

Geraldton, Western Australia, Australia

420 km north of Perth, Geraldton is sun-drenched, relentlessly windy, and quietly fascinating — the custodian of the Batavia mutiny story and a memorial to 645 sailors lost in WWII.

 Pier (docked — commercial port)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English  Heart of Australia's western rock lobster industry

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Berth 4, Geraldton Port (active commercial harbour — no pedestrian access through port)

Best For: History buffs, beach walkers, seafood lovers, scenic flight to Abrolhos Islands

Walk to centre: Free shuttle bus to CBD (5–10 min); city centre then flat and walkable

Don't Miss: HMAS Sydney II Memorial & Museum of Geraldton (Dutch shipwrecks — both free)

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~AUD \$10–20 minimum ·  Rideshare  Uber, TaTa Ride

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **HMAS Sydney II Memorial & Museum of Geraldton** — Two must-dos, both free.
- **St Francis Xavier Cathedral & Monsignor Hawes Trail** — A striking striped Romanesque-Spanish cathedral designed by priest-architect Monsignor Hawes — one of the most unusual churches in Australia.
- **Abrolhos Islands Scenic Flight** — The Houtman Abrolhos are 122 low-lying islands ringed by coral reefs — the site of the 1629 Batavia wreck and home to sea lions.
- **Town Beach & Foreshore Walk** — Champion Bay (Town Beach) sits right next to the CBD drop-off — calm, sheltered waters good for a swim, with a boardwalk, cafes, and grassy lawns.
- **Western Rock Lobster Lunch** — Geraldton sits at the heart of WA's western rock lobster ("crayfish") industry — Australia's most valuable single-species wild fishery.

BEST WALKS

- **Foreshore & Museum Loop** 2.5 km · 40–60 min · Easy — From the shuttle drop-off at Marine Terrace, walk north along the foreshore boardwalk past Town Beach, continuing to the Museum of Geraldton overlook.
- **Mount Scott Memorial Walk** 3 km return · 50–70 min · Moderate (uphill) — From the Cathedral, head up Hermitage Road to Mount Scott for the HMAS Sydney II Memorial and sweeping 360-degree views over the city and ocean.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:39AM–6:03PM · Jun 7:12AM–5:31PM · Aug 6:53AM–5:58PM · Sep 6:19AM–6:14PM · Oct 5:44AM–6:30PM	
Apr	81°	64°	4d		
Jun	69°	54°	7d		
Aug	68°	53°	8d		
Sep	71°	55°	5d		
Oct	75°	59°	3d		

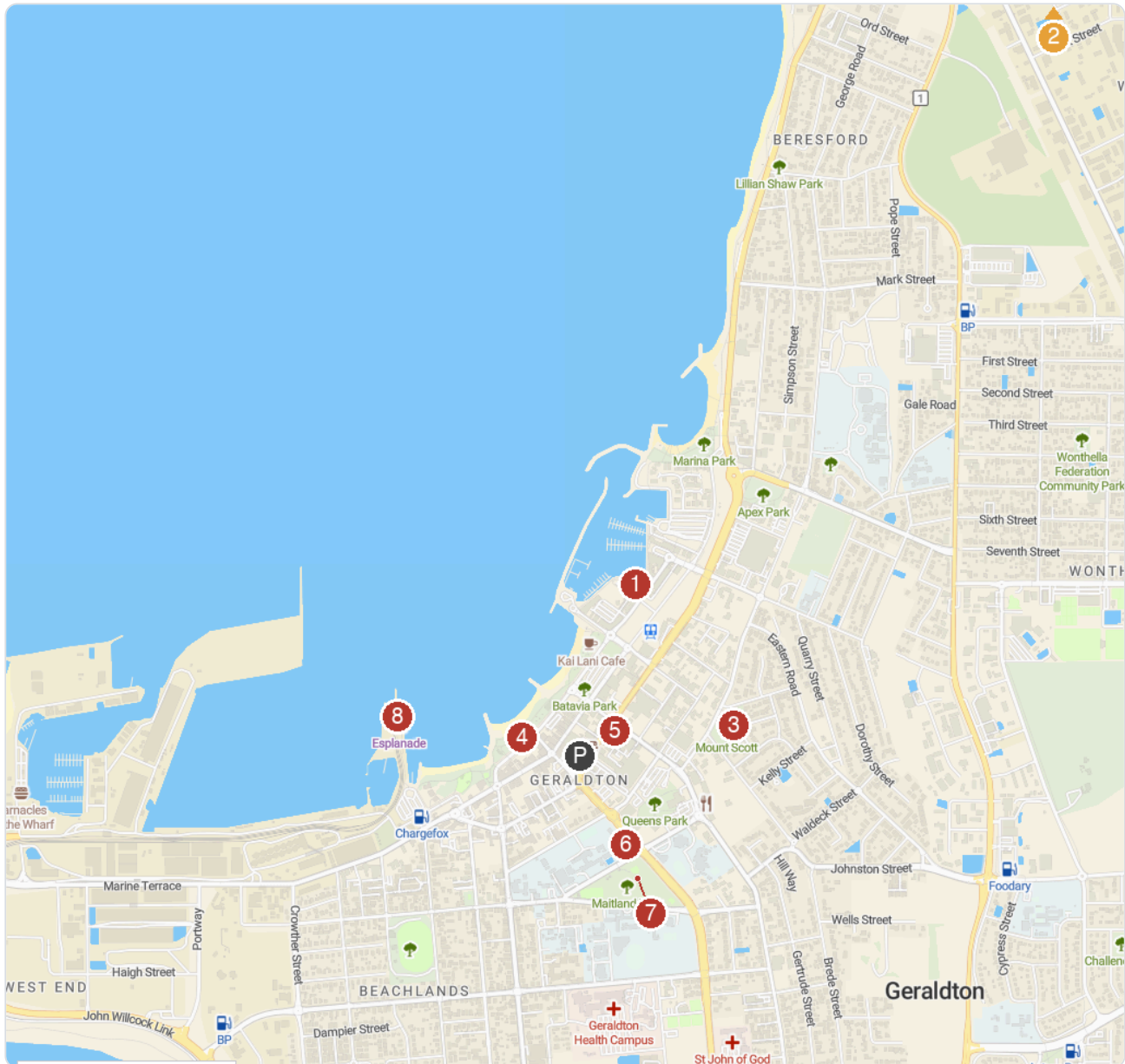
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wind is real: Geraldton is one of Australia's windiest cities, especially afternoons. Hold onto hats, secure loose items, and apply SPF 50+ — the breeze makes it feel cooler than it is, but the WA sun will still burn.
- Use the free shuttle: You cannot walk through the working port precinct. Board the complimentary shuttle from the port gate — the volunteer greeters at the drop-off are incredibly helpful with maps and bookings.
- Eat local lobster: Western Rock Lobster is caught right along this stretch of coast. Skeatas at Batavia Coast Marina and the Fisherman's Wharf are the go-to spots. This is one of Australia's best-value seafood destinations.
- Sunday trading rules: If you dock on Sunday, mainstream retail shops open at 11 AM or stay shut. Cafes, the museum, the memorial, and cruise-day pop-up stalls operate normally.
- Bush flies (spring/summer): Small, persistent Australian flies can be annoying on warm days, especially near the memorial. A cheap head-net from a local pharmacy solves the problem instantly.
- Abrolhos flights book out: If you want the scenic flight to the islands, pre-book before you arrive — operator seats are limited and sell out fast on cruise days.

Geraldton, 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.



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| <p>1 Museum of Geraldton</p> <p>3 HMAS Sydney II Memorial</p> <p>5 Geraldton Regional Art Gallery</p> <p>7 Maitland Park</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Explore Geraldton's history, shipwrecks, and marine life.</p> <p>A poignant memorial to HMAS Sydney II and its lost crew.</p> <p>View diverse regional and national artworks in this gallery.</p> <p>A large park for sports, events, and family recreation.</p> | <p>2 Spalding Park</p> <p>4 Geraldton Water Park</p> <p>6 St Francis Xavier's Cathedral</p> <p>8 The Esplanade</p> | <p>Relax in this large park with playgrounds and picnic spots.</p> <p>Enjoy splash pads, slides, and water fun for all ages.</p> <p>Admire the unique architecture of this historic Catholic cathedral.</p> <p>Stroll along the waterfront promenade with ocean views and cafes.</p> |
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