

Great Ocean Road Region

**THE REGIONS HERO**

**EXPERIENCES & MUST DO'S**

## OUR REGION

From Torquay in Victoria to the South Australian border including the local government areas of Colac Otway, Corangamite, Moyne, Warrnambool, Glenelg and the Surf Coast, this spectacular region is not only unique in its geographical boundaries but also in its rich diversity of offerings including iconic nature based experiences, history and heritage, food and wine, walking, cycling and events on and off the coast.

It is a place of contrasting natural beauty, where unexpected hinterland waterfall walks reveal dappled lush forests at the edge of lively salt-washed villages, rugged oceanic splendour and raw seascapes.





# 12 APOSTLES COAST & HINTERLAND

 12 Apostles

 12 Apostles Helicopters

 Ride With Us

 Timboon Ice Creamery

12 Apostles Coast & Hinterland offers a unique mix of the raw beauty and ever-changing drama of the Southern Ocean meeting limestone cliffs and the rich, abundant pastures of the hinterland. Visitors leave feeling transformed with a renewed awareness of themselves, the world and the privilege of being in it. [Discover More](#)



## Distance from Melbourne to Port Campbell

2 hr 57 min (226.4 km)



## Festival & Events:

Loch Hart Festival, Princetown. Crayfest, Port Campbell. Kangaroobie Klassic, Princetown. Graze The Day, Timboon.



## Eat:

12 Apostles Gourmet Trail, Timboon Railway Shed Distillery

## Story Starters

- Great Ocean Road Icons
- Stories of the Great Ocean Road
- Natural Landscapes and Wildlife
- Beaches and Surf Culture

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## Big Nature

- The 12 Apostles
- Port Campbell National Park: *Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, Gibson Steps Lookout, The Grotto.*
- Bay Of Islands National Park: *Continues on from Port Campbell National Park at Peterborough to Warrnambool: Bay of Islands, Bay Of Martyrs*
- Wreck Beach

## Active Adventure

- 12 Apostles Helicopters
- Great Ocean Walk
- 12 Apostles Lodge Walk
- Twelve Apostles Trail
- Ride with us bike hire
- Timboon – Camperdown Rail Trail

## Curated Culture

- Timboon Railway Shed Distillery
- 12 Apostles Artisans Trail
- Timboon Trestle Bridge
- Peterborough House Cafe
- Graze the day

## Village Inspiration

- Peterborough
- Port Campbell
- Timboon
- Princetown
- Simpson
- Cobden

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Peterborough Beach
- Port Campbell Beach



# APOLLO BAY

 Apollo Bay Surf & Kayak

 Wildlife Wonders, Apollo Bay

 Marriner's Lookout

 Fishing, Apollo Bay

 Apollo Bay Distillery

The halfway point of the Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay is the perfect base to explore the riches of the region. Nestled between rolling hills and the Bass Strait, Apollo Bay is a quiet harbour village with Victoria's best local seafood. [Discover More](#)



## Distance from Melbourne to Apollo Bay:

3 hr 9 min (196.1 km)



## Festival & Events:

[Great Ocean Road Running Festival](#), Apollo Bay, Lorne & Kennett River.



## Eat:

Great Ocean Road Brewhouse, Apollo Bay Distillery, Emu Cafe at Wildlife Wonders

## Story Starters

- Coastal Country
- Rugged Coastal Landscapes
- Places & Faces of Apollo Bay
- Natural Landscapes & Wildlife
- Beaches & Fishing

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## Big Nature

- Wildlife Wonders, Apollo Bay
- Marengo Reef Marine Sanctuary
- Whale Watching

## Active Adventure

- Great Ocean Walk
- Apollo Bay Surf & Kayak
- Marriner's Lookout

## Curated Culture

- Apollo Bay Distillery
- Great Ocean Road Brewhouse
- Emu Cafe at Wildlife Wonders
- Apollo Bay Hotel
- Apollo Bay Farmers Market

## Village Inspiration

- Skenes Creek
- Marengo
- Apollo Bay

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Apollo Bay Beach
- Marengo Beach



# AIREYS INLET

 Split Point Light House

 Indie Spa

 Santara Restaurant

 Surfing, Fairhaven Beach

 Memorial Arch

Aireys Inlet is an intimate seaside hamlet on the Great Ocean Road that is committed to it's natural 'ocean meets bush' lifestyle. It allows people to let out their everyday worries, and let in its nourishing calm.

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## Distance from Melbourne:

1 hr 45 min (122.7 km)



## Festival & Events:

Aireys Inlet Market, [Surf Coast Trek](#), [Aireys Inlet - Torquay](#), [Aireys Music Festival](#).



## Eat:

Santara Restaurant

## Story Starters

- Rugged Coastal Landscapes
- Places & Faces of Aireys Inlet
- Natural Landscapes & Wildlife
- Adventure in Aireys
- Hidden Gems

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## Big Nature

- Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary
- Sunnymead Beach

## Active Adventure

- Aireys Inlet to Fairhaven Beach (Surf Coast Walk Section)
- Currawong Falls Circuit
- Distillery Creek Nature Walk
- Ironbark Gorge
- Moggs Creek Ocean View Circuit Walk Teds Ridge Track
- Surf Coast Walk
- Cliff Top Walk

## Curated Culture

- Santara Restaurant, Aireys Inlet

## Village Inspiration

- Split Point Light House
- Aireys Inlet
- Great Memorial Arch
- Moggs Creek
- Fairhaven
- Eastern View

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Indie Spa, Aireys Inlet



# ANGLESEA



 Anglesea Beach



 Anglesea River



 The Coast Restaurant



 Kangaroos at Anglesea Golf Course



 Lux Spa & Wellness



 Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie

Anglesea is a story of outdoor adventure. Only an hour and a half from Melbourne, Anglesea is an adventure waiting to happen. Pack up the car and round up the kids for the ultimate family holiday. Hit the trails on a mountain bike or hire a canoe and paddle down the Anglesea River. [Discover More](#)



**Distance from Melbourne:**  
1 hr 30 min (112.8 km)



**Festival & Events:**  
[Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race](#), [Surf Coast Century](#)



**Eat:**  
The Coast Restaurant, Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie

## Story Starters

- Rugged Coastal Landscapes
- Anglesea: Safe, active & fun adventures
- Natural Landscapes & Wildlife
- Outdoor Adventure
- Family Fun & togetherness

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## Big Nature

- Anglesea River
- Anglesea Heath
- Point Addis Marine National Park
- Kangaroos at the Anglesea Golf Club

## Active Adventure

- Walk through Iron Bark Basin (A Surf Coast Walk Section)
- Jumpz Anglesea
- Anglesea Golf Course
- Anglesea Bike Park
- Kayaking & Paddle boarding
- Bundjil Lookout

## Curated Culture

- The Coast Restaurant, Anglesea
- Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie

## Village Inspiration

- Great Memorial Arch
- Moggs Creek
- Fairhaven
- Eastern View

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Lux Spa and Wellness
- Anglesea Main Beach
- Point Roadknight



# LORNE



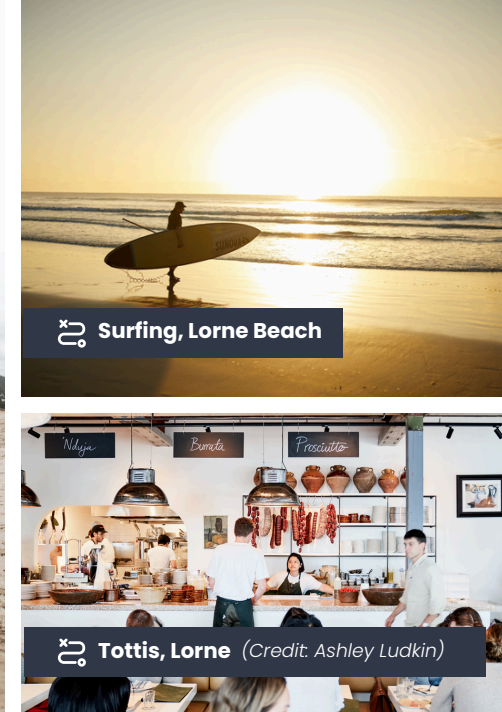
 Lorne Pier



 Erskine Falls



 Lorne Beach Cricket



 Surfing, Lorne Beach



 Totti's Lorne (Credit: Ashley Ludkin)

Only 2 hours from Melbourne, Lorne is a charming seaside village perched along the glorious Great Ocean Road. With a rich cultural heritage dating back to the 1900s, a visit Lorne evokes the nostalgia of the past. Just one visit to Lorne is the beginning of a lifelong romance.

[Discover More](#)



## Distance from Melbourne:

2 hr (141.2 km)



## Festival & Events:

Amy's Gran Fondo, Pier to Pub, Great Ocean Running Festival, Lorne Sculpture Biennale



## Eat:

Totti's Lorne, Lorne Hotel, Ipsos

## Story Starters

Where bush meets coast

Mountain to sea

Natural riches

Nostalgic Holidays & Family Fun

Deep Traditions

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## Big Nature

- Lorne Foreshore
- Whale Watching at Point Grey
- Lorne Beach
- Teddy's Lookout
- 10 Waterfalls nearby: *Erskine Falls, Upper & Lower Kalimna Falls, Won Wondah Falls Henderson Falls, Phantom Falls, Sheoak Falls, Cumberland Falls, Swallow Cave, Cora Lynn Cascades*

## Curated Culture

- Totti's Lorne
- Lorne Hotel
- Lorne Theatre

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Lorne Main Beach

## Active Adventure

- Lorne Foreshore
- Teddys Lookout
- Queens Park Lookout Loop
- St Georges River Walk
- Cherry Tree Track
- Stony Creek Walk
- Lorne Pier & Swing Bridge
- Bridge Circuit
- Lorne Heritage Walk
- Scotchmans Hill Go

## Village Inspiration

- Deans Marsh
- Pennyroyal Valley



# OTWAYS

 Lake Elizabeth

 Cape Otway Light Station

 Kennett River Beach

 Otway Estate

 Forrest MTB Hire (Forrest MTB Trails)

Those looking for a little magic will fall under The Otways' spell. Wander through the lush forests and feel dwarfed by the ancient Mountain Ash trees. Follow the sounds of the falls and find solace by the running waters. Once you visit, the romance of The Otways will have you returning time and time again. [Discover More](#)



## Distance from Melbourne to Cape Otway

2 hr 58 min (209.9 km)



## Festival & Events:

[Run Forrest](#), [Birregurra Art Show](#), [Amy's Gran Fondo](#), [Otway Odyssey](#).



## Eat:

Otway Estate and Cellar Door, Cape Otway Lightkeepers Kitchen

## Story Starters

- Rugged coastal landscapes
- Experience big nature up close
- The romance of the Otways
- Natural landscapes & wildlife
- Outdoor adventure & hikes
- Off the beaten track

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## Big Nature

- Great Otway National Park
- Lake Elizabeth
- Waterfalls: Hopetoun Falls, Erskine Falls, Phantom Falls, Beauchamp Falls, The Redwoods, Triplet Falls, Stevensons Falls, Maits Rest.
- Melba Gully
- Colac Botanic Gardens
- The Redwoods

## Village Inspiration

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| • Wye River     | • Johanna          |
| • Beech Forest  | • Lavers Hill      |
| • Birregurra    | • Separation Creek |
| • Colac         | • Wongarra         |
| • Deans Marsh   |                    |
| • Forrest       |                    |
| • Gellibrand    |                    |
| • Kennett River |                    |

## Active Adventure

- Forrest MTB network
- Treetops Adventure, Yeodene
- Otway Fly Treetops Adventures
- Forrest MTB Hire
- Lake Elizabeth Walk
- Great Ocean Walk
- 4WD Tracks

## Curated Culture

- Otway Estate and Cellar Door
- Otway Harvest Trail
- Cape Otway Light Station

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Forest Bathing: *Maits Rest, The Redwoods, Phantom Falls, Beauchamp Falls, Triplet Falls Johanna Beach*
- Lake Colac



# PORT FAIRY



Griffiths Island Light House



Moyne River, Port Fairy



Budj Bim National Park



Ocean Road Abalone



Warrnambool - Port Fairy Rail Trail

Located along the magnificent Great Ocean Road, Port Fairy is a quiet enclave on the edge of the dramatic Southern Ocean. Soak up the historic charm of this bluestone fishing village painted along the picturesque Moyne River. [Discover More](#)



**Distance from Melbourne to Port Fairy:**  
3 hr 32 min (281.1 km)



**Festival & Events:**  
[Port Fairy Folk Festival](#), [Koroit Irish Festival](#)



**Eat:**  
Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre, Port Fairy Taste Trail, Ocean Abalone.

## Story Starters

- A romantic setting
- Experience fresh, local produce
- Heritage and historical significance
- Boutique experiences, old world charm
- Accessible natural habitats

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## Big Nature

- Budj Bim National Park
- Port Fairy Botanic Gardens
- The Craggs and Deen Maar (Lady Julia Percy ) Island
- Ralph Illidge Sanctuary
- Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve

## Village Inspiration

- Macarthur
- Mortlake
- Koroit
- Killarney
- Yambuk

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- East Beach
- Pea Soup Beach
- Killarney Beach

## Active Adventure

- Griffiths Island
- River Fishing
- Surf Fishing
- Boating
- Port Fairy Golf Club

## Curated Culture

- Budj Bim National Park
- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism
- Port Fairy Taste Trail
- Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre
- Ocean Road Abalone



# PORTLAND

 Petrified Forest & Blowhole, Cape Bridgewater

 Cape Nelson Lighthouse

 Glenelg River

 Great South West Walk

 Portland Cable Trams

On the edge of the Southern Ocean, Portland is Victoria's wild frontier. Giant swells and giant fish attract adventurers all year round, while the nearby Budj Bim National Park and Petrified Forest of Cape Bridgewater captivate the imagination. With an exhilarating experience for every explorer, Portland is a true opportunity to choose your own adventure.

[Discover More](#)



#### Distance from Melbourne to Portland:

4 hr 33 min (351.5 km)



#### Festival & Events:

[Casterton Kelpie Muster](#), [Hooked on Portland](#), [Wood Wine & Roses Festival](#), [Upwelling Festival](#).



#### Eat At:

Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre

#### Story Starters

- Rugged coastal landscapes
- Ocean wildlife encounters
- Outdoor adventure & hikes
- Unique experiences
- Indigenous heritage

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## Big Nature

- Cape Bridgewater
- Petrified Forrest
- Blow Holes
- Bridgewater Bay
- The Southern Ocean
- Dergholm State Park
- Discovery Bay Coastal Park

## Active Adventure

- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism (UNESCO Listed)
- Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre
- Portland Whale Viewing Platform
- Portland Cable Trams
- Cape Nelson Lighthouse
- Whale Watching
- Great South West Walk
- Tuna Fishing
- Australian Kelpie Centre
- Cape Nelson Lighthouse & Accommodation

## Village Inspiration

- Cape Bridgewater
- Casterton
- Dartmoor
- Heywood
- Narrawong
- Nelson
- Portland

## Curated Culture

- Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- Bridgewater Bay



# TORQUAY

 Bells Beach, Torquay

 RACV Torquay Resort, One Spa

 The Sands Torquay

 Surf Coast Walk

 Australian National Surfing Museum

The first stop along the iconic Great Ocean Road, Torquay is where it all begins. Just 90 minutes from Melbourne and 30 minutes from Geelong, Torquay is a saltwater playground on the doorstep of the city. Immerse yourself in quintessential Australian surf culture in a town renowned for producing legends of the ocean. [Discover More](#)



#### Distance from Melbourne:

1 hr 45 min (101.3 km)



#### Festival & Events:

[Surf Coast Trek](#), [Aireys Inlet – Torquay](#), [Rip Curl Pro](#), [Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race](#), [Surf Coast Trail Series](#), [Surf Coast Arts Trail](#)



#### Eat:

Number One Restaurant, Shirley's Bar, Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie

#### Story Starters

- A surfing mecca
- A wellness escape
- Surf meets city
- Natural landscapes
- A favourite stop

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## Big Nature

- Bells Beach
- Jan Juc Beach
- Cosy Corner
- Torquay Back Beach
- Fishermans Beach
- Point Addis Marine Park
- Addiscot Beach

## Active Adventure

- Surfing
- WSL Rip Curl Pro
- Surf Coast Walk
- Fishing
- The Sands Golf Course
- RACV Torquay Golf Course

## Curated Culture

- Torquay Farmers Market
- Number One Restaurant, RACV Torquay
- Shirley's Bar, The Sands Torquay
- Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie
- Australian National Surfing Museum

## Village Inspiration

- Torquay

## Surf & Salt Water Wellness

- RACV Torquay One Spa
- RACV Torquay One Lifestyle
- The Sands Torquay Health Club



# VOLCANIC LAKES & PLAINS

 Lake Bullen Merri, Camperdown

 Fishing, Lake Purrumbete

 Mt Noorat

 Golfing, Camperdown

 Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, Koroit

Volcanic Lakes and Plains offers the intriguing beauty of untouched ancient volcanic lakes and landscapes set around welcoming authentic rural townships, inviting all who visit the freedom to unplug, explore and leave peacefully rejuvenated, with their curiosity refreshed. [Discover More](#)



**Distance from Melbourne to Camperdown:**  
3 hr 9 min (196.1 km)



## Festival & Events:

Noorat Show, Camperdown Show, Terang Show, Sungold Milk Terang Cup, Robert Burns Celtic Festival,



## Eat:

Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre, Izzys Restaurant

## Story Starters

- Outdoor activity and exploration
- Crater lakes, volcanic landscape
- Places & Faces of Apollo Bay
- Natural Landscapes & Wildlife
- Beaches & Fishing

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## Big Nature

- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism (UNESCO Listed)
- Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve
- Peaks: Mount Elephant, Mount Noorat, Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf
- Lakes: Lake Bullen Merri, Lake Bookar, Lake Purrumbete, Lake Corrangamite, Cobden Lake, Lake Elingamite, Deep Lake, Lake Tooliorook, Simpson Lake, Tea Tree Lake

## Curated Culture

- Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre

## Active Adventure

- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism (UNESCO Listed)
- Golfing: Mortlake, Camperdown, Terang, Cobden, Lismore, East Framlingham, Skipton, Colac, Beeac
- Peak or Lakes Walks
- Fishing: Lakes & Rivers
- Camperdown - Timboon Rail Trail

## Village Inspiration

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|---------------|-------------|
| • Camperdown  | • Lismore   |
| • Mortlake    | • Skipton   |
| • Terang      | • Simpson   |
| • Cobden      | • Koroit    |
| • Noorat      | • Macarthur |
| • Derrinallum |             |
| • Darlington  |             |



# WARRNAMBOOL

 Aerial of Warrnambool

 Deep Blue Hot Springs

 Pavilion Cafe & Bar

 Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

 The Cally Hotel

The largest town along the Great Ocean Road, Warrnambool is a thriving coastal city perched on the spectacular amphitheatre of the Southern Ocean. Here you have front row seats to nature's most amazing show. Watch whales nursing from land in the only place in the world this is possible. [Discover More](#)



**Distance from Melbourne to Warrnambool:**  
3 hr 32 min (256.6 km)



#### **Festival & Events:**

May Racing Carnival, Summer Carnival, Melbourne - Warrnambool Cycling Classic, Grand Annual Sprintcar Classic, Solstice Search Party, Flagstaff Hill Events



#### **Eat:**

The Cally Hotel, Pavilion Cafe & Bar, Lady Bay Restaurant, Tides Cafe & Bar, Fresh Market

#### **Story Starters**

- Rugged Coastal Landscapes
- Winter whale watching
- Warrnambool, a place of discovery
- Beaches & fishing
- Family exploration & adventure
- Winter Retreat

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#### **Big Nature**

- Southern Right Whale Nursery
- Middle Island Maremma Project
- Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve

#### **Active Adventure**

- Thunder Point Walk
- Hopkins Falls
- Shelly Beach Walk
- Surfing
- Fishing
- BMX Track
- Point Ritchie (Moyjil) Beach Walk
- Foreshore Promenade Walk
- Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground

#### **Surf & Salt Water Wellness**

- Deep Blue Hot Springs
- Breakwater & Stingray Bay
- Lady Bay
- Logans Beach

#### **Curated Culture**

- The Cally Hotel
- Pavilion Cafe & Bar
- Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village
- Warrnambool Art Gallery
- Light House Theatre
- Lady Bay Restaurant
- Tides Cafe & Bar
- Tower Hill, Koroit
- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism
- Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre
- Izzy's Restaurant, Koroit
- Middle Island Maremma Project





Deep Blue Hot Springs, Warrnambool

Great Ocean Road Region  
**SEASONAL  
EXPERIENCES**





 **Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism**



 **Otway Fly, Beech Forest**



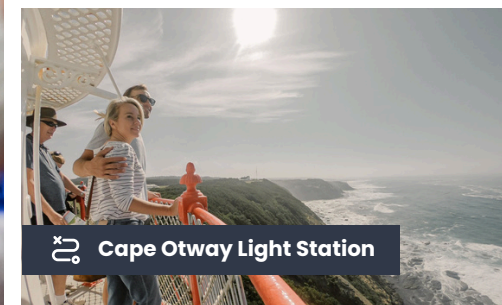
 **Apollo Bay Surf & Kayak**



 **Wildlife Wonders**



 **Pier to Pub**



 **Cape Otway Light Station**

## SUMMER

Summer in the Great Ocean Road Region is time for family fun and laughter. Whether hitting the beach, visiting one of the signature attractions or taste testing the local brews, there's a hive of activity in the region as the sun warms the landscape.

- **Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism | Operates year round**

First Nation's owned, and UNESCO World Heritage listed, they provide guided tours of the landscapes' various components, where visitors can engage with Budj Bim's fascinating history – from the creation of the landscape to present times. [See More](#)

- **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, Night Show, Warrnambool | Operates year round**

Immerse yourself in the stories of our volcanic plains, the whaling industry and the famous Loch Ard shipwreck, or explore the delights of the maritime village. [See More](#)

- **Cape Otway Lighthouse | Operates year round**

Experience the Lighthouse Balcony views, and hear the amazing history of tragic shipwrecks on this rugged coastline. [See More](#)

- **Pier to Pub, Lorne | Event**

The Pier to Pub is an annual open water swim event held in Lorne, Victoria, Australia. It is one of the largest ocean swims in the world.

- **Hooked on Portland Festival | Event**

The event celebrates Portland as a coastal centre and a thriving fishing and tourism hot spot. Stretching along the Portland foreshore the free event has entertainment, activities and experiences for the whole family.

- **Wildlife Wonders, Apollo Bay | Operates year round**

Spot a koala on a guided nature walk in our wildlife sanctuary with your visit directly supporting the environmental conservation of the unique Otways environment. [See More](#)

- **Apollo Bay Surf & Kayak | Operates limited season, September – April**

Surf lessons (beginner to intermediate), fully guided kayaking tours to the Australian Fur Seal Colony within the amazing Marengo Marine Sanctuary. [See More](#)

- **Otway Fly, Beech Forest | Operates year-round**

Walk among the treetops on a 600m elevated walkway, 25m above the forest floor, or glide through the beech forest on an exhilarating zipline tour. Discover the beauty of the ancient rainforest from above. [See More.](#)

*These are our favourite times to visit only, with many businesses operating outside of the season they are listed in. While we have included operating periods, these may be subject to change. We recommend checking directly with the businesses. More information on the above events can be found in the "Whats On" section on [visitgreatoceanroad.org.au](http://visitgreatoceanroad.org.au) closer to the event.*





## AUTUMN

Autumn is a special time in the region with a full calendar of events and the days getting shorter – making it the perfect season to indulge in some of the region's food and wine experiences. The rich array of regional produce means visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to unique and indulgent dining options.

- **Bells Beach Rip Curl Pro | Event**

Bells Beach hosts the International professional surfing community for the Rip Curl Pro event. [See More](#)

- **Port Fairy Folk Festival | Event**

Port Fairy Folk Festival has become one of Australia's largest and most loved festivals. Featuring a multi venue main arena, free entertainment within the township, great food, family friendly entertainment and much much more. [See More](#)

- **Warrnambool May Racing Carnival | Event**

Enjoy all country racing has to offer at one of Victoria's premier race tracks located in the heartland of Victoria's Thoroughbred Country in an intimate setting, with sweeping views of the course.

- **Aireys Inlet Music Festival | Event**

Aireys Inlet Music Festival showcases the best contemporary music from the Surf Coast region and Greater Melbourne with a few interstate guests.

- **Cray Fest, Port Campbell | Event**

The annual Port Campbell Crayfest festival where everyone is invited to be part of a grassroots festival that showcases the local areas exceptional food and beverages, artists, musicians and the beautiful natural environment.

- **Forrest MTB Trail Network + Forrest MTB Hire | Operates year round**

Based amongst the Great Otway National Park the Forrest MTB Trails offers some of the most diverse, accessible and fun trails in Australia. Built to deliver year round riding. With 70km of single track and new flow trails weaving through everything from tall eucalypts, and native bush. [See More](#)

- **Great Ocean Road Running Festival | Event**

Australia's most stunning running event, the Great Ocean Road Running Festival returns to Lorne and Apollo Bay. With nine distances from 1.5km to 60km, including marathons, trail runs and walks, the two-day festival has something for everyone.

- **Regional Food & Wine Experiences | See businesses for operating hours**

Number One Restaurant, The Coast, Santara Restaurant, Apollo Bay Distillery, Great Ocean Brewhouse, Lightkeepers Kitchen, The Cally Hotel, Ta Rak Aquaculture Centre Cafe, Tides Cafe & Bar, Pavilion Cafe & Bar. [See More](#)





 **RACV Torquay One Spa**



 **12 Apostles Helicopters**



 **Logans Beach Viewing Platform**



 **Stevensons Falls**



 **Australian National Kelpie Muster**



 **Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs**

## WINTER

Winter is the ultimate time to visit the region. It's much quieter, but the scenery comes alive with the lush green landscape bring to life waterfalls, and the short days making it harder to miss the magical sunrises and sunsets! Between May and September Whales migrate along the coast or you can choose to stay in when it's too cold and indulge in one of the many spas or even healing mineral hot springs.

- **12 Apostles Helicopters (even spot a whale from the sky) | Operates year round**

Experience a breathtaking flight over the most beautiful scenery in Australia. Perhaps a journey over the 12 Apostles, a flight to the Bay of Islands via London Bridge, or take in the beauty of the entire Shipwreck Coast all the way to the Cape Otway Lighthouse.

[See More](#)

- **Deep Blue Hot Springs | Open year round**

Experience the thrill of geothermal bathing in a curated sanctuary of Rock Pools, Sensory Caves and Cleansing Waterfalls. [See More](#)

- **Spa Retreats | See individual businesses for operating hours**

Lux Spa, RACV One Spa, Indie Spa, Deep Blue Bath House, [See More](#)

- **The Otways Walks & Waterfalls | Open all year round**

With its diverse terrain and coastal margin, the entire Great Ocean Road region is a natural for stunning walks and waterfalls. [See More](#)

- **Logans Beach (Whale Viewing) | May – September**

Almost every year, female Southern Right whales return to the waters of Warrnambool's Logans Beach to calve. [See More](#)

- **Tuna Fishing | May – July**

Why not try your hand at fishing and book a Charter out of Portland and reel in a 100kg Bluefin Tuna, gummy shark and quality game fish straight from the Continental Shelf – Portland is literally an angler's paradise. [See More](#)

- **Port Fairy Winter Weekends | Event**

An annual winter festival that toasts the town of Port Fairy and the locals that live here year round.

- **Australian National Kelpie Muster, Casterton | Event**

Boasting an array of free activities and entertainment for all ages. The Kelpie Muster, run by the Casterton Kelpie Association and home to the birthplace of the Kelpie includes the family-friendly Kelpie Festival on Saturday and showcases the Australian Premier Working Dog Auction on Sunday. [See More](#)

- **Solstice Search Party, Warrnambool | Event**

Celebrate the longest night of the year by embracing the winter solstice and venturing into the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens to see what exciting adventures await after dark.





 **Yambuk Lake Caravan Park**



 **RACV Torquay Golf Course**



 **Great Ocean Walk**



 **Port Fairy Heritage Walk**



 **Wye River Beachfront Campground**



 **The Sands Golf Course**

## SPRING

As the sun brings wildflowers and a 'spring' in the steps of the locals and visitors to the region, this is the best time to stretch the legs with day hikes and pull out the camping gear to re-immense yourself in nature. It's also the best time on the greens for those partial to a round of golf with courses all around the region.

- **RACV Torquay Golf Course | Operates year round**

Overlooking the picturesque Torquay and Jan Juc beaches, the Par 71 golf course at The Torquay Golf Club features wide-open fairways, undulating greens, fescue roughs, wetlands and ocean views. [See More](#)

- **The Sands Torquay Golf Course | Open year round**

The Sands Torquay is a unique 18-hole links style golf course, cleverly designed around the sand dunes of its Surf Coast setting. Designed by Australian golfing legend Stuart Appleby, this course is an enjoyable challenge for both golfers with a low handicap and weekend golfers. [See More](#)

- **Coastal Camping | See individual businesses for operating hours**

Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park, Anglesea Family Caravan Park, Kennett River Family Caravan Park, Wye River Beachfront Campground, Marengo Family Caravan Park, Big 4 Apollo Bay Pisces Holiday Park, Gardens Port Fairy, Killarney Beach Caravan Park, Yambuk Lake Caravan Park, Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park. [See More](#)

- **Walks & Hikes | May - September**

12 Apostles Lodge Walk, Great Ocean Walk, Surf Coast Walk, Great South West Walk – as well as these Great Ocean Road's iconic walks, there are the town walks in each destination, walks that will allow you to discover Rail Trails, Museums, Historical and Heritage Listed Buildings and more. [See More](#)

- **Farmgate & Fresh Produce**

[Otway Harvest Trail](#) & Graze The Day

- **Festivals & Events**

Upwelling Festival Portland, Amy's Gran Fondo, Loch Hart Festival, WSL Longboard championships Torquay. [See More](#)