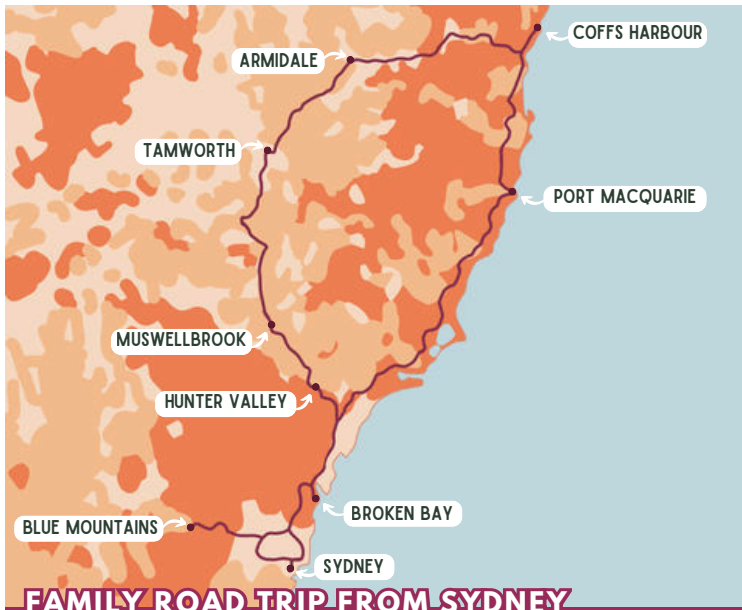




12-DAY FAMILY ROAD TRIP: SYDNEY LOOP ADVENTURE



FAMILY ROAD TRIP FROM SYDNEY

Distance 1,574 Kms
 Duration 12 Days
 Best Time Of Year All Year

Highlights

- Coffs Harbour
- Port Macquarie
- Waterfall Way Drive
- Dangar Falls and Ebor Falls
- Armidale
- Hunter Valley Region
- Blue Mountains
- Three Sisters
- Scenic World

Day 1: Sydney to Central Coast

Distance: 118 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome from our Sydney branch and **get familiar** with your home on wheels. Hit the road north toward the beautiful Central Coast, an easy first drive to settle in.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at **Australian Reptile Park** for an unforgettable wildlife experience. Kids will love meeting koalas, feeding kangaroos, and watching crocodile shows.
- **Evening:** Head to **Terrigal Beach** for a relaxed stroll along the esplanade. Cook dinner in your motorhome kitchen or grab takeaway and enjoy it by the ocean.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Resort, 90 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach NSW 2257.

Day 2: Central Coast to Port Macquarie

Distance: 335 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 43 Minutes

- **Morning:** Continue north along the coast, stopping for a coffee break or quick walk in **Myall Lakes National Park**, a protected coastal wilderness surrounding by network of freshwater lakes, forests, dunes, and beaches.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Port Macquarie** and visit the famous **Koala Hospital** to learn about koala conservation. It is the world's first facility dedicated exclusively to the care and conservation of koalas.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a riverside walk or let the kids run free at one of the foreshore playgrounds before dinner. **Nobbys Beach** is beautiful and only 7 minutes walk from the caravan park.
- **Where to stay:** Flynn's Beach Caravan Park, 22 Ocean St, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.



Image: Nobbys Beach, Newcastle, Destination NSW

Day 3: Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour

Distance: 165 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 7 Minutes

- **Morning:** Take a relaxed drive north, with optional beach stops along the way such as **Captain Cook Lookout** for breathtaking view over Nambucca Heads. Stop at **The Honey Place** on your way north for delicious honey to grab for your travels.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Coffs Harbour** and head straight to The **Big Banana Fun Park** for a fun-filled afternoon of slides, rides, and mini golf. The park began as a roadside stop celebrating the region's banana-growing industry, then a key part of Coffs Harbour's economy.
- **Evening:** Wind down at **Jetty Beach** with a simple dinner cooked in your motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Park Beach Holiday Park, 1 Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.



Day 4: Explore Coffs Harbour

Distance: 26 Kms **Time:** 46 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start with a walk to **Sealy Lookout** (*Forest Sky Pier*) for panoramic views over the coast. You can easily park your motorhome there and it's only a short walk for brilliant views over the mountains!
- **Afternoon:** Discover **Solitary Islands Marine Park**, ideal for snorkelling, beach time, or even a family-friendly boat tour. Stretching from *Coffs Harbour to the Sandon River*, it safeguards one of the world's few regions where tropical and temperate ocean currents meet.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a relaxed BBQ dinner at your campsite and let the kids enjoy the park facilities.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Park Beach Holiday Park, 1 Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.



Image: Sealy Lookout, Destination NSW

Day 5: Coffs Harbour to Armidale

Distance: Shuttle access **Time:** Full day exploration

- **Morning:** Head inland on the scenic Waterfall Way. Stop at the picturesque **Dangar Falls**, cascading from Bielsdown River. Then, continue to the stunning **Ebor Falls**, a twin-tiered waterfall within Guy Fawkes River National Park. Platforms provide panoramic views of the upper and lower cascades.
- **Afternoon:** : Arrive in **Armidale** late afternoon, a regional city in the *Northern Tablelands of New South Wales*. Sitting around 1,000 meters above sea level, it combines a cosmopolitan university-town atmosphere with striking natural scenery and heritage architecture.
- **Evening:** Settle in for a quiet night surrounded by country charm. Get some pop corn and enjoy a movie night in your motorhome!
- **Where to stay:** Armidale Tourist Park, 39 Grafton Rd, Armidale NSW 2350.

Day 6: Explore Armidale

Distance: 8.8 Kms **Time:** 14 Minutes

- **Morning:** Visit the **New England Regional Art Museum** for a mix of culture and outdoor sculpture gardens. Designed specifically to preserve and display major art collections, the museum includes climate-controlled galleries, an education center, and performance spaces.
- **Afternoon:** : Enjoy a picnic in **Armidale Bicentennial Arboretum gardens** where kids can play in the playground. Relax with a walk around the park – there is even a small waterfall!
- **Evening:** Cook dinner in your motorhome and relax after a slow-paced day.
- **Where to Stay:** Armidale Tourist Park, 39 Grafton Rd, Armidale NSW 2350.

Day 7: Armidale to Muswellbrook

Distance: 272 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Travel south through scenic countryside toward **Muswellbrook**. Stop in small country towns and lookouts along the way such as **Moonbi Lookout**, perched atop a large rock, providing an uninterrupted view of the stunning landscape.
- **Afternoon:** Stop in **Tamworth** for lunch, and to tick another "Big Thing" of Australia: **The Big Golden Guitare!** Continue toward **Scone**, historic town in the Upper Hunter Shire in the Hunter Region. This town is recognised as the "*Horse Capital of Australia*".
- **Evening:** Arrive in **Muswellbrook**, known for its blend of mining, agriculture, and viticulture, it serves as a key hub for the Hunter region's energy and rural industries. Enjoy a peaceful night.
- **Where to stay:** Muswellbrook Riverside Cabin and Van Park, 10 Mill St, Muswellbrook NSW 2333.



Image: The Big Golden Guitare, Tamworth, Destination NSW



Day 8: Muswellbrook to Hunter Valley

Distance: 89.8Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 26 Minutes

- **Morning:** Cook breakfast in your motorhome then head to **Hunter Valley Gardens**, spread across approximately 14 hectares (*about 35 acres*), it's a fantastic spot for families with themed gardens and kid-friendly attractions. Expect to spend 3 to 4 hours exploring this stunning park.
- **Afternoon:** Visit local chocolate shops or enjoy a relaxed picnic among the vineyards. Tick another "Big Thing" with the **Big Red Chair!**
- **Evening:** Head to your campsite and enjoy a quiet dinner or check out a restaurant such as The Valley Brewhouse.
- **Where to stay:** Wine Country Tourist Park Hunter Valley, 3 O'Connors Rd, Nulkaba NSW 2325.

Day 9: Hunter Valley to Blue Mountains

Distance: 231 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 25 Minutes (*No Tolls*)

- **Morning:** Start driving towards the breathtaking Blue Mountains. Stop at **Balaka Falls** on your way. If you feel like it, there is a *1.8km loop (about 1 hour walk)* that passes directly by the falls.
- **Afternoon:** Once arrive in **Katoomba**, check in to your caravan park and explore **Scenic World** by foot! A short *10-minute walk* will take you to the *Scenic Railway, Cableway or Skyway!*
- **Evening:** Enjoy a cosy night surrounded by nature. Cook dinner and plan your next exploration day!
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101 Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780.

Day 10: Explore Blue Mountains

Distance: Walking **Time:** Local Exploration

- **Morning:** After breakfast, leave your motorhome at the campsite and walk towards **Echo Point Lookout** (*30-minute walk*). Pass through **Katoomba Falls**, Allambie Lookout and arrive at the stunning **Three Sisters**, an iconic sandstone rock formation.
- **Afternoon:** After lunch at the **The Lookout Echo Point** restaurant, the Federal Pass Walking Track would take you through the valley. It's a *1.5-2.5 hours track* and is not difficult (*be ready for the Giant Stairway though!*).
- **Evening:** Come back to your campsite and cook dinner and play some board games with the kids!
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101 Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780.

Day 11: Explore Blue Mountains

Distance: 20.1 Kms **Time:** 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** After breakfast, drive to **Wentworth Falls Lake** and enjoy a relaxed and free morning there. Bring some snacks or a picnic and enjoy the scenery.
- **Afternoon:** On your way back to the campsite, spend time in Leura village browsing shops and enjoying a café stop. Take the Leura Cascades Fern Bower Circuit passing through the Bridal Veil Lookout.
- **Evening:** Return to your campsite for your last night in the Blue Mountains.
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101 Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780.

Day 12: Blue Mountains to Sydney

Distance: 113 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 10 Minutes (*No Tolls*)

- **Morning:** Enjoy a slow start before making your way back to Sydney.
- **Afternoon:** Return your motorhome to Cruisin' Motorhomes by 3:30pm and wrap up your family adventure! If time allows, celebrate the end of your trip with a meal by the harbour.

Packing List For Your Road Trip

Travelling by motorhome gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace, with the comfort of home always close by. Here are the favourite items:

- **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, board games
- **Camera**, phone, charging cables, power banks
- Personal toiletries and hygiene items
- Picnic rug & thermos
- Head torches for night beach walks

Have a great trip!

