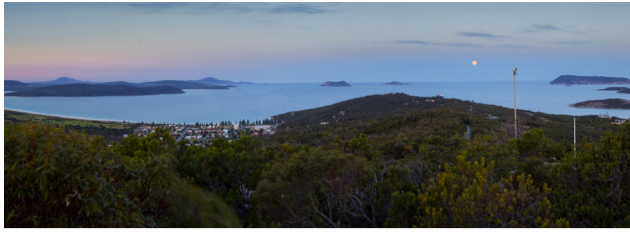


## ALBANY – A BRIEF HISTORY



Albany is the traditional country or boodja to the Menang Noongar people. Their continuing connection to these lands and waters extends thousands of years.

Early European charts of the southern coastline were detailed by Dutch navigator Peter Nuyts in 1627, followed by the British naval expeditions of George Vancouver in 1791 and Matthew Flinders in 1801. Vancouver claimed the territory for the British Crown and named many of our landmarks including King George Sound (now Mammang-Koort / King George Sound), its islands and inner harbours. French navigators of the time included Captain Bruni d'Entrecasteaux in 1792 in search of the missing expedition of Captain Jean-François la Pérouse; Captain Nicolas Baudin and his sub-lieutenant Louis de Freycinet making landfall in 1803 and Dumont D'Urville in October 1826.

The arrival of the Brig Amity in December 1826 with its party of officers, military personnel and convicts marked the first British settlement on the western side of Australia. A NSW outpost was established on Parade Street at Mutenup / Foundation Park under the command of Major Edmund Lockyer who named the settlement 'Frederick Town'. In 1831, the settlement came under the jurisdiction of Western Australia's Swan River Colony, the Governor James Stirling changing the name of the settlement to Albany.

## NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE AND PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS



In 1914, more than 41,000 Australians and New Zealanders departed from Albany for the Great War. Set within the heritage-listed Princess Royal Fortress, the award-winning National Anzac Centre offers a deeply personal connection to the ANZAC experience. Visitors can explore the key phases and events of World War I through the stories of 32 ANZACs, developed by the Western Australian Museum and Australian War Memorial. Their journeys, from recruitment and training to battles at Gallipoli, the Middle East, and the Western Front, are depicted through interactive multimedia displays, poignant artefacts, rare images and film, and audio commentary.

The National Anzac Centre is located within the grounds of the Princess Royal Fortress, one of only two pre-federation fortresses built to protect intercontinental trade routes. This fortress, funded by all mainland Australian colonies, demonstrated rare pre-federation cooperation. Albany was chosen as the gathering point for the convoys due to the fortress's defences and protection. Without it, the convoys would not have assembled in such numbers. Visitors can explore original gun batteries, large coastal gun defences, and the barracks where officers lived and worked, experiencing what it was like to protect Australia's shores during times of war.

## TORNDIRRUPT NATIONAL PARK AND THE GAP AND NATURAL BRIDGE

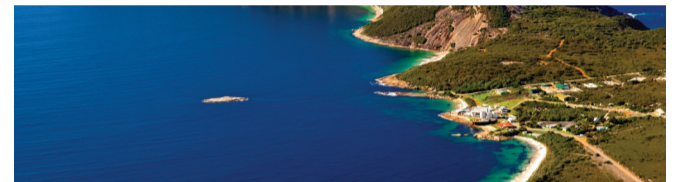


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Around a 20 minute drive south of Albany is Torndirrup National Park. Shaped by the winds and waves of the Southern Ocean, Torndirrup is one of Western Australia's most visited parks. Notable lookouts include Stony Hill, the highest point in the park; Jimmy Newells Harbour, a clear-water inlet surrounded by rocky dunes; and Misery Beach, named Australia's Best Beach in 2022 by Tourism Australia.

Arguably, the most iconic lookout is The Gap and Natural Bridge. The Gap features a viewing platform 40 meters above the surging sea, and the Natural Bridge showcases the ocean's power. Raised pathways protect the plant life. Entry fees can be paid by credit card at the Gap and Natural Bridge car park or at the Albany Visitor Centre.

## ALBANY'S HISTORIC WHALING STATION



Albany's Historic Whaling Station was the last operating station in Australia and provides a fascinating insight into Albany's colourful past. Recognised as a heritage site, the whaling station is an engaging and educational tourism attraction for all ages to enjoy.

Find yourself immersed in the sights and sounds of the whaling industry. Enjoy short films within the converted whale oil tanks. Climb aboard the Cheynes IV Whalechaser ship. Marvel at the giant whale skeletons, and view the precious scrimshaw art.

Then relax in the Regional Wildflower Garden featuring thousands of stunning native plants, and meet the friendly native animals in the Australian Wildlife Park.

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## LANDMARKS AND LANEWAYS

The City of Albany introduces "Landmarks & Laneways," an interactive platform and trail booklet unveiling the city's history, heritage, and intriguing anecdotes. The publication guides visitors through iconic locations like York Street and Stirling Terrace, sharing captivating stories of Albany's past. Emphasising the initiative's significance in preserving and sharing heritage, the project is supported by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund. The interactive digital platform can be accessed at [albany.wa.gov.au/landmarksandlaneways](http://albany.wa.gov.au/landmarksandlaneways) or a physical booklet containing this information is available through the Albany Visitor Centre and The Forts Store

## IMPORTANT PASSENGER INFORMATION

### PLEASE READ

- The cruise ship berth is located in a busy industrial port area. Please be aware of the traffic and heavy haulage trucks. A footpath has been provided for use however we encourage you to use the free shuttle buses.
- A free shuttle bus operates all day in a continuous loop between the ship and the town centre of Albany. This is the safest and quickest way to travel to and from the ship. Please check with the shuttle bus driver for specific shuttle times to ensure you return to the ship on time. Refer to the map for shuttle stop locations.
- Explore the Anzac spirit effortlessly with the Visitor Centre to the National Anzac Centre return shuttle service. Get your tickets and all the details you need at the Albany Visitor Centre. Please note that the shuttle service may not be available for all ships, so be sure to check at the Visitor Centre for availability during your visit
- The town centre is an estimated 15-20 minute (approximately 2km) walk from the ship. If walking please use the pedestrian overpass located at the Albany Entertainment Centre building. This will ensure a safe crossing over the rail line.
- The Albany Visitor Centre is located within the Town Square on York Street.

## Kaya Kaya Choorrabinyi Menang Boodja.

Welcome to Menang Country. May the spirit of 'our ancient people' of long ago guide your journey. 'Follow in their footsteps'.

## ALBANY VISITOR CENTRE INFORMATION

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Email: [stay@amazingalbany.com.au](mailto:stay@amazingalbany.com.au)

- Accommodation Bookings
- Tour / Ticket Sales
- Local Souvenirs and Gifts
- Tourist Maps and Information
- WA National Park Passes
- Virtual reality Experience
- Regional Holiday Planners for Western Australia

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Visit our website to plan your itinerary, book tours and find the perfect accommodation to ensure a memorable experience in Albany.

 [Amazing Albany WA](https://www.facebook.com/amazingalbanywa)

Check out our Facebook page for stunning images capturing Albany's breathtaking scenery and stay updated with upcoming events and news.

 [amazingalbanywa](https://www.instagram.com/amazingalbanywa)

Discover the hidden gems of Albany by visiting our Instagram page. Make sure to share your experiences with #shareamazingalbany

**The Gap and Natural Bridge - The Gap Road, Torndirrup National Park, Albany WA 6330**

Phone: 08 9842 4500 :: [dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://dpaw.wa.gov.au)

**Albany's Historic Whaling Station - 81 Whaling Station Road, Frenchman Bay, WA**

Open 7 days, 9am to 5pm excluding Christmas Day.  
Phone: 08 9844 4021 :: [discoverybay.com.au](http://discoverybay.com.au)

**National Anzac Centre - 70 Forts Road, Mount Adelaide, Albany WA 6330**

9am to 5pm. Last entry 4pm.  
Open every day excluding Christmas Day.  
Phone: 08 6820 3500 :: [nationalanzaccentre.com.au](http://nationalanzaccentre.com.au)

## LOCAL GUIDE/MAP

# YOUR CRUISE VISIT TO ALBANY



  
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# Albany City

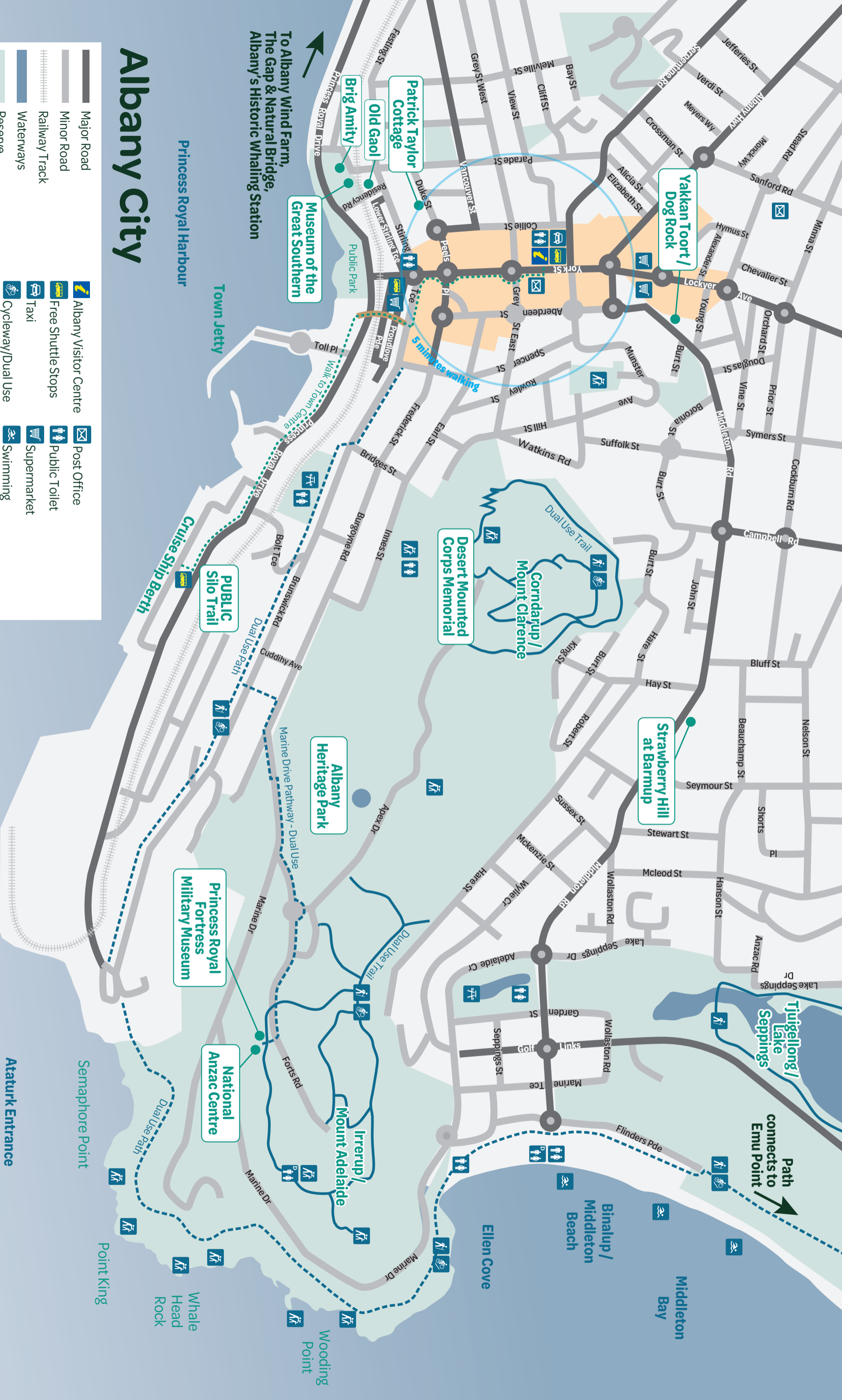
**Roads and Paths:**

- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Railway Track
- Waterways
- Reserve
- CBD
- Dual Use Path
- Dual Use Trail
- Walk to Town Centre
- Pedestrian Footbridge

**Facilities and Amenities:**

- Albany Visitor Centre
- Free Shuttle Stops
- Taxi
- Cycleway/Dual Use
- Lookout
- Picnic Area
- Post Office
- Public Toilet
- Supermarket
- Swimming
- Walk Trail
- Wheelchair Accessible Toilets

**Scale:** 0 250 500 750 1000 metres



To Albany Wind Farm,  
The Gap & Natural Bridge,  
Albany's Historic Whaling Station

Princess Royal Harbour

Town Jetty

Cruise Ship Berth

Albany Heritage Park

Princess Royal  
Fortress  
Military Museum

National  
Anzac Centre

Mount Adelaide

Wooding  
Point

Whale  
Head  
Rock

Semaphore Point

Point King

Bramble Point

Ataturk Entrance

Middleton  
Bay

Binalup /  
Middleton  
Beach

Ellen Cove

Path  
connects to  
Emu Point

Tiugellong /  
Lake  
Seppings

Strawberry Hill  
at Barmup

Corndarup /  
Mount Clarence

Desert Mounted  
Corps Memorial

Yakkon Toort /  
Dog Rock

Patrick Taylor  
Cottage

Old Gaol

Museum of the  
Great Southern

5 minutes walking