

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT // Asian-inspired Jangahir; all aboard the True North Ashore; a slice of Tuscany in the Swan Valley at Tannamurra; Spanish cooking is on the menu at Wild Fig Jam in Yallingup; the surfers' paradise of the Roozen Residence; Maitraya from the air, perched on a cliff edge near Albany.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTHWEST WA

A LA PLAGE

One of things we love about A La Plage in Margaret River is its obstinate insistence that the property not be let to school leavers, no matter how much money they scrape together. It's a modern, refined, quiet home that attracts peaceful family guests, not partygoers. Split across three levels, the five-bedroom A La Plage sits atop a hill overlooking the ocean and nearby national park, and is outfitted with babies, toddlers and very young children in mind (stair barriers, cots, change-tables). So if you're looking for a place in which you can combine a kid-focused getaway with a high level of luxury and comfort, A La Plage is on the money. [Details // Gnarabup Beach, WA. From \\$500 per night. www.takeabreak.com.au. 0424 257 947.](#)

JAHANGIR

By naming your property something that's Persian for "conqueror of the world", you really are giving your guests licence to expect a lot for their money. They'd be hoping for opulence. They'd probably settle for artisan quality furnishings. They'd almost certainly be praying for unbeatable views and a bit of something to brag to their high-flying friends about. Well, Jahangir, perched on a hill in the millionaires' playground of Eagle Bay in the Margaret River region, provides all that and more. Five double bedrooms house ten in extreme comfort, surrounded by Asian-influenced design features and split-level living and entertainment areas, a library, ornate gardens, timber decking and infinity pool. An architecturally fascinating place, you'll want to cross your fingers should you enquire about Jahangir – it has a list of regular and repeat tenants as long as a gorgeous southwest WA summer's day. [Details // Mercator Way, Eagle Bay, WA. From \\$7000 per week. www.privateprop.com. \(08\) 9385 5611.](#)

MAITRAYA

As Great Australian Holiday Homes go,

Maitraya, about 25min east of Albany, is far more "mansion" than perhaps anything else on our list. It's designed to house several Brady Bunch-sized families, as well as corporate groups and functions. Set on 500 acres of ocean-fronted bush surrounded by national parks, the house itself encompasses 6000m² and has eight bedrooms, a two-level wine cellar, gym, 13m indoor pool, glass-covered conservatory, 20-seat theatre – and that's before you even get to the private airstrip, cricket pitch, tennis courts and footy oval. And before you get the impression that Maitraya is reserved for the super-rich, consider this: based on its \$14k a week rack rate, if you fill it to its 16-adult capacity, that's just \$125 a night per person. For a week in coastal splendour you'll never forget, we'd say that's well worth it. [Details // Gull Rock Rd, Nanarup, WA. From \\$14,000 per week. www.maitraya.com. \(08\) 9361 9044.](#)

THE ROOZEN RESIDENCE

Despite what you may have heard to the contrary, Surfers Paradise is not a glimmering suburb on the Gold Coast. It's an iconic holiday home overlooking the swell at Prevelly beach in southwest WA, built for a surfer with the means to afford a property well beyond the traditional fibro beach shack: local Margaret River artist Ron Roozen. Designed by legendary architect Dale Jones-Evans (famous for Bennelong at the Sydney Opera House, among many others), his vision for the Roozen Residence was to take the concept of a beach house and cast it to the four winds. What they've arrived at it is a modern interpretation of a luxurious fortress of solitude, perfect for just vibing out and tuning into the grooviness of the vast Indian Ocean, man. Like a stark, pointy, rust-coloured tribute to Huey, Ron Roozen's three-bedroom haven has become as important a stop on Australia's surfing pilgrimage trail as Angourie or Bells Beach. [Details // Chapel Place, Prevelly, WA. From \\$550 per night. www.ronroozen.com.au. 0407 479 004.](#)

THE THIRD PLACE

What a perfect name for a holiday home. As the saying goes, the First Place is your own home, where you live with your loved

ones. The Second Place is your workplace, where industriousness and productivity reign. And The Third Place, the home away from home, is traditionally a comfortable, welcoming, community oriented place in which to gather and be social. Which brings us to THIS Third Place, perfectly positioned midway between Bunbury and Busselton on Peppermint Grove Beach in southwest WA. Designed with large families in mind, the four-bedroom home comfortably sleeps eight and is spacious and open with those terrific aforementioned gathering spaces throughout. As a relaxed home to reconnect with your family and friends, The Third Place really says it all. [Details // Peppermint Grove Beach, south of Bunbury, WA. From \\$220 per night. www.takeabreak.com.au](#)

TRUE NORTH ASHORE

What would you get if you took the super-luxury Kimberley adventure cruise ship True North, set her engines to all ahead full and rammed her into southwest WA's rich-list holiday enclave of Eagle Bay? The answer, of course, is True North Ashore – the only land-lubbing venture to come out of North Star Cruises Australia. More than 70 tonnes of Kimberley stone were shipped down from Wyndham for this modern miracle of a home, and there's a creek pretty much running through its centre, with a stunning waterfall right at the entrance. Jarrah and Marri timber is everywhere you look, with the furniture and fittings specifically designed to reflect the Kimberley, while superb Ken Duncan prints add finishing touches to many of the walls. Interestingly, North Star director Mark Stothard is currently selling the property, and says there are no guarantees the new owner will make it available for holiday rental – so, all aboard before it's too late! [Details // Wedgetail View, Eagle Bay, WA. From \\$8000 per week. www.truenorthashore.com. 0409 925 127.](#)

WILD FIG JAM

A traditional Yallingup farmhouse with wraparound verandahs, Wild Fig Jam also has a cute studio apartment, lovely views across Geographe Bay, a natural spring, four bedrooms and two bathrooms with

