

Built by convicts in the 1850s, the *Western Australian Museum – Shipwreck Galleries* is one of the most important maritime archaeology museums in the southern hemisphere.

The Museum is located within Fremantle's historic West End precinct. It is home to hundreds of shipwreck relics from Western Australia's maritime past, from the 17th century to the early part of last century. Schools might like to consider combining their Museum excursion with a visit to the *Western Australian Museum – Maritime*, for a whole day's experience of Fremantle.



## Museum Highlights

- Learn about the first European contact with the Australian coast and see artefacts left behind by early explorers, including the original pewter plate left by Willem de Vlamingh in 1697.
- Hear stories about the spice trade and see relics from famous shipwrecks along the Western Australian coast including the *Zuytdorp*, *Zeewijk* and *Vergulde Draeck* in the *Dutch Wrecks* gallery.
- See first hand the spectacular reconstructed hull timbers of the Dutch ship *Batavia* – infamous for the mutiny and murder of its passengers and crew in 1629.



Western Australian Museum –  
Shipwreck Galleries  
Cliff Street, Fremantle

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm on school days



Uncover tales of exploration, disaster, mutiny and survival as your class explores Australia's earliest shipwrecks with our experienced Education Officers and Volunteer Guides.

Trace the extraordinary voyages of the spice traders and the race to discover the Great South Land. In our interactive programs, learn how to load and fire a replica cannon, and imagine life aboard a 17th century sailing ship. Learn how boats float, and build and race your own model boat. Imagine you are a marine archaeologist, handle real artefacts and unlock the mysteries of the deep.



*Our education experiences reach beyond the collections with lively presenters, engaging activities, fascinating facts and objects to examine.*

## Excursion Options

### Facilitated Programs:

All facilitated programs are led by our Education Officers or trained Volunteer Guides and must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Program duration varies between one and two hours, depending on the program and the age of students.

### Self-guided Experiences:

Visit the museum and explore the galleries in small groups at your own pace. Self-guided visits must be booked in advance.

## Program Costs

### Facilitated Programs:

\$5.00 - \$8.00 per student (including GST).

### Self-guided Experiences:

Entry by donation  
(suggested donation - \$2 per child)

## Further Information:

Please refer to our website for information and resources relating to school excursions.

[museum.wa.gov.au/education](http://museum.wa.gov.au/education)

## Excursion Bookings:

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## K - 3 Early Childhood

### Pirate's Apprentice

**S&E** *Maritime History*

Clean, load and 'fire' a cannon, see real treasure and learn about shipboard life and shipwrecks.

## 4 - 7 Middle Childhood

### Exploration and Discovery

**S&E** *WA History Maritime History*

Follow the journeys of the early European explorers who charted the coast of the Great South Land.

### Shipwreck Scientists

**S T&E** *Science and Technology*

Become a shipwreck scientist for a day in this hands-on program. Examine shipwreck artefacts and learn conservation techniques that enable 400 year old artefacts to survive the journey from the bottom of the sea to a museum display.

### Don't Rock the Boat

**S T&E** *Science and Technology*

Build and race your own boat in our test tank. Learn how boats work and what makes them go faster.

### European Settlement Walking Tour

**S&E** *WA History*

Walk in the footsteps of the early European settlers and imagine the conditions that they faced.

### General Tour

**S&E** *Maritime History Maritime Archaeology*

Hear stories of the spice trade and see relics from famous shipwrecks along the WA coast on a tour with one of our volunteer guides. Learn about the *Batavia* and other Dutch shipwrecks and tales of mutiny and survival.

## 8 - 10 Early Adolescence

### Maritime Archaeology

**S S&E** *Maritime Archaeology*

Handle, describe and record features of real artefacts and tour the Shipwreck Galleries to discover the stories behind the artefacts from famous shipwrecks on our WA coast.

### European Settlement Walking Tour

**S&E** *WA History*

Imagine the conditions faced by early European settlers. Starting at the convict built Shipwreck Galleries, this walking tour includes Bather's Beach and the Round House.

### General Tour

**S S&E** *Maritime History Maritime Archaeology*

Hear tales of exploration, survival and mutiny as we trace the extraordinary voyages of the spice traders and the European discovery of the Great South Land. Guided tours can also focus on specific themes within the galleries (subject to availability).

## 11 - 12 Late Adolescence

### Maritime Archaeology

**S S&E** *Maritime Archaeology*

Handle, describe and record features of real artefacts and tour the *Shipwreck Galleries* to discover the stories and artefacts behind famous shipwrecks on the WA coast.

### Guided Tours

Tours can focus on specific themes within the galleries and can be tailored to the Marine and Maritime Technology Course (subject to availability).



For more information on our programs visit us online: [museum.wa.gov.au/education](http://museum.wa.gov.au/education)

