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BRISBANE TO SYDNEY ROAD TRIP

The coast from BRISBANE to SYDNEY is a dramatic SURF COAST with long fabulous beaches, awesome cliffs, lighthouses & bays. Be aware of sharks at sun up and sun down, read the signs and be sensible.

I very much hope this guide is useful to you.

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Thank you.

Richard & the *Bondi Beach Backpackers* Team

To book *Bondi Beach Backpackers* please call Richard on 0412 509 279. We prefer to take bookings over the phone so we can help you with parking, any questions & any requirements you may have

We have free street parking. Please park out front, check in, drop bags and then park the car. We also have discount vouchers for places to eat & drink which you may require after your drive. Please ask at check in.



Brisbane



Surf coast



Sydney

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BRISBANE TO BYRON BAY TO YAMBA

You will be driving south all the way, a little south west and a little south east but always south.

Soon you will hit the GOLD COAST. This is a tourist mecca with lots of high rise tourist apartments, long surf beaches that go on for ever and the home to some iconic places such as SURFERS PARADISE, BROADBEACH & BURLEIGH HEADS all good surf spots. Lots of theme parks such as WET & WILD and MOVIE WORLD etc. If you can go to the top of the Q1 building for stunning views. It's well worth it

THE GOLD COAST is also party central. Enjoy!!

Heading south you cross the border into NEW SOUTH WALES.

After crossing the TWEED RIVER you take a right onto TWEEN VALLEY WAY heading towards MOUNT WARNING.

MOUNT WARNING is the most easterly peak and as such gets the first sunlight each day. Its also an amazing experience to walk up to the top. It takes minimum 5 hours so give your self time. The scramble at the top is unforgettable.

Next stop is BYRON BAY. To get here from MOUNT WARNING you have to head back the way you came but heading for SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH going through CRABBES CREAK and joins the PACIFIC HIGHWAY which takes you south to BYRON BAY.

Lots to do in BYRON BAY such as surfing, surf lessons, kayaking, diving and skydiving. It has a great vibe so stay a few days and enjoy it. There are tours to NIMBIN from here too. You simply must walk up to THE BYRON BAY LIGHTHOUSE via WATEGOES BEACH. There are many backpackers hostels to choose from.

Staying on coast road heading south you come to LENNOX HEAD, a famous surf spot. It quickly becomes BALLINA, not much here!

The PACIFIC HIGHWAY now gets boring going inland to the town of GRAFTON (nothing here, keep going!) and back to the coast to YAMBA which is a good place to stop as it has good surf beaches.



The Gold Coast



The Gold Coast Q1 Tower



Mount Warning



Kayak with dolphins at Byron Bay



Byron Bay Main Beach



Yamba



Lennox Head



Byron Bay Lighthouse

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YAMBA TO SEAL ROCKS

As the PACIFIC HIGHWAY comes back to the coast you get to the surf beaches at ARRAWARRA. Good place to stop for a break or stay and surf.

You are now on the COFFS COAST which has some cool surf spots at MOONEY BEACH and SAPPHIRE BEACH before heading in COFFS HARBOUR.

COFFS HARBOUR has lots to do. You can stay here in one of many backpackers hostels. You can dive, surf, visit wildlife parks and of course the BIG BANANA (Google it)

Next up is a choice. You can drive south from COFFS HARBOUR on the PACIFIC HIGHWAY or take the WATERFALL WAY which we recommend if you have time and want something special.

To take the WATERFALL WAY take inland road from COFFS HARBOUR to CORAMBA then south west to ULONG to BROOKLANA to DORRIGO and DORRIGO NATIONAL PARK before turning south east towards the coast going through THORA and BELLINGEN and back to the PACIFIC HIGHWAY at RALEIGH

Next heading south is a famous surf beach at VALLA BEACH before hitting NUMBUCCA HEADS and CRESENT HEAD both are cool stops with cool surf beach and headland.

Next town is PORT MACQUARIE which is a good place to stop and eat, check out the impressive beaches & stay. Many hostels here.

Just after crossing the MANNING RIVER is the left turn off to FORSTER TUNCURRY after which the road follows to coasts to GREEN POINT and TIONA and ELIZABETH BEACH and BLUEYS BEACH.

You must visit SEAL ROCKS where you will find SUGARLOAF POINT LIGHTHOUSE. This one is simply the best of all. The views are awesome. A short walk will reveal some impressive caves, beaches and the light house. Fabulous views. Don't miss it!!



Surfing at Arrawarra



Coffs Harbour



Dangar Falls on Waterfall Way



Waterfall Way



Lookout at Dorrigo National Park



Seal Rocks Lighthouse



Blueys Beach



Port Macquarie Beach

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SEAL ROCKS TO CENTRAL COAST

You join PACIFIC HIGHWAY at BULEHDELAH and next stop of worth is PORT STEPHENS which is an amazing place about 40 minutes off the highway & has some amazing beach & bays and is well worth staying the night. There is lots of exploring to be done here at ANNA BAY and SALAMANDER BAY. Look out for dolphins, there are plenty.

Drive back to the PACIFIC HIGHWAY heading south to NEWCASTLE has some impressive surf beaches and several backpacker hostels too.

From NEWCASTLE you have a choice. Blast it to Sydney in 2.5 hours or take the tourist drives on and off the PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Heading south from NEWCASTLE take the coast road to SWANSEA and BELMONT and CATHERINE HILL BAY around LAKE MUNMORAH to BUDGEWOI.

NORAH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE is worth a visit

Follow road south to THE ENTRANCE and BATEAU BAY good surf spot and FORESTERS BEACH also good surf spot

Next town is TERRIGAL which has some amazing surf beaches close by well worth a visit. These would be AVOCA BEACH and COPACABANA BEACH and MACMASTERS BEACH.



Port Stephens



Dolphins at Port Stephens



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Copacabana Beach



Terrigal Beach



Newcastle



Avoca Beach



Bateau Bay



Norah head Lighthouse

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CENTRAL NEWCASTLE TO BONDI BEACH

Get back on to the PACIFIC HIGHWAY at GOSFORD and drive in to SYDNEY

At PYMBLE turn left onto MONA VALE ROAD and follow to MONA VALE WHERE YOU TURN LEFT ONTO Barrenjoey road. This takes you up to PALM BEACH where you will find the “Home & AWAY” tv show beach and the awesome BARRENJOEY LIGHTHOUSE. Take the 30 minute walk to the top. Well worth it!

Drive south back to AVALON, BILGOLA, NEWPORT & MONA VALE and onto MANLY BEACH via NARRABEEN, COLLAROY, CURL CURL, DEE WHY. All are famous surf spots. Drive through MANLY BEACH past the ferry terminal heading for NORTH HEAD. Follow this road until you see the lookout. The views of SYDNEY HARBOUR with SYDNEY in the distance are unbeatable.

You need to go over the SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE. Don't use the tunnel, its boring! The Bridge is spectacular!!

Follow signs to BONDI J&UNCTION & BONDI BEACH.

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Palm Beach



Palm Beach



View from Palm Beach Lighthouse



Narrabeen



Surfing Curl Curl



View from North Head



Manly Beach



Shelley Beach

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DRIVING THE COAST

Signs

Read the signs, they may save your life. Especially those about NOT to go in the water!!

Rivers

Most coastal rivers in QUEENSLAND and NSW are fast, wide and kill quick plus mean things live in them like sharks.

Take Breaks

Aussie roads are long, boring & you need to take breaks!

Kangaroos

Will smash your car to pieces and the crash that follows smashes you and your mates to pieces so at sun up and sun down be very aware!

Parking

You have to park the direction traffic faces. If you see a parking spot available turn around & park in the same direction as others. Don't be the wrong way round or face a fine that will make you dry.

Many towns make you park with back of car to the kerb whilst other towns want you to park with the front of your car to the kerb. Read the signs or get a ticket.

Have a great trip, drive safe & **Thank you!!**



Read signs that save



I'm drowning



Take a Break!!



Kangaroo v Car. Kangaroo will win!!



Park Same Direction as Others