

# *Discover Victoria* through Self-Drive Journeys

Accommodation (Room Only) | Car Rental & GPS | Touring as per itinerary

From coastal journeys and outback adventures, an Aussie road trip is one of the best ways to explore and experience the diverse beauty and wonders of Down Under.

Take a short easy drive, go on an epic self-drive holiday or indulge in a 4WD adventure – these itineraries are sure to cover every length and landscape of Australia. So hit the road and discover the wonders of Victoria and its surrounds at your own pace.



## 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS GREAT SOUTHERN TOURING ROUTE Melbourne to Melbourne



Combine the scenic Grampians and historic Ballarat with the Great Ocean Road – one of the most beautiful and breathtaking drives in the world.

**Day 1: Melbourne to Apollo Bay (197km)**

Collect your car this morning and travel south west from Melbourne on the Princes Highway to Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria. Depart Geelong and travel onto Torquay, the surfing capital of Australia. Follow the coast road through Anglesea to Lorne and visit the nearby Erskine Falls. The coastline from Lorne to Apollo Bay has been described as one of the most beautiful and breathtaking drives in the world.

**Day 2: Apollo Bay to Port Fairy (188km)**

Depart Apollo Bay this morning and travel along the fabulous Great Ocean Road to Port Campbell. The road does leave the coast and wind through the ferny slopes of Cape Otway, this rainforest country is silent and untouched. When the road meets the coast again you will see some amazing rock formations including the Twelve Apostles, which are huge stone pillars in the surf, carved over time by the crashing Southern Ocean waves. Continue on to Port Campbell where you will see London Bridge – the broken arch and then through to Warrnambool. You may also like to drive to Tower Hill Nature Reserve where koalas, emus and kangaroos can often be seen. Port Fairy a quaint fishing village is where you will spend the night.

**Day 3: Port Fairy to Halls Gap (157 km)**

Drive north today to the amazing Grampians National Park with its woodland walks, waterfalls and rock formations. Your journey will take you via Penhurst to Dunkeld, just south of the Grampians. From here a scenic drive will take you through the Grampians National Park to Halls Gap.

Highlights include McKenzie Falls, Reids Lookout and the Balconies. The Grampians offer some of the best bush walking, mountain biking, rock climbing and abseiling in Australia.

**Day 4: Halls Gap to Ballarat (140 km)**

Just out of Halls Gap is Stawell, home of the Stawell Gift, the richest footrace in the world. In the surrounding areas are some fabulous wineries, such as Montara Estate. Other towns on the way include Ararat and Beaufort. Ballarat is Victoria's largest inland city. It is famous for being the site of the world's largest deposit of alluvial gold, and almost a third of all gold found in the colony was taken from its rich quartz reefs. Sovereign Hill, an exact re-creation of what life was like in the town during the gold rush and their nightly show, "Blood on the Southern Cross" is a must see and entrance to the show is included.

**Day 5: Ballarat to Melbourne (114 km)**

Before leaving Ballarat, a visit to The Ballarat Wildlife Park will bring you back into the present with a close encounter with native fauna. From Ballarat travel via Bacchus Marsh on the return journey into Melbourne. Your hire car has been booked until tomorrow and should be dropped off at the depot prior to the time it was picked up on Day 1 to avoid additional charges.

**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 4 nights' accommodation (Room Only)
- 5 days Avis car rental with GPS
- Co-pilot self-drive kit
- Touring as per itinerary

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**699** per person

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**7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS TOURING THE MURRAY** Melbourne to Melbourne

From vineyards to wildlife to beaches and everything in between, this diverse itinerary covers some of Victoria's best.

**DAY 01: Melbourne to Echuca (221 km)**

Collect your vehicle from a city depot and travel to Echuca, home to the world's largest fleet of paddle steamers.

**DAY 02: Echuca**

Relax on the deck of a paddle steamer, try water sports or browse the cafés, shops and restaurants of Echuca.

**DAY 03: Echuca to Swan Hill (155km)**

Half an hour from Echuca is the Barmah State Forest, home to the Barmah Wetlands and the biggest stand of river red gum remaining on earth. Travel to Swan Hill with its colonial past on display at the Pioneer Settlement living museum.

**DAY 04: Swan Hill to Mildura (223 km)**

Take the journey from river bushland to a stunning desert environment. Mildura is a charming oasis with citrus groves and vineyards and home for Stefano De Pieri's restaurant. Sample the array of fresh food and wine at local wineries, farm gates and markets.

**DAY 05: Mildura**

Explore Mildura and its surrounding areas. Visit the Murray Sunset National Park or the Mungo National Park.

**DAY 06: Mildura to Ballarat (453 km)**

Travel to Ballarat and follow sections of the Goldfields Tourist Route which take in important heritage sites and wineries. Or visit Sovereign Hill and see a re-creation of life during the gold rush era (own expense).

**DAY 07: Ballarat to Melbourne (114 km)**

Return to Melbourne at leisure. Your car is booked until tomorrow and should be returned to either the city or airport depot by the same time as it was picked up on day 1 to avoid any additional charges.

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- 3 nights' accommodation (Room Only)
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**6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS GO BEYOND MELBOURNE** Melbourne to Melbourne**DAY 01: Melbourne to Yarra Valley (50 km or to Marysville 98 km)**

Enjoy the easy drive from Melbourne to the Yarra Valley. Start your stay with cellar door drop-ins at some of Australia's most famous wineries including Coombe Yarra Valley and Domaine Chandon. Get close up to native creatures at Healesville Sanctuary or explore the regions many stunning gardens. Round out your day with a tasting at Four Pillars Distillery before heading to a romantic luxury retreat for the night.

**DAY 02: Yarra Valley to Phillip Island (149 km or from Marysville 172 km)**

Spend daybreak in a hot air balloon gliding over mist-tinged vineyards, then take the scenic route through the Dandenong Ranges and on to Phillip Island, with an optional ride aboard Puffing Billy Steam Railway. Once on Phillip Island, get centre stage for the nightly show, when the little penguins waddle up the beach to their burrows at Phillip Island Penguin Parade.

**DAY 03: Phillip Island**

Today is at leisure on Phillip Island. Experience a host of wildlife encounters with a cruise out to Seal Rocks for a fur seal meet-up (own expense). Other options include the Mari Koala and Animal Park, the Phillip Island Nature Parks - Antarctic Journey. Spend time with wildlife at The Koala Conservation Centre, the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, Amaze 'N Things world of magic or tiny Churchill Island.

**DAY 04: Phillip Island to Mornington Peninsula (107 km)**

Drive around the bay to the Mornington Peninsula, stopping en route at Moonlit Sanctuary to feed kangaroos and wallabies. Board a gondola at Arthurs Seat Eagle and fly high for a bird's eye view across the bay. Explore The Enchanted Adventure Garden or Montalto and its sculpture-peppered vineyards. Sink into natural geothermal springs at Peninsula Hot Springs. Suck the pure ocean air into your lungs and dive in to swim with dolphins and seals with Polperro Dolphin Swims or snorkel with seadragons with Bayplay Adventures.

**DAY 05: Mornington Peninsular to Geelong & The Bellarine (60 km)**

Cruise across Port Phillip Bay to Geelong & The Bellarine with Searoad Ferries (a short 40min journey) from Sorrento to Queenscliff. Find foodie experiences mustered together on the Bellarine Taste Trail, highlights include Jack Rabbit Vineyard, Oakdene Vineyards, Flying Brick Cider Co and Little Creatures Brewery for tastings straight from the producers. For dinner book a first class experience on Australia's premium train restaurant – The Q Train.

**DAY 06: Geelong & The Bellarine to Melbourne (73 km)**

Experience the world's oldest living culture first hand at Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Then take a stroll along the Geelong Waterfront, to explore the Baywalk Bollards Trail or through the Geelong Botanic Gardens and Little Malop St Precinct. Say farewell to Geelong and head either to Melbourne city via the You Yangs to see and learn about conserving Australian wildlife with Echidna Walkabout tours or, begin your Great Ocean Road adventure!

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## 7 DAYS / 6 COASTLINES &amp; WILDLIFE Melbourne to Melbourne

**DAY 01: Melbourne to Wilsons Promontory (215 km)**

Drive southeast today to Wilsons Promontory. You may wish to take a detour and spend the day on Phillip Island. Philip Island is home to Australia's famous Little Penguins; however there are many other sights to see such as the Grand Prix circuit and Fur Seal colony at Seal Rocks. The famous 'Penguin Parade' occurs each evening at sunset and should not be missed. Continue along the coastal Bass Highway to Wonthaggi and Inverloch where you may like to stop for morning tea before turning onto the Promontory Road which takes you straight into Wilsons Promontory. Spend the afternoon following the many walking tracks through eucalypt forests and wildflowers to secluded coves, white sand beaches and Granite Mountains.

**DAY 02: Wilsons Promontory**

Today spend the day at Leisure to relax and unwind in Wilsons Promontory. There are a wide range of short walks near Tidal River to explore or enjoy the beautiful beaches of the west cost of the Prom.

**Day 03: Wilsons Promontory to Mornington Peninsula (282 km)**

Traveling northwest today will lead you to the picturesque town of Mornington. With seachside café's, Galleries and wineries, this is the perfect little holiday town.

**DAY 04: Mornington Peninsula to Apollo Bay (75 km)**

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## CAR RENTAL



- Car rental rate includes airport / city depot pick-up and drop-off, Unlimited kms, VRF (Vehicle Registration fee), CRF (Concession Recovery Fee), PLS (Premium Location Surcharge), LDW (Loss Damage Waiver), Super Excess Reduction (NIL Excess), 24 Hour Emergency Roadside Service, one way fee (if applicable), admin fees and GST @10%
- Excludes fuel and optional extras

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Subject to availability
- All prices quoted are per person, in Australian Dollars (AUD) based on twin sharing, ground content only and subject to change without prior notice
- Breakfast is not included, hotel seasonal surcharges; blackout dates; supplements and minimum night stay apply
- Single / 3rd traveler are not applicable
- Itineraries are suggested itineraries only
- Sales Period: up to 30 Sep 2019
- Travel Period: up to 31 Mar 2020
- Other terms & conditions apply



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