

SEASCAPES TO LANDSCAPES: ICONIC DESTINATIONS IN SYDNEY



Highlights

- Swimming at iconic coastal beaches
- Relaxing hikes through rainforests and bushland
- Sandboarding down sand dunes
- Camel rides
- Local produce, wine, and whiskey tastings
- Unique attractions and destinations
- Animal encounters
- Outback destinations

Day 1: Newcastle

Distance: 170 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 15 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start early from Sydney and head to Newcastle. Walk the **Newcastle Memorial Walk** for ocean views and an ANZAC tribute.
- **Afternoon:** Grab lunch at local cafes, then explore the **Newcastle Art Gallery** and street murals. Later, relax at Merewether or Nobby's Beach, or visit **Fort Scratchley** for history.
- **Evening:** For dinner, choose from the eclectic mix of restaurants along the **Honeysuckle precinct**, offering everything from seafood to modern Australian cuisine. This lively waterfront area is home to a variety of restaurants and bars, catering to all tastes and preferences.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Stockton Beach Holiday Park, 3 Pitt St, Stockton NSW 2295. Powered Site.

Day 2: Port Stephens

Distance: 33 Kms **Time:** 36 Minutes

- **Morning:** Take the short drive to Port Stephens and fuel up with breakfast at a cosy café like Little Nel, Crest Birubi Beach, or Ewviva. Then, hike to **Tomaree Head Summit** in Tomaree National Park for sweeping coastal views.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the day exploring Lorne, whether it's strolling **Unwind at Shoal Bay Beach** before lunch at Shoal Bay Country Club or Little Beach Boatshed. Spend the afternoon sandboarding at Stockton Sand Dunes or meeting wildlife at Oakvale Wildlife Park.
- **Evening:** End the day with a **sunset dolphin cruise** at Port Stephens and dine at **Nelsen Bay Marina** before heading back to your holiday park in Newcastle.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Stockton Beach Holiday Park, 3 Pitt St, Stockton NSW 2295. Powered Site.



Newcastle Beaches

Day 3: Hunter Valley

Distance: 65 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start with a short drive to the Hunter Valley, where charming towns await. Enjoy brunch at favourites like Café Enzo or the Deck Café, or kick things off with a **scenic hot air balloon ride**.
- **Afternoon:** Tour the region's famous wineries, enjoy tastings, pack a picnic among the vineyards, and stock up on gourmet local produce. Afterwards, wander the **Hunter Valley Gardens**, exploring themed highlights like the Rose, Sunken, and Storybook Gardens.
- **Evening:** Stay overnight at a local holiday park, or return to Newcastle with tasty detours at the **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company** and Cheese Factory.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Stockton Beach Holiday Park, 3 Pitt St, Stockton NSW 2295. Powered Site.

Day 4: Port Macquarie

Distance: 244 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Bid farewell to Newcastle and drive up the coast to Port Macquarie. Grab brunch in town or enjoy a stroll along the Coastal Walk, from Town Beach to **Tacking Point Lighthouse**, with sweeping ocean views.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Koala Hospital** to learn about conservation and see these iconic animals up close. Afterwards, enjoy a leisurely lunch at the **Port Macquarie Marina** before checking into your holiday park. Continue the adventure with a visit to Billabong Zoo or try the unique Camel Safari at Lighthouse Beach.
- **Evening:** Wind down with dinner at a local restaurant, where you'll find plenty of fresh seafood and classic Aussie dishes.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Port Macquarie Breakwall Holiday Park, 1 Munster St, Port Macquarie NSW 2444. Powered Site.



Koala Hospital, Port Macquarie

Day 5: Port Macquarie

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** If you missed Billabong Zoo yesterday, visit now — or head straight to the **Sea Acres Rainforest Centre** for a guided walk through lush boardwalk trails.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy a picnic lunch at **Shelly Beach** with the option for a refreshing swim. Then spend the afternoon at a local winery, tasting regional wines and soaking up the vineyard views.
- **Evening:** Take a short drive to **Wauchope's Cedar Creek Goldfield**. Try your hand at gold panning, explore attractions, and ride the **Timbertown Heritage Steam Train** before returning for another relaxed dinner in Port Macquarie.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Port Macquarie Breakwall Holiday Park, 1 Munster St, Port Macquarie NSW 2444. Powered Site.

Day 6: Coffs Harbour

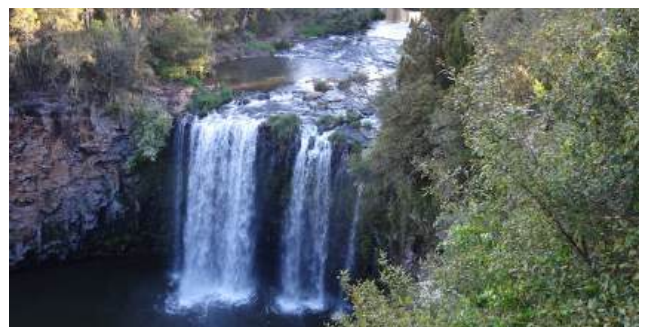
Distance: 152 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive to Coffs Harbour and enjoy brunch at a beachside café. Then stroll through **Muttonbird Island Nature Reserve**, taking in panoramic views of the marina and learning about the island's cultural history.
- **Afternoon:** Head to **Jetty Beach** for lunch at Latitude 30 or The Pier Hotel, followed by a swim or a relaxing wander along the shore. Afterward, visit the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park for hands-on wildlife experiences.
- **Evening:** Unwind with a peaceful stroll through the **Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens** before settling in for the night.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Park Beach Holiday Park, 1 Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450. Powered Site.

Day 7: Coffs Harbour

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Start with breakfast at **Urban Espresso Lounge**, then road trip to **Dorrigo National Park**. Spend the day walking rainforest trails, picnicking by waterfalls like **Dangar Falls**, and soaking in scenic lookouts.
- **Afternoon:** For adrenaline seekers, try skydiving over Coffs' coastline or tackle the **TreeTops Adventure Park at Sealy Lookout**.
- **Evening:** Wind down with a visit to **Sawtell**, browsing boutique shops and enjoying coffee and cake in its vibrant café scene, before heading back to Coffs Harbour for a relaxing evening.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Park Beach Holiday Park, 1 Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450. Powered Site.



Dangar Falls

Day 8: Tamworth

Distance: 299 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours

- **Morning:** Drive towards Tamworth, stopping in **Uralla** for coffee, a stroll through its heritage buildings, galleries, and antique shops, plus a quick visit to **Captain Thunderbolt's grave**.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Tamworth for lunch, then visit the **Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre** to snap photos, browse memorabilia, and learn about the city's country music history.
- **Evening:** Finish the day with family activities at the Regional Playground or Marsupial Park, or explore the Power Station Museum. For shopping and souvenirs, head to Peel Street or Tamworth Shopping World.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Paradise Tamworth, 575 Peel Street Cnr East & Peel Streets, Tamworth NSW 2340. Powered Site.

Day 9: Dubbo

Distance: 310 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Leave Tamworth early and follow the New England Highway. Stop in **Gunnedah**, the "Koala Capital of the World," to see Porcupine Lookout and snap a photo with the Big Koala Statue before continuing your drive.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Dubbo for an early lunch, then spend the afternoon at **Taronga Western Plains Zoo**, exploring its vast open-range exhibits and spotting over 5,000 animals on a self-guided safari.
- **Evening:** Enjoy dinner in town, with options ranging from Dubbo's famous steaks to hearty Aussie classics.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Dubbo Holiday Park, 18 Alfred St, Dubbo NSW 2830. Powered Site.



Lion Cubs, Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Day 10: Dubbo

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Begin with breakfast at a local café, then head to the **Old Dubbo Gaol**. Take a guided tour, wander the exhibits, and dive into colonial and convict history.
- **Afternoon:** Stop for lunch with a classic Aussie pie or pub meal, then browse Dubbo's shops, boutiques, and galleries for local products and souvenirs.
- **Evening:** End the day with a peaceful visit to the **Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden** and a stroll along the **Macquarie River Walk** for nature spotting and relaxation.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Dubbo Holiday Park, 18 Alfred St, Dubbo NSW 2830. Powered Site.



Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden

Day 11: Orange

Distance: 149 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart Dubbo and stop in Wellington or Molong for a relaxed breakfast. On arrival in Orange, check into your holiday park, then begin with the **Orange Heritage Trail**, a self-guided walk past colonial-era architecture, museums, and cultural landmarks.
- **Afternoon:** Stroll through **Cook Park**, admiring its floral displays and ponds, before enjoying Orange's **signature farm-to-table cuisine** at a local eatery. Continue with wine tasting at nearby cellar doors, sampling Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Shiraz, and visit the Orange Regional Gallery to explore contemporary works.
- **Evening:** Finish with a scenic drive to **Lake Canobolas** and dinner at a local bistro.
- **Where to stay:** Canobolas Caravan Park, 166 Bathurst Rd, Orange NSW 2800. Powered Site.

Day 12: Blue Mountains

Distance: 139 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head to Bathurst, drive the Mount Panorama Circuit, and visit the **National Motor Racing Museum**. If time allows, explore town highlights like the Court House or Fossil & Mineral Museum.
- **Afternoon:** Stop for lunch in Lithgow or Katoomba, then check into your holiday park. Visit **Echo Point** for iconic views of the Three Sisters and Jamison Valley.
- **Evening:** If time permits, ride the attractions at **Scenic World** (Railway, Cableway, and Skyway) for more incredible views. End the day with dinner in Katoomba or Leura, enjoying the region's farm-to-table cuisine.
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101A Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780. Powered Site.



Echo Point

Day 13: Blue Mountains

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Enjoy a cosy breakfast in your motorhome or a local bakery café. Start the day in **Leura**, browsing boutique shops, antique stores, and exploring **Everglades Historic House & Gardens**.
- **Afternoon:** Have an early lunch in town, then venture to the breathtaking **Jenolan Caves** for limestone formations, underground rivers, and guided tours.
- **Evening:** If time remains, take the **Bells Line of Road scenic drive**, stopping at lookouts and roadside attractions before returning to your accommodation for a relaxed evening.
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101A Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780. Powered Site.

Day 14: Sydney

Distance: 61 Kms **Time:** 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Get a head start on the morning and make your way over to Sydney for breakfast in the historic **Rocks district**, where you can choose from a variety of cafes and restaurants with perfect views of the **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and Opera House. Explore the historic neighbourhood's cobblestone streets, heritage buildings, and charming boutiques.
- **Afternoon:** Tour the **Sydney Opera House**, then enjoy lunch at **Darling Harbour** with its wide range of dining options. End your trip with a peaceful stroll through the **Royal Botanic Garden** before returning your motorhome to conclude your 2-week adventure.



Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House

Packing List For Your Sydney road trip

With lots of beaches, bush walks, and scenic spots there are a few key things you won't want to forget! These include:

- Beach towels
- Swimwear
- Beach entertainment (buckets, volleyball, cricket, etc)
- Appropriate footwear (thongs for beaches, sneakers for walking)
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)
- Personalised first aid kit (insect repellent, medications, band-aids, etc)
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities

Have a great trip!

