

Sydney to Melbourne

Coastal Drive / Arts, Craft & Scenic Beauty

A Leg 1 Sydney – Jervis Bay 3hr drive - 240km

Depart Sydney and travel south via Royal National Park, the worlds second oldest and Grand Pacific Drive to Wollongong. Enjoy the breathtaking coastal scenery, cross Sea Cliff Bridge and stop off at one of the delightful coastal villages along the way for coffee. Continue to Jervis Bay which is well known for its dolphin population. The beaches that frame the bay's turquoise waters are famous for their white sand. Explore the beaches of Huskisson and Booderee National Park, visit the Lady Denman Heritage Complex or relax at your overnight accommodation.

B Leg 2 Jervis Bay – Tilba Tilba/Bermagui 2.5hrs drive – 200km

After breakfast travel south to Peppy Beach where the resident kangaroos are often seen on the beach or splashing in the surf. Have a coffee stop by the river in Batemans Bay or in the gold rush village of Mogo followed by lunch over the

water at Narooma. Travel south to arrive at the wonderfully preserved villages of Central Tilba & Tilba Tilba mid afternoon, in time to shop for local arts & crafts, visit Foxglove Spire Gardens or taste the cheeses at the ABC Cheese factory.



C Leg 3 Tilba Tilba/Bermagui – Gipsy Point 3 hrs drive - 220km

After breakfast at your guesthouses continue south via Bermagui to the Tathra coastal road. Take a morning tour of Mimosa Rocks National Park and stop in at Ivy Hill and Narek galleries. Have lunch on the beachfront at Tathra and sample local produce at the Tathra Pickle Factory before heading back to the highway at Merimbula. Visit the Eden Killer Whale Museum then continue on across the border into Victoria, to Mallacoota & Gipsy Point. Explore the turquoise waters of the Mallacoota inlet and the shimmering lakes and rivers of Croajingolong National Park.

D Leg 4 Gipsy Point – Metung 3 hrs drive - 240 km

After breakfast, feed the sea eagles on a morning boat trip from Gipsy Point. Travel out to Cape Conran Coastal Park and Marlo, where the Snowy River meets the sea. Lunch at Lakes Entrance where there are many seafood restaurants to choose from. Take the bridge across the broadwater to 90 mile beach. At Nungurner watch a glassblower and silversmith at work, then browse the gallery for originals. Arrive at Metung in time for a boardwalk stroll around Lake King, part of the Gippsland Lakes, Australia's largest inland waterway system.

E Leg 5 Metung - Melbourne 4 hrs drive - 300km

Enjoy a breakfast cruise on the Gippsland Lakes before continuing via Bairnsdale and the green rolling hills of Gippsland Gourmet Country. Have lunch at Walhalla, once one of Australia's richest gold mining towns. After lunch take a guided tour underground in the extended long tunnel gold mine. Stop in at Yarragon for some great local food and wine before travelling in to Melbourne to arrive late afternoon.



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	-

