Guided Tours

Bickley Battery Walk
Explore the Kingstown Barracks and the site of the 6-inch guns that made up the Bickley Battery. Students will learn how the battery operated and its role as an integral part of the defense of the Port of Fremantle during World War II. The battery was part of the overall military establishment on Rottnest Island which included the 9.2 inch guns at Oliver Hill and the observation post and the radio and radar facilities at Wadjemup Lighthouse.

Meeting Location: Kingstown Barracks

For teachers: 1 hour

Behind the Scenes Tour by Bicycle
At the height of summer there are several thousand visitors on the Island. Throughout the whole year there is an average of about 1400 people visiting Rottnest every day all of the services for these people must be dealt with in a special way due to the Island’s isolation from the mainland.

Discover how the island’s essential services especially water electricity (wind sun and diesel) and waste water are provided as well as other essential services.

For teachers: 1.5 Hours. Max 25 students per group.

Bus Charter/Transfer
Need to move a group from one place to another? Bus transfers can be booked for easy transport around the island.

Discovery Bus Tour
Take 90 minutes to discover the unique and stunning natural splendour of Rottnest, its heritage and cultural history as well as an update on current events, in a deluxe coach with an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Coach Captain.

Meeting location: Main Bus Stop or Kingstown.

For teachers: 90 mins.

Scan code to view website.
Ghosts, Myths & Legends (evening tour)
Take this spooky journey with the voluntary guides and prepare to hear some thrilling tales about many of Rottnest Island’s mysterious past identities.

Meeting Location: Lomas Cottage

For Teachers: 1 hour. Max 25 students per group.

Island Explorer
With 63 beaches in 22 pristine bays around the island, you will need a daily pass on the hop on hop off Island Explorer bus with 19 stops, to explore Rottnest. Recommended for small groups only.

Oliver Hill Gun and Tunnels
Visit the massive 9.2 inch diameter gun on Oliver Hill and tour the underground tunnels to experience Rottnest Island during World War II. A voluntary guide will ensure an educational journey. Meeting location: Oliver Hill.

For teachers: 50 mins. Max 25 students per group.

Pioneers and Prisoners
Retrace the footsteps of our early inhabitants as we take you on a journey to learn about Rottnest Island in the 1800s. You will be taken on a guided walk through the historic Thomson Bay Settlement to discover the Island’s rich heritage, incorporating both Aboriginal and European history. Meeting location: The Settlement.

For teachers: 50 mins. Max 25 students per group.

Pirate Pete
A safe, fun filled and joyful experience whilst learning to respect the marine environment. Pete and his rascally old crew will assist the children to understand the importance of protecting all of the ocean creatures, fish and mammals, marine birds and beach habitat. The new young pirate crew will then assist Pirate Pete to follow his treasure map directions to find his lost treasure chest and help to share the treasure out. For the safety of all participants organizers are required to supply the treasure.

Meeting Location: The Settlement

For teachers: 50 minutes

Reefs, Wrecks and Daring Sailors
Pilots were stationed on Rottnest Island between 1838 and 1903 to guide ships safely around the Island’s dangerous reefs. This tour incorporates the pilot crew accommodation, the boathouse and a replica pilot boat. Meeting location: The Settlement.

For teachers: 50 mins. Max 25 students per group.
Stargazing (Evening Tour)
Walk to the Vlamingh Lookout where a myriad of stars can be seen. Learn about planets, stars and constellations. Times are subject to change throughout the year and will be confirmed on booking. Meeting location: The Settlement.
For teachers: 50 mins. Max 25 students per group.

The Changing Face Of Rottnest
This tour highlights past vegetation changes on Rottnest Island over 3 eras since the island was first explored by Europeans, including the plants that have dominated the landscape since settlement in 1831. The vegetation restoration programs that have been implemented in the period 1963 to 2005 are examined. Plantings of trees, shrubs and sedges, and the strategies for their protection, are observed and evaluated.

This tour is conducted using bicycles and on foot, covering several kilometres. The tour concludes at the island’s plant nursery where students examine plant propagation and where they can complete an evaluation exercise. Meeting Location: The Settlement
For teachers: 2 hours

Twilight tales (Evening Tour)
Step back in time and learn about the secrets of some of Rottnest Island’s early inhabitants. This evening walking tour is full of stories to surprise and intrigue you! Times are subject to change throughout the year. Meeting location: The Settlement.
For teachers: 50 mins. Max 25 students per group.

Wadjemup Lighthouse
Discover what goes on within the walls of a real working lighthouse and experience the breathtaking 360˚ views from the top. Meeting location: Wadjemup Lighthouse.
For teachers: 30 mins. Maximum group size of 10 people in the lighthouse at any one time.

Whitecaps & Wilderness Walk
Learn more about Rottnest Island’s unique environment, vegetation, animals, birds and marine environment. On this guided walk students will explore parts of the island’s south side, from Parker Point to Little Salmon Bay, while learning about the magical coastline and hardy flora and fauna of this area, including the iconic Osprey.
Meeting Location: Parker Point (Bus or Cycle to Parker Point)
For teachers: 50 minutes

Please do not feed the wildlife  Please do not touch the wildlife

On the spot fines of $150 may apply to anyone seen interfering with animals (including feeding).