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COASTAL ROAD TRIP · 10 NIGHTS FROM SYDNEY

11 days Sydney and Southern New South Wales

Breakout and support the bushfire affected towns. The ultimate NSW South Coast adventure. If you don't have 10 days, you can do a bit more driving each day or just do half now and come back for more later.

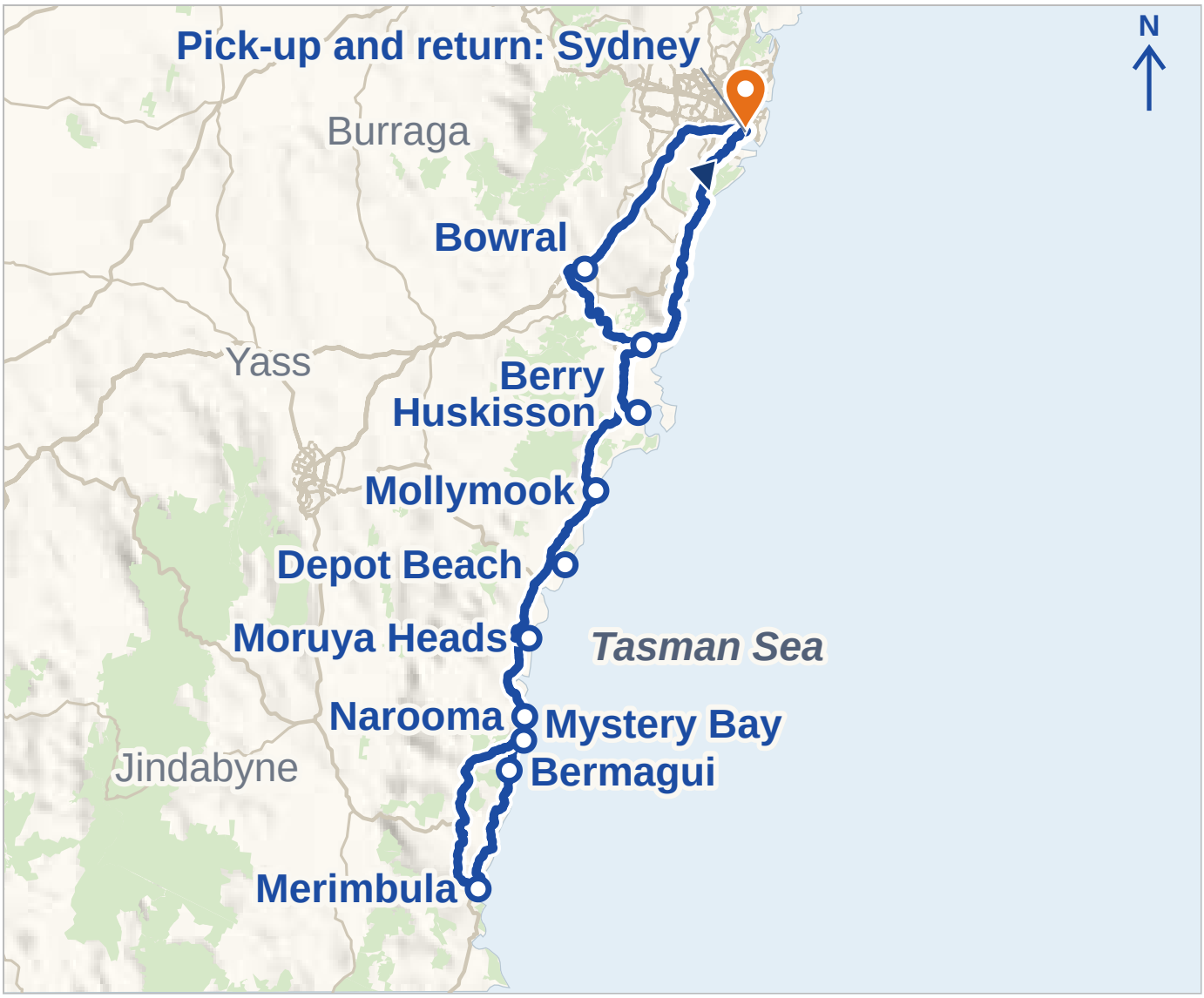
DISTANCE	DAYS	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 985 km	11 days, 11 drives	Loop from Sydney	About 20 h by campervan

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
170 km, Sydney to Huskisson	Campervan

This trip crosses the Country of the Gadigal, Dharawal, Yuin, Gundungurra and other First Nations peoples. Traditional Custodians



Depot Beach, Murramarang National Park, day 3 · Illustrative image



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BEFORE YOU BOOK

Hiring a campervan for this trip

Where you stay

We book vans, not campsites. Depot Beach, Mystery Bay and Gambells Rest take bookings and fill up in holidays, and Mystery Bay's sites are all unpowered, so book them before you go.

Your route

All rental vendors in Australia have restrictions on where their vehicles can be taken, so discuss your planned route with the rental company when you pick up. Get the rental company's permission before taking the vehicle somewhere it restricts. If you take it there without permission, you may lose your excess reduction and be fully responsible for any damage. You may also have to pay for towing and recovery, and for damage to other people's property. See road restrictions and when you are fully responsible.

Picking up in Sydney

Allow about an hour for the check-in process, depending on the vehicle, and collect your vehicle at least an hour before the branch closes (collecting a campervan in Sydney).

Branches are usually open from about 9am to 3pm and busiest from 9am to 10am, so pick up in the morning to reach your first stop in daylight (choosing a pick-up time). Do the online check-in beforehand, bring the documents you need, and if you're flying in, see picking up after a flight. More on picking up your campervan. Branch addresses and hours: Sydney branches.

DAYS 1–3

Days 1–3: Jervis Bay & the Shoalhaven

DRIVE

170 km from Sydney | **about 3 h 45 min** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 1

Sydney to Huskisson, Jervis Bay

PICK-UP

On the way

Take the coast road via the Sea Cliff Bridge into Wollongong and onto the lovely historic coastal town of Kiama. Continue onto Huskisson on the shores of Jervis Bay.

Afternoon

Jervis Bay - Spend the day in quintessential coastal Australia. Two National Parks dominate the area, the Bay itself is a Marine Park with Dolphin and Whale watching available from Huskisson. Booderee National Park flanks the southern end of the bay and is home to the Dhurga people; it's a coastal paradise of crystal waters and pure white sands.

Stay Holiday Haven White Sands (https://holidayhaven.com.au/white-sands/), Huskisson.

DRIVE

53 km from Huskisson | **about 1 h** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 2

Jervis Bay to Mollymook

Afternoon

Mollymook - Put on your walking shoes and take your beach towel for the 2km long beach walk from town to Bannisters point. If you want to try surfing, famous Australian champion surfer Pam Burridge has

a surf school (https://www.pamburridge.com/). If you're a golfer try the 9 hole beachside course at Mollymook Golf Club (https://www.mollymookgolf.com.au/).

Evening

Eat — Are you a gourmet food lover? Pre book a table at Rick Stein at Bannisters (https://www.bannisters.com.au/rick-stein/).

Stay — The Mook Mollymook (https://mollymooktouristpark.com.au/) (formerly Mollymook Caravan Park).

DRIVE

50 km from Mollymook | **about 1 h** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 3

Mollymook to Depot Beach

All day

A short travel day. On the scenic drive to Depot Beach, stop in at Ulladulla, Dolphin Point, Bawley Point before you reach Depot Beach in the Murramarang National Park. The Rainforest walk is an easy afternoon activity meeting lots of furry locals along the way and ending back at the beach.

Book ahead:
Make sure you pre book your campsite here with NSW National Parks; spaces are limited and it's not to be missed. Check the park's current alerts before you go.

Stay — Depot Beach campground, Murramarang National Park.

DAYS 4–7

Days 4–7: Narooma to the Sapphire Coast

DRIVE

92 km from Depot Beach | **about 1 h 50 min** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 4

Depot Beach to Narooma

On the way

Take your time and visit Batemans Bay, Sunshine Bay, Lilli Pilli, Guerilla Bay, Broulee, Moruya, Eurobodalla National Park - Potato Point, Dalmeny on route to Narooma.

Afternoon

Another great coastal golf course on offer here: Narooma Golf Club (https://www.naroomagolf.com.au/).

This is a good town to reprovision (hold off on the cheese buying, see why below).

Stay BIG4 Narooma Easts Holiday Park (https://www.eastsnarooma.com.au/).

DRIVE

35 km from Narooma | **about 40 min** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 5

Narooma to Bermagui, via Tilba

On the way

Today you discover more of the Eurobodalla region, 20km south of Narooma turn onto the Corkhill Rd following the Bellbird Scenic Drive and stop in at Tilba. Recently made famous by “River Cottage Australia” Foxtel TV series. Head to the ABC Cheese Factory, home of Tilba Real Dairy, for offerings straight from the local dairies.

Take a walking tour with Tilba Walks Heritage Talks and then head to Bermagui via Tilba Tilba.

Afternoon

Bermagui - Nestled in a protected harbour not only is there pristine beaches and stunning scenery this is a great place to pick-up a deep-sea fishing charter.

Try something different and enrol in the “Honorbread (https://www.honorbread.com/)” sourdough class or just eat it!

Stay Reflections Bermagui – Holiday Park.

DRIVE

69 km from Bermagui | **about 1 h 20 min** by campervan | Via **Tathra Bermagui Road**

DAY 6

Bermagui to Merimbula

All day

Don't rush on the Tathra-Bermagui Rd through Mimosa Rocks National Park to Tathra and the Sapphire Coast Dr. into Merimbula. Beautiful sights at every turn. Another great spot to pick up a fishing charter.

Stay NRMA Merimbula Beach Holiday Resort (https://www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au/merimbula-beach/) (formerly NRMA Merimbula Beach Holiday Park).

DRIVE

105 km from Merimbula | **about 1 h 50 min** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 7

Merimbula to Mystery Bay, via Bega

On the way

Half an hour outside Merimbula in the Sapphire Coast hinterland is Australia's unofficial cheese capital - Bega. Pick up a sample of the offerings from the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre then take the scenic drive back down to a special little place - Mystery Bay.

Evening

This will be an adventure, all the sites at the campground are unpowered, but it's worth the inconvenience. (Keep going to Narooma if you need power.)

Stay Mystery Bay Campground (https://www.mysterybaycampground.com.au/).

DAYS 8–11

Days 8–11: Moruya, Berry & the Southern Highlands

DRIVE

57 km from Mystery Bay | **about 1 h 10 min** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 8

Mystery Bay to Moruya Heads

All day

Toragy Point above Moruya is a great spot for dolphin and whale watching.

If you're visiting in January you might catch the Moruya Cup race day. On Tuesday afternoons reprovision at the SAGE farmers market in Moruya; this authentic market offers farm to plate produce of outstanding quality.

Stay BIG4 Moruya Heads Easts Dolphin Beach Holiday Park (https://www.eastsmoruya.com.au/).

DRIVE

170 km from Moruya Heads | **about 3 h** by campervan | Via **Princes Highway**

DAY 9

Moruya Heads to Berry

All day

A longer drive today back up the coast, stop in at Batemans Bay and try the Clyde River oysters then straight onto Berry. This graceful little historic town has lovingly maintained heritage buildings and loads of gourmet eating and drinking.

Stay Berry Showground campsite (https://www.berry.org.au/stay/berry-showground-campsite/). It closes during shows and events, so check your dates.

DRIVE

78 km from Berry | **about 2 h 50 min** by campervan | Via **Moss Vale Road**

DAY 10

Berry to Bowral

On the way

Leaving the coast behind travel into Kangaroo Valley, stop in on the Pioneer Village Museum (check its opening days) and try the pies at the Kangaroo Valley Bakehouse.

Continue on to spectacular Fitzroy Falls then through Moss Vale to Berrima where a visit to the Courthouse is a must.

Evening

For the last night of your trip pre book a dinner at one of the many award winning restaurants in Bowral.

Stay Gambells Rest campground (https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/gambells-rest-campground), Morton National Park, Bundanoon, about 25 km from Bowral. Book with NSW National Parks.

DRIVE

110 km from Bowral | **about 1 h 50 min** by campervan |

Via **Hume Motorway**

DAY 11

Bowral to Sydney

RETURN

Before returning to Sydney spend time enjoying the largest town in the Southern Highlands. All cricket enthusiasts need to spend a few hours at Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame. Then a quick 1 hour trip up the M31 to Sydney.

Returning in Sydney

Drop-off times are often earlier than people expect, so check yours. If you have an early flight, returning the van the day before can take the pressure off.

Most branches take vans back until about 3pm to 3.30pm, so plan your last drive to arrive early (choosing a drop-off time). If you're running late, call the branch (late returns). More on returning your campervan. Branch addresses and hours: Sydney branches.

Enjoy the South Coast.

Traditional Custodians

Sydney: Gadigal of the Eora Nation (City of Sydney (https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/guides/organising-welcome-to-country))

Wollongong and the Illawarra: Aboriginal peoples of Dharawal Country (Wollongong City Council (https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0027/148068/Innovate-Reconciliation-Action-Plan-2026-2028.pdf))

Booderee National Park: Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community, owners of the park (Australian Government, DCCEEW (https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/national-parks/booderee-national-park/management-and-conservation/park-management))

Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma: Yuin people (Eurobodalla Shire Council (https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/Arts,-culture,-and-heritage/aboriginal-culture))

Bermagui, Merimbula and Bega: Yuin people (Bega Valley Shire Council (https://begavalley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2021/03/OC_10032021_MIN_605.htm))

Bowral and the Southern Highlands: Gundungurra and Dharawal peoples (Wingecarribee Shire Council (https://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Our-Community/Aboriginal-and-Torres-Strait-Islander-Community))

Country boundaries are approximate, and some are shared or contested. These names follow local councils and park managers. The AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia (https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia) shows the wider picture.

Pay your respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which you are travelling, and to their Elders past, present and emerging. The Australian environment is fragile, so tread lightly: take only photos and leave only footprints.

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