

Rottnest Island May 2022 Booking Guide

Bookings open 8:30am Wednesday 1 September 2021

Whether you're ready to return for your annual island holiday or you're dipping your toes into these sparkling waters for the first time, we can't wait to welcome you to Wadjemup / Rottnest Island.

This booking guide covers all Rottnest Island Authority Accommodation; from self-contained units to the camping ground and hostel.

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Your island adventure

Bookings for May 2022 will open on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 8:30am AWST.

This step-by-step guide is filled with expert tips and tricks to help you through the booking process ahead of Open Day.

Where to go to book

With over 85% of bookings made online within the first hour on the last Open Day, our recommended method for booking is online.

While you can also book by calling our reservations team on **1800 111 111** or visiting us at our office at E Shed, Fremantle or the Visitor Centre on the island, the simplest and most successful way is via the website at rotnnestisland.com. The online queue also moves a lot faster than the phone lines.

Please understand that demand for bookings will be high and not everyone will be able to secure a reservation.



Before you book

You're making a list and checking it twice. Make sure you have all the below information to hand before you join the queue:

- ✓ **Where you want to stay.** Make a list of your top four choices, in case number one isn't available.
- ✓ **When you want to stay** (your check-in and check-out dates).
- ✓ **What type of accommodation you want.** Do you want an ocean view?
- ✓ **How many of you there are.** How many bedrooms do you need?
- ✓ **Your contact details** including your address, email address, phone number, and email.
- ✓ **Your Visa or Mastercard details.** We don't take Amex or Diners Cards, so put these away for now.

Ready to go? Here's how it's done.

- 1.** Head to rotnnestisland.com by 8:30am AWST on Wednesday 1 September 2021. A tip: anyone in the virtual waiting room prior to 8:30am will be assigned a random position in the queue when bookings open, whether they joined at 6am or 8:25am. But, if you join after 8:30am, you'll join at the back of the queue.
- 2.** Wait your turn, but don't walk away from your device. Even if your queue number feels high, you'll be surprised how fast it can move.
- 3.** When it's your turn to book, you'll have 10 minutes to enter the booking site. If you don't enter within 10 minutes, you'll have to join the back of the queue. This just helps keep the line moving for everyone else waiting.
- 4.** Once you're in, simply search for your accommodation and make your booking. You can take as long as you like without being kicked off the site if you are actively using it; but remember – places fill fast and your booking is not confirmed until your payment details have been authorised.
- 5.** You can book up to two units per transaction. If you want to book more units, you'll need to join the queue again. Remember, you'll need to change the name of these bookings to someone staying in the unit before arrival.



Booking for accessibility

If you need accessible accommodation, please send your request after 8:30am to reservations@rotnnestisland.com and don't forget to attach a copy of your ACROD Card (front and back). These requests are processed in the order they're received from 8:30am onwards on Open Day, so hold your email until then.

Pencil these dates in your diary

Booking into June 2022:

If you are arriving towards the end of May 2022 and do not wish to depart until the beginning of June 2022, then you must stay at least the last five nights in May to book up to the first three nights in June.

For example, you must arrive no later than Friday 27 May 2022 and you may depart no later than Saturday 4 June 2022.

Subsequent shortening of the May dates is not permitted.

On that note ...

All Saturdays have a minimum two-night stay requirement, so you'll need to add either a Friday or Sunday to see any availability when you're searching online.

Important Information:

Thomson Bay South, Geordie, Longreach and Fay's Bay accommodation is unavailable to book for May 2022.

Here's what else you need to know

You can book online, by phone or in person. Email requests will only be processed for accessible bookings.

Only two units can be booked in any single transaction however you can only be a registered guest for one accommodation at a time and must be staying in the unit for the duration of the stay.

If you book a second unit in the same transaction against your name, you will then have to change the registered guest name for the second unit before check-in.

If you're booking on behalf of someone else, correct personal details must be provided to Rottnest Reservations at least 48 hours prior to arrival including full name, address, email address, and phone number.

You can request specific unit numbers when booking and we'll do our best to accommodate them, but your unit number won't be assigned until approximately three weeks before you arrive.

All self-contained bookings must pay a 25% deposit at time of booking, with the balance due 30 days prior to arrival. Campground and Hostel bookings require payment in full at time of booking.

A credit card pre-authorisation will be requested on your arrival.

Want to change the configuration of beds
or hire additional items?

Please contact Reservations at least seven days prior to arrival on **1800 111 111**.

Take it from us

To give yourself the very best chance at success, book online and make sure you go to the website before 8:30am to be assigned your randomised queue number. Remember, if you arrive after 8:30am, you'll be at the back of the queue.

Hot tip

Go to rotnnestisland.com now and play around on the online booking site. That way when Open Day rolls around you'll be familiar with the screens and all the information you'll need.

Put pen to paper

Write down what you want, as well as some back-up options. If you want to stay somewhere in particular, make note of the date ranges you're able to work with. If your dates aren't flexible, jot down some alternate accommodation or room options. There's a lot of pressure on the day to be quick, so having it all in front of you is always helpful.

Time to cool off

Try for your number one choice first and work backwards from there. There's a 14-day cooling off period if you need to change your booking and here's another tip: if you're not sure, it's a lot easier to reduce your number of nights later than to add on more.

What goes around comes around

Here's another tip for you ... there's a little unspoken karma at play on Open Days. So, like all good things, only take as much as you need. Occasionally we hear of someone booking more than they need, only to dump it later – and in the meantime, so many others miss out. Only book what you need, and we promise the karma will be kind.

Missed out?

As much as we'd love to have all of you, we just can't host everyone at the same time. But awe and wonder aren't seasonal.

Beyond the beaches, spectacular events go by near unnoticed. From playful seals and stunning bird migrations to traditional smoking ceremonies and more, there's a whole other side to the island waiting to be discovered.

From May to early July, the island's Traditional Owners celebrate the arrival of Djeran and Makuru, two of the Noongar calendar's six seasons.

When spring arrives in September, the island plays host to the annual birthday celebration for the quokkas, as the joeys start to leave their mothers' pouches for the first time. You'll also have a chance to see the world's greatest dance performance as thousands of acrobatic humpback whales make their way north.

If you'd like to visit us later in the year, Future Open Days are currently scheduled for:

Bookings Open:	For Stay Dates:
Wednesday, 1 September 2021	May 2022
Wednesday, 6 October 2021	June 2022
Wednesday, 3 November 2021	July 2022
Wednesday, 1 December 2021	August 2022
Wednesday, 5 January 2022	September 2022
Wednesday, 2 February 2022	October 2022
Wednesday, 2 March 2022	November 2022
Wednesday, 6 April 2022	December 2022
Wednesday, 4 May 2022	January 2023
Wednesday, 1 June 2022	February 2023
Wednesday, 6 July 2022	March 2023
Wednesday, 3 August 2022	April 2023

Subject to change. See rotnnestisland.com/openday for the latest schedule.



Cast away here

From beachfront holiday units and heritage cottages to simple bungalows, cabins, and even camping; the perfect base for your island adventure is right here.

Creature of comfort

Your home away from home. Self-contained options with TV, lounge, heater, linen, cutlery, crockery, and gas BBQ.

Standard

Your standard holiday unit with a slightly smaller living area but more than complete with your own bathroom, open plan kitchen and enclosed courtyard. Bathurst and South Thomson Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

Premium

Perfect for families, these spacious units come in four or six-bed configurations. You'll be close enough to hear the waves crashing. Thomson Bay, Bathurst, Fay's Bay and Geordie Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)



Premium View

The same kind of unit as Premium, with beautiful views over the island's tranquil bays. Thomson Bay, Bathurst, Longreach Bay, Fay's Bay and Geordie Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)

□4 ≡7-8

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 6 x single beds)

Ocean View

Recently refurbished units and so close to the ocean you can skip stones across the surface from your courtyard or balcony. Geordie Bay, Longreach Bay, Bathurst, and Thomson Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)

□4 ≡7-8

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 6 x single beds)

NB: Geordie Bay units include a queen bed instead of a king ensemble and cannot be split

Heritage Cottages

Step back in time and explore the island's history in one of our lovingly restored and charming cottages, all with their own unique layouts. Most can be found on Vincent Way – one of the oldest intact streets in Australia. North Thomson Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)

□4 ≡7-8

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 6 x single beds)

Heritage View Cottages

Each with its own unique layout, including the original lighthouse keeper's cottage and the authentically Art Deco WWII officers' cottages, there's a well-appointed kitchen, living, and dining area. Bathurst, North Thomson Bay and Kingstown Barracks.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)

□4 ≡7-8

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 6 x single beds)

NB:
Bathurst single beds are bunk beds

Chalet

Our cosy, timber-clad chalet contains a main bedroom with zipped king bed, second bedroom with two singles, bathroom, and a fully-equipped kitchen and living area. North Thomson Bay.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

North Heritage Bungalows

The original Rottneest Island holiday. A short stroll from town, the bungalows have been around since the 1920s and have canvas sides just made for a Rottneest summer. Includes shower room and toilet located in the backyard.

Available as:

□2 ≡3-4

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

□3 ≡5-6

(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)



♿ Central and accessible

There are nine units that have been specially renovated for those with mobility impairment. Located all across the island at Longreach Bay, Central Thomson Bay, Thomson Bay South, Geordie Bay, and Bathurst. For more info see [Disabled Access Information](#).

Available as:

Governors' Circle, Kingstown

□6 ≡18

(Mix of bunk beds and single beds)

Premium View, Central Thomson Bay

□3 ≡6

Premium, Central Thomson Bay

□3 ≡6

Ocean View, South Thomson

□3 ≡6

Premium View, Bathurst

□2 ≡4

Premium View, Geordie Bay

□2 ≡4

Premium View, Longreach Bay

□2 ≡4

Premium View, Longreach Bay

□3 ≡6

Ocean View, Longreach Bay

□2 ≡4

Modest minimalist

When the simple things will do. Who needs a TV when you have stars like these?

Caroline Thomson Cabins

Cosy, cedar-clad cabins right in the centre of town. Each cabin sleeps six people. There's also a small kitchenette, shower, and toilet.

Available as:

1 6
 (1 x double bed and 2 x bunk beds)

Governors' Circle

Perfect for schools, social, and sporting groups; these charming cottages (the largest of which is also access-friendly), comprise of 9, 13, or 18-bed configurations, mostly in bunks. Bed linen and towels are provided.

Available as:

3-4 13
 (6 x bunk beds and 1 x single bed)

2-3 9
 (4 x bunk beds and 1 x single bed)

6 18
 (4 x bunk beds and 10 x single beds)

Kingstown Dormitories

17 dormitory rooms with communal bathroom facilities, also ideal for schools and groups. Some rooms have a private bathroom and wheelchair access. Contact Reservations on 1800 111 111 prior to arrival to hire towels and linen.

Available as:

1 14
 (7 x bunk beds)

1 18
 (9 x bunk beds)

1 2
 (2 x single beds)

1 4
 (1 x double bed and 1 x bunk bed)

1 4
 (2 x bunk beds)

1 8
 (4 x bunk beds)

1 12
 (5 x bunk beds and 2 x single bed)

1 14
 (7 x bunk beds)

5 12
 (2 x bunk beds and 8 x single bed)



Barefoot and fancy-free

This accommodation is perfect for the more socially-minded traveller or those who just want somewhere to lay their head.

Rottnest Hostel

With a communal fully-equipped kitchen, lounge, bathrooms and BBQ area, you'll find all the essentials here. Family rooms also include a small fridge, wardrobe, and shelf storage. Linen is provided.

Available as:

Single bunk bed in shared room

Family room 4
 (1 x double bed and 1 x bunk bed)

Camping Ground

A modern communal camp kitchen, BBQs, and a convenient bathroom block just a short stroll from The Basin. Each camp site accommodates up to six people in up to two tents, or four single swags.

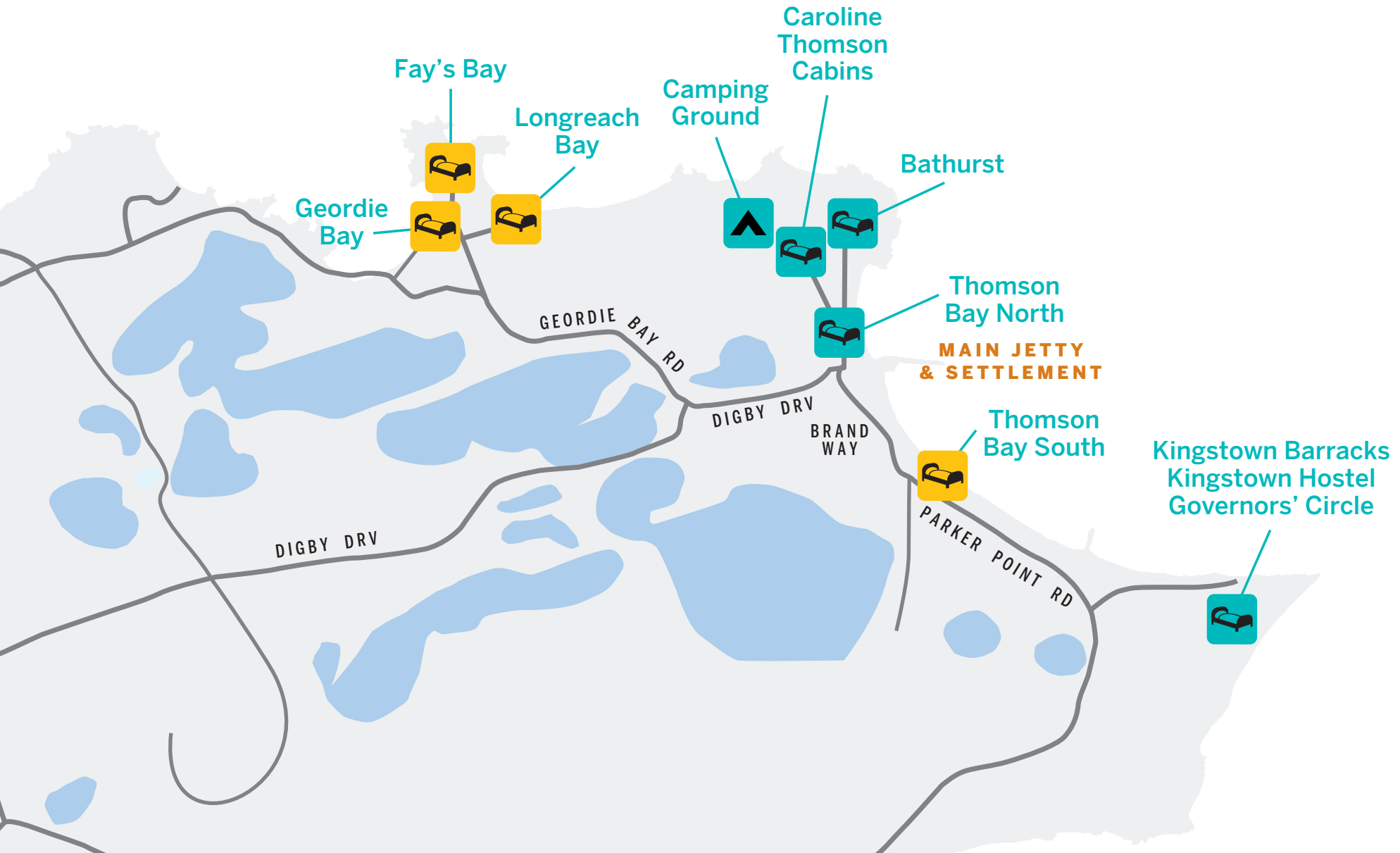


Your island stay

North, south, or right in the middle ... it's all magic.



*Some booking restrictions apply. See page three for details.



Terms and conditions of booking

1. Bookings

May be transferred to another registered guest with at least 24 hours written notice. The registered guest must be over 18 years of age and spend each night in the accommodation for the duration of the booking. Photo identification and a valid credit card will be required when the key is collected. Information relating to bookings will not be released to a third party under any circumstances.

Bookings with a balance owing require final payment no less than 30 days prior to the date of arrival. Unless advised otherwise, the Rottnest Island Authority will automatically charge the card on file the balance owing, and the customer approves the charge.

2. Alterations and Cancellations

- a) Written or email notice of alterations and cancellations must be provided for all bookings except for those cancelled in person in which case appropriate identification will be required.
- b) Where booking dates are amended within 30 days of arrival, standard cancellation fees will apply. Any change to a booking less than 48 hours prior to arrival will result in full cancellation fee. If booking dates are changed more than 30 days prior to arrival and the value of the booking is reduced, standard cancellation fees will apply.
- c) During Holiday Peak periods (eg Summer and Easter holidays), shortening of a booking is not permitted.
- d) Where the booking dates are cancelled in part or full, the following fees will apply dependant on notice provided;
 - More than 30 days prior to arrival: \$55 fixed charge or 50% of the cost of the first night of the stay (whichever is the lowest) will be retained.
 - 3 - 30 days prior to arrival: 100% of the cost of the first night of the stay will be retained.
 - Less than 48 hours prior to 2pm check-in time: Full payment will be retained.
- e) If government restrictions do not allow for a guest to physically travel to the island, applicable bookings may be transferred to an alternative date (subject to availability) without the application of transfer or cancellation fees. If applicable guests do not wish, or are unable, to transfer their booking to another available date, a 100% refund will be made of the deposit paid. Please note that this does not apply if guests change their mind or choose not to visit the island, where normal cancellation charges will apply.

3. Relocation

Under exceptional circumstances the Rottnest Island Authority reserves the right to relocate a booking to a suitable alternative of similar type.

4. Credit Card Surety

It is a condition of tenancy that the occupant provides a valid credit card preauthorisation to the Rottnest Island Authority and agrees to allow any cost for which they are liable under the tenancy to be levied against this credit card. Security deposits are required during certain periods.

5. Occupancy Limits

Tents: Maximum two tents per site with a maximum total of 6 people per site.

Governors' Circle, Caroline Thomson Cabins, Kingstown Dormitories and Hostel: Only 1 person per bed. Additional beds are not available.

Premium Units, Villas and Cottages: Maximum of 1 person per fixed bed plus 50% (e.g. in a 4 bed unit, the number of occupants must not exceed 6).

The Rottnest Island Authority reserves the right to adjust occupancy limits during specified periods.

6. Quiet Times

All visitors are required to respect the rights of others to enjoy the island at all times and to observe a "quiet" time of 11pm - 7am in all areas, except:

- Kingstown and Governors' Circle: "Quiet" time of 9pm - 9am applies.
- Camping Ground: "Quiet" time of 9pm - 7am applies.

7. Breach of Terms and Conditions

Any breach of the terms and conditions by the registered guest or other occupants may result in immediate cancellation of the tenancy without refund. Additional terms and conditions are located on the reverse of the registration card which must be signed on check-in.

8. The 5/3 Booking Rule

When booking in advance and into a closed month, at least 5 nights must be booked in the open month to be able to book a maximum of 3 nights in the closed month. Subsequent shortening of the stay by reducing the number of nights in the open month is not permitted.

9. Perth & Peel Stay at Home / Lockdown Directions

In the event of the WA State Government issuing emergency directions for people in the Perth and Peel region to Stay at Home and Lockdown, the Rottnest Island Authority may close its accommodation to guests. In these circumstances guests will be required to return to the mainland as soon as possible. They will receive a 100% refund for any unused period of their stay.