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## Great Ocean Road

8 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 10 February 2025

Returning: Monday 17 February 2025



**TOUR COST:**

\$2795 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3445 Sole Occupancy

**PICK UP TIMES:**      **7.00am:** Crawford Street Queanbeyan  
                              **7.20am:** Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange  
                              **7.40am:** West Row Bus Stop, City  
                              **7.50am:** Riggall Place Lyneham

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**Tick the Great Ocean Road off your travel bucket list as we travel along the rugged Southern Ocean and Shipwreck Coast. Known as one of the best drives in Australia, the Great Ocean Road hugs the seaside cliffs that snake along the wild and windswept ocean, meanders through the rainforest and flows into pretty seaside towns.**

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**DAY 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO WANGARATTA: Monday 10 February 2025**

Welcome to our incredible tour travelling along the **Great Ocean Road**. We have a travel day ahead as we stop for convenience breaks and time to stretch our legs before arriving in **Wangaratta** for our first night on tour together.

**Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway | 03 5721 8399**

**DAY 2: (BLD): WANGARATTA TO GEELONG: Tuesday 11 February 2025**

On the road again, we express down the highway to **Geelong**. After lunch we visit the **National Wool Museum**. For most of its history, Geelong has been one of the great wool cities of Australia and the nearly 200 buildings in the area, classified by National Trust, keep residents and visitors mindful of the city's heritage. The museum showcases the Australian wool story – from the sheep's back to the clothes rack, and from the birth of the industry in the 1840s to its place in the world today. Then we're off to the **Amazing Mills Markets**. There are more than 60 stalls here offering a selection of vintage clothes, vintage furniture, antiques, memorabilia, home décor, jewellery, books and records – just to name a few.

**Rydges Geelong | 03 5223 6200**

**DAY 3: (BD): GEELONG TO APOLLO BAY: Wednesday 12 February 2025**

Leaving Geelong behind, we head to Australia's surfing capital, **Torquay**. Here we visit the **Australian National Surfing Museum**, home to the Australian Surfing Hall of Fame and is dedicated to telling the story of surfing. Through the colourful and exciting permanent displays of an extraordinary collection of surfcraft, important artefacts and interesting memorabilia, the museum commemorates Australia's fantastic surfing heritage. Then it's time to begin our travels along the **Great Ocean Road**. We stop at the **Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie** for our morning break before continuing to **Anglesea** and onto **Lorne**. The approach to the town is remarkable as the township is built amongst a forest of native trees stretching down to the water. We have time to explore the town before travelling to **Apollo Bay**. Lunch today is at own expense.

**Ocean Road Motel | 03 5237 7862**



#### **DAY 4: (BD): GREAT OCEAN ROAD: Thursday 13 February 2025**

From Apollo Bay, the road leaves the coast, winding its way through the Otway Ranges where we experience the spectacular **Otway Fly**, the longest and highest canopy of its kind in the world. There is a 300-metre flat walk from the carpark to the visitors centre so wear some comfortable shoes. There is also a number of steps but there is some buggy style transportation if you need it – and the tree top view of Otway's is an experience well worth the effort. The natural beauty of this area continues as we drive the full length of the **Port Campbell National Park** where we see the **Twelve Apostles** – a group of magnificent rock stacks rising up from the Southern Ocean. We also see **London Bridge**, **Crown of Thorns** and the beautiful **Bay of Islands** before arriving in the seaside town of **Warrnambool**. Lunch today is at own expense.

**3 Nights | Mid City Motel Warrnambool | 03 5562 3866**

#### **DAY 5: (BLD): WARRNAMBOOL: Friday 14 February 2025**

We embark on a **guided tour of Warrnambool**. Located on the spectacular Shipwreck Coast, Warrnambool is a region with a rich maritime history and is the final resting place of over 180 wrecks. Heading out of town, we visit the **Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve**. Some of Australia's best loved wildlife including Emus, Kangaroos and ducks, all live inside this magnificent dormant volcano. Volcanic cone-shaped hills rise from the lakes, making it one of Victoria's most fascinating and significant geological formations. Returning to Warrnambool, the rest of the afternoon is spent exploring **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village**. Supported by the local community, this delightful complex authentically recreates the appearance, atmosphere and activities apparent in a small coastal port during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. With engaging storytelling, fresh new imagery, dazzling lightning and sound effects throughout the village – it is sure to impress. We head back to our hotel for dinner, then tonight return to the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village to enjoy the wonderful sound and light show called '**Tales of the Shipwreck Coast**'. Be taken on a journey into the past from local Aboriginal stories, to a colourful whaling past, to the events that gave the local coastline a reputation that inspired fear and trepidation among mariners.

#### **DAY 6: (BLD): PORT FAIRY AND PORTLAND: Saturday 15 February 2025**

Today we travel to **Port Fairy**. The town's rich maritime history and colonial character have been preserved and it still seems like a small fishing village. Seaman's blue stone cottages rub shoulders with gracious commercial and administrative buildings. Its fine antique shops, pubs and restaurants are all housed in original Victorian buildings – the National Trust has classified 50 of them. We continue to **Portland**, the oldest European settlement in Victoria and is the only deep-water sea port between Adelaide and Melbourne, making it a major centre for sea transport of goods and produce from the surrounding area. Here it is all aboard the **Portland Cable Tram** as we meander along Portland's gorgeous foreshore. Have a taste of yesteryear on board the lovely restored and modified saloon and grip cars as we learn the history and see some of the town's spectacular scenery. After a wonderful day we return to Warrnambool.

#### **DAY 7: (BLD): WARRNAMBOOL TO SHEPPARTON: Sunday 16 February 2025**

We make our way inland to the Goldfields region of central Victoria. Stopping in **Bendigo**, lunch awaits us at the **Shamrock Hotel**. For over 100 years the Shamrock has presided majestically over the heart of Bendigo - there is no other hotel in regional Victoria with such distinction, history and grandeur. We continue to **Shepparton** for our final night on tour together.

**Quality Hotel Parklake Shepparton | 03 5821 5822**

#### **DAY 8: (BL): HOMEWARD BOUND: Monday 17 February 2025**

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories, we begin our return to Canberra. Making a lunch stop in Holbrook we arrive home later this afternoon completing our wonderful time away seeing the Great Ocean Road.

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