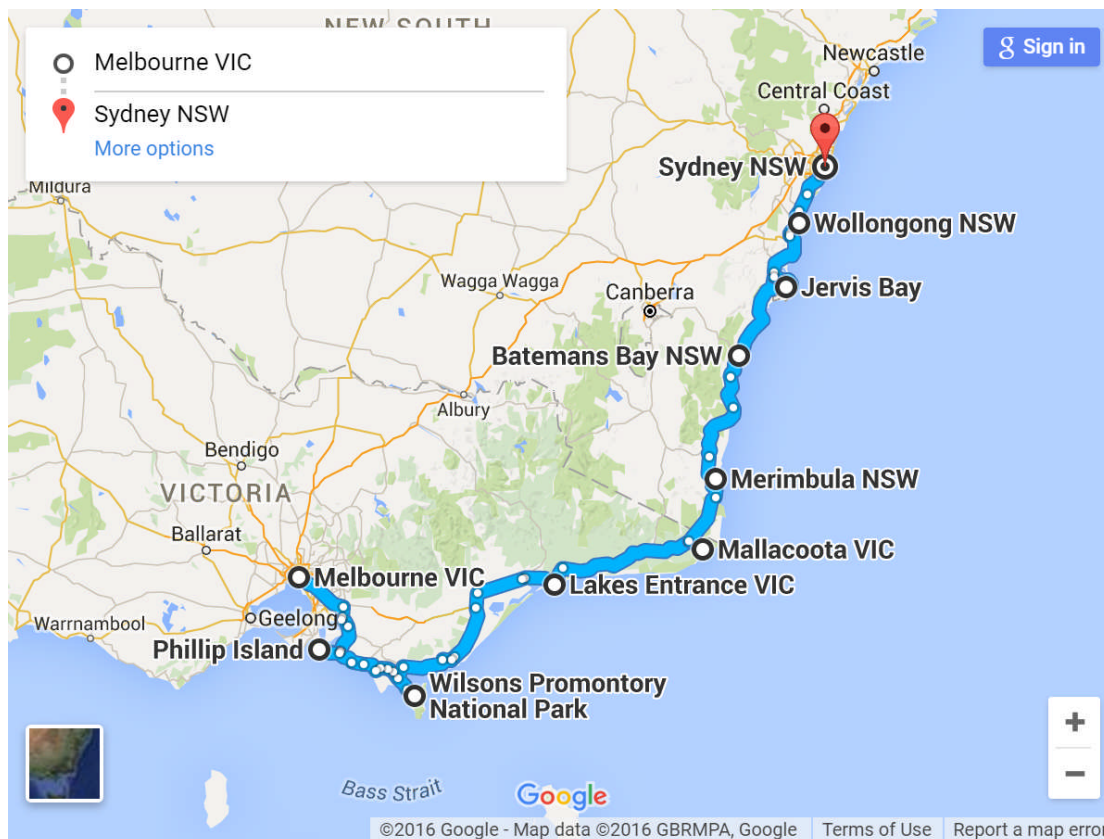


10 days Melbourne to Sydney along the Princes Highway

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- Wollongong to Sydney

Distance: 1325km



Day 1. Melbourne

Pick up your campervan in Melbourne today. Allow 1 hour to collect and become familiar with the vehicle before you leave the branch.

Visit the Melbourne Cricket Ground, one of Melbourne's grandest and proudest attractions. Hosting events from Australian Rules football, cricket, concerts and the Olympics, the MCG has a proud history of great sporting and cultural moments. Experience the stadium from a player's perspective, and visit the rooms from where they would prepare and watch the sport, and a chance to walk on the grounds.

Stay: Melbourne BIG4 Holiday Park

Day 2. Melbourne to Phillip Island

Depart this morning and take the M1 to Pakenham. Take the C422 exit and continue onto Koo Wee Rup. Follow the M420 and B420 to Phillip Island.

Phillip Island is full of nature parks with local wildlife to keep everyone entertained. Visit the Penguin Parade, one of Victoria's most popular attractions. Each night at sunset, the Little Penguins return to the beach after a day of fishing and they are a cute sight! Watch from the boardwalks and designated viewing areas, as the penguins waddle back to their burrows.

Check out Churchill Island Heritage Farm for a unique experience discovering Victoria's heritage. Walk through cottages preserved from the 1800s, showcasing the difficulties of living on a farm. Farmers who work on the island also provide many demonstrations including whip cracking, sheep shearing and milking a cow – a true farming experience!

Distance: 141 km, 1 hour 50 minutes

Stay: Cowes Caravan Park

Day 3. Phillip Island to Wilsons Prom National Park

Depart this morning and take the B460 to Inverloch. Take the C442 to the C444 in Yanakie. From here, you will be able to access Wilsons Promontory.

Wilsons Promontory National Park is one of Victoria's most diverse and beautiful nature parks. On the southernmost tip of Australia, The Prom, as it is affectionately known, is the meeting point of mountains, rainforests and beaches. Try some of the many bushwalking and hiking trails to be one with the natural landscape. Take a picnic and escape civilisation for an afternoon.

Distance: 116 km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Stay: Tidal River campground

Day 4. Wilsons Promontory to Lakes Entrance

Depart this morning and follow the C444 and C446 to the S Gippsland Highway in Foster. Follow the S Gippsland Highway to the Princes Highway in Lakes Entrance.

The Gippsland Lakes are perfect for trying out new water sports and fishing. Try some water-skiing or tubing with the family, or learn how to stand-up paddle board in the breathtaking surrounds. Hire a boat and take it out on the water for a peaceful self-directed cruise.

Lakes Entrance is surrounded by many natural wonders and features. You must visit the Mitchell River National Park and try some of the walking trails or go canoeing. The canoeing tours take you in the Mitchell River, where the high cliffs tower over you. Several gorges, including the Den of Nargun, are mentioned in Aboriginal legends, and therefore have a long and interesting history behind them as to how they were formed.

Distance: 257 km, 3 hours 15 minutes

Stay: BIG4 Whiter's Holiday Village

Day 5. Lakes Entrance to Mallacoota

Depart this morning and follow the Princes Highway/ A1 to Mallacoota.

Visit the Mallacoota Bunker Museum, which is held in a bunker used during World War II. Put yourself in the shoes of the RAAF and experience their job of keeping the coastlines safe from Japanese submarines.

Also try the Mallacoota Coastal Walk, which takes you along Mallacoota's scenic coast. With trails ranging from half a kilometre, to up to six kilometres, there is something for everyone's level of fitness. Look out for parts of the forest on the coast, where koalas can regularly be seen!

Distance: 202 km, 2 hours 25 minutes

Stay: Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park

Day 6. Mallacoota (VIC) to Merimbula (NSW)

Depart this morning and follow the Princes Highway to Pambula. Take Arthur Kaine Drive to Merimbula.

Spend the afternoon at Magic Mountain, a locally owned and operated family fun park, set in the surrounds of the bush. Try the Tree Climb Challenge, which gives you the opportunity to fly across the tops of the park on the flying fox. Challenge yourself to

completely the high wires and wooden obstacles along the way. Or else, try some of the many rides at the park for an exciting afternoon.

Get up and close with animals at the Potoroo Palace, a native animal educational sanctuary. The centre aims to improve the natural habitats for local animals. Here, you can see koalas up in trees, wander with kangaroos, touch a snake and explore the walk-through aviary.

Distance: 111 km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Stay: NRMA Merimbula Beach Holiday Park

Day 7. Merimbula to Batemans Bay

Depart this morning take the Princes Highway to Beach Road in Batemans Bay.

Explore the Clyde River National Park, and try some of the many activities including fishing, bushwalking, kayaking and snorkelling. The Clyde River is also home to the 'Oyster Coast', where you can find some of the freshest oysters to try in Australia.

Have a picnic with the eastern grey kangaroos and swamp wallabies at the Murramarang National Park. The park's largely undisturbed coastline provides a rich and vibrant area to explore, full of wildlife at every turn.

Distance: 176 km, 2 hours 10 minutes

Stay: BIG4 Batemans Bay Beach Resort

Day 8. Batemans Bay to Jervis Bay

Depart this morning and follow the Princes Highway/ A1. Take the Hawken Road and follow through Pine Forest Road and Huskisson Road to Woollamia.

Explore the Booderee National Park and go for a gentle stroll through the botanic gardens and enjoy the natural environment. If you are a more experienced hiker or up for a little challenge, try hiking around Steamers Beach! If you visit the Cape St George lighthouse between June and July, you may be able to see humpback and southern whales as they migrate to the north.

Distance: 107 km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Stay: Jervis Bay Caravan Park

Day 9. Jervis Bay to Wollongong

Depart this morning and follow the A1 until you reach Wollongong.

The Nan Tien Temple, also known as Southern Paradise, is the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere and a must-visit whilst in Wollongong. The temple brings together eastern and western cultures, providing an opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in a different culture. Contrasted with the rest of the town, it is a different experience that you should not miss.

Distance: 118 km, 1 hour 45 minutes

Stay: Corrimal Beach Tourist Park

Day 10. Wollongong to Sydney via Grand Pacific Drive

Depart this morning and head north to Stanwell Park via Lawrence Hargrave Drive. Follow signs to the Royal National Park.

The Royal National Park is the second oldest national park in the world, and boasts some of the most spectacular views as you drive. Stop at one of the many lookouts to enjoy the natural landscape before entering the city.

Follow the A1 to enter Sydney, the capital city of New South Wales. Make sure to visit all the famous postcard locations including the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. Continue exploring more of the area or return your campervan. Allow up to 60 minutes to return your campervan.

Distance: 97km, 1 hour 15 minutes

Stay: NRMA Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park

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