



# IAMTORQUAY

**TORQUAY, SURFING CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA AND OFFICIAL START OF THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD.**

**TORQUAY, HOME TO THE WORLD FAMOUS BELLS BEACH AND MAJOR SURF BRANDS, IS UNDOUBTEDLY AUSTRALIA'S SURFING CAPITAL.**

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

**Beaches** – As well as Torquay's famous surf beaches there are many family-friendly beaches, including the patrolled Torquay Back Beach and Jan Juc Beach, Cosy Corner – located between Torquay's Front Beach and the rocks at Point Danger, and Fishermans Beach. For more information on beaches in our area, visit [lifesavingvictoria.com.au](http://lifesavingvictoria.com.au).

**Bells Beach** – One of Australia's most famous surfing beaches, located 8km from Torquay's town centre. In winter big swells and cold offshore winds display Bells at its best. These swells offer spectacular waves for experienced surfers both here and at **Winkipop**.

**Learn to surf** – Skilled instructors will soon have you standing on a board. Age is no barrier to have fun on a surfboard. Visit our friendly Visitor Information Centre teams to find out more about our local surf schools.

**Sundial of Human Movement** – This unique sundial was assembled using more than 120,000 Tesserae tiles and represents the traditional dreaming stories of the Wathaurong Aboriginal people. Located on The Esplanade near Deep Creek.

**Active adventure** – Be invigorated by the great outdoors with adventures like horse riding, sky diving, surf schools, cycling, and guided tours. Talk to our friendly Visitor Information Centre team to find out more.

**Australian National Surfing Museum** – The largest surfing museum in the world. Located at the Torquay Visitor Information Centre, it's an attraction not to be missed. It celebrates the story of surfing and is packed with surf memorabilia, photographs and biographies of surfing pioneers. Find out more at [australiannationalsurfingmuseum.com](http://australiannationalsurfingmuseum.com) or by calling **03 5261 4606**.

**Arts and culture** – For information about local galleries and opening times, contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre team.

**Skate parks** – Check out the skate park behind Surf City Plaza, conveniently located near the best skate shops. Visit the deepest bowl in the southern hemisphere – 12 feet in the deep and 7 feet in the shallow, with pool coping – in Merrijig Drive.

**Natural wellness** – In an environment where the air you breathe is so fresh, it's difficult not to relax and feel a sense of calmness. For further relaxation, please contact our Visitor Information Centre team for a list of all our day spa partners.

**Great Ocean Road Memorial Arch** – Take a 30 minute drive along the Great Ocean Road to see the famous memorial, erected to commemorate the returned servicemen from World War I who built the Great Ocean Road between 1918 and 1932. Possibly the most photographed spot on the Great Ocean Road.



## SHOPPING AND EATERIES

**Surf City Plaza** – Home to many surf clothing and equipment stores including Rip Curl and Quiksilver. Nearby Baines Crescent has a number of factory outlets.

**Torquay Village** – This shopping precinct right in the heart of Torquay features brand name stores and a unique mix of specialty and homewares stores, cafés and eateries.

**Gilbert Street** – The town centre of Torquay. As well as the supermarkets, bakeries, banks and post office, there is a great range of casual cafés and retail shops.

**Bell Street** – This is a popular destination day or night with its blend of cafés, convenient takeaway outlets and ice-creameries, as well as learn to surf schools, shops, a pub and a brewery.

**The Esplanade** – The perfect place to unwind at the end of the day in one of the licensed eateries with ocean views.

**Wineries** – The Geelong and Surf Coast region have many wineries to choose from including, Bellbrae Estate, Brown Magpie, The Minya, Dinny Goonan, Blakes Estate and Wolseley wineries. The Otway Harvest Trail ([otwayharvesttrail.org.au](http://otwayharvesttrail.org.au)) indulges foodie whims with fine local produce and wining and dining options. For more information on wineries in the area, chat to our friendly Visitor Information Centre team.

## MARKETS

**Cowrie Market**  
Third Sunday of the month, 10am to 3pm (September to April).

**Torquay Farmers Market**  
Saturdays 8.30am to 1pm, year round.

**Nightjar Market**  
Thursday nights in January, 4pm to 10pm.

To find out about these and other markets, visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Markets](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Markets)



Photo: World Surf League 2016

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**Rail service** – Runs daily from Melbourne to Geelong. A coach service runs through Surf Coast towns to Apollo Bay. Find out more: [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or **1800 800 007**.

**Airport transfers** – Available from Great Ocean Road Tours. Please chat to the friendly staff and volunteers at the Torquay Visitor Centre for details.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police, fire, ambulance  
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**VicEmergency**  
**1800 240 667**  
[emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)

**Torquay Police**  
**03 5264 3400**

**Surf Coast Medical Centre**  
**03 4215 7900**

## PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS

**Torquay Visitor Centre**  
Surf City Plaza

**Torquay Library**  
Surf City Plaza

## surf coast walk

### Coast through living landscapes

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. Explore inspiring landscapes on foot or bike beyond the edge of Victoria's beautiful Great Ocean Road.

Relish the rich ochre of the Bells Beach cliffs, the deep blue of Bass Strait and the leafy green of eucalypt forests. Discover ancient Aboriginal traditions, fascinating surf culture and abundant wildlife as the Walk connects you with the coastal town comforts of Torquay, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet.

Whether you're a nature lover or a fun lover, whether you take an hour, a day or a week, the Surf Coast Walk puts a stunning and unique coastal environment within easy reach.

[www.surfcoastwalk.com.au](http://www.surfcoastwalk.com.au)



## EVENTS

### JANUARY

- Junior State Lifesaving Carnival
- Bells Bash Cliff Run
- Danger 1000 Ocean Swim
- Southern States Lifesaving Development Challenge
- Jim Wall Torquay SLSC 1.5 Ironman/ Ironwoman
- Subway Summer Surf Series (Jan Juc)
- Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race
- Torquay Nightjar Market

### FEBRUARY

- Torquay Rotary Motor Show
- Sustainable Hook and Vine Festival

### MARCH

- The Bolt Blowers Invitational Surf Competition (Jan Juc)

### APRIL

- Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach)
- Great Ocean and Otway Classic Ride

### MAY

- Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles
- Bellbrae Mayfair

### JUNE

- Surf Coast Trail Marathon
- Torquay Beanie Festival

### AUGUST

- Surf Coast Arts Trail

### OCTOBER

- Drink Arts Food Torquay (DAFT)

### NOVEMBER

- Toast to the Coast
- Surf Coast Relay for Life

Further events and information visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My\\_community/Arts\\_Culture\\_Events](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_community/Arts_Culture_Events)

Refer to our Market brochure for market information.



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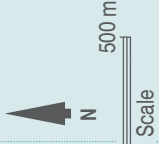
**DRIVE ON LEFT IN AUSTRALIA**

**NO SMOKING or GLASS**  
on any sand area of any beach, all year round.

Further information on the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road region including downloadable maps, accommodation, restaurants and activities can be found at [www.visitorquay.org](http://www.visitorquay.org)

For more information, contact the Torquay Visitor Centre on **1300 614 219**

Friendly staff and volunteers will answer your enquiries 7 days per week from 9am to 5pm. The centre also provides public internet, a free accommodation referral service and a retail store.



**Explanation Of Symbols**

- Police
- Accredited Visitor Information Centre
- Ambulance
- Church
- Fuel
- Car parking
- Barbecue
- Post office
- Hotel, Motel
- Scenic view / Lookout
- Shipwreck site
- Historic marker
- V-Line bus stop
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Activity
- Public toilets
- Accessible toilet
- Playground
- Caravan park
- Camping ground
- Picnic area
- Dog off-leash area
- No dogs allowed
- Shopping precinct
- Park / Reserve
- Walking track
- Geelong - Torquay bus route
- Medical Walk-in
- Fishing
- Patrolled beach
- Surf Lifesaving Club
- Emergency access point
- Neighbourhood Safer Place / Place of Last Resort

**Jan Juc**  
Half Moon Bay

**BASS STRAIT**

Geelong & Melbourne

Anglesea 14km,  
Lorne, Apollo Bay,  
Twelve Apostles

Walk to Bells Beach  
via Bells Blvd  
4 Km