



HELLO SUNSHINE: MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY SUMMER ESCAPE



Highlights

- Explore vibrant towns & history
- Soak up coastal beaches
- Whale watching cruises
- Kayaking on the Yarra River
- Visit theme parks and water parks
- Experience a penguin parade
- Surf and swim in the best Australian beaches
- Explore National Parks & meet native wildlife
- Enjoy local cuisine and sightseeing

Day 1: Melbourne

Distance: 3.1 Kms **Time:** 7 Minutes

- **Morning:** Kick off your summer road trip by picking up your GoCheap Campervan from the Melbourne branch — your home for the next 13 days! Enjoy a lazy summer brunch at **Brick Lane Melbourne**, the perfect way to set the tone for your adventure.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon at the [Melbourne Zoo](#), wandering leafy paths, meeting Australia's favourite locals, and soaking up the warm summer air.
- **Evening:** Step into Melbourne's vibrant nightlife with a visit to **Goldilocks Bar**, a whimsical rooftop hideaway where cocktails meet fairy-tale charm. Sip something refreshing, enjoy the city views, and toast to the start of your summer escape.
- **Where to stay:** Airport Tourist Village Melbourne, Melbourne Airport Caravan & Cabin Village, 37 Ardlie St, Attwood VIC 3049. Powered Site.

Day 2: Melbourne

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Wake up and make the most of your GoCheap campervan kitchen by cooking a fresh, [summer-inspired breakfast](#) the perfect fuel for a day of exploring.
- **Afternoon:** For a fun-filled summer outing, head to **The District Docklands**, Melbourne's lively hub for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Browse boutiques, enjoy local bites, or cool off with a scoop (or two!) of gelato.
- **Evening:** Wrap up your Melbourne adventure with a sunset cruise on the **Yarra River** aboard an [electric picnic boat](#). Drift along the skyline, soak in the views, and enjoy a perfect farewell to the Melbourne leg of your road trip.
- **Where to stay:** Airport Tourist Village Melbourne, Melbourne Airport Caravan & Cabin Village, 37 Ardlie St, Attwood VIC 3049. Powered Site.



Kayaking on the Yarra River, Visit Victoria

Day 3: Phillip Island

Distance: 163 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 27 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day bright and early and hit the road to Phillip Island, taking your time to enjoy the summer breeze and the scenic drive.
- **Afternoon:** Upon arrival, head to [A Maze'N Things](#). With mini golf, the sky trail, optical illusions, and puzzle rooms, it's the perfect spot for a carefree afternoon in the sunshine.
- **Evening:** As evening sets in, make your way to the [Penguin Parade](#), home to the world's **largest little penguin colony**. Watch these adorable seabirds waddle up the beach, a heartwarming and unforgettable end to your day.
- **Where to stay:** Amaroo Park Phillip Island, 97 Church St, Cowes VIC 3922. Powered Site.

Day 4: Phillip Island

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Kick off the day at **Cape Woolamai**, home to the iconic **Pinnacles**, the best surf breaks, and coastal views that make for the perfect Aussie summer morning.
- **Afternoon:** Head to [Maru Koala and Animal Park](#) to hand-feed kangaroos, meet koalas, and spot quokkas, wombats, and dingoes — a fun wildlife-filled afternoon.
- **Evening:** As the day winds down, grab a fishing line and cast off from the local pier. Catch your own dinner and cook it up in your GoCheap campervan for a quiet night in. quite
- **Where to stay:** Amaroo Park Phillip Island, 97 Church St, Cowes VIC 3922. Powered Site.



Cape Woolamai, Visit Victoria

Day 5: Wilsons Promontory

Distance: 118 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 38 Minutes

- **Morning:** Rise early and head to **Wilsons Promontory National Park**, one of Victoria's top summer spots. Start with the **Prom Wildlife Walk**, a peaceful trail where kangaroos, emus, and colourful birdlife roam the bushland.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy a [Wildlife Coast Cruise](#), gliding along the coastline in search of migrating **humpback whales**, a perfect summer highlight.
- **Evening:** As the light fades, wander down to **Squeaky Beach**. Its white sand and turquoise waves make the ideal backdrop for a sunset picnic and a relaxing end to the day.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Wilsons Prom Holiday Park, 390 Foley Rd, Yanakie VIC 3960. Powered Site.

Day 6: Lakes Entrance

Distance: 259 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** Hit the road to Lakes Entrance, enjoying the scenic drive. Once there, grab brunch at **Sodafish** and sample the region's famously fresh seafood — it's the seafood capital of Victoria for a reason!
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon at **Ninety Mile Beach**, the perfect summer spot for surf and sunshine. Dive into the waves, **kayak** the lakes, hire a **paddleboat**, or join a relaxing cruise on the water.
- **Evening:** As the sun sets, unwind at [Koho Sauna](#), a floating sauna on the **Gippsland Lakes**. Switch between steamy sessions and refreshing dips for the perfect end to your day.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Eastern Beach Holiday Park, 42 Eastern Beach Rd, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909. Powered Site.

Day 7: Merimbula

Distance: 267 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 8 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day with a quick breakfast in your GoCheap campervan before cruising toward Merimbula, enjoying the coastal air and summer scenery along the way.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the **Goodenia Rainforest Walking Track**, spotting lyrebirds and whipbirds as you wander through this rare **cool-temperate rainforest**.
- **Evening:** End the day with a [sea kayaking](#) trip on **Pambula-Merimbula Bay**, paddling under the golden evening light and taking in the coastal views.
- **Where to stay:** Tasman Holiday Parks – Merimbula, 29 Sapphire Coast Dr, Merimbula NSW 2548. Powered Site.



Sapphire Coast- Merimbula, Destination NSW

Day 8: Merimbula

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Kick off the day with the [Sapphire Nature Tour](#), a perfect blend of scenic beauty, wildlife, and local history. Learn the stories behind the coastal towns and meet some of Australia's unique native animals.
- **Afternoon:** Head out on a [whale-watching cruise](#) for an unforgettable experience. Summer on the **Sapphire Coast** is peak season for spotting these gentle giants gliding through the water.
- **Evening:** End the day with a relaxing picnic at **Turingal Head**. Enjoy **birdwatching**, stroll to **Wine Glass Bay** for stunning views, or simply unwind by the water.
- **Where to stay:** Tasman Holiday Parks – Merimbula, 29 Sapphire Coast Dr, Merimbula NSW 2548. Powered Site.



Whale watching cruise in Merimbula, Destination NSW

Day 9: Jervis Bay

Distance: 284 Kms **Time:** 3 hours 47 minutes

- **Morning:** Arrive in Jervis Bay and start your day at the **Booderee Botanic Gardens**, exploring scenic trails, spotting wildlife, or enjoying a relaxed picnic brunch in the summer sun.
- **Afternoon:** Head to **Hyams Beach** to swim, sunbathe, and enjoy its famously white sand. Later, use some local fresh seafood to cook a delicious meal in your GoCheap campervan.
- **Evening:** As night falls, look out for the magic of Jervis Bay's **bioluminescent** waters. When plankton light up the shoreline, the waves glow with swirls of electric blue a surreal and unforgettable summer sight.
- **Where to stay:** Tasman Holiday Parks - Jervis Bay, 785 Woollamia Rd, Woollamia NSW 2540. Powered Site.

Day 10: Jervis Bay

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Kick off the day with some adventure and go [whale and dolphin spotting](#)! Cruise across clear waters as dolphins play alongside the boat and majestic whales glide past.
- **Afternoon:** Refuel with a fresh seafood lunch at **Fishwicks**, then stroll through the **Jervis Bay village centre** and enjoy the summer sunshine.
- **Evening:** Finish your day at **Point Perpendicular Lighthouse**, where a clifftop lookout offers one of the coast's best sunsets. You may even spot seals, sea eagles, or pelagic fish in the waters below.
- **Where to stay:** Tasman Holiday Parks - Jervis Bay, 785 Woollamia Rd, Woollamia NSW 2540. Powered Site.

Day 11: Wollongong

Distance: 107 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 24 Minutes

- **Morning:** Hit the road to Wollongong and begin your day at **Nan Tien Temple**, the largest Buddhist temple in the Southern Hemisphere. Wander the tranquil grounds and unwind among its stunning architecture and peaceful gardens.
- **Afternoon:** Spend your afternoon at the **Wollongong Art Gallery**, exploring its diverse collection of regional and contemporary art and soaking up a little creative inspiration.
- **Evening:** Wrap up your day at the **Wollongong Botanic Garden**, where walking trails, native wildlife, and lush rainforest make the perfect place to relax and enjoy the summer evening.
- **Where to stay:** Corrimal Beach Tourist Park, 2 Lake Parade, East Corrimal NSW 2518. Powered Site.



Nan Tien Temple, Destination NSW

Day 12: Wollongong

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Start your day by whipping up breakfast in your motorhome kitchen — fully equipped with everything you need. After refuelling, head to **Maddens Falls Lookout** for stunning views of the waterfall as it drops from **Maddens Creek** into the pools below. It's a peaceful spot ideal for **birdwatching** and spotting native wildlife.
- **Afternoon:** Cool off at [Jamberoo Action Park](#), the ultimate summer playground. With slides, wave pools, and rides for all ages, it's a fun-filled way to add a splash of excitement to your road trip.
- **Evening:** As the sun dips low, unwind at the **Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest Gardens**. Wander through vibrant blooms and rainforest trails, spot local wildlife, and soak up the tranquillity of this hidden gem.
- **Where to stay:** Corrimal Beach Tourist Park, 2 Lake Parade, East Corrimal NSW 2518. Powered Site.



Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest Gardens,
Destination NSW

Day 13: Sydney

Distance: 54.9 Kms **Time:** 56 Minutes

- **Morning:** Wake up for the final stretch of your summer road trip and make your way to Sydney. Once you arrive, wander through the city centre, do a little sightseeing, and pick up a few last-minute souvenirs to remember your adventure.
- **Afternoon:** Treat yourself to a farewell brunch at **Pancakes On The Rocks**, a local favourite known for its sweet and savoury stacks. Then, drop off your GoCheap campervan at the Sydney branch by 3:30 PM, marking the end of your unforgettable summer escape!

Packing tips for a road trip Melbourne to Sydney

Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Appropriate clothing for all types of weather and activities
- Swimwear + Picnic Blankets
- 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)
- Maps, journals

Reminder: Travelling in Australia during summer means peak season is in full swing, and it can get busy. **Plan ahead** and book activities or popular spots in advance so you don't miss out, and check peak hours to avoid the crowds and enjoy a smoother, more relaxed trip.



Shopping in Sydney City Centre, Destination NSW

HAVE A GREAT TRIP!

