

**ROTTNEST
EXPRESS**



Rottnest Island

SCHOOLS GROUP GUIDE





WHY ROTTNEST ISLAND?

Just a short ferry ride from Fremantle or Perth, Rottnest Island is a memorable and unique experience making it perfect for students, with plenty of history and wilderness to cover a variety of subjects. With 63 gorgeous beaches, a fantastic range of guided tours and packages and both budget and luxe accommodation it offers the ideal set-up for large school groups.

Your experience on Rottnest Island can be as energetic or relaxed as you need it to be, with activities that all ages can enjoy. Discover different and unique ways of learning for science, geography, history and so much more on Rottnest Island.

WHY CHOOSE ROTTNEST EXPRESS?

With 60 years of reliable service, Rottnest Express is Perth's most experienced ferry operator – it's true that no one knows Rotto like us! Our vessels are purpose built for the oceanic crossing to Rottnest Island, making the journey a safe, reliable, and comfortable one for even the littlest of guests.

Our services depart from Northport and B Shed in Fremantle, with services departing as early as 7:30am. For a Swan River cruise experience included in your day at Rottnest Island, we offer a daily departure from Barrack Street Jetty in Perth, where students can enjoy an informative cruise down the Swan River with guided commentary by the knowledgeable team throughout the hour-long journey.

We are more than just ferry service with bike hire, bus tours, adventure tours and other third-party products. Whether you are day-tripping to Rottnest Island or planning an extended stay, we have a package to suit you. Take advantage of great value group deals, with mid-week or weekend fare options.

Choosing Rottnest Express for your next school excursion guarantees a stress free and reliable experience with our trusted on-water and off-water teams.

TERMINALS OF DEPARTURE

NORTHPORT FERRY TERMINAL

1 Emma Place Rous Head, North Fremantle

Convenient Northport is the locals' departure point of choice, with 400-plus easily accessible car parks for daily and overnight parking. Plus, drive-up luggage drop and a fully licensed kiosk. If you will be arriving under your own steam, Northport is for you. This terminal is best suited for bus parking due to a larger parking area.

How does it work? Parking can no longer be pre-purchased so simply turn up on the day to purchase your parking ticket through the parking machines in the carpark at the Fremantle (Northport) terminal. Carpark remains open until 15 minutes after the last service arrives at Northport each day.

Note that there is no public transport to Northport and the Fremantle Port Authority doesn't permit cycling in the Rous Head precinct (there's no safe cycle lane). Cyclists should ride and/or catch the train to B Shed at Victoria Quay instead.

B SHED FERRY TERMINAL

1 Peter Hughes Drive, Fremantle

***Please Note:** That the B Shed terminal is currently under renovations, and we are operating out of an office on the E Shed side of Peter Hughes Drive. Due to the summer period parking will be extremely busy in and around our Fremantle terminal, we encourage you to leave plenty of time to find appropriate parking or alternatively travel out of our Northport terminal in Rous Head for ample parking options.

For day-trippers and passengers coming from south of the Swan River, B Shed is the most convenient Rottnest Island departure point. It is also close to Fremantle train station, so if you are arriving via public transport, you will be just a short walk from your ferry. Very limited long-term parking is available from \$10 per day with Wilson Parking.

BARRACK STREET JETTY FERRY TERMINAL

Pier 4 Elizabeth Quay, Perth CBD

Barrack Street Jetty is in a prime position on the Perth riverfront, next to the booming Elizabeth Quay tourist precinct. Rottnest Express staff are on hand to help you make the most of your visit to Perth and Rottnest, as you sidestep Perth's traffic and enjoy a picturesque Swan River cruise en route to the island. Parking can be tight in downtown Perth, but public transport is nearby – both the Elizabeth Quay train station and the Barrack Street Jetty stop on the free Blue CAT bus line. A free city hotel pickup service is also available from selected hotels.

For our current terminal opening hours please visit our website.

THINGS TO DO

Book one of our day packages and tour the highlights. Explore by boat, bus, bike or snorkel under the waves. Rottnest Island can be as energetic or relaxed as you need it to be.

DISCOVER ROTTNEST BUS TOUR

🕒 90-minutes 📅 Year-round

This 90-minute tour visits the island's most spectacular locations, with insightful commentary from your tour guide shining a light on Rotto's unique flora, fauna, history and culture.

The bus tour makes one stop at Cape Vlamingh, also known as the West End – where passengers can hop off, take a short walk and soak up the views, you might even meet a quokka or two along the way.

Customisable tour time and discounted rate available on request.



ADVENTURE ROTTNEST BOAT TOUR

🕒 90-minutes 📅 Sept-April

If you're after a more informative experience on the water, then our Adventure Boat Tour is the one for you. Aboard our Eco Express boat this tour circumnavigates the island by water for a 90-minute adventure to discover the islands wild side. Think New Zealand fur seals, sea lion colonies, dolphins, osprey nests, shipwrecks and so much more all complete with expert commentary.

Customisable tour time and discounted rate available on request.



BIKE HIRE

Rottnest is a bike friendly island and is the preferred mode of transportation on the island. Explore at your own pace by adding adult and child bike hire to your ferry fare and your bike will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive on the island. Helmets and locks are all provided with your hire bike, making the experience an easy one for large groups. Bike Freight is also available to add to your ferry fares if you wish to bring your own bikes.

Discounted rate available on request.

SNORKEL HIRE

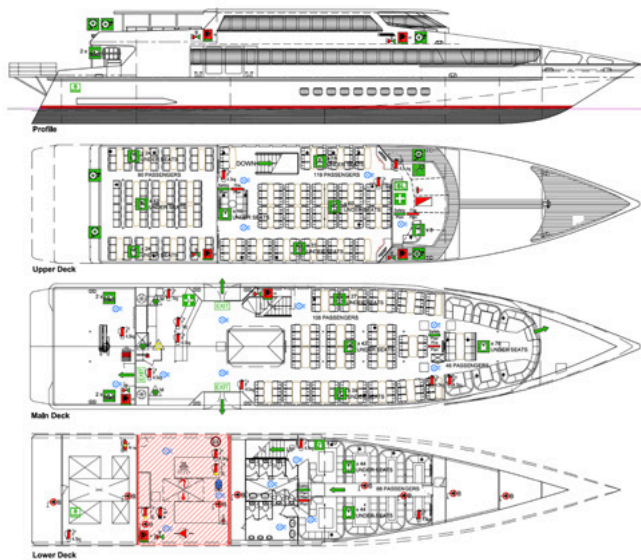
Discover the underwater world on Rottnest Island with snorkel hire, add snorkel, mask and fin hire to your ferry fares for the entire group. With warm Indian Ocean currents, coral reefs, colourful fish and even a shipwreck or two, the waters around Rottnest offer some of the best snorkelling in Australia. Large and small sets available for feet sizes 1-15.

Discounted rate available on request.

OUR FLEET

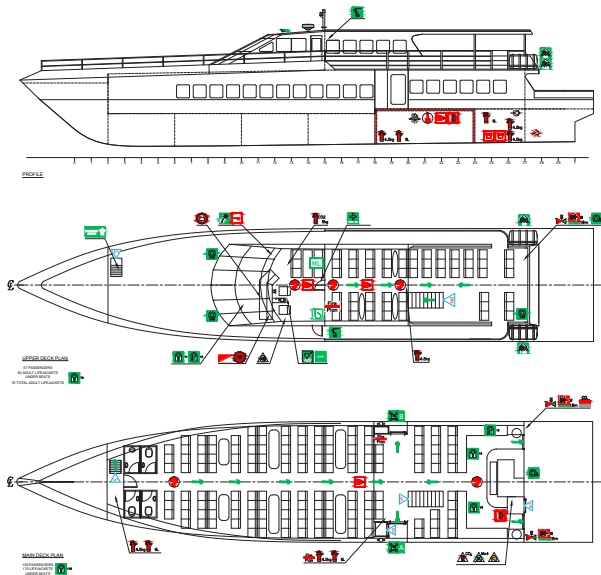
STARFLYTE

Length Overall	Top Speed	Time to Rottnešt	Max # of passengers
38.92 m	26 knots	25 min	485



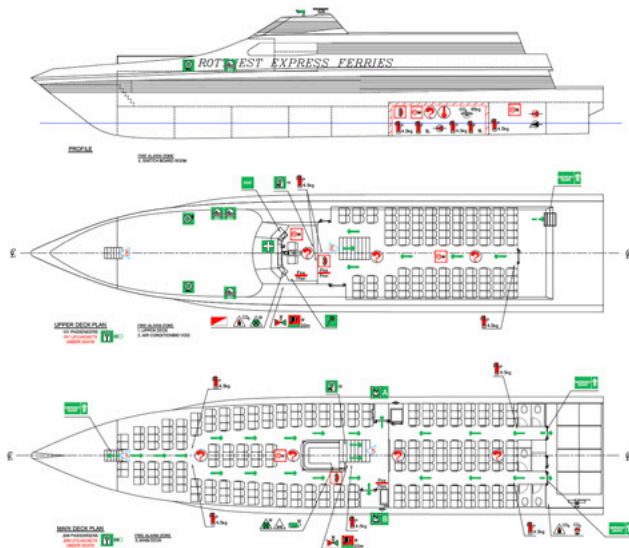
SEA EAGLE

Length Overall	Top Speed	Time to Rottnešt	Max # of passengers
30 m	30 knots	25 min	220



EAGLE EXPRESS

Length Overall	Top Speed	Time to Rottnešt	Max # of passengers
34.75 m	32 knots	25 min	319



VOYAGER

Length Overall	Time to Rottnešt
22.30 m	30 min
Top Speed	Max # of passengers
29 knots	165

Floor plan for Voyager available upon request.



ECO EXPRESS

Adventure Boat tour vessel	Top Speed
	35 knots
Length Overall	Max # of passengers
12 m	42





OVERNIGHT STAYS

Staying on Rottneest Island will not only allow more time to explore the beautiful island, but it will also be an unforgettable experience. The Rottneest Island Authority offer a wide range of accommodation options on the Island, from campsites all the way to ocean view cabins and hotels.

BEST SUITED FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Campground

The Campground contains 43 non-powered campsites available, each site can accommodate up to a 6 people and two tents.

Governors Circle

Governors Circle are self-contained cottages near Kingston Barracks that can fit up to 9-13 guests or 18 bed configurations.

Caroline Thomson

Cabins located close to the main settlement, each cabin fits up to 6 people and has a fully fitted-out kitchen.

Rottneest Hostel

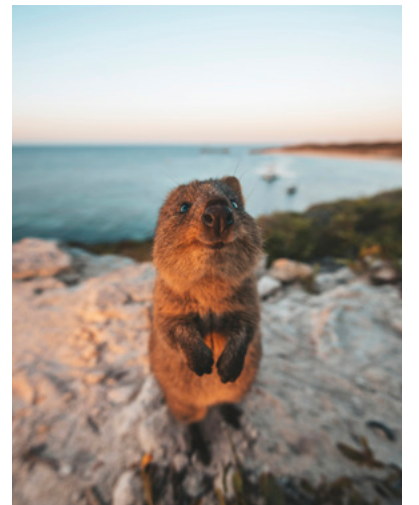
50 beds with a fully equipped kitchen and lounge.

Kingston Barracks

Historic WWII Barracks, less then 2km from the settlement. Plenty of rooms, beds and communal areas.

LUGGAGE

Hand luggage can be taken aboard the ferry when travelling to and from the island and anything bigger can be placed in a pickup crate or it delivered if tagged correctly. Depending on the size of the group, we are able to allocate crates for the groups journey which do not require individual item tagging. Crates are best used for food, drinks, luggage and extra items/activities for students. Crates and loose items with our luggage labels are delivered to accommodation by the island business Programmed. Collection on the return journey is also provided, the time of collection will be advised at check in at the Visitor Centre. - Rottneest Express.



GROUP TRAVEL

- Dedicated groups specialist to help create a schedule for your day or overnight trip to the island
- Tailored options as a one-stop-shop: fully-guided or self-guided options, lunch packages, on island touring
- Facilities on hand to assist with luggage delivery
- Charter services available

HOW TO BOOK

Please visit our website rotnnestexpress.com.au for more information and our current schedule.

For group enquires and quotations, please email groups@rotnnestexpress.com.au.

THINGS TO DO

Rottnest Island is the ideal destination for your next school excursion, offering a variety of engaging and educational activities that won't cost a thing. The island provides numerous opportunities for students to explore and learn while immersing themselves in the great outdoors.

TAKE A QUOKKA SELFIE

Quokkas can be found all over Rottnest Island. These adorable creatures are particularly special because they often appear to smile widely.

Remember that quokkas are wild animals and should not be touched or fed, always maintain a respectful distance with the animals at all times and never disturb them while resting or sleeping.



WILDLIFE SPOTTING

In addition to quokkas, you can observe various bird species, including sea birds and migratory species while walking around the island.

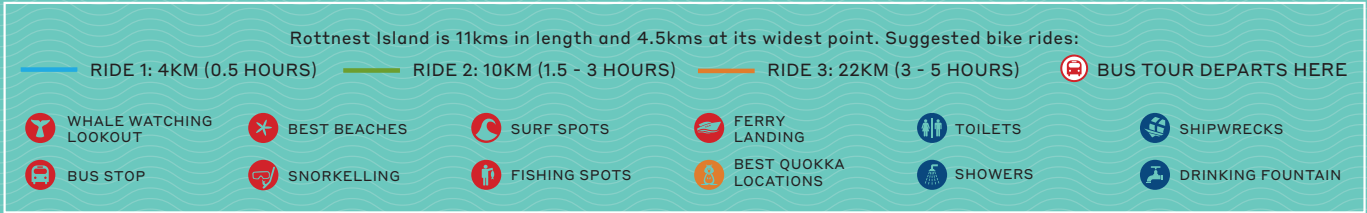
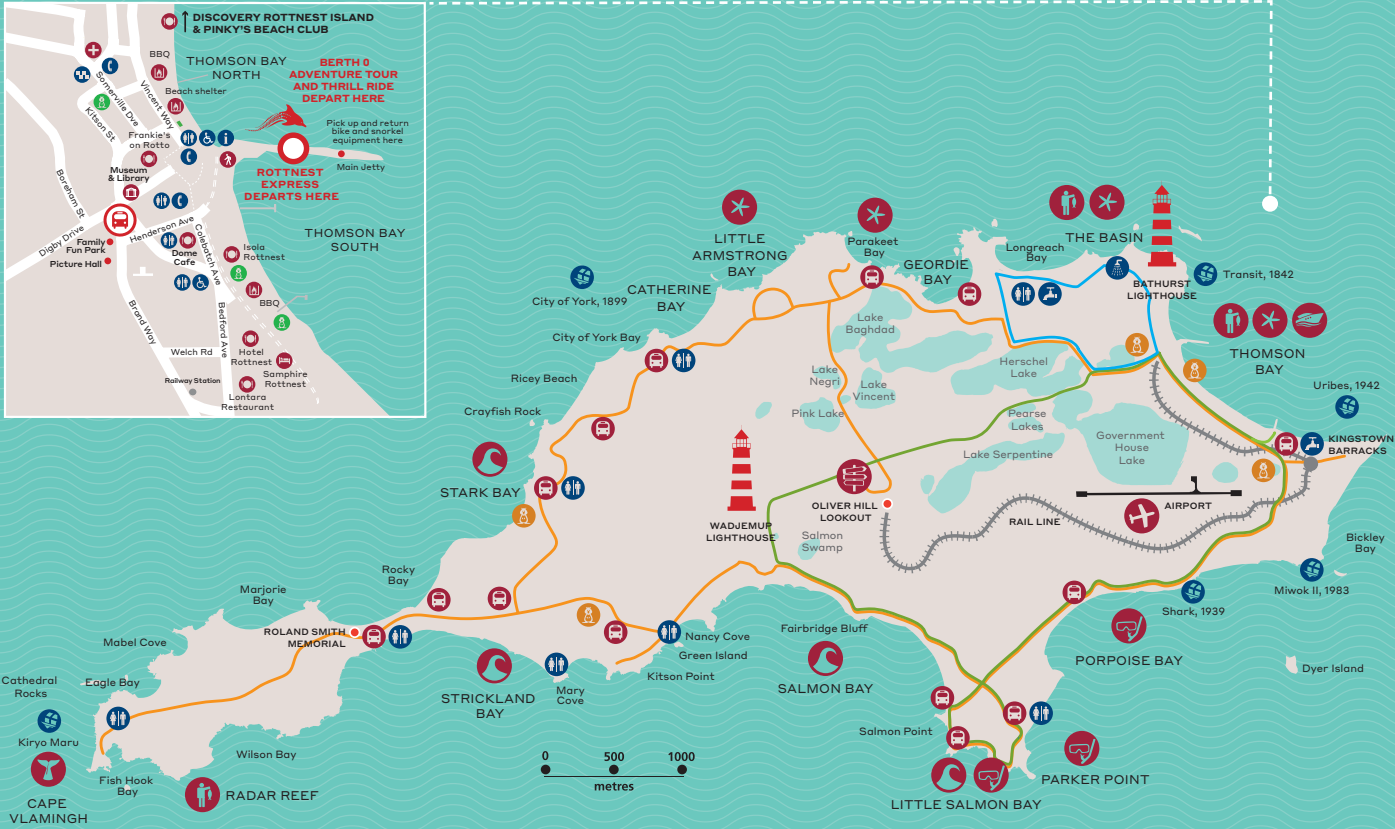


SNORKEL THE REEFS & SWIM THE BAYS

Adventure awaits snorkelers eager to explore the underwater scenery, home to more than 135 species of colourful tropical fish and 20 varieties of coral.

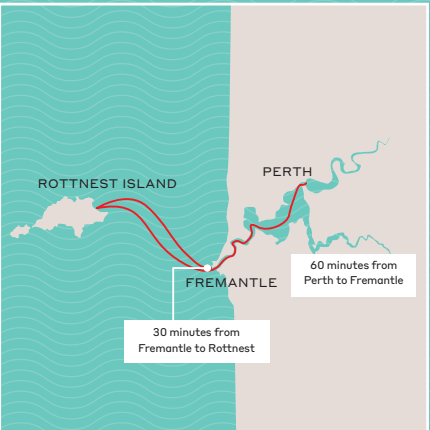
Enjoy the stunning sandy shores and clear waters at various beaches around the island, such as The Basin, Pinkys Beach, and Little Salmon Bay. The water conditions are generally calm, clear, and inviting, allowing for an enjoyable snorkelling experience.

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FERRY DEPARTURES FROM 3 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

- ① **Perth** - Pier 4, Barrack Street Jetty ② **Fremantle** - B Shed, Victoria Quay ③ **Northport** - 1 Emma Place, Rous Head, North Fremantle



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