



# Great Ocean Walk 4 day guided walking tour

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# Great Ocean Walk 4 day guided walking tour

Our highlights tour of the Great Ocean Walk takes in the most memorable parts of Victoria's Great Ocean Walk. Each day's walk is between 7 and 16 km, ranging from easy to moderate. There's plenty of time to rest and relax, with morning teas and lunches out on the track, beautiful drives along the Great Ocean Road, and comfortable accommodation at the Cape Otway Light station - the best location along the Great Ocean Walk for sunsets over the Southern Ocean.

Your experience of southern Victoria is made all the better with the abundance of wildlife. Spot koala's, echidnas and kangaroos up close!

We'll look after you in every way, from the moment you board the mini-coach in Melbourne. Local expertise and attention to the finer points makes for a great physical experience and a grand social occasion.

Add on a couple of day's sightseeing or shopping in Melbourne and you've got yourself the perfect holiday!

## Details

Arrive:	Melbourne
Depart:	Melburne
Duration:	4 Days
Group Size:	12 guests maximum
Average Age:	55-75
Activity Level:	Moderate

## Testimonials

Such a variety of fabulous views earned by hiking to the vantage points, yes the ocean and the iconic outcrops, but also the changing bush, creatures, flora and historical locations were wonderful. Appreciated the care, laughter, glorious food and group fun lead by Rachelle and Campbell. Have wanted to hike this trail for a while and I was not disappointed. Thanks for making it a holiday to remember!

Rosie

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# Highlights



Spectacular sunsets at Cape Otway.



Walk through spectacular national parks full of tall forests, coastal heathlands, wild rocky shores, river estuaries and windswept clifftops presenting amazing coastal views.



Visit the iconic 12 Apostles.

# What to expect



Comfortable lodge-style accommodation with a hot shower after a days walk.



Delicious home-prepared food will keep you well-nourished so you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.



Average temperature (degrees)

Apr: 11min - 18 max  
Oct: 9 min - 19 max

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# Itinerary

Four day guided walking tour on the Great Ocean Walk. Professional guiding, excellent catering and unique accommodation make this a must-do getaway.

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## Day 1 DRIVE FROM MELBOURNE, WALK APOLLO BAY TO SHELLY BEACH

Departing from Melbourne 8:00am along the spectacular Great Ocean Road, we reach Apollo Bay by lunch time. Enjoy the first of many fresh picnic lunches for the week on the lawn at Marengo Beach, get to know your companions for the week and see if you can spot some Australian Fur Seals out on the rocks. The walk today is relatively easy with mostly cliff-top and some beach walking. Keep an eye out for Koalas! Note, as we walk on the first afternoon, please wear your hiking clothes on the bus and bring your day pack ready to go. After our walk the bus will meet us at Shelly Beach carpark and then we will drive to Cape Otway.

**Activity:** 8km walk  
**Meals:** L, D  
**Accommodation:** Cape Otway Lighthouse

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## Day 2 BLANKET BAY TO AIRE INLET

A short drive brings us to the start of the morning's 6 km walk at Blanket Bay. This isolated part of the coastline has some of the only swimmable beaches along the Great Ocean Walk. We make our way through coastal forests and along clifftops to Parker Hill where the bus will be waiting. From Parker Hill we'll drive back to Cape Otway Lightstation and, for those with some fuel in the tank, we'll head out for another beautiful walk from our front door and head out along the cliff-lines of Station Beach. The views here are superb and this section of the walk is all recently constructed and quite gentle. By the end of our walk we'll be down at one of the most scenic spots on the walk, the Aire River estuary, with the green rolling hills of the Otways as our backdrop. On our way back to the Cape Otway Lightstation we might stop for some up close and personal koala spotting. You do have the option of foregoing the 1st (6 km) or 2nd (10 km) section of the walk if you feel you've walked far enough.

**Activity:** 16km walk (6 & 10km options)  
**Meals:** B, L, D  
**Accommodation:** Cape Otway Lighthouse

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## Day 3

### MILANESIA TO MOONLIGHT HEAD

The walk today will start at Milanesia Gate from where we descend down to the first highlight of today, which is Milanesia Beach. This is one of those secret beaches not many people get to. The track then cuts through and alternates between farmland and isolated beach and sea cliffs with roller coasters of up and down to reach Ryan's Den. From here you'll have breathtaking views all the way back to Cape Otway and west to Cape Volney. From Ryan's Den the trail then continues through coastal forests over Cape Volney towards Moonlight Head.

**Activity:** 11km walk  
**Meals:** B, L, D  
**Accommodation:** Cape Otway Lighthouse

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## Day 4

### PRINCETOWN TO THE 12 APOSTLES

After packing up and departing Cape Otway Lightstation, we will make our way to the start of the walk in Princetown. The wetlands around Princetown support a wide variety of bird life, where we will cross the Gellibrand River on a trestle bridge to embark on one of our last sections to the 12 Apostles. A pleasant walk through coastal scrub and escarpment will start to reveal stunning views of the 12 Apostles. We will end our walk today at Gibson's steps where you can choose to go for a dip if conditions allow. From Gibson's steps it is a very quick transfer to the 12 Apostles where you will have some time to explore and take pictures of these magnificent limestone stacks. You may even opt to go on a short helicopter flight to get a birds eye view. After lunch and exploring the 12 Apostles area, we will make our way back to Melbourne, stopping en route for some afternoon tea.

**Activity:** 8km walk  
**Meals:** B, L

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# Departure Dates

06 Oct 2021 - 09 Oct 2021

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# Pricing

2021

**\$1,350 per person**

**\$350 Deposit**

**Optional Extras**

**\$210 Single Supplement**

## Inclusions

All transport: private coach transport to and from

- Melbourne; as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 3 night's comfortable accommodation
- 3 healthy breakfasts - cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 4 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 4 lunches - some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 3 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

## Exclusions

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# Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au) , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at [walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au).

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancellation policy during covid restrictions here <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/>

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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## About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

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