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## Great Ocean Road Two Day Tour

**This two day trip of approximately 530 kilometre starts from Melbourne and provides a good overview of features along the Great Ocean Road between Anglesea and Warrnambool. It is a comfortable two day trip. Actual driving time will be around 3 hours per day but try to leave Melbourne early so you have extra time to spend at places you find interesting.**

**Take the M 1 and cross the Westgate Bridge and continue on the M 1. The M 1 bypasses Geelong and comes out on the A1 at Waurnd Ponds . As at June 2010 you need to turn right onto the A 1 and proceed for 400 metres and turn left on to the Anglesea turn off (C134). The M 1 is currently being extended with a bridge that will give an exit directly to C134 completion is expected April 2011. The distance to the Anglesea turn off from top of the Westgate Bridge is 73.4 kilometres. (See Map 1 and 2) Continue down C134 for 14.6 kilometres until it intersects the Great Ocean Road (B100) at the roundabout. Turn right. (See below on left picture)**



**Anglesea is a further 12 kilometres on. At Anglesea travel time elapsed should be less than 75 minutes. Distances to and from Anglesea are from the round- about above (right picture) just beyond Anglesea shops. Continue along the Great Ocean Road for 1.3 kilometres and take right exit (Harvey Street) and take first left to lookout (Allow 10 minutes for this stop). This look-out gives outstanding views along the coast and of Anglesea. Back track to the Great Ocean Road and continue for 4.8 kilometres to Urquhart's Bluff car park (left hand side of the road). Between Anglesea and Urquhart's Bluff there are many parking spots that give excellent pictures of the Split Point lighthouse. Take 5 minutes to take in the view along the coast back to Anglesea. Continue along the Great Ocean Road through Aireys Inlet and turn left into Inlet Road(ignore the first road to the lighthouse as parking can be difficult). It is unsealed but in good condition. From the roundabout in Anglesea to the turn is 11.3 kilometres. Continue along Inlet Crescent for 300 metres and turn right into Reserve Road and continue up the hill for 200 metres to the car park.( See map 3). It is a short walk up to the Split Point lighthouse. There is a short walk below the light house that is also worth doing as it gives excellent views along the coast in both directions. Allow 40 minutes for this stop.**



**Split Point Lighthouse Aires Inlet**



**Eagle Rock**

**Back track to the Great Ocean Road and continue for 4.6 kilometres and turn left into the car park just before the Great Ocean Road Memorial Arch. This Arch commemorates the Returned Soldiers from the First World War who built the Great Ocean Road. Allow 10 minutes for this stop.**



**The Great Ocean Road past the Memorial Arch follows the coast for several kilometres then climbs up the Devil's Elbow and over Big Hill 90 metres above sea level before descending back to the coast approaching Lorne. The Devil's Elbow car park( 2.1 kilometres beyond Great Ocean Road Arch) and the lookout(4 kilometres past Great Ocean Road Arch) located approximately 80 metres beyond the Cinema Point lookout give excellent views along the coast back to Anglesea. Allow 10 minutes for each lookout. Lorne is 13 kilometres past the Memorial Arch.**

**Visit one our sponsor businesses in Lorne for a take away morning tea. Weather permitting we suggest that you have your takeaway morning tea on the Lorne Pier which is located 13.6**

**kilometres past the Memorial Arch. The walk on the pier gives excellent views along the coast and back to Lorne and is an excellent spot for a short break. Allow 15 minutes for this stop.**



**Lorne Pier**



**Aerial photo of Mt Defiance lookout**

**Past the Lorne pier the Great Ocean Road hugs the coast and gives some of the most spectacular views on the drive. Travel down the Great Ocean Road for another 8.2 kilometres from the Lorne Pier and stop at Mt Defiance Lookout. The car park will only take 3 cars so look ahead when approaching to see if there is a car parking spot. Do not try to stop if there is no park (this stop is optional as the view at Mt Defiance lookout has got a little obstructed by vegetation).**

**Continue past Mt Defiance for 16.1 kilometres to pull in at Sausage Gully. You will pass through the small towns of Wye River (7.4 kilometres past Mt Defiance) and Kennett River (10.6 kilometres past Mt Defiance). Koalas are to be seen on the Great Ocean Road in this area. Generally if there are lots of cars parked there will be Koalas close by. Allow 15 minutes for this stop.**

**Continue along the Great Ocean Road for a further 1.6 kilometres and pull into the Cape Paton car park. This gives stunning views along the coast towards Apollo Bay. Also have a look over the stone wall to the waves breaking below. Allow 10 minutes for this stop.**



**Aerial Picture Cape Paton**



**Apollo Bay from Mariners Lookout**

**Apollo Bay is a further 17.4 kilometres beyond Cape Paton and is a good spot to stop for lunch as the Great Ocean Road heads inland through the Otway Ranges before returning to the coast near the 12 Apostles. We have allowed 50 minutes for a lunch stop. There are a number**

of beach parking spots between Apollo Bay and Marengo that have excellent views. At Apollo Bay elapsed travel time from Anglesea is approximately 3 hours.

The Great Ocean Road follows the coast for approximately 4 kilometres before climbing into the Otway Ranges through the Greater Otway National Park. The top of the Otway Ranges is located at the small township of Lavers Hill 47.9 kilometres from Apollo Bay. Lavers Hill is 470 metres above sea level. At the T inter section (left hand photo) entering Lavers Hill turn left along the Great Ocean Road and continue for 31.3 kilometres. The Great Ocean Road travels along a forested ridge before descending into the Gellibrand River valley near Princetown.



**T intersection at Lavers Hill**



**Princetown Turn off**

500 metres past the turn off to Princetown turn left to a delightful picnic area on the banks of the Gellibrand River approximately 1 kilometre from the Great Ocean Road. It is worth a look or stop for a cup of tea. Gibson's Steps are located 4 kilometres after you return to the Great Ocean Road. It is well worth the walk onto the beach via some steep steps cut into the cliff face. If you walk towards the formations to the right when facing the sea you are looking at the first two of the twelve apostles. Looking further on you can see one of the twelve apostles' lookouts. Allow 35 minutes for this stop. The 12 Apostles parking area is located on the right side of the road 2.4 kilometres past the turn off to Gibson's Steps. Do not leave valuables in clear view in your car. Allow 45 minutes to view 12 Apostles and visitor information centre. There are toilets at the information centre.

After the 12 Apostles continue along the Great Ocean Road for 3.5 kilometres and turn left into Loch Ard gorge. You could spend the whole day exploring at Loch Ard gorge but for this tour we recommend that you park at the walk down into the gorge. This is a short but steep walk down stairs into the gorge. The other walk is the Razor Back walk. The Razor Back walk takes in spectacular coastal scenery and is a must do walk. If there are big waves it is also worth walking to the blow hole. Allow 90 minutes for Loch Ard gorge. See Map 4 and 5



**12 Apostles**



**Inside Loch Ard Gorge**

**Continue along the Great Ocean Road(B100) for a further 7.5 kilometres to Port Campbell. Do not take the first turn into Port Campbell but take the second turn (see map 5). This brings you into Port Campbell close to the ocean. Port Campbell is ideally located to spend a night at one of our sponsor accommodation locations. It is worth having a short walk on the pier as it gives a good overview of Port Campbell.**

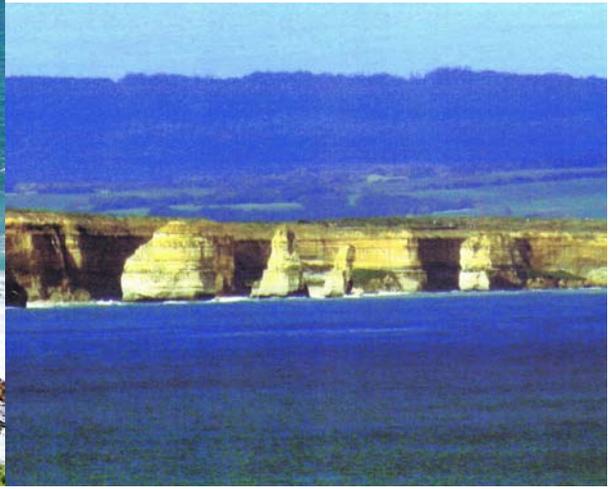


**Port Campbell from lookout just beyond the town**

**On leaving Port Campbell the Great Ocean Road swings sharply to the left approximately 1 kilometre from the centre of Port Campbell. 5.3 kilometres from this bend turn left into The Arch. The Arch (left hand photo below) is possibly the best single feature along the Great Ocean Road. Allow 30 minutes to view this feature. As you approach the Arch down the walking track on a clear day you can see the back of the Twelve Apostles (right hand photo below)**



**The Arch**



**12 Apostles from The Arch**

**London Bridge turnoff is located 700 metres past The Arch and a further 1.5 kilometres is The Grotto. Allow 30 minutes to explore each feature.**



**London Bridge**



**The Grotto**

**The pleasant town of Peterborough is located 5 kilometres past The Grotto turn off. Toilets are located 500 metres up the first road to the left after crossing the Estuary of the Curdies River. After the toilet stop continue to the car park at the mouth of the Curdies River. It gives good views back towards the 12 Apostles on a clear day. Allow around 10 minutes for this stop.**

**Back track to the Great Ocean Road and continue for 2 kilometres and pull into the Bay of Martyrs car park. Allow 5 minutes for this stop. Continue on for 3.8 kilometres and turn left into The Bay of Islands car park. There is a short walk of 5 minutes to the two viewing platforms that give spectacular views along the coast. As a complete Great Ocean Road feature The Bay of Islands is one of the best and definitely a must see feature(Allow 30 minutes for this stop). See aerial picture below and panorama.**



**500 metres after returning to the Great Ocean Road from the Bay of Islands turn left into Boat Harbour. Park and walk to headland viewing point to get a different perspective on the Bay of Islands. It is also worth walking to the boat launching ramp which must be one of the steepest in Victoria if not Australia. Allow approximately 15 minutes for this stop. After Boat Harbour the Great Ocean Road heads away from the coast. There is a good side trip back to the coast at Childers Cove. As it only adds about 1 kilometre to the trip as opposed to continuing along the Great Ocean Road we recommend this. 13.5 kilometres past Boat Harbour take the left turn to Childers Cove. The turn is signposted but after the turn signage is poor. Proceed for 3.6 kilometres and turn left and proceed for another 1.9 kilometres and turn left. Sandy Cove (right hand photo below) is a further 0.6 kilometres on and Childers Cove (left hand picture below) is a further 1.1 kilometres. Allow 15 minutes to view these features. There are toilets located in this park area. To return to the Great Ocean Road proceed straight ahead where you turned into Sandy Cove Road and continue for 6 kilometres and turn left onto the Great Ocean Road.**



**Childers Cove**



**Sandy Cove**

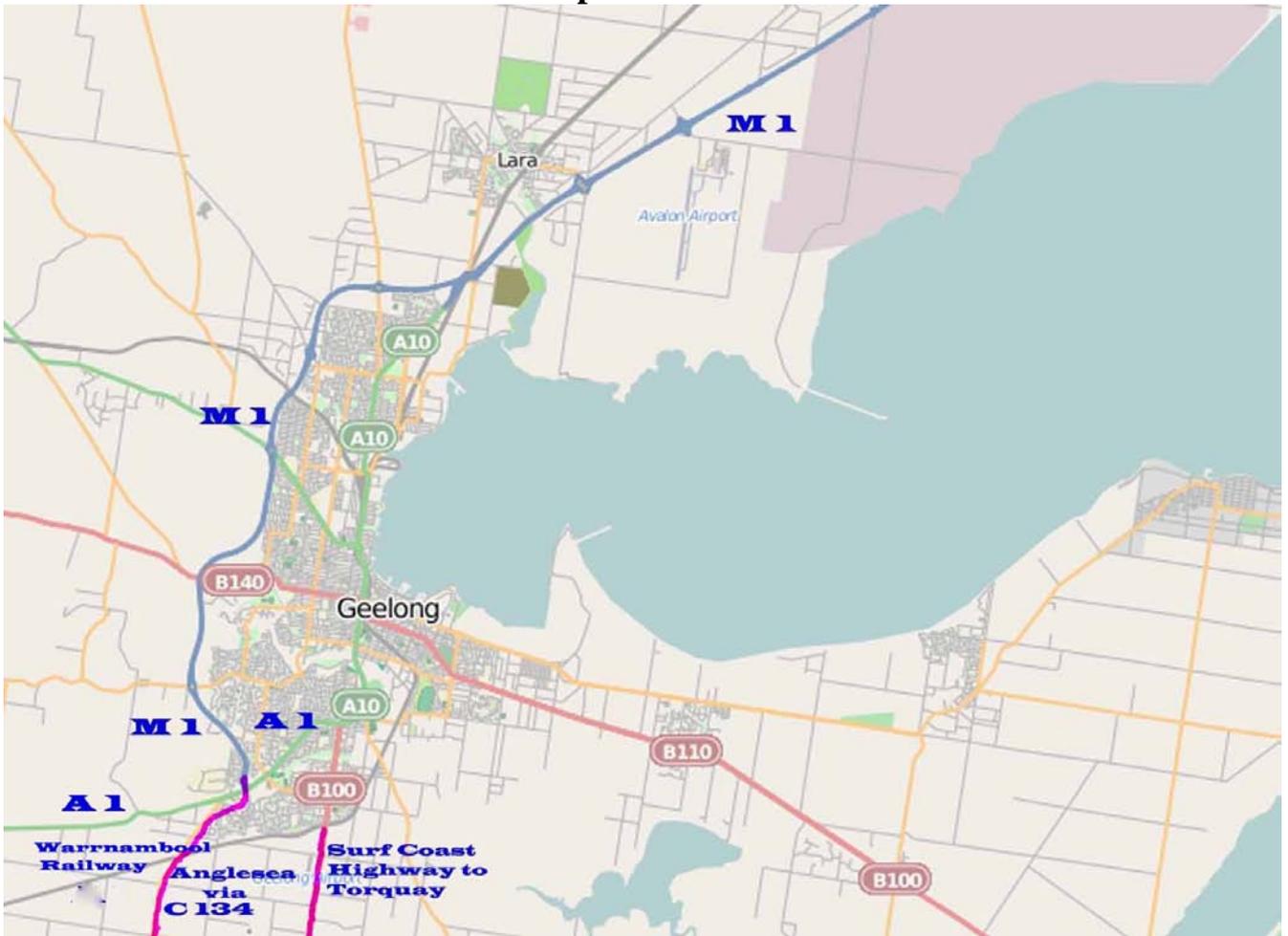
**Proceed for 5.9 kilometres and take the Allansford turn off to the left. This turn off is located approximately 500 metres past the Allansford Cheese factory. Continue for 2.9 kilometres and turn left to Logan's Beach Whale nursery. After travelling a further 3.1 kilometres the road veers to the right and continues for 9.8 kilometres to Logan's Beach turn off. Whales can be observed from Logan Beach viewing platform between July and September. If travelling at other times it is still worth walking to platform as it gives excellent views of Lady Bay. Allow for a 15 minutes stop out of whale season or 30 minutes or more during whale watching season for this stop. (See map 8)**

**Return to Logan's Beach turn off and proceed approximately 400 metres past the Hopkins River and turn right and proceed for 500 metres and turn left and a further 1 kilometre on turn left onto Princes Highway(A1) on the edge of Warrnambool(See map 9).**

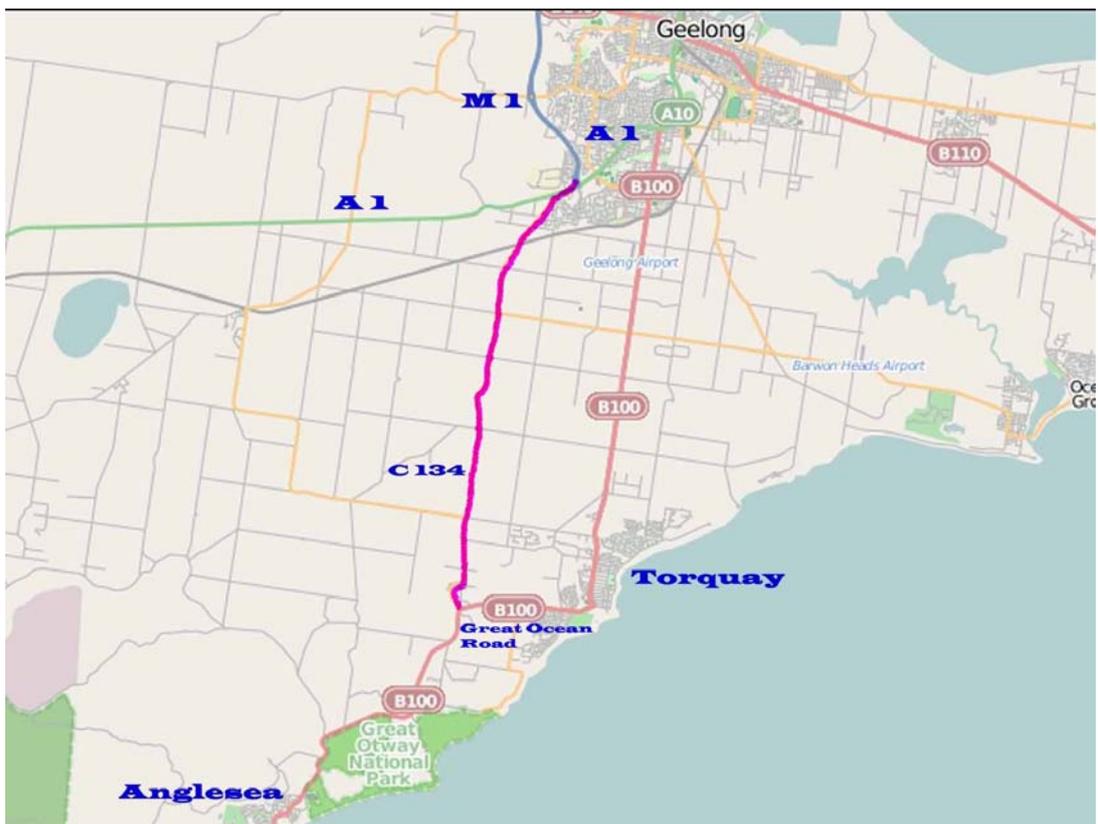
**A further 1 kilometre down the A 1 turn left into Banyan Street and proceed for 2 kilometres to Flag Staff Hill lookout. This lookout gives excellent views over Lady Bay and the Warrnambool Harbour. It also has signs with useful historical data. Allow 15 minutes for this stop. Across the road from lookout is Flagstaff Hill Maritime village. This is a paid attraction that is well worth going to but you need to allow at least 2 hours. This will make for a late return to Melbourne (Driving time back to Melbourne from Warrnambool is approximately 3.5 hours see map 10).**

**Warrnambool harbour and pier is worth a visit if you decide not to visit the Flagstaff Hill Maritime village. At the roundabout at bottom of Banyan Street take the second exit into Pertobe Road and follow it for approximately 1.6 kilometres to roundabout and take 1<sup>st</sup> exit into Viaduct Road which takes you to the harbour. The breakwater was designed and built in 1890 and is approximately 310 metres in length. Allow 25 minutes to take in the panoramic views of the coast and Warrnambool. Return to Princes Highway by back tracking and proceed to Melbourne.(See Map9)**

Map Number 1



Map 2



Maps Derived from Open Street maps(www.openstreetmap.org)

Map 3



Map 4



**Map 5  
Loch Ard Gorge**



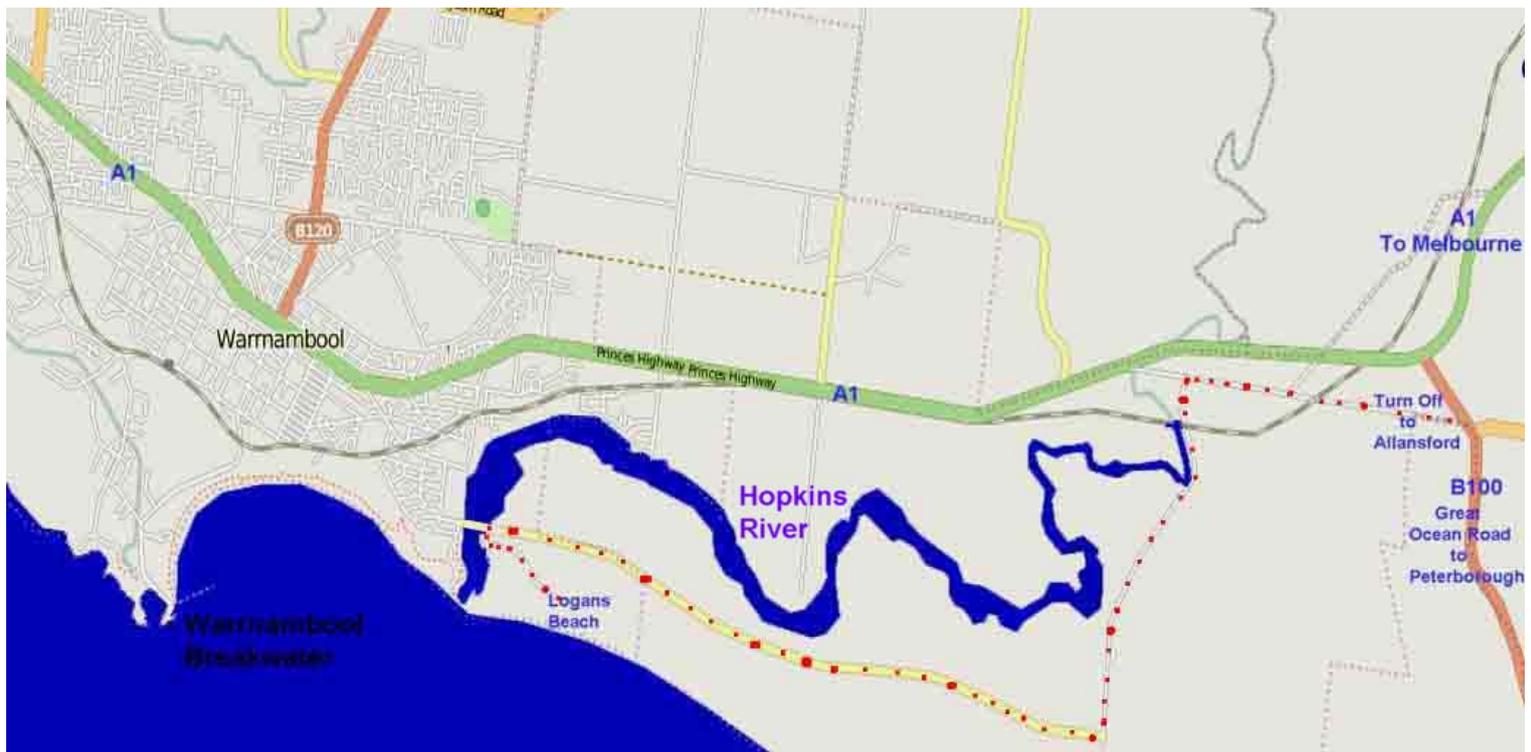
**Map 6  
Port Campbell**



**Map 7**  
**Great Ocean Road to Childers Cove**



**Map 8**  
**Great Ocean Road to Logan's Beach**



# Map 9 Logan's Beach to Flagstaff Hill and Harbour



## Map 9 Warrnambool to Melbourne

