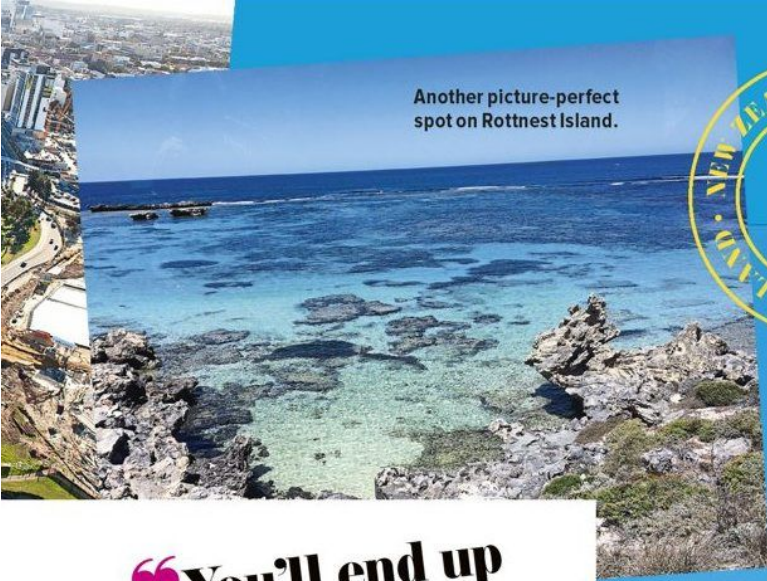


Another picture-perfect spot on Rottneest Island.



QUICKIE IN QUEENSTOWN

Samera Kameleddine heads to New Zealand for a whirlwind of a weekend

“You’ll end up drinking and eating well into the night”

WHAT TO DO:

ROTTNEEST ISLAND With some of the best snorkelling in Western Australia, white sand, warm water and no cars, Rottneest Island is a relaxing day trip from the city. You can get there by a 25-minute ferry ride from Fremantle or a 90-minute ride from the city’s Barrack Street Jetty.

TWO FEET & A HEARTBEAT GUIDED WALKING TOURS This company offers plenty of tailored options to suit your interests, from small bar tours to an urban adventure (twofeet.com.au).

KINGS PARK An oasis of greenery in the city, Kings Park is the perfect spot for a morning walk or a picnic outdoors (and some great photo opps).

SWAN VALLEY Just 25 minutes east of the city lies the Swan Valley, which is filled with more than 150 wineries, as well as chocolate factories and breweries. You can take a tour with Swan Valley Tours (svtours.com.au) or drive yourself around the 32km food and wine trail.

CHECK OUT THE INNER SUBURBS It’s easy to explore Perth’s inner suburbs by bus or train. Check out the Saturday farmers’ markets at Subiaco, the live music scene on Beaufort St, and edgy Northbridge.



Stop and smell the wildflowers in Kings Park.



Venn and Print Hall have breathed new life into Perth’s night life.

Lonely Planet pocket guides are perfect for weekends away (\$19.99, shop.lonelyplanet.com).

WHERE TO DRINK:

Queenstown is all about afternoon pub sessions, so have a New Zealand cider or tap beer in hand come 5pm. The Pig & Whistle and 1876 pubs on Ballarat Street are bustling pre-dinner.

WHERE TO EAT: Head over to Winnies World Famous Gourmet Pizza Bar. A large pizza is \$36.95, but easily feeds two. Oh, and the roof opens up at set times!

DON'T LEAVE

QUEENSTOWN WITHOUT:

A brown takeaway bag from Fergburger. With burgers as big as your head, it’s a local favourite for a reason!

SIGHTSEEING: Hop aboard the Skyline Gondola 790m above sea level for truly spec-tac-ular panoramas of Queenstown. While you’re up there, consider giving the Ledge Bungy or Ledge Swing a go... or just watch other people thrill seek.

If you want the best views of Queenstown, you’ve got to head for the sky

WHERE TO STAY:

The Rees Hotel in Queenstown (the.rees.co.nz) has lake and mountain views and offers a mix of hotel rooms and apartments. It also has a private jetty, and an extensive wine cellar. Fancy!

Soak up the beauty of Lake Wakatipu.

GETTING

THERE: Air New Zealand (airnewzealand.com.au) flies non-stop to Queenstown from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Daily connections are also available via Christchurch and Auckland. ♡



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