

ROAD TRIP SUGGESTIONS



Great Southern Touring Route
AUSTRALIA

4 DAYS – 3 NIGHTS

MELBOURNE – GREAT OCEAN ROAD – GRAMPIANS
– BALLARAT

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#12apostles #grampians #ballarat
#gstr #roadtrip

DAY 1

Melbourne to Great Ocean Road

Depart: Melbourne
O/night: Anglesea
Distance: 114 kilometres

A 30-minute Princes Highway drive and you arrive at **Werribee Open Range Zoo** in time for an open-air African safari adventure. Motor on to Geelong's glittering waterfront and explore the Bollards Trail before a view-laden lunch on the restaurant strip. Take the Surf Coast Highway to **Torquay**, the spiritual home of Australian Surfing and onto **Anglesea**.

Experience chocolate like never before at the **Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie**. Enjoy a well-earned night of peaceful snoozing at **Great Ocean Road Resort**.

DAY 2

Great Ocean Road to Grampians

Depart: Anglesea
O/night: Halls Gap/Dunkeld
Distance: Approx 398 kilometres

Tour the coast-hugging road from **Anglesea** to **Apollo Bay**, sidetracking to quench your thirst at **Forrest Brewing Company**. Treat yourself to a thrilling helicopter flight over the dramatic **Twelve Apostles** and coastline, before driving on to **Warrnambool**.

Spend a few hours exploring either the sea-faring magic of **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum** or the **Worn Gundij** indigenous wonder of **Tower Hill** with a personalised bush and nature walk through a rich volcanic landscape. Motor north through farmland to Halls Gap and settle in to splendid bush retreat accommodation at **D'Alton's Resort**.

DAY 3

Grampians to Ballarat

Depart: Halls Gap/Dunkeld
O/night: Ballarat
Distance: Approx 152 kilometres

The vast **Grampians National Park** seems heaven-sent for early-risers. Hike trails for lofty scenery, wildlife glimpses and Australian bushland. Linger over amazing views and a bistro lunch on **Halls Gap Hotel's** verandah. En route to **Ballarat**, travel through vineyard-dotted wine country, calling into **Blue Pyrenees Estate**, **Seppelt Great Western** or **Mount Langi Ghiran** to sample local vintages. Sidetrack to **Creswick Woollen Mills** to meet resident alpacas and shop for local-made fibre products.

Ballarat Wildlife Park is home to dozens of native animals including more than 100 free-roaming kangaroos you can wander amongst. Come evening, enjoy dinner, drinks and priority seating with a VIP package to **Sovereign Hill's** new evening sound-and-light spectacular **AURA**. Spend an indulgent night at **The Provincial Hotel**.

DAY 4

Ballarat to Melbourne

Depart: Ballarat
O/night: Melbourne
Distance: 113 kilometres

Take a morning to explore the many cultural layers of the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**, and admire the stunning architecture of **Lydiard Street**. The **Ballarat Botanical Gardens** fringe the western shores of **Lake Wendouree**, a stroll-worthy oasis in the centre of town. Perfect for picnicking, birdwatching and riding the vintage electric tramway.

Meander your way back to Melbourne, sidetracking from the highway to explore and relax in spa country at **Daylesford** and **Hepburn Springs** - where you can 'take to the waters' at **Peppers Mineral Spa**.



Werribee Open Range Zoo



Ballarat Wildlife Park

