



SELF DRIVE ITINERARY

7D6N MELBOURNE to SYDNEY

Via Heritage Trail & Grand Pacific Drive



PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 1N @ Bendigo
- ✓ 1N @ Echuca
- ✓ 1N @ Albury
- ✓ 1N @ Canberra
- ✓ 1N @ Batemans Bay
- ✓ 1N @ Wollongong
- ✓ Echuca - Paddle Steamer on Murray River
- ✓ Bendigo Vintage Talking Tram Tour
- ✓ Jervis Bay - Dolphin Watch or Whale Watch Cruise (seasonal)
- ✓ Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk



DAY 1 : MELBOURNE TO BENDIGO (154km, about 2 hr)

The highway from Melbourne to **Bendigo** will lead you past idyllic **Mount Macedon** and through Victoria's apple region **Harcourt Valley**. Arrive in the centre of **Bendigo** at the elaborate **Alexandra Fountain**. Discover the city's rich past with a day visiting attractions. Discover gold history at **Central Deborah Gold Mine** or wander through the historic streets admiring boom time architecture. More gold was found in Bendigo between 1850 and 1900 than anywhere else in the world. Today, art, culture, food, wine and heritage attractions are the new riches of Bendigo. Hop onboard the Vintage "Talking Tram" Tour and let your tram talk your way through the sights and attractions about this city that is founded on one of the world's richest goldfields. **Overnight: Bendigo**

DAY 2 : BENDIGO TO ECHUCA (91KM, 1 hr 30 mins)

Upon arrival in **Echuca**, experience the first steaming of the paddle steamers with a trip on the **Murray River** onboard one of the **historic paddlesteamers** moored at Echuca Wharf. After exploring the wharf area you are on your way east following the Murray River through the **Barmah Forest**. Take a little time to explore this iconic area. **Overnight: Echuca**

DAY 3 : ECHUCA-MOAMA TO ALBURY (247km, 3 hrs)

Travel along the Murray Valley Highway through dairy country and the green fields irrigated from the waters of the Murray River. **Rutherglen** is the home of some of the best fortified wines, such as port, Muscat and tokay and also produces some superb table wines. Spend time visiting such **wineries** as All Saints, Pfeiffers and Campbell's and sample some of their "big reds". Rutherglen flourished during the gold rush and some of the fine old buildings still remain. **Overnight: Albury**

DAY 4 : ALBURY TO CANBERRA (338km, 3 hr 38 mins)

Stroll through Albury's QEII Square visiting the **Albury Regional Art Gallery** to see works by well-known 20th century Australian artists or the **Albury Regional Museum**. Cross over the Murray River into **Wodonga**, enjoy a leisurely drive out to the **Army Museum** at **Bandiana** or take in a 'Migrant Experience' at Block 19, Bonegilla. Albury/Wodonga also marks the state boundaries between Victoria and New South Wales. Take the Hume Highway north to Australia's national capital, **Canberra**. This young and vibrant

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multicultural city reflects and tells the story of Australia. Discover world-class attractions, museums and galleries such as the **Australian War Memorial**, **National Museum of Australia** and the **National Gallery of Australia**. Spot native Australian wildlife at **Namadgi National Park** or go on an exclusive after dark tour at **Tidbinbilla**. For a bite, great coffee, or a delicious meal from an award-winning restaurant, venture to **NewActon**, **Kingston Foreshore** or **Braddon**. **Overnight: Canberra**

DAY 5 : CANBERRA TO BATEMANS BAY (150km, 2hr)

Suggest starting your morning by sailing over **Parliament house** and get a bird's eye view of Canberra in a **hot air balloon**. Explore the shores of **Lake Burley Griffin** on a **segway**, or sample one of the many award winning **cool climate wines** in the Canberra district before taking the Kings Highway, stopping at **Bungedore** for a dose of arts and crafts. Continue on to **Bateman's Bay**, where there is a **string of lovely beaches** and coves along **Beach Rd**. Fishing, diving, snorkelling and boating in the marine park can't be missed. Stop at the **Oyster Shed**, located on the banks of the beautiful **Clyde River** and taste some of the best oysters around. **Overnight: Batemans Bay**

DAY 6 : BATEMANS BAY TO WOLLONGONG (210km, 2hr 50mins)

Take the **Princes highway** to River Road, and at Shallow Crossing try **jam made onsite at the Berry Farm**. Carry on to **Ulladulla** – this seaside town makes a great jumping off point to explore **Morton National Park**, **Lake Conjola** and **Lake Burrill**, which are all nearby. Arriving at **Jervis Bay**, you will find **unbelievably white sand** at **Hyams Beach**, and fishing, stand up paddle boarding, and whale watching opportunities galore. The main town is **Huskisson**, where the **whale and dolphin cruises** depart from. Adjoining **Booderee National Park** is an untouched marine playground. Follow the **walking trail** from **Wreck Bay to St Georges Head** to see the best of cliff, forest and beach landscapes. Enjoy a dolphin watching cruise before departing Jervis Bay and travel to the **Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk** via Kangaroo Valley – Adventure above the rainforest, offering a unique viewing opportunity of the rainforest canopy and panoramic coastal views. Suggest lunch at the **Illawarra Fly** before travelling to the famous **Kiama Blowhole**. Under certain sea conditions, the blowhole can spray water up to 25 metres in the air, drenching all bystanders. Enjoy some time browsing through the historic terrace houses on the main streets of Kiama, before continuing to Wollongong.

Overnight: Wollongong



DAY 7 : WOLLONGONG TO SYDNEY (86km, 1hr 30mins)

Depart Wollongong towards Sydney via the Grand Pacific Drive and along the impressive **Sea Cliff Bridge** – an impressive 665 metre bridge that hangs out over the ocean. The bridge offers a safe pedestrian walkway over the entire length of the bridge and offers a fantastic viewing point over the ocean. Drive onwards to **Bald Hill Lookout** and watch the hang gliders or para-gliders take off from this point (weather & wind dependent). Take a side trip to **Glenbernie Orchard** for fresh fruit picking. If you have time, stop over at **Symbio Wildlife Park**, where you can hand feed Kangaroos and Emus, and cuddle Koalas! Make the magnificent **Royal National Park** your last stop before arriving in Sydney.

Distance and times may vary depending on roads used and conditions.

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