

Great Ocean Walk 4-Day Tour

Distance: Highlights of the track - 43km **Duration:** 4 Days / 3 Nights



Walk one of Victoria's most iconic walks. We make walking the highlights of this long- distance walking trail possible. Walking through spectacular national parks full of tall forests, coastal heathlands, wild rocky shores, river estuaries and windswept cliff-tops presenting amazing coastal views - nature truly unfolds around every bend. Carry only a day pack as you enjoy some of the most amazing sights of one of Australia's greatest multi-day walks.

By walking the highlights of the 104km Great Ocean Walk as a series of day walks in graded stages, people with a moderate level of fitness can complete the walk. Preparation will make the experience all the more enjoyable. Excellent home-made food, comfortable lodge style accommodation and knowledgeable guides will complement your trip.

Join us on a Great Ocean Walk 4-Day tour this year and tick this amazing walk off your bucket list

Level: *Moderate Terrain*

What our guests say:

"Four Day Highlight Great Ocean Walk, Victoria

"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 Rachele and Campbell. Have wanted to hike this trail for a while and I was not disappointed. Thanks for making it a holiday to remember!"

-Trip Advisor, Rosie Dec 2017

Give us a call if you have any questions! 08 8 6219 5164
or walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au

2018 DEPARTURE:

25 - 28 October 2018



Itinerary

Day 1

Apollo Bay to Shelly Beach
Distance: 8km

We depart Melbourne CBD at 8am, heading for the spectacular Great Ocean Road and Apollo Bay – the start of the Great Ocean Walk. Enjoy the first of many fresh picnic lunches for the week, get to know your walking companions and see if you can spot some Australian Fur Seals out on the rocks.

The walk today is relatively easy with some short sections of beach walking and a few hills. Keep an eye out for Koalas near Shelly beach!

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 we will drive to Cape Otway Lightstation.

Day 2

Blanket Bay to Aire Inlet
Distance: 5 + 11km

Today the walk starts off at Blanket Bay. Walking on cliff tops and through coastal forest we end the first section of our day at Parker Hill. Look out for black wallabies, echidnas, black cockatoos and other wildlife along the way.

From here the bus will take us to Cape Otway Lightstation from where we then walk along the calcified cliff tops to Aire River. Today you may opt to walk all or only parts of the day.

Day 3

Milanesia Beach to Moonlight Head
Distance: 11km

The first highlight today is Milanesia Beach, which is one of those secret beaches not many people get to. The track then cuts through and alternates between coastal heath, inland gullies and isolated beach and sea cliffs with a roller coaster of ups and downs 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. It is a challenging (lots of ups and downs), but very rewarding day.

Day 4

Princetown to Gibson's Steps
Distance: 7km

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 looming Apostles. We will end our walk today at Gibson's steps, taking in the eastern Apostles from sea level for a unique perspective. You may also opt to go for a swim if the weather and conditions are favourable.

After a very short drive to the 12 Apostles from Gibson's steps we will have plenty of time to view the Apostles and enjoy our lunch. We then will make our way back to Melbourne via the inland route.



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The Fine Details

Cost: \$1,350 per person

(\$1,560 single supplement)

What's included:

- 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

Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Melbourne CBD. We depart at 8.00am from the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) on a weekday and from Southern Cross Station on weekend departures.

WEEK-DAY DEPARTURES: We depart at 8.00am from the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV). There are multiple coach stands all along St Kilda Road, which are at the front of the NGV. Once at the main entrance of the NGV follow St Kilda Rd briefly south, towards Southbank Blvd, you will quickly see some fountains on your right, around here is where we usually can find a bus parking spot. Often we can find a spot just before you would hit Southbank Blvd, when heading south along the main front of the NGV. [Click here](#) for a map.

WEEK-END DEPARTURES: We depart at 8.00am from Southern Cross Station. There is a loading zone out front of The Age building, which is opposite the south facing side of Southern Cross Station on Collins St. As you walk along Southern Cross Station on Spencer St heading towards Collins Street, cross the road at the lights and turn right up along Collins St towards The Age building. You will see a small park on your left, at the end of this little park and at the entrance of The Age building there is a Loading Zone, this is where we can park the bus, [click here](#) for a map.

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 are within easy walking distance from the pick up location.

- Travelodge Southbank on Southgate Ave
 - Mantra Southbank on City Rd
 - Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne on Flinders 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.

Average Temperature (degrees):

Oct: 9 min - 19 max

Where do we stay?

We stay at the Cape Otway Light-station spread out over two heritage buildings – the Head Light-keeper’s House and Manager’s House. You won’t find a better location along the



Great Ocean Walk than this stunning cliff-top position, with perfect sun-set views over the Southern Ocean.

We will come together in one of the houses for breakfast and dinner each day.

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$210. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

What’s the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Jump onto our website 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.
- 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).

Just in case...

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

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- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

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.