

# THINGS TO SEE & DO TORQUAY



## 'Birthplace of the global surf industry'

Torquay is the gateway to the Great Ocean Road and birthplace of the global surf industry home to the international Rip Curl Pro and Quiksilver.

### WALKS

#### Deep Creek Reserve

Deep Creek Flora & Fauna Reserve, a strip of land extending along the watercourse, is the last remnant of Torquay's indigenous vegetation. Take a stroll along the designated tracks. The walk runs between the Surf Coast Highway and The Esplanade.

Refer to a Torquay Township Map

#### Foreshore Trail

This winding path is fully accessible and provides the walker with beautiful views of Fisherman's Beach, followed by Front Beach, passing sand dunes and playgrounds along the way, with regular access to the beach. You will pass a local artist's impression of the Inverloch Figurehead & the large anchor of the Joseph H Scammell vessel wrecked off Point Danger. At Point Danger you can enjoy spectacular views and visit the war memorial before continuing along the coast to Torquay Surf Life Saving Club.

Refer to a Torquay Township Map

#### Surf Coast Walk

This walk is a marked trail that commences at Point Impossible and passes through the famous Bells Beach, the Iron Bark Basin, Point Addis, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet Split Point Lighthouse and finishing at Fairhaven. While the total distance is around 30km, the walk consists of several sections to suit your energy level.

Refer to Surf Coast Walk Guide

### PICNIC, BBQ AREAS

#### Front Beach (The Esplanade)

Picnic tables, shelters, toilet block, BBQ and play park

#### Torquay Common (Near Spring Creek Board Walk)

Picnic tables, shelter, toilets, BBQ and play park

#### Apex Park (Near Jan Juc Creek)

Picnic Tables and BBQ

#### Jan Juc Shopping Centre

Picnic Tables, Toilets.

#### Bellbrae Reserve

Play park, picnic tables and shelter.

### PLAYGROUNDS

Refer to Torquay Children's Activities Guide or Surf Coast Playgrounds Guide



### SHOPPING

Surf City Plaza is home to iconic surfing brands such as Quiksilver & Rip Curl both of which originated in Torquay. There are a variety of retail & factory outlets. Torquay Central offers a variety of main stream shops for clothing, shoes, books, home wares etc. Gilbert Street & Bell Street shopping centres also offer a range of fantastic shops to explore.

### EATING OUT

Torquay has a variety of eateries, from quick, convenient take away shops to fine dining restaurants.

Refer to Torquay Food Guide

### WINERIES & LOCAL PRODUCE

There are many fantastic local wine & food producers in the region. Pick up a copy of the Surf Coast Wine & Produce Trail & go on a mouth watering tour of the Surf Coast.

Refer to a Surf Coast Wine & Produce Trail

### BEACHES

Torquay is famous for its Surf Beaches. Surf breaks such as Winki Pop & Bells have challenging surf for more experienced surfers while Torquay & Jan Juc offer good conditions for those wanting to learn to surf. Surf conditions can vary greatly, check with the Visitor Information Centre or local Surf Life Saving Club.

Safe swimming beaches for families include 'Cosy Corner', located between Torquay's Front Beach and the rocks at Point Danger & Fisherman's Beach located between Whites Beach and Zeally Bay.

### ATTRACTIONS & TOURS

#### Australian Skydive

See the spectacular Great Ocean Road & Bells Beach from the air. Enjoy the sensation of freefall for 45 seconds. Your parachute then opens & you are gently floating down to earth under a canopy.

Torquay Airport 325 Blackgate Road Phone: 1800 557 101

#### Auswalk Walking Tours

Inn to Inn self guided tours running from Torquay to Lorne. Maps and self guided material supplied and luggage is moved for you while you're out walking. Tours depart daily. Phone: 5356 4971

#### Big Stick Adventures

Provides guided surfing safaris, winery tours & adrenalin adventures. Choose from sea kayaking, mounting biking, jet boating, horse riding, sky diving, tiger moth flights to bushwalking. Bike hire available  
Phone: 5261 4379 or 0401 748 090

#### Sundial of Human Involvement

The Sundial is situated on the foreshore land at Fishermans Beach at the corner of Darian Road and The Esplanade. This unique sundial was assembled in a traditional time honored method of mosaic using more than 120,000 glass Tesserae tiles. The sundial represents traditional dreaming stories of the Wathaurong aboriginal people.

#### Tiger Moth World Adventure Park

Open cockpit Tiger flights. Mild to extreme aerobatics for the thrill-seekers. Or, take a tour to the 12 Apostles. Wind your way along the beach and cliff tops of the Great Ocean Road.

325 Blackgate Road Phone: 5261 5100

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## SURFING ATTRACTIONS AND TOURS

### Go Ride a Wave

Offers classes in surfing, body boarding, sea & surf kayaking, surf lifesaving, rock climbing and abseiling as well as a wide range of initiative based adventure courses. Equipment hire available.

Phone: 1300 132441

### Great Ocean Road Surf Tours

Surf Tours & lessons down the Great Ocean Road from Melbourne & Torquay, specialising in small, friendly groups for full 1, 2, 3 & 5 day surf tours. All inclusive are transport, lunch, lessons & coaching, board, wetsuit & surfing 'show bag.'

Phone: 1800 SURF LESSONS /1800 7873 537

### Southern Exposure Eco Adventures

Offers a range of adventure sports. From learn to surf programs to mountain biking, sea kayaking, dragon boats, fitness courses and much more. Caters for large groups and individuals.

Phone: 5261 9170

### Surf World Museum

Surf World is recognised as the largest surfing museum in the world, an attraction not to be missed. Surf World is packed with surf memorabilia, photographs, biographies of surfing pioneers & an Ocean Art Gallery. Located at the Torquay Visitor Information Centre.

Phone: 5261 4606 or visit [www.surfworld.com.au](http://www.surfworld.com.au)

### Torquay Surfing Academy

Comprehensive surfing lessons & surf retail store selling surfboards, body boards, skim boarding, skateboarding and wetsuits.

Shop 34A Bell St, Phone: 5261 2022

### Westcoast Surf School

Surfing lessons for all ages & abilities. Qualified instructors, wetsuits & soft beginner surfboards. Equipment hire, ocean kayak instruction & hire, snorkelling & rock-climbing. Phone: 5261 2241

## CYCLING

Cycling is a great way to explore the coastal and hinterland scenery of the Surf Coast, with world-famous coastal scenery and an ever-changing hinterland providing great opportunities for all levels of cyclists, from families to seasoned professionals.

### Surf Coast Ride (65km)

A 65km loop out of Torquay combining some of the most scenic elements of the Surf Coast including rollings hills, heathland, the Great Ocean Road and Torquay Esplanade.

### Bells Beach to Breamlea (60km)

Beginning at Torquay and up and down a few steep hills out to Bells Beach. Past the Ironbark Basin and rolling hills, past the wetlands around Lake Connewarre and the dunes at Breamlea, you will begin to appreciate the diversity of this wonderful coastal environment.

## MARKETS, CRAFT SHOPS & GALLERIES

### Cowrie Community Market

Held at Elephant Walk, The Esplanade, Torquay every third Sunday of the month. Handmade crafts, bands, busking & food.

Held from Sept-April

### Torquay Central Farmers Market

Held at Torquay Central on Bristol Road the market provides local produce including fruit & vegetables, preserves, home made produce, wine, plants & much more.

Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1pm

### Angledean Pottery and Glass Studio

Come and see the artisans create pottery, kiln formed glass and jewellery in the studio. 140 Moores Road, Bellbrae. Ph: 0459 444 429

Open most days 10am-5pm and Sundays 1pm -5pm

### Bell Street Printworks and Gallery Picture Framing

Showcases a magnificent range of inspiring surf and landscape photography predominantly from the Great Ocean Road region. Also offers a variety of print work services. Shop 2, 15 Bell Street. Ph: 5264 7199 [www.bellstreetgallery.com.au](http://www.bellstreetgallery.com.au)

### Surfcoast Images

A gallery of local talent carrying a range of photography, jewellery, sculpture and painting. 2b Gilbert Street. Ph: 0417 595 152 [surfcoastimages.com.au](http://surfcoastimages.com.au)

### Tigerfish Gallery

Alternative surf items, art, movies, books, t-shirts, collectables and much more. Shop 12/15 Bell Street. Ph: 5264 7271

### The Bellbrae Pottery

55 Moores Road BELLBRAE Phone: 5261 4466

Normal opening hours: Tue to Sun 10am to 5pm

## GOLF COURSES

### Torquay RACV Golf Club

The Great Ocean Road commences with the Torquay Golf Club as its No. 1, with panoramic views & a challenging 18 hole golf course. The course is immaculately groomed with extensive fairways and fast greens.

1 Great Ocean Road Phone: 5261 2005


### The Sands Torquay

This unique links course winds its way through the natural environment of the coastal location. The course provides a challenging & unique experience for the golfer.

2 Sands Boulevard Phone: 5264 8801

## FISHING

There are plenty of fishing spots along the Surf Coast. Popular spots around Torquay include Fishermans Beach, Zeally Bay, Spring Creek & the Jan Juc beach.

 Refer to Surf Coast Fishing Guide

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## ACTIVITIES & SPORT

### Lawn Bowls

Torquay Bowls Club, The Esplanade Phone: 5261 2378

### Tennis Courts

Torquay Tennis Courts, Spring Creek Reserve.  
Deep Creek Reserve, access from Aquilla Avenue.  
Jan Juc Tennis Court, Sunset Strip. Court hire from Jan Juc Milk Bar

### Kite Surfing & Wind Surfing

Point Danger is a favourite spot. Check with the Visitor Information Centre for local conditions.

### Sailing

Torquay Sailing Club, Fishermans Beach

### Skate Parks

Located adjacent to the Surf City outlets on Beach Road. Includes 1/4 pipe, fun box, grind rails and wedge ramps, 6 & 8 foot bowls.

## SPA & MASSAGE

### Endota Day Spa

Endota Day Spa Torquay serves up 2 double and 4 single treatment rooms, a skin bar, geisha tub, spa bath and 2 relaxation areas. We have exceptionally friendly, professionally trained therapists and a knack for getting Torquay spa-goers to immediately take it easy. We can be found at 41 Bristol Rd, Phone: 52647777 Open 7 days

### Grossman's Salt Air Spa Retreat

Relax, re-focus and re-vitalise at this day spa which offers water therapy, facials, spa house massages, body treatments, colon irrigation and spa packages.

50 Ashmore Drive, Phone: 5261 9977

### Whites Beach Resort and Day Spa

The exciting new Day Spa offers a wide variety of treatments specialising in massage, facials, body treatments, manicures and pedicures. You also get the opportunity to swim in the indoor pool before your treatment. 1212 Horseshoebend Road Phone: 5264 8875

## CHILDRENS SERVICES

### SurfWorld

Surf Coast Sport and Recreation Centre run a School Holiday Program for children. Bookings are essential, for further information please Phone: 5261 4606

### Library

Torquay Library runs a School Holiday Program Bookings are essential, for further information please Phone: 5261 3049

Further information on any of the above activities can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centres.

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Your Next  
Saltwater adventure



Your Next  
Chance to play a round



Your Next  
Morning walk to remember

