

WHALES, DOLPHINS, HISTORY & THE SAPPHIRE COAST

Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov 2024-
5 days/4 nights

Tour Inclusions:

- Luxury Travel with Daytripper Coach
- Driver/Tour Escort
- 4 nights twin/double accom
(Single sup available)

Tour Highlights:

- Whale Watching cruise
- Killer Whale Museum
- Tilba
- Euman Tea
- Bermagui
- Tathra Historic Wharf
- Montreal Goldfields
- Bega Pioneer Museum
- Seahorse Inn
- Eden & Boydtown guided tour
- Tura Beach Country Club
- Potoroo Palace
- Victoria Rose Tearooms
- Pambula
- Oaklands Art Gallery, Café & Garden Centre
- and 'a heck of a lot of fun together'!



The Sapphire Coast is on the very south of the New South Wales coastline and has a healthy dairy farming industry, boasts natural scenic beauty, has great deep sea commercial fisheries offshore and is on the annual 'Southern Right' whale migration route and In places, it is rugged, unforgiving, treacherous and spectacular, whilst elsewhere, it is tranquil and relaxed with 'olde world' charm with quaint little maritime villages offering a glimpse back to the way early Australian settlers forged through the region. Your adventure will include all these aspects as well as the opportunity to find out what makes this beautiful region tick with local guides and stories. Add some free-time to wander and explore, and you have the ingredients for a wonderful short break after winter. This 5-day adventure is designed to be relaxed & casual, yet informative and interesting.

Day 1 Monday - Home to Merrimbula

(L/D)

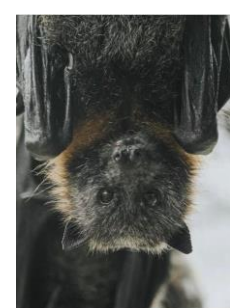
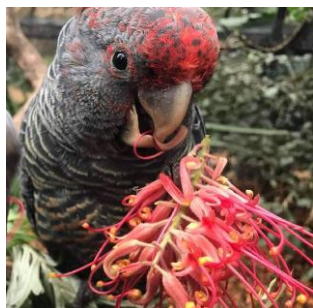
Good morning and welcome aboard. Today is a big day and sees us departing early on our adventure **via Gippsland**, stopping for morning tea. We'll stop 'further down the track' for lunch before continuing on to the beautiful **Sapphire Coast** town of **Merimbula**. After our long day travelling, we'll be met by a welcoming smile at our Motel accommodation. Unpack & relax. Tonight we enjoy a welcome **BBQ dinner** at our motel

Overnight: South Seas Motel, Merimbula (4 nights)

Day 2 Tuesday - Merimbula & Pambula

(B/L/D)

This morning after a lovely breakfast, we will have some **free time** to explore and enjoy some **retail therapy** in **Merimbula** (you might like to visit the chemist if you need sea sickness prevention for tomorrows whale watching cruise). Around noon we'll head out to **Potoroo Palace**, a not-for-profit public **wildlife sanctuary** just outside Merimbula. Savour the rare opportunity to see a koala, wander among the kangaroos, touch a snake, or stroll through the walk-through aviary. Whilst here we will enjoy a light lunch at the **Blue Wren Café**. After our time here we head to **Pambula**, the beach here is pristine and an easy walk from the bus. On our way back to Merimbula we stop at **Oaklands Barn** for a browse around the **Gift Shop, Garden Centre & Art Gallery**, home to a regularly changing exhibition of paintings, pottery, jewellery, woodwork, stained glass, textiles and handmade cards. The café is open til 4pm for those who might like a coffee or snack. We head back to our motel with time to relax before heading to the **local RSL for dinner**



Day 3 Wednesday - Eden & surrounds

(B/MT/D)

Following a lovely 'hot-cooked breakfast' we begin our Sapphire Coast exploring, we make our way to **Eden** with the help of a **local guide** who will board the bus, we discover more about this area with an informative trip around **Eden & Boydtown**, once the 'dream' capital city of Australia. Old Benjamin Boyd, what a character he must have been! Following our town tour we head to the Eden wharf to board our **Whale watching cruise** on **Cat Balou**. At this time of the year majestic **Humpback whales** frequent the waters just off the coast at Eden, at times coming into Twofold Bay on their southern migration. Other species of whales that also visit this area include **Southern Right, Minke**, occasionally **Blue, Bryde's and Orca**. Most years whales can be observed **lateral lunge feeding** – one of the few places in the world this can be seen! Other sea life frequently seen are **Common & Bottlenose Dolphins, Australian Fur Seals, penguins, flying fish and at times sunfish and turtles**. Bird life includes many species of sea birds – albatross, shearwaters, sea eagles and gannets to name a few. Complimentary refreshments are served. Don't forget your camera!! We return to Eden in time to visit the **Killer Whale Museum**. You'll hear all about 'Old Tom', who now resides here along with a great range of memorabilia from 'the old whaling days'. After a big day we head back to the motel with time to freshen up as we head to one of the **local restaurants** for a lovely, relaxed dinner together.

Day 4 Thursday - Bega & Central Tilba

(B/L/D)

A lovely, cooked breakfast and we are off to explore some of the lovely villages of the area We'll begin at **Tathra** with a visit to the **museum** at the **historic wharf** – what a treat. Please do grab a cuppa from the wharf café. The pretty town of **Bermagui**, known as a fishermans paradise is up next. Here we have a look around before we head to **Tilba** and **Euman Tea**. Enjoy a delicious **Devonshire tea** served on antique bone china, a plunger coffee, or new cold brew coffee and teas! Yum!! Following lunch we make our way to **Montreal Goldfields**, Australia's only seaside goldfield. Here we'll enjoy a **guided tour** hosted by the knowledgeable volunteers. Next, we are off to **Bega** to visit the **Pioneers museum**, Circa mid-1800s, this museum in a former hotel features photographs & artifacts of local pioneers. Our final stop for the day is **Tura Beach Country Club** to relax for Dinner. Enjoy the amazing Ocean Views and setting sun whilst dining. After a lovely dinner and maybe a little flutter for those who partake, we head back to our motel for a restful nights sleep.

Day 5 - Friday - Eden to Melbourne

(B/L)

Today we bid our hosts a fond 'farewell'. With an early start we begin our journey homeward travelling through beautiful Gippsland. We stop en-route for breaks. Lunch today is a glorious **High Tea at Victoria Rose Tearoom** – what a fabulous way to finish off a great holiday. We arrive home later afternoon/early evening and are met by our private transfer vehicles there to take us home.



**Tour Cost from: \$1695.00 per person Twin Share
(\$300.00 single supplement)
Minimum numbers required.**

Please Note: Merimbula is located on hilly terrain - there are steps with handrails to get into the breakfast area at our accommodation (motel rooms are all accessible by ramps)

\$300pp deposit to secure your seats....

*Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2024
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