

EXMOUTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIA), AUSTRALIA

This small township was created as a military town, servicing the Naval Communications base at the north point of the peninsula. Today, the town focuses on an eco-tourism offer, with the nearby reef and range being the primary attractions. In peak season, the town's population more than doubles

KEY INFO

Currency: Australian Dollar (1 USD = 1.5 AUD)Languages: EnglishPopulation: 2,486 (2,667,000 WA)Drive on the: LeftEmergency #: 000Pharmacy: ExmouthDrinking water: Tap water is drinkableProtection: Bug SprTime Zone: GMT+8Wi-Fi: Ningaloo CerID Requirements: Photo IDPost Office: 28 Mai

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PORT LOCATION

Ships dock about a 20-minute tender ride from Exmouth Marina. From here shuttle buses offer free rides to the Ningaloo Discovery Centre and local beach

Getting Around: The easiest way to explore the region around Exmouth is to arrange a private tour, or rent a private car. In Exmouth township, it's possible to walk around and no public transport is necessary. There is no regular taxi service. Instead, charter a bus with <u>Exmouth Bus Charter</u> (+(618) 9949 4623), or Venture Ningaloo (0456 001 008)

Car Rental: <u>Avis</u>, <u>Hertz</u>, <u>Europcar</u>, <u>Budget</u> and <u>Escape</u> offer car rentals in Exmouth.

Tourist Information: Available at the Ningaloo Visitor Centre (Shuttle Bus drop-off). Maps also at pier **Port Facilities:** None

Port Address: Exmouth Marina, Madaffari Dr, Exmouth, WA 6707 📖

EXMOUTH BEACHES & SNORKELING

Snorkel gear is available to rent from a few shops in town, before you head out to the beach

Town Beach: The shuttle bus offers a stop at Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, which is moments from Town Beach. 24 hours | Free | 1-minute drive/8-minute walk (160m from pier)

Bundegi Beach: A good snorkeling option on the East side, though the reef is about 100m swim from the beach. 24 hours | Free | 17-minute drive (18km from pier)

West Side Beaches: The Ningaloo Reef runs along the West coastline of the peninsula and there are many bays and beaches with access to the reef, including **Turquoise Bay**, **Lakeside Beach**, **Sandy Bay** and **Osprey Bay**. 24 hours | Free | >30-minute drive (>43km from pier)

EXMOUTH IN A DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Ningaloo Centre: This Discovery Centre and Aquarium is the main tourist attraction in the town of Exmouth. With exhibitions on the reef, the range, Severe Tropical Cyclone Vance, and life in the region, this is an ideal place to start your visit. Also location of Tourist Information. 8:30a-5p (Mon-Fri), 9a-1p (Sat) | Entry \$23 | 3-minute drive (2km from pier)

Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre: This local arts center and gallery is a great place to meet some locals and get a feel for the local arts scene. 10a-3p (Wed,Sat) | Free | 5-minute drive (3km from pier)

Harold E Holt Communications Station: Exmouth was originally built as a military town for this US Naval Communications Station. Home to the second tallest structure in the Southern Hemisphere and the largest VLF Tower in the world. Onsite visits not possible, but site can be explored from perimeters. 24 hours | Free | 17-minute drive (18km from pier)

If visiting national parks in Western Australia, download the free **AVENZA MAP app**, and then install the specialized Smartreka Maps, made by the Western Australia Parks Foundation, which work without phone signal.



Vlamingh Head Lighthouse: With a scenic drive to get there, the grand Vlamingh Lighthouse presents beautiful panoramic views over the Indian Ocean and Ningaloo Reef. 24 hours | Free | 20-minute drive (22km from pier)

THE BIG PRAWN

Worthy of its own section! **The Big Prawn** is a giant, 4m tall prawn (shrimp) right next to the Ningaloo Centre. It is the main photo opportunity in the town, and has made a (contested) claim to being the largest prawn in all of Oz... It's not the only super-oversized creation in Australia, where you'll also find giant mangos, boots, bulls and rams.