



# Suggested Itinerary 1

*Coastal drive, Sydney to Melbourne via Phillip Island*

## Day 1

**Sydney – Jervis Bay  
(182km 2H 45)**

Hit the road and travel south past Wollongong to beautiful Kiama where the famous blowhole awaits. Continue hugging the coastline through lush rolling hills to Gerringong and Geroa, perched on the cliffs above the ocean, overlooking Seven Mile Beach. Follow the tourist drive alongside the Crookhaven River, stopping at Coolangatta Estate to pick up some award winning wines. Pick up supplies in Nowra before taking the turnoff to Jervis Bay in time for a late afternoon swim or surf.

## Day 2

**Jervis Bay – Central Tilba  
(190km 2H 30)**

Jervis Bay is well known for its resident dolphin population and a morning cruise with Dolphin Watch pretty much guarantees sightings. The beaches that frame the bay's turquoise waters are famous for their white sand - Hyams Beach is reputed to have the whitest sand in the world. Travel south to arrive at the wonderfully preserved villages of Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba by mid afternoon, where you can shop for high quality local arts and crafts, food and wine.

## Day 3

**Central Tilba – Mallacoota  
(206km 2H 40)**

Get up early to visit the Umbarra Cultural Centre and take a 4WD tour to the sacred sites of Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) to gain insight into local Aboriginal traditions and customs. Continue to Bermagui and travel along the beach road to Mimosa Rocks National Park for a picnic lunch and swim in the lagoons or continue on for a surf at Tathra beach. Stop off at Wheelers Oyster Barn in Pambula for fresh oysters. Visit the Eden Killer Whale Museum then continue on across the border into Victoria, to Mallacoota and Gipsy Point. Hire a boat and tie up at one of the barbecue jetties in the magnificent Croajingolong National Park.

## Day 4

**Mallacoota – Metung  
(227km 2H 50)**

Feed the sea eagles on a morning boat trip from Gipsy Point. Travel south and to Cape Conran Coastal Park for a picnic lunch. Continue towards Lakes Entrance and the stylish village of Metung. Take a break and watch a glassblower and silversmith at work, then browse the gallery for originals. Arrive at Metung in time for a late afternoon sail or motor yacht cruise around Australia's largest inland waterway. Enjoy dinner at one of the fine restaurants or right over the water at the Metung Hotel.

## Day 5

**Metung – Wilsons Promontory  
(288km 3H 40)**

Early breakfast and hit the road to Yarram for lunch on the way to Wilsons Promontory National Park, where wildlife abounds. Tidal River has cabins, camping, huts and lodges and is the starting point for many of the park's walks. Spend the day following the many walking tracks through eucalypt forests and wildflowers to secluded coves, white sand beaches and granite mountains. Stay overnight at Tidal River or in the nearby town of Foster.

## Day 6

**Wilsons Promontory – Phillip Island  
(182km 2H 40)**

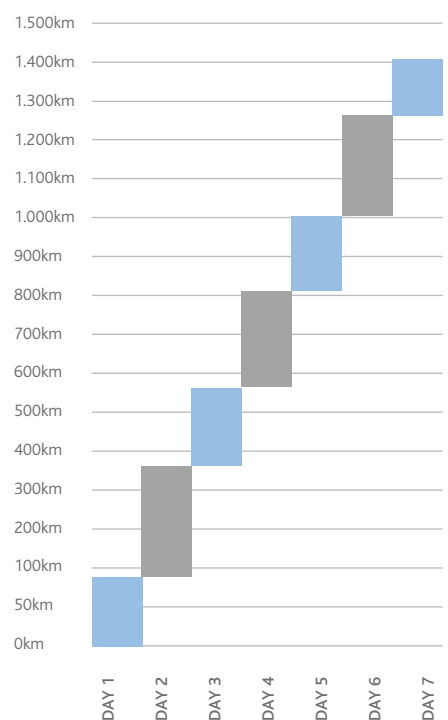
Stop for coffee and a treat at quirky Fish Creek, a tiny township alive with arts, crafts, books and cafes. Or stop at one of the great restaurants in Inverloch for lunch. Cross the bridge onto Phillip Island and you are in another world, there's so much to see and do. Choose between visiting the famous Grand Prix circuit, solving puzzles at A Maze 'N Things or experiencing early pioneer life on Churchill Island, a working heritage farm. Don't miss the nightly Fairy Penguin parade at Summerland beach.

## Day 7

**Phillip Island – Melbourne  
(140km 1H 50)**

Get up close to Australia's favourite furry friends at the Koala Conservation Centre before making your way back across the bridge to San Remo and onto the highway towards Melbourne. Warrook Cattle Farm makes a great afternoon tea stop for a farm tour followed by Devonshire tea at the historic homestead. From there its an easy hours drive into the centre of Melbourne.

## Travel distances at a glance



Top Left: View of Jervis Bay at Sunset  
Top Right: Cape Schanck Golf Course