

Great Ocean Walk - End to End



Welcome to your next adventure.
Here are a few details to help you get prepared...

Pre/Post Trip Accommodation Recommendations

With an early departure, we recommend a night in Melbourne for those coming from interstate or overseas. We recommend to our guests the following hotels. All the below hotels are within easy walking distance from the pick up location.

- Best Western Melbourne City on Spencer St
- Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne on Spencer St
- The Great Southern Hotel Melbourne on Spencer St

Please note that there may not be any shops or cafes open (especially for weekend departures) and we recommend organising breakfast the night before.

Washing Facilities

There are laundry facilities at Johanna Seaside Cottages and at the motel in Port Campbell for you to use.

Phone Coverage and Charging

There is often only Telstra phone reception at Johanna Seaside Cottages. The accommodation does not yet provide WiFi. At the motel in Apollo Bay and Port Campbell there is WiFi available.

Food

All meals are included, with the exception of lunch on the last day, when you can pick up something on the way home.

Breakfast comprises cereals, fruit, yoghurt, toast, juice, tea and freshly brewed coffee. Each day your guide will carry tea, coffee and a home-made cake for your morning tea. Fruit is also available. On some days lunch is self-made from fresh breads, salads and meats. On other days, where there is vehicle access to the track, the bus will bring us a tasty and nutritious picnic lunch.

Enjoy pre-dinner nibbles with fellow guests each evening while your guides prepare a delicious two course meal for dinner.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements before you book. We can happily adapt our menu to accommodate most dietary needs. Assistance is appreciated with clearing away and washing up.

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Drinks

Feel free to bring alcohol and additional snacks e.g. muesli bars, nuts, chocolate etc. There will be time for you to purchase additional alcohol and supplies during the week.

Medical Restrictions

As we operate in remote areas, guests will need to bring all of their own personal medications on tour. Whilst our guides are qualified in remote area or wilderness first aid and carry satellite phones, we do not carry epi-pens, Ventolin or other emergency medications. If a person requires urgent medical attention whilst on tour, it may take several hours or more for emergency services to attend the scene and take you to a medical facility.

Under certain circumstances your tour consultant may request a medical certificate of fitness before you are cleared to participate on the tour.

If pre-existing medical issues that will affect your ability to complete the tour or have an impact on other guests experiences, are not disclosed prior to the departure, we reserve the right to remove you from the tour.

You can bring a CPAP machine whilst on tour but you will need to purchase a single supplement.

Dietary Requirements

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We will do our best to cater for these whilst you are on tour.

Optional Activity

Soar over the 12 Apostles on a luxury helicopter flight. You have the option of taking advantage of this unique perspective on the last day.

The flight is \$145 per person and flies over the 12 Apostles to London Bridge. Please let us know if you would like to book on this optional part of the tour.

What to Pack

- Day-pack - with a thick waist strap to help take some weight off your shoulders. In wet weather, a waterproof cover or a bin bag to wrap your belongings in can be handy
- Shorts/long pants and shirts for walking - as many sets as you wish! Quick-dry material is best, especially for trousers. Don't wear jeans walking.
- Socks - whichever thickness you're comfortable walking in and as many pairs as you like
- Boots/shoes for walking (make sure you wear them in well - see note on footwear below)
- Windcheater or lightweight jumper for walking
- Waterproof jacket*
- Sun protection - hat (secure fitting and/or with chin strap), sun cream, sun glasses
- Casual clothes for evenings
- Torch/headlamp (can be handy when twin sharing for getting up at night and for going back to your cabins after dinner)
- Any preferred first aid supplies - such as your favourite blister treatment! (Your guide will carry a full first-aid kit)
- Water bottle/s or camelback - 3 litre capacity

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*You have to expect some bad weather at any time of the year along the Great Ocean Walk so bring wet weather gear even if the forecast is fine.

Optional items

- Waterproof pants. Some people love them and some hate them - personally, we don't wear them too often, but there have been times where they have been invaluable, especially when that chilly southern wind is blowing.
- Fly net (especially for walks in warmer weather)
- Camera and charger/batteries
- Gaiters for snake bite protection are recommended unless you are wearing long pants and long socks. They're also good for keeping dirt out of your shoes.
- Sock protectors (to keep sand and rocks out of your boots)
- Robust sandals for wading/beach sections or for relaxing at the accommodation at the end of the day
- Bathers
- Small towel to carry during the day (to dry feet or for after a swim)
- Beanie and gloves (Depending on the time of year it can be pretty cold early in the morning and at night)
- A lunch container, to avoid squashing your sandwich in your backpack or for if you choose to only bring a salad (with freezer brick and fork if desired). Or a beeswax wrap to use instead of our provided glad wrap.
- Snacks and alcohol - Day 1 and Day 5 are the only opportunities to purchase alcohol during the week if you need to. Some people like to have some snacks for the trail including muesli bars, nuts, lollies etc. Day 1 is the best chance to purchase these items.
- Walking poles (will save your knees 30% less pressure!)

Emergency Contact on Tour

In the case of an emergency and family and friends are trying to get in contact with you and unable to reach you on your personal phone, please ask them to call the office on 1300 544 882. After hours or on the weekend there is an option on the voicemail which will direct them through to the duty managers personal mobile.

On tour in an emergency situation our guides will be carrying satellite phones.

Final Payment Due Date

Final payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks. We will send out a reminder email.

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/>

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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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