



# Suggested Itinerary 2

*Hinterland and coast, Sydney to Melbourne via Walhalla*

## Day 1

### Sydney – Kangaroo Valley (156km 2H 15)

Start your coastal drive in Royal National Park, the second oldest national park in the world. From early 2006 you will be able to continue along the coast road from scenic Stanwell Park through the picturesque coastal villages of Scarborough, Austinmer and Thirroul to Wollongong and Shellharbour. Stop off in Berry, for a cleansing ale at the Berry pub or a sweet treat from one of the excellent bakeries. On arrival at Kangaroo Valley, explore the nearby national parks or browse the shops for that special one of a kind gift or souvenir. Keep a lookout for kangaroos and wombats at sundown.

## DAY 2

### Kangaroo Valley to Batemans Bay (138km 1H 50)

Start the morning with a canoe safari or bushwalk to the nearby waterholes in Kangaroo Valley. Travel via Cambewarra Mountain to Nowra and continue south to Mollymook and Ulladulla. Ulladulla has many restaurants and is home to a commercial fishing fleet. Take the bushwalk from Bawley Point to Kioala through the Murramarang Aboriginal Area, a rocky headland protecting midden and other evidence of Aboriginal occupation dating back 12,000 years. See kangaroos on the beach and occasionally in the surf at Pebbly Beach. Enjoy fresh seafood at one of the excellent restaurants in Batemans Bay overlooking the Clyde River.

## DAY 3

### Batemans Bay to Canberra (149km 2H)

Travel via Braidwood on the Kings Highway to Canberra. The National Capital has an outstanding collection of national treasures including Parliament House, the National Gallery of Australia, Questacon (the National Science and Technology Centre) and much more. Hire a bike to ride around Lake Burley Griffin in the heart of the city or take a hot air

balloon ride for something different.

Canberra is also known for its rich mix of fine restaurants and award winning cool climate wineries.

## DAY 4

### Canberra to Batemans Bay to Merimbula (329km 3H 50)

Travel back to Batemans Bay before heading south again. Enroute stop off in Narooma and visit Montague Island Nature Reserve, famous for its seals, penguins and rich birdlife. Travel inland to Bega, a heritage town famous for its cheese production and surrounded by lush farmlands before heading back out to the coast. Merimbula has a lively esplanade with great cafes and restaurants as well as coastal walks, ship-wreck scuba diving and dolphin cruises. Pick up some freshly shucked oysters from Wheelers Oyster Barn and enjoy with a sunset drink overlooking the water.

## DAY 5

### Merimbula to Lakes Entrance (269km 3H)

Visit the Killer Whale Museum at Eden on the way through or take a whale watching cruise in spring. If you are lucky you will catch the Eden Whale Festival. Lakes Entrance is known as the seafood capital of Australia. Cross the footbridge and explore 90 mile beach or take a lake cruise and winery tour before enjoying fresh seafood for dinner.

## DAY 6

### Lakes Entrance to Walhalla (202km 2H 40)

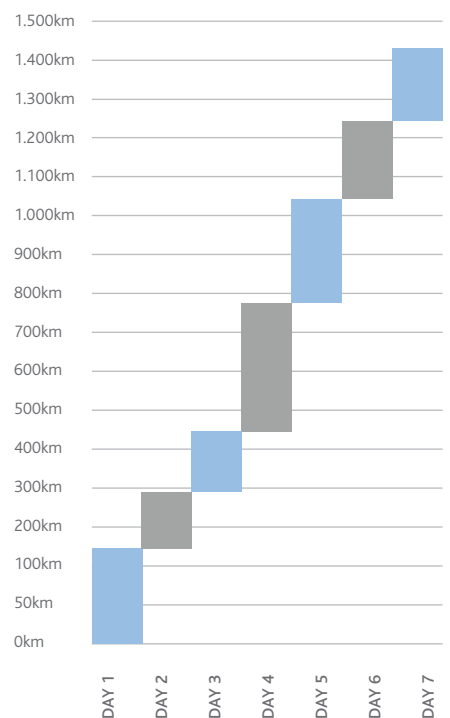
Travel through the heritage towns of Sale and Bairnsdale before reaching the rolling hills of Gippsland where farmers grow high quality local produce, from smoked meats and venison to world renowned cheeses and organic fruit and vegetables. Take the turnoff to the historic township of Walhalla. Take a ride on the Goldfields Railway or venture deep into the mountain on a tour of the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine. Dinner and overnight at the Star Hotel.

## DAY 7

### Walhalla to Melbourne (182km 2H 10)

On the final leg of your journey, savour the fresh air and fresh produce of the countryside a little longer. Stop off for lunch and browse galleries and gift shops in Yarragon. Taste wines and meet local vigneroners at cellar doors on the way into the gracious city of Melbourne and the next stage of your adventure.

## Travel distances at a glance



Top Left: Fishing trawler, South Coast  
Top Right: Whale watching, Merimbula