

# 21-DAY MOTORHOME ITINERARY: EXPLORE VICTORIA



# **Highlights**

- Melbourne's iconic landmarks
- Great Ocean Road
- Ballarat
- **Grampians National Park**
- Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit
- Mornington Peninsula
- Victoria's renowned wine regions
- Relax on pristine beaches
- Victoria's High Country

#### Day 1: Melbourne

**Distance:** 37.2 Kms **Time:** 51 minutes

- Morning: Pick up your Cruisin' Motorhome from our Melbourne branch. Take some time to pack your belongings and have a look at all the features. Begin by exploring the Queen Victoria Market, one of Melbourne's most iconic landmarks.
- **Afternoon:** Head towards the Shrine Remembrance for panoramic views of Melbourne from its elevated platform.
- Evening: For dinner, indulge in modern Asian cuisine at **Chin Chin**, a popular Melbourne hotspot.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Holiday Parks of Australia, Level 2/250 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell VIC 3124.

# Day 2: Melbourne to Torquay

Distance: 112 Kms Time: 1 hour 25 minutes

- Morning: Drive along the stunning Great Ocean **Road** to **Torquay**, the gateway to this scenic coastal route. Visit the Australian National Surfing Museum to learn about the region's surfing heritage.
- Afternoon: Head to Bells Beach for a walk along one of Australia's most famous surf beaches. If you're a surfing enthusiast, Torquay has plenty of surf outlets to explore.
- Evening: Freshen up and enjoy a home-cooked dinner made with the convenience of your motorhome's kitchen.
- Where to stay: Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park, 35 Bell St, Torquay VIC 3228.

#### Day 3: Torquay to Lorne

Distance: 47.7 Kms Time: 1 hour

- Morning: Continue your drive along the Great Ocean Road to Lorne. Stop at Anglesea Golf Club, where you might spot kangaroos grazing on the greens.
- Afternoon: Enjoy a visit to Erskine Falls, a majestic waterfall surrounded by lush rainforest. You can take a short walk or simply relax by the falls. Spend some time exploring Lorne, like the Swing Bridge and Lorne Beach.
- Evening: For dinner, enjoy Greek-inspired dishes at Ipsos Restaurant & Bar. The menu features delicious mezze and grilled meats.
- Where to stay: Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park, 2 Great Ocean Rd, Lorne VIC 3232.

#### Day 4: Lorne to Apollo Bay

**Distance:** 46 Kms **Time:** 56 minutes

- Morning: Continue your scenic drive on the Great Ocean Road to Apollo Bay and stop at Teddy's Lookout for stunning panoramic views of the coastline.
- Afternoon: Head to Marriner's Lookout for a picturesque view of Apollo Bay and the surrounding area. You can also enjoy kayaking!
- Evening: Enjoy a quiet evening and a lovely meal in the comfort of your motorhome. Have a relaxing movie night with popcorn!
- Where to stay: Marengo Family Caravan Park, Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay VIC 3233.



#### Day 5: Apollo Bay to Port Campbell

**Distance:** 96.6 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 30 minutes

- Morning: Continue along the Great Ocean Road to Port Campbell. Stop at Castle Cove Lookout, a beautiful ocean view. Then visit the iconic Twelve Apostles, one of Australia's most famous natural landmarks. Don't miss the dramatic coastal cliffs!
- Afternoon: Explore Loch Ard Gorge, another spectacular location known for its rugged beauty and dramatic history. Take a walk along the beach or enjoy a guided tour of the area.
- Evening: As the sun sets, take in the natural beauty of the area before settling in for a quiet evening.
- Where to stay: NRMA Port Campbell Holiday Park, 30 Morris St, Port Campbell VIC 3269.



Image: 12 Apostles

# **Day 6: Port Campbell to Grampians NP**

**Distance:** 205 Kms **Time:** 2 hours 25 minutes

- Morning: Drive inland to Halls Gap, located in the heart of Grampians National Park. Begin your adventure at the Brambuk Cultural Centre, which offers insights into the local indigenous history and the park's cultural significance.
- Afternoon: Hike to The Pinnacle for breathtaking views of the surrounding mountain ranges. Alternatively, visit MacKenzie Falls, one of Victoria's largest waterfalls.
- Evening: Unwind at your campsite in the comfort of your motorhome, get ready for your small hike the next day! Make sandwiches and pack plenty of water and snacks.
- Where to stay: Breeze Holiday Parks Halls Gap, 26 School Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381.

#### **Day 7: Grampians National Park**

**Distance:** 46.5 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 5 minutes

- Morning: Spend the day exploring the Grampians National Park. Start with the remarkable rocky gorge **Grand Canyon**. This 900m circuit walk offers spectacular scenery and a seasonal waterfall. Then, make your way to the **Boroka Lookout**, a 5 minutes walk will take you to breathtaking views over the valley.
- Afternoon: If you haven't been there the day before, make your way to MacKenzie Falls, the most iconic and spectacular waterfall in the Grampians. largest waterfalls.
- Evening: Enjoy a meal at Kookaburra Hotel in Halls Gap, known for its hearty pub food and welcoming atmosphere.
- Where to stay: Breeze Holiday Parks Halls Gap, 26 School Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381.

## Day 8: Grampians National Park to Ballarat

**Distance:** 176 Kms **Time:** 2 hours 10 minutes

- Morning: Travel to Ballarat and step back in time at Sovereign Hill, an open-air museum that showcases Australia's gold rush history. Learn about the early settlers, experience gold panning, and see the recreated 1850s township.
- Afternoon: Take a walk around Lake Wendouree, a large, picturesque lake surrounded by walking paths and gardens. Alternatively, explore the stunning Ballarat Botanical Gardens.
- Evening: For dinner, visit The Forge Pizzeria, known for its delicious wood-fired pizzas and relaxing ambience. Alternatively, cook a comforting meal in your motorhome, and unwind.
- Where to stay: NRMA Ballarat Holiday Park, 108 Clayton St, Golden Point VIC 3350.



Image: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, Visit Victoria



#### Day 9: Ballarat to Daylesford

**Distance:** 43.8 Kms **Time:** 40 minutes

- Morning: Drive to the charming town Daylesford, known for its natural mineral springs. Head to Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, where you can indulge in a soothing spa treatment or enjoy the warm mineral-rich waters.
- Afternoon: Take a relaxing stroll through the Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens, perched on top of a hill with beautiful views over Daylesford.
- Evening: Dine at Boathouse Restaurant Daylesford, an absolute perfect fine dining experience offering seasonal Australian dishes with ingredients sourced from the surrounding region.
- Where to stay: Daylesford Holiday Park, 3021 Ballan-Daylesford Rd, Daylesford VIC 3460.

# **Day 10: Daylesford to Mornington Peninsula**

**Distance:** 179 Kms **Time:** 2 hours 20 minutes

- Morning: Drive towards the Mornington Peninsula and visit the Enchanted Adventure Garden, where you can enjoy mazes, slides, and a treetop walk among other fun attractions.
- Afternoon: Take a relaxing dip at Peninsula Hot Springs, a natural thermal hot spring. It's the perfect way to unwind and rejuvenate.
- Evening: For dinner, visit Montalto, which serves delicious Mediterranean-inspired dishes and local wines in a beautiful setting overlooking the vineyards. Alternatively, bring a picnic at Chelsea Beach, and enjoy a peaceful evening next to the colourful boat houses.
- Where to stay: Mornington Gardens Holiday Village, 98 Bungower Rd, Mornington VIC 3931.



Image: Peninsula Hot Springs, Tourism Australia/Visit Victoria

#### **Day 11: Mornington Peninsula**

Distance: 114 Kms Time: 1 hour 48 minutes

- Morning: Start your day at the Cape Schanck Lighthouse Reserve, an iconic landmark offering stunning coastal views. Explore the Cape Schanck Boardwalk, which winds through rugged cliffs down to the pebble beach below.
- Afternoon: Check the tides before visiting the Dragon's Head, a fascinating rock formation located at Number 16 Beach in Rye. This spot is best viewed at low tide, so plan your visit accordingly for the safest and most spectacular experience.
- Evening: Send the evening in Sorrento. Enjoy a great meal at The Continental Sorrento, an amazing venue with a friendly atmosphere, woodfire pizza and a good beer selection.

Where to stay: Mornington Gardens Holiday Village, 98 Bungower Rd, Mornington VIC 3931.

#### **Day 12: Mornington Peninsula to Philip Island**

Distance: 107 Kms Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

- Morning: Drive to Phillip Island, where you can see koalas up close at the Koala Conservation Centre.
- Afternoon: Explore Seal Rocks, home to a large colony of Australian fur seals, or visit Churchill Island Heritage Farm for a glimpse of Australia's early settler life.
- Evening: End the day by watching the famous Penguin Parade, where little penguins emerge from the ocean!
- Where to stay: Anchor Belle Holiday Park, 272 Church St, Cowes VIC 3922.

#### Day 13: Philip Island

**Distance:** 24.1 Kms **Time:** 32 minutes

- Morning: Begin with an adrenaline-pumping Go Kart session on a replica of the famous Grand Prix track. Feel the thrill as you race around the curves with stunning ocean views in the background.
- Afternoon: Head to A Maze'N Things, a familyfriendly attraction offering a fun mix of activities like puzzles, mazes, optical illusions, and mini-golf.
- Evening: Enjoy a cosy dinner at Pino's Trattoria in Cowes, a family-run Italian restaurant with hearty pasta dishes, wood-fired pizzas, and delicious desserts!
- Where to stay: Anchor Belle Holiday Park, 272 Church St. Cowes VIC 3922.



#### Day 14: Philip Island to Wilsons Promontory

**Distance:** 118 Kms **Time:** 1 hour 35 minutes

- Morning: Drive to Wilsons Promontory National Park, known for its pristine beaches and rugged wilderness.
- Afternoon: Visit Squeaky Beach, famous for the sound its sand makes when you walk on it, or enjoy the serenity of Norman Beach.
- Evening: Relax under the stars, surrounded by the park's natural beauty. Enjoy a homemade meal in your motorhome's fully equipped kitchen.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Wilsons Prom Holiday Park, 390 Foley Rd, Yanakie VIC 3960.



Image: Wilsons Promontory National Park, Visit Victoria

## **Day 15: Wilsons Promontory**

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 hour

- Morning: Begin at Telegraph Saddle Viewing Platform, an easy yet rewarding stop offering panoramic views of the park's landscape.
- Afternoon: From Telegraph Saddle, embark on the Mount Oberon Summit Walk. This moderately challenging hike takes approximately 2 hours roundtrip (6.8 km return). The trail winds through eucalyptus forest and ends at the summit, where you'll be rewarded with breathtaking 360-degree views, including Tidal River, Norman Beach, and the Bass Strait.
- **Evening:** Head to the **Tidal River** to watch the sunset and unwind after a beautiful day of exploration.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Wilsons Prom Holiday Park, 390 Foley Rd, Yanakie VIC 3960.

#### Day 16: Wilsons Promontory to Lakes Entrance

Distance: 259 Kms Time: 3 hour 15 minutes

- Morning: Travel to Lakes Entrance, known for its stunning lakes and beaches. Enjoy lunch at Sea Shanty on Myer when you arrive, relaxing after your drive. Then stroll along Myer Street Jetty to enjoy the sunshine.
- Afternoon: Take a boat tour on the Gippsland Lakes, which are home to a wide range of wildlife and offer plenty of opportunities for water activities. There are plenty of companies from Lakes Entrance.
- Evening: Unwind in your motorhome, cook a delicious meal, and get ready for a chill movie night! Alternatively, take time to look at the beautiful photos you may have taken during your cruise!
- Where to stay: Loch Sport Caravan Park, LOT 1C Charlies St, Loch Sport VIC 3851.

#### **Day 17: Lakes Entrance to Gippsland Lakes**

Distance: 163 Kms Time: 2 hours

- All day: Spend a day at Ninety Mile Beach, a long stretch of sandy shoreline perfect for a swim or a peaceful walk. Enjoy a picnic on the beach and unwind for the day.
- Where to stay: Loch Sport Caravan Park, LOT 1C Charlies St, Loch Sport VIC 3851.

#### **Day 18: Loch Sport to Yarra Valley**

**Distance:** 258 Kms **Time:** 3 hour 10 minutes

- Morning: Head to the Yarra Valley, a renowned wine region. Start your day at Healesville Sanctuary, where you can meet iconic Australian wildlife like koalas, kangaroos, and wombats.
- Afternoon: Explore local wineries such as Domaine Chandon or Rochford Wines for wine tastings and beautiful vineyard views. For a sweet touch of your day, stop by Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery.
- Evening: Settle into the caravan park and savour an early dinner prepared right in your Cruisin' Motorhome. Don't forget to save some wine and **chocolates** from your day's adventures to make the evening even more special!
- Where to stay: BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park, 419 Don Rd, Healesville VIC 3777.



#### **Day 19: Yarra Valley to Dandenong Ranges**

Distance: 54.8 Kms Time: 1 hour

- Morning: Head to Dandenong Ranges, and visit the famous Puffing Billy Railway, a heritage steam train that runs through the Dandenong Ranges. Take a ride through lush forests and scenic landscapes.
- Afternoon: Explore Alfred Nicholas Gardens, a beautiful historic garden with walking paths, lakes, and impressive plant displays. Then head to Pie In the Sky for handmade cakes and gourmet pies.
- Evening: Head to your campsite and settle for the night. Enjoy a quiet and peaceful evening.
- Where to stay: Camp Belgrave, 42-46 Bartley Rd, Belgrave Heights VIC 3160.



Image: Puffing Billy Railway, Visit Victoria

#### Day 20: Dandenong Ranges to Melbourne

Distance: 42.3 Kms Time: 40 minutes

- Morning: Drive back to Melbourne and spend the morning at the Royal Botanic Gardens, one of Melbourne's most serene and beautiful spots. Stroll through its various themed sections, such as the Rose Garden, Fern Gully, and the Arid Garden, which features succulents and cacti from around the world.
- Afternoon: Join a guided Aboriginal Heritage Walk to learn about the significance of the site to the local Kulin Nation. Alternatively, take a punt boat tour on the ornamental lake for a unique perspective.
- Evening: As the day winds down, make your way to Southbank Promenade for dinner. Choose a restaurant like The Atlantic for fresh seafood or Ponyfish Island for casual bites.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Holiday Parks of Australia, Level 2/250 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell VIC 3124.

#### Day 21: Last day in Melbourne

**Distance:** 15.9 Kms **Time:** 23 minutes

 Morning: Enjoy your last morning in your Cruisin' Motorhome, cook some bacon and eggs for breakfast and slowly make your way back to the Melbourne branch. We hope you had a great trip!

# Packing Tips For Your Tropical Road Trip

This **21-day itinerary** offers an unforgettable escape, perfectly blending adventure, relaxation, convenience. With a comfortable Cruisin' Motorhome, you'll enjoy the freedom to explore at your own pace while creating lasting holiday memories.

# Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Clothing: Lightweight, breathable, Long-sleeved shirts & pants, Warm layers
- Hat, sunglasses & Suncreen
- Swimwear & Beach towel
- Reusable water bottles
- Comfortable walking shoes or sandals and flip-flops
- Toiletries, including First Aid Kit, insect repellent and bandages
- Electronics: Camera, Phone, Power bank and all chargers
- Books or magazines
- Travel backpack



Image: Cruisin' Rover

Have a great trip!

