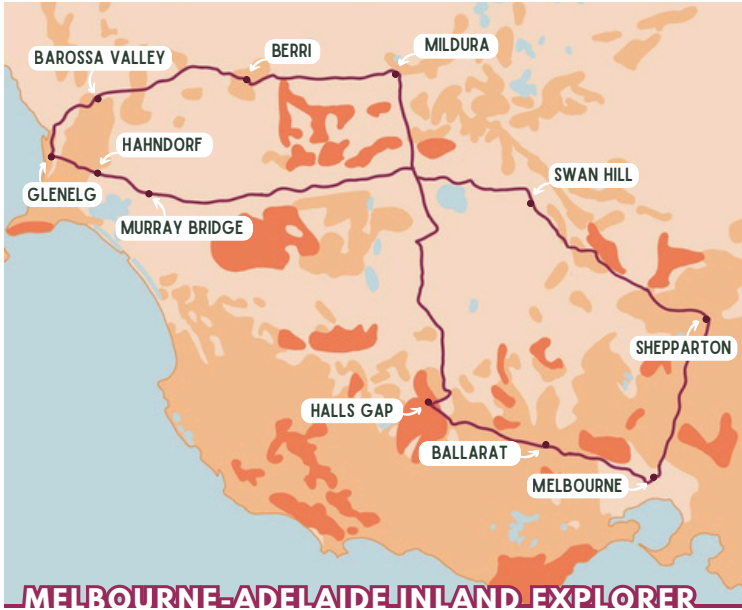




MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE INLAND EXPLORER (RETURN LOOP)



MELBOURNE-ADELAIDE INLAND EXPLORER

Distance 2,236 Kms
 Duration 11 Days
 Best Time Of Year Shoulder Seasons

Highlights

- Grampians National Park
- The Pinnacle Lookout & MacKenzie Falls
- Mildura & Murray River
- Barossa Valley
- Adelaide & Hahndorf Village
- Mount Lofty Summit
- Swan Hill Riverfront
- Shepparton & Goulburn Valley

Day 1: Melbourne to the Grampians (Halls Gap)

Distance: 245 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 5 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome in Melbourne and take time to get familiar with your vehicle before hitting the road and stock up on groceries and essentials. Head to **Ballarat** for a coffee stop.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Halls Gap**, the gateway to the Grampians National Park. This region is known for dramatic sandstone ranges and abundant wildlife. Ease into the scenery with a short walk like Venus Baths, or drive to **The Balconies** for panoramic views.
- **Evening:** Settle into camp and enjoy a slow evening surrounded by nature. Kangaroos and emus are commonly spotted around Halls Gap at dusk...
- **Where to stay:** Halls Gap Lakeside Tourist Park, 23-27 Tymna Dr, Halls Gap VIC 3381.

Day 2: Grampians National Park Exploration

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

- **Morning:** Start early and head to one of the Grampians' most iconic hikes, **The Pinnacle Lookout**. The trail offers a rewarding climb through rocky terrain and native bush, with panoramic views over the surrounding ranges.
- **Afternoon:** Visit **MacKenzie Falls**, one of Victoria's most powerful waterfalls, where you can walk down to the base for a refreshing mist-filled view. Alternatively, **Silverband Falls** offers an easier, family-friendly walk with a gentle cascading drop.
- **Evening:** Return to Halls Gap and unwind. This is a great night to enjoy a pub meal, local wine, or a simple BBQ at camp.
- **Where to stay:** Halls Gap Lakeside Tourist Park, 23-27 Tymna Dr, Halls Gap VIC 3381.



Image: MacKenzie Falls, Tourism Australia/Visit Victoria

Day 3: Grampians to Mildura

Distance: 380 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart the mountains and travel north through open farmland and dry plains, a big contrast to the **Grampians' rugged landscapes**. This stretch gives a real sense of inland Victoria's scale and rural charm.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Mildura**, a vibrant **Murray River** town known for its river lifestyle, citrus farms, and warmer climate. Take a walk along the riverfront, or relax in a riverside café overlooking houseboats drifting by.
- **Evening:** Enjoy sunset along the **Murray River**, one of the best times of day here. Choose a relaxed dinner by the water or cook in your motorhome while enjoying the peaceful river setting.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Mildura Getaway Holiday Park, 478 Deakin Ave, Mildura VIC 3502.



Day 4: Mildura & Murray River Exploration

Distance: 57 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Take a slow morning and experience the Murray River properly. Optional activities include a river cruise, *paddle steamer experience*, or kayak hire for a peaceful float along the water. Alternatively, take the kids to the **Trentham Waters Resort** for a day of fun!
- **Afternoon:** Explore the surrounding region known for agriculture and food production. Visit **Orange World**, a working citrus farm offering tractor tours and tastings, or explore nearby wineries and farm gates.
- **Evening:** Check out the **Salt Lake** on *Paschendale Ave* for sunset, this is one of Mildura's stand out experiences.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Mildura Getaway Holiday Park, 478 Deakin Ave, Mildura VIC 3502.



Image: Orange World Mildura, Peter Foster & Visit Victoria

Day 5: Mildura to Barossa Valley

Distance: 325 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** A full driving day as you cross from Victoria into South Australia. The landscape gradually shifts from river country to rolling vineyards and wine-growing regions. Stop to stretch your legs on the way near **Berri** and photograph the **Big Orange!**
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in the **Barossa Valley**, one of Australia's most famous wine regions. Explore nearby towns like **Tanunda** or **Nuriootpa**, known for bakeries, wine shops, and historic German-influenced architecture.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a relaxed evening among vineyards. Many local restaurants offer regional produce paired with Barossa wines, or you can enjoy a quiet meal at your motorhome surrounded by vineyard landscapes.
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks - Barossa Valley, 1F Murray St, Tanunda SA 5352.

Day 6: Barossa Valley Exploration

Distance: 60 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Spend the day exploring cellar doors. The Barossa is home to some of Australia's oldest vineyards. Visit Seppeltsfield, known for its historic estate and fortified wines, or St Hugo for a more prestigious Australian wine experience (*take guided sensory tasting experience that show how different glass shapes change the flavor of the wine!*).
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy a long lunch featuring seasonal produce at **Lou's by Horizon** or **Char Barossa**. Continue exploring smaller villages like **Angaston**, where boutique producers, artisan bakeries, and gourmet shops are located.
- **Evening:** Return to camp and enjoy a quiet sunset over the vines.
- **Where to Stay:** Armidale Tourist Park, 39 Grafton Rd, Armidale NSW 2350.

Day 7: Barossa Valley to Adelaide

Distance: 90 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a slow start before heading toward **Adelaide**. Cook a delicious breakfast in the comfort of your motorhome! The short drive allows time for a final Barossa coffee stop or bakery visit.
- **Afternoon:** The **Adelaide Central Market** is perfect for fresh produce, local cheeses, and multicultural food. Walk through North Terrace to see cultural landmarks and museums.
- **Evening:** Head to **Glenelg Beach** for sunset over the ocean or enjoy a city dinner in one of Adelaide's laneway restaurants. If you fancy sea food, the Marina has plenty of great choices!
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks - West Beach Parks, 1 Military Rd, West Beach SA 5024.



Image: Glenelg Beach, South Australian Tourism Commission



Day 8: Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf Exploration

Distance: 87 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Escape the city and head into the picturesque **Adelaide Hills**. Begin your day in **Hahndorf**, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Stroll along the tree-lined main street, browse artisan shops, local galleries, and specialty food stores.
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Cleland Wildlife Park**, where you can get up close to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, and other native wildlife in their natural habitat.
- **Evening:** Spend the evening exploring one of Adelaide's lesser-known dining precincts, such as **Plant 4 Bowden**, and enjoy a relaxed dinner.
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks - West Beach Parks, 1 Military Rd, West Beach SA 5024.

Day 9: Adelaide to Swan Hill

Distance: 519 Kms **Time:** 5 Hours 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart Adelaide early and travel towards the **Murraylands** region. Stop in **Murray Bridge**, one of South Australia's largest regional towns and take in the views of the historic bridge that gave the town its name.
- **Afternoon:** Cross the border into Victoria. Arrive in **Swan Hill**, a charming river town. Spend the afternoon exploring the riverfront walking trails or visiting the historic river precinct.
- **Evening:** Settle in for a peaceful evening beside the **Murray**. Watch the sunset over the river, enjoy dinner at a local riverside venue, or make use of your motorhome's kitchen and *dine under the stars*.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Riverside Swan Hill, 1 Monash Dr, Swan Hill VIC 3585.

Day 10: Swan Hill to Melbourne

Distance: 396 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Leave Swan Hill and travel south-east through Victoria's productive agricultural heartland. Arrive in **Shepparton**, the centre of the **Goulburn Valley** region.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Victoria Park Lake** for a scenic walk around the water, or discover the region's famous **Mooving Art** cow sculptures. Arrive back in Melbourne mid-afternoon. Settle in your campsite and jump on a taxi ride to the CBD!

- **Evening:** Take a stroll along the waterfront at Docklands, enjoy dinner in one of Melbourne's vibrant dining precincts, or simply relax and reflect on your inland adventure through Victoria and South Australia.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Melbourne Holiday Park, 265 Elizabeth St, Coburg VIC 3058.



Image: Victoria Park Lake Paddle Boards, Goulburn River

Day 11: Melbourne

Distance: 23 Kms **Time:** 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a last slow morning in your motorhome, cook a nice breakfast, spend time with the kids at the campground's pool or playground. Then, for a last-day-fun-activity, head to [Bubble Planet](#) for an incredible experience through fantastical, pastel landscape designed to appeal to all 5 senses!
- **Afternoon:** Head back to our Melbourne branch to drop your motorhome off before 3:30pm.

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!

