharing the stories, traditions, and culture of the region's Aboriginal communities for the first time.

Lock Hospital Tragedy Memorial: Don't Look at The Islands commemorates the forced removal of Aboriginal people to Bernier and Dorre Islands. Visitors finishing the Lock Hospital Walk Trail encounter a moving sculpture of children gazing toward the islands, honouring descendants' history and resilience.







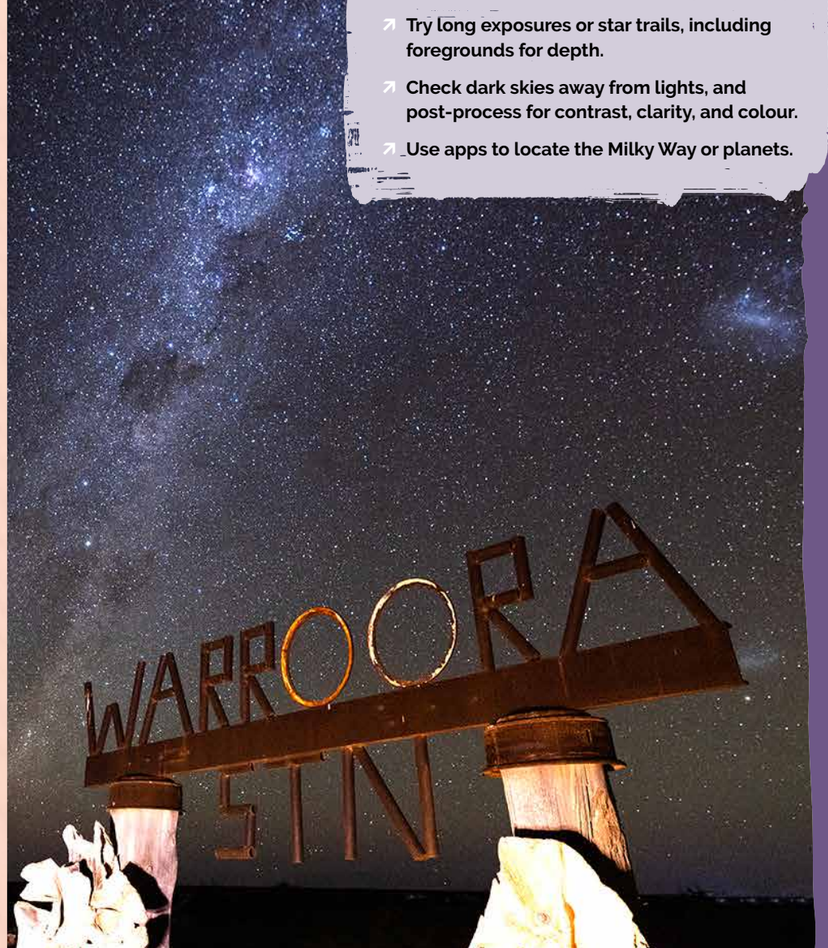


Gascoyne STAR GAZING

WHEN THE SUN DIPS BELOW THE HORIZON, THE GASCOYNE SKY COMES ALIVE. WITH MINIMAL LIGHT POLLUTION AND ENDLESS OPEN SPACES, THE MILKY WAY STRETCHES BOLD AND CLEAR FROM CORAL BAY'S COASTLINE TO THE RED DUNES NEAR CARNARVON. ROLL OUT A BLANKET, SIP A WARM DRINK, AND LET THE NIGHT SKY REMIND YOU JUST HOW VAST AND MAGICAL THIS PLACE IS.

CAMERA TIPS

- **Use a tripod, manual settings, and a fast lens.**
- **Shoot in RAW and focus manually on infinity.**
- **Try long exposures or star trails, including foregrounds for depth.**
- **Check dark skies away from lights, and post-process for contrast, clarity, and colour.**
- **Use apps to locate the Milky Way or planets.**





TELESCOPE TIPS
(with Carol Redford)

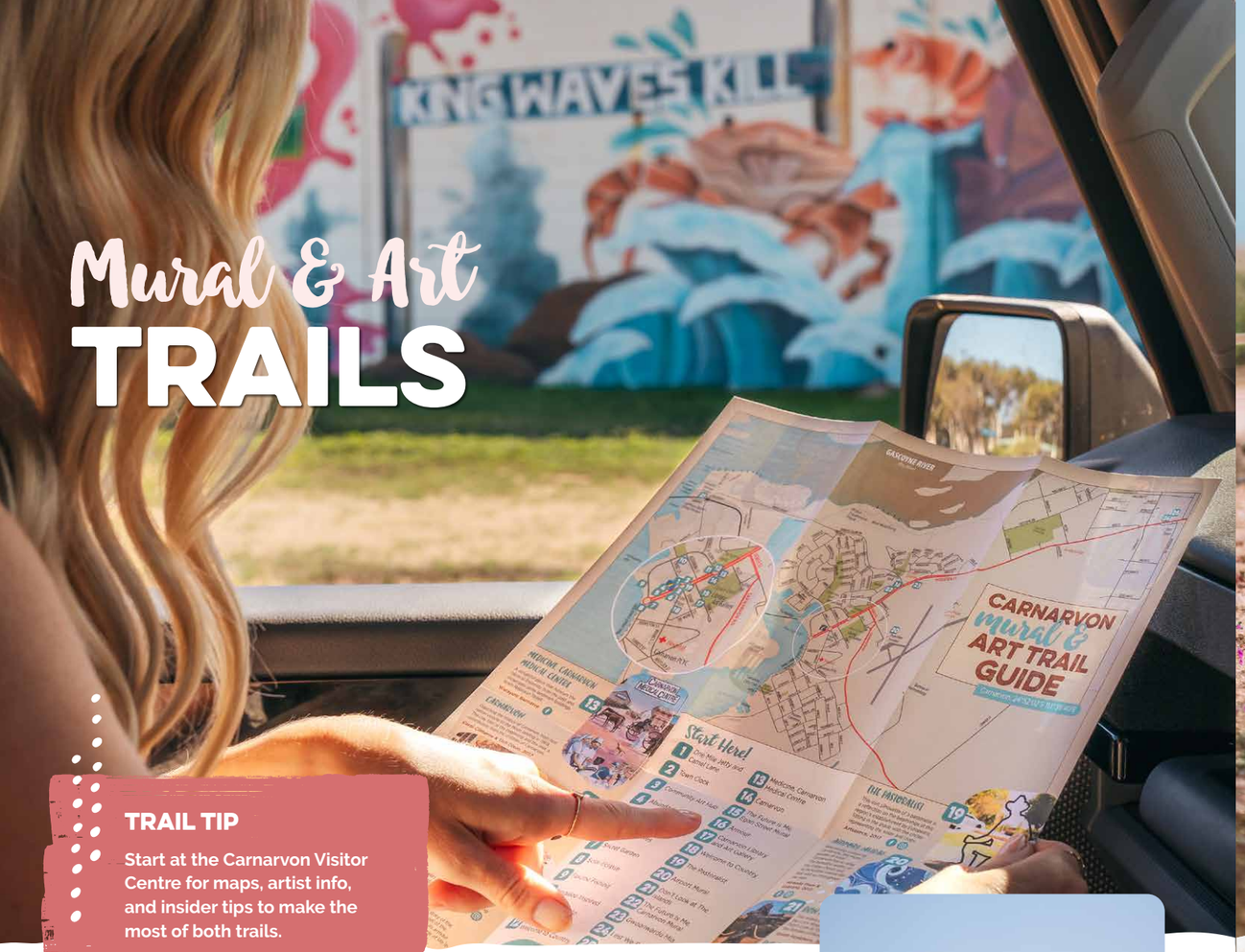
- Find dark locations away from town lights.
- Clear, calm nights are best; avoid strong winds.
- New moon for deep-sky objects; partial moon for craters.
- Let eyes adjust 15–20 minutes; use red lights only.
- Start with bright objects like the Moon, Jupiter, or Saturn.
- Stay warm, bring a reclining chair and hot drinks, and watch for wildlife.

TOP STARGAZING SPOTS

- **Dwyers Leap** – Elevated vantage point with panoramic skies and river/dirt foregrounds
- **Oyster Creek** – Secluded coastal spot with open skies, ideal for night photography
- **Bibbawarra Bore** – Recognised stargazing site with unobstructed horizon in the Coral Coast guide
- **Quobba Lighthouse** – Iconic lighthouse and rugged coastline, minimal light pollution, perfect Milky Way foreground
- **Kennedy Ranges / Mount Augustus** – Remote inland locations with dramatic terrain for Milky Way and star trails
- **Wooramel River Retreat** – Riverside dark skies, great for overnight stargazing



Mural & Art TRAILS



TRAIL TIP

Start at the Carnarvon Visitor Centre for maps, artist info, and insider tips to make the most of both trails.

Mural & Art Trail

Explore Carnarvon's colourful Art and Mural Trail at your own pace – on foot, bike, or by car. The artworks reflect the town's identity, from the Gascoyne River and marine life to Aboriginal culture, local produce, and coastal and outback landscapes. Created by local and visiting artists, each piece adds character to streets and buildings.

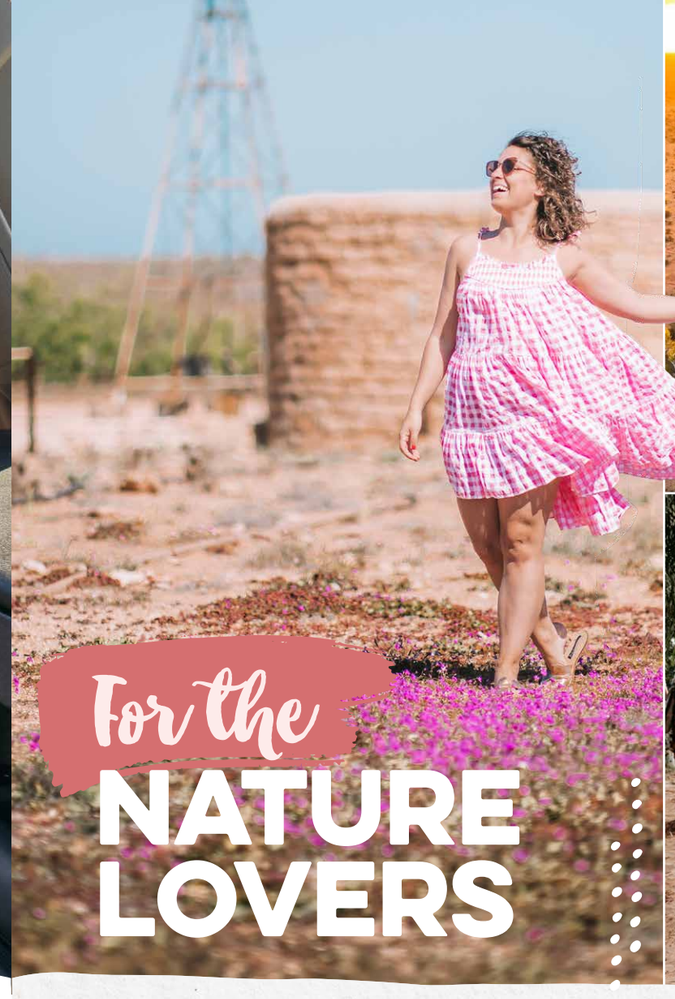
Heritage Walk Trail

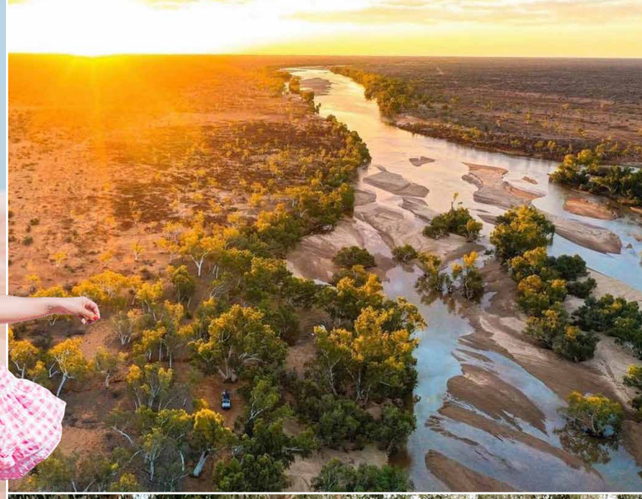
Discover Carnarvon's history on the Central Heritage Walk through the CBD. Key sites include the Visitor Centre, Civic Centre, Gascoyne Hotel, Tramway Bridge, HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Memorials, historic homes, churches, and the Old Post Office. Take your time for photos, a coffee, or a pause along the way.













For the NATURE LOVERS

CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY ARE A PLAYGROUND FOR NATURE LOVERS. RUGGED COASTLINES, TRANQUIL RIVER TRAILS, AND WIDE, STARRY SKIES INVITE YOU TO WANDER, SPOT NATIVE WILDLIFE, AND SOAK UP THE CALM. SNORKEL VIBRANT REEFS, EXPLORE HIDDEN GORGES, OR SIMPLY ENJOY THE SERENITY, EVERY MOMENT HERE IS A REMINDER OF NATURE'S MAGIC.



Wildflowers

After the rains, the Gascoyne bursts into colour. Look for everlastings, mulla mulla, and native daisies along roads, riverbanks, rocky pools, Quobba coastline, Kennedy Ranges, and even Mount Augustus on extended trips. In-town, the Arboretum and River Road areas offer easy access to blooms.

Carnarvon Arboretum

A peaceful bushland stroll showcasing native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers adapted to the Gascoyne climate. Ideal for quiet reflection and birdwatching.

Birdwatching

The Gascoyne is a birdwatcher's paradise. Along the Fascine and mangrove boardwalks, spot pelicans, herons, and oystercatchers. Inland wetlands host honeyeaters, finches, and colourful parrots. Seasonal migratory birds add surprise and variety to every visit.

Mangrove Boardwalk

Wander a short, easy trail through coastal mangroves, spotting crabs, fish, and birds. Changing tides reveal new scenery with every visit.

Gascoyne River

Known as the "upside-down river," it flows mostly underground except after rains, creating a lush oasis alive with wildflowers and birdlife. Even dry, the riverbed offers shady trails and picnic spots beneath towering river gums.

Bibbawarra Bore

16km north of Carnarvon, this artesian bore gushes 68°C water. Historical troughs hint at early pastoral life. The site blends rugged outback charm with a touch of engineering magic.

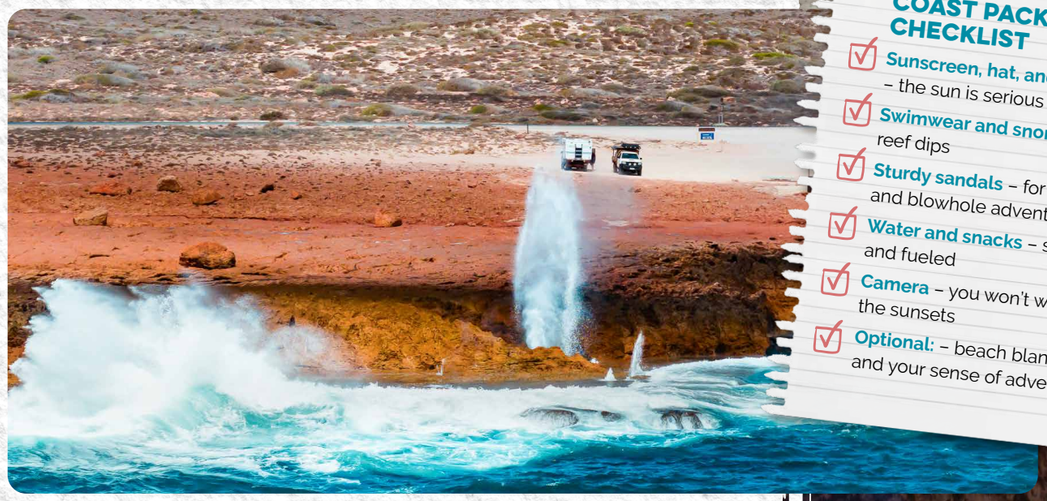
COASTAL adventures

QUOBBA BLOWHOLES & COASTAL ESCAPES

Just north of Carnarvon, the Quobba coastline is a wild natural playground where red desert meets turquoise sea. Watch seawater shoot through the famous blowholes, snorkel, fish, or simply relax with stunning coastal scenery. Camp under the stars steps from the shore for a truly unforgettable experience.

QUOBBA STATION

A remote pastoral station offering rugged coastline and authentic outback charm. Camping ranges from basic bush sites to waterfront spots, with rustic shacks and bungalows for those seeking comfort. Winter brings whale watching, summer hosts turtle nesting, and sunsets are spectacular year-round. Self-sufficient travellers will enjoy minimal phone coverage, limited power, and wide horizons.



COAST PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☑ **Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses** – the sun is serious here
- ☑ **Swimwear and snorkel** – for epic reef dips
- ☑ **Sturdy sandals** – for rocky spots and blowhole adventures
- ☑ **Water and snacks** – stay hydrated and fueled
- ☑ **Camera** – you won't want to miss the sunsets
- ☑ **Optional:** – beach blanket, floatie, and your sense of adventure

RED BLUFF

Part of Quobba Station, Red Bluff features dramatic cliffs, renowned surf breaks, and off-grid camping. Unpowered sites and eco-style shelters overlook the ocean, with sweeping views, migrating whales, and rugged coastal beauty. Dogs are welcome on limited areas, always on a lead.



WARROORA STATION:

Discover Warroora Station, a unique cattle station stay just south of Coral Bay and gateway to the stunning Ningaloo Reef. Enjoy spacious underpowered campsites, private fire pits, abundant wildlife, and a true outback camping experience with easy access to Coastal Adventures.

GNARALOO STATION

Further north, Gnaraloo offers two main experiences: 3 Mile Camp for back-to-basics camping, and The Homestead for rustic shacks with shared amenities. The station combines desert landscapes, Indian Ocean coastline, and world-class reef breaks. Humpback whales appear May–October; turtles nest November–February. Ideal for surfers, divers, fishers, and nature lovers.



DRIFT, DIVE *and discover*

PACK YOUR BATHERS, BRING A FISHING ROD AND FINS – IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE THE AMAZING BEACHES, BLOWHOLES AND LAGOONS AROUND CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY.

SWIMMING

Dive in or snorkel along calm waters, explore coral-filled lagoons, or relax on family-friendly beaches. There's plenty of options for a refreshing dip or underwater adventure.

Carnarvon:

- **Fascine Town Beach:** Safe for kids, swim to the pontoon.
- **Aquarium at Point Quobba:** Sheltered lagoon, ideal for snorkelling.
- **Pelican Point:** Popular for more adventurous swims and kite-surfing.

Coral Bay:

- **Bill's Bay & Paradise Beach:** Family-friendly, easy snorkel over coral gardens.
- **Five Fingers Reef:** Shallow, protected reef ideal for beginners and spotting marine life.
- **Oyster Bridge Lagoon:** Quiet lagoon north of town, full of fish and shells.

SWIMMING TIPS:

- Bring sunscreen, hats, and water shoes.
- Check tides and currents before swimming.
- Keep an eye on kids at all times.





BOATING

TAKE TO THE WATERS FOR A RELAXED PADDLE, SCENIC RIVER CRUISE, OR REEF EXPLORATION. SMALL BOATS AND KAYAKS ARE PERFECT FOR ACCESSING HIDDEN SPOTS, WHILE RAMPS MAKE LAUNCHES EASY.

Carnarvon launch points

- **Carnarvon Boat Harbour:** Ramps, moorings, and service jetties.
- **Fascine Mouth:** Sheltered waters, perfect for small craft.
- **Gascoyne River Mouth:** Ideal for cruising and exploring tidal channels.
- **Blowholes Launch:** Access to the coast and offshore waters.

Coral Bay launch points:

- **Main Boat Ramp** (Monks Head): Best for launching private vessels, with parking and jetty facilities available.
- **Mauds Landing:** Accessible for smaller, 2WD-launched boats.
- **Five Finger Reef:** A popular spot, but requires 4WD to reach the nearby shore.

BOATING TIPS:

- Always check tides and weather.
- Bring life jackets, sunscreen, and water.
- Use reef-safe practices to protect coral.
- Coral Bay have many boat tour and kayak hire options





FISHING

Whether you're casting from the shore, a jetty, or a boat, Carnarvon and Coral Bay deliver top-notch fishing, from estuaries to reefs.

Carnarvon:

- **Town Beach & Pelican Point:** Bream, Whiting, Flathead.
- **Artificial Reef** (off Pelican Point): Snapper, Samson Fish; good for snorkelling.
- **Gascoyne River Mouth:** Mangroves and tidal flats; Bream and Barramundi (in season).
- **Teggs Channel & Prawning Jetty:** Mulloway and tailor year-round; crabs May–Aug, Mackerel & Tuna mid-summer.

Coral Bay:

- **Lagoon & Bays:** Bonefish, Trevally, smaller reef species.
- **Reef areas:** Coral Trout, Trevally.
- **Shore fishing:** Accessible from beaches and rocky points.

FISHING TIPS:

- Light tackle for estuary species, heavier for reef fish.
- Bring ice to keep your catch fresh.
- Follow local fishing regulations.

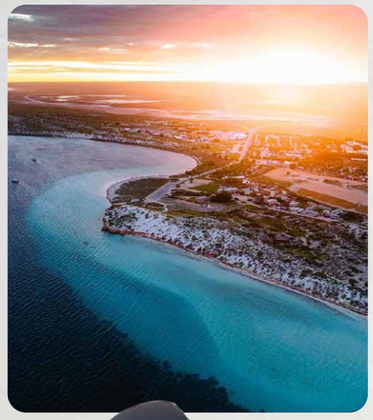
CORAL Bay

NESTLED ON THE PRISTINE NINGALOO COAST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, CORAL BAY IS A PICTURE-PERFECT COASTAL TOWN FAMOUS FOR ITS CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS, VIBRANT CORAL REEFS, AND RELAXED TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE .

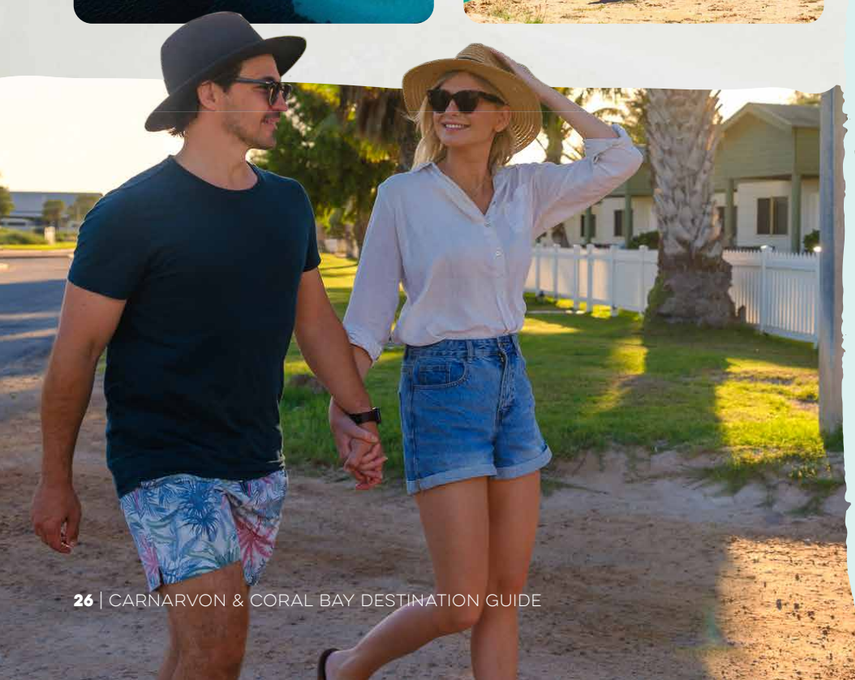
Just a few hours' drive north of Carnarvon, this small town is a gateway to one of the world's most spectacular marine environments, the Ningaloo Reef. Visitors can snorkel or dive right off the beach, encountering colourful coral gardens, tropical fish, manta rays, and even gentle whale sharks during season. Beyond the reef, Coral Bay offers a laid-back holiday vibe, with cafés, restaurants, and family-friendly accommodation right near the water.

INSIDER TIPS

- **Bring snorkelling gear and sun protection.**
- **Book wildlife tours in advance during peak season.**
- **Check local beach rules if travelling with dogs.**







WHERE TO STAY IN CORAL BAY?

NINGALOO CORAL BAY – BAYVIEW

A relaxed beachfront resort on Robinson Street offering villas, motel units, cabins and camping. Family-friendly facilities include playgrounds, a jumping pillow, tennis courts, a pool, BBQs and a camp kitchen. Located opposite Bill's Bay for easy swimming and snorkelling, with reef tours bookable at reception.

Robinson Street, Coral Bay
(08) 9942 5932.

PEOPLES PARK CARAVAN & CAMPING

A budget-friendly option close to the beach and town centre. Offers powered and unpowered sites, cabins and villas, plus showers, BBQs and a campers' kitchen.

Robinson Street, Coral Bay
(08) 9942 5933.

PRIVATE HOLIDAY HOMES

Self-contained homes available for short stays, ranging from cosy two-bedroom options to larger family houses. Ideal for groups wanting extra space and flexibility.

Book via: Airbnb, Stayz and other holiday rental platforms.



THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURER PLAYGROUND.

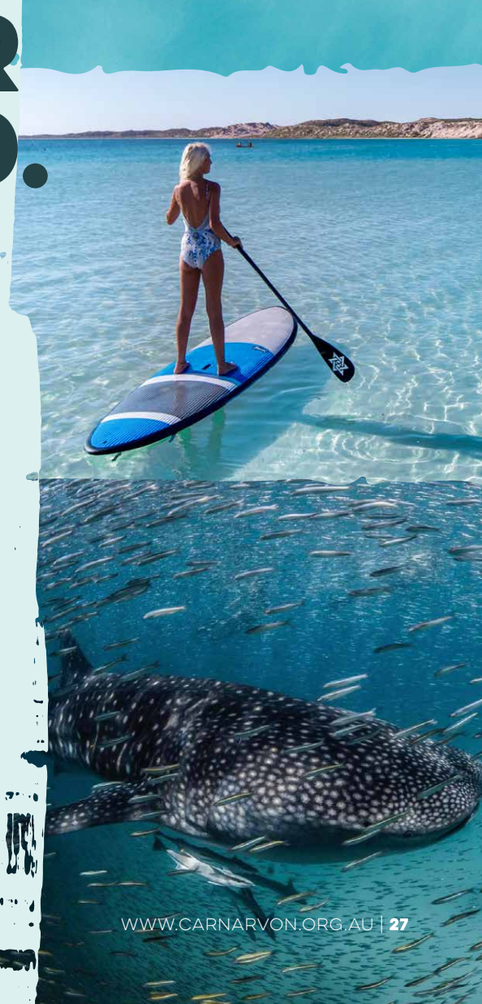
Coral Bay is an adventurer's playground. Snorkel straight off the beach at the Ningaloo Reef or hop on a boat tour to reach hidden coral gardens. Divers will find a kaleidoscope of life, from vibrant coral formations to schools of tropical fish.

For the ultimate bucket list experience, join a whale shark tour between March and August, when the gentle giants glide through the waters just offshore. Swimming alongside these creatures is safe, awe inspiring, and utterly humbling.



OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding**
  Glide over the reef and spot turtles from above.
- **Glass-bottom boat tours**
  Perfect for families or those who prefer to stay dry.
- **Fishing charters**
  Try your hand at catching coral trout or red emperor in local waters.
- **Quad bike and 4WD coastal tours**
  Explore dunes and rugged coastline on land.
- **Snorkelling off the beach**
  Explore Ningaloo Reef just metres from shore.
- **Sunset sailing cruises**
  Soak in golden skies over the bay.
- **Scenic aviation tours:**
  Soar above the coastline & reef, spotting marine life on an unforgettable scenic flight.





TAKE A TOUR

HERE ARE SOME REPUTABLE TOUR OPERATORS YOU CAN BOOK THROUGH TO EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF NINGALOO REEF AND CORAL BAY

CORAL BAY ECOTOURS

The longest-running marine wildlife operator in Coral Bay, offering glass-bottom boat tours, reef snorkelling, and wildlife safaris to swim with whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales and turtles.

- Shop 4, Peoples Park, Coral Bay
- (08) 9942 5885
- coralbayecotours.com.au



NINGALOO REEF WHALE SHARKS

Small-group, eco-certified tours focused on swimming with whale sharks and humpback whales, plus guided reef snorkelling with a strong emphasis on conservation.

- Shop 12, Coral Bay Arcade, Robinson Street
- (08) 9948 5190
- ningalooreefwhalesharks.au

COASTAL ADVENTURE TOURS
(Coastal Adventure Tours)

A one-stop tour centre offering quad bike adventures, sunset sailing aboard Coral Breeze, and bookings for whale shark, manta ray and whale-watching tours.

- Shop 12, Coral Bay Arcade, Robinson Street
- (08) 9948 5190
- coralbaytours.com.au

SAIL NINGALOO

Boutique live-aboard catamaran adventures (3–8 nights) exploring the Ningaloo Reef with snorkelling, diving and seasonal whale encounters.

- 1 Robinson Street, Coral Bay
- 1800 197 194

CORAL COAST TOURS

Dune buggy and 4WD beach tours, jet-ski rides and optional reef snorkelling experiences.

- Shop 11, Coral Bay Shopping Arcade
- 0427 180 568



NINGALOO AVIATION

Ningaloo Aviation delivers unforgettable scenic flights and charters across the spectacular Ningaloo, Cape range & Coral Bay, combining expert local knowledge with passion and service.

- Lot 2 Exmouth Aerodrome,
- 90 Mauds Landing-Warroora Rd, Lyndon
- 0447 247 821
- info@ningalooaviation.com.au
- ningalooaviation.com.au



NINGALOO MARINE INTERACTIONS

Experience the wonders of Ningaloo Reef on an eco-tour from Coral Bay, swimming alongside majestic marine life with expert local guides.

- Shop 13 Coral Bay Arcade, Robinson Street
- (08) 9467 7968
- mantaraycoralbay@gmail.com
- ningaloomarineinteractions.com.au

NINGALOO REEF DIVE

A leading Coral Bay dive operator delivering intim ate small-group tours on Ningaloo's world-class reefs, explore vibrant depths or drift gracefully alongside majestic manta rays, the choice is yours.

- 0461 289 998
- info@ningalooreefdive.com
- Coral Bay Arcade 8/46 Robinson St, Coral Bay
- ningalooreefdive.com

CORAL COAST HELICOPTER SERVICES

Explore the beauty of the region from above, with unforgettable helicopter scenic tours over turquoise waters, pristine reefs and rugged coastline.

- 0474 132 918
- fly@coralcoasthelicopters.com.au
- Carnarvon, Shark Bay, Geraldton
- coralcoasthelicopters.com.au



Hungry?





CORAL BAY EATERIES

FIN'S CAFÉ

The local go-to for breakfast and lunch, serving generous plates in a laid-back beachside setting.

- 30 Robinson Street
- (08) 9942 5900
- Open daily
  8:00 am – 9:00 pm

REEF CAFÉ

Fresh, modern Australian dishes paired with beautiful bay views — perfect for an easy dinner.

- 66 Robinson Street
- (08) 9942 5882
- Open daily
  5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

CORAL RESORT BAKERY

Coffee, pastries and light bites — ideal for a quick refuel between adventures.

- 44 Robinson Street
- Open daily
  6:00 am – 5:30 pm

BILL'S BAR

Casual pub-style dining with coastal flair, live sport and a spacious alfresco area.

- 67 Robinson Street
- (08) 9948 5156
- Open daily
  From 11:00 am

SWEET NINGALOO

Handcrafted Italian-style gelato, including vegan and gluten-free options — the perfect post-beach treat.

- 1 Robinson Street
- 0435 957 305

Open daily
11:00 am – 5:00 pm



GASCOYNE *off the* BEATEN TRACK

WHILE CARNARVON IS A GATEWAY TO STUNNING COASTAL ADVENTURES, HEADING INLAND REVEALS ANOTHER SIDE OF THE REGION – RUGGED RANGES, DRAMATIC GORGES, AND LANDSCAPES THAT FEEL ALMOST UNTOUCHED BY TIME.



KENNEDY RANGES

Located north of Gascoyne Junction, the Kennedy Ranges feature sandstone escarpments, deep gorges and elevated walking trails with panoramic views across the plains.

Temple Gorge contains significant Aboriginal rock art. Out of respect, photography is not permitted at Honeycomb Gorge. The area holds cultural importance for the Inggarda people.

Walking tracks range from short gorge walks to longer hikes along the range tops. Wildlife commonly seen includes kangaroos, euros and a variety of bird species. Camping is available within the park.



GASCOYNE JUNCTION

Approximately 240km east of Carnarvon, Gascoyne Junction is a small outback service town located near the Gascoyne River and the Kennedy Range. The river supports fertile floodplains within an otherwise arid landscape, attracting birdlife and native wildlife. The town serves as a refuelling and rest point for travellers heading further inland and provides access to surrounding pastoral stations and national parks.



MOUNT AUGUSTUS (BURRINGURRAH)

Around 370km from Carnarvon, Mount Augustus, known as Burringurrah, is recognised as the world's largest monolith. The sandstone formation rises approximately 717 metres above the surrounding plains and stretches nearly 8km in length.

Walking trails range from base circuits to summit climbs. The area includes gorges, waterholes and spinifex plains.

Mount Augustus is a sacred site for the Wadjarri people and features in Dreaming stories and songlines. Visitors are encouraged to respect cultural values and seek information at the Mount Augustus Holiday Park.

Wildflowers appear in spring, and wildlife such as emus, kangaroos and wedge-tailed eagles are commonly seen.



see you soon in CARNARVON and CORAL BAY

**LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?
DROP INTO THE CARNARVON VISITOR CENTRE FOR INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS.**

21 Robinson Street,
Carnarvon WA 6701

(08) 9941 1146

info@carnarvon.org.au

carnarvon.org.au

In Carnarvon and Coral Bay, every day is an invitation to slow down, explore, and connect. Wander through lush plantations bursting with tropical fruit, enjoy ocean-fresh seafood, and meet locals who are always ready with a smile and a story.

Dive into the crystal-clear waters of the Ningaloo Reef, where colourful coral gardens and marine life await, all just steps from the beach. Chase adventure along rugged coastlines, soak up golden sunsets, and experience the easy-going charm that makes this region so special.

Whether you're here to explore, unwind, or a bit of both, Carnarvon and Coral Bay will show you a taste of the good life. and keep you coming back for more.

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CATCH A *taste* OF THE GREAT LIFE