



Great Ocean Road

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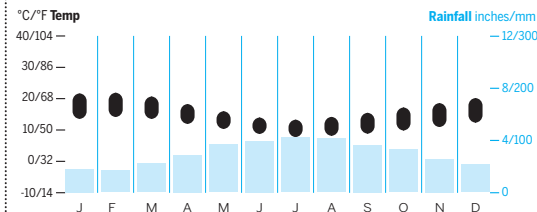
Why Go?

The Great Ocean Road (B100) is one of Australia's most famous road-touring routes. It takes travellers past world-class surfing breaks, through pockets of rainforest, calm sea-side towns and under koala-filled tree canopies. It shows off heathlands, dairy farms and sheer limestone cliffs and gets you up close and personal with the dangerous crashing surf of the Southern Ocean.

Hunt out the isolated beaches and lighthouses in between the towns, and the thick eucalypt forests in the Otway hinterlands to really escape the crowds. Day-tripping tourists from Melbourne rush into and out of the area in less than 12 hours, but in a perfect world you'd ideally spend a couple of weeks here. As we make our way along the Great Ocean Road we pay our respects to the indigenous peoples of this region – from east to west they include the Wathaurung, Gulidjan, Gadubanud, Giraiwuring and the Gunditjmarra people.

When to Go?

Cape Otway



July Check out Lorne mid-winter for bright sea-scapes and cosy cafes

Easter (March/April) Head to Bells Beach during the Rip Curl Pro to witness spectacular surfing action.

April Chill out with the locals and listen to tunes at the Apollo Bay Music Festival

Highlights

- 1 Count the upstanding Twelve Apostles near **Port Campbell** (p174)
- 2 Camp by beaches abutting **Cape Otway lighthouse** (p173)
- 3 Lap up the resort-style living in **Lorne** (p166)
- 4 Get tree-top high on the **Otway Fly** (p172)
- 5 Check out the seals at isolated **Cape Bridgewater** (p184)
- 6 Stop through Geelong, football-proud and with a wonderful **waterfront** (p157)
- 7 Keep a lookout for whales off the coast of **Warrnambool's** (p177)
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- 9 Get a feel for life in a volcano at **Tower Hill Reserve** (p180)
- a Begin exploring the Glenelg River at **Nelson** (p184)

