

Melbourne to Sydney

Coastal Drive via Mornington Peninsula / Food, wine and indulgence

A Leg 1: Melbourne to Mornington Peninsula 90km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Just an hour drive and you'll feel you're a world away from the city. And you're never far from a bay or coastal beach for a stroll freshened by sea breezes. There are two coastal routes, so drive the Nepean Highway along Port Phillip Bay, through seaside villages to Rosebud. Take the C777 through the hinterland to spectacular Cape Schanck, then to peaceful Flinders on Western Port Bay. Join the Frankston Flinders Highway for beaches, villages and vineyards and, if you have time, detour to Red Hill's food and wine.

B Leg 2: Mornington Peninsula to Sale 225km, 3 hours 10 minutes

Start your day with a thrilling horse ride along the beach or swim with dolphins before leaving the Peninsula. Take the South Gippsland Hwy via Korumburra and continue on to the quaint, food-lover's village of Koonwarra. Enjoy a gourmet lunch. The scenic Strzelecki Highway winds its way through the ranges and offers stunning panoramas, joining the

Princes Highway at Morwell, where the Latrobe Regional Gallery is a must for art-lovers. If nature is more your thing, take a detour through Tarra Bulga National Park, a cool climate rainforest with scenic walks and picnic areas. Sale is home to some great regional restaurants.

C Leg 3: Sale to Gipsy Point 290km, 3 hours 40 minutes

Raymond Island, east of Bairnsdale, has a large population of koalas easily spotted around the island. Lakes Entrance offers over 400 square kilometres of lakes, rivers, lagoons and islands to explore. If a subterranean adventure is appealing, detour inland from Nowa Nowa to Buchan Caves, to see spectacular limestone formations. From Orbost, take the turnoff to Marlo, where the Snowy River meets Bass Strait. Spend the afternoon exploring the turquoise waters of the Mallacoota inlet and the shimmering lakes and rivers of Croajingolong National Park.

D Leg 4: Gipsy Point to Narooma 205km, 2 hours 40 minutes

Cross the border into NSW and travel via Eden. Pambula is a quaint town by the sea with some heritage architecture. Tathra is a popular beach with a historic wharf. Continue north and visit the many galleries on the coastal road, inspired by the unspoilt beauty of this area. Bermagui is an excellent

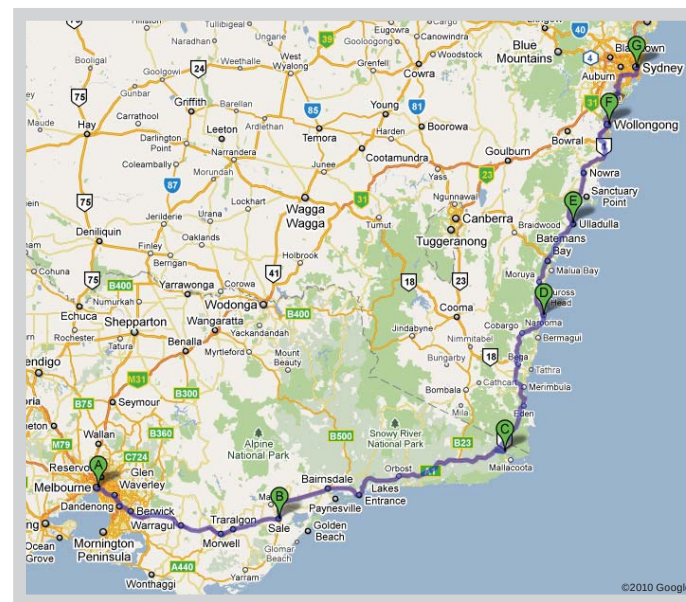
fishing spot, known as the birthplace of game fishing. Narooma is also popular for game fishing charters as well as waterfront restaurants and cafes.

E Leg 5: Narooma to Ulladulla 120km, 1 hour 40 minutes

Take a walk through Moruya. Take the short coastal loop via Broulee's sheltered surf beach before rejoining the highway at Mogo. Mogo Zoo is dedicated to the preservation of endangered species. Next stop Batemans Bay, a bustling seaside holiday town, famous for its oysters from the Clyde River. Take a sea kayaking tour with an expert guide or join a river cruise on a fully enclosed river boat. If the bush is calling, a 4WD tour will take you into the remote wilderness behind the bay. Continue to Ulladulla and the town's pretty harbour.

F Leg 6: Ulladulla to Wollongong 145km, 2 hours 10 minutes

Milton is a National Trust classified village boasting excellent providores and curio shops. Jervis Bay is reputed to have the whitest sand in the world. Take a drive into Booderee National Park and visit the serene Murrays Beach. Visit Booderee Botanic Gardens and learn about Aboriginal bush tucker and medicinal uses of plants. The Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk is one of Australia's newest



attractions. Travel into Wollongong where a choice of cosmopolitan dining experiences awaits you.

G Leg 7: Wollongong to Sydney 90km, 1 hour 25 minutes

Spend the morning exploring Wollongong then follow Grand Pacific Drive through quaint coastal villages and enjoy spectacular driving scenery with close proximity to sheer cliffs.

Travel across the Sea Cliff Bridge. Stop at the parking zone and take the pedestrian walkway or join a Harley Tour. Continue to Bald Hill lookout at Stanwell Tops, before heading back to Sydney.

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).

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS



Ambulance/Fire/Police: 000

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	-

