

### GENERAL OVERVIEW

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In 2024 the population of Australia was just over 26.5 million. Perth is home to over two million and growing. Perth currently has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city population in Australia, and the state of WA is the largest in area in Australia.

Australia is one of the world's most multi-cultural and diverse societies populated by immigrants from over 160 countries. Nearly 30% of Australians were born outside of Australia! The result of such rich diversity is reflected in our food, fun, and events with festivals and celebrations from most cultures being commonplace.

Perth is well known for its picturesque waterfront area on the banks of the Swan River. Elizabeth Quay is a new development on the river combining public artwork, bars, restaurants, promenades, and ferry services.



Perth has the unique aspect of nature meshed into everyday life, from glistening beaches with easy access all along the coast to national parks and bush trails to explore on the weekends, there is something for everybody in Perth!

Perth is an exciting city. It has an energy and atmosphere of its own and is a place where a “give a go” attitude will never be wasted, perhaps in keeping with the general Australian desire to give everyone a ‘fair go’. “Perthites” are known to be very friendly and open-minded, with a cool, relaxed charm.

People in Australia are known for their love of the outdoors, laid-back approach to life, and weekend café culture. Perth has some of the best beaches in the world. These include Cottesloe, Scarborough, Trigg and Leighton.

Perth also has a dynamic arts and cultural scene; it is home to leading artistic organisations such as, the WA Symphony Orchestra, WA Ballet, WA Museum Boola Bardip, and the Black Swan Theatre Company.

**PERTH FESTIVAL**, held every summer, brings world class performance, music, film, and literary events to Perth. Running for over 70 years, it is the longest running arts festival in Australia.

### PERTHITES LIKES & DISLIKES

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- 👍 Sunset picnics looking over the ocean.
- 👍 Brunch and dinners with family and friends at restaurants or entertaining at home.
- 👍 Shopping and being at the beach on our days off.
- 👎 Perceived high cost of living.
- 👎 Our favourite sporting team losing.

### DO'S AND DON'TS

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- ✔ Do wear Sunscreen.
- ✔ Do swim between the flags at the beach.
- ✔ Do explore the nature BUT be careful of our wildlife.
- ✔ Do explore around Perth city.
- 🚫 Don't swim in undesignated or restricted areas.
- 🚫 Don't drink alcohol in public places.
- 🚫 Don't smoke without checking for designated smoke zones.

### SAFETY

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Perth is considered to be relatively safe, however this major city does experience its share of crimes. Precautions should be observed and taken for personal safety and the protection of possessions. Be aware that robberies, assault, burglaries and car theft are quite common in Australia's larger cities, as in many other parts of the Western world.

**000** is the emergency services telephone number and is a free call from anywhere in Australia, this emergency number can be used for ambulance, fire or police 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### CLIMATE

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Perth weather is usually warm and sunny, with mild winters. Perth has been referred to as the sunniest capital city in Australia.

#### Summer – 1st December to 28th February

The Summer days can warm up to an average 30 degrees Celsius with the nights dipping down to 20 degrees Celsius. Heatwaves over 30 degrees Celsius are common towards the end of the summer season, usually lasting two-six days. Summer in Perth is hot and dry with very little rainfall. The hottest month tends to be February.



### Autumn – 1st March to 31st May

Clear sunny autumn days averaging 25 degrees Celsius do turn cooler when the sun sets with nights averaging 15 degrees Celsius

### Winter – 1st June to 31st August

Crisp winter mornings average 10 degrees Celsius with the winter sun warming it up to an average 19 degrees Celsius

### Spring – 1st September to 30th November

With the end of winter, spring days warm up more with days averaging 24 degrees Celsius but the nights still averaging 13 degrees Celsius

## TIME ZONES

Australia is divided into three separate time zones.

### Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

Covers the eastern states of Queensland, New South Wales (with the exception of the town of Broken Hill), Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

### Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

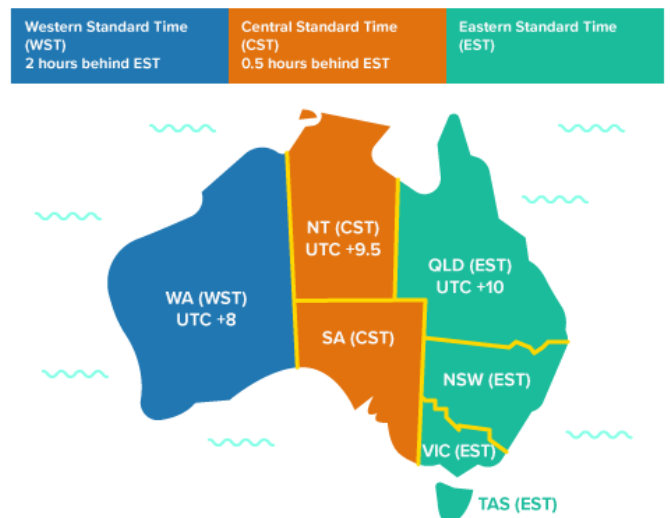
30mins behind AEST

Covers the state of South Australia, the town of Broken Hill in western New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

### Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)

2hrs behind AEST

Covers Western Australia.



## TIME ZONE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

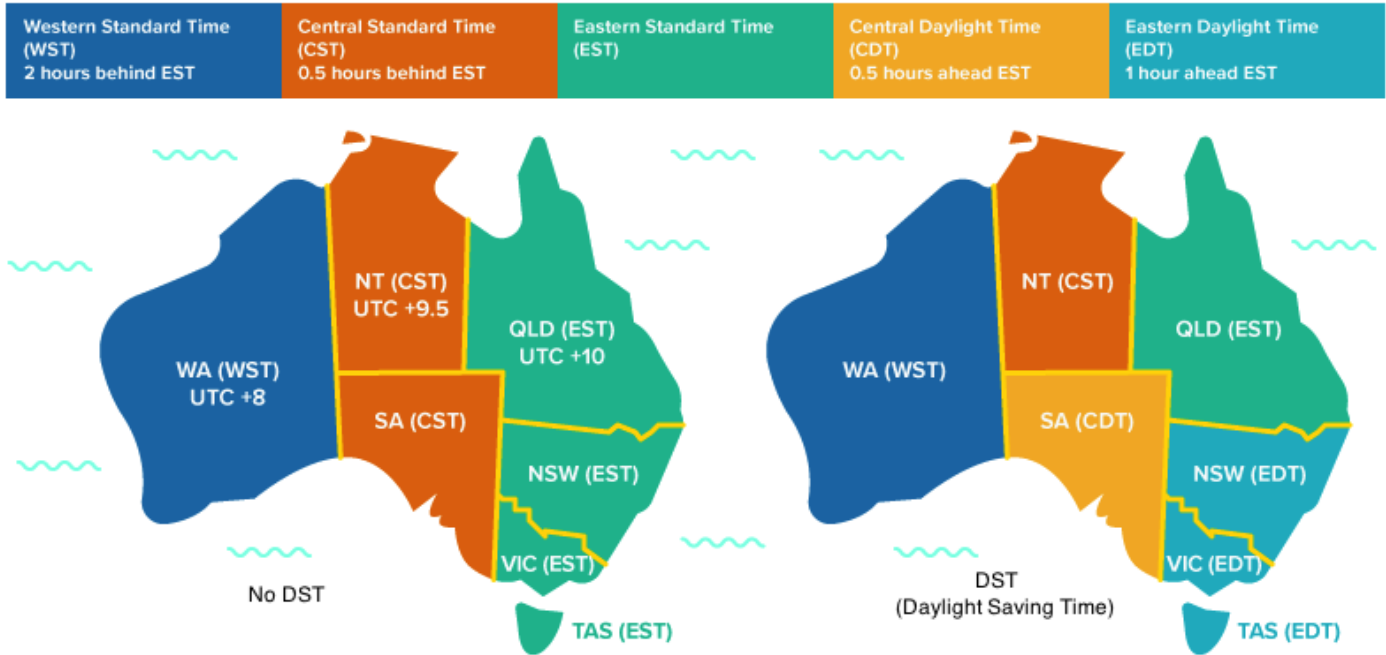
WA does not have daylight saving.

Where Daylight saving is observed:

NSW, ACT, Vic and Tas will move from AEST to Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT).

SA and the NSW town of Broken Hill will move from ACST to Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT).

*Daylight saving is not observed in Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia.*



## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

In Australia, 'Indigenous' has become the most used term to describe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They are also referred to as First Nations people or Traditional Owners. Indigenous Australians have a heritage that can be traced back to the first race of people living within the territory of Australia 60,000 years before British colonisation.

### Welcome to Country

Welcome to Country is a ceremony performed by traditional owners of the land and/or sea where an event is taking place to welcome visitors. A 'Welcome to Country' can therefore only be performed by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person with ancestral ties to the place where the welcome takes place.

### Acknowledgement of Country

Unlike a Welcome to Country, an Acknowledgement can be delivered by a First Nations person or a non-Indigenous person. Acknowledgements of Country often take place at the beginning of cultural and sporting events. They can also be printed in publications and websites.