

# Rottnest Island March 2023 Booking Guide

**Bookings open 8:30am  
Wednesday 6 July 2022**

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 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 March 2023 will open on Wednesday 6 July 2022 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

**In general, over 80% of successful bookings are made online within the first 30 minutes of an Open Day, so we recommend booking 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](https://rotnnestisland.com). The online queue also moves a lot faster than the phone lines.

Please understand that demand for bookings may 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.



## Booking for accessibility

If you need wheelchair accessible accommodation, please send your request after 8:30am to [reservations@rotnnestisland.com](mailto: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. Limit of one booking per ACROD Card.

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

1. Head to [rotnnestisland.com](https://rotnnestisland.com) by 8:30am AWST on Wednesday 6 July 2022. 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 of the same type and size per online 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.

# Other things you need to know

## EVENT INFORMATION

### Port to Pub Swim – Saturday 18 March 2023

Your booking must include Friday 17 March or Sunday 19 March, excluding hostel beds and the Camping Ground.

## Booking into April 2023

If you are arriving towards the end of March and do not want to depart until the beginning of April please note the following booking restriction. You must stay the last 5 nights in March 2023 to book up to the first 3 nights of April 2023.

Therefore, you must arrive no later than Monday 27 March 2023 and depart no later than Tuesday 4 April 2023.

Shortening of the March 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.

Unit arrivals and departures are not permitted on public holidays. That is, your arrival or departure date cannot be on a public holiday.

We're investing in South Thomson and upgrading this accommodation for guest stays from October 2022. Room types will be reclassified to a higher standard and applicable rates will apply.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Booking requests received prior to 8:30am on Open Day will not be accepted.
- Labour Day public holiday falls on Monday 6 March 2023.

**You can book online, by phone or in person for a maximum of 14 nights per booking.** Email requests will only be processed for wheelchair accessible bookings.

**You can book up to two units of the same type and size per online 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 Rottneest 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](https://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.

## 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.

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

Bookings Open:	For Stay Dates:
Wednesday, 3 August 2022	April 2023
Wednesday, 6 July 2022	March 2023
Wednesday, 3 August 2022	April 2023
Wednesday, 7 September 2022	May 2023
Wednesday, 5 October 2022	June 2023
Wednesday, 2 November 2022	July 2023
Wednesday, 7 December 2022	August 2023

Subject to change. See [rotnnestisland.com/openday](https://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)



## ♿ Accessible

There are nine units that have been specially renovated for those with mobility impairment. Located all across the island at Longreach Bay, Thomson Bay North, 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, Thomson Bay North

□3 ≡6

### Premium, Thomson Bay North

□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)

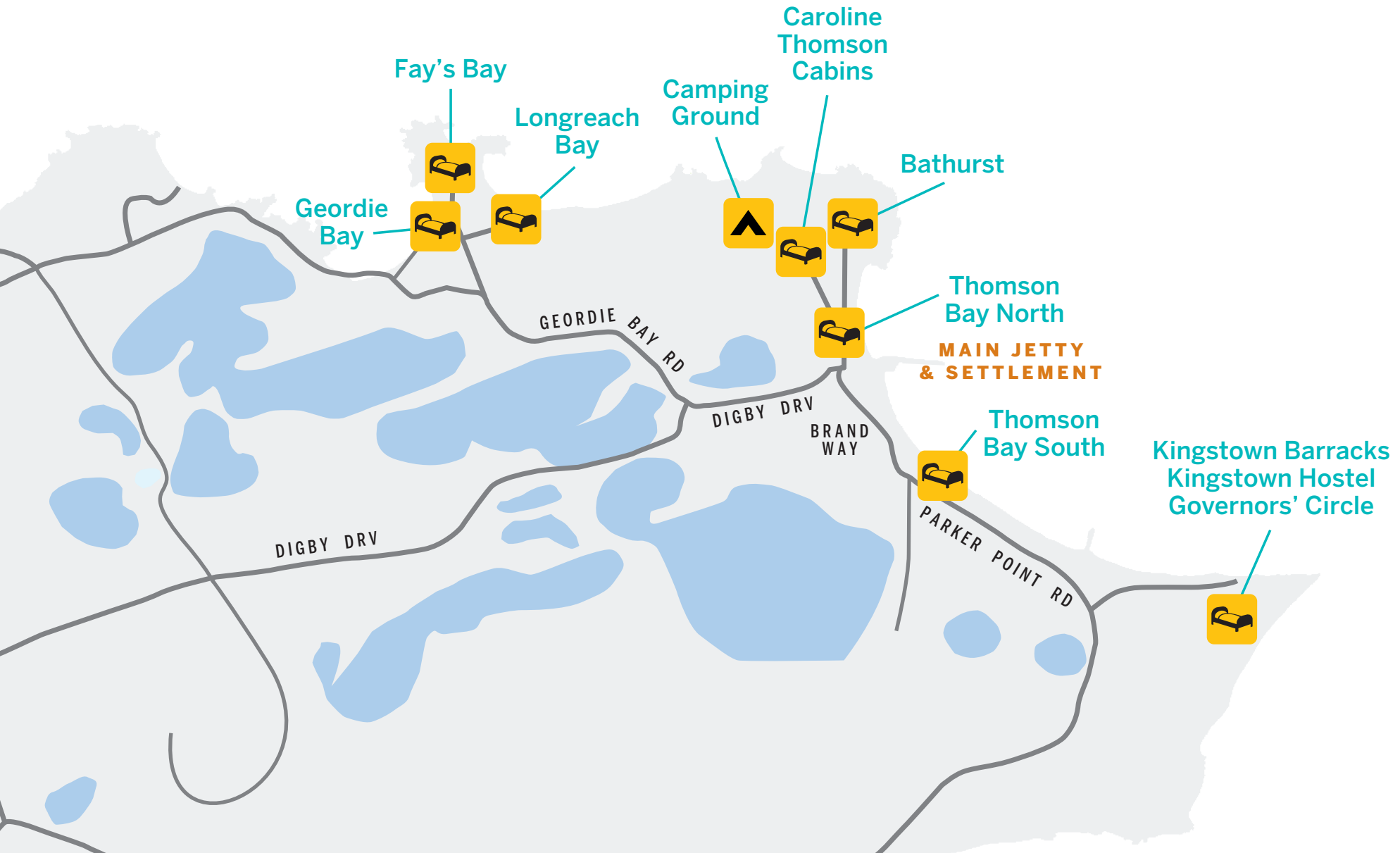
## Camping Ground

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.





## Terms and conditions of booking

### 1. BOOKINGS

Bookings may be transferred to another person with RIA's prior written consent which may be given (conditionally or unconditionally) or withheld at RIA's discretion. The registered guest must be over 18 years of age and spend each night in the accommodation for the duration of the booking.

Original photo identification and a valid credit card must be presented to staff on check in. 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 customer approves RIA to charge the credit card provided for the booking for any balance owing by the applicable due date. Non-payment will result in the bookings being cancelled with applicable fees charged and any balance refunded.

### 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) Minimum night stays may apply including restrictions on arrivals and departures on WA public holidays. Fixed arrival and departure dates may also be set over Summer and Easter school holidays.
- d) Where the booking is cancelled in part or full, the following fees will apply depending on the 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 border 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 are unable to meet the government's vaccination requirements, change their mind or choose not to visit the island, where normal cancellation charges will apply.

### 3. RELOCATION

Under exceptional circumstances the RIA reserves the right to relocate a booking to an alternative of a similar type.

### 4. CREDIT CARD SURETY

It is a condition of tenancy that the occupant provides a valid credit card preauthorisation to the RIA 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. ACCESSING ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO CHECK IN

Accessing the accommodation unit and external area is not permitted until the check-in process has been completed. Please note check in time is from 2pm for all self-contained accommodation and check out is prior to 9am. For the Camping Ground, check in and out times are 10am.

### 6. OCCUPANCY LIMITS

**Camping Ground:** 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.

**Self-Contained Units, Villas and Cottages:** Maximum of 1 person per fixed bed plus 50% (eg. in a 4 bed unit, the number of occupants must not exceed 6) for select self-contained accommodation only.

The RIA reserves the right to adjust occupancy limits during specified periods.

## Terms and conditions of booking

### 7. 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.

### 8. 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.

### 9. THE 5/3 BOOKING RULE ON OPEN DAYS

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. Please note this does not apply to all Open Days (see applicable Booking Guide).

### 10. 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.

### 11. VACCINATION OR TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All registered guests and occupants of RIA accommodation must comply with all Government (Federal and State) COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry into Western Australia or to access Rottnest Island’s premises, events or services.

Where a guest does not meet a vaccination or testing requirement for entry to the island, event or venues, the guest will not be granted entry and will forfeit any and all monies paid.

Where a guest cancels their booking due to travel restrictions other than vaccination or testing requirements, where a minimum of 7 days notice is provided, they will be offered a refund or ability to amend the booking to alternative dates (subject to availability) with cancellation fees waived.