

LEISURELY BREAKFASTS



A cool breeze, picturesque setting and good coffee is the recipe for a perfect summer breakfast. A lap of the river or coast will find ample places where water views and great food combine.

Northern suburbs' locals rave about Voyage Kitchen's brekkies and take-home goodies as well as Wild Fig Cafe, both on West Coast Drive where breakfast is best combined with an early swim.

South of the river, The Left Bank, Blue Water Grill and Walter's River Cafe are great places to eat outdoors while watching yachts under sail. And a cheap but fresh meal can be found at Fremantle's Beach Street Cafe, where you might even spot a dolphin, or Dome, which has plenty of good reading.

At Cottesloe is the classic Blue Duck Cafe, the John Street Cafe under the pines, or Costa Azzurra Cafe in the Floreat Beach dunes, which has views clear to Rottnest. Perched on the riverbank at East Perth is the renowned Lamont's and the popular Italian cafe Antico, where nearby Punch Coffee Company makes exquisite handmade chocolates.

For a BYO brekkie, the Subiaco Markets and Chez Jean-Claude do the best croissants in town and these can be enjoyed at nearby

Lake Monger where the ducks will be happy to pick up the crumbs.

For a more up-market experience, with river views, Fraser's in Kings Park, Coco's in South Perth and the new Raffles Restaurant in Applecross are open after Christmas. Alternatively, seek out cool air-conditioning at a hotel buffet such as the Duxton or Burswood's Sirocco or chill out at Chinese yum cha in Northbridge.

OUR BREAKFAST CHOICES:

Voyage Kitchen and Delicatessen, 128A West Coast Drive, Sorrento. Open daily except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve.
Wild Fig, 33 West Coast Drive, Waterman. Open daily except Christmas Day.
Deco Restaurant, The Raffles, Applecross. Open daily except Christmas Day.
Walter's River Cafe, Point Walter Reserve, Bicton. Open daily except Christmas Day.
Northbridge Chinese Restaurant, 26 Roe Street, Northbridge. Open daily.
Left Bank Cafe, 15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle. Open daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
Bluewater Grill, Heathcote Centre 56 Duncraig Road, Applecross. Open daily.
Lamont Restaurant, 11 Brown Street, East Perth. Closed December 23-28 and New Year's Day.