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South Perth seen from Kings Park.  
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# Perth scenery pretty as a picture

MOGENS JOHANSEN  
shares top spots for visitors  
to get that perfect snap

**W**hen family and friends visit, we want them to have a great time and we want to them to capture some nice images that reflect our place and our culture.

We are blessed with a huge range of options.

We have it all: cityscapes, landscapes and seascapes plus a handful of unique and cute critters that, like our world-famous quokka, will win the hearts of our visitors.

Kings Park is the jewel in the crown. It has it all — uninterrupted views of Perth and the Swan River, as well the beautiful gardens with flora from around our State — but down in Perth city there are loads of excellent picture opportunities as well.

The contrast between new and old architecture always

makes nice pictures — take a fresh look at the city from the

horseshoe bridge or Yagan Square or explore the area around Council House and the recently renovated Treasury buildings. The city laneways have some interesting street art.

Elizabeth Quay and the Supreme Court gardens make an excellent foreground to a shot of the Perth skyline, and don't forget UWA, Matilda Bay and of course, the blue boat house in Crawley.

Fremantle is one of my favourites with its historic buildings and direct links to the

port and the sea. Fishing Boat Harbour, Fremantle Markets and the cappuccino strip are excellent spots to capture interesting street shots.

The Perth Hills area and the Swan Valley also have

many picturesque locations and they have the added attraction of heaps

of excellent food and wine venues where you can stop to relax and refuel. Mundaring Weir and Lesmurdie Falls are a couple of my go-to places when I have visitors.

Watching the sun set or rise from one of our beaches is sure to leave a lasting impression on your guests.

Take your pick of your favourite beach from Mandurah to Yanchep — they are all great.

If you have the opportunity, visit one of our islands — Rottnest Island has some of the most picturesque beaches and coastal cliffs anywhere, and of course, the opportunity to get



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the “must-have” selfie with a smiling quokka.

The harsh West Australian light can be unflattering and difficult to manage, especially around midday when the sun is right above. Pictures of people in the harsh sun will not only make your subjects squint, it also creates ugly shadows under their eyes and hats.

When you are photographing people, try to bring them into the shade or shoot against the light and try using a bit of fill-in flash to brighten their faces.

Plan your schedule so you arrive at the most picturesque places during the golden hours around sunrise or sunset. Bring chairs and a bottle of bubbly and watch the light change.

The lower angle of light is much more pleasing to the eye and brings out warmer and more saturated colours.

The view of Perth from South Perth or Kings Park is fantastic around sunset. Watch as the artificial lights from the streets and offices blend with the soft golden light as the sun sets and don't leave too early — wait for a bit after sunset and enjoy the soft blue light just after.



Wildflowers in Kings Park.