

Abbey Staff's Southwest Bucket List

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Gentle calm clear water and spacious white sand beach make **Meelup** the perfect place for swimming & snorkelling. Meelup is the beach where you can easily spend the whole day swimming, reading and relaxing. If you stick around it is one of the only spots in Western Australia where you can watch the moon rise over the ocean. Meelup means “Place of the Moon Rising” in the local Wardandi Aboriginal language.

Learn to **surf** at Smith's Beach with [Yallingup Surf School](#)— the team can teach you the basics for stand up surfing along with surf safety awareness all the way up to 3-day courses. They have classes available for kids all the way up to aspiring champions.



Watch the sunset at **Sugarloaf**—on the rugged coast a few kilometres south of Cape Naturaliste, a gigantic granite rock-island looms up out of the ocean. This is the perfect place to watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean.

Injidup Natural Spa— This is no ordinary rockpool. It's almost like a natural spa where the surrounding rocks shelter this little inlet from the crazy waves. The best part, is on a good day, when the surf is blasting through a little wedge you can sit just below and enjoy a natural massage. Who needs a physio when you can get a massage from mother nature?!



From June to December **whales** stop in Finders Bay and Geographe Bay to rest before heading on. Our Rooms Division Manager says if he could only do one thing in the Southwest it would be a whale watching tour with [Legend Charters](#).

The **Busselton Foreshore** is the place to find it all. You can BBQ while the kids play and after dinner watch the sunset from the Jetty. The [Busselton Jetty](#) is the longest wooden jetty in the southern hemisphere reaching 1.8km out into the ocean.





Ngilgi Cave—This lit tourist cave is covered in extensive stalactites, stalagmites, helictite and shawl formations and has a magnificent amphitheatre. You can explore on your own, join a semi-guided tour or book an adventure tour.



If you are looking for something a bit different head to [Bush Shack Brewery](#) to try their home-style unfiltered beers or alcoholic beverages in a rustic setting of “pub-in-the-paddock” atmosphere. Our Marketing Manager’s suggests the Scream’n Cream’n.



Lunch @ Goanna Bush Café— Hidden in Australian bushland Goanna is quirky, unpretentious and relaxed. Our menu changes seasonally and showcases fantastic Yallingup and Margaret River produce. Try the steak sandwich with polenta chips.



[Brookwood Estate](#) is the place to drink **bubbles**. Their NV Bubbles are fresh, fizzy and approachable that burst with flavours of melon, peach and finish with a citrus zing.



[Deep Woods Estate](#) has the **Chardonnay** to beat. The 2014 Reserve Chardonnay comes handpicked from two Margaret River vineyards. You will be able to taste stone fruit, lime zest and jasmine.

For those **Merlot** lovers out there head to [Happs](#). Their Merlot is a medium to full bodied wine with fine tannin and bright fruit with a softness which makes it a good one to try if you aren’t a big red wine drinker.



If you are looking for a creamy treat head to one of the two **ice creameries**—[Millers Ice Cream](#) or [Simmo's](#)—you will not be disappointed with either.