



Canberra & Southern New South Wales

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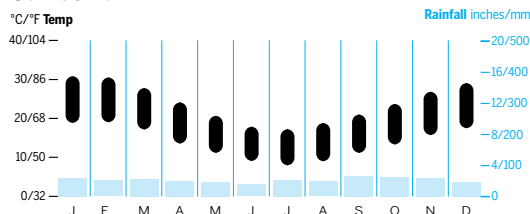
Come with us on a journey into three very important aspects of Australian culture. It begins in the modern city of Canberra, the nation's capital and the repository of the national story: no other Australian city has better museums, better art galleries or, yes, more kangaroos.

A short distance away, the raw natural beauty of Australia's eastern shore is everywhere in evidence, showcasing the Aussie love of wilderness from Royal National Park down to Ben Boyd National Park. En route, watch for poignant landmarks in Australia's Indigenous history.

And then there's the Aussie passion for the beach and all that goes with it – sometimes-nondescript towns with good restaurants, friendly pubs and activities from surf schools and skydiving to sea cruises. Throw in historic settlements such as Berry and Central Tilba and you'll find ample reason to linger en route between Sydney and Melbourne.

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 Christmas Aussie-style on the coast – seafood for lunch and beach cricket.

Canberra & Southern New South Wales Highlights

1 Having kangaroos call in at your camp site in **Murrumbidgee National Park** (p192).

2 Exploring stunning **Booderee National Park** (p190) with local Indigenous guides.

3 Hanging out with the seals and penguins at **Montague Island** (p195).

4 Leaving snowy-white footprints on the beaches of **Jervis Bay** (p189).

5 Marvelling at the architectural splendour of Canberra's **Parliament House** (p173).

6 Watching whales pass by the postcard-pretty coastline around **Eden** (p203).

7 Returning to the charming, wood-panelled past at **Central Tilba** (p198).

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9 Admiring the Australian at the **National Museum of Australia** (p174).

