

Sydney to Melbourne

Coastal Drive via Phillip Island | Boutique beaches and villages

A Leg 1 Sydney to Jervis Bay 182km 2 hours 45 minutes

Hit the road to the bustling city of Wollongong. Continue on to Kiama where the famous Blowhole awaits. Follow the coastline to Gerringong and Gerroa, perched on the cliffs, overlooking Seven Mile Beach. Follow the tourist drive alongside the Crookhaven River, stopping at Coolangatta Estate to pick up some award-winning wines. Buy supplies in Nowra then take the turn off to Jervis Bay in time for a swim or surf.

B Leg 2 Jervis Bay to Central Tilba 190km 2 hours 30 minutes

Jervis Bay is known for its resident dolphin population, which can be seen on a morning cruise with Dolphin Watch. The local beaches are famous for their white sand and turquoise waters – Hyams Beach is reputed to have the whitest sand in the world. Travel south stopping for lunch at Ulladulla Harbour. Further on visit the villages of Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba and shop local arts and crafts.

C Leg 3 Central Tilba to Mallacoota 206km, 2 hours 40 minutes

Get up early to visit the Umbarra Cultural Centre and take a 4WD tour to the sacred sites of Gulaga to gain insight into Aboriginal traditions and customs. Continue to Bermagui and travel along the beach road to Mimosa Rocks National Park for a picnic lunch and swim in the lagoons or continue on to surf Tathra beach. Stop off at Wheelers Oyster Barn in Pambula for fresh oysters. Visit the Eden Killer Whale Museum then continue on into Victoria, to Mallacoota and Gipsy Point. Hire a boat and tie up at one of the barbecue jetties in the Croajingolong National Park.

D Leg 4 Mallacoota to Metung 227km, 2 hours 50 minutes

Feed the sea eagles on a morning boat trip from Gipsy Point. Travel south to Cape Conran Coastal Park for a picnic lunch. Continue towards Lakes Entrance and along the way take a break and watch a glassblower and silversmith at work. Arrive at the stylish village of Metung in time for a late afternoon sail or motor yacht cruise around Australia's largest inland waterway. Enjoy dinner at one of the town's fine restaurants.

E Leg 5 Metung to Wilsons Promontory 288km, 3 hours 40 minutes

Breakfast early and call in at Yarram for lunch on the way to Wilsons Promontory National Park. At Tidal River book a cabin or pitch a tent and set out on one of the park's many walks. Spend the day following the many walking tracks through eucalypt forests, white sand beaches and granite mountains. Stay overnight at Tidal River or in the nearby town of Yanakie.

F Leg 6 Wilsons Promontory to Phillip Island 182km, 2 hours 40 minutes

Stop for coffee at quirky Fish Creek, a tiny township alive with arts, crafts and cafes. Or stop at one of the restaurants in Inverloch for lunch. Cross the bridge onto Phillip Island, a popular family holiday destination. Visit the Grand Prix circuit, solve puzzles at A Maze 'N Things or experience early pioneer life on Churchill Island, a working heritage farm. See koalas and Australia's second largest fur seal colony at The Nobbies Centre and don't miss the daily dusk parade of little penguins.



G Leg 7 Phillip Island to Melbourne 140km, 1 hours 50 minutes

Visit the Koala Conservation Centre before making your way back across the bridge to San Remo and onto the highway towards Melbourne. Warrook Cattle Farm is a great place to stop for afternoon tea at

the historic homestead. From there it's an easy one-hour drive into the centre of Melbourne.

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	-

