

3 Day / 2 Night Weekend Itinerary

York – Make it a Weekend

Why stay the weekend in York?

Just over an hour from Perth, York offers the perfect opportunity to step away from the pace of city life and immerse yourself in a relaxed Wheatbelt escape. As Western Australia's first inland European settlement, York combines heritage streetscapes, vibrant local culture, scenic landscapes, a year-round calendar of events and welcoming country hospitality. With a walkable town centre, diverse accommodation options and a year-round calendar of events, York provides visitors with everything needed for a memorable weekend stay. From heritage exploration and nature experiences to local cafés, galleries and festivals, York invites travellers to slow down, reconnect and discover the charm of regional Western Australia. Many of York's key attractions, dining venues and experiences are located within easy walking distance along Avon Terrace, allowing visitors to explore the town at a relaxed pace across the entire weekend.

Day 1 – Friday

Arrival, Heritage Streets and Country Hospitality

What to bring:

Comfortable walking shoes, water, sunscreen, a hat, phone to download the free Experience York App and a camera to capture the heritage streets and scenic views.

Afternoon – Arrival in York

Depart Perth via Great Eastern Highway and Great Southern Highway, enjoying the scenic drive through the Avon Valley. After approximately 90 minutes, visitors arrive in York where heritage buildings and sweeping Wheatbelt landscapes signal the beginning of a relaxing weekend escape.

Begin your visit at the York Visitor Centre, located inside the historic York Town Hall on Avon Terrace. The Visitor Centre provides maps, local knowledge and information about tours, events and attractions to help plan the weekend ahead. The centre is open daily from 9:30am to 4:00pm and can be contacted on (08) 9641 1301. Visitors can also download the free Experience York App, which provides maps, attractions and event information and works even without mobile signal

Visitors can also check with the Visitor Centre team for events taking place during the weekend. All events are listed here - <https://visit.york.wa.gov.au/events/>.

Take a moment to explore the Town Hall exhibition space and learn about York's rich history before stepping outside to stroll along Avon Terrace, the town's beautifully preserved main street lined with Victorian and Federation architecture.

Late Afternoon – Accommodation Check-In

York offers a range of distinctive accommodation options suited to a relaxing weekend stay. Visitors seeking a heritage experience may choose:

- Settlers House York – centrally located accommodation within a historic building along Avon Terrace (rooms approximately \$150–\$200 per night).
- Wheatbelt Luxury Escapes – a collection of thoughtfully styled cottages and boutique stays offering comfortable and character-filled accommodation across York (approximately \$180–\$300 per night, depending on property)
- Laurelville Manor – a grand Edwardian property offering luxurious suites surrounded by gardens (\$200–\$300 per night).

For those preferring a countryside setting, York also offers farm stays, boutique cottages and caravan park accommodation.

Please note accommodation prices are approximate and may vary depending on season and

availability.

Evening – Dinner and a Relaxed Wheatbelt Night

After settling in, take an evening walk along Avon Terrace before enjoying dinner at one of York's welcoming local venues.

Popular options include:

- Imperial Homestead – a heritage hotel offering relaxed pub dining and outdoor seating.
- Castle Hotel York – a historic hotel serving classic pub meals and local hospitality.
- Settlers House York – offering dinner service in a charming historic setting.
- Golden York Chinese Restaurant – a long-standing local favourite.

After dinner, take a short drive to Mount Brown (Wongborel) or enjoy a quiet walk along the Avon River (Gogulyar Bilya).

With minimal light pollution, York offers spectacular Wheatbelt night skies, providing the perfect peaceful end to the first evening of the weekend.

Day 2 – Saturday

Heritage Exploration, Local Flavours and Scenic Views

What to bring:

Water, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, a hat, phone and a camera.

Morning – Coffee and Culture

Start the day with breakfast and coffee at one of York's local cafés.

Popular choices include:

- The Flour Mill Café – located at the historic flour mill building offering fresh café meals and coffee.
- Jules Shoppe – a popular café known for breakfast and trendy menu.
- Nguyen's Bakery Café – offering bakery favourites and coffee.
- Bellissimo – enjoy a full English breakfast and extensive coffee range

Most cafés open from approximately 7:00am – 3:00pm, though hours may vary.

After breakfast, begin exploring York's rich heritage attractions.

A short walk along Avon Terrace leads visitors to the York Motor Museum, home to an impressive collection of classic and vintage vehicles including the famous car from the film *Crocodile Dundee*. The museum is open daily from 9:00am – 4:00pm with entry approximately \$5 per person.

Nearby, the Residency Museum provides fascinating insight into York's colonial history through interactive displays and historical artefacts. The museum is typically open Friday to Sunday from 11:00am – 3:00pm with entry approximately \$4.

Continue exploring York's historic buildings, galleries and specialty shops including the well-known Sock Factory, where visitors can watch locally made wool socks being produced and browse unique gifts.

Midday – Lunch and Local Produce

Return to Avon Terrace for lunch at one of the town's cafés or eateries.

Visitors can also create a picnic using fresh produce from The Good Life Store, a local specialty shop offering regional goods and gourmet products or pop into the local IGA.

Enjoy a relaxed picnic at Avon Park, located beside the Avon River, where shady trees and open lawns create a peaceful setting for a midday break and don't forget the picturesque view from the iconic swing bridge over the Avon River/Gogulyar Bilya. Have young ones with you, stop for a play at the nature playground or skate park.

Afternoon – Nature and Scenic Views

In the afternoon, experience the natural beauty surrounding York.

Take a short drive or walk to Mount Brown (Wongborel), where a hiking trail leads to one of the best panoramic lookouts in the Avon Valley. From the summit, visitors are rewarded with sweeping views across York township and the surrounding Wheatbelt landscape.

Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing walk along the Avon River trail, where peaceful pathways wind through riverside parkland.

Stop in town for an afternoon recharge whether it's a great coffee to keep you going, a delicious homemade slice or a sweet treat ice-cream, everyone will find something to enjoy.

Seasonal highlights include:

- Spring wildflowers (September – November)
- Golden canola fields during flowering season
- Cooler autumn weather ideal for walking and exploring

Evening – Events and Local Dining

York has built a strong reputation for its vibrant events calendar, with festivals and community celebrations held throughout the year.

All events are listed here - <https://visit.york.wa.gov.au/events/> .

If your visit coincides with an event, the town centre often comes alive with activity, live entertainment and local markets.

For dinner, return to one of York's local restaurants or pubs for another relaxed evening meal before settling in for a comfortable night's rest.

Day 3 – Sunday

Slow Mornings and a Scenic Farewell

What to bring:

Comfortable walking shoes, water, phone and a camera for capturing the surrounding landscapes.

Morning – Coffee and Final Exploration

Begin the final morning with breakfast at a local café before taking one last stroll along Avon Terrace.

Sunday mornings in York offer a peaceful atmosphere perfect for browsing galleries, boutique stores and specialty shops.

Visitors can also enjoy a leisurely walk along the Avon River/Gogulyar Bilya, where the quiet surroundings provide a moment to reflect on the weekend before returning home.

Or arrive for your prebooked Town Hall Tour.

Late Morning – Scenic Stop

Before departing York, consider a short scenic drive to Mount Observation, located approximately 15 kilometers from York. The lookout offers a beautiful bushland setting and panoramic views across the Avon Valley, making it a fitting final stop before the journey back to Perth.

Afternoon – Return to Perth

The drive back to Perth takes approximately 90 minutes, leaving visitors refreshed and carrying memories of heritage streets, country hospitality and scenic Wheatbelt landscapes.

Seasonal Highlights

- **Spring (September – November)** – wildflowers and canola fields create spectacular colour across the landscape - if visiting during Canola a visit to Pet Teet farm - the wheatbelts only accessible canola fields is a must.
- **Autumn (March – May)** – mild temperatures and golden foliage provide ideal conditions for walking and exploring.

Ideal For

- Couples seeking a relaxing weekend escape
- Families looking to escape, engage and reconnect
- Friends exploring regional Western Australia
- History enthusiasts interested in heritage towns
- Nature lovers seeking scenic landscapes and walking trails
- Visitors wanting to experience authentic Wheatbelt hospitality

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For more information about events, accommodation and visitor experiences, contact **Visit**

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