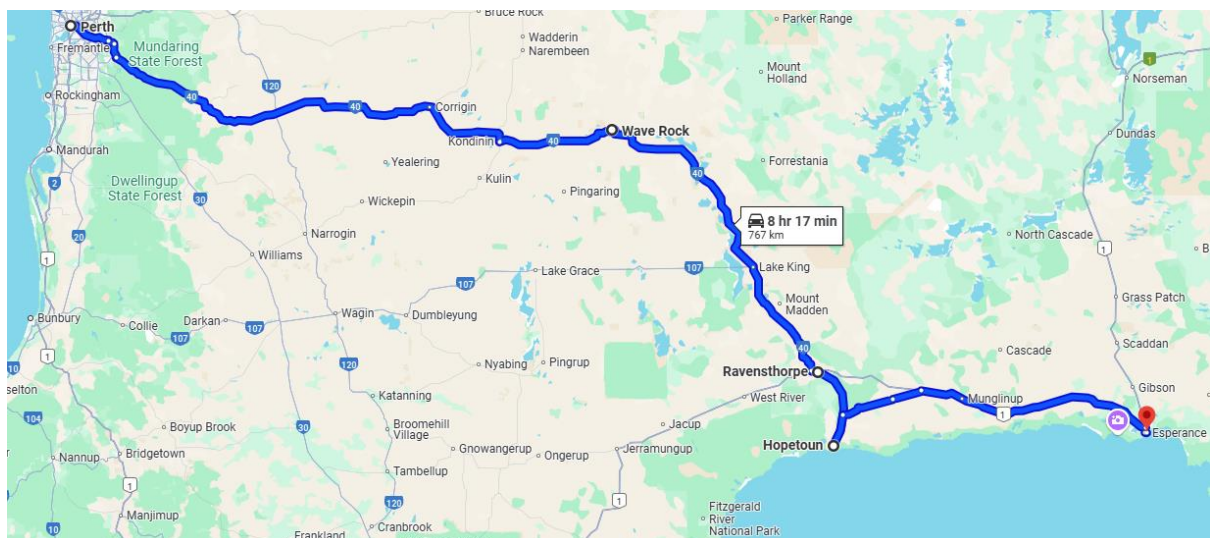




🌟 4 Days Perth to Esperance Road Trip

Here is your **Perth to Esperance 4-Day Return Road Trip Itinerary** including:

- ✅ Things to see and do
- 🛢️ Fuel stops
- 🚻 Public toilets
- 🛏️ 1 night in Hopetoun
- 📅 31 Perfect for families or self-drive explorers



🚗 Overview

- **Trip Duration:** 4 Days / 3 Nights
- **Total Distance:** ~1,450 km round trip
- **Drive Type:** 2WD-friendly
- **Best Time to Go:** Sept–April (spring wildflowers, summer beaches)

📅 31 Day 1: Perth → Hyden → Hopetoun

- **Distance:** ~540 km (6.5–7 hrs driving)
- **Overnight:** 🛏️ Hopetoun

🔄 Route:

Perth → Brookton → Corrigin → Hyden → Lake King → Ravensthorpe → Hopetoun

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✓ Things to See & Do

Stop

Activity

Brookton	Morning coffee stop, heritage architecture walk
Corrigin	Dog Cemetery (quirky roadside stop)
Hyden	Visit Wave Rock , Hippo's Yawn , Mulka's Cave (rock art)
Lake King	Scenic salt lakes (quick photo stop)
Ravensthorpe	Yummylicious Candy Shack
Hopetoun	Sunset walk along the foreshore or at Barrens Beach


Fuel Stops

- Perth (start full)
- Brookton Roadhouse 
- Hyden IGA/Liberty Fuel 
- Lake King General Store 
- Ravensthorpe BP 
- Hopetoun Ampol 

Toilet Stops

- **Brookton Rest Stop / Roadhouse** 
- **Corrigin Public Toilets** (near town centre) 
- **Hyden Wave Rock Parking Area** 
- **Lake King Rest Area** 
- **Hopetoun Foreshore Public Toilets** 

Day 2: Hopetoun → Fitzgerald River NP → Esperance

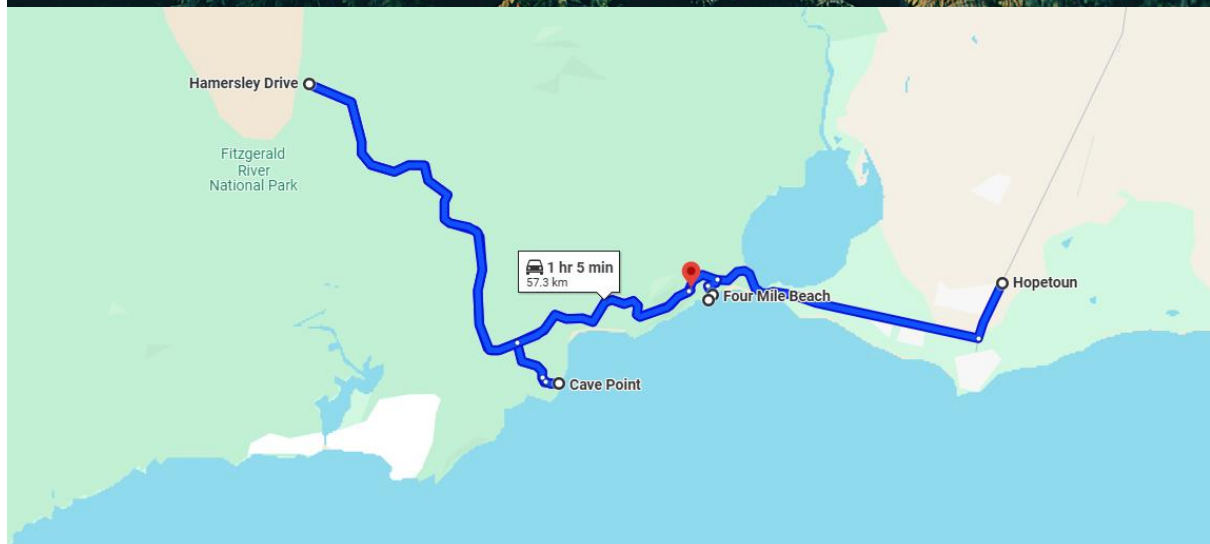
- **Distance:** ~270 km (via Hamersley Drive and South Coast Highway)
- **Overnight:**  Esperance

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✓ Things to See & Do

Stop

Hamersley Drive

Barrens Beach

East Mt Barren

Four Mile Beach

Ravensthorpe (optional)

Esperance

Activity

Scenic drive into **Fitzgerald River National Park**

Quiet, clean beach with cliffs

Short but rewarding hike with ocean views

Picnic and relax

Lunch stop or museum visit

Walk **Tanker Jetty**, dine at **Taylor St Quarters**

🛢 Fuel Stops

- Hopetoun Ampol 🛢
- Ravensthorpe BP (optional) 🛢
- Esperance (multiple options) 🛢

🚻 Toilet Stops

- Fitzgerald River NP Day Use Areas 🚻
- Ravensthorpe Visitor Centre 🚻
- Esperance Waterfront Toilets (Taylor St Jetty) 🚻

📅 Day 3: Esperance + Cape Le Grand National Park

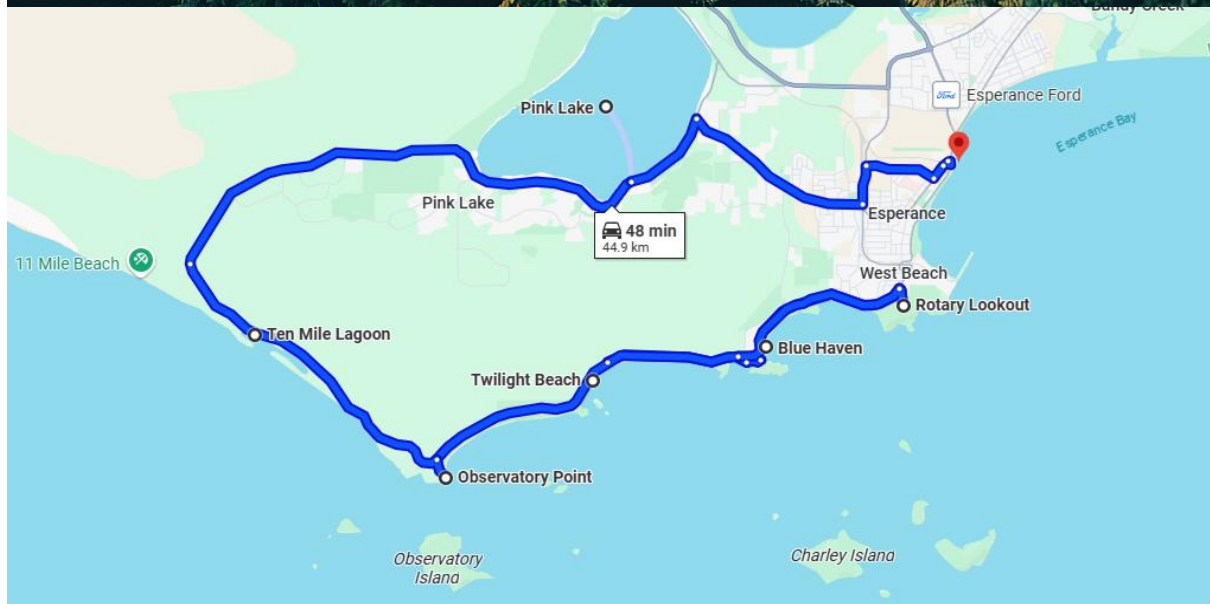
- **Distance:** ~100–130 km (return trip)
- **Overnight:** 🏠 Esperance

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Things to See & Do

Location

Great Ocean Drive Loop

Cape Le Grand NP

Hellfire Bay & Thistle Cove Picnic or swim

Frenchman Peak Hike

Esperance

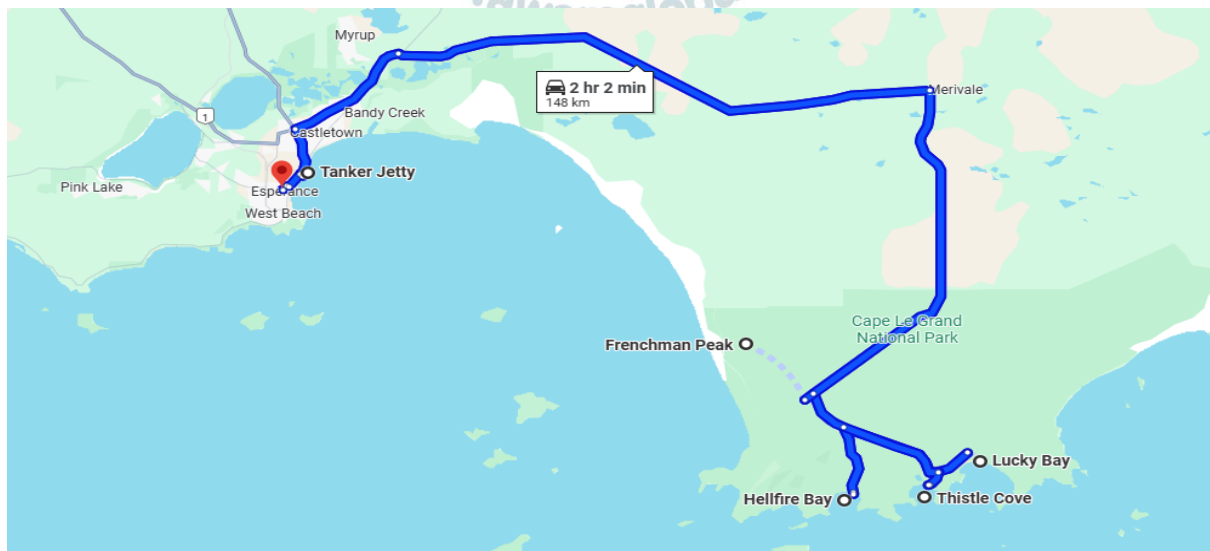
Activity

Stop at **Twilight Beach, Blue Haven, Rotary Lookout**

Visit **Lucky Bay** (kangaroos on the beach!)

Optional short hike

Relax, dine, or check out local shops



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Fuel Stops

- Top-up in Esperance



Toilet Stops

- Lucky Bay & Hellfire Bay Campgrounds
- Twilight Beach
- Esperance Waterfront



Esperance to Perth via Tin Horse Highway

Distance: ~750 km

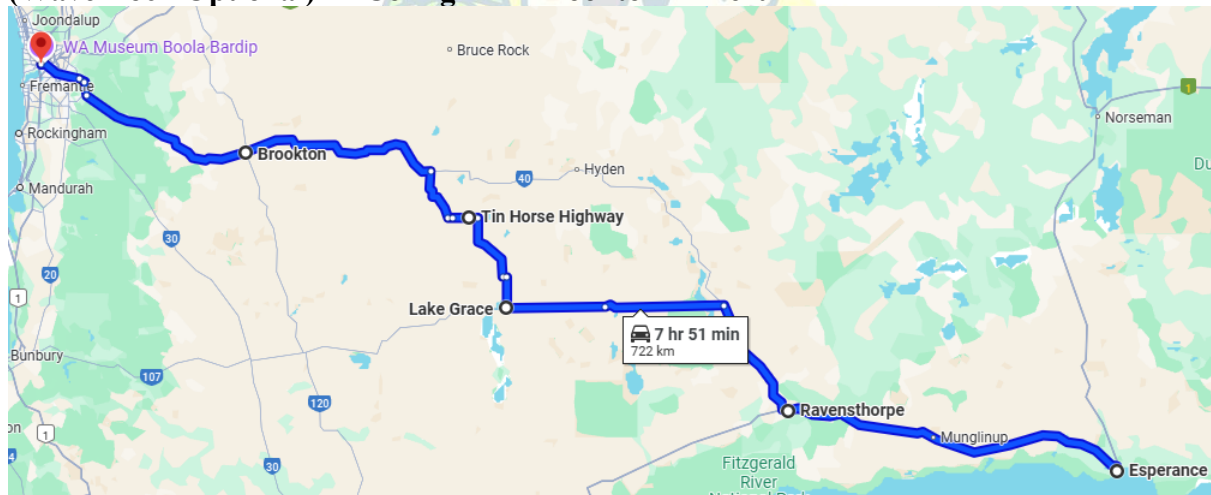
Driving Time: ~8.5 hours

Recommended Overnight Stop (Optional): Kulin or Hyden



Route Overview:

Esperance → Ravensthorpe → Lake Grace → Kulin (Tin Horse Highway) → Hyden
(Wave Rock Optional) → Corrigin → Brookton → Perth



Key Highlights

- **Tin Horse Highway** – A stretch of road with hilarious life-size horse sculptures made by locals.
- **Wave Rock** (optional detour from Kulin via Hyden)
- **Lake Grace** – Salt lakes, wildflowers (spring), inland history
- **Scenic Wheatbelt drive** with quirky Aussie character

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Detailed Itinerary



Start: Esperance

- **Fuel Up:** Multiple stations in town
- **Toilets:** Taylor Street Jetty public toilets
- **Optional Early Stop:** Lucky Bay or Twilight Cove if you missed them earlier



Esperance → Ravensthorpe (187 km – 2 hrs)

- **Stop for fuel & snacks**
- **Toilets:** Ravensthorpe Visitor Centre
- **Quick activity:** Ravensthorpe Silos Art mural



Ravensthorpe → Lake Grace (185 km – 2 hrs)

- **Fuel:** BP Lake Grace
- **Toilets:** Main Street Toilets
- **Things to Do:**
 - Lake Grace Lookout (view of massive salt lakes)
 - Inland Mission Hospital Museum



Lake Grace → Kulin (66 km – 45 mins)

- **Lunch or coffee stop** at the **Kulin Community Cafe**
- **Toilets:** Kulin Aquatic Centre or Town Hall area



Tin Horse Highway – Kulin to Jilakin Rock (~15 km one-way)

- Drive the **Tin Horse Highway Loop** just outside Kulin on the way to **Jilakin Rock & Jilakin Lake**
- Photo ops with dozens of funny, creative tin horses!



Optional:

- Climb **Jilakin Rock** for views of the surrounding wheatbelt



Optional Detour: Wave Rock (Hyden) (Kulin → Hyden: 1 hr / 71 km)

- If you missed it earlier, now's your chance
- Visit:
 - **Wave Rock**
 - **Hippo's Yawn**
 - **Mulka's Cave**
- Toilets & fuel available at Hyden

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From Kulin/Hyden → Perth via Corrigin

Segment	Distance	Time	Notes
Kulin → Corrigin	50 km	30 mins	Corrigin Dog Cemetery 🐕
Corrigin → Brookton	85 km	1 hr	Fuel + bakery
Brookton → Perth	140 km	1 hr 45m	Final stretch

Fuel Stops Summary

Location	Fuel	Notes
Esperance	✓	Start full tank
Ravensthorpe	✓	Major fuel stop
Lake Grace	✓	BP or Liberty
Kulin	✓	Shell Kulin
Hyden (optional)	✓	Wave Rock Visitor Park Fuel
Brookton	✓	Final top-up before Perth

Toilet Stops Summary

- Esperance: Esplanade
- Ravensthorpe: Visitor Centre
- Lake Grace: Town Centre
- Kulin: Aquatic Centre / Town Hall
- Corrigin: Rest Area or Bakery
- Brookton: Roadhouse
- Perth: Numerous locations

Accommodation Options (if staying overnight)

Location	Where to Stay
Kulin	Kulin Hotel or Caravan Park Cabins
Hyden	Wave Rock Motel or Caravan Park
Lake Grace	Lake Grace Saltbush Inn or Motel

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Quick Photo Spots

- 🐎 Tin Horse Highway sculptures
- 🏖️ Lake Grace salt flats
- 🐕 Corrigin Dog Cemetery
- 🪨 Jilakin Rock
- 🌀 Wave Rock (if detouring)



General Travel Tips

1. Start Early

- Begin your drive by **6:00 AM** or **7:00 AM** to make the most of daylight and give kids time to nap during the drive.
- Early morning is also cooler and safer for long drives.

2. Break the Trip into Chunks

- Don't try to power through. Plan **2–3 stops** (like Ravensthorpe, Wave Rock, Brookton).
- Use breaks for **toilet stops, snacks, and walks** to keep kids refreshed.

3. Fuel Up in Major Towns

- Fuel stations get sparse between Esperance and Perth.
- **Top-up in Esperance, Ravensthorpe or Hyden**, and again in **Brookton or Beverley**.



Kid-Friendly Tips

4. Entertainment for the Car

- Load tablets or devices with **movies, audiobooks, or games**.
- Have a **music playlist** with kid-friendly tunes or road trip sing-alongs.
- Printable road trip games like **bingo**, **"I Spy"**, or **scavenger hunts** help break boredom.

5. Snacks & Drinks

- Pack a cooler bag with **fruit, sandwiches, crackers, and water**.
- Avoid too much sugar early to avoid car chaos.

6. Comfort Essentials

- Bring **neck pillows, small blankets, sunshades, and tissues or wipes**.
- Dress kids in **comfy clothes** and have a change of clothes handy.

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Safety & Road Tips

7. Watch for Wildlife

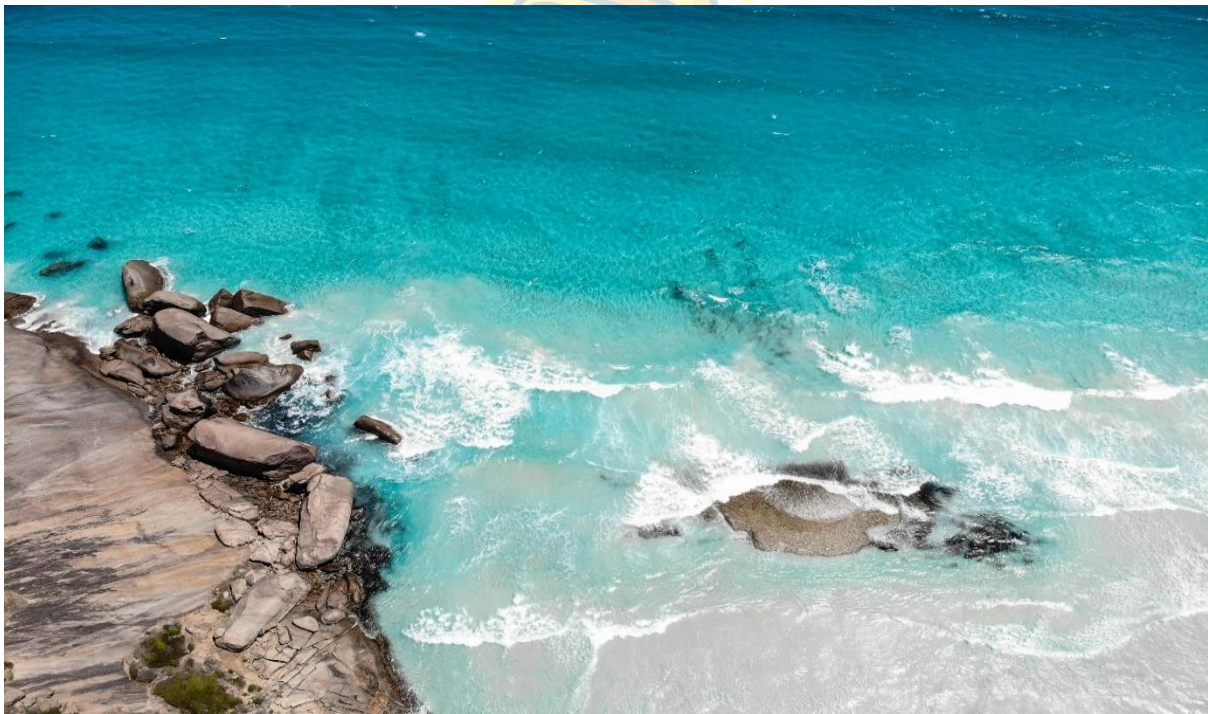
- **Early mornings and evenings** are peak times for kangaroos. Be extra cautious on rural roads.
- Keep headlights on for better visibility even during the day in forested areas.

8. Mobile Coverage

- Mobile signal drops around **Hyden and parts of the Wheatbelt**.
- Download **offline maps** (Google Maps or Maps.me) before you leave Esperance.

9. Vehicle Check

- Check **tyre pressure, spare tyre, oil, and coolant** before you leave.
 - Carry **water and basic first aid**.
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Family Road Trip & Camping Packing List – Western Australia Edition



VEHICLE ESSENTIALS

- Car manual, insurance, and registration
- Full fuel tank + jerry can (especially remote areas)
- Spare tyre, jack & tools
- Tyre pressure gauge
- Jumper leads
- Engine oil & coolant
- Windscreen washer fluid
- First aid kit
- WA road atlas / offline maps (WikiCamps or Hema app)
- Car phone charger & mount
- UHF radio (if off-grid)



CAMPING GEAR

- Family tent + mallet + pegs
- Sleeping bags + mats or air mattresses
- Ground tarp + shade tarp
- Camp chairs & fold-out table
- Headlamps, torches, and spare batteries
- Portable power bank or battery station
- 20L+ water container (for drinking/cooking)
- Camp stove + fuel / firewood (check local fire bans)
- Cooking gear: pot, pan, kettle, utensils, knives, chopping board
- Plates, bowls, mugs, cutlery (reusable)
- Washing-up tub, dish soap, sponge, drying cloth
- Daypacks for hikes
- Campsite lights or fairy lights (for comfort)









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FOOD & COOKING

-  Non-perishable food (pasta, rice, tuna, baked beans)
-  Cooler / esky with ice or fridge
-  Snacks for the road (muesli bars, trail mix, fruit)
-  Tea/coffee + sugar + milk powder
-  Salt, pepper, spices, oil
-  Ziplock bags + containers for leftovers
-  Garbage bags (always take rubbish with you)
-  Refillable water bottles

PERSONAL ITEMS

-  Sunscreen + insect repellent
-  Toilet paper + wet wipes
-  Biodegradable soap/shampoo
-  Hand sanitiser
- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
-  Towel (quick-dry recommended)
-  Clothes for hot days + layers for cold nights
-  Hat + sunglasses
-  Hiking shoes + flip-flops
-  Nappies, wipes, baby formula (if applicable)

KIDS' STUFF

-  Travel games, activity books, crayons
-  Books / audiobooks for long drives
-  Favourite toys or comfort items
-  Portable cot or sleeping pad (for toddlers)
-  Sunhats + rashies for the beach
-  Baby wipes, bibs, and snacks in easy reach
-  Baby carrier / stroller (if needed)

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SAFETY & EMERGENCY

- 🚑 First aid kit (child-safe + antihistamines)
- 🐍 Snake bandage (inland bush)
- 🦋 Bug spray
- ☎️ Emergency contact list
- 📱 Download **Emergency+ App**
- 🚫 Check fire bans / park closures (DFES WA or Parks WA)



EXTRAS & FUN

- 📷 Camera / GoPro + charger
- 🎵 Playlist + car games (I Spy, WA trivia, etc.)
- 🎣 Fishing gear (if coastal)
- 🏖️ Beach gear – towels, boogie boards, snorkel
- 🔭 Star map or stargazing app for outback skies
- 🪁 Kite / ball / frisbee
- 📺 Downloaded kids movies or shows



LEAVE NO TRACE CHECKLIST

- ✅ Rubbish bags
- ✅ Eco soap
- ✅ Reusable water bottles & cups
- ✅ No plastic cutlery or disposable plates
- ✅ Take only photos, leave only footprints

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