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Places to visit during Easter

By Jose & Camilo

Easter is coming soon and summer is almost finished. Maybe this long weekend is the last chance that you have to take a nice rest so we are going to give you some advice if you want to take a holiday.

In the North, you'll find **Monkey Mia**, the **Pinnacles Desert** and **Lancelin**. In the South, you'll find some interesting places like **Penguin Island** and **Margaret River**.

Monkey Mia is a place where you can experience the world of wild dolphins. It is about 11 hours by car from Perth.



The Pinnacles Desert is about 3.5 hours away. There you can walk or drive through the desert and see lots of strange rocks. You can also enjoy beautiful landscapes. You should take your camera with you.



In Lancelin, there are lots of wonderful beaches and you can try going sandboarding - it's an extreme sport. You'll have a great time there. It's about 2.5 hours by car.

Now, let's go to the south side. In the South you'll find Penguin Island. It is near Rockingham. You can get there by public transport (Mandurah train line and 866 bus from Rockingham). You have two options for getting the island from the beach. The first one is to pay for the ferry (it costs \$6) and the other option and the better one is walking out to the island across the sandbar in the sea.*

(*Editor's note: If you aren't a strong swimmer, I don't recommend doing this—it can be very dangerous when the tide changes. Just take the ferry!)

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- Three PICE girls review three shopping places for us
- Tongue-tied? Advice on improving your speaking and listening

Everything about Cottesloe

By West

Geography of Cottesloe

Cottesloe is a beach in Perth, which is the main city of Western Australia. It is between Perth CBD and Fremantle. If you want to come here, you can get here by train (Fremantle line) or bus (number 102). It is very easy to get to here.

The Food at Cottesloe

There are some shops which sell the traditional Australian food which is named "Fish and chips". There are also some cafes for drinking coffee.

The Weather of Cottesloe and activities you can do there

I suggest you come here when the weather is sunny and without wind. I think Cottesloe beach is a nice place for swimming and it is famous for its relaxed atmosphere. You can lie down on the grass, listen to music and watch the sea. It's very comfortable for me. Sometimes you can see the sun going down between the

sky and the sea. It is very beautiful. Anyway, welcome to Cottesloe Beach!



Good news for surfers !

By Adriano and Erika

The winter is coming and we promise you that it'll have good waves to surf. If you haven't got all your equipment, now is the time to buy it. In Perth you have different shops in different places such as: City Beach right in the city centre and the surf shops at Scarborough Beach.

You have to wear a wetsuit because the water temperature will be really cold in winter however it is the best moment to surf because the ocean currents will change and the waves will break on the reefs. However, you have to take care not to get dumped.

If you are a person who likes catching big waves you need to go to Margaret River. This is the best place in WA to surf and we recommend you to go to "Surfer's Point", one of the most interesting places to surf around the world. It is famous because it has always got good waves and the sea usually has a good swell so just prepare yourself and go !

If you need to buy some equipment you can do that in Margaret River and it is also cheaper than Perth City. It's important to know that you have to carry your own food to Surfer's Point because there aren't any places to buy anything to eat.

You can go to a camping park to relax with your family and spend time relaxing with your family before surfing. Make a good plan for your next weekend and enjoy the beautiful beaches in WA.



Shopping heaven: 3 great places in Perth Garden City

By Erica

Do you know the shopping centre called "Garden City"? Have you ever been there for shopping? If so, did you have a great time here? Let me tell you some information about Garden City shopping centre.



Map courtesy of googlemaps.com

Now, in the modern world, people all like going shopping in their free time. Garden City is the shopping centre you should go to. In Garden City, there are lots of shops. There are lots of different shops for shopping for things like shoes, clothes and make up, and many great sales. Some shops are cheap and some are expensive. You can find everything that you need here. It's really wonderful.

Garden City is bigger than harbour town, and more fashionable. In Garden City, there is a big supermarket called Woolworths. It's really big. In the middle of the shopping centre there are many eating places like cafes, cake shops, Japanese restaurants, and lots of fast food places. When you are tired you can go there to relax and it's great!

I go there twice a month. Every time I go there it feels like the first time I'm there because every time it feels interesting and exciting. I run to the shops and find a lot of things which I need. I can spend 4 hours there and I don't feel tired. I really enjoy the time here. I love it - in fact, I will go there today. So, come on and have a nice shopping time at Garden City!

"Every time I go there it feels like the first time!"

Morley Galleria

By Kate

Morley Galleria is a big shopping centre. There are many shops there. It has several major stores, for example Myer, Target and Woolworths. Moreover, Morley has over 200 specialty stores. If you have a holiday and you don't know where you can spend your time, you should go to Morley! I think Morley can give you a great time! If you have a car you can drive your car to Morley, because Morley provides 4,235 parking bays.

In addition, Morley shopping centre is a really spacious and gorgeous place. You can have a cup of coffee and talk to your friends. When you arrive there you can buy what you like. You can buy some food and clothes. When you have free time you should try a cup of coffee in the cafes because it has 11 restaurants and cafes. I think you will love it.

Perth City Centre

By Huyen

Perth City is a little bit big but there are a lot of places to go shopping so you can go shopping and eat out.

If you want to buy food, you should buy fresh food at Coles or Woolworths. It is fresh local produce and it's not expensive. For eating out there are many places such as Chinese restaurants and Vietnamese restaurants - it's Asian food and it's delicious. If you want to eat fast food, you can eat it at McDonalds or KFC.

About fashion, the clothes are very beautiful and you can buy them everywhere in the malls in Perth. In Myer there are a lot of thing such as clothes, make up and so on but they're expensive. I know some places which sell shoes and clothes and are cheap. It's Rubi shoes and a Korean shop which has things for women. If you want to buy sports stuff, you should buy it at City Beach. There are a lot of clothes so you can choose ones which suit you.

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Thanks to Sharon and her
level 3 class for producing
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My Class

By Red

I study in a level 3 class at PICE. Our class has fifteen students. They're from different countries, including China, Korea, Hong Kong, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Vietnam, Lithuania and the Czech Republic. We also have two teachers, Odette and Sharon. They're very friendly and very patient. I like them.

We did our level test today. We'll change class next week. It's a pity. I'll miss this class so much. I'll remember when we played games together and my classmate who are cute and funny. I'll remember every smile.



Strategies for English

By Pavel, Diana and Jelena

If you want to improve your English, you'll have to have motivation. Everyone has different goals and ways to achieve them. It depends on what is most important for you. If you or your parents paid for your English college, you must know it's so expensive. It takes a lot of time and energy, not only money, and it determines whether you gain some knowledge or not.

If you really want to know the English language, you have to decide and go for it. We know it's hard, but you can do it!! And we and our advice can help you on your way. But don't forget - your motivation is the engine of your improving.

The first step is to write about your priorities, like learning English, going to school, working, travelling, meeting new people from another countries, etc. Decide how much time (by percent rate) you want to spend doing each thing. However, remember, you can learn English as you do all these things. For this reason, below you are going to find some things that can help you to improve your speaking and listening skills:

For speaking:

- > Try to benefit from your home-stay parents by speaking to them a lot.
- > It's a good idea to read articles and to extract words and expressions from them, and then, make your own new expressions.
- > Try to remember and memorise certain expressions in English every day.
- > When you read articles, make a summary and tell someone in English.
- > If you like to meet new people, the Internet is a good option. There are links where there are people who want to exchange English for your language. (*Editor's note: You could check out www.mychatbuddy.com)
- > Try to identify which expressions you can't translate from your language. Remember, it is not always possible to translate.

For listening:

- > If you want to improve your English listening skills:
- > It's a good idea to listen to the radio with headphones every day, when you are going to school, walking, cooking etc.
- > You can watch and listen to the TV every day.
- > Always listen to people who speak English around you like on the bus, on the street, in restaurants and other places.
- > Try to find special web sites where you can practice listening exercises. (*For example www.ello.org)