

# The Wonders of the Great Ocean Road

## A Mythical Highway: The Great Ocean Road

Without getting into comparing which landscapes are better than others, the Australian Route B100, or [Great Ocean Road](#), has nothing to envy about the most famous highway in the world, America's Route 66. The first thing that comes to mind is the beautiful kangaroos, but it isn't just that. Making your way along Australia's southern coast, you will pass by tropical forests, surf towns, and sand dunes, all while the Great Ocean Road offers up its panoramic views and numerous activities. A brief overview:

### Start Out in Torquay, THE Surfing Town

Once you have picked-up your [motorhome](#) or [campervan](#) in [Sydney](#) or [Melbourne](#), head to the south. The journey begins in the town of Torquay, the easternmost seaside town on the Great Ocean Road. Famous for its beaches, notably Bells Beach which hosts the largest surf competitions each year, this is the ideal starting point to surf or dive into the Australian vibe. Head further south for stops in Anglesea and Aireys Inlet. Canoeing, bicycling, or even horseback riding are all available. There are many kangaroos in Anglesea, this is your chance to get up close and personal. Experience the diverse festivals on Aireys Inlet, and discover its famous lighthouse, perched 70 meters above the sea. Keep your eyes open and you may even see a whale!



### OK, But What About the Tropical Forest?

We're getting there! Escape the coast for a moment and dive into the heart of the Otway Park Forest where you will find tropical plants, lakes, and waterfalls galore. Benefit from a journey down the surf coast walk by foot or bike from the town of Lorn, which is an important cultural and artistic center.

Stumble upon some wild (or not) animals by looking for koala bears in the eucalyptus groves.



### Rock Formations in the Sea

Continue your journey in a balance between cliffs and sea and take in the magnificent views on the way to the 12 Apostles, a rock formation situated between Princetown and Port Campbell. These incredible rock pillars are under constant attack from the waves and some have succumb to the ocean's pounding (RIP), however this site is still worth a stop. To get the best view, we advise you to take to the sky and take in the scene from a helicopter.

Next take a detour to Port Campbell to feast on the local specialties, then, as the king of the sea you have become, test out some of the fiercest waves in the country at Two Mile Bay.

... On second thought, it may not be best to follow that order.



### From the Forest to the Desert. It's Just a Small...Well a Few Hours Drive

To extend your road-trip in paradise, bring your motorhome to Discovery Bay, close to Nelson, where you will find beautiful sand dunes awaiting you on this final stop of a magnificent voyage.

Please do not hesitate to contact us and begin planning your road-trip by motorhome or campervan. We advise you to rent your motorhome starting in Melbourne or Sydney, or [Adelaide](#) if you want to go the opposite direction.

### A Bit of Background:

Constructed by shovel, pickaxe, and lots of courage, this road was made by Australian soldiers after World War I (between 1919 and 1932) in order to provide access to a region that most could not reach (particularly the big cities in the west). Today it has become an important tourist attraction for the region.

