



## COASTAL TOWNSHIPS AND MELBOURNE

### Day 01 (LMTD) HOME TO NOWRA

Monday 09 November 2026



Welcome to our holiday travelling through picturesque coastal townships to Melbourne. Sit back and enjoy the drive as we leave the area and head south to Gosford where we stop for lunch at the **Ourimbah RSL**. Continuing we travel via the outskirts of Sydney reaching a spectacular section of road called the **Grand Pacific Drive**, crossing the-ocean **Sea Cliff Bridge** between Coalcliff and Clifton. This

afternoon we stop into the pretty seaside town of **Kiama** and stop at the famous "**Blowhole**" which can spurt up to 60 metres high, this is a great opportunity for our group photograph. After a lovely day we head to Nowra where we can check in to our motel with time to freshen up before dinner.

Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Ourimbah RSL and dinner in motel

Nightcap at Archer Hotel, Nowra | 02 4421 5222 | 1 night



### Day 02 (BLD) NOWRA TO EDEN

Tuesday 10 November 2026



Today we make our way to the sparkling Sapphire Coast. This morning, we pop into the **Tilba Real Dairy**, located in the heritage village of Central Tilba. Taste their delicious award-winning cheese and honey. Next, we visit **Cobargo Farm**, a unique garden farm on the outskirts of the village. Not only does the farm produce fresh fruit and vegetables, but also stocks a large variety of ferns, plants and seedlings to beautify your own

garden. After enjoying lunch, we spend time with the animals and explore the beautiful gardens. We continue to **Eden**, a natural paradise with an interesting whaling history.

Breakfast at Archer Hotel | Lunch at Cobargo Farm | Dinner at the hotel

Coachman's Eden | 1 night



### Day 03 (BMTLD) EDEN TO LAKES ENTRANCE

Wednesday 11 November 2026



This morning, we visit the **Killer Whale Museum** in Eden. You'll hear all about 'Old Tom', who now resides here along with a great range of memorabilia from 'the old whaling days'. Leaving here we head south, crossing the border into Victoria as we make our way towards the Mallacoota Inlet. The Mallacoota Inlet was formed by the drowning of the valley of the Genoa River when the sea level rose as the ice melted at the close of the last ice age. It has been estimated that 25000 years

ago the sea level was 140 metres below its present level. On arrival we enjoy lunch at **Mallacoota Hotel Motel Bistro** before our afternoon visits to an attraction called **Operation Bunker**, a World War II RAAF operations bunker that has been restored by the Mallacoota RSL. It is of considerable

### Day 03 (BMTLD) EDEN TO LAKES ENTRANCE continued Wednesday 11 November 2026

significance in Victoria's military history and was the headquarters of the RAAF coastal intelligence activity in the region as well as an important link in the chain of defence installations along the southeast of Australia. We now travel through to **Lakes Entrance**.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | Morning Tea from the Coach | lunch at Mallacoota Hotel Motel Bistro

**Bellevue on the Lakes | 2 nights**



### Day 04 (BMTLD): LAKES ENTRANCE AND METUNG Thursday 12 November 2026



This morning a local expert will join us on the coach and will introduce us to the town and surrounding lake system. Later we join a sensational cruise along one of Australia's great inland waterways to the peaceful town of Metung. Disembarking at the **Metung Hotel**, a delicious lunch will be waiting for us. We cruise back to Lakes Entrance with a bit of free time this afternoon to enjoy the township. What a beautiful day!

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | Morning Tea from the Coach | lunch at

Metung Hotel

### Day 05 (BMTLD): LAKES ENTRANCE TO MELBOURNE Friday 13 November 2026

This morning, we visit a very special place - the **Nyerimilang Heritage Park** – a lakeside homestead that was used in the late 1800s as a base for fishing and shooting holidays.

Today, the homestead is protected by the National Trust and features a display on the history of Nyerimilang and the natural resources and history of the Gippsland Lakes. The semi-formal garden and lawns, with views to the water, contain an interesting collection of exotic and native species. From here we continue to



**Paynesville** – the “Boating Capital of East Gippsland!!” We look around and enjoy lunch at the **Motor Cruising Club** before heading into Melbourne for the next 3 nights stay. For those joining the tour we meet you tonight in the hotel for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Motor Cruising Club

**Vibe Docklands | 4 nights**



### Day 06 (BD): MELBOURNE

### Saturday 14 November 2026

Melbourne has the perfect blend of rich cultural history and new age trends which we'll explore today. Known as the sporting capital of Australia, there is no better place to start our Melbourne exploration than at the famous **Melbourne Cricket Ground**.

Located here is the Australian Sports Museum which presents world class exhibitions and sporting artefacts. We have some free time to buy lunch before joining Melbourne River Cruises for their 'River Gardens' trip Upriver. Within moments of departing Melbourne's cultural arts precinct, we are cruising through picturesque gardens, parklands and some of the famous sporting arenas. Enjoy a cuppa on board as we listen to the captain's interesting commentary. Located on the southern banks of the Yarra River is **Melbourne Skydeck**. Enjoy floor to ceiling, 360-degree views of Melbourne's CBD, sports precinct, Port Phillip Bay, Docklands and everything in between. Dinner tonight is at Berth Restaurant.

Breakfast in hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch own arrangements and cost | dinner at the Berth Restaurant



## Day 07 (BMTLD) DANDENONG RANGES

**Sunday 15 November 2026**

We start the day at the top of **Mount Dandenong at Sky High**. On the uppermost reach of the Dandenong Ranges, amid cool fern glades and lush towering native forest, we look at the big picture, from the Mornington Peninsula across the majestic sweep of Port Phillip Bay,



surrounded by Melbourne's growing urban fringes to the You Yangs on the southern horizon. We continue our sightseeing at the **Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens** and visit the **National Rhododendron Garden**. The Rhododendron Gardens were established in 1960. Cherries, oaks, maples, beeches, conifers and dogwoods are among the many other different plants

to be found, and the garden is alive with a variety of parrots, golden whistlers and many other beautiful birds. Lunch has been arranged at the stunning **Fornums Restaurant**. We travel to Belgrave to join the famous **Puffing Billy Steam Train** on a ride through to Emerald. Journey through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges, with lush fern gullies brushing past and Mountain Ash trees towering overhead onboard the open sided carriages.



Breakfast in hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch own arrangements and cost | dinner at the Berth Restaurant

## Day 08 (B) DAY AT LEISURE

**Monday 16 November 2026**



We have today free to experience Melbourne at leisure. Maybe a theatre shows or some shopping down some laneways of Melbourne. Whatever you choose to do, we can assist with your bookings prior to the tour departure then just enjoy!

Breakfast in hotel | lunch and dinner own arrangements and cost

## Day 09 (B) MELBOURNE TO LAKES ENTRANCE

**Tuesday 17 November 2026**

For those who are leaving us today we say farewell and those who are joining us welcome.

Following breakfast, we make our way to the lovely **Lady Lavender Tea Rooms** for our Devonshire Tea. We continue onto Yarragon where we break to stretch our legs and purchase lunch (own expense). This afternoon we arrive at **Lakes Entrance** - our base for the next 2 nights. We'll check in and freshen up for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch own arrangements and cost  
**Lakes Entrance RSL Glenara Motel | 2 nights**



## Day 10 (BMTLD) LAKES ENTRANCE

**Wednesday 18 November 2026**



After breakfast we take a brief look at the town including a wander in **Sculpture Park**. Our **local guide** will take us on a tour of the area this morning. Later this morning we head across to **Wyanga Park Winery** which overlooks the North Arm at Lakes Entrance. It is the oldest vineyard in East Gippsland and is a fascinating venue for **lunch**. We can try some of the excellent wines, this mild, maritime climate helps to produce and enjoy the eye-

catching exhibition of native art that decorates the winery walls. Returning to Lakes Entrance via a relaxing cruise from the winery. Breakfast and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Wyanga Park Winery



## Day 11 (BMTLD) LAKES ENTRANCE TO EDEN

Thursday 19 November 2026



This morning, we visit at St James Memorial Church before continuing our travel to Orbost and visit the **Orbost Exhibition Centre**. The exhibition is all about timber including the National Collection of Wood Design on display. Wander through the retail showroom and the gallery for professional artists to get a feel for the love and workmanship put into retaining the region's timber to live on for decades to come. The top level of the building offers us views over Forest Park.



We continue travelling and make our way to

**Boydton** for lunch at the **Seahorse Inn**. Boydton was the original settlement in the bay and was founded by Benjamin Boyd in 1843 to service his properties on the Monaro Plains. The Seahorse Inn, named after one of Boyd's steam-boats was the first building erected with the foundations constructed of sandstone imported from Sydney. After lunch, we can take a stroll around the estate as the Inn is set amidst sprawling lawns and lush gardens. We arrive in Eden with time to freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Seahorse Inn

**Halfway Motel, Eden – 1 night**

## Day 12 (BMTLD) EDEN TO BATEMANS BAY

Friday 20 November 2026



Boarding **Cat Balou Sealife Bay Cruises**, we embark on an awe-inspiring cruise this morning, taking in the breathtaking coastal beauty of Australia's Wilderness Coast. As we glide through the pristine waters, we have the privilege of hopefully seeing the majestic Humpback Whales who frequent these waters at this time of year as they migrate southward.

Keep an eye out for other magnificent whale species including the

Southern Right and Minke along with other sea life such as Bottlenose Dolphins and Australian Fur Seals. With a bit of luck, our cruise may offer a glimpse of these incredible creatures in their natural habitat. After our ocean adventure we enjoy lunch at the **Eden Sports & Recreation Club**.

Continuing, we next visit the **Bega Cheese Heritage Centre**.

The centre is a faithfully reproduction of the original 'creamery' building constructed in 1899. At the centre you can sample and purchase a selection of

delicious Bega Cheese along with a great range of souvenirs, farm themed giftware, local jams and honey. This afternoon

we are heading to the historic villages of **Tilba Tilba** and **Central Tilba**, with our afternoon stop at one of the region's best-known gardens. **Foxglove Spires Gardens** covers three and a half acres of rose covered arbours and serene flower filled areas.

There is a woodland that creates a shady haven to rest and a pond. From here we travel up the coast to **Batemans Bay** for our overnight stay.



Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Eden Sports & Recreation Club

**Sunseeker Motor Inn, Batemans Bay | 1 Night**

## Day 13 (BMTLD) BATEMANS BAY TO SYDNEY

Saturday 21 November 2026

Following breakfast, we make our way through to **Nowra** where we visit the **Fleet Air Arm Museum** which has one of the finest collections of historic military aircraft in Australia and a superb collection of engines, aviation equipment, models uniforms and memorabilia. Leaving here we travel through to the unique village of **Berry** to the **Treat Factory** for lunch and an



opportunity to see the chocolates being made. This afternoon we sit back and relax as we head for Sydney on our last night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Treat Factory

**Rydges World Square Sydney | 1 night**



## **Day 14 (BMTL) SYDNEY TO HOME**

**Sunday 22 November 2026**

Following breakfast we start heading for home. We stop in the township of Port Stephens to have the pleasure of exploring the renowned **Tailor-Made Fish Farm** and devouring a lovely lunch at the **Cookabarra Restaurant**. This premier Barramundi farm boasts an impressive weekly output of a whopping



1000 kilograms of live and freshly chilled barramundi. As part of our visit, we'll be treated to an insightful tour of the Barramundi and hydroponic vegetable production facilities. Our afternoon's travels take us home. Arriving with wonderful memories of our holiday travelling with friends.

Breakfast at hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Cookabarra Restaurant



### **Tour Inclusions**

- 13 night's motel accommodation
- 8 night's accommodation #
- 8 night's accommodation \*
- 13 breakfasts
- 8 breakfasts #
- 8 breakfasts \*
- 12 dinners and 1 own arrangements and cost
- 10 Port Bus Morning Teas
- 11 included lunches – see below
- 6 lunches #
- 6 lunches \*
- Lunch at the Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Club # RSL
- Visit including Cheese tasting at Tilba Real Dairy #
- Lunch and tour at Cobargo Farm #
- Entry and guided tour at Killer Whale Museum, Eden #
- Lunch at Mallacoota Hotel Motel Bistro #
- Entry to the Mallacoota RSL Bunker Museum #
- Dinner and breakfast at Albert & Co #
- Locally guided tour of Lakes Entrance #
- Cruise and lunch at Metung Hotel with Peels Ferry Service #
- Visit Nyerimilang Heritage Park #
- Lunch at Paynesville Motor Cruiser Club #
- Entry and tour at the Australian Sports Museum, Melbourne # \*
- River Gardens cruise with Melbourne River Cruises # \*
- Entry to Skydeck 88-Melbourne Skydeck # \*
- Dinner at Berth Restaurant, Melbourne # \*
- Visit Sky-high Mount Dandenong # \*
- Visit National Rhododendron Garden and Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden # \*
- Lunch at Fortnum's Restaurant # \*
- One way from Belgrave to Lakeside on the Puffing Billy Railway # \*
- Morning tea at Lady Lavender's Tea Room \*
- Visit, wine tasting, lunch and one-way cruise to Lakes Entrance at Wyanga Park Winery \*
- Entry to the Orbost Exhibition Centre \*
- Lunch at the Seahorse Inn Hotel \*



- Sightseeing cruise with Sapphire Coast Adventures \*

### Tour Inclusions continued

- Lunch at Eden Sports & Recreation Club \*
- Visit and cheese tastings at Bega Cheese Heritage Centre \*
- Entry - Garden Only-Foxglove Spires Garden \*
- Entry and self-guided tour at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Nowra \*
- Lunch at The Treat Factory, Berry \*
- Tour of Barramundi and hydroponic vegetable production facilities and lunch at Tailor Made Fish and Cookabarra Restaurant, Port Stephens \*



### Confirmed Accommodation

- Nightcap at Archer Hotel, Nowra (1 night) #
- Coachman's Eden (1 night) #
- Bellevue on the Lakes, Lakes Entrance (2 nights) #
- Vibe Melbourne Docklands (4 nights) # \*
- Lakes Entrance RSL Glenara Motel (2 nights) \*
- Halfway Motel, Eden (1 night) \*
- Sunseeker Motor Inn, Batemans Bay (1 night) \*
- Rydges World Square Sydney (1 night) \*



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### Itinerary

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### Please Note

- Price is based on a minimum of 15 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 15 paying passengers, this tour *may* need to be recosted.
- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.

## **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:

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In the case of concert or sporting tours, where admission tickets are purchased in advance, a minimum cancellation fee equivalent to the cost of admission ticket fees will apply.

Some accommodation requires prepayment, and refunds will be subject to their conditions.

