Melbourne to Sydney

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Golf, walking trails & natural heritage

Leg 1: Melbourne to Bendigo 150km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Explore bushland surrounding Bendigo via cycle and hiking tracks that weave through the forests and pass historic mining sites. Go underground at Central Deborah Gold Mine, ride a horse through native bushland or start your day with a hot air balloon ride. The Bendigo district is home to fi ve golf courses. Belvoir Park Golf Club is set within bushland and granite hills. Bendigo Golf Club is a challenging 18 hole course with resident kangaroos. Eaglehawk Golf Club has 18 holes with grass greens and Heathcote Golf Club weaves around native gum trees.

Leg 2: Bendigo to Yarrawonga-Mulwala 250km, 2 hours 30 minutes

Today you will discover the Murray

River region where every town boasts championship rated sand belt golf courses. At Yarrawonga-Mulwala you will find the largest public access

golfing complex in the Southern hemisphere with 45 holes. The natural beauty of the Murray River can be experienced by following hiking trails through the Barmah Forest, Ulupna Island and around the foreshore of Lake Mulwala. Enjoy lake and river cruises or hire a kayak and pilot your own adventure. Take a little time to explore this iconic area. Your trip to your evening destination of Yarrawonga-Mulwala will take you through farmland where many farms are open to the public for fruit picking, wine tasting, cheese tasting... the list goes on.

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Leg 3: Yarrawonga-Mulwala to Albury-Wodonga (125km, 1 hour 15 minutes

It is a short journey to Albury-Wodonga. Beautifully set amid rolling valleys, these two towns truly capture the life of the Murray River. Fishing can be enjoyed at the Murray and Mitta Mitta rivers and at Lake Hume. There is no shortage of golfing around Albury-Wodonga. Each course offers a unique golf experience, stunning scenery and world class facilities. Commercial Albury Golf Club has a quality 18 hole course and Featherstone Golf Course is an 18 hole course set against the backdrop of Nail Can Hill. Thurgoona Country Club Resort is an 18 hole gem and the Wodonga Country Club offers a challenging championship course.

Leg 4: Albury-Wodonga to Canberra 345km, 4 hours

Take the Hume Highway north to the national capital, Canberra. Admire colourful wildfl owers and enjoy surrounding forests that are home to native plant and animal species. Mountain bike riding and horse riding are permitted in areas along the formed fi re trails. At Namadgi National Park, Indigenous rock art and Aboriginal shelters are easily accessible. Tee off on one of the quality golf courses, or take off at dawn to fl oat over the city in a hot air balloon. Hire a bike, paddleboat, surf ski, or canoe to explore Lake Burley Griffi n and its surrounds, or scale Black Tower for spectacular 360-degree views of Canberra and the region.

E Leg 5: Canberra to Sydney 280km, 3 hours

Before leaving the Canberra region consider visiting the Botanic Gardens, dedicated to Australian



native plants. The drive to Sydney offers numerous opportunities to get off the freeway and explore towns and villages with fascinating history in some very picturesque settings. Close to Sydney, the Southern Highlands are well worth exploring.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS



Ambulance/Fire/Police: 000 Poisons Information Centre: 13 11 26 Lifeline: 13 11 14 Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800 Diver Emergency Network: 1800 088 200 Asthma Australia: 1800 645 130 Diabetes Australia: 1300 136 588

Don't forget:

Hat, sunscreen, walking shoes, insect repellent, windproof/waterproof jacket, water bottle and most important a sense of adventure.

| Distance /km | Adelaide | Brisbane | Cairns | Canberra | Darwin | Hobart | Melbourne | Perth | Sydney |
|---------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Adelaide | - | 2127 | 2845 | 1212 | 3225 | 1007 | 755 | 2713 | 1422 |
| Alice Springs | 1693 | 3064 | 2435 | 2905 | 1532 | 2700 | 2448 | 3772 | 2960 |
| Brisbane | 2127 | - | 1826 | 1331 | 3582 | 1927 | 1675 | 4427 | 1027 |
| Cairns | 2845 | 1826 | - | 3157 | 2953 | 3753 | 3501 | 4727 | 2853 |
| Canberra | 1212 | 1331 | 3157 | - | 4233 | 903 | 651 | 3925 | 304 |
| Darwin | 3225 | 3582 | 2953 | 4233 | - | 4232 | 3580 | 4283 | 4095 |
| Hobart | 1007 | 1927 | 3753 | 903 | 4232 | - | 252 | 3720 | 1145 |
| Melbourne | 755 | 1675 | 3501 | 651 | 3580 | 252 | - | 3468 | 893 |
| Perth | 2713 | 4427 | 4727 | 3925 | 4283 | 3720 | 3468 | - | 4135 |
| Sydney | 1422 | 1027 | 2853 | 304 | 4095 | 1145 | 893 | 4135 | - |

Recommended Calypso Campervans for this trip: The Princess, 3 Berth, Manual Total cost for 7 days: A\$875 Book Now



Things you need to know

Australians drive on the left. However, it does take only a small amount of time to adjust just remember, passenger on the kerb side! Observe the law and drive safely.

Driver's licence

You must be licensed and carry your licence with you when you are driving in Australia, or you will incur an on-the-spot fine. If your licence is not in English, you must carry an English translation.

Seat belts

All passengers must use seatbelts at all times. Baby capsules or child restraints must be used for all children.

Speed limits

You must not drive at a speed over the posted limit (check signs along the roads). In most towns the limit is 50 km per hour and on freeways it will vary between 60-110km.

Alcohol & driving

For fully licensed car drivers the legal limit is 0.05 g/100ml. Australian Police are authorised to stop any vehicle and breath test the driver at any time.

Mobile phones

It is illegal to drive or ride a vehicle while using a hand-held mobile phone. It is also illegal to perform these activities when your vehicle is stopped but not parked, such as when you are waiting at traffic lights. The penalty is a significant fine.

Driver fatigue

It is recommended that for every two hours of driving you stop and rest for 15 minutes distances between towns and cities may be far greater than you are accustomed.

Country driving

Constantly be on the alert for dangerous situations and drive at a speed that suits the conditions. Watch for: • Potholes and rough surfaces • Soft or broken road edges • Single lane bridges • Road surfaces changing without notice • Livestock or wildlife crossing the road (particularly near sunrise or near sunset). • Very large trucks (road trains).