

ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP: MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE LOOP



Highlights

- Swimming at the famous Bells Beach
- Marvel at the Umpherston Sink Hole
- Hike through Coorong National Park
- Drive the iconic Great Ocean Road

Day 2: Lorne

Distance: 19 Kms **Time:** 24 Minutes

- **Morning:** Just up the road, you'll find your next destination! You can either have breakfast before you leave or spoil yourself in Lorne with tasty and refreshing café destinations.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the day exploring Lorne, whether it's strolling along the beach to the scenic pier for fishing and ocean views, or venturing inland to chase waterfalls like the famous **Erskine Falls** — Victoria's largest — along with nearby gems such as **Phantom Falls**, **Henderson Falls**, and the **Queenscliff Coastal Reserve**.
- **Evening:** Finish the evening off with a trip out to **Teddy's Lookout** for an unmissable sunset and then return to the same campsite you stayed at the night before since it's only up the road.
- **Where to stay:** Big4 Aireys Inlet Holiday, 19/25 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet VIC 3231. Powered Site.



Lorne beach

Day 1: Airey Inlet/ Angelsea

Distance: 142 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome hire in Melbourne early in the morning and hit the road right away! There are plenty of picture-perfect stops along the way, and you'll want to give yourself a tasty late brunch in **Torquay**, with seaside cafes on offer!
- **Afternoon:** Ready to walk off the calories? Head over to **Bells Beach** and watch the surfers before hitting the road again.
- **Evening:** Just 20 minutes on, Angelsea marks the gateway to stunning coastal adventures and a great spot to settle into a holiday park for the first night of your Melbourne to Adelaide road trip. Visit **Split Point Lighthouse**, stroll **Fairhaven Beach**, and snap a shot at **Memorial Arch** before wrapping up the day in Aireys Inlet or Angelsea.
- **Where to stay:** Big4 Aireys Inlet Holiday, 19/25 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet VIC 3231. Powered Site.

Day 3: Apollo Bay

Distance: 63 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 16 Minutes

- **Morning:** After breakfast, hit the **Great Ocean Road** and stop at **Mount Defiance Lookout** for sweeping ocean views. This cliffside drive is one of the most scenic in Australia.
- **Afternoon:** In Apollo Bay, browse the local markets for a snack before visiting the **Foreshore Reserve**. For more adventure, pack lunch and explore **Great Otway National Park** with its waterfalls, treetop walks, and wildlife, including koalas and platypuses.
- **Evening:** Then it's time for relaxation! Head to your holiday park for the night and get some well-earned rest.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Apollo Bay Pisces Holiday Park, 311 Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay VIC 3233. Powered Site.

Day 4: Port Campbell

Distance: 63 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 16 Minutes

- **Morning:** From Apollo Bay, head to Port Campbell, a coastal town near some of the Great Ocean Road's most iconic sights — the **12 Apostles**, Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, the Razorback, and Gibson Steps.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon stop by **The Grotto** and **The Bay Of Islands**. With mesmerising sea caves and spectacular limestone stacks, your camera roll will definitely be full by the end of the day!
- **Evening:** Head over to Port Campbell for the evening. You can either spend a second day in the area at the **Port Campbell National Park** or set right off to Port Fairy.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Port Campbell Holiday Park, 30 Morris St, Port Campbell VIC 3269. Powered Site.



Port Campbell National Park

Day 5: Port Fairy

Distance: 89 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 13 Minutes

- **Morning:** Take it easy on your last day in Victoria with markets, the **Port Fairy Museum**, **Hopkins Falls**, and local crafts. After breakfast in Port Campbell, drive to Cudjee for a relaxed day with the animals at Warrnambool Wildlife Encounters.
- **Afternoon:** If you've had your fill of zoo life, give yourself a culture trip instead by heading over to **Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism** for a first-hand experience of Southwest Victoria's Gunditjmara Country.
- **Evening:** At the end of the day you'll be settling down in Port Fairy with a big day ahead tomorrow!
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Port Fairy Holiday Park, 115 Princes Hwy, Port Fairy VIC 3284. Powered Site.

Day 6: Coonawarra

Distance: 221 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 31 Minutes

- **Morning:** Cross into South Australia with a fun stop at the **Yambuk Giant Slide** before heading up the coast. Detour to the **Princess Margaret Rose Cave**, then get ready to indulge in Coonawarra's world-class wineries.
- **Afternoon:** Stop in **Mount Gambier** for an afternoon of picture-perfect moments with the **Umpherson Sinkhole**, Blue Lake (yes, it's as blue as the photos make it look!), Valley Lake, Garden Cave, and Englebrecht Cave. You'll easily be able to spend most of the day exploring the area!
- **Evening:** When you get to Coonawarra, relax with a delicious drink at either Katnook Estate or Wynns Coonawarra Estate before checking in to your holiday park for the evening.
- **Where to stay:** Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park, 242 Comaum School Rd, Comaum SA 5277. Powered Site.

Day 7: Robe

Distance: 112 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 11 Minutes

- **Morning:** Time to head back towards the coast, so get ready for fresh breezes and sea salt air! For a beachside breakfast, we recommend feasting at Robe.
- **Afternoon:** Get your camera ready — today's all about photo stops! Visit the **Robe Obelisk**, **Lake Eliza**, and **Little Dip Conservation Park**, then take the forested walk to **Beacon Hill** Lookout for sweeping views from its medieval-style tower.
- **Evening:** There are plenty of secluded beaches to be found in the area, with many sandy roads that need to be avoided. Remember, our motorhomes cannot be driven on unsealed roads.
- **Where to stay:** Sea Vu Caravan Park, 1 Squire Dr, Robe SA 5276. Powered Site.



Robe Obelisk

Day 8: Murray Bridge

Distance: 264 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 49 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head out early for a scenic drive along Princes Highway beside **Coorong National Park**. With plenty of bushwalks en route to Murray Bridge, don't forget your walking shoes!
- **Afternoon:** You'll pull up at Murray Bridge around late morning/early afternoon and head straight over to **Monarto Safari Park** for an adventure through Australia's biggest open-range zoo! This is the largest Safari Park outside of Africa, making it well worth an afternoon at the minimum.
- **Evening:** Wrap up the day by heading to your campsite to relax.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Murray Bridge Riverfront, 100 Roper Rd, Murray Bridge SA 5253. Powered site.

Day 9: Victor Harbour

Distance: 92 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 14 Minutes

- **Morning:** Continue your Melbourne to Adelaide journey with breakfast by the **Angas River** in **Strathalbyn**, then head to Victor Harbor for a day full of activities.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the day exploring **Coorong National Park** or head to the **Fleurieu Peninsula** for gems like Ingalalla Falls, Normanville Beach, Cape Jervis, Sellicks Beach, Deep Creek National Park, and more.
- **Evening:** After a busy day of exploring the area, head back to Victor Harbour for some of the best local woodfired pizza.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park, 114 Victoria St, Victor Harbor SA 5211. Powered Site

Day 10: Adelaide

Distance: 84 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 13 Minutes

- **Morning:** Shoot straight up to Adelaide by following the coast and prepare for two days of adventure and exploration!
- **Afternoon:** Drive the coast to Adelaide, stopping at **Onkaparinga River National Park**, **Sundews Ridge**, and **Mt Bold Reservoir**. Take time to explore hidden roads before reaching the city.
- **Evening:** End the day at your campsite and whipping up dinner in your fully equipped motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** Echo Holiday Parks - Windsor Gardens, 78 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens SA 5087. Powered Site.

Day 11: Adelaide

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

- **Morning:** Day two of your Adelaide trip is focused purely on city exploration! Start the day at **Adelaide Zoo**
- **Afternoon:** Wander the **Art Gallery of South Australia** and mingle with the locals at **Adelaide Central Market**.
- **Evening:** Wind down with a stroll through **Adelaide Botanic Garden**.
- **Where to stay:** Echo Holiday Parks - Windsor Gardens, 78 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens SA 5087. Powered Site.



Adelaide Botanic Garden

Day 12: Keith

Distance: 226 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** You'll want to stop in **Hahndorf** on your way through to Keith! This iconic little town is well-loved for its German-style architecture and artisanal food – a good breakfast stop.
- **Afternoon:** Keith, the gateway to the **Limestone Coast**, makes a great stop along the Dukes Highway. Visit **Don Moseley Park** and explore **Mount Monster Conservation Park's** trails and scenery—perfect for filling your camera roll!
- **Evening:** As you head inland toward Melbourne, explore charming regional towns and settle in at Keith Caravan Park for the night—rest up, your final Victorian road trip stretch awaits tomorrow!
- **Where to stay:** Keith Caravan Park, Naracoorte Rd, Keith SA 5267. Powered Site.



Mt Monster Conservation Park, Shyne W

Day 13: Horsham

Distance: 333 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day driving toward Horsham, with quick stops in **Bordertown** and **Dimboola**. Detour to Murtoa to see the impressive Cathedral of Wimmera (Stick Shed).
- **Afternoon:** Kick off your **Silo Art Trail** journey by checking out the **Murtoa silo art**, then explore the quirky Murtoa Museum's Taxidermy collection inside the old water tower.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Horsham, your base for the next two nights. Settle into your campsite, enjoy dinner, and prepare for tomorrow's full day of art and adventure.
- **Where to stay:** Horsham Riverside Caravan Park, 190 Firebrace St, Horsham VIC 3400. Powered Site.



Murtoa silo art, ASAT

Day 14: Horsham

Distance: 298 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 41 Minutes

- **Morning:** From Horsham, continue the Silo Art Trail with the **Rupanyup Silo** as your first stop. **Begin the 333 km loop** showcasing incredible artwork across the region.
- **Afternoon:** Follow the trail through Sheep Hills, Brim, Albacutya, and Arkona, soaking up the creativity and snapping photos at each site. Take rest breaks along the way.
- **Evening:** Return to Horsham for a second night. Relax after a day of driving and sightseeing—grab a meal in town or cook up something simple in your motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** Riverside Holiday Park Dimboola, 2 Wimmera St, Dimboola VIC 3414. Powered Site.

Day 15: Albany

Distance: 72 Kms **Time:** 53 Minutes

- **Morning:** Take the short drive to Halls Gap and start at the **Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. Here, you can plan a guided tour or gather information for a self-guided day in the park.
- **Afternoon:** Spend your afternoon exploring the Grampians' natural highlights. Visit **MacKenzie Falls**, hike to the Balconies for sweeping views of the **Victoria Range**, or wander through the **Venus Baths** and the **Grand Canyon trail**.
- **Evening:** As the day winds down, enjoy the views from the **Pinnacle lookout** before heading back to Halls Gap to relax. If time allows, stop by **Halls Gap Zoo** for a unique wildlife encounter before dinner.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Halls Gap Holiday Park, 2372 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381. Powered Site.

Day 16: Ballarat

Distance: 143 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 46 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart Horsham and stop in **Ararat** for breakfast. Then head straight to **Sovereign Hill** to step back into Australia's gold rush era.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the day immersed in Sovereign Hill's activities—try your hand at gold panning, watch confectionary demonstrations, enjoy bowling, and catch daily shows.
- **Evening:** If time allows, visit the **Australian Centre for Rare Arts & Forgotten Trades** for a hands-on experience. Afterwards, continue to Ballarat for dinner and an overnight stay.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Ballarat Holiday Park, 108 Clayton St, Golden Point VIC 3350. Powered Site.



Sovereign Hill

Day 17: Ballarat

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

- **Morning:** Start the day exploring Ballarat's historic streets and cultural sites, or choose one of the many themed itineraries on the Ballarat website tailored to families, foodies, or outdoor lovers.
- **Afternoon:** Opt for brewery or distillery tours, explore local markets, or head outdoors for nature walks and gardens. Ballarat has experiences for all interests.
- **Evening:** Wind down with a relaxed dinner in Ballarat before returning to your motorhome to rest and prepare for the next leg of your journey.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Ballarat Holiday Park, 108 Clayton St, Golden Point VIC 3350. Powered Site.



Ballarat

Day 18: Melbourne

Distance: 115 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head back to Melbourne, cook a hearty breakfast in your motorhome one last time and take in all the scenic views on your drive.
- **Afternoon:** All good things must come to an end, and unfortunately, today is the last day of your Melbourne to Adelaide road trip adventure. But the fun doesn't have to end right away! Spend some time exploring around Melbourne if you're keen before you return your motorhome back to the Cruisin' Branch.



Melbourne CBD

Packing tips for a Melbourne road trip

Looking for the ultimate Melbourne road trip getaway? Well look no further! This Victoria to South Australia loop is full of iconic destinations, charming coastal towns, and unusual sights that are sure to fill up your photo album in no time at all.

Some things you'll want to bring 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!

