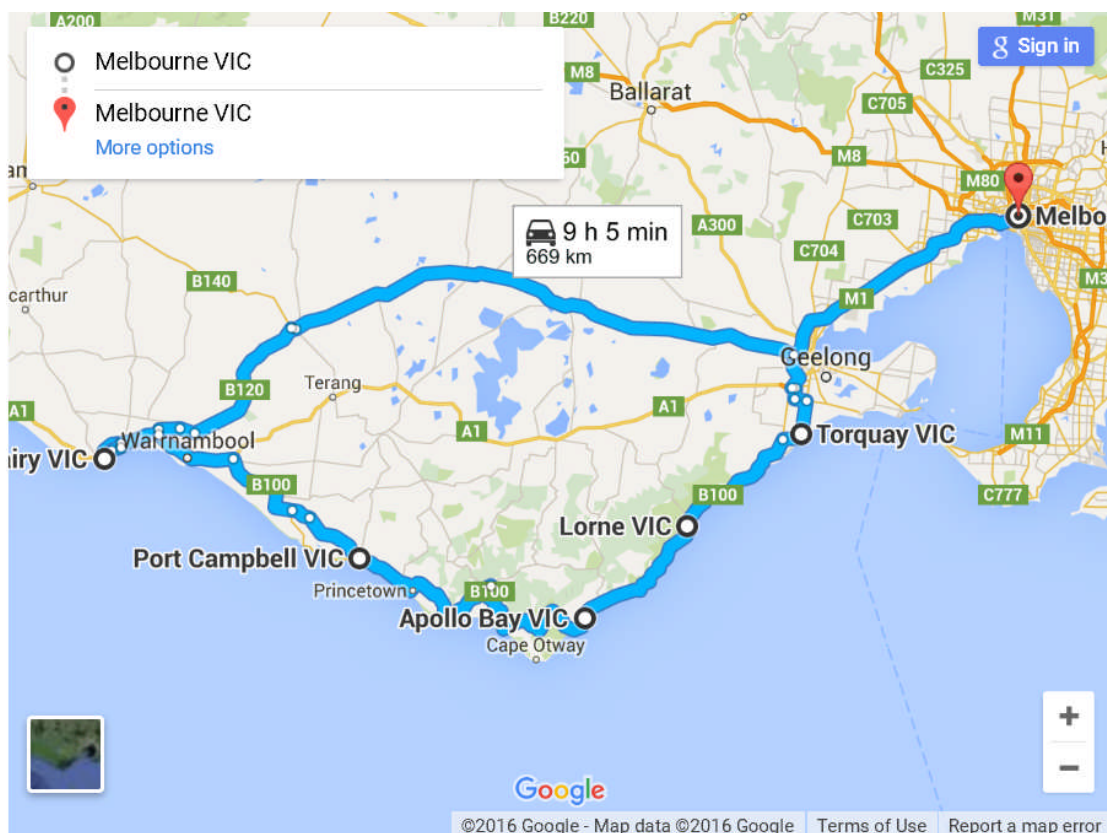


## 7 days along Victoria's Great Ocean Road

- Melbourne
- Melbourne to Torquay
- Torquay to Lorne
- Lorne to Apollo Bay
- Apollo Bay to Port Campbell
- Port Campbell to Port Fairy
- Port Fairy to Melbourne

Distance: 669km



### Day 1. Melbourne

Pick up your campervan in Melbourne today. Allow at least 1 hour to collect and familiarise yourself with your vehicle before you leave the depot.

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.

For those looking for a view head up the Eureka Tower in Southbank opposite Flinders Street Railway stations for one of Australia's highest viewing decks.

Melbourne is also known as the “cultural capital” of Australia, so be sure to go and see a musical or play at one of the theatres. The Regent Theatre and the Melbourne Theatre Company always have something for everyone, whether it is a comedy or drama.

Stay: Melbourne BIG4 Holiday Park

## **Day 2. Melbourne to Torquay**

Depart this morning and take the M1. Take the B130 and exit onto the B100. Follow the B100 until you reach Torquay.

Torquay is the start of the Great Ocean Road, and one of the best places in Victoria for beaches and surfing. Bells Beach is home to the world's longest-running surfing competition, the Rip Curl Pro Surf & Music Festival, held during Easter.

Try surfing the same waves professionals do and enjoy the large swells from the Southern Ocean. If surfing is not to your liking, the beach is framed by high cliffs so you can go sightseeing from up above. There are also bushwalking trails to explore more of the local lands.

Distance: 103 km, 1 hour 20 minutes  
Stay: Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park

## **Day 3. Torquay to Lorne**

Depart this morning and take the B100 on the Great Ocean Road to Lorne.

Take a picnic and spend the afternoon at Cumberland Falls. The picnic benches are found at the mouth of the Cumberland River. Hike to the waterfall itself using the trails provided. This walk can be quite difficult, and a return trip is approximately 9 km. The views are well worth the walk in the fairy-like rainforest and away from civilisation.

For something different, visit Gosling Creek and try a selection of their wines from the Pinot Noir to a classic Sauvignon Blanc. Their Riesling and Pinot noir are particularly standouts as they are matched well to the cool climate. Gosling Creek is open on the weekends, with Sunday showcasing local music acts.

Distance: 47km, 50 minutes  
Stay: Lorne Caravan Park

## **Day 4. Lorne to Apollo Bay**

Depart this morning and follow the Great Ocean Road until you reach Apollo Bay.

Check out the Cape Otway Lightstation, Australia's oldest working lighthouse. Built in 1848, the lighthouse helps to guide boats crossing between the Bass Strait and the Southern Ocean, saving countless lives. The entire park is full of other activities as well, transporting you back in time. See the Radar Station, which was used as a secret base during World War II or the Telegraph Station, which was used during the 1800's to communicate with Melbourne and Tasmania.

The Otway Fly Treetop Adventures allows you to experience nature from up high in the canopy of the trees. Climb 30 metres high and walk where only the birds can fly. The walkway is one of the longest and highest in the world, and can be challenging for those afraid of heights! The Zip-Line Eco Tour is for those who thrive being up high. The tour lets you zip through the treetops of the Otway Ranges, flying across the forest floor to each station. Not for the faint-hearted, but once in a lifetime experience.

Distance: 45km, 55 minutes.  
Stay: Apollo Bay Holiday Park

## **Day 5. Apollo Bay to Port Campbell**

Depart this morning and follow the Great Ocean Road until you reach Port Campbell.

One of the most popular natural attractions along the Great Ocean Road is the Twelve Apostles, found in Port Campbell National Park. These structures are made out of limestone and have eroded from the mainland to produce rock islands up to 45 metres tall. Five of the structures have collapsed, leaving the few isolated apostles still looking stunningly beautiful.

Visit the information centre to learn of the history of the Twelve Apostles and the surrounding land. The centre also offers a cultural history, important knowledge to any trip.

Distance: 96km, 1 hour 30 minutes  
Stay: Port Campbell Holiday Park

## Day 6. Port Campbell to Port Fairy

Depart this morning and follow the Great Ocean Road to Curdievale-Port Campbell Road. Continue along until you reach Nullawarre. Take the A1 to Port Fairy.

Visit Griffiths Island and see the Shearwater birds fly back to their nests after a day of being at sea fishing. The island has a lot walking trails that wind around the island, so that you can see everything it has to offer. Trek out to the lighthouse on the most eastern tip of the island, and see how it sustainably uses solar power to efficiently work.

Distance: 89km, 1 hour 10 minutes  
Stay: BIG4 Port Fairy Holiday Park

## Day 7. Port Fairy to Melbourne

Depart this morning and take the A1 to Rosebrook. Follow the B120; B140 and the M1 back to Melbourne.

When returning your caravan, allow up to 60 minutes at drop off.

Distance: 288 km, 3 hours 20 minutes

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