

5 Day Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Islands



Journey from Melbourne to Adelaide, taking in the Great Ocean Road and Kangaroo Island

Take a memorable road trip through Victoria and South Australia, starting from Melbourne and taking in each twist and turn of the Great Ocean Road. Channel your inner surfer at some famed boarding locations, drink in the sweeping vistas of the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge, and get an insight into local Aboriginal history in the lush surrounds of the Grampians National Park. Continue through the Adelaide Hills and cross to Kangaroo Island. Much of this stunning landscape is protected and is home to an abundance of native wildlife like sea lions, koalas and, of course, the odd roo or two. Meet the residents at Seal Bay, slide a sand board down the dunes of Little Sahara, keep your eyes peeled for the fuzzy guys that live up the eucalyptus trees of Hanson Bay wildlife Sanctuary, and marvel at the huge boulders of the Remarkable Rocks.

Why you'll love this trip

- Travel along the Great Ocean Road
- Stop at spectacular Loch Ard Gorge
- Witness the Twelve Apostles near Port Campbell
- Go hiking in the Grampians National Park

Loll about with the local sea lions at Seal Bay
Give sandboarding a crack amid the white sand dunes of Little Sahara
Walk through Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in search of koalas in their gumtree hideouts
Take in the impressive coastal views from Remarkable Rock

Is this trip right for you?

This trip is made up of two separate tours and you'll be traveling with a different Guide on each Kangaroo Island and the Great Ocean Road. Each Guide specialises in their region of touring

The Kangaroo Island portion of the trip are two full days of touring. Whilst there isn't too much physical exertion, there are early starts and arrival back into Adelaide on the second day is late in the evening around 10:30pm.

Itinerary

Day 1: The Great Ocean Road

Departing Melbourne, hit the road west to Geelong and the famous surf town of Torquay. From there, begin the journey along one of Australia's most beautiful and famous drives – the Great Ocean Road. Stop in at Kennett River for some koala spotting, then break for lunch in Apollo Bay. Continue on to the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge, spending the night in Warrnambool.

Included Activities

12 Apostles & London Bridge
Koala spotting - Great Ocean Road
Melba Gully Walk - Otway Ranges
Swim at Lorne (Summer months)

Meals Included

Lunch

Day 2: The Grampians

Begin the day checking out more of the Great Ocean Road's wonders, then drive into the Grampians National Park – an area rich in Aboriginal culture and beautiful landscapes. Visit the Brambuk Aboriginal Culture Centre to learn about the period known as the Dreaming, then hike up to the Pinnacles for impressive views across the Grampians. Tonight enjoy a traditional Aussie barbecue in Halls Gap.

Included Activities

Brambuk Culture Centre
Loch Ard Gorge
Mackenzie Falls - Grampians

Pinnacles Walk - Grampians

Meals Included

Breakfast
Dinner

Day 3: The Grampians to Adelaide

Hike up to McKenzie Falls, the highest waterfalls in the Grampians, and check out other sights such as The Balconies, Reeds Lookout and the Jaws of Death. Leaving the Grampians, pass through the town of Horsham before crossing the famed mighty Murray River and making the last leg of the journey into Adelaide.

Included Activities

Reeds Lookout (The Balconies) & Boroka Lookout

Meals Included

Breakfast

Day 4: Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

After an early morning start from the Adelaide Central Bus Station (meet at the SeaLink desk at 6.15am for a 6.45am departure), travel along the picture-perfect Fleurieu Peninsula to Cape Jervis for the 45-minute SeaLink ferry ride to Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island. While crossing, it is not uncommon to have an escort of local dolphins that can be viewed from the dolphin deck on the boat. Once you disembark, stop in at Rob's Shearing and Sheepdogs to check out how sheep are shorn, then continue to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery – the only commercial eucalyptus distillery in South Australia. Next up is a visit to the Seal Bay Conservation Park, where you'll have the opportunity to see rare Australian Sea-lions up close in a wild breeding colony. Travel on to the white sand dunes of the Little Sahara, where you'll get the chance to give sand boarding a shot, then arrive at your exclusive accommodation in Vivonne Bay Lodge. Enjoy some free time to kayak on the Harriet River, go for a self-guided walk along the property's tracks, head out trail bike riding or swimming, or simply kick back along Vivonne Bay Beach. Accommodation tonight is in eight-person dormitory rooms with shared bathrooms (bed linen provided).

Included Activities

Rob's shearing and sheepdogs
Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
Seal Bay Conservation Park
Sandboarding at Little Sahara

Meals Included

Lunch
Dinner

Special Information

1. As this itinerary consists of two separate trips, the composition of your group will most likely change today. Some will be starting, others will be finishing.

2. The coach transfer from Adelaide to the ferry is approximately 1.5 hours, with a sailing time of 45 minutes. On the Island, you will spend approximately 2 hours in the vehicle with frequent sightseeing. Walking and active time will depend on which optional activities you choose in the afternoon.

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Day 5: Kangaroo Island to Adelaide

After breakfast, pop into the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and search for koalas lazing in the eucalyptus trees. Next up it's Flinders Chase National Park, where you'll find a collection of boulders that really live up to their name – the Remarkable Rocks. You'll arrive ahead of the crowds that come to see this signature sight of giant weathered stones that guard the view over Kirkpatrick Point. Ramble across the rocky coastline, admire the seascapes, then stop in at Admirals Arch on Cape Du Couedic to see the resident fur seals frolicking in the ocean or basking on the rocks. Depending on the time and weather, make a few stops en route to Penneshaw, where you can purchase dinner (own expense) before arriving back in Adelaide.

Notes: Driving time whilst on the Island will be the majority of the day, with constant stops for sightseeing. The ferry Journey is approximately 45 minutes back to the mainland with a journey of 1.5 hours back to central Adelaide. Arrival time will be approximately 10:40pm. Walking distances are several hundred metres at each location.

Included Activities

Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
Flinders Chase National Park
Remarkable Rocks
Admirals Arch

Meals Included

Breakfast
Lunch

Inclusions

Meals

3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Transport

Minibus, Transfer Coach, Ferry

Accommodation

Dormitory (4 nights)

Included activities

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- Koala spotting - Great Ocean Road
- Melba Gully Walk - Otway Ranges
- Swim at Lorne (Summer months)
- Brambuk Culture Centre
- Loch Ard Gorge
- Mackenzie Falls - Grampians
- Pinnacles Walk - Grampians
- Reeds Lookout (The Balconies) & Boroka Lookout
- Rob's shearing and sheepdogs
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- Admirals Arch

Teilnehmer: min 1 bis max. 24 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre)

Transport: Geländefahrzeug, Fähre

Includierte Mahlzeiten: Frühstück, Mittagessen, Abendessen

Übernachtung: Schlafsaal

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch