



# Canberra & NSW South Coast

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## Why Go?

Journey south from Sydney through the raw beauty of stunning Royal National Park to emerge at laid-back Wollongong, a friendly city framed by excellent beaches and featuring good restaurants and an unpretentious but energetic after-dark scene.

Further south is a roll-call of relaxed coastal towns with a menu of easygoing activities. Go kayaking around Huskisson and Jervis Bay, spy on seals and penguins around Narooma, or learn to surf at Batemans Bay. Migrating whales are the attraction at pretty Eden near the New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria border, and NSW's colonial heritage is celebrated in food-obsessed Berry and sleepy Central Tilba.

Inland from coastal NSW, the stellar museums, galleries and public buildings of the modern city of Canberra tell the story of Australia with poignancy and passion. Emerging neighbourhoods in the national capital like New Acton, Bradon and the Kingston Foreshore are introducing a hip sheen with excellent cafes, bars and restaurants.

## Best Places to Eat

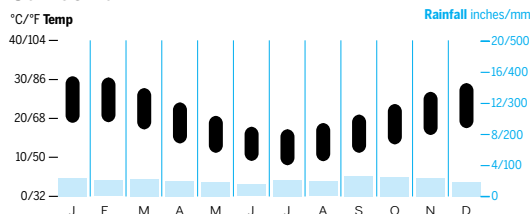
- ➔ Temporada (p210)
- ➔ Močan & Green Grout (p210)
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## Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Hotel Hotel (p207)
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- ➔ Kiama Harbour Cabins (p218)

## When to Go

### Canberra



**Feb–May (except Easter)** Sun's still shining and kids are back at school.

**May–Nov** Spot whales along the coast.

**Dec** Enjoy an Aussie-style Christmas on the coast – seafood for lunch and beach cricket.



## Canberra & NSW South Coast Highlights

- 1 Having kangaroos call in at your camp site in **Murramarang National Park** (p223).
- 2 Exploring **Booderee National Park** (p222).
- 3 Hanging out with the seals and penguins at **Montague Island** (p225).
- 4 Leaving footprints or kayaking around the beaches of **Jervis Bay** (p220).
- 5 Understanding Australia's military heritage at Canberra's **Australian War Memorial** (p203).
- 6 Tapping into Canberra's urban scene in **Braddon, New Acton** and the **Kingston Foreshore** (p209).
- 7 Watching whales pass by the postcard-pretty coastline around **Eden** (p229).
- 8 Returning to the charming, wood-panelled past at **Central Tilba** (p226).
- 9 Learning to surf like an Aussie at **Batemans Bay** (p223).