



## The journey of a lifetime

The Great Ocean Road region is more than a drive, it's a journey everyone should experience at least once in a lifetime. Against a backdrop of dramatic coastal scenery, ancient rainforests, fertile volcanic plains and legendary surf beaches, you can create your own voyage of discovery.

### History and mystery

The Great Ocean Road region is alive with the history and mystery of bygone eras – ancient Indigenous culture, maritime heritage and tall tales. The road itself pays homage to servicemen lost in World War 1 and 3,000 returned soldiers who carved the 243km route from rocky cliffs. Unearth these stories at the Great Ocean Road Heritage Centre.

### Where forest meets the waterfalls

Trek through age-old rainforests to sparkling, shaded waterfalls. The Great Otway National Park is dripping with them.

Explore Erskine Falls near Lorne or wander through ancient mountain ashes to Triplet Falls. These are only two of the vast and varied bush and coastal walks along the Great Ocean Road. For more ask at any Visitor Information Centre or for Surf Coast walks go to [visitsurfcoast.com](http://visitsurfcoast.com)

### Rugged coast


Come for the Twelve Apostles and stay for a dramatic sunset vista or a chopper ride. Chase an Instagram snap at Bells Beach, Memorial Arch, Cape Otway Lightstation or Loch Ard Gorge. Witness the power of the Southern Ocean as it continues to shape this stunning coastline.

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Post your photos, itineraries and microblogs on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Use **#visitgreatoceanroad**

Take advantage of the free Wi-Fi to share your Great Ocean Road story. Look out for the **FREE Wi-Fi** hotspot signs.

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## Discover our hinterland

From the Great Ocean Road to hinterland there are endless experiences to have. For a picturesque hinterland experience, with gently winding roads, breathtaking flora and fauna, tucked-away boutique accommodation, thriving organic farming community supplying organically grown local produce, awarded wineries, delicious food, hand crafted beer why would you not drive inland?

### Otway Harvest Trail

A celebration of the seasons that bring abundance to this luscious locale. The trail showcases grassroots businesses defining the culinary depth of the Otways hinterland – breweries, wineries, markets, farmgates, restaurants, cafés and provedores. Meet real people, find real farms, delight in real hospitality and gourmet wisdom.

[www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au](http://www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au)

### 12 Apostles Gourmet Trail

A collection of off-the-beaten-track boutique whisky and spirits, pick-your own berries and handcrafted cheese, ice cream, chocolates and wine. Take your own good time and shuffle from one artisan to the next at your leisure. The trail centres on the long-established farming region of the Shipwreck Coast, where passion-led producers have been growing amazing fresh produce for generations.

[www.12apostlesfoodartisans.com](http://www.12apostlesfoodartisans.com)

### DRIVE SAFELY

To return to Melbourne, **travelling inland via Colac** reduces the travel time by 1-2 hours. Enjoy your trip and please drive safely. Share the driving if possible and rest when you are tired.

**Stay safe:** Be aware of the environment within which you are travelling. In an emergency, call: **000** (police, fire or ambulance). VicEmergency hotline: **1800 226 226** (free call).

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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# Great Ocean Road

THE JOURNEY

TORQUAY TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES



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The start of the Great Ocean Road

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# Explore the Great Ocean Road

The Great Ocean Road starts in Torquay and finishes just east of Warrambbool. Visitors should allow at least two days to see all of the attractions of the Great Ocean Road region. The following is a two-day suggested itinerary from Torquay, at the Spring Creek Bridge, to the Twelve Apostles.

**1. Torquay.** Originally called Spring Creek, the township was renamed Torquay in 1892 after the seaside town in England.

**2. Gilbert Street, Bell Street and Torquay Village** are the main retail centres with an abundance of cafés, restaurants, shops and boutiques.

**3. Torquay's beaches** are world famous. Swim at the Front Beach or Cosy Corner, or watch the surfers at the Back Beach at Rocky Point. Enjoy the Torquay section of the Surf Coast Walk. Swim between the flags on patrolled beaches.

**4. Surf City Precinct, Torquay.** Situated on the Surfcoast Highway, this area is home to such iconic surf brands as Rip Curl, Quiksilver, Strapper and Rojo. Pop around the corner to grab a bargain at the outlet stores in Baines Crescent.

**5. Australian National Surfing Museum.** The world's largest surfing/beach culture museum. Through colourful exhibitions and displays visitors can experience surfing milestones and immerse themselves in surfing heritage.




**6. Sundial of Human Involvement,** is situated on the foreshore at Fishermans Beach (Corner Darian Road and The Esplanade). This unique sundial, representing traditional dreaming stories of the Wathaurong Aboriginal people, was assembled in a traditional time honoured method of mosaic using more than 120,000 glass Tesserae tiles.



**7. Surf Coast Walk.** Offering easy access, the 44km walk lets you relax and enjoy a world-class walking destination at your own pace. From Point Impossible to Fairhaven you can choose the length of your walk. For maps and more information drop into a Visitor Information Centre or visit: [surfcoastwalk.com.au](http://surfcoastwalk.com.au)

**8. Point Danger** is a spectacular lookout that features an ANZAC memorial and hosts the largest ANZAC Day service in regional Victoria.

**9. Jan Juc Village.** To the south of Torquay lies Jan Juc Village, a sister-town boasting breathtaking beaches and a laid back vibe.

 Torquay Visitor Information Centre: 77 Beach Rd. Ph 1300 614 219

**10. Bells Beach.** Just past Jan Juc is the turn off to the famous Bells Beach which was proclaimed a Surfing Recreation Reserve in 1970. Held over Easter each year, The Rip Curl Pro is the longest running surf competition in the world.



**11. Point Addis Marine National Park** is located between world famous Bells Beach and Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road. The park features spectacular scenery with wide sandy beaches, crumbling limestone and sandstone cliffs, rocky platforms and copious small rocky reefs. Or embark on the Indigenous Cultural Walk.

**12. Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery, Bellbrae.** Delight in free chocolate and ice cream tastings. Watch the art of chocolate making – from hand crafting to hand packing. Explore the showroom choc-filled with thousands of chocolates.

**13. Anglesea Heath** is the richest and most diverse vegetation community in Victoria. Amazingly, about a quarter of Victoria's plant species can be found here.

**14. Anglesea Golf Course** is home to a large group of kangaroos. The best time to see them is in the morning and in the late afternoon and evening. Please do not walk on the golf course to view kangaroos. They are best viewed from the road. Tours available and fees apply.



**15. Split Point Lighthouse, Airey's Inlet.** An iconic lighthouse in a spectacular setting. Take the short walking track beyond the lighthouse for views over the cliffs and ocean. Tour fees apply.

**16. Memorial Arch at Eastern View.** Built as a tribute to the soldiers from World War I who were engaged in the construction of the Great Ocean Road.



**17. Lorne** is a charming seaside township with a range of cafés, restaurants and boutiques. A great place for lunch, a swim or to take one of the many walks in the area.

**18. Erskine Falls,** 10km inland from Lorne is one of the highest and most popular waterfalls in the Otway Region. The 30m falls are attractive even if little water is tumbling down.



Lorne Visitor Information Centre: 15 Mountjoy Pde. Ph 1300 891 152

**19. Great Ocean Road Story.** See how 3,000 WW1 returned soldiers conquered difficult terrain and extreme weather to build this remarkable road. This is a free exhibition housed in the **Lorne Visitor Information Centre.** It tells the construction story of the Great Ocean Road and the WW1 returned soldiers who built it.



**20. Teddy's Lookout, Lorne.** At the end of George Street offering views of the St George River and the Great Ocean Road coastline.

**21. Wye River** is a lovely seaside town to enjoy a more leisurely pace and quiet atmosphere. Enjoy wonderful views and great food.

**22. Koalas at Kennett River.** Turn onto Grey River Road not far from the café and camping ground. This is a great place to see koalas in their natural habitat.

**23. Apollo Bay.** A laid-back coastal town perfect for a break, you will be rewarded with sweeping town and coastal views at Marriners lookout.

**24. Maits Rest** is a 20-30 minute circuit walk through magnificent sub-temperate rainforest about 20 minutes past Apollo Bay. The mountain ash trees, ancient tree ferns and bubbling creek make this a beautiful walk not to be missed.

**25. Cape Otway Lightstation** is the oldest lightstation on mainland Australia, playing an important role in Australia's maritime history. Open daily from 9am. Fees apply - discounted tickets available at Visitor Information Centres.

**26. Otway Fly Tree Top Walk in Weeaprounah** is a 1 hour rainforest walk featuring a treetop canopy walkway. It's the longest and tallest walkway of its type in the world! The Zip Line Eco-Tour is a 2.5 hour, fully guided experience. Fees apply - discounted tickets available at Visitor Information Centres.

**27. Melba Gully.** Walk among ancient mossy trees and giant tree ferns at Melba Gully, a few kilometres past Lavers Hill.

**28. Otway Harvest Trail.** An easy-to-follow driving route through the beautiful Otway Ranges, find wonderful food, awarded wineries, handcrafted beer, produce and other attractions.

**29. Twelve Apostles.** The famous sea stacks of Victoria's South West. Allow at least 2 hours to explore this magnificent area. Although stunning at sunset, the Twelve Apostles are magnificent at any time of day! Discover this remarkable stretch of coastline from the Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge to the Bay of Islands.

