

Rottnest Island

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Rottneest Island Latest News

A 38-year-old man has died after a suspected shark attack near Rottneest Island recently, a popular tourist destination off the coast of Western Australia.

About Rottneest Island

- It is an **Australian island** in the **Indian Ocean**.
- It lies 19 km northwest of Fremantle (at the **mouth of the Swan River, near Perth**), **Western Australia**.
- A **coastal limestone fragment**, the island measures about 11 by 5 km and has **sand dunes and several salt lakes**.
- It was sighted in 1658 by a Dutch party under Samuel Volkerson.
- In 1696 a **Dutch sea captain**, Willem de Vlamingh, **gave the island its original name, Rottenest (meaning "rat's nest")**, because the place **appeared to be infested with large rats**.
- These, in **reality, were quokkas (a kind of wallaby), rare marsupials** whose existence is **now protected** by the island's status as a **wildlife sanctuary**.

- **First settled in the 1830s**, Rottnest has **served as a pilot station for Fremantle**, an **Aboriginal penal settlement (to 1850)**, a **juvenile reformatory (1882-1906)**, and a **World War II military base**.
- It is **now a resort** for the Perth area and is accessible by sea and air.

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