

# Penguin Island Wildlife Cruise Winter Tour Depart from Penguin Island

90 Minutes (approx.)

## KEY FACTS



1. A 60-minute glass bottom boat cruise
2. Return ferry transfers to and from Penguin Island
3. A 30-minute guided walk of Penguin Island



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

## Departure point

- Departs: daily from 07 June to 14 September 2022
- Departure Point: Penguin Island
- Departure Time: 10:15, 12:15  
Departure times are reference only and subject to availability.  
Return ferry to Penguin Island included before departure time.

- Ferry Departures
  - Depart to Penguin Island hourly: 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00
  - Return from Penguin Island hourly: 10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 13:10, 14:10, 15:10 & 16:00.Extra ferries are scheduled every 20 minutes or half hour during busy times as required.

## How to get there

- Please allow enough time for your 5 minute ferry transfer to Penguin Island (Ferry time - 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00) prior to cruise departure.

- By Car  
Ferry wharf located approximately 63km south of Perth Airport, takes about 1 hour; approximately 52km south of Perth Elizabeth Quay, takes about 55 minutes.

- There is free car parking onsite and overflow parking available at the Safety Bay Bowling Club a short walk away at 130 Gloucester Crescent, Safety Bay.

- By Public Transport  
The closest Train Station is Rockingham Station. Take the train south from Perth on the Mandurah line.  
The closest Bus Stop is Penguin & Watts Road. Catch bus 551, 552 or 553 from stands 9 or 10 outside the train station.  
Please check the Transport Perth timetables (<https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/>) for more details to plan your trip.

## Operating hours

Reservations when Penguin Island is open	08:30 - 16:30
Reservations when Penguin Island is closed & winter off season	09:00 - 15:00
Christmas Day (25 December)	Closed
Penguin Island (8 June to 14 September)	Closed

## Check-in requirements

Please arrive at the ticket office 30 minutes prior to the ferry departure time to exchange for ticket/boarding pass before proceeding to the boarding terminal. Regrettably, failure to arrive before this time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in

forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

If you are not familiar with the area or travelling on a weekend or local public holidays / school holidays, please make sure you've checked your timetable or driving route beforehand, and allow extra travelling time for unexpected delays to ensure you do not miss your check in

## What to bring/wear

- Motion-sickness medicine (if required)
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes
- Light jacket / sweater for windy or cool days
- Camera
- Money / credit card for optional purchases

## Other info

- Minimum of 10 passengers to operate. Tours may not proceed if minimum number is not met.

### • OVERVIEW •

#### **Penguin Island Wildlife Cruise Winter Tour Depart from Penguin Island**

Winter time is penguin nesting season! This is a critical time for the little penguins as they spend more time ashore to find a mate, lay some eggs and raise the chicks. To ensure minimal disturbance during this time, WA's Parks & Wildlife Services closes Penguin Island to the general public but have allowed Perth Wildlife Encounters to conduct strictly managed guided walks as part of our winter cruise program.



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Enjoy the scenic highlights of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park and keep a look out for the wildlife! This 60 minute glass bottom boat cruise takes in the ruggedly spectacular coastlines of Penguin, Seal & Bird Islands and takes advantage of the best wildlife spotting opportunities of the day. Wild dolphins, rare Australian sea lions, pelican rookeries, and birds of prey are regularly sighted and the friendly crew will get you right amongst the action!

The cruise disembarks on Penguin Island for a guided 30 minute walk that takes in the spectacular beaches, coastal look outs and nesting sea birds of this stunning island nature reserve.

#### Highlights:

- Seeing rare Australian sea lions on the beach at Seal Island
- Seeing wild dolphins at play (although sightings are regular, they are not guaranteed as the cruise is restricted to inside Shoalwater Bay)
- Exploring the rugged islands and viewing nesting pelicans, cormorants and spotting other sea birds that live in the park
- Drifting over seagrass meadows and limestone reefs spotting fish and other marine life through the glass bottom
- Viewing the fossilized remnants of ancient tuat forests
- Taking in spectacular coastal views, nesting sea birds and hearing about the latest little penguin research on a 30 minute guided walk of Penguin Island

#### Departure Times:

- 10.15 from Shoalwater
- 12.15 from Shoalwater
- Extra departures can be scheduled on busy days if required

#### • POLICY •

### Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel at least 14 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee.
- If you cancel between 0 and 13 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is a 100 percent cancellation fee.
- If no show, no refund.



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