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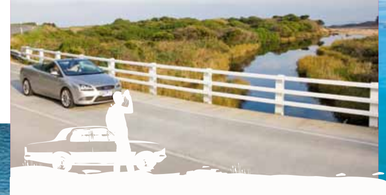
Official Touring Map

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Torquay • Anglesea • Aireys Inlet • Lorne
Apollo Bay • Otways Region • Camperdown
Port Campbell • Warrnambool • Port Fairy • Portland



THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Fresh, salty air fills you with adventure. Iconic landscapes loom, and a sense of grandness, of freedom, sweeps in. The Great Ocean Road, where nature's drama unfolds at every turn.

A coastal sanctuary of contrasting natural beauty, where unexpected hinterland waterfall walks reveal dappled lush forests at the edge of lively salt-washed villages, and rugged oceanic splendour and raw seascapes draw you along with superb wines, fine dining and relaxed unwinding; fabulous flora, fauna, and fantastic fun along the way.

This map takes you on that journey from Torquay along the Surf Coast east of Cape Otway then inland through the forested Otway region to emerge on the wild and well named Shipwreck Coast to Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Portland and beyond. All the way are winding coastal roads where the view promises to be better around each bend and, as you will discover, it is.

Welcome to the Great Ocean Road.

GETTING TO THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD REGION

Getting to see it is easy. Torquay is just an hour from Melbourne via the Princes Freeway and Geelong Ring Road. If you're coming from the Mornington Peninsula you can take the car ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff, departing every hour and maybe see a dolphin or two along the way.

If you're planning a fly-drive holiday, you can pick up hire cars at Melbourne Airport, Avalon Airport, Essendon or Portland Airports.

Trains run regularly between Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool with regular coastal V/Line bus access also available.

WORLD'S BIGGEST WAR MEMORIAL

The Great Ocean Road remains one of the most spectacular tourist drives in the world. Hand built by returned First World War soldiers in honour of their fallen comrades and officially opened in 1932, it is also the world's biggest war memorial.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD MEMORIAL ARCH

View the famous memorial arch and 'Diggers' statue at Eastern View, Aireys Inlet which was erected to commemorate the returned servicemen from the First World War who built the Great Ocean Road from 1918 to 1932. It is a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of the young men and women who lost their lives in the First World War; on the hard work of their returned comrades who dug a road, often out of sheer rock, by hand.

A series of bronze plaques from Torquay to Warrnambool help to complete the story.

KEY EXPERIENCES

GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

It covers 103,000 hectares and represents all that is special about the Otways: the tall, wet, ancient rainforests, sandy beaches, rock platforms and windswept heathland fringed by a spectacularly rugged coastline. In the north, the park features tall forests, ferny gullies, magnificent waterfalls and tranquil lakes.

MARINE PARKS

Seven of the eleven Victorian Marine Parks & Sanctuaries; Pt Danger Marine Sanctuary, Pt Addis Marine National Park, Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary, Marengo Marine Sanctuary, Twelve Apostles Marine National Park, Bay of Islands Coastal Park and Discovery Bay Marine National Park are located in the region. These parks and sanctuaries safeguard important marine habitats, species and significant natural features.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

World recognised icons the 12 Apostles are set amongst the Port Campbell National Park. These giant rock stacks soar from the swirling waters of the Southern Ocean. Port Campbell National Park includes the 12 Apostles, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge, Gibson Steps. Nearby Bay of Islands Coastal Park and Bay of Martyrs are also worth exploring.

BELLS BEACH

Bells Beach, located just 4km from Torquay, is Australia's most famous surfing beach and is home to the world's longest running professional surfing event, the Rip Curl Pro Easter Classic. In winter, big swells and off-shore winds make the waves show off Bells at its best. The Great Ocean Road is famed for its surf culture and offers more than 253km of some of the best surf spots in Victoria. Don't worry if you don't know how to surf, there are plenty of surf schools!

COASTAL VILLAGES

The Great Ocean Road offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy the enviable lifestyle of our relaxed seaside villages. Stroll along shopping promenades, taste local wines at a cellar door, sip a latte or enjoy a wonderful meal of fine local produce.

SIGHTSEEING

Here's some of our favourite look-out spots for taking in our coast.

- Pt Addis
- Anglesea Hill
- Teddys Look-out, Lorne
- Marriners Lookout, Apollo Bay
- Apollo Bay Harbour
- Cape Otway
- 12 Apostles Viewing Platforms
- Warrnambool Whale Watching
- Portland Whale Watching
- Cape Bridgewater

THE SURF COAST & OTWAYS TOWNS

TORQUAY

The official start of the Great Ocean Road and Australia's surfing capital. Home to the famous Bells Beach and many surfing companies, Torquay is the place to learn all about surfing and go shopping for surfwear, accessories and fashion goods. See the Surf Coast from all angles: skydiving, cycling, learn to surf, a birds-eye view from a Tiger Moth, stay and play at a golf resort or just relax in a beach side café or restaurant.

ANGLESEA

This popular holiday haven has the best of beach and bush. Surf beaches and sheltered waters cater for all types of activities. Bush scenery, kangaroos at the local golf course, mountain biking, hiking, learn to surf or kayaking, shopping and dining are among the other attractions.

AIREYS INLET

Split Point Lighthouse guides visitors to this small coastal village with soul, nestled in the shadow of Great Otway National Park. Enjoy beaches, walks, trail riding and coastal scenery. The pub and local eateries have great views.

LORNE

Lorne has the best of both worlds, the beautiful forests of the Great Otway National Park and the dramatic scenery of the Great Ocean Road combined with all the creature comforts and fine food you would expect in a cosmopolitan seaside resort. Indulge all your senses with a peaceful escape that restores the balance back to life.

WYE RIVER AND KENNETT RIVER

Located between the busy coastal townships of Lorne and Apollo Bay these delightful hamlets are popular for those seeking a more secluded holiday escape.

APOLLO BAY

Nestled into the picturesque green foothills of the Otway Ranges, Apollo Bay offers everything you need to have the perfect break - superb scenery, endless activities and top-class dining. Located midway along the Great Ocean Road this is one of the best destinations to base yourself for a few days to fully explore the coast.

CAPE OTWAY

Home to the Cape Otway Lightstation this is a popular destination for many. Watch out for koalas as you travel. Blanket Bay and Parker River are beautiful spots to explore, there are also various short walk options of the Great Ocean Walk to do in this area.

BIRREGURRA

Located on the banks of the Barwon River this picturesque town with carefully restored facades has many delightful surprises. Known for its gourmet and gastronomic delights, interesting array of shops and golf course, it is well worth a visit.

COLAC

A larger bustling centre located on the shores of Lake Colac which hosts walking trails and a bird sanctuary. The Botanical Gardens are popular with visitors and nearby Red Rock forms part of the lakes and craters precinct of the Kanawinka Global Geopark offering amazing 360 degree views from the dormant volcano.

FORREST

A small township nestled deep in the Otways and surrounded by bush. It is renowned for its extensive network of mountain bike trails and also offers great walking trails. The Forrest Brewery and the new Corner Store are popular places to visit.

GELLIBRAND

A great spot to visit and stay. The area is renowned for relaxation with great fishing, bushwalking, mountain biking, galleries, boutique wineries, breweries and history all close at hand. In March the town hosts the Gellibrand River Blues and Blueberry Festival.

LAVERS HILL AND BEECH FOREST

Lavers Hill is an area noted for scenic beauty with the Great Otway National Park surrounding much of the town. Beech Forest is the home to many wonderful food and primary producers as well as the centre of the Otway Harvest Trail.

WINCHELSEA

An attractive rural town by the banks of the picturesque Barwon River on the Princes Highway, Gateway to the Otway Harvest Trail, a visit to Barwon Park Mansion is a highlight. Notoriously known as the town where the rabbit was released in Australia. The Winchelsea Festival, held annually in November, is a country fair that offers family fun and entertainment.

JOHANNA AND GLENAIRE

Long expansive beaches, rugged coastline, Aire River and the Great Ocean Walk offer an array of experiences for visitors. Great for fishing, wildlife, walking and surfing and for the more experienced.

THE SHIPWRECK COAST

PORT CAMPBELL

Stop at Port Campbell during your Great Ocean Road journey and admire spectacular coastline scenery including Port Campbell NP and the 12 Apostles. Sheltered by cliffs and Norfolk Pines, Port Campbell has the atmosphere of a haven on the edge of wild nature. A colourful and lively seaside village, home to restaurants and cafés with views of the beach, bakeries selling goodies and vibrant shops and galleries to explore.

TIMBOON

Whisky, organic yoghurt, classic French cheeses, honey, mouth watering ice-cream and some of the freshest, reddest strawberries you will ever taste! Whatever reason brings you to this picturesque wooded valley, your tastebuds will bring you back.

PETERBOROUGH

A great shore front playground and children's riding loop immediately marks Peterborough as a family friendly destination.

CAMPERDOWN

Take the picturesque inland route to the 12 Apostles and discover Camperdown amid volcanic craters. Lush pastures are home to dairy farms producing mouth-watering cheeses which can be sampled and purchased at nearby Timboon.

COBDEN

Jump on a bike and experience the off road peace and quiet and beautiful scenery of the Coast to Crater Trail, fish or walk around one of our wonderful lakes. There is plenty around Cobden to keep you entertained.

WARRNAMBOOL

Warrnambool is a must visit destination. Nestled into the rising contours of Victoria's south west coast amid green dairying country and overlooking the deep blue of the Southern Ocean. Discover the seafaring history of Warrnambool and the rugged Shipwreck Coast with a visit to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

KOROIT

The charming village of Koroit sits on the northern rim of Tower Hill. The large Irish population of the 19th century is reflected in the quaint buildings and architecture of the town. Each April this heritage is celebrated at the Koroit Irish Festival.

PORT FAIRY

Port Fairy is a beautiful, historic, fishing village with tree lined streets, lovely beaches and fabulous boutique shopping. Griffiths Island, at the mouth of the Moyne River is the site of the Port Fairy lighthouse and the summer home of thousands of mutton birds.

DISCOVERY COAST

PORTLAND

Discover Victoria's Birthplace when you visit Portland. The town was Victoria's first permanent European settlement. Portland is situated around the picturesque harbour and working port. The many heritage buildings bring a sense of history to the town. The area's maritime history is showcased at the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre.

CAPE BRIDGEWATER

See some of the highest coastal cliffs in Victoria overlooking the deep-blue waters of Bridgewater Bay that stretches in a perfect crescent around the rim of a huge, ancient volcano crater. Take in the unusual landscape of the petrified forest which looks like a forest of tree roots turned into rock. Watch as the sea spray blasts metres skyward at the blowhole. View the breeding colony of fur seals by boat tour or from the walking trail.

DARTMOOR

Dartmoor is situated on the banks of the scenic and peaceful Glenelg River. In 1918, an avenue of Atlantic Cedars was planted as a memorial to those that served in the First World War. The Dartmoor Community and a local chainsaw artist, joined together to create nine tree carvings in the Avenue of Honour, depicting service men and women in the army, navy and air force.

HEYWOOD

Heywood is home to the National Heritage Landscape of Budj Bim (Lake Condah). Dating back thousands of years, the area shows evidence of a large, settled (not nomadic) Aboriginal community systematically farming eels for food and trade. Today the Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation and Budj Bim Tours of Heywood help organise tours to Lake Condah to explore the remains of stone huts and fish traps, as well as highlighting the Aboriginal culture and their way of life.

CASTERTON

The township of Casterton has a special place in Australia's farming history. Warrock Station is the birthplace of Australia's Kelpie working dog. The first pup of the breed was born at the sheep station in the 1870s. Casterton is now known as "Kelpie Country" in honour of the working dog's birth.

NELSON

The beautiful township of Nelson is situated on the pristine Glenelg River, some two kilometers from the mouth but with views of the ocean across the sand hills to the south either side of the river estuary. The area offers close proximity to wild ocean beaches, beautiful estuary and river and the surrounding Lower Glenelg National Park.

ANNUAL EVENTS

January	Pier to Pub Ocean Swim, **Lorne**
	World Series Sprintcar, Warrnambool Premier Speedway
	Bells Bash Cliff Run, **Torquay**
	Moyneyana Festival, **Port Fairy**
February	Apollo Bay Seafood Festival
	Otway Odyssey Mountain Bike Marathon, **Apollo Bay to Forrest**
	Heywood Wood, Wine and Roses Festival
March	Port Fairy Folk Festival
	Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride, **Lorne/Torquay**
	Victorian Life saving Championships, **Anglesea/Lorne**
April	Rip Curl Pro Easter Classic, **Bells Beach**, Torquay
	XTERRA Surf Coast Off road triathlon, **Anglesea**
	Apollo Bay Music Festival
	Day on the Hill, **Flagstaff Hill**
	Koroit Irish Festival
May	Warrnambool May Racing Carnival
	Great Ocean Road Marathon, **Lorne/Apollo Bay**
June	Casterton Kelpie Muster
July	Fun4Kids Festival, **Warrnambool**
June/July	Port Fairy Winter Weekends
August	International Lighthouse Weekend, **Aireys Inlet/Cape Otway**
September	Festival of Performing Arts, **Lorne**
	Surf Coast Century Trail run, **Anglesea**
	Amy's Gran Fondo Ride, **Lorne/Apollo Bay/Otways Hinterlands**
October	Anglesea Music Festival
	Birregurra Weekend Festival and Art Show
	Melbourne to Warrnambool Classic Bicycle Race
	Shipwreck Coast Classic Bicycle Race
	Spring Music Festival, **Port Fairy**
	Southern Exposure Surf Coast Mountain Bike Festival, **Anglesea**
November	Toast to the Coast, **Surf Coast and Moorabool Wine Region**
	Great Victorian Bike Ride, **Great Ocean Road**
	Winchelsea Festival
	Upwelling Festival, **Portland**
December	Adventure Race, **Lorne**
	Falls Festival, **Lorne**
	New Year's Eve on the Hill, **Flagstaff Hill**

Accredited Visitor Information Centres

Look out for the 'i' sign. Open seven days a week, 9am-5pm. Friendly staff and volunteers will assist with all enquiries. Maps, brochures, visitor guides, accommodation and things to see and do. For 24 hour information please see the website details below.

Geelong Visitor Centre
Princes Hwy, Ph: 1800 620 888

Torquay Visitor Centre
Beach Road, Ph: 1300 614 219

Lorne Visitor Centre
15 Mountjoy Parade, Ph: 1300 891 152

Apollo Bay Visitor Centre
100 Great Ocean Road, Ph: 1300 OTWAYS

Port Campbell Visitor Centre
26 Morris Street, Ph: 5598 6053

Warrnambool Visitor Centre
Merri Street, Ph: 1800 637 725

Port Fairy Visitor Centre
Railway Place, Bank Street, Ph: 1300 656 564

Portland Visitor Centre
Lee Breakwater Road, Ph: 1800 035 567

Nelson Visitor Centre
Leake Street, Ph: 08 8738 4051

Colac Visitor Centre
Corner Queens & Murray Streets, Colac
Ph: 1300 OTWAYS

For more information on the region **www.visitvictoria.com/GOR**

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

OTWAY FLY TREETOP ADVENTURES

Perched high in the rainforest just off the Great Ocean Road near Beech Forest, the Otway Fly provides a stunning treetop walk from 25 metres above the rainforest. Dare to climb the spiral stairs to the top of a 47 metre lookout tower. Take an exciting ride through the trees on Victoria's only Zip Line Tour. The Visitor Centre's Black Snail café offers meals from 9am-4pm daily.

www.otwayfly.com

SURF WORLD MUSEUM

The Surf City Plaza in Torquay is packed with surf retail stores such as Quiksilver and Rip Curl, factory outlets and surf equipment. There is also Surf World Museum, which celebrates the story of surfing. It charts Australia's significant contribution to the development of surfing around the world. Through the colourful and exciting permanent displays and temporary exhibitions of important surfing artefacts and memorabilia. Open 9am-5pm, seven days a week except Christmas Day.

www.surfworld.org

FLAGSTAFF HILL MARITIME VILLAGE

A living museum with Australia's richest shipwreck collection and an 1870s village located in the Lady Bay Lighthouse precinct. Get a glimpse into the lifestyle of the 1870s era, the peak of Australia's maritime heritage.

www.flagstaffhill.com

TOWER HILL

Tower Hill Reserve, nestled inside a dormant volcano, is today a beautiful haven for wildlife. Koalas, emus, kangaroos, sugar gliders and many species of waterbirds, including the graceful black swans roam freely throughout the reserve, often within clear view. Located between Warrnambool and Port Fairy on the Princes Highway, Tower Hill is popular among people of all ages for picnics, nature walks and wildlife watching.

LIGHTHOUSES

Cape Otway Lightstation is open to visitors and is the oldest on the mainland, sitting 91 metres above a spectacular tip of the southern coastline. A café offers meals and an entry fee applies.

www.lightstation.com

Split Point Lighthouse is further east at Aireys Inlet which stands 34 metres and offers amazing views, tea rooms and a lighthouse tour (bookings required).

www.splitpointlighthouse.com.au

Griffiths Island Lighthouse at Port Fairy is 11 metres high and offers excellent views of East Beach and the Moyne River.

Cape Nelson Lighthouse is a 32 metre cliff top lighthouse and has been in operation since 1884. Offering fantastic ocean views with a nearby café and lighthouse tours available.

WALKING

GREAT OCEAN WALK

The Great Ocean Walk hugs the spectacular coastline from Apollo Bay to the Twelve Apostles. Experience deserted sandy beaches, isolated cliff tops, abundant wildlife and tall forest gullies. Short walks, day hikes and overnight treks – whatever way you want to walk it the experience will stay with you forever. Luxury accommodation to eco-friendly hike-in campsites are available for walkers.

www.greatoceanwalk.com

SURF COAST WALK

Offering natural beauty and easy access, the 44km Surf Coast Walk lets you relax and enjoy a world-class walking destination at your own pace. Many distinctive tracks connecting Torquay, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet invite you to explore inspiring landscapes on foot or bike beyond the edge of Victoria's beautiful Great Ocean Road.

www.surfcoastwalk.com.au

CRATERS TO COAST DISCOVERY TRAIL

The Camperdown to Timboon section is a wonderful family trail dotted with statuesque trestle bridges and spellbinding scenery. Riders and walkers traverse volcanic features listed in Kanawinka Global Geopark, farmland, wooded grassland and tall wet forest on descent into the wooded Timboon valley.

WALKS AND WATERFALLS

There are many excellent walks easily accessible by car just behind Lorne and Apollo Bay in the Great Otway National Park featuring powerful waterfalls in temperate, fern lined forest. Highlights are Erskine Falls or the many beautiful waterfalls around Sheoak Picnic area, Lorne including Henderson Falls, Phantom Falls, Kalimna Falls, Sheoak Falls and Cora Lynn Cascades.

Check out the Waterfall Self Drive Touring Route which includes the spectacular Beauchamp, Hopetoun, Triplet Falls and Little Aire Falls. Marriners Falls is the closest to Apollo Bay – an ideal walk for all the family. Hopkins Falls 13km north east of Warrnambool.

WARRNAMBOOL PROMENADE WALK

A 5.7km path that stretches from the breakwater along the coastline to the famous Southern Right Whale nursery at Logans Beach. You can walk, ride, run or skate along this scenic trail.

GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK

Encompassing tranquil forests, majestic river gorges, high rugged cliff tops and sublime bays. Designed as a long walking track (250km) it is also ideal for short walks and day walks, and can be easily accessed from Portland, Nelson and a number of road crossings.

www.greatsouthwestwalk.com

WILDLIFE

KOALAS

For the best opportunity of koala sightings while in the region visit Grey River Road, turn off the Great Ocean Road at Kennett River then turn up the Grey River Road. You will only need to drive a short distance before spotting the local inhabitants in the trees. The Cape Otway Lighthouse Road and Blanket Bay around Cape Otway Lightstation is also renowned for its local koala population. Tower Hill located west of Warrnambool is another popular haven for koala spotting.

PLATYPUS

Formed by a natural landslide, Lake Elizabeth is home to numerous platypus and waterbirds. Magnificent surrounding bushland makes this an enjoyable walk for all ages with both short and longer walking options on offer. If you aim to spot a platypus the best time is at dawn or dusk and remember to tread quietly!

KANGAROOS

Look for kangaroos. You can see them if you play a round at the Anglesea Golf Course. Or perhaps you would like to experience them in the crater of a dormant volcano at Tower Hill Reserve. On Otway Lighthouse Road kangaroos are regularly spotted along with the koalas. Kangaroos can be seen many places along the road and are most active early in the morning or at dusk and dawn.

WHALE WATCHING

Whales are often sighted along the Great Ocean Road, particularly through the winter months during migration and when mothers have given birth to calves. Visitor Information Centres along the Great Ocean Road track the whale movements and sightings, some centres fly a whale flag to inform visitors of recent sightings.

Logans Beach, Warrnambool is a popular site for viewing whales with purpose built lookouts but it is possible to see whales from many spectacular vantage points along the Great Ocean Road.

Viewing whales along the Great Ocean Road is spectacular, however please exercise caution whilst driving and obey road rules by parking off the road, not stopping or starting suddenly on the road, and not doing any illegal U turns.

SEALS

Marengo Marine Sanctuary
Located 3km west from Apollo Bay, approximately 200 seals are located on the reef just off the beach, they are clearly visible with binoculars from the beach. Boat and kayak tours are available.

Cape Bridgewater
West of Portland a 650 strong colony of seals are located at Cape Bridgewater; view by boat tour or 2 hour return walking track to Seal Point.

DRIVING TRAILS & FOOD AND WINE

DRIVING TRAILS

Breathtaking scenery, thrilling adventures and world-class food and wine. It's all just around the next corner on a Great Ocean Road trip... take your time and make the moment last!

Otway Harvest Trail
Rich soils, clean and green farming practices, a favourable cool climate and friendly people in the Otway hinterland produce a distinctive and exceptional range of produce. You'll see cellar doors, fresh markets, olive groves, chocolate, cheese, berry gardens, creative restaurants using local produce and spectacular scenery that change and evolve with the four seasons.

www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au

12 Apostles Gourmet Trail
Take your tastebuds on a journey that will leave you crying for more. Join the 115 kilometre 12 Apostles Gourmet foods and wine trail. Sample award-winning cheeses, wine, chocolate, berries, ice-cream and whisky.

www.visit12apostles.com.au

Kanawinka Cones & Flows Trail
Take a drive back in time to see the natural features created by age old volcanoes. The drive is a 170km round trip which will take you through some interesting scenery.

www.kanawinkageopark.org.au

FOOD AND WINE

When you think Great Ocean Road, don't just think pristine beaches and perfectly curling waves, think alfresco dining, big breakfasts, great coffee... some of the best wine and tucker you'll find anywhere.

Surf Coast & Moorabool Valley Wine Region
The limestone bedrock of the Surf Coast stretches from Waurn Ponds near Geelong to the coast around Torquay and inland to Moriac and Winchelsea. There are over twenty vineyards and eight wineries producing award-winning maritime influenced cool climate wines.

www.winegeelong.com.au

Seafood
Enjoy the 'catch of the day' without dropping a line with a visit to one of the Fisherman Co-Op's in towns like Lorne, Apollo Bay, Warrnambool and Port Fairy. Purchase your own supplies for a seafood banquet or if cooking is not your thing, then one of the local restaurants can create that 'meal to remember' using the day's catch.

Cafés & Restaurants
A wide selection of dining options in the main coastal towns along the Great Ocean Road awaits. From funky cafés with views of the ocean to award-winning restaurants, all serving the regions amazing fresh produce.

CYCLING

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Cycling is a great way to explore the coastal and hinterland scenery, both on and off road. The Great Ocean Road is best enjoyed on a bike mid-week during non-peak periods. Quiet country roads around Deans Marsh, Moriac and Bellbrae offer some good road riding. Try the mountain bike four cross trail at Anglesea for something different. In the Great Otway National Park, many vehicle roads and tracks are suitable for horse and mountain bike riding. Check with Parks Victoria **13 19 63** for seasonal closures.

Forrest Mountain Bike Trails
Forrest is the bike riding capital of the Otways! Consisting of more than 50km of purpose built tracks through dense bushland it offers a range of experiences for beginners to hardcore dirt fanatics.

www.rideforrest.com

Beechy Rail Trail
This trails stretches 45km from Colac to Beech Forest with Gellibrand a popular midway spot. Experience a variety of scenic natural landscapes including rainforest, creeks and open farmland.

Timboon Rail Trail
The 29km trail begins just out of Camperdown and passes through a variety of scenic landscapes, rich farmland and volcanic plains. The original rails and sleepers are still in place in sections along the trail.

Port Fairy - Koroit - Warrnambool Rail Trail
The 37km rail trail runs from Port Fairy through to Warrnambool. From Port Fairy the route passes dairy farm landscapes before skirting the northern side of a 25,000 year old extinct volcano, now the Tower Hill Reserve. The crater is home to many koalas, emus and wallabies and has a variety of walking tracks. The route then passes close to the Merri River wetlands and ends in Warrnambool (linking into the Warrnambool Foreshore Promenade).

Cape Bridgewater Trail
A 36km return ride to Cape Bridgewater features spectacular coastal scenery including fresh water lakes, Bridgewater Beach, the Petrified Forest and a Flora and Fauna Park.

Cape Nelson Lighthouse Trail
A steady 22km return bike ride to the historic Cape Nelson Lighthouse. The ride also takes in Yellow Rock and the Enchanted Forest when returning on the Scenic Drive.

Fawthrop Lagoon Trail
An easy 6km ride around the beautiful Fawthrop Lagoon in Portland. Fawthrop Lagoon is inhabited by over 100 varieties of birds.

GOLF

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Tee off at some of Victoria's most scenic golf courses offering stunning coastal views. Swing by The Sands at Torquay, an 18-hole championship course designed by Australian golfer Stuart Appleby and premium golf resort accommodation.

Play a round at Anglesea with its resident kangaroo population, a must for anyone from abroad. These iconic Australian native animals live in the nearby forest and spend their days as unofficial greenkeepers lounging on the fairways.

Further west, Warrnambool is another challenging round, set amidst undulating terrain with greens that test the short game.

Port Fairy offers stunning coastal views in historic links style, built around sand dunes and often likened to the coastal courses of Scotland and Ireland.

Golf along the road is suitable for all abilities.

Surf Coast Region
- Anglesea Golf Club
- Apollo Bay Golf Club
- Lorne Golf Club
- The Sands Torquay
- Torquay Golf Club

Otways Region
- Birregurra Golf Club
- Colac Golf Club
- Winchelsea Golf Club

Shipwreck Coast Region
- Camperdown Golf Club
- Cobden Golf Club
- Peterborough Golf Course
- Port Fairy Golf Club
- Mortlake Golf Course
- Terang Golf Club
- Warrnambool Golf Club

Discovery Coast Region
- Casterton Golf Course
- Dartmoor Golf Course
- Heywood Golf Course
- Merino Golf Course
- Portland Golf Course

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DRIVING TRAILS *...take your time and make the moment last*

Breathtaking scenery, thrilling adventures and world-class food and wine. It's all just around the next corner on your Great Ocean Road trip. **Keep left in Australia**

SURF COASTING (A)

Torquay - Anglesea - Lorne - **Apollo Bay**

Driving Distance: 92km

Start your Great Ocean Road experience only 75 minutes from Melbourne via the Geelong Ring Road at the surf capital - Torquay home of Bells Beach and many surf spots along the way. Check out the kangaroos at Anglesea, coastal lookouts, lunch and don't forget to take a coffee break between 'the breaks'.

HISTORIC SHIPWRECK TRAIL (B)

Lavers Hill - Princetown - Port Campbell - Warrnambool - Port Fairy - **Portland**

Driving Distance: 209km

The highlight of a Great Ocean Road journey including the 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge during which you can view some of the sites where gales, human error and, in some cases, foul play caused many ships to be wrecked.

WALKS AND WATERFALLS (C)

Apollo Bay - Cape Otway - Lavers Hill - Beech Forrest - **Apollo Bay**

Driving Distance: 125km

This stunning loop drive includes highlights such as the Cape Otway Lightstation, Great Otway National Park, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures, Triplet Falls, waterfalls and rainforest walks.

OTWAY HARVEST TRAIL (D)

Deans Marsh - Forrest - Beech Forrest - Cooriemungle - Colac - Birregurra - **Moriac**

Driving Distance: 203km

Allow a full day or more to explore. Winding through the Otways region, enjoy many culinary experiences including berry picking, fresh produce, wineries and breweries, provedores and farm gates.

Visit: **otwayharvesttrail.org.au** for opening times and an update of seasonal produce.

SURF COAST & MOORABOOL WINES (E)

Winchelsea - Bannockburn - Ceres - Bellbrae - **Winchelsea**

Driving Distance: 121km

The rolling hills and valleys of the Moorabool Valley around Winchelsea, Inverleigh and Bellbrae areas have a warm, continental style climate, while vineyards closer to the coastal breezes produce excellent cool climate shiraz. Collect a Geelong Wine Map from a Visitor Centre for all Surf Coast, Moorabool Valley and Bellarine wineries.

12 APOSTLES GOURMET TRAIL (F)

Port Campbell - Cooriemungle - Timboon - **Port Campbell**

Driving Distance: 85km

Take your tastebuds on a journey that will leave you crying for more. Join the 85km 12 Apostles Gourmet foods and wine trail. Sample award-winning cheeses, wine, chocolate, berries, ice-cream and whisky.

INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE (G)

Portland - Tyrendarra - Mt Eccles - Heywood - Lake Condah - **Portland**

Driving Distance: 84km

Learn about the region's cultural history, starting with a guided tour of the Budj Bim landscape at Tyrendarra on the lava flows and ancient ruins of permanent dwellings and learn about ancient aquaculture systems. Head into the interpretive centre at Heywood, where you'll learn more about the Gunditjmara people and their 8,000 year old history.

RIVER RETREAT (H)

Portland - Nelson - **Portland**

Driving Distance: 178km

Drive from Portland to Nelson, where the tranquil Glenelg River awaits for your boating, canoeing or cruising pleasure. After a quick swim or spot of fishing, head west towards the South Australian border to explore the internationally acclaimed Princess Margaret Rose Caves, and then pull on your hiking shoes for a walk along one of the Great South West Walk trails.

Distance and Driving Times

Travel times are a guide only and may vary due to the scenic winding nature of roads and different weather conditions. Expect travel times to be longer during peak season. *Via Coast [1]Via Colac [2]Via Lorne

Share the drive - don't do the Great Ocean Road from Melbourne in one day.

	12 Apostles	Aireys Inlet	Anglesea	Apollo Bay	Avalon Airport	Colac	Geelong	Lorne	Melbourne	Nelson	Portland	Port Fairy	Queenscliff	Torquay	Warrnambool	Winchelsea
12 Apostles		3hrs 10mins	3hrs 20mins	1hr 15mins	4hrs 20mins[2]	1hr 30mins	4hrs	2hrs 35mins	5hrs	3hrs 29mins	2hrs 24mins	1hr 39mins	4hrs 30mins	3hrs 30mins	1hr 12mins	1hr 45mins[1]
Aireys Inlet	143km		13mins	1hr 15mins	1hr 20mins	1hr 11mins	54mins	22mins	1hr 48mins	4hrs 46mins	3hrs 46mins	2hrs 56mins	1hr 27mins	33mins	3hrs 40mins	57mins
Anglesea	154km	11km		1hr 25mins	1hr 7mins	1hr 30mins	41mins	36mins	1hr 35mins	4hrs 40mins	3hrs 40mins	2hrs 50mins	1hr 14mins	20mins	3hrs 55mins*	46mins
Apollo Bay	88km	62km	73km		2hrs 22mins	1hr 5mins	2hr 15mins	1hr	2hrs 56mins	4hrs 35mins	3hrs 34mins	2hrs 45mins	2hrs 29mins	2hrs	2hrs 30mins	1hr 15mins
Avalon Airport	212km[2]	70km	59km	132km		1hr 34mins	29mins	1hr 52mins	48mins	7hrs 17mins	6hrs 16mins	5hrs 27mins	1hr 10mins	50mins	5hrs	1hr 6mins
Colac	82km	72km	86km	70km	97km		1hr 9mins	1hr	2hrs 8mins	3hrs 35mins	2hrs 34mins	1hr 44mins	1hr 43mins	1hr 19mins	1hr 35mins	30mins
Geelong	191km	47km	36km	109km	23km	74km		1hr 26mins	1hr 5mins	4hrs 36mins	3hrs 35mins	2hrs 45mins	41mins	29mins	4hrs 45mins	39mins
Lorne	124km	19km	30km	44km	91km	57km	70km		1hr 57mins	4hrs 32mins	3hrs 32mins	2hrs 42mins	1hr 50mins	56mins	3hrs 25mins	41mins
Melbourne	264km	122km	111km	184km	58km	150km	75km	139km		5hrs 22mins	4hrs 22mins	3hrs 32mins	1hr 44mins	1hr 15mins	5hrs 30mins*	1hr 40mins
Nelson	233km	343km	346km	318km	463km	270km	346km	326km	423km		1hr 14mins	1hr 55mins	5hrs 2mins	4hrs 36mins	2hrs 17mins	4hrs
Portland	174km	284km	287km	260km	405km	211km	288km	268km	365km	69km		55mins	4hrs 1min	3hrs 36mins	1hr 16mins	2hrs 59mins
Port Fairy	104km	213km	217km	189km	334km	141km	217km	197km	294km	131km	72km		3hrs 11mins	2hrs 46mins	27mins	2hrs 10mins
Queenscliff	215km	71km	61km	134km	54km	103km	31km	90km	106km	373km	314km	243km		55mins	4hrs 52mins	1hr 14mins
Torquay	171km	28km	18km	90km	44km	81km	23km	47km	96km	351km	293km	222km	44km		4hrs 15mins*	35mins
Warrnambool	76km	185km	238km*	165km	306km	113km	275km	208km	358km*	157km	99km	28km	312km	255km		2hrs 6mins
Winchelsea	120km*	67km	51km	84km	60km	38km	38km	46km	111km	307km	249km	178km	66km	43km	150km	

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- Visitor information
- Scenic view / Lookout
- Lighthouse
- Shipwreck site
- Built-up area
- Reserve
- Winery
- Golf course
- Walking track
- Cycling track
- National Park
- State Forest
- M1 Freeway
- Under construction
- A1 Highway
- B100 Major Road
- C141 Secondary Road - Sealed
- Secondary Road - Unsealed
- Minor Road
- Vehicular Track
- Great Ocean Road

Patrolled Beaches

Patrolled beach 26 Dec - 26 Jan

Surf Lifesaving Club Patrolled 29 Nov - 13 Apr

For more information contact Information Victoria:
Ph: 1300 366 356
www.watersafety.vic.gov.au

No smoking on any sand area of any beach, all year round.

No glass on any sand area of any beach, all year round.

Stay Safe

In an emergency call: **000** for police, fire or ambulance
Victoria Bushfire Information line **1800 240 667** (free call), or visit: **www.cfa.vic.gov.au**

There is a local law which prohibits sleeping in vehicles in a public place.

For dog friendly beach information, please contact the region's Visitor Information Centres.

Contact Parks Victoria for information on seasonal closures of National Parks:
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

VISITOR INFORMATION

Plan your Great Ocean Road journey with help from our Visitor Information Centres

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