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MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY ROAD TRIP

The coastline between Australia's two largest cities of **MELBOURNE & SYDNEY** is not to be underestimated. It is a coast of natural wonders with long untouched beaches, fringed with forest hinterland with spectacular National Parks showing off awesome geological features.

The coast is teeming with kangaroos, seals, penguins & whales giving it its uniqueness in Australia. Enjoy this peaceful natural coast first charted by Captain Cook who named Point Hicks in now Victoria on the 19th April 1770 on board his ship *Endeavour*.

Have a great trip & drive safe

- 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.



Surf Coast



Melbourne



Sydney

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MELBOURNE TO WILSON'S PROMONTORY

Driving south out of Melbourne you will be offered the first stop on the MORNINGTON PENINSULA or cruise further south and duck in to PHILLIP ISLAND.

PHILLIP ISLAND has a land bridge so no boat required. It has a some unique features and you must go for the walking tracks and the penguins are pretty special.

Penguins is the main attraction. Penguins are cute and easy to watch. There are also some great walking tracks, some great beaches, the RACETRACK for cars and bikes not horses is world famous. The place is spectacular.

PHILLIP ISLAND has backpacker hostels and camp sites.

Then move south east north towards INVERLOCH and on to CAPE PATTERSON and BUNURONG MARINE PARK/NATIONAL PARK.

Moving South East again you come to WILSON'S PROMONTORY NATIONAL PARK.

Affectionately known as 'THE PROM', it is one of the state's best loved parks – and with good reason. This 50,000 hectare reserve is threaded with a labyrinth of walking tracks that showcase all manner of magical realms sheltering abundant wildlife.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY is a refuge for an array of wildlife including kangaroos, emus, wombats, echidnas & vividly plumed birds like rosellas. Visit in spring to experience spectacular wild flowers including orchids, wattle, heathland and other species.

The drive from the entrance at YANAKIE to TIDAL RIVER settlement is scenic and is well-signposted, with car parks, beaches and bushland accessible via side roads. However, the best way to enjoy the spectacular scenery is on one of the many walking trails throughout the peninsula.

There are backpacker hostels at FOSTER and multiple camp sites in the NATIONAL PARK itself. Enjoy!

Photos of WILSON'S PROMONTORY on next page. We devoted a whole page just to photos because it just so awesome.



Mornington Peninsula



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Phillip Island



Walking Tracks at Phillip Island



Phillip Island Penguins

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Wilson's Promontory National Park



Squeaky Beach at 'The Prom'



Bushwalking at 'The Prom'



Lighthouse at 'The Prom'



This sells itself!!



Great photos to be taken



Kangaroos



Lighthouse

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WILSON'S PROMONTORY TO TURA BEACH

Coming north out of WILSON'S PROMONTORY drive north to FOSTER, then east to ALBERTON then WOODSIDE, LONGFORD and SALE where you join the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

Heading through BAIRNSDALE the PRINCES HIGHWAY starts to get close to the coast again and next along is LAKES ENTRANCE.

Not much further at the town of ORBOST we recommend heading south to MARLO on the coast. Follow the road along to CAPE CONRAN where you can hit the NATURE TRAIL.

Also here is SALMON POINT ROCKS and CONRAN POINT both very impressive.

Heading north you will join the PRINCES HIGHWAY again.

Follow on towards the MACKENZIE RIVER RAINFOREST WALK. We definitely recommend this as it right on the highway.

Further north you will come across GENOA FALLS also right on the highway.

Not much further is the turn off to MALLACOOTA, only 10km off the highway and scene of terrible fires late 2019 and early 2020. Well worth a stop for food & drinks and stretch those legs.

GREEN CAPE LIGHTHOUSE is next up the highway and has a spectacular lighthouse on a headland. Great walk to the Cape and lighthouse.

Moving further north you will cross over to NEW SOUTH WALES and on to EDEN an old whaling town with spectacular headland, harbour and beaches. It has a KILLER WHALE MUSEUM.

Several backpackers hostels & motels are available in EDEN.

Head north out of EDEN on the PRINCES HIGHWAY. Turn off to MERIMBULA and take the tourist drive along the SAPPHIRE COAST.

Take the SAPPHIRE COAST DRIVE to MERIMBULA MAGIC MOUNTAIN (worth a stop) and on to TURA BEACH where you will find a headland including REGGIES LOOKOUT, TURA BEACH ROCKPOOL & TURA HEAD.



Lakes Entrance



Salmon Rocks



Cape Conran Nature Trail



Mackenzie River Walk



Secret Beach at Mallacoota



Eden



Merimbula



Tura Beach

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TURA BEACH TO DALMENY

Continue along the SAPPHIRE COAST DRIVE towards TARTHRA ROAD. Turn right towards TARTHRA where you will find TARTHRA BEACH.

Moving on, cross the bridge in TARTHRA heading north along the TARTHRA BERMAGUI ROAD. Take 2nd right turn approximately two kilometres down to NELSON BEACH and WAJURDA POINT LOOKOUT. Well worth the short drive.

Keep on the TARTHRA BERMAGUI ROAD to MIMOSA ROCKS NATIONAL PARK where there is a walking track to the MIMOSA ROCKS and the beach too.

Keep on the TARTHRA BERMAGUI ROAD heading to CUTAGEE POINT and on to BERMAGUI town which is famous for fishing. The little harbour here offers fishing trips.

Take the bridge over the BURMAGUI RIVER where the road changes name to WALLAGA LAKE ROAD which goes to WALLAGA LAKE where you find CAMEL ROCK and HORSEHEAD ROCK both worth a visit.

Soon the road name changes again to BERMAGUI ROAD and it re-joins the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

Driving North again your next point of interest is NAROOMA

NAROOMA is also close to GULAGA NATIONAL PARK where you can walk up MOUNT DROMEDARY for great views.

Also from NAROOMA you can take boat trips over to MONTAGUE ISLAND. Check out <https://montagueislandtours.com.au>

These guys do tours of the MONTAGUE ISLAND where you can walk the island & see penguins, whales & even snorkel with seals. As far as I know this is the only place you can snorkel with seals. Take the opportunity !!

Driving north out of NAROOMA you have a quick TOURIST DRIVE along DALMENY DRIVE to DALMENY after which it re-joins the PRINCES HIGHWAY.



Tarthra Beach



Wadjurda Point & Mimosa Rocks



Bermagui



Camel Rock



Horsehead Rock



Whales of Montague Island



Snorkel with Seals at Montague Island



Penguins at Montague Island

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DALMENY TO JERVIS BAY

Driving north from DALMENY you will come to town of MORUYA.

Just after the bridge over the MURUYA RIVER is a right turn called NORTH HEAD DRIVE. This quickly turns into GEORGE BASS DRIVE. Take this tourist drive all the way to BATEMANS BAY. It's spectacular & passes numerous pretty bays & beaches where you can eat, swim & stretch your legs.

BATEMANS BAY is a major town with everything you may need, food, supermarket and places to stay.

Driving north on the PRINCES HIGHWAY turn of to the coast at TERMEIL and follow the road to BAWLEY POINT, KIOLOA and PRETTY BEACH where there are camp sites and often kangaroos on the beach.

The PRINCES HIGHWAY comes right back to the coast at TABOURIE BEACH which is very pretty too.

ULLADULLA is next which is close to MORTON NATIONAL PARK and MEROO NATIONAL PARK.

Driving further north on the PRINCES HIGHWAY the next best town to stop is MOLLYMOOK which has great waves, impressive headlands where you can see dolphins & whales in the sparkling water.

Back on the PRINCES HIGHWAY head north to JERVIS BAY and check out HYAMS BEACH which is supposed to have the whitest sand in the world.

GREEN PATCH BEACH also excellent place to visit. Camp sites are available at JERVIS BAY.



Dalmeny



Rosedale Beach



Kangaroos at Bawley Point



Ulladulla



Mollymook



Hyams Beach at Jervis Bay



Green Patch Beach at Jervis Bay



Lake Tabourie

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JERVIS BAY TO BONDI BEACH

Further north along the PRINCES HIGHWAY at ALBION PARK, turn off to the village of JAMBAROO and follow the road to MINNAMURRA FALLS. Walk up to the falls through the rainforest over rope bridges & the winding path. It's well worth the walk.

A short drive away are CARRINGTON FALLS which involves no walking as you will arrive on the top of the falls. Very impressive.

At WOOLONGONG be sure to drive along the stunning coast though AUSTINMER BEACH, SCARBOROUGH, STANWELL PARK be sure to stop at STANWELL TOPS for great views.

From STANWELL TOPS take the road through the ROYAL NATIONAL PARK. You can drive straight through going over AUDLEY WEIR and re-join PRINCES HIGHWAY or stop and see the FIGURE 8 POOLS plus several beaches you can walk down to such as GARIE BEACH and MARLEY BEACH.

Almost as soon as you leave ROYAL NATIONAL PARK You enter Sydney's southern suburbs. Soon you pass SYDNEY AIRPORT.

Follow signs to BONDI JUNCTION and BONDI BEACH. Our address is 35a Hall Street, Bondi Beach.

Park out front drop off bags & check in first before parking the car, its easier for you & allows you to get food or hit supermarket on your way back from parking. We have a parking map to help you.

I very much hope this guide was useful to you.

Have a great trip, drive safe and if this was useful to you please write to us at info@bondibeachbackpackers.com.au, we would love to hear from you, hear about your awesome trip, inform us of any changes and/or updates that need to be made so we can help others too!

Thank you. Richard & the *Bondi Beach Backpackers* Team



Royal National Park



Figure 8 Pools at The Royal National Park



View from Stanwell Tops Lookout



Minnamurra Falls



Carrington Falls



Kangaroo Valley



Fitzroy Falls



Kiama Blowhole & Lighthouse

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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 NSW and VICTORIA 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