



# Gippsland & Wilsons Promontory

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## Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ Metung Galley (p558)
- ➔ Ferryman's Seafood Cafe (p560)
- ➔ Lucy's (p562)

## Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Walhalla Star Hotel (p553)
- ➔ Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages (p555)
- ➔ Wilderness Retreat (p556)
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- ➔ Adobe Mudbrick Flats (p561)

## Why Go?

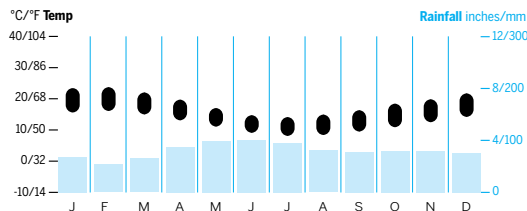
The Great Ocean Road may get the crowds, but Gippsland hides all the secrets. Gippsland is one region where it pays to avoid the cities – the towns along the Princes Hwy are barely worth a traveller's glance. Elsewhere are some of the state's most absorbing, unspoilt and beautiful wilderness areas and beaches.

Along the coast there's Wilsons Promontory National Park, a fabulous destination for hikers and sightseers alike. This is only the start when it comes to stirring beaches. Epic Ninety Mile Beach yields to Cape Conran Coastal Park and Croajingolong National Park. Put them together and it's one of the wildest, most beautiful coastlines on Earth.

Inland, Walhalla is an utterly beguiling village, while the national parks at Snowy River and Errinundra are as deeply forested, remote and pristine as any in the country.

## When to Go

### Point Hicks



**Feb–Mar** For toe-tapping jazz festivals at Inverloch and Paynesville.

**Sep–Nov** Spring is the time for wild flowers and wildlife, as well as bushwalking.

**Dec–Jan** It gets busy, but there's no better time to hit the oceans and lakes than summer!



## Gippsland & Wilsons Promontory Highlights

**1** Hiking from Tidal River to Sealers Cove, or to a remote lighthouse, at spectacular **Wilsons Promontory** (p553).  
**2** Camping in the dunes and fish from the beach at

legendary **Ninety Mile Beach** (p558).  
**3** Stepping back in time at **Walhalla** (p552), an authentic gold-mining village.

**4** Hiking into the forest or driving the tracks of **Snowy River National Park** (p561).  
**5** Descending into ancient limestone caves and camping out at **Buchan** (p560).