# **Jewels of Sapphire Coast**



# **FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR**

# Experience Merimbula and Batemans Bay

Highlights include: Nyerimilang Heritage Park, River Pub Lunch Cruise at Metung Peel Cruises, Seal watching, Wheelers Bay Oyster Barn, Pambula picnic, Merimbula Aquarium, Cat Balou Cruise, Killer Whale Museum, Tarthra, Bega Cheese, Burnima Homestead, Moruya, Batemans Bay Clyde River Cruise, Mogo Wildlife Zoo.

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# Ocean Grove / Coal Creek / Nyerimilang East Gippsland / Lakes Entrance

Embark on an exciting journey as you depart from Ocean Grove. Your first destination will be Coal Creek Heritage Village, where you can enjoy a self-guided tour while savoring a catered lunch.

As we head towards the serene Lakes Entrance, another favourite stop awaits you at Nyerimilang Heritage Park in East Gippsland. Step back in time as you roam this 250-hectare property situated on the cliffs of Lakes Entrance Estuary. Embark on a guided tour and indulge in a scrumptious afternoon tea amidst the breathtaking surroundings.

Upon arrival, you'll check into the luxurious Esplanade Spa Resort, providing you with a comfortable and relaxing stay. Unwind and settle in before enjoying a delightful dinner at the resort. It's important to get a good night's rest as tomorrow promises an adventure-filled day of exploration.

**OVERNIGHT & DINNER** The Esplanade Resort & Spa, 1 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, T (03) 5150 9688



#### DAY TWO TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024 🖪 MT 💶 💶

# Lakes Entrance / Town Tour Skipper Pete / Metung Pub / Peel Cruises

Wake up to a scrumptious breakfast and get ready for an unforgettable adventure as you set sail on the Peels Cruise. Prepare to be captivated by the stunning beauty of Metung as you glide through the waters. Indulge in lunch at Metung Pub, located on the shores of Bancroft Bay nesteld in the heart of Gippsland Lakes, Australia's largest inland waterway. After your meal, take a stroll through the nearby village before the return seal watching journey on Gippsland Lakes.

Upon your return, a delicious dinner awaits you, but that's not all! Make sure you don't miss out on the enlightening Skipper Pete Tour Guide experience. Let Skipper Pete be your knowledgeable guide, leading you on a local sightseeing adventure. Immerse yourself in fascinating town history and gain a deeper understanding of the area, making your journey even more enriching.

**OVERNIGHT & DINNER** The Esplanade Resort & Spa

DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 20 NOV 2024

# Lakes Entrance / Buchan / Mallacoota / Eden / Merimbula

Bid farewell to Lakes Entrance as you embark on a day of coach travel. After enjoying breakfast, it's time to travel to Merimbula. As you embark on this scenic drive, prepare to be mesmerized by the breathtaking views of the foothills of the Victorian Alps. We will have time to stop for lunch (at own expense) and also make some stop and stretch your legs. Along the way, the beauty of Buchan and its enchanting deciduous trees and Chinese tree ferns will captivate your senses.

Continuing along the Princess Highway, we'll make a stop at Mallacoota, nestled in the eastern corner of the state and surrounded by the untouched Croajingolong National Park. As we cross into New South Wales, be prepared to be amazed by the scenic and unspoiled stretches of coastline, contrasting with rugged hills and sheltered gullies.

Eden, a perfect bay inlet, will be our spot for a delightful afternoon tea. Afterward, we'll check in at The Comfort Inn Merimbula, where you can settle in and unwind. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the accommodation, savoring the flavors of the region. Tomorrow, we'll have the opportunity to explore the charming town of Merimbula. However, for tonight, take a stroll to stretch your legs and soak in the surroundings, marking the start of our incredible Sapphire Coast holiday.



# Merimbula / Town Tour / Wheelers Oyster Farm / Pambula Beach / Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf

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Today, you are in for a day filled with fascinating experiences in the charming town of Merimbula. Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast that will energize you for the adventures ahead.

Next, hop on the bus where our knowledgeable guide will share fascinating local knowledge about the town of Merimbula. As you enjoy morning tea, soak in the interesting tidbits and stories shared by our guide.

One of the highlights of the day is a visit to Wheelers Oyster Barn, where you will be captivated by a tour showcasing how oysters are grown. A local farmer will guide you through the process, giving you an inside look into this unique industry. After the tour, take a lunch break in the great outdoors. We'll make a stop at the picturesque town of Pambula, where you can enjoy lunch at your own expense and leisure. A picnic on the beach tables, is ideal at this stunning Sapphire Coast cove.

The adventure continues with a visit to the renowned Merimbula Aquarium. Explore the fascinating oceanarium and wharf, surrounded by stunning azure blue lagoons. Take your time to absorb the beauty of this pristine environment as we enjoy afternoon tea together.

Dinner will be enjoyed at your accommodation this evening, and you'll have ample time to relax and unwind beforehand.

**OVERNIGHT & DINNER** Comfort Inn Merimbula

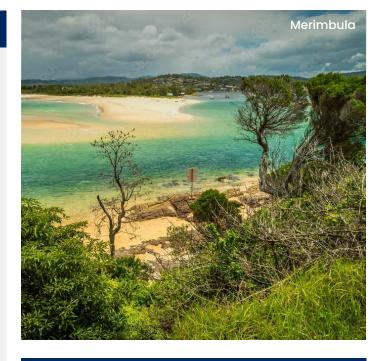
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# Eden / Historical Town Tour / Catbalou Cruise Two Folds Bay / Killer Whale Museum

After breakfast, we'll head to the charming town of Eden for today's Discovery Tour of the magnificent marine coastline. Joining an engaging Eden Historical Tour, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the town's rich history while enjoying a refreshing morning tea break.

Next, hop aboard the Catbalou Cruise for a twohour journey that offers breathtaking views of the sparkling waters. Sit back, relax, and take in the beauty of the surroundings. After the cruise, it's time for an exquisite lunch on dry land. Take your time to savor the flavors and replenish your energy. Before we wrap up the day, we'll explore the fascinating Eden Killer Whale Museum, immersing ourselves in the history and culture of the area.

Returning mid-afternoon, you'll have the chance to put your feet up and enjoy a well-deserved break at the accommodation before joining the group for dinner at the hotel's restaurant.



DAY SIX SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024

# Merimbula / Tathra / Bega Cheese / Burnima Homestead / Tilba / Moruya / Batemans Bay

It's time for you to bid farewell to Merimbula and head to Batemans Bay. As you make your way along the coast, your first stop will be the historic township of Tathra, renowned for its charming sea wharf. Take a moment to enjoy a cup of tea while overlooking the ocean.

Continuing your adventure, you'll head to Bega where you can visit a lookout point that offers stunning vistas of the picturesque Bega Valley. Don't miss the chance to taste the famous Bega Cheese, known for its exceptional flavour and quality. There is also time for lunch here (at own expense).

Next, is a visit to Burnima Homestead, a remarkable Victorian Gothic-style mansion constructed in 1896. Immerse yourself in the rich history as you explore the meticulously restored mansion surrounded by six acres of exquisite gardens.

Continuing northward, you'll have the opportunity to experience the charm of the world heritage-listed town of Tilba. Step into a bygone era as you wander through this town where time seems to have stood still.

Before reaching your final destination, there will be a quick stop at Moruya, a vibrant town renowned for its timber and dairy industry. Take a moment to appreciate the local culture and heritage that thrive in this dynamic community.

Finally, you'll sweep into Batemans Bay, a beloved holiday resort town nestled on the expansive estuary of the Clyde River. Check into the comfortable Batemans Bay Sunseeker Motor Inn and indulge in dinner here.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Batemans Bay Sunseeker Motor Inn

**OVERNIGHT & DINNER** Comfort Inn Merimbula

### Batemans Bay Clyde River Cruise / Historical Society Town Tour

Take a break from your travels and start your day off right with a leisurely breakfast at Batemans Bay Sunseeker Motor Inn. This morning the destination itself lends us to great base for a walk or some time to read a book, look at the shops to see what sparling area on the Clyde River has to offer. Explore the charming town, take your time to enjoy a delicious lunch, and then embark on the Merinda River Boat Cruise, where you'll be treated to another delectable meal.

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In the afternoon, join a town tour led by the historical Society, immersing yourself in the rich history of the area. Afterward, you'll have some free time to do a little shopping or simply unwind with a book.

As the evening rolls in, retreat back to the comfort of your accommodation and savor a sumptuous dinner that will surely satisfy your appetite.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Batemans Bay Sunseeker Motor Inn

#### DAY EIGHT MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024

# Batemans Bay / Mogo Wildlife Park / Yass / Jugiong / Gundigai / Wodonga

Today, we leave Batemans Bay and head to Wodonga. Start your day with a delightful breakfast before setting off for the Mogo Wildlife Park and Tour. In Mogo, a charming historic gold mining town, you can immerse yourself in the beauty of nature and wildlife.

Next, make your way to Yass, where you can experience some genuine country hospitality while enjoying a cup of tea and taking a tour of the area.

Continue with a drive through Yass Jugiong, soaking in the scenic beauty along the way. Your next stop will be Gundagai for lunch (at own expense).

In the afternoon, you'll arrive at Holbrook, a destination filled with history and character. Take a moment to appreciate the local attractions before proceeding to check in at the comfortable Blazing Stump Motel & Suites in Wodonga where you will stay and enjoy twocourse dinner.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER** Blazing Stump Motel

#### Wodonga / Home

As your unforgettable journey comes to an end, enjoy a hearty breakfast at the Blazing Stump Motel & Suites in Wodonga. Take a moment to appreciate the delicious meal before we embark on our journey back home.

Before we hit the road, we'll have a refreshing morning tea break, giving you a chance to relax and reflect on the incredible memories made on tour. As we make our way down through the lush agricultural areas of Northern Victoria, let the picturesque landscape captivate your senses. You'll be treated to one last memorable sightseeing feast as we travel along the breathtaking Azure Safari Coast before you arrive home. Our door to door drop off service will then be ready to meet the main coach to get you home safely.

### **EXCLUSIONS**

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# **Additional information**



# Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

# Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

# What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

# What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

- 1. Easy
- 2. Active/Moderate

# Relaxed pace tours - Level 1 fitness - Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/ vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

#### Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

# Tours with some mild physical activities -Level 2 fitness - Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

#### Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

## Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

# Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

# **Special needs**

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the tinle of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.



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