

'The Complete Campervan & Motorhome Hire Travel Guide'



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About Gallivanting Oz

Gallivanting Oz is all about campervan holidays - we offer Motorhome, 4WD and Camper Hire in Australia. We know Australia, we know the vehicles and we believe in good old fashioned service. We can be contacted via our website www.gallivantingoz.com.au or email info@gallivantingoz.com.au or telephone +61 7 3314 1518.

At Gallivanting Oz we use a number of different suppliers to provide the best motorhome or camper hire for your holiday in Australia. It costs you no extra dealing with us, compared with going direct to the supplier; however you will benefit from our service, experience and a greater variety of vehicle options.

We've put together this useful guide for anyone to use prior to setting out on your campervan holiday. People just like you have asked us questions which has prompted this guide – or there may even be information in here you hadn't even thought about. We hope you find it useful.

Campervan Hire Tips

Choosing the right campervan to hire is crucial for the best holiday experience. There are subtle differences between the vehicles for hire, depending on your needs, will impact your holiday. This is why it is important to consider the features you require in a campervan for your holiday exploring Australia.

Campervan Hire – 6 factors to consider before hiring

1. Size of Vehicle

- A couple travelling can choose from a huge range of options. It really comes down to **space** vs **drivability** vs **cost to hire** vs **personal taste**
- **Facilities** vary between vehicles - generally the larger vehicles have more facilities
- **Bed size** varies considerably between vehicles – check the specifications to ensure it will meet your needs
- You may be limited with choice because of the number of people travelling

2. Time of year

- November to March is hot in Australia. A vehicle with **air conditioning**, **fly screens** and an **awning** would make the trip more comfortable. This period is also the wet season for the northern half of the country which may affect your travel plans.
- Travelling June to August in southern Australia can be cool, so consider **heating** in your vehicle
- Rental rates vary considerably and are more expensive in peak travel times. If you are flexible with holiday dates, consider travelling **outside of peak**.

3. Location

- Is a **4WD campervan** necessary? Many companies only allow 2WD campervans and motorhomes to be driven on sealed roads, or short distances to campgrounds on unsealed roads. A 4WD Camper may be your only option if planning on getting off the beaten track.

4. Budget

- For those on a tight budget, consider hiring an 'older' campervan or motorhome. As the premium rental companies replace their fleet, the older vans are 'rebadged' under a different company with reduced rental rates. They still have 24 hour road side assistance and are well maintained. A **great option when travelling on a budget**.

5. Length of hire and distances to be travelled

- If hiring a vehicle for a month or more it is important to get the **vehicle choice** right. A slightly larger vehicle provides more space and storage, however this is a trade off with drivability and rental rates.
- Will the **fuel, water and waste tanks** be adequate for your planned route?

Campervan Hire Tips

6. Toilet/Shower

- If you are planning on freedom camping, **toilet and shower facilities** are important. This can be built into the motorhome, or it is possible to hire a portable shower/toilet. **Portable dry toilets** are a great option when travelling in the outback as there is no need for water and disposal of waste is easier. Gallivanting Oz can assist with the hire or purchase of portable dry toilets and showers/privacy tents (Galli-Ensuite)
- If you are planning on staying in **full facility campgrounds** every night, paying extra for an onboard shower and toilet may not be necessary.
- There can be some distance between **dump station points**, so make the most of these points as you come across them.

Explanation of different types of vehicles to hire

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Regular Height Vans

- Easy to drive with less wind resistance than Hi Top
- Basic kitchen facilities
- No onboard toilet or shower, however hire of Galli Ensuite can overcome this



Hi Top Vans

- Standing room inside, with some accommodating up to four people
- Built in kitchens which often include a microwave
- No onboard toilet or shower, however hire of Galli Ensuite can overcome this



Two Berth with Shower and Toilet

- Standing room inside, including built in kitchen, hot water, toilet and shower
- Bigger vehicle than Hi Top, however smaller than the larger Motorhomes
- Easy to drive/park



Three – Six Berth with Shower and Toilet

- Standing room inside, including built in kitchen, hot water, toilet and shower
- Can leave a bed made up during the day
- More spacious on inside although can be more challenging to park in cities



4WD Campervan

- Can be driven on gravel and 4WD tracks – some have pop top, others have fibreglass hi top
- Most have standing room inside, including kitchen
- No onboard toilet or shower, however hire of Galli Ensuite can overcome this





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Depot Locations

There are a number of different locations that you can pick up or return your hired camper. The locations are Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Cairns, Darwin, Alice Springs, Perth, Ballina/Byron Bay, Hobart and Broome (*remote location surcharge applies for Broome*). **Please note that not all vehicles are available to/from all locations.**

You can either pick up and return to the same depot, or you might like to consider a one way hire. There is a one way fee, however this is currently waived with some of our vehicle options for hires of 21 days or more, or can be included in a package if you are also reducing the insurance liability to AU\$0. The one way fee ranges from AU\$250 to AU\$360, and is in addition to the remote location surcharge for Broome.

The locations of the depot are in most cases not at the airport, but usually at a fairly convenient location to either the airport or city. Transfers are not included. In most cases a taxi is the easiest way to travel to the depot – you'll be provided with a map and travel distances between depot/city.

Insurance

Insurance costs need to be considered when hiring a campervan or motorhome. Standard excess can vary from AU\$1,000 to AU \$7,500 for the newer vehicles. The amount of the bond is charged to your credit card at time of pick up. You can lower your excess/bond by paying a higher daily rate.

The additional rates vary depending on the amount of excess you choose. This can be part of an 'inclusive package' which also provides additional items like the one way hire fee, camping table and chairs, or simply just take the \$0 insurance excess.

For a basic example the campervan may cost AU \$60 per day with AU \$7,500 excess but the same vehicle would cost

- \$87 per day with a \$2,500 insurance excess
- \$104 per day with a \$0 insurance excess
- \$125 per day for the inclusive package, with \$0 insurance excess

The amount of funds available on your credit card, length of hire and your peace of mind are all factors to consider in determining the amount of excess that is appropriate for you. This rate is capped after a certain number of days, so the cost does not become outrageous for long hires.

Gallivanting Oz can assist with specifics in terms of insurance costs for our preferred suppliers, and the best option for your personal situation.

Packing Tips

Many people make the mistake of bringing too much luggage, with the idea of 'just in case'. Remember that while campervans do have storage, you'll find a more comfortable holiday if you are not tripping over bags. You will probably find that when you unpack there was a few items you packed 'just in case' and they haven't even been touched.

Departing from your own city?

- Only take enough food for the first two days
- If buying extra 'equipment' for your trip – again, only think about the first two days.

There are plenty of stores in the cities and regions throughout Australia where you can purchase any equipment that you need. This is important if you are buying something specifically for this campervan holiday. By buying enroute you will not only be supporting local businesses, but only buying what you really need.

Travelling from a different city/country to pick up your campervan?

- Bring your clothes and luggage in soft bags as these are easier to store in the campervan than suitcases. Most campervans have shelving/compartments for clothes, so easy to unpack your personal belongings for easy access and roll up the bag to store.












Travel and Driving Tips in Australia

Where to go

The options are unlimited when it comes to exploring Australia, however this shows you a few of our popular routes. Our team has been on all of these routes, plus many more so please let us know if you have any questions.

TRAVEL ROUTE SUGGESTIONS



ROUTE	BEST TIME TO EXPERIENCE	SUGGESTED TIME FRAME	NUMBER OF KM'S
 Brisbane to Cairns	May to September	14 to 21 days	1700 km
 Brisbane to Brisbane (Qld outback and coastal adventure)	May to September	28 days minimum	4800 km inland/coastal circuit
 Tasmania	November to April	14 days minimum	2000km for circuit
 Adelaide to Darwin via Uluru	May to September	14 days minimum	3500 km
 Kakadu National Park	May to September	7 days minimum could include Litchfield NP too	700 km
 Darwin to Perth	May to September	25 days minimum	4500 km
 Perth/South Western Circuit	Any time of year wildflowers August to November	14 days	2150 km
 Perth to Adelaide (Nullarbor)	May to September	14 days minimum longer for South Western Corner	2750 km
 Adelaide to Melbourne (Great Ocean Road)	Anytime however winter can be cold	7 days minimum	1000 km
 Melbourne to Sydney	Anytime however winter can be cold	7 days minimum	1200 km
 Sydney to Brisbane	Anytime however winter can be cold	7 days minimum	1000 km



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Driving Distances

Remember that Australia is a big country so you'll need to allow enough time to enjoy and experience what Australia has to offer. Everyone is different with the style of holiday they like to have, however the following matrix will give you an idea of the distances between popular cities. Please note if you are thinking about a one way hire, there are minimum hire periods that apply, depending on the location travel. The minimum hire period varies between 7 -21 days depending on the route.

Adelaide									
1542 km 958 mi	Alice Springs								
2063 km 1282 mi	3012 km 1871 mi	Brisbane							
4288 km 2664 mi	2746 km 1706 mi	4560 km 2833 mi	Broome						
3143 km 1953 mi	2324 km 1444 mi	1717 km 1067 mi	3962 km 2461 mi	Cairns					
3053 km 1897 mi	1511 km 938 mi	3415 km 2122 mi	1865 km 1159 mi	2727 km 1694 mi	Darwin				
728 km 452 mi	2270 km 1411 mi	1674 km 1040 mi	5016 km 3117 mi	3054 km 1898 mi	3781 km 2349 mi	Melbourne			
2724 km 1693 mi	3630 km 2256 mi	4384 km 2724 mi	2250 km 1398 mi	5954 km 3700 mi	4045 km 2513 mi	3452 km 2145 mi	Perth		
1420 km 882 mi	2644 km 1642 mi	996 km 619 mi	5234 km 3252 mi	2546 km 1582 mi	4000 km 2485 mi	868 km 539 mi	4144 km 2575 mi	Sydney	

Driving Matrix (kilometres / miles)

Driving in the outback

Over the years, the outback of Australia has become a lot more accessible. While there are still many great 4WD tracks to explore, now it is easier than ever to experience the outback by staying on sealed roads. Getting away from the cities and really experiencing what Australia has to offer is great, however you should be mindful of the following:

Weather Conditions

- Outback summers are hot but much less humid than on the coast. Most facilities and campervans are air-conditioned to help overcome the heat.
- Storms and heavy rains can occur during summer and minor flooding can cause some towns to be isolated for a few days – but this is all part of the adventure of the Outback.
- The most temperate weather occurs between the beginning of April and the end of October.
- Wearing a broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen is recommended for all seasons.

Road Conditions

- Some roads in Australia can have very soft edges, particularly in the wet. If possible, when pulling onto the side of the road, stop on the sealed road before manoeuvring cautiously onto the shoulder.
- For current road reports you can contact the local Information Centre or Automobile Association in the appropriate state. Please note for accurate conditions it is best to contact close to the time of your journey.

Queensland	13 11 70 (local call)	www.racq.com.au
NSW	1300 13 11 22 (local call)	www.rta.nsw.gov.au
Victoria	13 11 70 (local call)	www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



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South Australia	1300 361 033 (local call)	www.transport.sa.gov.au
Northern Territory	1800 246 199 (free call)	www.nt.gov.au
Western Australia	1800 013 314 (free call)	www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

Ring 000 for emergency services including police, fire brigade and ambulance

• In various parts of northern Australia, roads may be closed in the 'green season', which is usually during summer. This may affect some of the things you will be able to see and should be taken into account if you are travelling at this time.

Wildlife

Australia has many beautiful creatures that you may see on your travels. If you treat wildlife with respect, do not feed them and take photographs from a safe distance, there should be no reason for concern. A few tips to assist:

- If picking up logs or rocks, flip it over with your shoe first to ensure no **spiders** are underneath
- If driving one hour either side of **sunrise/sunset** you will see plenty of **wildlife** near the road edge like kangaroos, wallabies and emus. It is recommended that you aren't travelling around this time of day, however if you do need to be on the road, **slow down**, as they do have a habit of crossing in front of you.
- There are plenty of walks in National Parks and wildlife reserves – if you **stay quiet** and keep your eyes open, there will be plenty to see.
- **Snakes** feel the tremors of your steps while you are walking, however sometimes you may startle a snake especially if you are walking through long grass or remote areas. Take your time in these areas, and walk on a more **well-worn path** if you are concerned.
- If you are driving and would like to stop to take a **photograph**, ensure you pull far off the road to prevent an accident
- Take note of the '**crocodile warning**' signs near rivers, estuaries and seafronts. These will be near all waterways where crocodiles are known to live. Even if you are far inland, saltwater crocodiles are found so act with caution near all waterways in the top third of Australia.
 - Do not swim in these areas
 - Fish from a bank, rather than in the water. Be observant to maintain your safety
 - Camp a safe distance from waters which are home to crocodiles
 - Crocodiles are usually found in the top third of Australia
- **Marine Stingers** are found in tropical waters during the summer months, generally north of 1770 in Queensland and Geraldton in Western Australia.
 - Jellyfish (e.g. Box Jellyfish or Irukandji) capable of causing life-threatening stings primarily occur along the tropical coastline of Australia from 1770 in Queensland northwards, across the northern coastline and down to Geraldton in Western Australia.
 - Affected areas are sign posted with action to take if stung, including emergency services details.
 - If stung, wash affected area with vinegar. If no vinegar available, use salt water, but never fresh water.
 - It is recommended that a full-body lycra suit, or equivalent, be worn to provide a good measure of protection against marine stings, particularly during the stinger season, which generally runs from November to March.
 - Stinger suits are available to purchase or hire in popular tourist destinations
 - Most popular beaches prone to marine stingers have stinger resistant enclosures so beachgoers can enjoy swimming throughout the year.



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Road Trains

A Road Train is a conventional prime mover truck pulling two, three or four trailers. Road trains share the road with travellers. Your first sighting of a road train, particularly if on a narrow road can be daunting; however these tips should make your trip a safer and more enjoyable experience.

- Road trains can be up to 55 metres long – the length of 10 cars
- If you cannot see the road trains side mirrors, then the driver cannot see you
- Due to its weight, a road train accelerates and brakes slowly
- If you plan to pass a road train ensure you have plenty of clear road to do so – at least 1km – expect the road train to remain on the bitumen while you are passing it
- If a road train wants to overtake you, do not slow down prior to being overtaken. This means the road train has to slow down which makes it more difficult for it to pass you. Instead maintain your speed and only when the road train is passing you, slow down
- Some outback roads in Australia are sealed the width of one lane, in the centre of the road. This is because there is not a lot of traffic, it is cheaper and ensures that when you meet a vehicle you still have one side of your vehicle on the sealed road. When a road train comes towards you on this type of road, the best course of action is to slow down, indicate and then stop off the road as far as you can safely do so. This will ensure the road train remains on the sealed road, and there will be no stones coming your way from the unsealed section of the road
 - Beware of soft road shoulders, wildlife and guideposts when pulling over to the road edge.
 - In wet conditions wherever possible try and keep two wheels on the sealed road to avoid getting bogged

Remember you are on holiday, and if you find yourself behind a road train, relax and enjoy the countryside until you find a safe place to overtake. Better yet, this could be a great opportunity to pull over and make a coffee – that's the beauty of travelling in a campervan!

Be prepared

- On major highways fuel stops are rarely more than 250 km apart so there should be no reason to carry spare fuel. However, when you see a sign 'no fuel for X km', it means exactly that, and you should fill up with fuel. Please note if you are hiring a motorhome or campervan, most companies terms and conditions forbid spare fuel tanks to be carried in their vehicles
- You should always carry a first aid kit, which is provided with most campervan rentals. There is an additional charge if you open the first aid kit
- It is important to check your spare tyre is at the correct pressure

If you are travelling in remote areas (unsealed/4WD tracks)

- Always check road and weather conditions prior to travel
- Advise the police or some other responsible person of your intended itinerary
- Ensure your vehicle is mechanically sound and you have a good tool kit
- You carry ample water

If you do breakdown, ensure you stay with your vehicle until help arrives.



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Staying in Contact

Sharing tales of your travels has never been easier while travelling. This can be done a number of ways:

Mobile Phone Coverage

- Depending on where you travel, mobile phones can be an option. Most towns and cities have coverage, but there are plenty of areas in between that do not. Telstra 3G currently has the best coverage, however there are still many locations in the outback and some coastal areas that do not.
- If you are travelling to Australia from another country, have roaming placed on your mobile phone prior to leaving. Check the costs with your provider as the costs for this can be expensive, especially if you are making phone calls. If your phone also accesses the internet, please check with your provider as there are some pretty scary stories of horrendous charges. If travelling for a period of time in Australia, a cheaper option may be to purchase a 'pay as you go' sim card and either put in your phone if it is not 'locked' to your current provider, or purchase a cheap phone in Australia. These can be purchased in all cities, some supermarkets and regional towns.

Internet Coverage/bringing your own laptop

- Most cities and regional towns have internet cafes. Consider setting up an email account like 'hotmail' or 'yahoo' for family and friends to email you, which can be accessed anywhere
- If you own a lap top, consider bringing this on your journey. Most McDonald's and some libraries have free wireless internet access. You'll notice a sign at other cafes that also offer this service. The other benefit of bringing your lap top is the ability to download your photographs as you travel. If you have some time in the evenings, it's a good opportunity to label the pictures, so one less job to do when you return. Ensure you back up your computer prior to travelling.
 - Pay as you go wireless router is another way to access the internet from your personal lap top. Similar to a sim card for a mobile phone, these can be purchased as pay as you go or on contract. All major phone companies offer this with varying rates. Currently Telstra has the best coverage.

Satellite Phones

- If travelling off the beaten track, this is your only way to contact the outside world. Most of our suppliers offer these for hire which provides peace of mind while travelling.
- EPIRB – for total peace of mind if you are exploring 4WD tracks, having an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons) can make the difference between life and death. Activation of an EPIRB will notify search and rescue of your trouble and send out helicopters and help. These are also used in marine craft.

UHF Radios

- UHF radios are available as hand held units or fitted into vehicles. Most people who are travelling for long periods of time and own their vehicle will have their UHF station and call sign on the back of their vehicles.
- UHF radios are also a good way to monitor the truck traffic and get advice of any hazards ahead
- UHF radios can be handy for travellers in a whole range of situations
- When hiring a campervan or motorhome a UHF radio fitted to the vehicle is not an option, however you may consider a hand held UHF. This will be particularly useful if you are travelling with another party. UHF radios vary in the number of watts they output – 5 watts is the upper end. Generally you get what you pay for and range from approx AU \$40 to AU \$400. When purchasing your radio, you'll be provided with information of important channels in the area that you'll be travelling together with advice on which channels to use if you are 'chatting with your mates'

How easy?

Fuel

- Rarely more than 250km between fuel stations makes travelling in Australia easy. There should be no need to carry spare fuel tanks. If you are exploring Australia via 4WD tracks there will be larger distances between fuel locations. For those who are set up with the correct vehicle, ensure if you are carrying spare fuel it is outside of the passenger compartment
- Some supermarket chains offer discount fuel dockets when you spend a certain amount. This can help save you money.



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How easy?

Water

- Most of the campervans/motorhomes Gallivanting Oz hires have water tanks. These can be filled at camping grounds, most fuel stations and some 'R.V. friendly' towns.
- Taste the water prior to filling your tanks. Generally people use tank water for cooking, hot drinks and washing. Particularly bad or 'plastic tasting' water is not the nicest for hot drinks.

Laundry

- Most caravan parks have laundry facilities including clotheslines
- Most campervans come complete with pegs and often a rope clothesline or these can easily be purchased from supermarkets
- Most regional towns have a Laundromat if you are choosing to freedom camp only

Respecting the Aboriginal Culture

There are many sites throughout Australia which have held great cultural significance for Aboriginal People for many thousands of years. The government agencies are working with the traditional owners to ensure the management of these sites respects these important cultural places. This will ensure Aboriginal people have a say in the future management of these sites, benefit from nature-based tourism and are able to protect special places.

Enjoy spending time in the many cultural centres throughout Australia. This is an excellent way to learn more about the Aboriginal culture.

Aboriginal People are happy for travellers to visit their traditional lands and they wish you a safe visit. They also ask that you respect their land and culture and behave accordingly.

While on the Road

Information Centres

Look for the blue signs with a yellow 'i' in most towns for local and regional information, including local safety issues such as road conditions.

Take the time to have a chat to the staff in these centres as they often can let you know about hidden gems that may not be in your guidebook.

Local Produce and Crossing Borders

A great way to save money while travelling is to buy local produce for your meals. Once away from the main cities you will often find road side stalls offering whatever is in season. This might be a great opportunity to try something new as well as supporting local farmers.

To prevent the spread of disease, pests and weeds, there are restrictions carrying some items across state and territory borders – for example from Northern Territory to Western Australia. There are also some restrictions within states. Be mindful of this with bulk purchases of items when travelling interstate to avoid waste.

The most common restriction for campervan travellers will be fruit, vegetables and nuts. There will be signs stating what is and is not allowed. Fines for non-compliance may be as high as \$100,000 and both random and permanent roadblocks operate in these areas.

For further information for your intended route visit www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au



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Camping Options for Campervans and Motorhomes

Freedom Camps

- Council laws prohibit camping on the side of the road near towns and cities. However, outside towns and in country areas, it is generally permitted.
- Freedom camping means you will be staying in a free or low cost camping area. These can vary from roadside rest areas on long trips to beautiful locations beside a river, nestled in the bush or at a beach.
- When hiring a selected motorhome with Gallivanting Oz for at least 21 days, we'll include a copy of 'Camps Australia Wide' which is an excellent tool for finding the locations of these camps. All facilities are listed including distances from nearby towns and the location of dump stations. The map book is also very useful. Contact us for more information.
- Alternatively, if you hire a vehicle with us which does not come with a free copy of the guide, we can sell you a copy if it is of interest, for AU\$65 including postage, or have waiting at the depot when you collect the vehicle. Please let us know if you'd like more information on this.

National Parks

- Most national parks have areas set aside for camping. There are often showers, toilets, barbecues and picnic areas. National parks are also beautiful and peaceful locations to stay overnight. National parks do not usually offer powered sites.
- Different states and territories have differing rules regarding booking and payment of sites. Have a look at the individual websites prior to travelling.

Commercial Campgrounds

- Australia has an extensive network of caravan parks in all major tourist centres and most towns. Caravan parks offer excellent recreational opportunities, plus showers, toilets and usually many other facilities, like laundry facilities. Powered sites enable you to connect your vehicle to electricity.
- There is usually no need to book ahead, although this could be wise in peak periods in popular destinations.
- The approximate cost is AU\$25-40 per night.

Staying on Private Property

- Generally speaking you should not stay on private property unless you have permission from the owner.

Camping Tips

Mosquitoes and Midges

- Some locations have more mosquitoes and midges than other areas. Insect repellent can be purchased at supermarkets, chemists and other stores. To provide a more comfortable campsite in these areas, purchase mosquito coils. These come in a variety of brands and can be purchased in the supermarket for a couple of dollars. These are lit around the camping area to repel mosquitoes. We find these very effective.
- Another option is a device which transmits a high pitched noise which repels mosquitoes.

Camp Cooking

Just because you are camping, doesn't mean you have to eat stodgy baked beans and sausages. A little bit of imagination, and you could be eating very well indeed.

- Camp fires are excellent as you can wrap your food in tin foil, sit back and relax before enjoying a delicious spread.
- Camp ovens are reasonably priced in Australia (from around AUD \$35 from department stores)
- Most campervans come with a couple of wine glasses or the like, so if you enjoy a tipples, what better location to enjoy

Socialising

- Camping grounds and freedom camps are gold mines for finding out the best place to explore. You'll always run into people travelling the opposite direction from you who can share what treasures they discovered. You'll also probably find that some people will keep popping up as they are travelling in the same direction and distances each day as yourself.
- Often there is a communal camp fire which is a great place to enjoy a drink and share a yarn or two with fellow travellers.



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Camping Tips

Easy hot water at the end of the day

- If travelling in a regular height, hi top or 4WD you probably will not have hot water onboard. A great way to have hot water at the end of the day is to wrap a 2 ltr bottle of water in black plastic and leave it on the dash of your campervan. You'll be amazed how quickly it warms up!

Camp Fires

- Be sure the location that you are camping allows camp fires. There may be a stone ring, fire container or a cleared piece of dirt. Ensure the area is clear of dry grass. Some camping areas will offer firewood for cooking, free or for a small cost. It is sometimes possible to bring your own firewood but you are not allowed to collect any wood from national parks. Useful tools to have on board are an axe and a bow saw which will cut through logs in no time.

Inverter

An inverter is a device which plugs into a 12V 'cigarette lighter' in your vehicle and provides 240 volts. Inverters vary in power (level of watt output) and you will need to consider the number and types of appliances that you will be plugging into it to determine how powerful an inverter you require.

- As a rough guide, a 150 watt inverter could charge camera batteries, mobile phones, shavers or some laptops (as long as it wasn't turned on)
- If you are travelling for a period of time and plan on staying in freedom camps this is an excellent way to keep your devices charged and ready for use.

First Shopping List

After collecting your rental vehicle, the local staff will advise you of the closest supermarket.

We've put together a list of the basics that would usually be purchased for a comfortable holiday. There is space to add the ingredients for dinner for the first night or two. Remember your microwave will only work when plugged into 240 volts at a commercial campground.

An example of the first shopping list can be found on the next page



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ITEM	CHECK	ITEM	CHECK
Tea/Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food for lunches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sugar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare can of food for emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tinfoil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit Juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cling Film	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dish Washing Detergent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biscuits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dish Cloths	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butter/Margarine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pot Scrub	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spreads for toast	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soap Powder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yoghurt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare plastic bags/rubbish bags	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Containers for tea, coffee and sugar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Soap	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Cleaner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bread	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tissues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pepper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcoholic Drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tomato Sauce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matches/Lighter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nibbles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pasta	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>