

Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia

The world's largest bulk-export port by tonnage, Port Hedland is a raw, industrial Pilbara town where colossal iron ore carriers dwarf everything in sight — and where flatback turtles nest on quiet beaches just minutes from the waterfront.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English  Hot & arid climate

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships berth at the commercial port wharves

Walk to Town: ~15–20 min walk or short taxi to West End / Visitor Centre

Best For: Industrial port photography, Aboriginal art, turtle beaches

Don't Miss: Staircase to the Moon (seasonal), Cemetery Beach turtles, Courthouse Gallery

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  AUD 15–25 ·  **Rideshare**  Rideroo, H Ride

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Harbour Port Tour** — A boat tour around one of the world's busiest bulk-export ports, putting you up close to 300-metre iron ore carriers...
- **West End Heritage Trail** — Self-guided walk through Port Hedland's historic West End, taking in the SS Koombana Lookout (memorial to the 1912...)
- **Courthouse Gallery & Spinifex Hill Studios** — Port Hedland's cultural heart showcases Aboriginal and local art.
- **Cemetery Beach Turtle Walk** — Cemetery Beach is one of Australia's most accessible flatback turtle nesting sites.
- **Staircase to the Moon** — On three nights each month around the full moon, the rising moon's reflection on exposed tidal mudflats creates the...

BEST WALKS

- **West End Heritage Walk** 2.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy — Start at the Port Hedland Visitor Centre, stroll to Marapikurrinya Park for panoramic port views, pass the SS Koombana Lookout, visit...
- **Cemetery Beach Stroll** 1 km beach loop · 30 min · Easy — A short drive or taxi from town (approx).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:16AM–5:54PM · Jun 6:39AM–5:33PM · Aug 6:27AM–5:52PM · Sep 6:02AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:35AM–6:07PM	
Apr	94°	76°	1d		
Jun	81°	62°	2d		
Aug	84°	63°	0d		
Sep	90°	68°	0d		
Oct	95°	74°	0d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book taxis early. Port Hedland has very few taxis and is a remote industrial town. Arrange transport through your ship's shore excursion desk before departure — don't rely on...
- Extreme heat is real. Port Hedland regularly exceeds 40 °C in summer (Nov–Mar). The cooler cruise season (Apr–Oct) is far more comfortable, but always carry water and wear...

Port Hedland, 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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| 1 Cemetery Beach Park | Relax at this beach park with ocean views and amenities. | 2 Pretty Pool Park | Enjoy a scenic park around a beautiful tidal swimming pool. |
| 3 The Big Wheelbarrow | See the giant wheelbarrow, a unique symbol of the town. | P Cruise port / terminal | |