

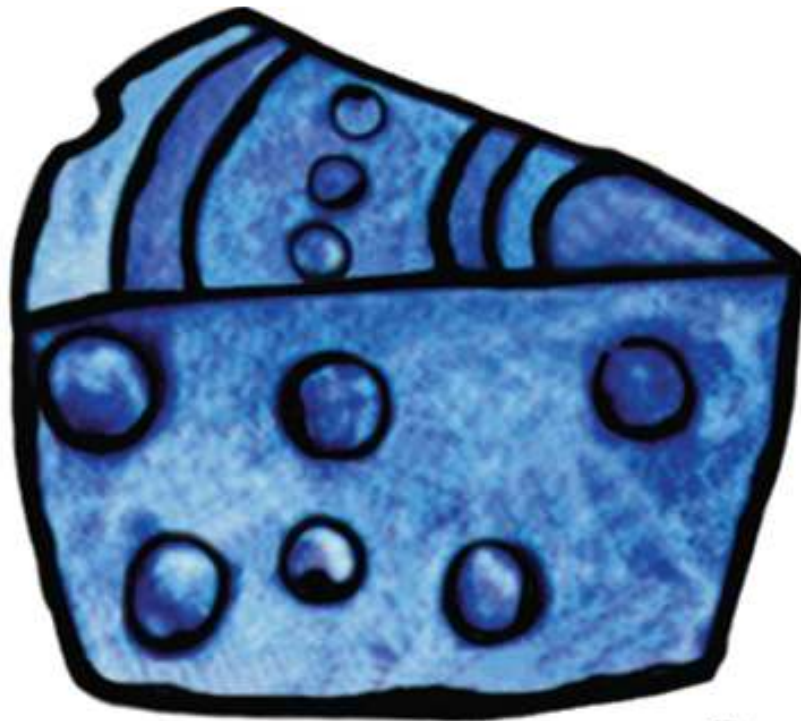


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The Travel and Scenic Tour Guide

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Summary

Coming in Australia is a unique opportunity for you to travel around this amazing country. Australia is huge and there are so many different landscapes. Enjoy your weekend and all your free time to travel around.

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Accommodations

Moss Vale is in the Southern Highland of New South Wales, between Sydney and Canberra. It's 2 hours per train to Sydney, 2h per train to Canberra and 1h30 to Wollongong.



To find an accommodation in Moss Vale you can go on www.flatmates.com.au, it's a website to find a share accommodation. Or you can go on www.gumtree.com.au, Australian equivalent to the French website LeBonCoin.com. Or you can also go on www.airbnb.com.au.

Do not hesitate to contact the company to help you to find an accommodation or to know the name with others interns to leave all together.





Trips

1. Sydney

- *Blue Mountains*



The **Blue Mountains** is a rugged region west of Sydney in Australia's New South Wales

At two-hour drive from Sydney, the Blue Mountains are accessible by car or train, coach. You can take the train to **Central** (*Train Station in Sydney*) and stop two hours later in **Katoomba**.

Known for dramatic scenery, it encompasses steep cliffs, eucalyptus forests, waterfalls and villages dotted with guesthouses, galleries and gardens.

Once there, you can do several activities such as mountain biking, climbing, 4x4 and even take a guide for a few hours.

But you can also go hiking by yourself, going through the 3 sisters, echo point...

Advice: Take good walking shoes, water, sun cream (if it's hot), a rain jacket and a vest because in the mountains the weather can change very quickly.





- *Figure 8 Pools*



Figure 8 pools are located in the *Royal National Park*, in the *south of Sydney*. You can see a pool in shape of '8' in the rock. It's a very beautiful place, but it's also very dangerous when conditions are not optimal. Waves can be HUGE, like 30m high! Conditions there can change very quickly (less than 5sec) so never turn back to the ocean.

If you want to stay on a safe place you can stay still walk to the beach located at 30min from the 8pools, a very beautiful one.

- *Royal Botanic Garden*



The Royal Botanic Garden is a verdant oasis in the heart of **Sydney's CBD** (near **Saint James train station**). Opened in 1816, the garden is the oldest scientific institution in Australia and one of the most important historic botanical institutions in the world. It is open every day of the year and access is free. Its stunning position on Sydney Harbour and immediately adjacent to the *Sydney central business district*, the *Sydney Opera House* and the large public parklands of *The Domain* ensure it is one of the most visited attractions in Sydney.

The Royal Botanic Garden and the Domain provide valuable 'greenspace' in the centre of the city. Visitors enjoy observing birds, reptiles, insects, spiders, fish and eels.





- *Manly Beach*

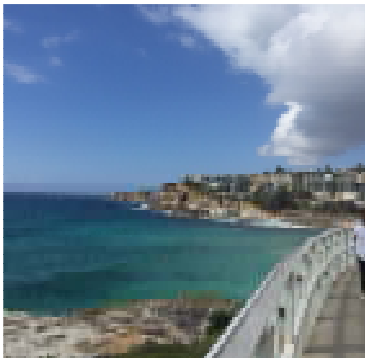


Manly beach is one of the most beautiful beaches of Sydney. Relax on lovely Manly Beach, one of Australia's most famous beaches where the first world surfing contest was held in 1964. You'll find plenty of wonderful things to do and see, from picnics on the promenade to fun and informative tours, including surfing, snorkelling, diving, cycling and walking.

Getting to Manly Beach is easy. Indeed, you can go there with the ferry (**at Circular Quay**). From the ferry you have a beautiful view on the Opera House and the *Harbour Bridge*.

The ferry cost 15\$ one way. 30\$ return, except if you go there on the Sundays because the opal card is capped at \$2,60.

- *Bondi Beach*



Bondi Beach is the most well-known beach of Australia with its white-sand crescent. Reliable waves draw surfers while, nearby, hardy locals swim in the Icebergs ocean pool year-round. Walkers and joggers use the cliff top Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk, with its dramatic scenery.

Usually in the evening it is beautiful, you can sit on the rocks, listen to the sound of the waves watching the sunset and surfers.

You can take the train to **Town Hall** (*Train Station in Sydney*) to Bondi Junction. Then take a bus to North Bondi.





- *Hyams Beach, Jervis Bay*



Jervis Bay is a 102-square-kilometre oceanic bay and village on the south coast said to possess the whitest sand in the world. Jervis Bay is approximately a three-hour drive, south of Sydney.

Hyams Beach is a seaside village in the City of Shoalhaven, on the shores of Jervis Bay. The village, 180 km south of Sydney, is bordered by two beaches, Chinaman's Beach to the north and Seaman's Beach (sometimes referred to as "Sailors Beach") to the south, with Hyams Beach being in the centre. A seaside resort, its beach is known for having turquoise/aqua-coloured waters and fine, squeaky, brilliantly white sand that's composed of pure quartz

- *Morriset Park*



Morriset Park is two hours by train from Sydney. You can get there by taking the train to **Central**. Once you arrive at **Morriset Station**, you have to wait for a small shuttle bus that will take you to the park. This shuttle costs \$ 3 one way and the same for the return.

In the park there are many kangaroos. You can pet them and take pictures with them. But do not feed them because they can become aggressive.





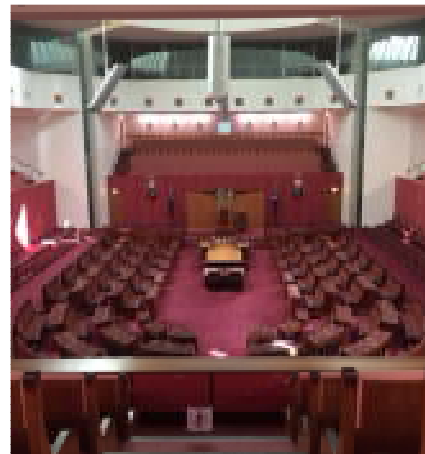
2. Canberra



Canberra is the Capital of Australia, is in the ACT (Australian Capital Territory). You can go there by train or by bus ([Murrays Coaches](#)).

Canberra offers a great diversity of attractions and experiences all within close proximity to accommodation and transport.

The Australian War Memorial is Australia's national memorial to the members of its armed forces and supporting organisations who have died or participated in wars involving the Commonwealth of Australia.





You can also go to the **Parliament House** is the meeting place of the Parliament of Australia. The building was designed by Mitchell/Giurgola & Thorp Architects and opened on 9 May 1988 by Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia.



You can also go to the National **Gallery of Australia**, it's free and it traces the history of Australia. And from there you can access to the Lake Burley Griffin.



The Mount Majura is a small mountain, in the suburb of Canberra; you can climb it to have a beautiful view on the city.





3. Melbourne

Melbourne is only 1h flight *from Sydney* or 9h00 per train *from Moss Vale*.

The cheapest flight to go to Melbourne is Jetstar or Tigerair, you can check the flight price on www.webjet.com.au.

- *Old Tram*



In the Melbourne centre the tramway is free.

The Anticlockwise takes a circular route passing major touristic attractions, it runs in both directions approximately every 12min between 10am and 6pm, extend hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am to 9pm.

And the **Clockwise** takes a touristic route in the **CBD of Melbourne**.

- *Flinders Street Station*



Flinders Street Railway Station, is the most iconic building of Melbourne. Completed in 1909, with its prominent dome, arcade entrance and clock-one of the city's most recognisable landmarks.





- *Street Art*



Melbourne is the artistic city of Australia. The street art is everywhere, some neighbourhoods have their walls covered of arts, if you want to see them without lots of tourists in front of it, go to see it early in the morning (9a.m. or 10a.m. max)

- *St Kilda*



St Kilda is the *beach area of Melbourne* with its own Town Hall due to its history.

It's a very beautiful place where you can find Luna Park (there are only 2 Luna Parks in Australia, the other one is in Sydney).

In Saint Kilda there is a large street of restaurants. There is something for every taste, enough to take a break before returning to the beach.

I advise you to go on the pier at the end of the day, if you are lucky you can see penguins coming home at the sunset. . It's a protected place so there are some security guys to protect penguins and to keep an eye on tourists, because it's forbidden to take pictures with flash or to touch them, they are very nice and will answer to your questions about penguins with pleasure.





- *Phillip Island*



Near Melbourne you can go to **Phillip Island** to see some penguins, it's a cool day trip!
At Summerland Beach, spectators gather daily at sunset to watch the Penguin Parade

In addition to the Penguin Parade, you can also visit :

- The Churchill Island, which the first farm in Victoria. Wander the old homestead and discover the ways of the olden days with the daily heritage farming activities like sheep shearing, working dogs, cow milking, and whip cracking.
- The Koala Conservation Centre, and come 'face to face' with koalas in their natural habitat along the treetop boardwalks.





- *Great Ocean Road*



The Great Ocean Road is known to be one the world's most scenic coastal drives. *Its 2 hours driving from Melbourne, you can rent a car to go there, it's the cheapest way to do it, or you can take a day trip with an organisation. Indeed, you can book a tour (for example with the buses [Gray Line](#)) that will take you from 7am to 8pm to go around the **Great Ocean Road** stopping by several points of view.*

There are lots of stops to do on this road, lots of viewpoints stops are possible on the road to enjoy the view. *The Port Campbell National Park is a where you can see the 12 Apostles.*





4. Uluru

Uluru or Ayers Rock is a massive sandstone monolith in the earth of the “Red Centre” in the Northern Territory. Alice

Springs is the nearest city, 450km far away. Uluru is literally in the middle of nowhere.

It’s a very impressive place, by its high, its colour, and also because it’s a very sacred place for aboriginal people.

You can climb Uluru, BUT it’s like an injury for aboriginal people, and it’s also very dangerous (already 36 people died by climbing it).

Uluru is known to change colour according to the time of the day.



It’s better to take an organized trip to visit Uluru.

Kings Canyon is next to Uluru, is a scenic landscape of rugged ranges, ancient sandstone walls rising hundreds of meters to a plateau of rocky domes. The Kings Canyon walk take 3hours, without point to refill your bottle of water, so you have to bring 3L of water per person, to put sun cream, to put a hat, and to take energy bar.



There is no service there, the only to contact rescue if needed, is to use the radio in place.





Kata Tjuta is a group of 36 large domed rock formations. You can walk in the gorge by taking the Valley of Winds walkway.

Kata Tjuta is also sacred for aboriginal people.



5. Oolandra Wildlife Sanctuary



The Oolandra Wildlife Sanctuary is a sanctuary located *near Canberra*, created by an English woman. She rescues injured kangaroos to treat them and then releasing them in the wild.

You can go to the sanctuary on the weekend to take care of them. You can contact her on her Facebook page “Oolandra Wildlife Sanctuary”.

It’s an organization so you will have to pay 50\$ to help them.





6. Brisbane / Byron Bay

- *Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary*



The Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is the bigger koala reserve of the world. There you can touch and take koala in your arm.

You can also feed some kangaroos in this sanctuary.

The visit of the park take around 3hours and it cost 36\$ for an adult or 24\$ for student.

- *Byron Bay*



Byron Bay is a little town located in the south of Brisbane, famous for beaches, surf spots and submarine dive. The slogan of the town is "Welcome to Byron Bay! Cheer up, slow down and chill out". There is a hippy vibes in Byron Bay.





- *Mount Coot-Tha*



Climbing the Mount Coot-Tha offers you an incredible view on all Brisbane City. It's the 1st touristic spot of Brisbane.

During WWII, anti-aircraft guns and searchlights were located on the lookout. Mount Coo-tha was also the site of US Naval Ammunition Depot supplying submarines at the Capricorn Wharf at New Farm in Brisbane.

7. New Zealand



New Zealand is just next to Australia you can enjoy your time to go there.

If you have only a few times in New Zealand preferred South Island, it's the more natural of the two islands. The Northern one is more the island to live when you work there with city like Auckland.

Maybe the best way to travel there and see the most things is to make a road trip, even for a week. You can find ideas or itinerary on internet.

