

## MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY COASTAL 16-DAY ROAD TRIP



### COASTAL ROAD TRIP


Distance  
1,452.60 km

Duration  
16 Days

Best Time Of Year  
All Seasons

## Highlights

- Watch the **Penguin Parade** at Phillip Island
- Hike to Mount Oberon in **Wilsons Promontory**
- Cruise to **Montague Island** to see seals and dolphins
- Visit **Hyams Beach**, known for the whitest sand in the world
- See kangaroos on **Pebbly Beach**
- Drive the Grand Pacific Drive and walk/drive **Sea Cliff Bridge**

### Day 1: Melbourne to Mornington Peninsula

Distance: 94 Kms Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome from the Melbourne branch and get familiar with your new home on wheels. Stop at a local supermarket to stock up on **groceries** and **essentials**.
- **Afternoon:** Drive to the **Mornington Peninsula** with a detour to Arthurs Seat for panoramic views. Stretch your legs at **Safety Beach** or **Dromana Foreshore**. Grab fish and chips or enjoy a packed lunch by the sea.
- **Evening:** Set up camp, cook dinner in the van, and enjoy your first night on the road. Unwind with **board games**, beach walks, or a **quiet family moment under the stars**.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Mornington Peninsula Holiday Park, 2 Robinsons Rd, Frankston South VIC 3199.

### Day 2: Mornington Peninsula to Phillip Island

Distance: 107 Kms Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at camp or grab coffee in nearby **Rosebud**. Stop at **Peninsula Hot Springs** for a soak while the kids explore the family-friendly pools. Hit the road mid-morning toward **Phillip Island** via scenic inland routes.
- **Afternoon:** Cross the bridge to Phillip Island and head to the **Koala Conservation Reserve**. Optional stop at Churchill Island Heritage Farm for hands-on fun. Check out **Cowes** for lunch and a stroll along the foreshore.
- **Evening:** Arrive early at your caravan park and set up camp. Head out at dusk for the famous **Penguin Parade**—a family favourite! Back at the motorhome, warm up with dinner and talk about the penguins under the stars.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Phillip Island, 24 Old Bridge Dr, Newhaven VIC 3925.

### Day 3: Phillip Island to Wilsons Promontory

Distance: 146 Kms Time: 2 hours 5 minutes

- **Morning:** Start with breakfast at the van, then enjoy a final stroll along **Cowes Beach**. Stop by **Cape Woolamai** for a short scenic walk or to spot surfers. Begin the drive toward **Wilsons Prom** with a coffee stop in **Wonthaggi**.
- **Afternoon:** Continue through the rolling hills of **South Gippsland**, passing through Foster or *Fish Creek for lunch*. Arrive at Wilsons Promontory and check in at **Tidal River**. Explore nearby walking trails or enjoy a dip at **Norman Beach**.
- **Evening:** Settle into your campsite and prepare dinner with a view of the hills. Watch for *wombats* and *wallabies* around dusk. Enjoy a quiet evening under the stars — this is what motorhome **freedom** is all about.
- **Where to stay:** Tidal River Campground, Main Rd, Tidal River VIC 3960.

### Day 4: Wilsons Promontory

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 hours

- **Morning:** Wake up to the sounds of nature and have breakfast with a view. Head out early for the hike up **Mount Oberon** — a family-friendly trail with sweeping *coastal views at the summit*.
- **Afternoon:** After lunch back at camp, spend the afternoon exploring **Squeaky Beach** or *paddle-boarding on the river*. Look for **emus, wombats, and kangaroos** along the walking tracks!
- **Evening:** Cook dinner at your site and enjoy a *family game night* in the van or stargazing outside. This is a perfect night for storytelling or **roasting marshmallows** if fires are allowed.
- **Where to stay:** Tidal River Campground, Main Rd, Tidal River VIC 3960.



Image: Mt Oberon, Destination Gippsland, everyday nicky

### Day 5: Wilsons Promontory to Lakes Entrance

**Distance:** 286 Kms **Time:** 3 hours 40 minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and one last short walk near **Tidal River**. Pack up and begin the scenic drive north, passing through **Foster** and **Yarram**. Stop at a *local bakery* along the way for snacks or lunch.
- **Afternoon:** Continue toward **Lakes Entrance**, with optional stops at **Ninety Mile Beach** or the Lakes National Park. Arrive in the late afternoon and stretch your legs along the footbridge and *waterfront boardwalk*.
- **Evening:** Settle in at your campsite and **cook dinner in your Cruisin' Motorhome** or treat the family to fish and chips by the water. Watch the boats in the marina and enjoy the *relaxed lakeside vibe*.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Eastern Beach Holiday Park, 42 Eastern Beach Rd, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909.

### Day 6: Lakes Entrance

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 hours

- **Morning:** Start the day with a walk across the footbridge to **Ninety Mile Beach** and let the kids run wild in the sand. *Optional: hire bikes or go for a short family ride along the lakefront paths.*
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Griffiths Sea Shell Museum** or take a *guided boat cruise on the lakes*. Enjoy an ice cream along the **Esplanade** and browse some local shops.
- **Evening:** Return to your site for a relaxed home-cooked dinner. Watch the sunset over the water, then wind down with games or a **movie in the motorhome**.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Eastern Beach Holiday Park, 42 Eastern Beach Rd, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909.

### Day 7: Lakes Entrance to Mallacoota

**Distance:** 202 Kms **Time:** 2 hours 30 minutes

- **Morning:** Cook breakfast in your motorhome and enjoy *one last lakeside stroll*. Hit the road mid-morning, driving through **lush Gippsland forest** and small country towns like **Orbost**.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Mallacoota** and spend the afternoon *kayaking, fishing, or exploring* the beach and walking trails in **Croajingolong National Park**.
- **Evening:** Cook a relaxed dinner at your site and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Look out for **pelicans** and the possibility of a stunning inlet sunset.
- **Where to stay:** Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park, Allan Dr, Mallacoota VIC 3892.

### Day 8: Mallacoota to Eden

**Distance:** 86.1 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 10 minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a *peaceful breakfast by the water*. Let the kids stretch their legs with a short walk along the **Mallacoota Inlet boardwalk** before hitting the road.
- **Afternoon:** Cross into **New South Wales** and arrive in Eden. Visit the *Eden Killer Whale Museum* or take a short coastal walk in Ben Boyd National Park.
- **Evening:** Settle in at your campsite and cook dinner in the van. *Optional: grab fish and chips at the wharf and enjoy a quiet evening watching the fishing boats come in.*
- **Where to stay:** Eden Gateway Holiday Park, 99 Princes Hwy, Eden NSW 2551.

### Day 9: Eden to Narooma

**Distance:** 129 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 45 minutes

- **Morning:** After breakfast, take a quick stop at **Aslings Beach** or stroll along *Eden's coastal cliffs*. Hit the road heading north, with a scenic drive through forests and along the **Sapphire Coast**.
- **Afternoon:** Stop in **Bermagui** to visit the *Blue Pool* and grab *lunch with a view*. Continue to **Narooma** and explore the waterfront or take a walk along the **Mill Bay Boardwalk** to spot stingrays.
- **Evening:** Check in at your campsite and relax with dinner *in the comfort of your motorhome*. Watch the sunset over the inlet or enjoy a **family walk** along the water.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Narooma Easts Holiday Park, 41 Princes Hwy, Narooma NSW 2546.

### Day 10: Narooma

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 hours

- **Morning:** Start with a relaxed breakfast, then **hire bikes** and ride the *Narooma-Dalmeny coastal path* — safe, scenic, and **great for kids**.
- **Afternoon:** Take a *guided boat tour* to **Montague Island** to see seals and possibly dolphins. Or spend time at **Bar Beach** for a swim and snorkel.
- **Evening:** Cook dinner back at the motorhome or try *local oysters* from a **nearby seafood shack**. Watch the pelicans glide over the inlet as the sun goes down.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Narooma Easts Holiday Park, 41 Princes Hwy, Narooma NSW 2546.

### Day 11: Narooma to Batemans Bay

**Distance:** 70 Kms **Time:** 1 hour

- **Morning:** Pack up after breakfast and head north, stopping at the charming town of **Mogo**. Visit **Mogo Wildlife Park** for a close-up with exotic animals — *a family hit*.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Batemans Bay**. Walk along the waterfront, visit the playground at **Corrigans Beach**, or take a *short cruise on the Clyde River*.
- **Evening:** Settle into your site, cook up a meal in your motorhome or enjoy dinner at one of the **kid-friendly restaurants in town**.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Batemans Bay at Easts Riverside Holiday Park, Wharf Rd, North Batemans Bay NSW 2536.

### Day 12: Batemans Bay to Jervis Bay

**Distance:** 107 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 30 minutes

- **Morning:** Head off early and stop at **Pebbly Beach** to see wild kangaroos on the sand — *a magical moment for kids (everyone!)*.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Jervis Bay** and head straight to **Hyams Beach** for the famously white sand. Explore the *town of Huskisson* or take a dip in the clear waters.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a BBQ dinner at your site and a sunset walk along the bay.
- **Where to stay:** Holiday Haven Huskisson Beach, 17A Beach St, Huskisson NSW 2540.



Image: Kangaroos at Pebbly Beach, South Coast, Destination NSW

### Day 13: Jervis Bay

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 hours

- **Morning:** Take a dolphin or **whale-watching cruise** (*seasonal: May to November*). Great experience for the whole family, and very popular with kids. We recommend [booking in advance!](#)
- **Afternoon:** Walk the **White Sands Walk** or relax at Greenfield or **Murrays Beach**. Perfect time for a family picnic and swim.
- **Evening:** Unwind at your powered site with dinner and games. End the day with a quiet beach **walk under the stars**.
- **Where to stay:** Holiday Haven Huskisson Beach, 17A Beach St, Huskisson NSW 2540.



Image: Murrays Beach, Jervis Bay, Destination NSW



### Day 14: Jervis Bay to Kiama

**Distance:** 64.5 Kms **Time:** 1 hour

- **Morning:** Enjoy a slow breakfast by the beach, then hit the road toward Kiama. Stop in the **historic town of Berry** along the way — the kids will love the treats at the famous [Berry Donut Van](#), and parents can browse boutique shops or grab a coffee.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Kiama** and head to the iconic **Kiama Blowhole**. Walk along the scenic *Kiama Coastal Trail* or visit the lighthouse and harbour.
- **Evening:** Check in to your caravan park and unwind with a **homemade dinner** or head into town for fish and chips. Let the kids play or take an early evening stroll with ocean views.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Easts Beach Holiday Park, 30 Ocean St, Kiama NSW 2533.

### Day 15: Kiama to Sydney

**Distance:** 161 Kms **Time:** 2 hours 20 minutes

- **Morning:** Drive the stunning Grand Pacific Drive and stop at **Sea Cliff Bridge** for a short walk and photos.
- **Afternoon:** Pass through the **Royal National Park** for a *nature break or picnic* before arriving in **Sydney**.
- **Evening:** Check in at your final caravan park. Enjoy dinner in the van or dine out in the city for a **celebratory end to your journey**.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park, 38 Lake Park Rd, North Narrabeen NSW 2101.

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Image: Sea Cliff Bridge, Clifton, Destination NSW

### Day 16: Sydney

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 hours

- **Morning:** If time allows, take a stroll along **Bondi Beach** or visit **Taronga Zoo** for one last family adventure.
- **Afternoon:** Return your motorhome to the **Sydney branch by 3 pm**, unpack your memories, and head home with sandy shoes and full hearts.
- **Evening:** Optional final dinner in the city at **Darling Harbour** or **The Rocks** to toast your *epic journey*.



Image: Family Road Trip, Cruisin' 6-berth Deluxe

### Packing Tips For Your Easter Road Trip

This 16-day journey from **Melbourne to Sydney** isn't just a road trip — it's a **rolling family adventure**, packed with *freedom, laughter, and memories* that **last a lifetime**.

#### Some things you'll want to bring include:

- **Clothing:** comfortable clothes for driving time, layers for varying temperatures, lightweight jacket or raincoat
- **Shoes:** hiking shoes, walking shoes, tongs
- Hat, sunglasses, **sunscreen**
- Plenty of food, **snacks**, and water
- Maps, journals
- **Camera**, phone, charging cables, **power banks**
- Favourite board games
- **Kids movies** & toys
- Personal toiletries and hygiene items
- **Picnic rug** & thermos
- Head torches for night beach walks
- **Binoculars** for spotting dolphins, whales and birds

Have a great trip!

