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THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD & GRAMPIANS ROAD TRIP



Picking up the Car & Journey Details

This is a road trip of a lifetime, but first you need to do all of the boring stuff which includes picking up the vehicle(s) and ensuring you have some essentials for the trip.

You'll be picking up the Jucy 8 Seater from: **1 Silicon Place, Tullamarine VIC 3034**, at **9AM** (if picking up on a Tuesday) **or 10AM** (if picking up on a Sunday).

It will take 1.5 hours by public transport to get there from Space so we recommend all chipping in for an Uber which shouldn't be more than \$10 each.

Anyone wanting to drive on the road trip should head to the depot as they'll need to see your license. Officially you'll need a drivers license written in English, an international drivers license, and/or an official translation.

Insurance is included and everything is paid for, except for the optional extras:

- Extra driver fee (\$2 per person per day)
- Young Driver Surcharge (\$5 per person per day)
- GPS, Table, Chairs etc.

THE JUCY TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE HERE

Before going we'd recommend:

- Packing a small bag, you're only away for 4 nights and there's a lot of you.
- A big team shop of essentials for breakfasts, snacks and the first couple of dinners. Groups normally all chip in \$20-30 each for these shared expenses.
- Bringing footwear appropriate for hikes. You don't need footwear to climb Mount Everest, just some form of trainer/sneaker.
- Grab a team sun cream, probably a big one per vehicle.
- Taking your WTT Water bottle with you.
- Reminding everyone that you will be staying at hostels, to adhere to their rules and respect the other travellers staying there too.

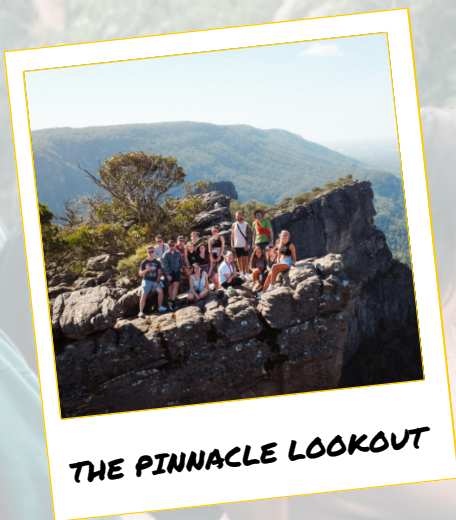
Once the game of luggage-tetris is over, you can buckle up, wind the windows down, crank the tunes and head to your first stop of the ROAD TRIP: **The Grampians National Park**.

We want you to save money along the way, so check out the **WTT Exclusive Deals**, especially organised for you, on the **final page of this booklet**.

Day 1: Melbourne to The Grampians

It's around a three hour drive to Halls Gap which is the town at the heart of the Grampians. There are loads of little cafes, restaurants, and supermarkets here. It's easy if you want to grab yourself something to eat before heading out for the day.

We would recommend you start by going to the **Brambuk Cultural Centre**. This is a great place to find out more about the area and its local Jardwadjali and Djab Warrung Indigenous groups. This will also allow you to find out if our recommended itinerary for the Grampians is accessible; because remember you're in Australia and the weather dictates everything.



After Halls Gap, you start to head more into the Gariwerd (the aboriginal name for Grampians) and we would suggest driving to **Wonderland car park** to hike through Australia's Grand Canyon up to **The Pinnacle Lookout**.

This takes around 1.5 hours so make sure you have plenty of water, snacks and appropriate shoes. There are some great views so prepare for some unreal opportunities for the Gram.

Afterwards we recommend checking in to your hostel. You'll be staying at **Halls Gap - Eco Lodge YHA**.

PLEASE NOTE check-in is between 4-7pm so plan accordingly.

After check-in and depending on the time of year, you might have time to catch sunset at **The Balconies**, possibly the most iconic spot of The Grampians. Your jaw will simply drop as you look out over the National Park.

Head down the track, look to your left - is that Pride Rock from The Lion King?! If you keep going along the track you'll make your way to The Balconies (it is around a 15 minute walk). Before doing the automatic phone grab, just stop, breathe it in and realise this spot for all its beauty.

It's a ripper! Now you can breathe out and spam the Gram until your heart's content.

Head back to the hostel, make yourself a team dinner and relax...and go see the kangaroos on the oval.

Day 2: The Grampians to Port Fairy

In the words of Kylie Jenner: 'Rise and Shine', because you're waking up for sunrise! Jump in the car and go to the **Boroka Lookout**, definitely the most Instagrammable spot to see the day break.

Once you've ducked back into the hostel for a brekkie, you are ready for your first stop, **McKenzie Falls**. Hopefully you didn't do leg-day at the gym recently because you have a 192 step journey to the waterfall, before heading back up.

Don't worry though, you'll have a chance to refresh halfway as the mist coming off the fall gives you a soaking! It's worth it once there too!

After you have conquered the stairs back up, you'll probably be hungry, so we recommend that you head back to Halls Gap to grab yourself a feed before the big drive ahead to your next stop – **Port Fairy**.



MCKENZIE FALLS

Before pulling into Port Fairy, take a detour to **Tower Hill National Park** as we know wildlife is high on your priority list and is a **great place to see koalas, emus and kangaroos**.

That is one big day, so you'll be glad to check in to your hostel **Port Fairy YHA**. Their address is **8 Cox Street, Port Fairy**.

Check-in is between 4-5PM. If you want to come earlier, or later, please text or call before 12PM today (0486 048 925) with your ETA.

There are restaurants as well as supermarkets nearby so it's totally up to you guys on what you do tonight.

If you're feeling boujee, head to the **Warnambool Hot Springs** for the 6 - 9pm Twilight session. We have a special, just check out the last page.

Whatever you decide, set an alarm as you have an early start tomorrow.

Day 3: Port Fairy to Apollo Bay

Don't you dare hit snooze in a dorm, that's a backpacker crime! Today even more so, as you need to wake up and beat the crowds to some of the most iconic spots on the **Great Ocean Road**.

After a breezy 1 hour drive you will start to see the landscape change as you're now on the Great Ocean Road. The route splits into three sections, The Surf Coast, The Green Coast and finally The Shipwreck Coast which is what you will be exploring this morning. Below are some key hot spots to visit:

- **The Grotto**
- **London Bridge**
- **Loch Ard Gorge**
- **The 12 Apostles**
- **Gibsons Steps and Beach**



There is no real time limit for these places, but if you leave Port Fairy at 8am you'll be able to experience all of these places (without the crowds) by lunch time! You'll notice the towns are pretty small and without many lunch options, so we recommend going back to **Port Campbell** to grab a bite, they have plenty of options to choose from.

Re-energised and ready to go, it's time to drive down the most famous road in Australia and take in those views. You will actually be pulled away from the ocean for around 70km as you go into The Green Coast (officially known as the Otway National Park.) It's here that your vehicle will be dwarfed by these giant eucalyptus trees, the second largest in the world. Fun Fact!

We definitely recommend you jump out at **Maits Rest** to take a 30 minute walk which loops back to the car park, here you'll feel like you're in a scene from Jurassic Park!

Next stop is **Apollo Bay**, which is where you will be spending the night. Before you go, you need to go to one special place: **Dooley's Ice Cream**. Their Vegemite Ice Cream makes them a legendary stop on the Great Ocean Road! Don't fancy that? Don't worry, they have other/normal flavours too!

Your accommodation is booked at **Apollo Bay YHA - 5 Pascoe Street, Apollo Bay**.

Day 4: Apollo Bay to Queenscliff

With epic cliff faces on your left and the bluest ocean on your right, this is definitely the best part of the drive on the Great Ocean Road. Have you **spotted a koala** in the wild yet? You must have! Don't worry if you haven't - because the Koala Kafe in Kennett River is probably one of the easiest places ever to see them!

You are now on The Surf Coast so dropping into the surfer town of **Lorne** is a must. This is one of the most famous towns on the Great Ocean Road and with it's ocean views (perfect to watch the surfers) it's a great lunch stop!

Unlike TLC, we're all about you chasing waterfalls on this road trip which is great because 15 minutes inland from Lorne you have the amazing **Erskine Falls**, another great spot for the Gram!

After that we recommend a visit to the lighthouse at Split Point. It's worth a stop as there's a couple of great viewpoints nearby!

Anyone keen to see **hundreds of kangaroos?! Head to Angelsea Golf Club**, and you will not believe your eyes! Just a five minute drive away is the **Great Ocean Road Chocolate Factory**. There's a whole load of stuff you can try here, we recommend the hot chocolate. Don't forget to get a handful of the freebies near the door as you leave, for the road!



ERSKINE FALLS

As mentioned before this is the Surf Coast, so what better way to finish the drive than to go and see one of the best surf beaches in the world. **Bells Beach** is where the RipCurl Surf Pro is held every Easter. The best surfers in the world descend to this tiny beach to drop in, shred and spend some time in the green room, just like you did on Phillip Island!

The drive to your last accommodation, **Cobb & Co Lodge**, is just under an hour at **37 Learmonth St, Queenscliff**. Please note check-in time is until 5PM!

Day 5: Queenscliff to Melbourne

All great things must come to an end, but you still have time to explore and if you want, maybe even head out on your own surf sesh?

We have two deals with surf companies in the area, so pick whichever you think suits your group the best.

After a cheeky surf session, you can check out the surf museum in town (Torquay) and grab some lunch before the hour and a half drive back to Melbourne. Did you know this little Victorian town is the birthplace of Quicksilver and Rip Curl? Head to their stores while you're there.

How good was that road trip? We hope you loved it as much as we do!

You need to drop the vehicle back off at the Jucy depot: **1 Silicon Place, Tullamarine** at no later than 2pm. It's probably best to aim to be back by around 1.30pm.

Do you want one last blow out as a fam? Meet this week's Welcome to Travel group in the hostel reception at 7.45pm and join the bar crawl. Get your tickets [here](#) and use the discount code "**wttcustomer**"



Deals for the Road



Day 1

Absolute Outdoors Grampians

Abseiling, canoeing and rock climbing experiences for all ability types

WTT deal: 10% off using code AOYHAGE10 online

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Day 2

Deep Blue Hot Springs Warmambool

Geothermal mineral bathing sanctuary - think rock pools, sensory caves, cleansing waterfalls

WTT Deal: 10% off groups of 10+ by messaging the Hot Springs directly

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Day 3

Tree Top Adventures Yeodene

Ziplining and tree top walk for the adrenaline-seekers

WTT Deal: 10% off using code WTT10 online

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Day 3

Wildlife Wonders 5km from Apollo Bay

Take a walk on the wild side of the Great Ocean Road

WTT Deal: 10% off using code WELCOMETOTRAVEL10 online for Walk with Wildlife and the Dusk Tour

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Day 4

Apollo Bay Seal Kayak Apollo Bay (Seasonal)

Get up close and personal with some of the 150 seals that live here

WTT Deal: 10% off in person in September - just say WTT sent you

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Day 5

Go Ride a Wave Anglesea

Make progress on last week's taster

WTT Deal: All Day Surf Hire for the price of 2 hours when you show your itinerary on arrival

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Torquay Surf Academy Torquay

Take on the waves at Australia's surf capital

WTT Deal: Free wetsuit with board hire

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