

INDIAN OCEAN

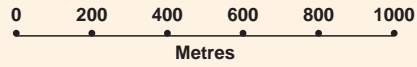
CABLE BEACH - Pristine 22 kms of sand and sea, named for the telegraph cable which left Australia here to link with Indonesia. Several quality resorts and tourist attractions.

MALCOLM DOUGLAS CROCODILE FARM - See hundreds of crocodiles and alligators from around the world, including Australia's saltwater giants.

O.T.C. STATION - Visitors welcome at the Overseas Telecommunication ship-to-shore radio facility 8 kms out of town. Tourist Bureau has details.



Broome



PEARLSHELLS & PEARLS - Broome produced up to 80 per cent of the world's mother-of-pearl after the exploitation from the 1880s of the giant 'Pinctata maxima' pearlshell, used for buttons until the invention of plastics. Now the shells are collected alive to make Broome the world's cultured pearl capital.

BROOME FESTIVALS - Start with dragon boat races in April, then the racing round, fringe arts festival, rodeos, the famed Shinju Matsuri Festival of the Pearl and the Mango Festival in November.

REMNANT RAIN FOREST WALK - A glimpse of the dense tropical foliage that covered more of the Kimberley in wetter times.

VINE THICKET WALK - This trail highlights different species of plants, bush tucker and rain forest remnant.

BILGUNGURR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

BROOME HERITAGE TRAIL - A stimulating walk, highlighting fine old colonial and oriental style buildings, the town's pearling history and the natural features of Roebuck Bay.

JAPANESE CEMETERY - Japanese worked as expert pearlshell divers and the dangerous work cost many their lives. More than 700 lie here in neat rows of sandstone headstones.

LUGGERS - In the early 1900s more than 400 luggers worked the shell grounds off Broome, unloading at jetties owned by Streeter or Male. One lugger is now on public display at the old Male's Jetty.

SUN PICTURES - One of the world's oldest open air cinemas, opened in 1916 and still going strong.

CHINATOWN - Once Broome's hub, with pearl sheds, boarding houses, billiard saloons and eateries. Now restored for tourists with pearl shops and sidewalk cafes.

Boat Sheds (historic)
L.L. Tack's Store (historic)
Male Jetty
Streeter & Male Store (historic)
Streeters Jetty
Kinney's Store (historic)
Pearling Pioneer Statues
Roebuck Hotel
Roebuck Bay Backpackers

Kennedy's Store (historic)
Cultured Pearling Memorial
Old Lock-up (historic)
Anglican Church (historic)
Mangrove Hotel
Moonlight Bay Resort

MANGROVE WALK - A short walk at low tide to view Roebuck Bay's many mangrove species.
Captain Gregory's House (historic)
Tabbita Court Apartments

Bedford Park - Features one of the old town trams from the early 1900s and Broome's first decompression chamber.

GOLDEN STAIRCASE TO THE MOON - A fascinating effect a few days each month at low tide when moonlight reflecting on the mud flats gives the impression of a staircase reaching to the sky.

PIONEER CEMETERY - Well-kept resting place for early settlers from 1880s, with interesting headstones.

Roebuck Bay
FLYING BOAT WRECKS - Still visible at low tide, three Dutch planes sunk at their moorings by Japanese aircraft in 1942 during World War II.

MANGROVE POINT - A favourite Broome beach with shaded lawns and playgrounds.

DINOSAUR TRACKS - Fossilised tracks 130 million years old, visible at low tide from Gantheaume Point.

ANASTASIA'S POOL - A small pool carved from rock at Gantheaume Point by a pearly whose disabled wife could not get down to the beach. Refills at every high tide.

KIMBERLEY NATURAL ECO-CENTRE - Guided tours of snake house. Breeding of bandicoots and Gouldian finches.

Broome Vacation Park and Village
Broome Golf Course

