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## SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE ROAD TRIP

The coastline from Australia two most prominent cities of SYDNEY to MELBOURNE is not to be underestimated as is a coast of nature with long untouched beaches, fringed with forest hinterland with spectacular National Parks showing off awesome geological features.

The coast is lined with kangaroos, seals and penguins giving it is uniqueness in Australia. Enjoy this peaceful natural coast first charted by Captain Cook who named POINT HICKS now Victoria on the 19th April 1770 on board his ship *Endeavour*

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## BONDI BEACH TO JERVIS BAY

Leave Sydney on the PRINCES HIGHWAY which goes along the coast.

Drive towards SYDNEY AIRPORT but follow the signs to WOOLONGONG when you see them and you will know you are going the right way.

Turn off the PRINCES HIGHWAY into the ROYAL NATIONAL PARK where you will find the FIGURE 8 POOLS plus several beaches you can walk down to such as GARIE BEACH and MARLEY BEACH.

Drive on through the ROYAL NATIONAL PARK heading for STANWELL TOPS. Be sure to stop at the view point. You will see WOOLONGONG in the distance to the south.

Drive along the stunning coast through STANWELL PARK, on to SCARBOROUGH then AUSTINMER BEACH and through WOOLONGONG where you will re-join the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

At ALBION PARK, turn off to the village of JAMBAROO, 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.

Not far on the coast is KIAMA which has a blowhole. On days with big waves, water shoots into the cave below & out of the blowhole high into the air. It's quite the sight. The town is friendly and the beaches and headland and lighthouse are impressive.

There is a backpackers hostel in KIAMA which is a good place to stop for the night, lots of places to eat too.

Driving further south on the PRINCES HIGHWAY you will go through the town of BERRY. You can turn off here, drive through KANGAROO VALLEY and follow signs to FITZROY FALLS which are awesome. Very large and very popular.



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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## JERVIS BAY TO EDEN

Back on the PRINCES HIGHWAY head south 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.

Driving further south 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.

ULLUDULLA is close to MORTON NATIONAL PARK and MEROO NATIONAL PARK.

Follow road to DOLPHIN POINT and LAKE TABOURIE before re-joining the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

Turn off the PRINCES HIGHWAY at TERMEIL and follow the road to BAWLEY POINT, KIOLOA and PRETTY BEACH where there are camp sites and often kangaroos on the beach.

Back on PRINCES HIGHWAY drive down to BATEMANS BAY.

After you cross the bay turn off to BATEHAVEN on BEACH ROAD which soon becomes GEORGE BASS DRIVE. This quick tourist drive passes numerous pretty bays & beaches where you can eat, swim & stretch your legs. It re-joins the PRINCES HIGHWAY at MORUYA.

The PRINCESS HIGHWAY winds down to NAROOMA and the GLASS HOUSE ROCKS on the beach. 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 !!



Green Patch Beach at Jervis Bay



Hyams Beach At Jervis Bay



Mollymook Beach



Lake Tabourie



Kangaroos at Bawley Point



Whales of Montague Island



Snorkel with Seals at Montague Island



Penguins at Montague Island

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## EDEN TO MACKENZIE RIVER WALK

Jump of the PRINCES HIGHWAY at TILBA TILBA heading for HORSEHEAD ROCK which is well worth a look.

Not far further you will find the beautiful WALLAGA LAKE.

Going further on BERMAGUI ROAD which becomes WALLAGA LAKE ROAD towards CAMEL ROCK which is also worth a look as you drive past.

The road goes on to BERMAGUI which is famous for fishing. The little harbour here offers fishing trips.

Follow TARTHRA-BERMAGUI ROAD south to MIMOSA ROCKS NATIONAL PARK where there is a walking tracks to the MIMOSA ROCKS and the beach too.

The road carries on to TARTHRA beach which is really impressive.

Follow SAPHIRE DRIVE on to MERIMBULA where you re-join the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

Backpackers hostels are available in MERIMBULA.

EDEN is next, an old whaling town with spectacular headland, harbour and beaches. It has a KILLER WHALE MUSEUM.

Several backpackers hostels are available in EDEN.

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

WELCOME TO VICTORIA

MALLACOOTA is about 10km of the PRINCES HIGHWAY and has pretty beaches, a good place to stop and eat, take a break.

MACKENZIE RIVER RAINFORSET WALK is on the highway and a good reason to take a break from driving.



Camel Rock



Bermagui



Tarthra Beach



Merimbula



Eden Headland



Quarry Beach At Mallacoota



Secret Beach At Mallacoota



Mackenzie River Rainforest Walk

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## MACKENZIE RIVER WALK TO WILSON'S PROMONTORY

As the PRINCES HIGHWAY gets closer to the coast again there is another great tourist drive.

Take a great coastal tourist drive by turning off to CONRAN POINT and SALMON ROCKS and on to MARLO and then on to ORBOST where you re-join the PRINCES HIGHWAY.

Follow PRINCES HIGHWAY on to LAKES ENTRANCE.

Back onto the PRINCES HIGHWAY where at the town of SALE a decision is to be made.

Stay on the PRINCES HIGHWAY and go direct to MELBOURNE (boring !!) but you miss WILSON'S PROMONTORY NATIONAL PARK which should not be missed because it's amazing. You will also miss the unmissable PHILLIP ISLAND and MORNINGTON PENINSULA.

This guide takes you along the coast & not direct to MELBOURNE.

Jump off the PRINCES HIGHWAY for the last time at SALE then follow to FOSTER and into 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!



Cape Conran Nature Trail



Salmon Rocks



Lakes Entrance



Wilson's Promontory National Park



Squeaky Beach at 'The Prom'



Bushwalking at 'The Prom'



Lighthouse at 'The Prom'



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## WILSON'S PROMONTORY TO MELBOURNE

Moving on towards INVERLOCH and on to CAPE PATTERSON and BUNURONG MARINE PARK/NATIONAL PARK.

For the first time in a long time move northwards towards PHILLIP ISLAND. PHILLIP ISLAND has a land bridge so no boat required. It has a some unique features such as penguins and you must go as it's on the way to MELBOURNE.

Penguins is the main attraction. The 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 north towards MORNINGTON. Go south to check out the MORNINGTON PENINSULA or north direct to MELBOURNE.

The MORNINGTON PENINSULA is a spectacular location with a thinning headland that pincers the bay in front of MELBOURNE.

There are excellent beaches, pools, walking tracks and scenery here.

You can catch ferry across to the other pincer and approach MELBOURNE from the south and west or hit the GREAT OCEAN ROAD before coming back to MELBOURNE.

If you prefer you can drive north and east to MELBOURNE.

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**Penguins at Phillip Island**



**Walking tracks at Phillip Island**



**Walking tracks at Phillip Island**



**Phillip Island from Above**



**Mornington Peninsula**



**Walking Tracks at Mornington Peninsula**



**Mornington Peninsula**



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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.



Read signs that save



I'm drowning



Take a Break!!



Kangaroo v Car. Kangaroo will win!!



Park Same Direction as Others