

# 10-DAY ITINERARY: THE ULTIMATE SYDNEY ESCAPE



# **Highlights**

- Relax on some of NSW's most beautiful beaches
- Take in the breathtaking views of the Blue Mountains
- Explore museums, galleries, and Parliament House
- Witness waterfalls and soak in natural beauty
- Indulge in Australia's vibrant wine and food scene
- Stroll through Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens, including the zoo and aviary

#### Day 1: Sydney

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Minutes

- Morning: Your 10-day adventure begins at the GoCheap Sydney branch, where you'll pick up your campervan — your home on wheels. First stop: the iconic Bondi Beach. Enjoy the scenic Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk, then unwind with a relaxed brunch at Bondi Icebergs Club.
- Afternoon: Enjoy a relaxing stop at Capybara Bathing, a modern bathhouse where you can unwind with a 90-minute session featuring a sauna, warm bath, and cold plunge — a refreshing way to recharge after a day on the road.
- Evening: Wrap up the day at Darling Harbour, where you can enjoy a meal or stroll by the water while watching Sydney's famous fireworks light up the night sky.
- Where to stay: Discovery Parks Lane Cove, 13 Plassey Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113

## Day 2: Sydney

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Minutes

- Morning: On day two, enjoy a peaceful stroll through the Chinese Garden of Friendship, a serene escape blending traditional design with Sydney's vibrant charm.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon, visit the Sydney **Opera House**, an iconic landmark worth seeing up close. Snap photos of its unique design or join a guided tour to explore behind the scenes.
- Evening: End your night at Barangaroo, Sydney's vibrant waterfront precinct. Enjoy a walk along the promenade, browse boutique shops, and dine at one of the area's popular restaurants.
- Where to stay: Discovery Parks Lane Cove, 13 Plassey Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113



Bondi Beach, Destination NSW

#### **Day 3: Blue Mountains**

Distance: 60 Kms Time: 42 Minutes

- Morning: Next, head to the Blue Mountains, just a short drive from Sydney. Begin at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden in Mount Tomah, where you can explore peaceful trails, unique plants like the Wollemi Pine, and take in stunning views.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon, visit Mayfield Garden, Australia's largest cool-climate garden, featuring highlights like the Box Hedge Maze, Water Garden, and plenty of hidden spots to explore.
- Evening: As the day ends, head to Echo Point Lookout to watch the sunset over the **Three Sisters**, a famous sandstone formation with sweeping views of the Jamison Valley, including Ruined Castle and Mount Solitary.
- Where to stay: Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101A Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780



## **Day 4: Blue Mountains**

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Hours

- Morning: Start your morning at Wentworth Falls in Blue Mountains National Park, where you can enjoy impressive views of the 300-metre cascade and relax with a picnic or barbecue brunch surrounded by nature.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon, visit Leura Village, a charming town filled with quaint shops, heritage buildings, and lush gardens. Be sure to stop by Josophan's Fine Chocolates for a delicious sweet treat.
- **Evening:** End your day with a refreshing dip in the Blue Lake, tucked along the Jenolan River Walking Track. Enjoy a light dinner by the water and relax in the calm, natural setting.
- Where to stay: Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101A Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780



Wentworth Falls, Destination NSW

#### Day 5: Abercrombie

**Distance:** 85.3 Kms **Time:** 1 hours 7 minutes

- Morning: Continue your road trip toward Abercrombie, with a relaxing stop in the quaint town of Taralga. It's the perfect place to take a break and enjoy a laid-back breakfast at a local café or pub before heading into the highlands.
- Afternoon: Once refreshed, head to Abercrombie River National Park to explore bushwalking trails, swim in natural waterholes, or enjoy trout fishing and canoeing along the river.
- **Evening:** End your night with a campervan-cooked meal and try stargazing. Tucked away in the Southern Tablelands, this remote location offers starlit skies, perfect for catching a glimpse of the Milky Way on a clear night.
- Where to stay: NRMA Bathurst Panorama Holiday Park, 250 Sydney Rd, Kelso NSW 2795

### Day 6: Griffith

**Distance:** 402 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 40 Minutes

- Morning: Kick off the next leg of your adventure
- with a scenic drive to Griffith, known as the "food bowl" of New South Wales. Have your appetite ready and treat yourself to a delicious brunch made from the region's fresh local produce.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon explore the town and uncover its Italian heritage, woven into its wineries, restaurants, and museums.
- Evening: End your day with a walk to the Hermit's Cave and Scenic Lookout, where you'll take in views of the surrounding farmland. Explore stone paths, terraced gardens, and spot daisy paintings left on the cave walls — a quiet, historic stop to wind down your day.
- Where to stay: Griffith Caravan Village, 1 Gardiner Rd, Yoogali NSW 2680

## **Day 7: Lake Albert**

**Distance:** 187Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 15 Minutes

- Morning: Start your day with a drive to Lake Albert, a popular spot in Wagga Wagga for relaxing and enjoying the water. Park your campervan by the lake, cast a line, and if you're lucky, catch something fresh to cook up right on the road.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon, explore Wagga Wagga's artistic side with the Public Art Audio Trail a scenic, self-guided walk along Murrumbidgee River, showcasing a vibrant mix of public artworks and local creativity.
- Evening: End your day at Riverside Wagga Beach, a peaceful spot perfect for a picnic or relaxing by the water. Cool off with a swim or explore the river by kayak or canoe for a fresh perspective of the city.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Wagga Wagga, 93 Hammond Ave, East Wagga Wagga NSW 2650



Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens, Destination NSW





Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Hours

- Morning: Start your morning with a visit to Victory Memorial Gardens, a historic spot in central Wagga Wagga. Established in 1925 to honour WWI servicemen, the gardens sit beside Wollundry Lagoon and offer a quiet place to unwind.
- Afternoon: In the afternoon, head to the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens, home to vibrant gardens, the Museum of the Riverina, and the Zoo & Aviary. Learn about the city's history, see native animals like kangaroos, emus, and dingoes, and enjoy the peaceful free-flight aviary where birds glide around you.
- Evening: End your night with a visit to Thirsty Crow Brewery, a local favourite for craft beer, cider, and regional wines. Relax with a drink and a bite from their artisanal menu while watching the brewing process happen just metres away.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Wagga Wagga, 93 Hammond Ave, East Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

#### **Day 9 Canberra**

**Distance:** 248 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 43 Minutes

- **Morning:** Continue your road trip with a drive to Canberra, Australia's lively capital. After the drive, refuel by exploring the city's bustling food scene, offering everything from great coffee to inventive meals and comforting favourites.
- Afternoon: For a dose of history and culture, Canberra delivers. Explore the National Gallery of Australia, see where major decisions are made at Parliament House, and uncover the nation's story at the National Library, home to rare books, maps, and photos.
- **Evening:** Spend your evening watching the sunset at Lake Burley Griffin. For something special, rent an electric boat, pack a picnic, and gently cruise the water as the sun dips behind Canberra's iconic skyline.
- Where to stay: Canberra Park, Corner Federal Highway and, Old Well Station Rd, Gungahlin ACT 2912

## Day 10: Sydney

Distance: 286 Kms Time: 3 Hours 3 Minutes

- **Morning:** For the final leg of your road trip, drive back to Sydney and treat yourself to a tasty late breakfast at Kowloon Cafe. Enjoy Hong Kong-style classics like French toast, pineapple buns, and curry fish balls in a nostalgic, retro setting.
- Afternoon: Finish your afternoon with a final stroll through Sydney's city centre for some last-minute shopping. Then, head back to the GoCheap Sydney branch to return your campervan and say goodbye — for now — to life on the road.



Canberra, Destination NSW

# **Packing Tips**

#### Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Appropriate clothing for all types of weather and activities
- Footwear (comfortable, versatile shoes for walking on the beach and hiking)
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Insect repellent + band-aids
- Camera/phone + chargers + portable chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)
- Have important documents ready (license, insurance, booking confirmations, and roadside assistance)

Reminder: Many regional roads in New South Wales, i are home to nocturnal wildlife such as kangaroos, wombats, and wallabies. For your safety and to protect local wildlife, it's best to avoid driving after dark. This also helps reduce the risk of accidents and prevents potential damage to your campervan rental.



