

SYDNEY TO PERTH: A SELF GUIDED MOTORCYCLE TOUR



BEST ADVICE - BEST TOURS - BEST BIKES

Sydney





Sydney

Capital city of New South Wales, the site of Australia's first permanent European settlement and one of the world's most beautiful cities. Set on a large harbour it has the natural advantages of walks around the foreshores, spectacular views, bay-side parks, gardens and the architectural magic of the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

From this classic starting point in the majestic city, you collect your bikes from our depot before spending the first day riding to, and exploring around the breathtaking New South Wales coastline. A relaxing ride on the first day to ease you into the swing of things, but with plenty to see and do along the way.

Experience the 'Three Sisters', brave the world's steepest railway, tour the valleys and watch the mountains take on their evening hues from the comfort of your balcony back at the accommodation.



The New South Wales Coast



New South Wales Coast

More than 30 national parks are scattered around this region of New South Wales, with marine sanctuaries and nature reserves adding to the already incredible variety. Stretching from the Royal National Park near Sydney to Eden in the south, the unspoilt natural beauty of the region makes it a perfect motorcycling destination.

You'll wind your way around the rugged coast, through the verdant national parks and along the outstanding Seacliff Bridge on the Grand Pacific Drive. It's not possible to ride any closer to the ocean without getting wet!







The Snowy Mountains



Snowy Mountains

Epic alpine scenery in Australia? Most people don't realise that Australia has more ski runs than Switzerland, but a ride through this area will soon set the record straight.

Although mostly recognised for its winter sports, 'the Snowies' as the area is affectionately known, is a playground for those looking for something different and adventurous motorcyclists alike.

Twist through the atmospheric alpine forests, sweep along the winding mountain roads and drink in the fantastic scenery. Whilst you're having so much fun, don't forget to stop for lunch at one of the seasonal alpine towns along the way, or pause for a rest on the shores of one of the snow fed lakes.





The Victoria Highlands



Victoria Highlands

New South Wales has the Snowy Mountains and Victoria has the Highlands. A more relaxed alpine environment than the 'Snowies', but don't be fooled, there are plenty of thrilling roads to ride and more breathtaking scenery to provide a great backdrop.

Wide open plains framed by rolling hills and jagged mountain peaks, the road stretches far into the distance meandering gently as it weaves through small settlements and tiny communities. With such unrestricted views all around, there's plenty of time to prepare for the corners, revel in the experience and then gaze about at the intricate beauty beyond the perfect ribbon of asphalt you're speeding along.



Melbourne



Melbourne

Capital city of Victoria and the second most populace city in Australia, Melbourne has a brilliant mix of vibrant energy, cosmopolitan charm and friendly, relaxed locals.

Cultural hub of Australia, Melbourne can be credited as the birthplace of Australian film, is a major centre for Australian music and was even ranked as the world's most liveable city in 2011. In short, why haven't you visited already?

Take time out off the bike to wander the fascinating streets, browse through the eclectic mix of small boutiques and larger stores, jump on one of the famous trams and see the sights, or simply kick back and relax in one of the many parks or with a coffee on the banks of the Yarra River.

Contemporary, vibrant, and in places, as relaxing as you want.



The Great Ocean Road



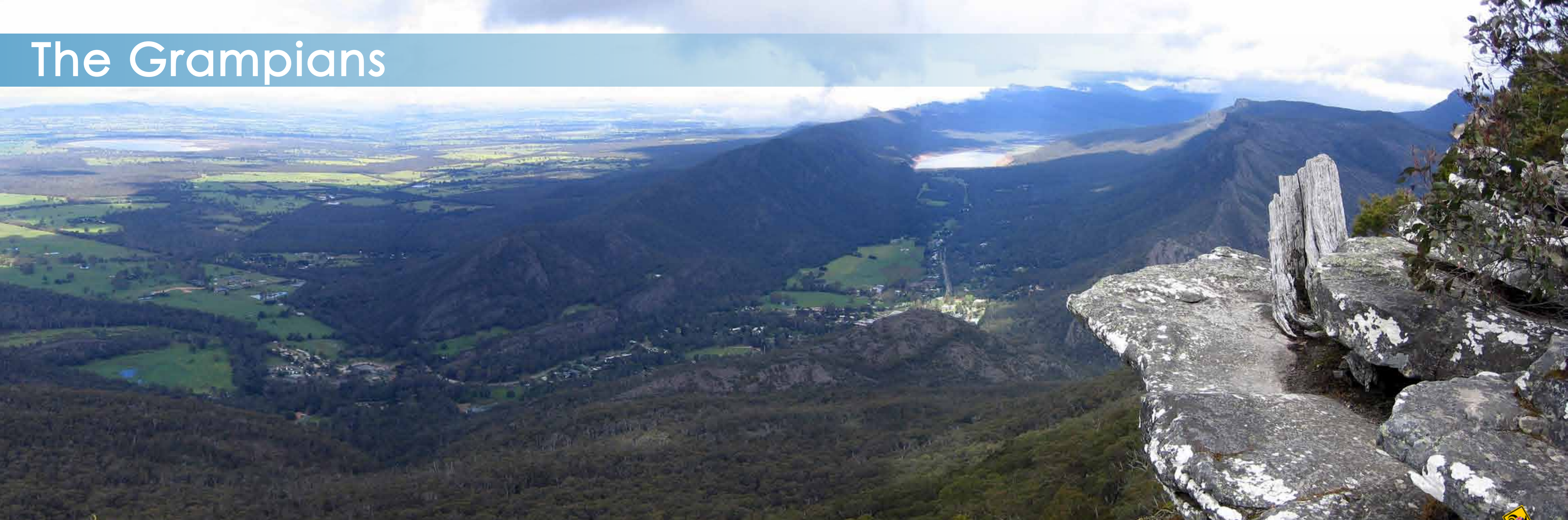
The Great Ocean Road

The Great Ocean Road is rightly classified as one of the most scenic coastal drives in the world, words simply can't describe the amazing scenery, or the experience you'll have on this 280km coast road. It's sheer, unadulterated motorcycling bliss.

Stunning ocean views to the south, the Otway Ranges to the north with their temperate rainforest, abundant eucalypts and resident koala populations and an eclectic mix of coastal towns along the way. A superb biking road, twisting and turning as it traces the outline of the Victoria coast and one that every motorcyclist should ride at least once in their life!

The '12 Apostles', 'Loch Ard Gorge' and 'London Bridge' are just a few of the natural marvels to be encountered along the way. It may only be 280km of asphalt, but it'll be an experience to last a lifetime.





The Grampians



The Grampians

It's time to breath deeply and savour mother nature at her very best. Discover grand mountain ranges, delicate wildflowers, a wealth of Aboriginal rock art sites and some great biking routes.

This area of granite highlands is jam packed with wildlife, waterfalls and superb lookouts. If you get high enough on a really clear day, you can even see the Great Ocean Road 170km away towards the coast.

A day spent in the Grampians is a day well spent. Wander the trails, experience the serenity or take your bike to some of the further flung corners of the area. Whatever you end up doing, you'll be experiencing one of the finest national parks in Australia.



Adelaide



Adelaide

Perched on the Fleurieu Peninsula, capital of Southern Australia, 'City of Churches' and the perfect blend of urban cool and natural splendour. Adelaide has one of the most impressive botanical gardens in the world, loads of relaxed open spaces and a vibrant atmosphere that makes it a pleasure to wander the streets.

A small town feel with lovely colonial architecture and all the conveniences of a modern city. It'll be the biggest settlement that you'll encounter from here until you reach Perth in Western Australia, so it's the perfect spot to sample that most iconic of Aussie meals, the meat pie floater! That's a meat pie floating in pea soup for those that haven't had the pleasure as yet.





Clare Valley





Clare Valley

The Clare Valley is one of Australia's premier grape growing regions and the wine making tradition runs deep in the area. The carefully tended gardens, regimented columns of vines, pristine conservation parks and plethora of open cellar doors makes this area an absolute delight to ride through. Try one of the famous Clare Valley Rieslings with a meal prepared at one of the many local restaurants or wineries.

Of course it isn't just the pedigree wines that draw people to this area from far and wide, the stunning scenery, friendly locals and great biking roads all play their part in making this a wonderful region of Australia to explore by motorcycle.



Flinder's Ranges



Flinder's Ranges

This is the start of what many would consider to be the 'real outback' and is the place you'll really begin to get a feel for the otherworldly landscapes Australia has tucked away. Cavernous red gorges and magnificent mountains seemingly aglow in the sunset, contrast with the starkly beautiful white gum trees standing proud in the thin desert soil. Huge wedge tailed eagles soar in the blue skies above and the peace and solitude make you feel as if you're a two-wheeled pioneer on the surface of another planet.

Epic scenery crisscrossed with tracks and minor roads, mean the Flinder's Ranges are a truly awe-inspiring place to be on a motorcycle.





Eyre Peninsula





Eyre Peninsula

Calm beaches and the warming waters of the Spencer Gulf on one side, jagged cliffs, turquoise blue waters and big skies on the other, the Eyre Peninsula is framed by spectacular sights. With more than 2000km of coastline to explore, we certainly hope you like beaches!

You can get up close and personal with some of the most iconic aquatic creatures, explore densely forested national parks, relax on the pristine beaches or simply enjoy some of the great riding that the region has to offer.

The Eyre Peninsula is frontier territory with an eclectic mix of landscapes, wildlife and people just waiting for you to arrive on your motorcycle and experience what they have to offer.



Nullarbor Plain



Nullarbor Plain

Epic. That's the only way we can think of describing the Nullarbor Plain and the Eyre Highway which stretches across the vastness. The Nullarbor is the largest single piece of limestone in the world, over 200,000 square kilometres of it in fact and crossing it is arguably the quintessential Australian Outback experience.

This seemingly endless plain ['nullus arbor' meaning 'no tree' in Latin] is a truly incredible thing to ride over. Not only is it physically impressive and the sort of landscape where adventures are made, but the friendly characters you'll meet along the way, typical Aussie roadhouse pubs and eye-wateringly beautiful sunsets over the desert truly make this a once in a lifetime experience.





Esperance





Esperance

After crossing the Nullarbor, you've certainly earned yourself a reward and Esperance is the ideal spot to indulge. There are some truly incredible beaches around the local area, so there are plenty of opportunities to lie back in the warming sands, dip your toes in the ocean and reflect on the ride so far.

Enjoy the local hospitality and recharge your batteries with some great local cuisine. Explore around the town, ride the famous coastal drive and you might even find time to squeeze in a bit more relaxing.

You've earned it.



Albany





Albany

After all the spectacular natural marvels and environmental heritage on display up until now, Albany provides a bit of its own into the mix. Steeped in tradition with a dramatic convict past, you can literally step back in time onto the well preserved streets and experience the convict jails, settlers cottages and of course the ancient taverns for yourself.

Past and present blend at the Albany wind farm. One of the most impressive man made structures on the south coast, and a surprisingly complimentary addition to the already spectacular coastline. Whilst the whaling industry is long gone now, Albany is a place where you stand a good chance of spotting the magnificent southern right, or humpback whales. It's well worth the time before you head north for Perth through the Stirling Ranges.







Margaret River

Immense Karri forests, world leading vineyards, stunning pure white beaches, an amazing coastline, hundreds of mysterious caves and some of the finest cuisine known to man; a carefully kept Australia secret. This is one of the finest areas of Australia, and yet one of the least well known outside of Western Australia.

The climate and humidity in the area is ideal for growing grapes, which has led to the prevalence of world class wines heralding from the area. There are more cellar doors to knock on around Margaret River than you could shake a wine glass at!

There are some great tree-lined roads to be ridden too, and the cool, moist interiors of the subterranean caverns located along the aptly titled 'Caves Road' provide a welcome retreat from the midday temperatures.

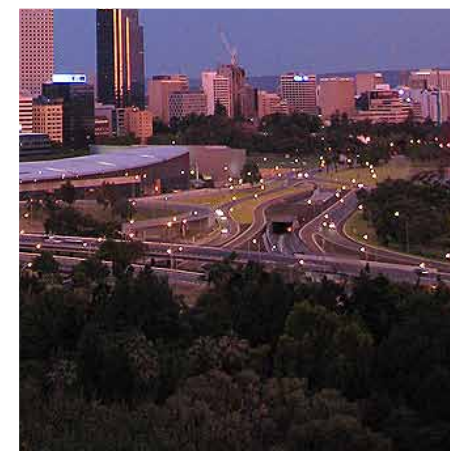
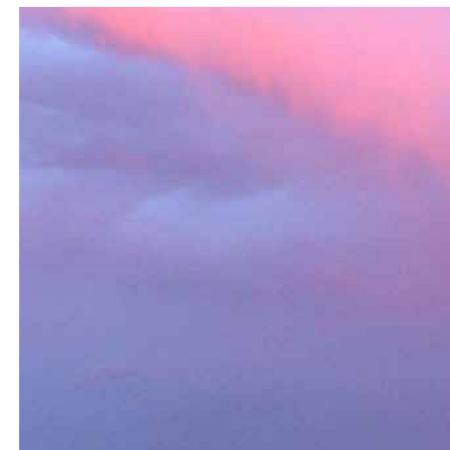
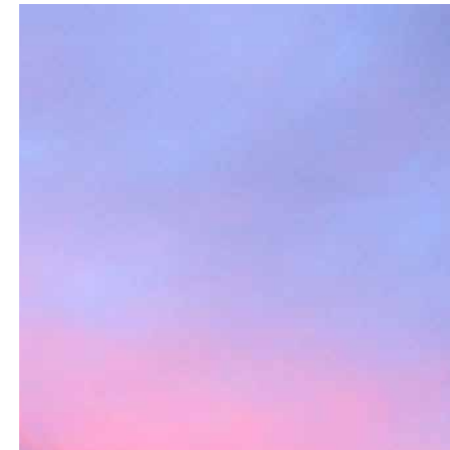
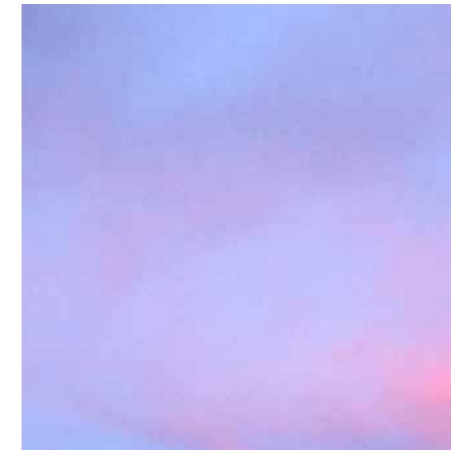




Perth & Fremantle

Perth is a modern, clean city on the banks of the majestic Swan River. The river feels more like a winding harbour really with Fremantle ('Freo' to the locals) at its entrance. Perth has all you'd expect from a thriving city with great shopping, restaurants and nightlife combined with superb beaches and a sublime climate. The weather is perfect for most of the year with warm winters and hot summers, cooled by the 'Fremantle doctor' sea breeze that comes through most afternoons.

Ranked as one of the 'world's most liveable cities', Perth has charm aplenty even if you're just visiting. A great place to start any motorcycle tour of Western Australia.



HOW THINGS WORK - Self-guided tours

Self-guided tours are designed to make it as easy as possible for you to arrange your motorbike tour in Australia.

We take away all the trouble and time needed to research and plan the tour, so you can be confident that you'll make the most of your time, see the best the route has to offer and have somewhere great to stay each night. It makes for stress free days on the bike and leaves you to simply enjoy the freedom of riding, marvel at the scenery and soak up the atmosphere.

Self-guided tour costs generally include the bike, accommodation in good quality 3.5 to 4 star bed & breakfast/ motels/resorts and a very detailed itinerary with maps that will tell you the best biking route and things to see on the way.

We know what works on these trips and the pace has been designed for people that like to make good use of the bike, but also enjoy stopping to admire the spectacular scenery, take short walks to things of interest and enjoy local hospitality with a great coffee or lunch at cafés and restaurants on the way.

A typical day is around 350 km but on some days it might be less and others a little more depending on what there is to see. You won't ride the direct routes between cities and towns as they are fast, straight and have little of interest on the way. They are quick and functional but no fun on a bike! The route we'll take you on has fantastic scenery and you'll twist and wind your way along lesser known back roads through each region along the way.

Prior to the tour you'll be sent a **detailed itinerary and briefing pack** telling you all about the history of each area and things you'll likely see during the trip. This will mean you can read all about the tour and do any additional research you might like to do before arriving in Australia.

We love Australia and want to show you the best of it. We are confident you'll leave with the same passion for the country as we have.

Thanks for your interest in these tours and we hope to share Australia with you sometime soon!

Mark

For more information on this, or any of our other tours please visit:
www.bikeroundoz.com
or contact us directly at:
info@bikeroundoz.com



© Copyright BikeRound OZ 2013 All rights reserved.

The reproduction or re-use of any information provided in this document including [but not limited to], images and text is strictly prohibited without permission from the copyright owners.

For more information about this and other tours, please visit: www.bikeroundoz.com