

WADJEMUP
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CORPORATE GROUPS GUIDE



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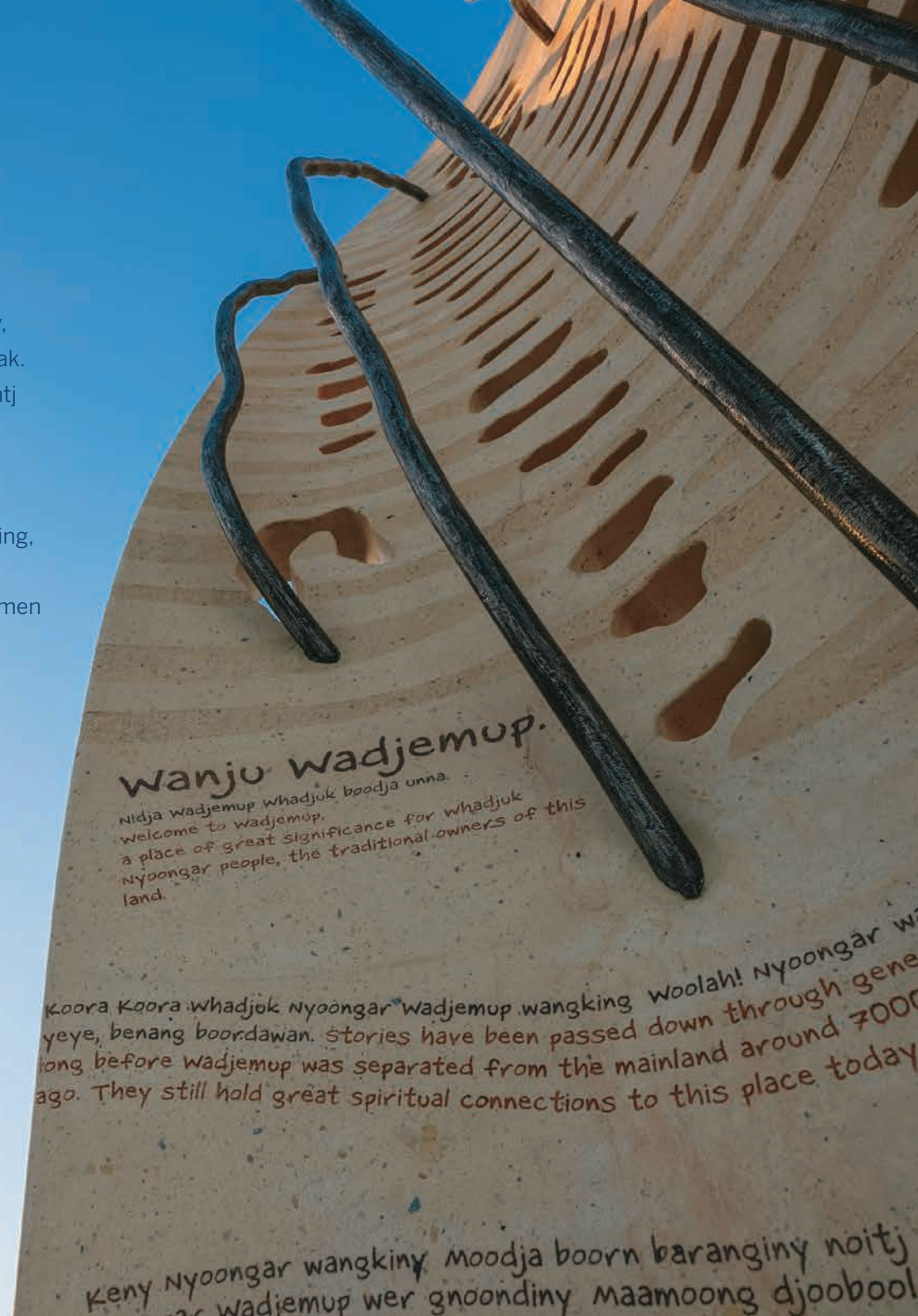
Rottnest Island Authority kaadatj Wadjak Noongar moort. Baalap Wadjemup kaaradjiny, baalabang malayin nakolak-ngat wer wirn kalyakoorl noyinand koort boodja-k wer kep-ak. Ngalak kaadatj nedingar, birdiya wer boordakan Noongar moort. Ngalak karnadjil kaadatj maaman wer noba wirn ali kalka nginow noyiyang Wadjemup ngardak boodja-k. Baalabang moort maambart-boort, ngooni-boort, kongk-boort wer Birdiya-boort.

Rottnest Island Authority acknowledge Whadjuk Noongar families. They Wadjemup caring, their culture and spirits always connected Island-to and water-to.

We acknowledge ancestors, Elders and future Noongar families. We truly acknowledge men and boys' spirits who still remain connected Wadjemup under ground-in. Their family's father-without, brother-without, uncle-without and Elder-without.

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WELCOME TO WADJEMUP / ROTTNEST ISLAND

Find Connection Amongst Natural Wonders

Visitors come to Wadjemup / Rottnest Island for different reasons: invigorating adventures in nature, mindful interactions with history, or seaside getaways spent submerged in tranquil waters. For corporate groups, time spent on Wadjemup is all about connection and reinvigoration. This is an opportunity for teams to experience a fresh perspective away from daily responsibilities.

The island is just a 30-minute ferry from the coast of Western Australia. For a place so close to the bustling reality of the city, Wadjemup is a unique experience that offers corporate groups many options for finding connection and growth, no matter what sort of trip they are embarking on.

If you're looking for a specific plan for your team, you can find inspiration throughout this guide. There are lists of activities, island dining options, accommodation information, and example itineraries to help you map out your group's time on Rottnest Island.

A Little More About Wadjemup / Rottnest Island

Wildlife thrives on the island and, as you wander through the network of walking trails, you'll enjoy flora and fauna you can't find anywhere else. Spring brings the annual whale migrations where you can spot magnificent humpbacks breaching off the coast. And all year round you'll see the island's iconic populations of quokkas, impressive ospreys, and long-nosed fur seals in their colony at Cathedral Rocks.

Spending time on Wadjemup is about connecting with the land, feeling the past around you, and gaining a deeper understanding of those who came before you. This is where you can enter a completely different frame of mind; exhale and find joy in the new experiences offered to you and those you journey with.

Share the journey with your group and, through these authentic experiences, find opportunities for team building and professional development.



GETTING TO WADJEMUP / ROTTNEST ISLAND

A Short Journey to Experience the Island Life

With only a short journey by air or ferry, visitors can immerse themselves in island life for a half-day, full-day, or overnight stay. While some choose to travel back to the mainland on the same day, making the most of every moment spent on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island, others extend their visit for as long as possible.

Travel by Ferry

Your group can travel to the island via ferries departing from Hillarys, Perth or Fremantle. With groups rates and hotel pickup options available, arrival to the island by ferry is the most popular form of travel.

Rottnest Express

Departing Fremantle or Perth. Transfers take approximately 30 or 90 minutes.

Rottnest Fast Ferries

Departing Hillarys Ferry Terminal. Transfers take approximately 45 minutes.

SeaLink Rottnest Island

Departing Fremantle or Perth. Transfers take approximately 30 minutes.

Travel by Air

Arriving by air makes the journey a special experience, as travellers descend with a spectacular view of the entire island laid out beneath them. These air transfers take about 10–20 minutes, depending on the departure point.

Air Charters West

One way or return flights (departing Bunbury Airport, and can include a champagne breakfast en route).

Corsaire Aviation

Helicopter (departing from Jandakot Airport, Perth) or helicopter charter (departing from Jandakot Airport, Crown Towers in Burswood, Hillarys Boat Harbour, and Fremantle).

Swan River Seaplanes

One way or return seaplane (departing from Jandakot Airport, Perth or the Swan River, South Perth).

Rottnest Air-Taxi

One way and return private flights (departing from Jandakot Airport, Perth).

WHEN TO VISIT

Experiences for Every Season

Wadjemup / Rottnest Island is a destination for any time of the year, with a Mediterranean climate.

During summer (December to February), Wadjemup / Rottnest Island's temperature hovers around the mid to high 20s (°C). The island is a welcome retreat from the often-higher temperatures of Perth city and the clear, turquoise bays provide ideal swimming and snorkelling spots.

In the cooler months, the island is a few degrees warmer than Perth, the average being a pleasant 19°C, with the Leeuwin Current flowing along the Western Australian coastline and making for refreshing winter swims. Spending time on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island during the winter months involves surfing at Salmon Bay, exploring meaningful historic sites, and walking amongst the natural world teeming with wildlife.



GETTING AROUND THE ISLAND

Explore Via Trail, Road, or Path

Wadjemup / Rottnest Island is predominantly car-free. In their absence, visitors take the local bus, ride bicycles, or simply walk around the island. This kind of unique, car-free experience is rare in the modern world, and why so many people are drawn to Rottnest Island year after year.

Travelling by Bus

Buses are a convenient way to get around the island. If you're keen to see the natural sights of Wadjemup, then a guided bus tour gives you the opportunity to sit back and take it all in.

Charter Bus

Hire your own bus to travel around the island and create your own itinerary. Get more information on the island's charter bus service options by calling (+61) 8 6270 6060.

Island Explorer Bus Service

Hop on-hop off bus service, with 19 stops around the island.

Book an Island Explorer Bus ticket online or call (+61) 8 6270 6060.

Quokka Hopper

The Quokka Hopper is a golf cart, an on-demand private transfer offering a convenient option to get around.

Accommodation Shuttle Bus

Stops at the accommodation in Geordie Bay, Longreach Bay, Fays Bay, and Kingstown Barracks.

Get more information on the island's shuttle bus options.

By Bike

Cycling is the most common way to travel the island and take in the natural ecosystems.

Bikes can be hired from the island's three ferry companies when booking a ferry fare, or from Pedal & Flipper Hire on the island. Guided bike tours are also available through Paul's ECO e-Bike Tours and Laura the Explorer Bike Tours.

- Pedal & Flipper Hire
- Rottnest Express
- Rottnest Fast Ferries
- SeaLink Rottnest Island

By Foot

Rottnest Island is criss-crossed with a network of walking trails (the Wadjemup Bidi). There are five trails that, when combined, stretch to 45 kilometres, and give you a chance to wander self-guided amongst the lush island landscape. You can also choose a guided walking tour, where your experience is narrated with intriguing information about the island's history and wilderness. **To book a guided hike experience please contact The Hike Collective.**



WADJEMUP'S UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCES

Create Memories and Gain Understanding

When corporate groups come to Wadjemup / Rottnest Island, they may be searching for connection, new learnings, or even a break from the world of work.

Aquatic Explorations

Visitors to the island will find it tempting to interact with the ocean, as the pristine waters surround you and beckon you in. With 63 beaches and 20 bays, the land feels like it's just an entry point into the sea. Swim in the tranquil water of Geordie Bay, snorkel amongst diverse marine life at The Basin, or go for a surf at Salmon Bay.

Wanders in Nature

Wadjemup is a lesson in sustainability and nature preservation, and visitors are encouraged to treat the environment around them with respect. If you're keen to understand the inner workings of the island, stop by the solar farm, desalination plant, and wind turbine.

Outdoor activities are tailor-made for team building and there's plenty of unique landscape to explore with your group. Wander the network of walking trails and see the salt lakes, one-of-a-kind native flora, and breathtaking coastal views.



Unique Wildlife Observations

When you visit Wadjemup, it's almost like you enter another world and part of this comes from the wildlife. There are various interactions to be had on the island with iconic quokkas roaming about, migrating humpback whales passing by, long nosed fur seals living at Cathedral Rocks, and all sorts of birdlife to see above. Awe-inspiring and meaningful moments are easily found when observing the unique inhabitants of the island.

Cultural and Historical Revelations

Wadjemup has a layered, significant history and the past is etched into the buildings and land all around you. It's important to make time for a journey of understanding; visits to historic sites and the fascinating Wadjemup Museum. There are also opportunities for cultural experiences, like joining an Aboriginal tour with Go Cultural Aboriginal Tours and Experiences, Koorda's Crew, Mirlini or Dooga Waalitj Healing, where you'll gain a new perspective of the island and your time there.

Island Dining

The dining experiences available are just as unique and varied as the island's ecosystem. There's the iconic Rottnest Bakery and other, more casual spots like Geordie's Café and Art Gallery, The Lane Café, and Dome Café. Even the more secluded spots around the island are catered with vintage caravans offering coffee, drinks, and snacks. For restaurant and bar experiences to remember (the stunning views perfectly matching the menu's delights), there's the likes of Isola Bar e Cibo, Pinky's Rottnest Island, Lontara, Hotel Rottnest, and Sunsets Bar & Dining.

WHERE TO STAY

Let the Team Properly Recharge

Staying on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island for more than a day gives corporate groups the chance to settle into the rhythm of the island. There are various accommodation options for all budgets (with group rates offered by all accommodations) and desires, whether you're looking for a secluded getaway or an invigorating nature exploration.

Stay Rottnest

Stay Rottnest offers a variety of accommodation options across the island, including 292 self-contained units, Governor Circle cottages for groups of 9-13 guests, and a 50-bed hostel and dorms. With a range of room configurations and accommodation styles available.

Discovery Rottnest Island

Eco-friendly glamping is perfect for corporate groups looking to keep things sustainable and engage with nature. There's a bit of luxury in each of the 83 tents available; they include all the amenities of a hotel room, while maintaining the outdoorsy vibe. Tucked away behind sand dunes, you'll feel secluded, yet when it's time for team drinks Pinky's Rottnest Island is around the corner.

Samphire Rottnest

This resort is the place to pamper hard-working employees and give them the chance to decompress and recharge. Samphire Rottnest is the newest accommodation on the island with 80 rooms available, balconies with ocean views, lagoon-like pools, and a high-end restaurant.

The Lodge Wadjemup

With 109 rooms across Courtyard, Lake, and Poolhouse styles, this boutique accommodation blends heritage charm with modern amenities, complemented by Sunsets Bar & Dining, the perfect venue for relaxed team dining and sunset views.



GATHERING SPACES

A Unique Meeting Place

Wadjemup / Rottnest Island is an impressive spot to host corporate meetings, conferences, team building days, pre and post conference touring or workshops. The island landscape is an inspiring backdrop for your professional endeavours and encourages participants to stay present and involved. For more information specific to hosting an event outdoors explore our Event Prospectus.

Venue Options

There are plenty of venue choices, from luxurious hotel rooms to heritage buildings:

The Lodge Wadjemup

Choose from a range of versatile indoor and outdoor spaces. The Function Room (holds up to 140 people), the South Room (holds up to 100 guests) suits mid-sized events. The Boardroom (holds up to 24 people) provides a private meeting space, while the Courtyard (holds up to 120 people) and Gathering Ground (holds up to 100 people) are perfect for relaxed outdoor functions.

Samphire Rottnest

Choose from a collection of coastal-inspired event spaces. The Lontara Lounge offers a relaxed outdoor setting (50 to 120 People), while the Sea Deck provides a beachfront location (holds up to 170 people). For larger gatherings, the Bayside Room and Bar combines an indoor event space with an outdoor verandah, accommodating (holds up to 300 people) for a range of event styles.

Pinky's Rottnest Island

Located behind Discovery Resorts Rottnest Island, Pinky's offers a range of versatile indoor and outdoor event spaces. The undercover restaurant accommodates up to 150 guests, while the Alfresco Area, the Lighthouse Lounge and Under the Arbour, offer ocean views. For larger gatherings, the Function Lawn, Sunset Deck (holds up to 100 guests), and Garden Deck (holds up to 35 to 100 guests) offer flexible spaces.

The Picture Hall

Large hall with audiovisual equipment in relaxed, nostalgic setting (venue for Rottnest Movies).

Rottnest Island Golf Course

This well-equipped collaborative space is located at the Rottnest Island Golf Course, with a large meeting room (holds 100 people) and two outdoor spaces; perfect for bigger groups.

Kingstown Barracks Rooms

A more casual option, the rooms in the historic Kingstown Barracks include a Main Hall (holds up to 150 people), Video Room (15–30 people), and several activity rooms for smaller groups.

The Peacock Inn

Located in a more secluded part of the island near Kingstown Barracks, it's a classroom-like venue suitable for 25–40 people.



WHERE TO EAT

Spots to Recharge and Indulge

Wadjemup / Rottnest Island is a self-sufficient place where you can detach from the mainland world for as long as you like, while still enjoying all the food and dining options you desire. There are group rates available and, with so much choice, you'll find an eatery that suits your needs, whether you're treating your team to a high-end meal at an oceanside restaurant or organising sustenance after an outdoor team-building activity.



Group Catering

You can discuss group catering with each venue. There are options to dine-in or even have the catering delivered to other locations around the island.

Options Include:

Frankie's on Rotto

Laid-back, classic meals all day.

Geordie's Cafe

Casual, filling breakfast and lunch.

Hotel Rottnest

Lively atmosphere, share plates, and views.

Isola Bar e Cibo

Italian beachside dining.

Lontara

South-East Asian dinners.

Pinky's Rottnest Island

All day seafood specialties.

Rottnest Bakery

Iconic pastries, fruit, and barista coffee.

Subway

Classic sub sandwiches that everyone is familiar with.

Sunsets Bar & Dining

Relaxed lakeside dining, Mediterranean-inspired, scenic and spacious.

The Lane

Smoothies, acai bowls, and fresh to-go meals.

Please note: It's important that you book your group in advance as each venue has different capacity limits.

WHAT TO DO ON WADJEMUP

Activities to Relax and Invigorate

When your corporate group comes to Wadjemup / Rottnest Island, it's an opportunity to engage in unique and exciting activities and leave all the stress of work behind. Most tour operators can accommodate large group numbers with multiple tours per day — discuss the group booking options with each operator.

Wadjemup Museum

The Wadjemup Museum is an unmissable experience. Take your group on a journey of discovery, learning about the rich and complex history of the island. Look at 40,000-year-old artefacts, hear moving stories, and develop your understanding of the land you're walking on.

- Location: The Settlement
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



Barefoot Bowls

At the Rottnest Island Golf Course there's a full-sized green for barefoot lawn bowls.

- Maximum capacity for lawn bowls: 60
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round

Rotto Rackets Sports Pickleball

Pickleball is easy to learn and suitable for any fitness level. Games are played on Bathurst tennis courts and are a great way to bond and relax while staying active.

- Location: The tennis courts in Bathurst on Mira Flores Road
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



Rottnest Movies and Mini Golf

A classic, nostalgic experience, with deckchairs set up in a quaint heritage building. Watch one of the latest blockbusters while nibbling on popcorn or a choc bomb and feel yourself travel back to childhood.

- Location: The Main Settlement
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



TAKE A TOUR

Your Travels Directed by an Expert's Eye

Relaxation is a vital part of the experience at Wadjemup / Rottnest Island, so let the experts take care of your group's extra activities and use their insight to take the team on a fascinating journey into the unique landscape.

Swimming, Snorkeling, and Kayaking

Charter 1

Submerging in the fresh, clear waters of Wadjemup is the best way to feel properly awakened. And to find the more hidden, truly idyllic swimming and snorkeling spots, you can take a tour on Charter 1, the peaceful sailing catamaran. Enjoy a new vantage point for admiring the coastline of the island and interacting with marine life, and feel inhibitions melt away as you kayak, stand up paddleboard, and snorkel.

- Departure point: Fuel Jetty, Thomson Bay
- Duration: 2.5–3 hours
- Maximum number of people: 37
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate November to April

Rottnest Snorkel

Discover Rottnest Island from a unique perspective with Rottnest Snorkel Tours. Aboard a 17-metre flybridge vessel, guests can explore the island's pristine bays, vibrant reefs and diverse marine life while enjoying expert guided snorkelling experiences. Combining adventure, relaxation and breathtaking coastal scenery.

- Departure point: Fuel Jetty, Thomson Bay
- Duration: 3 hours
- Maximum number of people: 20
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate October to April



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

Boat Trips

Eco Express Boat Tour

The Rottneest Express Adventure Boat Tour follows the craggy coastline in a high-powered speed boat, giving you opportunities to get up close with unique wildlife, and hear insightful commentary about the nature around you.

Important Information:

- Departure point: Main Jetty, Thomson Bay
- Maximum number of people: 42 (can do multiple tours on request)
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate November to April. Whale watching tour available from September to mid-November only

Seafood Cruise

Luxury and indulgence are elements of the relaxation process for your group and the Luxe Island Seafood Cruise is a way to fully embrace this. Treat your team to a trip out on the water around the island, where you'll engage with the coastal environment by catching Western Rock Lobster for lunch. Then sit back for a seven-course banquet of fresh seafood prepared by an onboard chef.

- Departure point: Fuel Jetty, Thomson Bay
- Duration: 4 hours
- Maximum number of people: 30
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate October to April



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

Sustainability Bicycle and Segway Tours

Sustainability is taken seriously on Wadjemup and going on a bicycle or Segway tour is one of the best ways to observe the island's eco-friendly initiatives in action.

Laura the Explorer Bike Tours

These guided cycling tours explore the natural beauty and culture of Wadjemup. Enjoy a scenic bike ride through the island's beaches and bays, with opportunities to swim, snorkel, and learn about the island's stories and significance

- Departure Point: Various
- Duration: Full day
- Seasonal Availability: Operates all year round

Paul's ECO e-Bike Tours

These fully customisable bicycle explorations can focus on the island's flora and fauna, sustainability practices, or history.

- Departure point: Rottnest Island Visitor Centre
- Duration: Full day
- Maximum number of people: 30
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round

Rotto Rickshaws

These environmentally sustainable rickshaw tours provide a relaxed and engaging way to explore Wadjemup's coastal history, natural landscapes, and unique flora and fauna.

- Departure point: Rotto Rickshaw Hub in Thomson Bay settlement
- Duration: 30 minutes to 1.5 hours
- Maximum number of passengers per Rickshaw: 3 adults
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate from October to April

Segway Tours WA

These eco-friendly vehicles add a bit of lighthearted fun to your tour of the island. Glide along discovering intriguing historical and environmental facts about the passing sights.

- Departure point: Main settlement location or the sports oval on request
- Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours
- Maximum number of people: 20
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

Walking Tours

Walking tours are one of the best ways to experience the island, as they provide many opportunities for quiet observation. Take your time to feel the shadows of the past around you and interact with the wildlife and unique landscape.

The Hike Collective Walking Tours

There's an extensive network of walking trails across the island called the Wadjemup Bidi and The Hike Collective offers bespoke guided tours if you would like that expert insight. As a private tour, your group can plan what parts of Wadjemup they would most like to explore, perhaps the idyllic coastline or the thriving inland bush and salt lakes. The tours cater for all ages and abilities, with options for three to 35-kilometre hikes.

- Departure point: Various
- Duration: 1 hour to 2 days
- Maximum number of people: 15
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



Aboriginal Tours and Experiences on Wadjemup

Dooga Waalitj Healing

Discover the stories, history and living culture of Wadjemup through guided walks, Aboriginal art, Noongar language workshops and traditional smoking ceremonies. Led by Aboriginal guides, this immersive experience offers meaningful insight into the island's cultural heritage and enduring connection to Country.

- Departure point: Various
- Duration: 30 minutes to 1.5 hours
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round

Go Cultural Aboriginal Tours and Experiences

One of the most meaningful experiences you can have on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island is an Aboriginal tour of the island. It's a way to pay respect to the complex history of the place and expand your understanding of what Wadjemup means for the local Noongar people. Go Cultural Aboriginal Tours and Experiences offers a cultural walking tour that includes a traditional sand ceremony, Dreamtime stories, songs, and Noongar language.

- Departure point: Rottnest Island Visitor Centre
- Duration: 1 to 2 hours
- Maximum number of people: 150
- Seasonal availability: Tours operate from September to July



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

Koorda's Crew

Connect with Noongar culture through interactive workshops, storytelling, Noongar language activities and sand ceremonies. Discover seasonal knowledge passed down through generations and gain a deeper understanding of Wadjemup's cultural heritage and connection to Country.

- Departure point: Various
- Duration: 50 minutes
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round

Mirliny

Experience the culture and traditions of Wadjemup through yarning sessions, smoking ceremonies and sand ceremonies. Guided by seasonal themes, each experience offers fresh perspectives and a deeper understanding of Noongar culture, history and community.

- Departure point: Various
- Duration: 30 minutes
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

Bus Tours

A bus tour is an easy, accessible way to explore the island and take in the breathtaking sights (no matter the weather).

Quokka Coaches Bayseeker Island Tour

This bus tour is an in-depth look at the island, stopping at all the most impressive attractions; including both restful, historic places like Wadjemup Lighthouse and stunning, natural spots like Cathedral Rocks. Listen to a knowledgeable commentary as the bus sweeps through the peaceful landscape.

- Departure point: Main Bus Stop, Thomson Bay Settlement
- Duration: 1.75 hours
- Maximum number of people: 34- or 42-seater buses available.
Multiple tours per day available upon request
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round

Rottnest Express Discover Bus Tour

This bus tour has the most insightful commentary shining a light on the island's flora and fauna stopping at two key vantage points, Wadjemup Lighthouse and the West End.

- Departure point: Main Bus Stop, Thomson Bay Settlement
- Duration: 1.5 hours
- Maximum number of people: Two buses, 34 on each bus.
Multiple tours per day available upon request
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round



TAKE A TOUR CONTINUED

See the Island From Above

Rottnest Air-Taxi

Explore the island from a fresh perspective, with breathtaking, scenic joy flight. You'll be in expert hands with Rottnest Air-Taxi who have been operating on the island for more than 25 years.

- Departure point: Rottnest Island Airport
- Duration: 35 minutes
- Maximum number of people: 4
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round, weather permitting

Skydive Geronimo

There's nothing more exhilarating than soaring above Wadjemup / Rottnest Island with Skydive Geronimo. Tandem skydive over the island and land on one of the stunning beaches.

- Departure point: Rottnest Island Airport, landing on various beaches
- Duration: 2.5 hours per flight booking
- Maximum number of people: Groups of 30 passengers can be accommodated over consecutive flights. Maximum of 3 passengers per flight.
- Seasonal availability: Operates all year round, weather permitting.

Bespoke Destination Experience

Two Feet & a Heartbeat

For a more bespoke destination experience for VIP, corporate, or conference clients on the island, Two Feet & a Heartbeat can put together a specialised program of local activities to create unforgettable experiences for groups of any size.



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