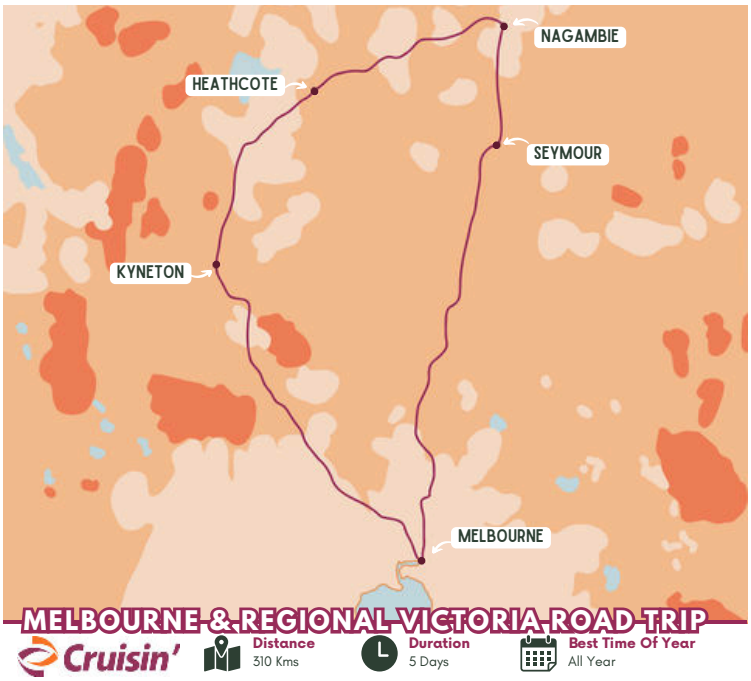
5-DAY MELBOURNE & REGIONAL VICTORIA ROAD TRIP FOR FIRST-TIMERS



Highlights

- Melbourne's laneways and ACMI exhibitions
- Hanging Rock Reserve and the Macedon Ranges
- Kyneton's heritage Piper Street and mineral springs
- Heathcote's Pink Cliffs and wine country
- Tahbilk Estate and Lake Nagambie
- Seymour's Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk

Day 1: Melbourne

Distance: Flexible **Time:** Flexible

- **Morning:** Collect your motorhome from the Cruisin Melbourne branch in Tullamarine, get to know your vehicle and head to the holiday park of your choice. You'll be making use of Melbourne's excellent public transport system (**PTV**) today as finding parking in the city can be a challenge!
- **Afternoon:** See the famous clocks at **Flinders Street Station** and the colourful **Hosier Lane** for a classic tourist photo with the street art. Stop by the **ACMI** for a free, hands-on screen culture exhibition that keeps younger visitors entertained too.
- **Evening:** If weather allows, head to the **Royal Botanic Gardens** for a sunset walk or stroll along **Southbank** as the city lights come on. Have your first dinner in Melbourne at any of the restaurants along the **Yarra River**, or head back to your campsite for a relaxed meal in the motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Melbourne Holiday Park, 265 Elizabeth Street, Coburg VIC 3058. Powered site.

Day 2: Hanging Rock + Kyneton

Distance: 70 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Cruise north toward **Hanging Rock**, the dramatic volcanic landmark made famous by the 1976 Australian mystery film *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. Take on the Summit Walk, or choose the peaceful Base Walk and enjoy a picnic in the reserve.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Kyneton and browse the charming bluestone buildings along **Piper Street.** Stop by a local country bakery or regional provedore to stock up the motorhome fridge.
- **Evening:** Take a leisurely wander by the **Campaspe River** or visit the **Kyneton Mineral Springs** before settling in for a peaceful night under the country stars.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Castlemaine Gardens Holiday Park, 1 Doran Avenue, Castlemaine VIC 3450. Powered site.



Image: Watch your head! - Visit Victoria/Ben Savage

Day 3: Heathcote

Distance: 50 Kms **Time:** 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive through rolling farmland to Heathcote, a former gold rush town now famous for its world-class Shiraz wine. Get breakfast from **Gaffney's Bakery**, crowned the Best Regional Bakery, and explore cafes like **Fodder** and **Segafredo's Bakery** along **High Street**.
- **Afternoon:** Explore pink & ochre earth formations at **Pink Cliffs Reserve**. Visit a boutique town cellar door (don't forget the designated driver!), and enjoy a walk along the **McIvor Creek Trail**.
- **Evening:** Have a country pub meal at **Commercial Hotel Heathcote**, or savour fine-dining at **Chauncy** to commemorate your first time in Victoria.
- **Where to stay:** Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park, 3 Barrack Street, Heathcote VIC 3523. Powered site.

Day 4: Nagambie

Distance: 50 Kms **Time:** 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Have a hearty brekkie in town or in the motorhome and stroll along the **O'Keefe Rail Trail** to digest. Browse the antique craft stores before hitting the road to Nagambie.
- **Afternoon:** Make your way straight to historic **Tahbilk Estate**, established in 1860, to discover local wines in heritage subterranean cellars. If wine isn't up your alley, take another stroll along the **Tahbilk Eco Trails**.
- **Evening:** Continue to **Lake Nagambie** for a leisurely evening lakeside stroll and snap a photo with the **Black Caviar** statue, celebrating the undefeated champion racehorse born in the area. Have dinner at the **Nagambie Brewery and Distillery** for your last pub feed in regional Victoria.
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks - Nagambie Lakes, 69 Loddings Lane, Nagambie VIC 3608. Powered site.



Image: Head on a stroll to stretch your legs after a long drive, Tourism Australia/ Tahbilk

Day 5: Melbourne

Distance: 120 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy one last slow breakfast beside Lake Nagambie before making a pitstop in Seymour to explore the **Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk**.
- **Afternoon:** Head back to Melbourne and have one last stroll around the city, going for some retail therapy at **Emporium** or **Melbourne Central**, Visit the **Queen Victoria Market** if you're there on market days (Closed Mondays and Wednesdays). Remember to return your motorhome before the branch closes with a full tank of fuel, and make sure the grey water tank and toilet cassette is empty!



Image: Explore the market to end your Melbourne trip on a sweet note, Tourism Australia/Visit Victoria



The Cruisin depot in Tullamarine, just 10 minutes away from Melbourne International Airport

Packing List For Your Melbourne Trip

Travelling by motorhome gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace, with the comfort of home always close by. Here are some items to bring along on this road trip:

- Clothing: comfortable clothes for driving time, layers for varying temperatures, lightweight jacket or raincoat
- Shoes: walking shoes, tongs/slippers, hiking shoes
- Hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, sunscreen
- Plenty of food, snacks, and water
- Reusable bags for shopping
- Takeaway boxes and reusable food containers
- Portable fan for the ever-changing Victorian weather
- Maps, journals
- Camera, phone, charging cables, power banks
- Personal toiletries and hygiene items
- Picnic basket & thermos
- Large towels or waterproof picnic rugs
- Head torches for night beach walks
- Binoculars for spotting birds, dolphins, whales and other wildlife

Have a great trip!