GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Official Touring Map

Torquay • Anglesea • Aireys Inlet • Lorne Apollo Bay • Otways Region • Camperdown Port Campbell • Warrnambool





THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Fresh, salty air fills you with adventure, Iconic landscapes loom, and a sense of grandness, of freedom, sweeps in. The Great Ocean Road, where nature's drama unfolds at every turn. A coastal sanctuary of contrasting

natural beauty, where unexpected hinterland waterfall walks reveal dappled lush forests at the edge of lively salt-washed villages, and rugged oceanic splendour and raw eascapes draw you along with superb wines, fine dining and relaxed inwinding; fabulous flora, fauna, and fantastic fun along the way.

This map takes you on that journey from Torquay along the Surf Coast east of Cape Otway then inland through the forested Otway region to emerge on the wild and well named Shipwreck Coast to Warrnambool and beyond. All the way are winding coastal roads where the view promises to be better around each

bend and, as you will discover, it is. Welcome to the Great Ocean Road.

GETTING TO THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD REGION

Getting to see it is easy. Torquay is just an hour from Melbourne via the Princes Freeway and new Geelong Ring Road. If you're coming from the Mornington Peninsula you can take the car ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff, departing every hour and maybe see a dolphin or two

Adelaide is also within a comfortable drive of the west end of the road. If you're planning a fly-drive holiday, you can pick up hire cars at Melbourne Airport and Avalon Airport, Trains run regularly between Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool with regular coastal V/Line bus access also available.

WORLD'S BIGGEST WAR MEMORIAL

The Great Ocean Road remains one of the most spectacular tourist drives in the world. Hand built by returned World War 1 soldiers in honour of their fallen comrades and officially opened in 1932, it is also the world's biggest war memorial.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD MEMORIAL ARCH

View the famous memorial arch and 'Diggers' statue at Eastern View, Aireys Inlet which was erected to commemorate the returned servicemen from World War 1 who built the Great Ocean Road from 1918 to 1932. It is a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of the young men and women who lost their lives in the First World War; on the hard work of their returned comrades who dug a road, often out of sheer rock, by

A series of Bronze plaques from Torquay to Warrnambool help to complete the story

KEY EXPERIENCES

GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK AND MARINE PARKS

It covers 103,000 hectares and represents all that is special about the Otways: the tall, wet, ancient rainforests, sandy beaches, rock platforms and windswept heathland fringed by a spectacularly rugged coastline. In the north, the park features tall forests, ferny gullies, magnificent waterfalls and tranquil

Six of the eleven Victorian Marine Parks & Sanctuaries; Pt Danger Marine Sanctuary, Pt Addis Marine National Park, Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary, Marengo Marine Sanctuary, Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and Bay of Islands Coastal Park are located along the road. These parks and sanctuaries now protect 5.3% of Victoria's coastal waters, safeguarding important marine habitats, species and significant natural features.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

World recognised icons the 12 Apostles are set amongst the Port Campbell National Park. These giant rock stacks soar from the swirling waters of the Southern Ocean. Port Campbell National Park includes the 12 Apostles, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge, Gibson Steps. Nearby Bay of Islands Coastal Park and Bay of Martyrs are also worth exploring.

Bells Beach, located just 4km from

COASTAL VILLAGES

SIGHTSEEING

Pt Addis

Lorne Pier

Cape Otway

Anglesea Hill

Teddys Look-out, Lorne

· Apollo Bay Harbour

its glory.

lifestyle of our relaxed seaside

promenades, taste local wines at

Here's some of our favourite look-out

spots for taking in our coast in all

Marriners Lookout, Apollo Bay

12 Apostles Viewing Platforms

Warrnambool Whale Watching

villages. Stroll along shopping

The official start of the Great Torquay, is Australia's most famous Ocean Road and Australia's surfing surfing beach and is home to the capital. Home to the famous Bells world's longest running professiona Beach and many surfing companies surfing event, the Rip Curl Pro Torquay is the place to learn all Easter Classic. In winter, big swells about surfing and go shopping for and off-shore winds make the waves surfwear, accessories and fashion show off Bells at its best. The Great goods. See the Surf Coast from all Ocean Road is famed for its surf angles: skydiving, cycling, learn to culture and offers more than 253km surf, a birds-eye view from a Tiger of some of the best surf spots in Moth, stay and play at a golf resort Victoria. Don't worry if you don't or just relax in a beach side café or know how to surf, there are plenty restaurant. of surf schools!

ANGLESEA

This popular holiday haven has the The Great Ocean Road offers visitors best of beach and bush. Surf beaches the opportunity to enjoy the enviable and sheltered waters cater for all types of activities. Bush scenery, kangaroos at the local golf course, mountain biking, hiking, learn to surf a cellar door, sip a latte or enjoy a or kayaking, shopping and dining are wonderful meal of fine local produce. among the other attractions.

AIREYS INLET

Split Point Lighthouse guides visitors to this holiday resort village, nestled in the shadow of Great Otway National Park. Enjoy beaches, walks, trail riding and coastal scenery. The pub and local eateries have great

THE SURF COAST & THE OTWAYS REGION

Lorne has the best of both worlds, the beautiful forests of the Great Otway National Park and the dramatic scenery of the Great Ocean Road combined with all the creature comforts and fine food you would expect in a cosmopolitan seaside resort. Indulge all your senses with a peaceful escape that restores the balance back to life.

WYE RIVER AND KENNETT RIVER

Located between the busy coastal townships of Lorne and Apollo Bay these delightful hamlets are popular for those seeking a more secluded

Nestled into the picturesque green foothills of the Otway Ranges, Apollo Bay offers everything you need to have the perfect break - superb scenery, endless activities and topclass dining. Located midway along the Great Ocean Road this is one of the best destinations to base yourself for a few days to fully explore the

Home to the Cape Otway Lightstation this is a popular destination for many. Watch out for koalas as you travel. Blanket Bay and Parker River are beautiful spots to explore, there are also various short walk options of the Great Ocean Walk to do in this area.

BIRREGURRA

Located on the banks of the Barwon River this picturesque town with carefully restored facades has many delightful surprises. Known for its gourmet and gastronomic delights, interesting array of shops and golf course, it is well worth a visit.

A larger bustling centre located on the shores of Lake Colac which hosts walking trails and a bird sanctuary. The Botanical Gardens are popular with visitors and nearby Red Rock forms part of the lakes and craters precinct of the Kanawinka Global Geopark offering amazing 360 degree views from the dormant

A small township nestled deep in the Otways and surrounded by bush. It is renowned for its extensive network of mountain bike trails and also offers great walking trails. The new local brewery is a popular place

GELLIBRAND

Located between Colac and Beech Forest there are many delightful experiences on offer including local wineries, breweries and great blueberry picking opportunities in the summer season.

WINCHELSEA

An attractive rural town by the banks of the picturesque Barwon River on the Princes Highway. Gateway to the Otway Harvest Trail, a visit to Barwon Park Mansion is a highlight. Notoriously known as the town where the rabbit was released in Australia. The Winchelsea Festival, held annually in November, is a country fair that offers family fun and entertainment.

JOHANNA AND GLENAIRE

Long expansive beaches, rugged coastline and the Aire River offer an array of experiences for visitors. Great for fishing, wildlife, walking and surfing for the more experienced.

GREAT OCEAN WALK

The Great Ocean Walk hugs the spectacular coastline from Apollo Bay to the Twelve Apostles. Experience deserted sandy beaches isolated cliff tops, abundant wildlife and tall forest gullies. Short walks, day hikes and overnight treks whatever way you want to walk it the experience will stay with you forever. Luxury accommodation to eco-friendly hike-in campsites are available for walkers. National Park featuring powerful

www.greatoceanwalk.com **SURF COAST WALK**

The Surf Coast Walk is a 35km trail from Torquay to Aireys Inlet which takes you along clifftons with spectacular ocean views and passes some of the most popular surfing spots including Bells Beach. Its proximity to local holiday towns means the walk can easily be split into sections and you're sure to find a nice drink and a comfy bed waiting at the other end.

CRATERS TO COAST DISCOVERY TRAIL

The Camperdown to Timboon section is a wonderful family trail dotted with statuesque trestle bridges and spellbinding scenery. Riders and walkers traverse volcanic features listed in Kanawinka Global Geopark. farmland, wooded grassland and tall wet forest on descent into the wooded Timboon valley. scenic trail.

WALKING

The angle of Port Campbell Bay and the offshore reefs that provide its protection are beautifully captured from this viewing platform. It is based 2.5km west of Port Campbell and is a 4km return walk. **WALKS AND WATERFALLS** There are many excellent walks easily

accessible by car just behind Lorne and Apollo Bay in the Great Otway

waterfalls in temperate, fern lined forest. Highlights are Erskine Falls or the many beautiful waterfalls around Sheoak Picnic area, Lorne including Henderson Falls, Phantom Falls, Kalimna Falls, Sheoak Falls and Cora Lynn Cascades. Check out the Waterfall Self Drive Touring Route which includes the spectacular Beauchamp, Hopetoun Triplet Falls and Little Aire Falls.

PORT CAMPBELL DISCOVERY WALK

Marriners Falls is the closest to Apollo Bay - an ideal walk for all the family. Hopkins Falls 13km north east of Warrnambool are set against lush dairy country. They make an ideal picnic, fishing and walking spot, with

gas BBQs and toilets provided. **WARRNAMBOOL PROMENADE WALK**

A 5.7km path that stretches from the breakwater along the coastline to the famous Southern Right Whale nursery at Logans Beach. You can walk, ride, run or skate along this

ANNUAL EVENTS

Month	Event Name	Date
January	Mountain to Surf Run, Lorne	6 Jan
	Pier to Pub Ocean Swim, Lorne	7 Jan
	World Series Sprintcar, Warrnambool Premier Speedway	8 Jan
	Bells Bash Cliff Run, Torquay	13 Jan
	Danger 1000 Ocean Swim, Torquay	14 Jan
February	Apollo Bay Seafood Festival	11 Feb
	Otway Odyssey Mountain Bike Race, Apollo Bay	18 Feb
	GO Sport Festival, Apollo Bay	25 - 26 Feb
March	Warrambeen Film Festival	3 Mar
	Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride, Lorne/Torquay	24 Mar
	Apollo Bay Agricultural Show	24 Mar
April	Rip Curl Pro Easter Classic Bells Beach, Torquay	3 Apr
	Apollo Bay Music Festival, Apollo Bay	20 - 22 Apr
	Day on the Hill, Flagstaff Hill	8 Apr
May	Warrnambool May Racing Carnival	1 - 3 May
	Great Ocean Road Marathon, Lorne/Apollo Bay	19 - 20 May
July	Fun4Kids Festival, Warrnambool	1 - 8 July
August	International Lighthouse Weekend, Aireys Inlet/Cape Otway	18 - 19 Aug
Septem- ber	Festival of Performing Arts, Lorne	7 Sep
	Amy's Gran Fondo, Lorne	18 Sep
October	Anglesea Music Festival, Anglesea	14 Oct
	Melbourne to Warrnambool Classic Bicycle Race	12 Oct
	Shipwreck Coast Classic Bicycle Race	14 Oct
	Southern Exposure Surf Coast Mountain Bike Festival, Anglesea	22 Oct
	Camperdown Cruise Rock-A-Billy Festival	21 - 23 Oct
November	Toast to the Coast, Surf Coast and Moorabool Wine Region	3 Nov
	Winchelsea Festival, Winchelsea	13 Nov
December	Anaconda Adventure Race, Lorne	4 Dec
	Meredith Music Festival, Meredith	9 - 11 Dec
	Rock2Ramp Swim, Anglesea	28 Dec
	New Year Eve on the Hill, Flagstaff Hill	31 Dec
	Falls Festival, Lorne	31 Dec

Accredited Visitor Information Centres

Look out for the 'i' sign. Open seven days a week, 9am-5pm. Friendly staff and volunteers will assist with all enquiries. Maps, brochures, visitor guides, accommodation and things to see and do

Geelong Visitor Centre Hwy, Ph: 1800 620 888 Beach Road, Ph: 1300 614 219 Lorne Visitor Centre 15 Mountiov Parade. Ph: 1300 891 152 Apollo Bay Visitor Centre

Port Campbell Visitor Centre Warrnambool Visitor Centre Merri Street Ph: 1800 637 725 Colac Visitor Centre Murray Street, Ph: 5231 3730 Great Ocean Road, Ph: 1300 OTWAYS www.visitvictoria.com/GOR

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

OTWAY FLY TREETOP ADVENTURES

Perched high in the rainforest near Beech Forest, the Otway Fly provides a stunning treetop walk from 25 metres above the rainforest. Dare to climb the spiral stairs to the top of a 47 metre lookout tower. Abseiling and Victoria's first eco-adventure Zip Line tour available. A café offers meals and an entry fee applies. www.otwayfly.com

SURF WORLD MUSEUM

The Surf City Plaza in Torquay is packed with surf retail stores such as Quiksilver and Rip Curl, factory outlets and surf equipment, and is a great place to stock up. There is also Surf World Museum, which celebrates the story of surfing. It also charts Australia's significant contribution to the development of surfing around the world. Through the colourful and exciting permanent displays and temporary exhibitions of important surfing artefacts and memorabilia, the museum commemorates Australia's fantastic surfing heritage and rich beach culture. Open 9am-5pm, seven days a week except Christmas Day. www.surfworld.org

FLAGSTAFF HILL MARITIME VILLAGE

A living museum with Australia's richest shipwreck collection and an 1870s village located in the Lady Bay Lighthouse precinct. Get a glimpse into the lifestyle of the 1870s era, the peak of Australia's maritime heritage. www.flagstaffhill.com

TOWER HILL

Tower Hill Reserve, nestled inside a dormant volcano, is today a beautiful haven for wildlife. Koalas, emus, kangaroos, sugar gliders and many species of waterbirds, including the graceful black swans roam freely throughout the reserve, often within clear view. Located only 14km west of Warrnambool on the Princes Highway, Tower Hill is popular among people of all ages for picnics, nature walks and wildlife watching.

Cape Otway Lightstation The lighthouse tower open to visitors is the oldest on the mainland, sitting 91 metres above a spectacular tip of the southern coastline. A café offers meals and an entry fee applies. www.lightstation.com

east at Aireys Inlet which stands 34 metres and offers amazing views, tea rooms and a lighthouse tour (bookings required). www.splitpointlighthouse.com.au

Split Point Lighthouse is further

WILDLIFE

For guaranteed koala sightings while

in the region visit Grev River Road. turn off the Great Ocean Road at Kennett River then left up the Grev River Road. You will only need to drive a short distance before spotting the local inhabitants in the trees. The Cape Otway Lighthouse Road and Blanket Bay around Cape Otway Lightstation is also renowned for its local koala population.

PLATYPUS

Formed by a natural landslide, Lake Elizabeth is home to numerous platypus and waterbirds. Magnificent surrounding bushland makes this an enjoyable walk for all ages with both short and longer walking options on offer. If you aim to spot a platypus the best time is at dawn or dusk and remember to tread quietly!

KANGAROOS

at dusk.

Looking to see kangaroos? You can see them if you play a round at the Anglesea Golf Course. Or perhaps you would like to experience them in the crater of a dormant volcano at Tower Hill Reserve. On Cape Otway Road (take care if you stop on the side of the road) kangaroos are regularly spotted along with the koalas. Kangaroos can be seen many places along the road and are most active early in the morning or

WHALE WATCHING

Whales are often sighted along

the Great Ocean Road, particularly through the winter months during migration and when mothers have given birth to calves. Visitor Centres along the Great Ocean Road track the whale movements and sightings. some centres fly a whale flag to inform visitors of recent sightings. Logans Beach, Warrnambool is a popular site for viewing whales with purpose built lookouts but it is possible to see whales from many spectacular vantage points along the

Great Ocean Road.

Viewing whales along the Great Ocean Road is spectacular, however please exercise caution whilst driving and obey road rules by parking off the road, not stopping or starting suddenly on the road, and not doing any illegal U turns. Please take care when enjoying the magnificent

SEALS

Marengo Marine Sanctuary Located 3km west from Apollo Bay this is the closest seal colony along the coast. Approximately 200 seals are located on the reef just off the beach, they are clearly visible with binoculars from the beach. Boat and kayak tours are available. Regular sightings also occur at Apollo Bay Harbour and Lorne Pier.

PORT CAMPBELL

Stop at Port Campbell during your Great Ocean Road journey and admire spectacular coastline scenery including Port Campbell NP and the 12 Apostles. Sheltered by cliffs and Norfolk Pines, Port Campbell has the atmosphere of a haven on the edge of wild nature. A colourful and lively seaside village, home to restaurants and cafés with views of the beach. bakeries selling goodies and vibrant shops and galleries to explore.

THE SHIPWRECK COAST

TIMBOON

Whisky, organic yoghurt, classic French cheeses, honey, mouth watering ice-cream and some of the freshest, reddest strawberries you will ever taste! Whatever reason brings you to this picturesque wooded valley your tastebuds will bring you back.

A great shore front playground and

children's riding loop immediately marks Peterborough as a family friendly destination. CAMPERDOWN

PETERBOROUGH

Take the picturesque inland route to the 12 Apostles and discover Camperdown amid volcanic craters Lush pastures are home to dairy farms producing mouth-watering cheeses which can be sampled and purchased at nearby Timboon.

View rare agricultural breeds and learn a little bit about historical farming methods at Nehill Brothers Farm and Living History Museum. iump on a bike and experience the off road peace and quiet and beautiful scenery of the Coast to Crater Trail, fish or walk around one of our wonderful lakes. There is plenty around Cobden to keep you entertained.

WARRNAMBOOL Adopt a maritime theme whilst

touring along the coastline from the spectacular 12 Apostles and the Loch Ard shipwreck to Warrnambool. Discover the seafaring history of Warrnambool and the rugged Shipwreck Coast with a visit to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Warrnambool, nestled into the rising contours of Victoria's south west coast amid green dairying country and overlooking the deep blue of the Southern Ocean, is a must visit

PORT FAIRY

Uncover history in every corner of this charming fishing village at the end of the Great Ocean Road with tree-lined streets and heritage

Breathtaking scenery, thrilling adventures and world-class food and wine. It's all just around the next corner on a Great Ocean Road trip. Overleaf are some of the amazing journeys you can take. Use our map for inspiration and create your own

Otway Harvest Trail

moment last.

Take your time and make the

Rich soils, clean and green farming practices, a favourable cool climate and friendly people in the Otway hinterland produce a distinctive and exceptional range of produce. You'll see cellar doors, fresh markets, olive groves, berry gardens, creative restaurants using local produce and spectacular scenery that change and evolve with the four seasons. www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au

12 Apostles Gourmet Trail

that will leave you crying for more. Join the 115 kilometre 12 Apostles Gourmet foods and wine trail (previously named the food, wine and vista loop). Sample award-winning cheeses, wine, chocolate, berries, ice-cream and whisky. www.visit12apostles.com.au

Take your tastebuds on a journey

DRIVING TRAILS & FOOD AND WINE

When you think Great Ocean Road, don't just think pristine beaches and perfectly curling waves, think alfresco dining, big breakfasts, grea coffee... some of the best wine and tucker you'll find anywhere.

Surf Coast & Mooraboo Valley Wine Region

The limestone bedrock of the Surf Coast stretches from Waurn Ponds near Geelong to the coast around Torquay and inland to Moriac and Winchelsea. There are over twenty vineyards and eight wineries producing award-winning maritime influenced cool climate wines.

www.winegeelong.com.au

Enjoy the 'catch of the day' without dropping a line with a visit to one of the Fisherman Co-Op's in towns like Lorne, Apollo Bay, Warrnamboo and Port Fairy. Purchase your own supplies for a seafood banquet or if cooking is not your thing, then one of the local restaurants can create that 'meal to remember' using the day's catch.

Cafés & Restaurants

A wide selection of dining options in the main coastal towns along the Great Ocean Road awaits. From funky cafés with views of the ocean to award-winning restaurants, all serving the regions amazing fresh

CYCLING & GOLF

CYCLING

Cycling is a great way to explore the coastal and hinterland scenery, both on and off road. The Great Ocean Road is best enjoyed on a bike mid-week during non-peak periods Quiet country roads around Deans Marsh, Moriac and Bellbrae offer some good road riding. Try the mountain bike four cross trail at Anglesea for something different. In the Great Otway National Park, many vehicle roads and tracks are suitable for horse and mountain bike riding. Check with Parks Victoria 13 19 63 for seasonal closures.

Forrest Mountain Bike Trails

Forrest is the bike riding capital of the Otways! Consisting of more than 50km of purpose built tracks through dense bushland it offers a range of experiences for beginners to hardcore dirt fanatics.

Beechy Rail Trail

This trails stretches 45km from Colac to Beech Forest with Gellibrand a popular midway spot. Experience a variety of scenic natural landscapes including rainforest, creeks and open farmland.

Timboon Rail Trail

The 29km trail begins just out of Camperdown and passes through a variety of scenic landscapes, rich farmland and volcanic plains. The original rails and sleepers are still in place in sections along the trail.

Warrnambool to Port Fairy Rail Trail

The 37km rail trail runs from Warrnambool through to Port Fairy. From Port Fairy the route passes dairy farm landscapes before skirting the northern side of a 25,000 year old extinct volcano, now the Tower Hill Reserve. The crater is home to and has a variety of walking tracks. The route then passes close to in Warrnambool (linking into the

Warrnambool Foreshore Promenade).

The Great Ocean Road region offers

some of the most scenic golf courses in Australia with the ocean often in the background. Golf along the road is suitable for all abilities. Anglesea Golf Club

- · Apollo Bay Golf Club
 - Birregurra Golf Club Camperdown Golf Club
 - Cobden Golf Club Colac Golf Club Lorne Golf Club
 - Torquay Golf Club
- Warrnambool Golf Club
- Winchelsea Golf Club

· Port Fairy Golf Club Terang Golf Club · The Sands Torquay

· Peterborough Golf Course

