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COAST-TO-COAST ROAD TRIP · 15 DAYS ONE WAY

Cross the Continent: Perth to Sydney Self-Drive Itinerary

Perhaps the ultimate cross-country Australian trip, spend 15 days travelling from the Indian to the Pacific Oceans on this 4150km odyssey.

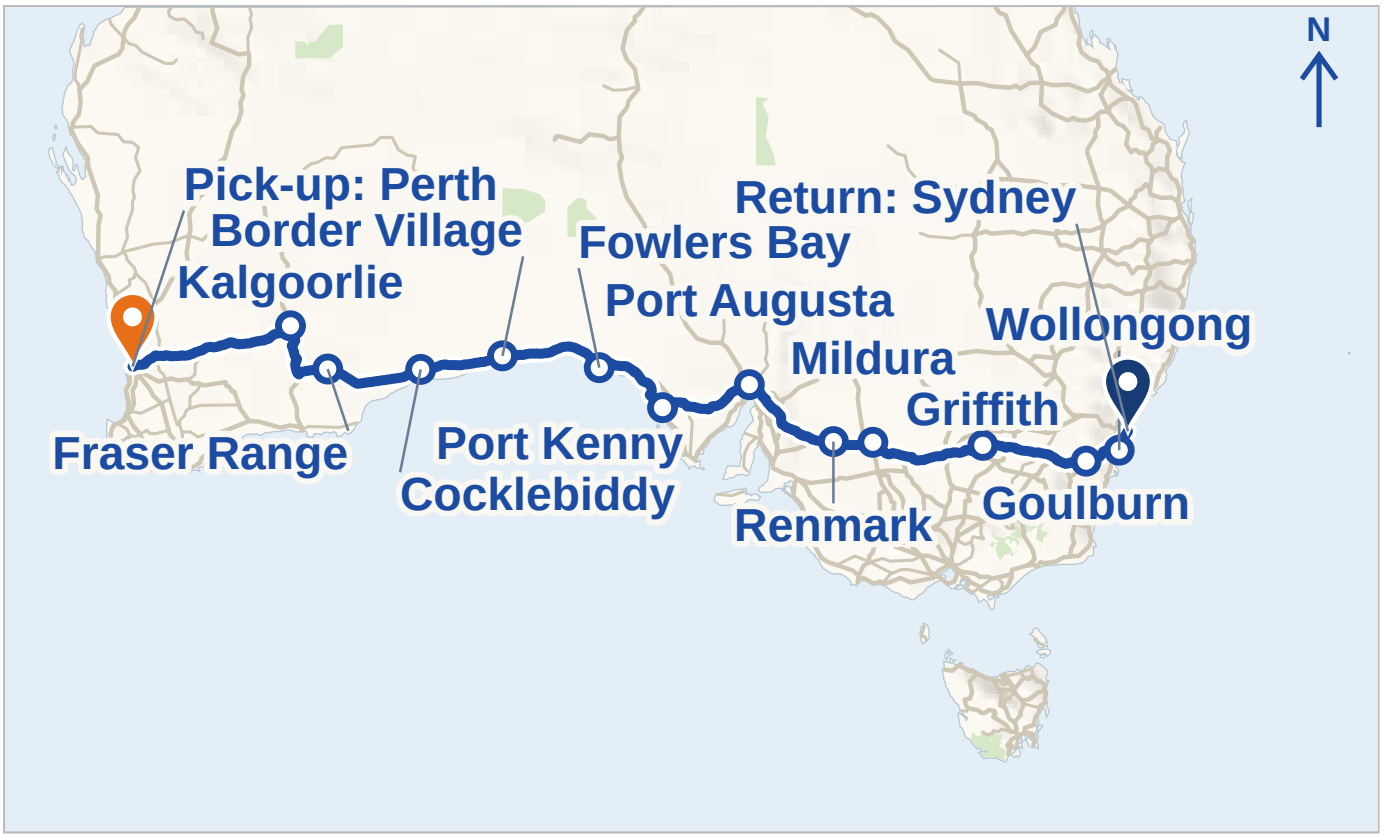
DISTANCE	DAYS	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 4,120 km	15 days, 13 drives	One way, Perth to Sydney	About 60 h 30 min by campervan

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
595 km, Perth to Kalgoorlie	Campervan

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



Fowlers Bay, day 7 · Illustrative image



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BEFORE YOU BOOK

Hiring a campervan for this trip

One way to Sydney

Apollo, Britz, Maui and Mighty charge a $300 one-way fee from Perth for pick-ups up to 31 March 2027, and $310 from 1 April 2027. Between Perth and Sydney they need at least 14 days, so this 15-day trip meets it. Let's Go charges $249 to or from Perth. Spaceships has no one-way fee, but charges a $200 remote location fee for Perth. The fees are in the total we quote: compare totals, not daily rates. More on one-way fees.

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.

Remote country

The Nullarbor is remote. Carry spare water, food and any prescription medication, fill up at every roadhouse you can, and plan each day's drive to finish before dusk, when wildlife on the road is most active.

Picking up in Perth

Most Perth branches are in the eastern suburbs, a short drive from Perth Airport, and Apollo, Britz, Maui, Maui Elite, Mighty and Mighty Lite share one branch in Redcliffe (Perth branches). Check-in includes a walkthrough of the vehicle, so allow about an hour, and reach the branch at least an hour before it closes. More on campervan hire in Perth: branches, hours and each brand's rules.

DAYS 1–3

Days 1–3: Perth and Kalgoorlie

PICK-UP DAY IN PERTH

DAY 1

Perth

PICK-UP

Collect your rental car or campervan in Perth today. If you're travelling in a campervan, allow plenty of time when you pick it up so the rental company can show you how it works before you leave. Then take some time to discover what Perth has to offer before beginning your journey.

While in Perth, why not travel down to Fremantle and take the ferry over to Rottnest Island. Affectionately known as “Rotto” by locals, the island is a natural haven, boasting 63 beaches and 20 bays where you can try out a variety of water sports. Take the opportunity to see a quokka, world-famous for being absolutely adorable.

Pick-up guide	Allow time at the branch for the handover and van demonstration, and bring the documents the rental company asks for. See what to expect when you pick up your campervan: the inspection and demonstration, documents you'll need, choosing a pick-up time, getting there from the airport and what to do if you'll be late. The Perth branch list has each branch's address and hours.
Stay	Discovery Parks – Perth Airport

DRIVE

595 km from Perth | **about 8 h 45 min** by campervan

Via **Great Eastern Highway**

DAY 2

Perth to Kalgoorlie

LONGEST DRIVE | 2 NIGHTS

Depart this morning and head east on the National Highway 94 to Kalgoorlie.

After your drive in the morning, spend the afternoon relaxing in Hammond Park. Surrounded by desert, the luscious green flora and fauna transports you into a different arena. The animal sanctuary gives you an opportunity to get close to kangaroos, peacocks and emus. Make sure to also see the miniature Bavarian Castle, which has roughly 40,000 gemstones decorating it.

Long drive — This is the longest drive of the trip, more than eight hours by campervan. To break it, add a day to your hire and stay a night in Merredin, about halfway, as on our Perth to Adelaide itinerary.

Stay — Two nights at Discovery Parks – Kalgoorlie Goldfields

A DAY IN KALGOORLIE

DAY 3

Kalgoorlie

While in Kalgoorlie, make sure to check out one of the many museums in town detailing different parts of the history. The WA Museum of Kalgoorlie Boulder informs you of the great mining heritage and the goldfields.

Take a tour in the afternoon of the Super Pit, which is Australia's largest open cut gold mine. The tour takes you into the workspace as you drive past the huge machinery, and witness the old mine shafts from the internal viewing platforms. The tour is full of a rich history of the area, and especially highlighting the story of Kalgoorlie and gold.

Tours — Super Pit tours run on weekdays and are booked ahead. If you can't join one, the free Super Pit Lookout on Outram Street is open every day.

DAYS 4–9

Days 4–9: The Nullarbor and the Eyre Peninsula

DRIVE

290 km from Kalgoorlie | **about 4 h 30 min** by campervan | Via **Norseman**

DAY 4

Kalgoorlie to Fraser Range

Depart this morning and head south on the National Highway 94 until you reach National Highway 1. Head east along this until you reach Fraser Range.

Fraser Range Station is the opportunity to see a working pastoral station in progress! Take a tour and see a working station from an inside perspective, or explore the bushland for a wide array of flora, fauna and bird life.

Season The station closes for its Christmas break, from 24 December to 1 January. There are no water or dump points, so arrive with full water tanks.

Stay Fraser Range Station

DRIVE

335 km from Fraser Range | **about 4 h 45 min** by campervan | Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 5

Fraser Range to Cocklebiddy

Depart this morning and head east on National Highway 1 until you reach Cocklebiddy.

Use this time to relax in a truly authentic country town. If you're looking for activities to do, the Eyre Bird Observatory is 50 kilometres southeast of Cocklebiddy. You can take a guided tour of the facility and participate in some local bird watching. The observatory has been temporarily closed during 2026, and the last 10 km is 4WD only, so check with BirdLife Australia before you go.

Stay Wedgetail Inn Caravan Park

DRIVE

285 km from Cocklebiddy | **about 4 h** by campervan | Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 6

Cocklebiddy to Border Village

Depart this morning and head east along National Highway 1. You will leave Western Australia and cross into South Australia.

Take some time to relax from all the driving of the trip, and enjoy the serenity of Border Village. Here, travellers from all over come here to break before undertaking their next journey. Take photos with the “Big Roo”, a giant statue of a kangaroo, which is an icon of the town.

Stay Border Village Roadhouse

DRIVE

385 km from Border Village | **about 5 h 15 min** by campervan | Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 7

Border Village to Fowlers Bay

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 to Coorabie. Exit at Fowlers Bay Road.

Fowlers Bay has great fishing spots and beaches. A wide variety of fish are found here, as well as many walking tracks and swimming opportunities. Fowlers Bay is also a great stopover before visiting the Great Australian Bight, where you can admire the views and even go whale watching between May and October.

Road The last 10 km of the road into Fowlers Bay is unsealed and can be rough. Apollo, Britz, Maui and Mighty allow their 2WD vans on unsealed access roads under 12 km to campgrounds and attractions. Other brands' rules differ, so check yours before you book (unsealed roads).

Stay Fowlers Bay Caravan Park

DRIVE

310 km from Fowlers Bay | **about 4 h 30 min** by campervan | Via **Ceduna**

DAY 8

Fowlers Bay to Port Kenny

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1 to Flinders Highway. Exit at Port Kenny.

Check out the Talia Caves, which have been carved out by the waves and are truly a sight to behold. It's a great location for surfing and rock fishing. Make sure to go out to Baird Bay and try swimming with the seals. Finish the day off with a delicious rump steak from the Port Kenny Hotel – a local favourite! Check its opening hours before you go.

Season	Baird Bay sea lion swims run from October to April.
Stay	Port Kenny Caravan Park and Roadhouse

DRIVE

345 km from Port Kenny | **about 5 h** by campervan | Via **Eyre Highway**

DAY 9

Port Kenny to Port Augusta

Depart this morning and head southeast on Flinders Highway until you reach National Highway 1. Follow signs to Port Augusta.

Visit the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens and discover the plants and animals that are able to survive Australia's toughest conditions. Explore the vivid red sand dunes, woodlands, and vast saltbush plains and even enjoy mountain views from the top of the red cliff tops. After all of this, you can sit back and enjoy the information centre and have afternoon tea.

Stay	Discovery Parks – Port Augusta (formerly Port Augusta BIG4 Holiday Park)

DAYS 10–15

Days 10–15: The Murray, the Riverina and Sydney

DRIVE

390 km from Port Augusta | **about 5 h 45 min** by campervan | Via **Goyder Highway**

DAY 10

Port Augusta to Renmark

Depart this morning and follow the National Highway A1. If you choose, you can divert further south and visit Adelaide.

You have now reached Renmark, which is situated on the Murray River. Be sure to check out the river, whether you take a ferry along it or even try out some kayaking. Spend the evening at the Possum Parade, where the possums appear at dusk on the lawns of the Renmark Riverfront. It is a relaxing way to finish off your day.

Stay Discovery Parks – Renmark Riverfront (formerly BIG4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park)

DRIVE

140 km from Renmark | **about 2 h** by campervan | Via **Sturt Highway**

DAY 11

Renmark to Mildura

Depart this morning and head east on National Highway A20 and cross the border into Victoria and head for Mildura.

Stay BIG4 Mildura Getaway (formerly BIG4 Mildura Deakin Holiday Park)

DRIVE

430 km from Mildura | **about 6 h 15 min** by campervan | Via **Sturt Highway**

DAY 12

Mildura to Griffith

Depart this morning and head east along the Sturt Highway to Griffith in New South Wales.

Just 25 km northeast of Griffith is the Cocoparra National Park. The park is a great place for a picnic and the opportunity to explore the local landscape. The eroded cliffs and wide valleys produce a spectacular view and is a great opportunity for some bird watching.

Long drive	It's over six hours by campervan, so start early and share the driving.
Stay	Griffith Tourist Caravan Park

DRIVE

375 km from Griffith | **about 6 h** by campervan

Via **Burley Griffin Way and Hume Highway**

DAY 13

Griffith to Goulburn

Depart this morning and follow Burley Griffin Way and M31 to Goulburn.

When you visit Goulburn, you simply must see The Big Merino. It is a statue that is 15.2 metres high, 18 metres long and weighing 100 tonnes, making it the 'World's Biggest Merino'. It was built in 1985 as a tribute to Goulburn's wool industry and the 200-year history of wool in Australia.

Another highlight of the town is the Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum. It showcases the interesting history of Goulburn's war past, as well as some breathtaking views of Goulburn from the top of the memorial.

Opening hours	The Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Stay	Goulburn South Caravan Park

DRIVE

155 km from Goulburn | **about 2 h 20 min** by campervan

Via **Hume Highway**

DAY 14

Goulburn to Wollongong

Depart this morning and head northeast on the M31 until Picton Road. Follow the B88 to 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.

Stay	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park

DRIVE

87 km from Wollongong | **about 2 h** by campervan | Via **Stanwell Park**

DAY 15

Wollongong to Sydney via the Grand Pacific Drive

RETURN

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 locations including the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

Stay	BIG4 Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park, North Narrabeen (formerly NRMA Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park)
Return guide	Plan your last day around your drop-off time, and check your branch's address and hours in the Sydney branch list. See returning your campervan: choosing a drop-off time, what to do if you're running late and returning early.

Returning in Sydney

Fill up before you return the van, and allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking, as rental companies charge for late returns, and drop-off times are often earlier than people expect. With an early flight, returning the van the day before takes the pressure off (drop-off times). More on campervan hire in Sydney: branches, hours and each brand's rules.

From the Indian Ocean to the Pacific: enjoy every kilometre.

Traditional Custodians

Perth: Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation (City of Perth (https://perth.wa.gov.au/community/community-services-and-facilities/elders-advisory-group))

Wollongong: 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))

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

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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