

Esperance, Western Australia, Australia

Home to some of Australia's whitest beaches and kangaroos that sunbathe on the sand, Esperance rewards cruise passengers who venture beyond the jetty with jaw-dropping scenery in Cape Le Grand National Park.

 Tender port (no pier)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Taylor Street Jetty — ship anchors in Esperance Bay
Best For: Beaches, wildlife, nature lovers & photographers

Walk to centre: 2 min from tender drop-off on the foreshore
Don't Miss: Kangaroos on Lucky Bay beach in Cape Le Grand National Park

 Getting around:  Taxi  A-15 to town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cape Le Grand National Park & Lucky Bay** — Australia's most photogenic beach, where kangaroos lounge on flour-white sand beside turquoise water.
- **Frenchman Peak Hike** — A 3 km return scramble up a granite dome inside Cape Le Grand, rewarded with 360° views of the national park and the Recherche Archipelago islands.
- **Great Ocean Drive Loop** — A self-drive 40 km circuit past Twilight Beach, Blue Haven Beach, West Beach, and coastal lookouts — all within 15 minutes of town and free to...
- **Esperance Museum & Skylab Artefacts** — A small but fascinating museum covering local maritime and agricultural history — plus fragments of NASA's Skylab space station, which broke up over...
- **Esperance Stonehenge** — A full-scale replica of Stonehenge built from 2,500 tonnes of local pink granite — quirky, photogenic, and aligned to the solstices, about 15...

BEST WALKS

- **Foreshore & Jetty Stroll** 1.5 km | 20 min | Easy | Flat — Walk from the Taylor Street Jetty along the beautifully landscaped Esplanade, past the Whale Tail sculpture, to the historic Esperance Jetty.
- **Town Centre Loop** 2 km | 30 min | Easy | Flat — From the foreshore, head up to Dempster Street for cafes, the Esperance Museum, local shops, and a stop at the visitor centre to grab a map for your day.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		71°	59°	7d
Jun		63°	52°	10d
Aug		62°	51°	13d
Sep		65°	52°	9d
Oct		67°	55°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:15AM–5:29PM · Jun 6:55AM–4:50PM · Aug 6:31AM–5:22PM · Sep 5:52AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:11AM–6:05PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book a car or tour weeks ahead. On cruise days, the handful of local rental cars and tour buses sell out fast. If you want Cape Le Grand, lock it in before you sail.
- The WA sun is intense. Sunscreen (SPF 50+), a hat, and sunglasses are non-negotiable — even on overcast days.
- Respect the Lucky Bay kangaroos. They're wild and used to people, but feeding or crowding them is harmful. Observe from a few metres and let them approach you.
- Check ship time vs. local time. Esperance runs on AWST (GMT+8). Confirm all-aboard time in ship time and give yourself a buffer — the tender queue can build up.
- Carry water, especially in summer. Cape Le Grand has limited facilities. Bring at least 1-2 litres per person if hiking or beach-hopping.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere. Tap-and-go is universal in town and most national park operators take cards, but carry some AUD cash for smaller stalls or the museum entry.

Esperance, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Tanker Jetty** A long pier for walking and fishing.
- 3 The Cannery Arts Centre** Historic cannery building now an arts exhibition and workshop space.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2 Esperance Museum** Local history museum with railway and maritime exhibits.
- 4 Rotary Lookout** Panoramic lookout offering stunning views of town and coast.