



## MELBOURNE & SURROUNDS ROUND TRIP



### Highlights

- Swimming at iconic coastal beaches
- Easy hikes through rainforests and bushland
- Range of water activities; kayaking and surfing
- Local produce, wine, and whiskey tastings
- Thrilling theme parks and unique local attractions
- Historical adventures including the Gold Rush and Ned Kelly

### Day 2: Dandenong Ranges

**Distance:** 30 Kms **Time:** 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day early with a trip to **Hedgend Maze**. The 1.2 km maze is a fun way for the whole family to stretch their legs and burn some energy before hitting the road again.
- **Afternoon:** Continue your journey into the Dandenong Ranges, stopping at **Silvan Dam Lookout** for a classic Aussie BBQ lunch with scenic views. Afterwards, explore the region's many tracks, lookouts, and hidden gems.
- **Evening:** Settle into a local holiday park or campsite in the Dandenong Ranges. Wind down with a quiet dinner and soak up the fresh mountain air.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Dandenong Tourist Park, 370 Frankston - Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South VIC 3175. Powered Site.



Dandenong Ranges, Visit Victoria

### Day 1: Yarra Valley

**Distance:** 53Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome hire in Melbourne and make your first stop at Woolworths Gladstone Park to stock up on all the **essentials** for your trip.
- **Afternoon:** Drive out to the iconic Yarra Valley, where you'll discover **world-class wineries**, boutique shops, and sweet stops like local ice creameries. Don't miss a visit to **That's Amore Cheese** to fill your fridge with fresh deli favourites.
- **Evening:** Settle into the Yarra Valley at a local holiday park or campsite. Enjoy a relaxed dinner paired with the region's renowned wines as you soak in the peaceful countryside.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Yarra Valley Holiday Park, 419 Don Rd, Healesville VIC 3777. Powered Site.

### Day 3: Mornington Peninsula

**Distance:** 70 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start with a stroll through the **Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens**, then drive towards the Mornington Peninsula. Stop at the 1000 Steps Carpark for a Kokoda-inspired walk and enjoy a picnic lunch with your Yarra Valley goodies.
- **Afternoon:** Make your way to **Slides Playcentre** for some family fun, or head straight to the beach in Mornington if you'd prefer to relax. Spend the afternoon building sandcastles, swimming, and soaking up the coastal vibe.
- **Evening:** Stop by **The Pillars and Tassells Cove** for breathtaking coastal views before settling into Mornington for the night. Enjoy a relaxed dinner by the sea and prepare for the next day's adventures.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Kangerong Holiday Park, 2 Robinsons Rd, Frankston South VIC 3199. Powered Site.



### Day 4: Phillip Island

**Distance:** 110 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Depart Mornington and stop at **Moonlit Sanctuary**, where you can meet native wildlife, colorful birds, and even the endangered Tasmanian Devil.
- **Afternoon:** Cross the bridge onto Phillip Island. Visit the **Chocolate Factory** for a sweet treat and then enjoy interactive fun at A Maze'N Things.
- **Evening:** Unwind with a visit to scenic spots like the Nobbies Centre, Cowrie Beach, or Shelley Beach, perfect for soaking up coastal views before settling in for the night.
- **Where to stay:** Anchor Belle Holiday Park, 272 Church St, Cowes VIC 3922. Powered Site.



Phillip Island Chocolate Factory

### Day 5: Inverloch

**Distance:** 55 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start the day with a Wildlife Coast Cruise, then head to the **Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit**. Try out the Go Karts or book a thrilling lap with a professional driver.
- **Afternoon:** Continue your journey towards Inverloch, stopping at the **State Coal Mine** in Wonthaggi for a glimpse into life in the 1900s.
- **Evening:** Follow the scenic **Cape Paterson Road** into Inverloch, making time for photo stops at The Oaks, Twin Reefs, Eagles Nest, and The Caves lookouts before winding down for the night.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Inverloch Holiday Park, 2 Cuttriss St, Inverloch VIC 3996. Powered Site.



Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Visit Victoria

### Day 6: Traralgon

**Distance:** 100 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day with a peaceful walk along the **Townsend Creek Circuit**, then get back on the road towards Traralgon, about 1.5 hours away depending on your stops.
- **Afternoon:** Drive through Mirboo North and turn off at Trafalgar to reach **Old Gipps Town Heritage Park**. Explore the recreated old town and learn about Victoria's European settlement history.
- **Evening:** Continue your journey towards Traralgon to settle into a holiday park or campsite for the night, relaxing after a day of exploration.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park, 5353 Princes Hwy, Traralgon VIC 3844. Powered Site.

### Day 7: Stratford

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

- **Morning:** Kick off the day with some active fun at **Jump & Climb Traralgon** (be sure to check opening hours first!).
- **Afternoon:** Head to Sale for lunch by Lake Guthridge in the Robert Wain Reserve. Cool off at the Lex Glover Outdoor Pool if it's warm, then enjoy a stroll through the serene Sale Botanical Gardens.
- **Evening:** Continue your road trip along the highway and settle into your next destination for a relaxed evening.
- **Where to stay:** Stratford Caravan Park, 2-16 McMillan St, Stratford VIC 3862. Powered Site.

### Day 8: Lakes Entrance

**Distance:** 90 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Spend the morning at **Bairnsdale Fun Park**, where activities like go-karts, laser tag, mini golf, and trampolines guarantee fun for all ages.
- **Afternoon:** On your way to Lakes Entrance, stop at **Jemmys Point Lookout** for sweeping coastal views. Alternatively, enjoy a scenic afternoon cruise with Lonsdale Eco Cruises for a closer look at the waterways.
- **Evening:** Arrive at Lakes Entrance to check into your holiday park or campsite and relax after a day of excitement.
- **Where to stay:** Lakes Beachfront Holiday Park, 430 Lake Tyers Beach Rd, Lake Tyers Beach VIC 3909. Powered Site.





### Day 9: Omeo

**Distance:** 120 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Begin with a paddle boat ride at **Main Beach Walk Bridge** or enjoy a refreshing swim at **Lakes Entrance Beach** before setting off on your road trip towards Omeo.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at **Bullant Brewery** in Bruthen to sample local craft beer and enjoy a tasty lunch before continuing your drive.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Omeo and explore local highlights such as the Historic Park and **Museum, Livingstone Park**, the Mt Kosciuszko Lookout, and the quirky German Cuckoo Clock Shop.
- **Where to stay:** Omeo Caravan Park, 111 Old Omeo Hwy, Omeo VIC 3898. Powered site.

### Day 10: Bright

**Distance:** 108 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Enjoy a scenic countryside drive towards Bright, taking time to stop at lookouts along the way for sweeping views.
- **Afternoon:** Hire a bike from CyclePath and explore one of the local trails. Afterward, treat yourself at the **Bright Chocolate Factory** before spending time at **Bright Splash Park** or relaxing by the **Ovens River**.
- **Evening:** Settle into Bright for the night, with plenty of cosy local eateries and a relaxed small-town atmosphere to enjoy.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Tasman Holiday Parks - Bright, 1 Mountbatten Ave, Bright VIC 3741. Powered Site

### Day 11: Wodonga

**Distance:** 100 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Travel along the highway towards Wodonga, stopping at **Ringer Reef Winery** to sample local wines and enjoy a platter with beautiful Buckland Valley views.
- **Afternoon:** Continue your tastings with a stop at the **Bright Berry Farm** for handmade ice cream and sorbets, followed by a visit to the **Barwidgee Lavender Farm** near Rosewhite.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Wodonga and grab dinner at **Table 451 Eat + Drink** to enjoy the local cuisine before heading to your campsite to settle in for the night.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Borderland Wodonga Holiday Park, 65 McKoy St, West Wodonga VIC 3690. Powered Site.

### Day 12: Wangaratta

**Distance:** 100 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start with a swing at the **Albury Wodonga Golf Driving Range**, then drive towards Beechworth, stopping at **Woolshed Falls** for a refreshing dip and a picnic lunch.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the historic **Old Beechworth Gaol**, once home to the infamous Ned Kelly. Join a guided tour to step back into life in the 1800s.
- **Evening:** Depart Beechworth and enjoy the scenic drive towards Wangaratta, stopping at local wineries along the way before settling in for the night.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Wangaratta - North Cedars Holiday Park, 170 Bowser Rd, North Wangaratta VIC 3678. Powered Site.



*Beechworth Gaol in Victoria Australia*

### Day 13: Bendigo

**Distance:** 210 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Begin with a visit to the Ned Kelly Museum and Homestead, exploring the replica hut and interactive displays to dive deep into the bushranger's history.
- **Afternoon:** Stop in **Shepparton** for lunch at a local park. If you're travelling with kids, let them burn off energy at the SPC KidsTown Adventure Playground, complete with BBQs and fun activities.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Bendigo and explore attractions like the Marilyn Monroe statue or spend time at **Zone Fun Park**, where you'll find mini golf, go-karts, laser tag, and more.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Bendigo Park Lane Holiday Park, 761 Mclvor Highway Bendigo 3551. Powered Site.



### Day 14: Castlemaine

**Distance:** 40 Kms **Time:** 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head out of Bendigo and stop at **Big Hill Vineyard** or **Belvoir Park Estate** (or both!) to sample some of Victoria's best wines.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy a scenic picnic lunch at **Castlemaine Botanic Gardens** by Lake Joanna, the perfect place to relax and recharge.
- **Evening:** Explore the **Old Castlemaine Gaol** and dive into its 130-year history. If you're feeling adventurous, join the after-dark ghost tour for a spine-tingling experience.
- **Where to stay:** Big 4 Castlemaine Gardens Holiday Park, 1 Doran Ave, Castlemaine VIC 3450. Powered Site.

### Day 15: Ballarat

**Distance:** 85 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart Castlemaine and make your way to **Hepburn Springs** for a spa retreat and rejuvenating massage before continuing the drive.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at **Daylesford Mini Golf** for some lighthearted fun, then enjoy a scenic lakeside lunch at **Lake Daylesford**. On your way, drop by the Maze House for a playful challenge.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Ballarat and choose your adventure — sip craft brews at Red Duck Brewery or take a leisurely walk through the **Ballarat Botanical Gardens**.
- **Where to stay:** Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park, 108 Clayton St, Golden Point VIC 3350. Powered Site

### Day 16: Port Campbell

**Distance:** 165 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Kick off with a visit to **Sovereign Hill**, exploring its museum, goldfields, and immersive 1800s atmosphere. Try your hand at gold panning at **Red Hill Gully Diggings** — and keep what you find!
- **Afternoon:** On your way to Port Campbell, stop at the **Timboon Railway Shed Distillery** for lunch and a taste of the region's local whiskey.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Port Campbell and visit The Grotto, London Bridge, and **The Arch lookouts**. If you're up for more, enjoy the Port Campbell Discovery Walk for beautiful coastal views.
- **Where to stay:** Port Campbell Holiday Park, Port Campbell VIC 3269. Powered Site.

### Day 17: Apollo Bay

**Distance:** 100 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day with a refreshing swim at the **Port Campbell Foreshore** before hitting the road towards Apollo Bay, the halfway point of the Great Ocean Road.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at iconic lookouts along the way — Sparkes Gully, The Bakers Oven, The Blowhole, The Razorback, and the Twelve Apostles. Pause at the **Gibson Steps** for a swim and a relaxed lunch with a view.
- **Evening:** Take a detour into **Great Otway National Park**. Stroll through **Melba Gully** among mossy trees and fern gullies, or try the popular Maits Rest Rainforest Walk before continuing towards Apollo Bay.
- **Where to stay:** Apollo Bay Pisces Holiday Park, 311 Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay VIC 3233. Powered Site.



*Gibson Steps*

### Day 18: Anglesea

**Distance:** 75 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head up to **Marriner's Lookout** early to catch a breathtaking Victorian sunrise. Then, enjoy a refreshing dip at **Shells Beach** before continuing your road trip towards Anglesea.
- **Afternoon:** Drive along the scenic coast, stopping at lookouts with Bass Strait views. Pause in **Lorne** for lunch at a local eatery and a quick swim at the beach.
- **Evening:** Arrive in Anglesea where you can book a surfing lesson, hire a kayak, or simply unwind and enjoy the seaside breeze.
- **Where to stay:** Anglesea Family Caravan Park, 35 Cameron Rd, Anglesea VIC 3230. Powered Site.



### Day 19: Queenscliff

**Distance:** 85 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 15 Minutes

- **Morning:** Depart Anglesea and make a sweet stop at the **Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery**. Continue on to **Bells Beach**, home of the Ripcurl Pro Surf, before passing through Torquay for a classic fish and chips by the beach.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Queenscliff early afternoon and dive into the local attractions — from the **Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre** to the **Queenscliff Museum**.
- **Evening:** Wind down with a relaxing Queenscliff cruise or simply soak up the coastal charm before settling in for the night.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff Beacon, 78 Bellarine Hwy, Queenscliff VIC 3225. Powered Site.



*Bells Beach*

### Day 20: Werribee

**Distance:** 71 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 15 Minutes

- **Morning:** Choose your finale: keep it relaxed with a round at **Bellarine Adventure Golf**, or kick off early and head straight to **Geelong** for a big day ahead.
- **Afternoon:** If you've opted for thrills, spend the afternoon at **Adventure Park Geelong**, Victoria's largest theme park. Enjoy splash zones, giant slides, and plenty of rides.
- **Evening:** Wrap up your adventure soaking in the fun of the theme park or with a relaxed dinner in Geelong, reflecting on the highlights of your motorhome journey before heading back.
- **Where to stay:** Werribee South Caravan Park, 39 Beach Rd, Werribee South VIC 3030. Powered Site.

### Day 21: Melbourne

**Distance:** 60 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Make the most of your last day with a visit to the **Werribee Open Range Zoo**, where you can see cheetahs, gorillas, lions, and camels. Take a safari ride or join one of the zoo's fascinating talks.
- **Afternoon:** Head into Melbourne for some last-minute shopping or a visit to **Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium**. When ready, refuel your motorhome and return it to the Cruisin' Motorhomes branch in Tullamarine. Don't forget to share your adventure with us in reviews or by tagging your photos!



*SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium*

### Packing List For Your Melbourne road trip

This three-week road trip itinerary truly has it all, so get ready to discover coastal beaches, thrilling theme parks, charming towns, and plenty more. With lots of beaches, bush walks, and scenic spots there are a few key things you won't want to forget! These include:

- Beach towels
- Swimwear
- Beach entertainment (buckets, volleyball, cricket, etc)
- Appropriate footwear (thongs for beaches, sneakers for walking)
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)
- Personalised first aid kit (insect repellent, medications, band-aids, etc)
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities

*Have a great trip!*

