COASTAL TREASURES: 14-DAY MELBOURNE TO YORKE PENINSULA ROAD TRIP CIRCUIT



Highlights

- Bendigo's historic streets and gardens
- Adelaide Central Market
- Ardrossan's red coastal cliffs
- Port Vincent's beaches and marina
- Stansbury Jetty
- Edithburgh Tidal Pool
- Point Turton Jetty
- Moonta Mines
- Moonta Bay Jetty
- PS Marion

Day 1: Bendigo

Distance: 142 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your home on wheels from the GoCheap Melbourne depot in Tullarmarine and spend some time getting familiar with your campervan. Stock up on groceries and snacks at a supermarket before heading towards Bendigo.
- **Afternoon:** Settle into your campsite in this charming regional city packed with gold rush history and visit the **Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Head to **Rosalind Park** and wander along the fernery while hiding from the sun with big shade trees.
- **Evening:** Have a hearty dinner in your campervan and take the Bendigo After Dark tour and explore historic streets and buildings by lantern light
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Tasman Holiday Parks – Bendigo, 15 Heinz Street, White Hills VIC 3550.

Day 2: Ouyen

Distance: 300 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Leave Sydney early to a headstart on the **Grand Pacific Drive**, the scenic drive that goes through the Royal National Park. Make a pit stop at the **Sea Cliff Bridge** for the insta-worthy views and whale watching before continuing to Wollongong.
- **Afternoon:** : Once you've arrived at the 'Gong', make an enlightening visit to the **Nan Tien Temple**, the largest Buddhist temple in the Southern Hemisphere. Bring a picnic to **Wollongong Botanic Garden** for a lunch with the best views of spring.
- **Evening:** Drive down the coast to Kiama and explore the **Kiama Coast Walk**, stopping at the famous **Kiama Blowhole** and **Little Blowhole**. Take an evening dip at the **Kiama Rock Pools**.
- **Where to stay:** Ouyen Caravan Park, 10 Calder Highway, Ouyen VIC 3490.

Day 3: Pinnaroo + Tailem Bend

Distance: 280 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours

- **Morning: Set your clock back by 30 minutes** when arriving in Pinnaroo, a friendly Mallee town with a fascinating rural past. Pop into the **Mallee Tourist & Heritage Centre** or walk around town.
- **Afternoon:** Have a picnic lunch by the **Pinnaroo Wetlands** before continuing on to Tailem Bend. Once you arrive, stretch your legs on the **Tailem Bend Historic Rail Trail**, a free mapped walk where you can read stories of the town's railway past.
- **Evening:** Head to the **Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at The Bend** if you're keen for an action-packed night of racing! Check their website for activities and upcoming events.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 The Bend Holiday Park, 543 Dukes Highway, Tailem Bend SA 5260.



Time for an adrenaline rush on your campervan trip, Tourism Australia

Day 4: Adelaide + Ardrossan

Distance: 250 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours

- **Morning:** Drive into Adelaide and stretch your legs as you observe the exhibits at the **South Australian Museum** and **Art Gallery of South Australia**. Admire the grand heritage buildings along **North Terrace** and have a coffee in one of the many cafes.
- **Afternoon:** Browse **Adelaide Central Market** (open Tues-Sat) for a tasty lunch and some fresh local produce to stock the campervan. Continue on to **Ardrossan** and stop at the **Ardrossan Lookout** .
- **Evening:** Take a stroll along the **Ardrossan Jetty.** If you're there during blue swimmer crab season, you might be able to catch a few on the beach!
- **Where to stay:** Ardrossan Caravan Park, 1 Park Terrace, Ardrossan SA 5571.



Get crabbing for some 'Blueys' at the Ardrossan Jetty, South Australian Tourism Commission/Peter Fisher

Day 5: Port Vincent

Distance: 45 Kms **Time:** 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Head to Port Vincent, a charming seaside town featuring a picture-perfect waterfront. Check out the painted mural on the **Port Vincent Water Tower** as you enter town — one of the stops of the Southern Yorke Peninsula Water Tower Mural Trail.
- **Afternoon:** Pack a picnic and enjoy the **Port Vincent Beach**. Go for a swim if conditions are suitable or relax under the sun with a good book. Explore the **Port Vincent Marina**, where the yachts and fishing boats make for lovely holiday photos.
- **Evening:** Go for an evening walk along the Esplanade up to **Back Beach** for sweeping views over the bay, then grab some fish and chips from **Port Vincent Kiosk** or make dinner in the campervan. If you're lucky, you might spot dolphins in the sheltered waters!
- **Where to stay:** Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park, 12 Marine Parade, Port Vincent SA 5581.

Day 6: Stansbury

Distance: 18 Kms **Time:** 15 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading to Stansbury. Begin with a stroll along **Stansbury Jetty**, keeping an eye out for seabirds and dolphins.
- **Afternoon: :** Walk a short stretch of the **Walk the Yorke coastal trail** and take in views of the bay. Stansbury is also known for its oysters, so seafood lovers might want to look for some local oyster farms like **Pacific Estate Oysters** or **Southern Yorke Oysters** for a waterfront picnic.
- **Evening:** Find a spot along the foreshore and watch the sunset over **Oyster Bay**. Spend the rest of your evening enjoying dinner at your campsite with some stargazing.
- **Where to stay:** Stansbury Caravan Park, 22A Anzac Parade, Stansbury SA 5582.

Day 7: Edithburgh

Distance: 305 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 16 Minutes

- **Morning:** Make your way to Edithburgh, a historic seaside town with beautiful views across the water. The **Edithburgh Jetty** is currently closed until mid-2027, but there is plenty to see on the foreshore!
- **Afternoon:** The historic **Edithburgh Tidal Pool** is today's main attraction! This unique seawater pool is refreshed by the tides, a great place to cool off when conditions are safe. Explore the Mosaic Art Trail with colourful nautical-themed artworks.
- **Evening:** Catch a glimpse of the **Edithburgh Water Tower** mural and watch the sunset at the **Edithburgh Fisherman's Wharf**, spotting some fish swimming in the shallows.
- **Where to stay:** Edithburgh Caravan Park, 34 O'Halloran Parade, Edithburgh SA 5583.

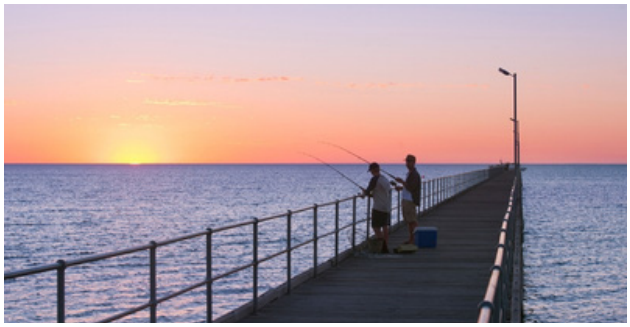


Take a dip in the tidal pool, South Australian Tourism Commission/Peter Fisher

Day 8: Marion Bay

Distance: 85 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy a coffee stop in **Yorketown** before continuing to the southern tip of Yorke Peninsula.
- **Afternoon:** Make the drive to **Marion Bay**, where white sand, clear water and sweeping coastal views are the main attractions. Settle in at your campsite, then head down to **Marion Bay Beach** for a barefoot stroll, a relaxing picnic or an afternoon swim.
- **Evening:** Spend some time around **Marion Bay Jetty**, soaking in the sea breeze as the afternoon turns to evening and go fishing if conditions allow. Treat yourself to a local meal at the **Marion Bay Tavern & Motel** or cook dinner in the campervan.
- **Where to stay:** Marion Bay Caravan Park, 17 Willyama Drive, Marion Bay SA 5575.



Catch some squid or snapper at Marion Bay Jetty, South Australian Tourism Commission/Adam Bruzzone

Day 9: Marion Bay

Distance: Flexible **Time:** Flexible

- **Morning:** Head to the **Dhilba Guuranda–Innes National Park** known for dramatic cliffs, beaches and abundant wildlife (entry fees apply). GoCheap campervans can only be driven on **sealed roads**, so don't stray from the main path.
- **Afternoon:** Take the **Stenhouse Bay Lookout Walk** for spectacular views across Investigator Strait, then visit **Stenhouse Bay Jetty** for a few photos. If you prefer a slower afternoon, stay close to **Little Emu Beach** or **Goldy's Beach** with a picnic.
- **Evening:** Watch the sky change colour along the coast before heading back to your campsite. Cook a hearty dinner, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere by the sea at **Penguin Point**.
- **Where to stay:** Marion Bay Caravan Park, 17 Willyama Drive, Marion Bay SA 5575.

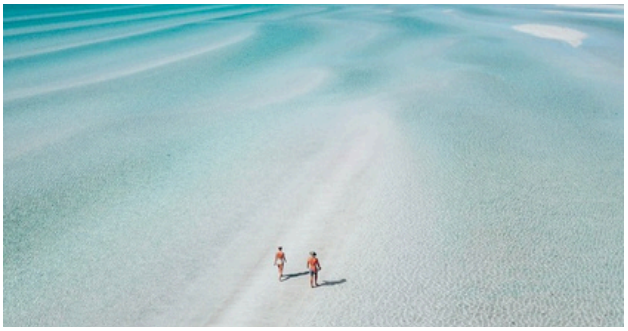


Dhilba Guuranda–Innes National Park, Bayside Glamping

Day 10: Point Turton

Distance: 54 Kms **Time:** 48 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy breakfast at camp before continuing to Point Turton, a relaxed seaside village overlooking the clear waters of Hardwicke Bay.
- **Afternoon:** Have an arvo picnic at the photogenic **Flaherty Beach** or **Longbottom Beach**, enjoying the crystal clear waters. Park in the car park by the main road before making your way to the beach on foot with your gear as GoCheap campervans **cannot be driven on sand**.
- **Evening:** Have an evening stroll at the **Point Turton Jetty** and have dinner at **Tavern on Turton**, or settle in for a relaxing night at your campsite with a home-cooked meal.
- **Where to stay:** Point Turton Caravan Park, Bayview Road, Point Turton SA 5575



Crystal clear waters at pristine white sands at Flaherty Beach, roamingaus

Day 11: Moonta Bay

Distance: 85 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** Get up bright and early to head towards the Copper Coast. Once you arrive in Moonta, explore the town's heritage streets and pop into a local bakery for a treat.
- **Afternoon:** Step back in time at the **Moonta Mines**, where old buildings and mining landmarks tell the story of the region's copper boom. Afterwards, spend some time at **Moonta Bay Jetty** for a stroll and a swim at the ocean pool.
- **Evening:** Make the most of your last night on the Yorke Peninsula with dinner overlooking Spencer Gulf. Pick up some fish and chips at or cook at camp before taking a sunset stroll along **Moonta Bay Beach**.
- **Where to stay:** Moonta Bay Holiday Park, 5 Tossell Street, Moonta Bay SA 5558.



Moonta Bay Jetty, South Australian Tourism Commission

Day 12: Mannum

Distance: 215 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy one last seaside brekkie before packing up the campervan, heading inland to Mannum. Pack a picnic for the road!
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Mannum and step inside the **Mannum Dock Discovery Centre** to discover the days of river trade. Check out the **PS Marion**, a restored paddle steamer dating back to 1897. Take a wander around the historic waterfront before settling into your riverside campsite.
- **Evening:** Pack a picnic dinner and find a spot at **Mary Ann Reserve** along the Murray River. Watch the boats drift past, admire the reflections on the water and enjoy a relaxed evening before tomorrow's drive back towards Victoria.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Mannum Holiday Park, Purnong Road, Mannum SA 5238.



Stroll along the Murray River, John Montesi

Day 13: Horsham

Distance: 390 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy an early brekkie with one last glimpse of the Murray River before making your way towards Victoria. It is a longer driving day, so plan to make a pitstop around Keith or Bordertown.
- **Afternoon: Change your clocks forward by 30 minutes** once you arrive in Horsham, or if you make a pitstop as you enter Victoria. Stretch your legs in the **Horsham Botanic Gardens**, enjoying the open lawns and garden displays.
- **Evening:** Walk along the **Wimmera River** on a portion of the **Horsham Wimmera River Walk** and spend the rest of the evening at the campsite to enjoy your last night with your campervan!
- **Where to stay:** Horsham Riverside Caravan Park, 190 Firebrace Street, Horsham VIC 3400.



Horsham Botanic Gardens. Visit Horsham

Day 14: Melbourne

Distance: 156 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 21 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy one last campervan brekkie before packing up for Melbourne. If your return time allows, stop for a coffee and a stroll in the **Alexandra Gardens Park** in Ararat or take a quick break by **Lake Wendouree** in Ballarat for a final taste of regional Victoria.

- **Afternoon:** Make your way back to the GoCheap Melbourne depot and allow plenty of time to refuel, unpack, clean the campervan and complete your return before the last drop-off time at **3:30PM**. After 14 days of red cliffs, coastal towns, tidal pools and memorable country stops, your Yorke Peninsula adventure has come full circle!



Lake Wendouree, Safari Global/Visit Victoria

Returning Your Campervan

- The furthest destination you will visit is **Marion Bay**, which is **over 11 hours away** from the GoCheap Melbourne depot. All campervans need to be returned at least 1 hour before the depot closes or before 3:30PM for an Out of Hours return. Make sure that when planning your trip, ensure that you have plenty of time to make it safely back to the depot. Otherwise, consider spending another night in your destination and head back to the depot the following morning. Give us a call for assistance.



The GoCheap depot in Melbourne

Packing Tips

Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Appropriate clothing for all types of weather and activities
- Swimwear and beach gear
- 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 (driving license, identification documents, travel/health insurance, booking confirmations, our roadside assistance number)

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