



# Brisbane - Sydney

## *Your Brisbane - Sydney motorhome road trip!*

The iconic stretch between Brisbane and Sydney has long been hailed as one of **Australia's favourite motorhome road trips**...with good reason! There is so much to see and so many experiences to be had without the need to commit a huge amount of time. The roads are good, the journey can be made year-round, and most importantly the inspirational scenery, breathtaking views and warm welcomes are 100% guaranteed!

**Which just leaves one important decision...which route should you take?** There are two main routes to choose from: the **coastal route**; which takes in the eastern hinterland of rugged national parks, great surf beaches, banana plantations and some of the most spectacular coastline in the country, or the **lesser-travelled inland route**; think boutique wineries, lofty mountain ranges, old gold rush towns, country music and the red dirt of the outback.

Take a look through these highlights for both routes, which include our top tips and recommendations for each stop...then it's just a matter of getting in touch with us as we'll find you your perfect motorhome, and you'll be off on your next adventure before you can say 'Gallivanting Oz!'.

## *Getting the most out of your trip*

### **How much time will I need?**

There are so many attractions and beauty spots between these two cosmopolitan cities, that despite being able to drive between them in 3 - 4 days, you really need to **allow at least 7 - 14 days** to do either route justice. If you have enough time you may even weave back and forth to do a bit of both!

### **How much planning is required?**

The beauty of a hiring a motorhome is you have flexibility over the route and you can choose where you stop overnight. **HOWEVER**, there are some exceptions that you will need to **book in advance**. See **Route Highlights** for the lowdown!

If you enjoy exploring nature, it's a good idea to look into **national park fees** before you set off, as each state operates differently and there are a few considerations to take into account, for both day visits and camping.

- **In QLD**, you do not have to pay for entry into national parks (except for some 4WD-only access areas) however you do have to pay for overnight camping. To book camping or find information on the national parks, see the official website: [www.parks.des.qld.gov.au](http://www.parks.des.qld.gov.au) or call on 13 74 68. There is also a handy page which list the camps with suitable sites for motorhomes, which you can peruse by park name or map. Camp bookings must be pre-booked (no self-register service on arrival) – make sure you consider phone/internet access for last minute bookings.

- In NSW, vehicle entry fees apply at 45 of the most popular of the 870 national parks and reserves across the state. Single day entry is usually \$4, \$8 or \$12, so sometimes an annual multi-parks pass (which start at \$45, less for concession and local residents) can be more cost effective. You can find all the information, buy passes and book camping through [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au) or call on 1300 072 757 (13-000-PARKS).

We recommend popping into **visitor centres** whenever possible, to pick up the latest maps and information for local attractions and campsites. **Online resources** such as local tourism websites, Wikicamps and TripAdvisor are great sources of up-to-the-minute information too.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out our Gallivanting Oz [Facebook posts](#) and [travel blogs](#) showcasing incredible motorhome holiday destinations all over Australia – they're a great source of inspiration.

## Brisbane – Sydney Optional Routes

### New England Highway (Inland Route) and The Pacific Highway (Coastal Route)

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## Route Highlights

### New England Highway (Inland Route)

The New England Highway starts at the little country town of Yarraman, north-west of Brisbane QLD and takes you nearly 900 km south through picturesque rural landscapes of wooded hills, green pastures, and dense bushland all the way to the rolling hills and vineyards of NSW's Hunter Valley region (just north of Sydney). This route is far less travelled than its famous coastal counterpart, meaning you will avoid the crowds (and less trucks), meet the locals and get a real taste of rural Australia.



**Toowoomba** is dubbed *the Garden City* with good reason! Sitting at the crest of the Great Dividing Range overlooking the surrounding farmland of the Darling Downs, this leafy heritage city boasts over 150 public parks and gardens! The famous **Carnival of Flowers** in September draws visitors from all over the world, and there's plenty to keep you entertained besides, with **heritage walking tours**, the superb **Japanese Garden** and **Cobb & Co Museum**. A must-do is **Picnic Point Lookout and Parkland** with a motorhome friendly carpark and panoramic views across

Main Range and the Lockyer Valley. Enjoy a picnic in the gardens, or a hike on the surrounding mountain trails.

**Warwick** doesn't look like much from the highway which runs through it, but venture one street back to Palmerin Street and you'll be rewarded with the historic centre, planted with colourful roses and lined with little shops and some of the state's finest historic sandstone buildings. Great stop for a cuppa and a leg stretch! Plenty of large vehicle parking around Leslie Park for the town centre, or Queen's Park on the Condamine River for a picnic.



**The Granite Belt** is the only place in Queensland cool enough to be classed as a bone fide 'wine region' and is famous for its '**Strangebirds**' trail of unique grape varieties. The rocky hillsides, lined with vineyards and fruit orchards, are punctuated with dramatic granite rock formations and pretty bushland. Peruse the **antique shops**, pop into **Sutton's Juice Factory, Cidery & Café** for an apple taste sensation and drop into the **visitor centre** in **Stanthorpe** to pick up information and self-guided tours for exploring the region's artesian products and cellar doors, which include household names like **Symphony Hill** and **Ballandean Estate**...or for a more personal experience drop in for a chat to local winemakers

Steve and Lisa at **Girraween Estate**, or our favourite **Tobin Wines**. Meaning 'place of many flowers' in local language, **Girraween National Park** is worth the short detour to enjoy the dramatic bushland trails, bird and animal life and the gigantic balancing granite boulders!

**Tenterfield** is a small country town with some impressive history. It was here in 1889, that NSW Premier Sir Henry Parkes made his famous speech which ultimately led to Australia's Federation in 1901. It's also where famous bush poet Banjo Patterson (who wrote *Waltzing Matilda*) tied the knot, and was home to musician Peter Allen's grandfather, immortalised in his hit song, *Tenterfield Saddler*. Drop into the famous saddlery or the small but interesting **Federation Museum**. Nearby, spectacular **Bald Rock National Park** is held in reverence by bush walkers, or maybe the homemade apple pie at the **Bohemian Tearooms** is more up your alley!







**Glen Innes** was dubbed 'Celtic Country' by homesick European settlers who found the countryside reminiscent of the Scottish Highlands. Pay a visit to the **Standing Stones** just outside of town to find out more and take a pretty stroll. Pick up a **fossicking map** from the information centre and try your hand at uncovering a sapphire! In town, indulge in a gourmet strawberry milkshake at **The Super Strawberry**, enjoy a great meal at the **Great Central Hotel**, check out contemporary Aboriginal art at the **Gawura Gallery** or just have a poke around the knick-knack shops.

**Armidale** is an elegant university city in the New England High Country, with a rich history, a wealth of historic buildings and an outstanding **Regional Art Gallery** and **Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. Your first port of call should be the **visitor centre** because, with so much to do and see here, you really need to plan! Make sure you grab a self-guided **heritage walk** map and then jump on the free guided 2.5 hr **Heritage Bus Tour** which leaves at 10am (Mon-Sat). Foodies will love Armidale, as will history buffs. The surrounding area also boasts a boutique **cool-climate wine region** and a raft of natural wonders and **World Heritage listed national parks**.



Should you wish to vary your route between rural and coastal, this is where you can turn off the New England Highway onto **Waterfall Way**, a picturesque 190 km that winds from Armidale to the Pacific Highway on the coast (just south of Coffs Harbour). See our **Waterfall Way** section on pg 11.

**Uralla** is best known as the place where notorious 'gentleman' bushranger Captain Thunderbolt was shot and killed in 1870; he has a statue in the main street, his body lies in the local cemetery and the **McCrossin's Mill Museum and Thunderbolt Gallery** is dedicated to him. If you are part of Australia's obsession with 'big' things, there is a **Big Soldier** here too! Uralla marks the half-way point between Brisbane and Sydney.

**Tamworth** has country music coursing through its veins. Every January more than 300,000 country music fans descend on this small rural city for the 10-day Tamworth Country Music Festival. Make sure you don't leave town without a happy snap beside the 12-metre-high **Golden Guitar**! A less well-known fact is that Tamworth was first town in the southern hemisphere to be lit by electricity - the fascinating **Powerstation Museum** will enlighten you. Another is that **Tamworth City Gallery** is one of oldest art galleries in NSW - and it has a collection to match! A short drive out of town, the **Oxley Lookout and Nature Reserve** has easy motorhome access, gorgeous panoramic views across the city and a large picnic area with pretty walking trails.



**Scone** marks the start of the **Upper Hunter**, surrounded by peaceful rural scenery; cattle and sheep grazing on green fields, pony clubs and boutique wineries - a befitting setting for the second largest thoroughbred horse breeding area in the world! Pull into the **Scone Visitor Information and Horse Centre** to see their great display of the history of horses in Australia and pick up some maps of the Upper Hunter Valley region which includes wineries, gourmet food and sample delicious offerings like olives, olive oils and homemade preserves.

**Muswellbrook** is a busy but attractive country town of historic buildings and tree-lined streets situated beside the Hunter River. Although it still acts as a service centre for the surrounding agricultural communities, these days it's all about the wine to the west and the two coal-powered power stations to the south. Take a stroll along **Bridge Street** to take in the wonderful heritage architecture or pop into the excellent **Regional Art Centre**.



**Singleton** sits on the banks of the Hunter River and has a lovely town centre and shopping precinct. If you enjoy uncovering a bit of history you're in the right place, with the **Singleton Historic Society Museum**, the **Sacred Spaces Museum** at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy and the **Royal Australian Infantry Corps Museum** all here in this country town.

If you plan to explore the Hunter Valley region, you will need to leave the New England Highway at Braxton and join the Hunter Expressway - otherwise onwards to Newcastle! See our Newcastle, Hunter Valley, Central Coast and Blue Mountain section for information and inspiration!



## The Pacific Highway (Coastal Route)

Whether you are a motorhome-holiday veteran, or this is your very first road trip adventure, the gorgeous 1,000 km coastal route between Brisbane and Sydney is hard to beat! The scenery is spectacular, and the entire stretch is interspersed with friendly little coastal towns, great campsites and lots of nature to enjoy.



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**The Gold Coast** has long been one of Australia's premier holiday destinations, drawing visitors from across the globe. Famous for its iconic white beaches stretching along more than 50 km of coastline, the GC is all about surfing, theme parks, shopping and nightlife. **Coolangatta's** sheltered beaches are perfect for a paddle in the Pacific, enjoy views up and down the coastline at **Greenmount Point**, watch surfers catch awesome breaks at **Snapper Rocks** and don't miss a soul-reviving dip in shallow sandy waters of **Tallebudgera Creek**, framed by the Burleigh Heads National Park. **Broadbeach** and **Main Beach** feature family-friendly beaches and hundreds of top-notch restaurants, while quieter spots like **Currumbin**, **Kirra** or **Nobby**

**Beaches** are wonderful for a stroll and a picnic, with lots of parking. Feed the wild rainbow lorikeets at **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary** and wander down **Cavill Avenue**, the glittering heart of the **Surfer's Paradise** entertainment precinct to experience the buzz! Indulge in some retail therapy at **Pacific Fair**. Head into the surrounding hinterland to enjoy the village charm of arty **Mount Tamborine** and visit the World Heritage listed **Springbrook and Lamington National Parks**, for nature walks through magnificent sub-tropical rainforest, native flora and fauna and spectacular lookouts that gaze out over the hinterland to the sparkling ocean beyond.

**Tweed Heads** starts at the NSW border, flowing on from its QLD twin town, **Coolangatta**. Both towns share the **Tweed River**, a main street that straddles the border and some pretty incredible beaches too! This popular laid-back holiday destination has attractions to suit everyone so it's best to pop into the visitor information centre to find out the best options for you.

**Byron Bay** is known for its laid-back lifestyle, surf culture and alternative vibe. Sitting on the most easterly point of mainland Australia and set around a wide bay of beautiful sandy beaches, this is the place to soak up some sun, hit the waves and cleanse that aura! Walk all or part of the spectacular **coastal trail** which starts at **Main Beach** (directly in front of Byron Bay's town centre) and winds you all the way up the famous **lighthouse**, past lots of idyllic little beaches along the way. Take a surf lesson, catch live music in one of the town's many funky bars, munch on an organic mung-bean burger or partake in some sunrise yoga. Just behind Byron is the lush scenery and alternative lifestyle of the **Byron Bay hinterland**, dotted with lots of little towns with big personalities like **Bangalow**, **Mullumbimby** and **Newrybar**. Sample fresh produce and local goodies or detour to **Mount Warning and Wollumbin National Park** to trek pristine Gondwana rainforest amid awe-inspiring vistas.



**Ballina** is the commercial hub of the Northern Rivers region and has more of a quiet, sophisticated feel than the surrounding towns, with stately 19<sup>th</sup> century public buildings, excellent restaurants and a thriving café culture and arts scene, evidenced by the excellent **Northern Rivers Community Gallery** and the **Naval and Maritime Museum**. There are great surf beaches and the Richmond River is popular for fishing and swimming. For a little 1980s nostalgia, take a happy snap with one of Australia's 'big things', **The Big Prawn**...once the hero of Ballina, but now sitting rather forlornly outside of Bunnings...but at least parking your motorhome is easy!

**Yamba** is a holiday town at the mouth of the Clarence River that's all about seaside lifestyle - sunshine, surf, fishing and gorgeous beaches! Grab a drink at the **Yamba Surf Club** overlooking the white sand of **Main Beach**, with its beautiful ocean rock pool and tall coastal pines. Explore the pretty waterfront bike paths, do the picturesque ferry ride across to the little fishing community of **Iluka**, take in the views from the **Clarence River lighthouse** or enjoy some freshly caught seafood. To the south, tiny **Angourie** is surrounded by coastal forest and is a perfect spot for a picnic and a dip in the clear **blue rock pools** behind the beach.

**If you are travelling through this area in late October/early November, it's well worth detouring inland to the country town Grafton to see the broad avenues cloaked in a magnificent purple-blue haze of hundreds of jacaranda trees in bloom!**

**Wooli and Minnie Water** are just a 30-minute detour off the highway (and 14 km apart) but they feel like they're a very long way from anywhere! Both little fishing communities are surrounded by the **Yuraygir National Park**, loved for its untouched beaches, saltmarsh and coastal woodland...a feast for the senses for any nature lover! Wooli is located on a long finger-like peninsula between a beautiful estuary and the ocean, and Minnie Water is 14 km further north; right on the beach. It's a lovely spot to relax for a day or two, or to pull up on South Terrace for a cup of tea with a magic view!

**Woolgoolga** has a few surprises up its sleeve! For starters, this pleasant seaside village is known as 'Woopi' to locals. Then, there's the gorgeous **Guru Nanak Sikh Temple** as you drive into town, which you can visit to learn all about the history of the area and the Sikh community and how it ties in with the banana industry! There's also a great little **museum** across the road. Woopi is a good lunch stop, with excellent picnic areas with gorgeous scenery such as **Woolgoolga Headland** or the **Sherwood Nature Reserve**.







**Coffs Harbour** is perhaps best known as the home of the iconic **Big Banana**, however this picturesque coastal city has so many more quirky offerings, such as the **National Cartoon Gallery**; Australia's only dedicated cartoon gallery, housed in an underground WWII bunker! Wander the pretty garden paths of the **North Coast Regional Botanic Garden** or drive up to the **Forest Sky Pier** which juts 22m out over the rainforest, providing panoramic views over the Coffs Coast and hinterland. If swimming with a dolphin is on your bucket list, head to the **Dolphin Marine at Conservation Park**. Quiet **Diggers Beach** has white sand, great facilities and lots of parking – the perfect lunch stop. Finish off your visit with a Coffs local delicacy - a chocolate-covered frozen banana!

**Nambucca Heads** is a relaxed seaside town at the mouth of the meandering Nambucca River. This is a lovely scenic detour if you have enough time. Enjoy the colourful mosaic sculptures along Bowra Street, be wowed by amazing surfers off South Beach, and see if you can spot the resident dolphins! It's a great spot to sample oysters too!

**Just like the Inland Route, if you wish to vary your route between coastal and inland, you can turn off the Pacific Highway near Coffs Harbour onto Waterfall Way, to the New England Highway (near Armidale).**

**South West Rocks** is a small seaside town at the mouth of the Macleay River, surrounded by national park and pretty beaches with warm water all year around, thanks to the East Coast current. The town attracts divers from across the world, keen to experience **Fish Rock Cave** 2 km off the coast which is acknowledged as one of Australia's best dive sites. Pop into the **Boatman's Cottage** which acts both as the town's visitor centre and maritime museum, then grab a coffee and stroll down to beautiful **Horseshoe Bay Beach**. A visit to the heritage listed **Smoky Cape Lighthouse** (built 1891) or the historic ruins of **Trial Bay Gaol** (built 1886), uncovers the region's fascinating colonial heritage and the adjacent waterfront **Trial Bay Gaol campground**, run by National Parks NSW, is as perfect a spot to pull up your motorhome for the night as you could wish for!



**Port Macquarie** at the mouth of the Hastings River is a magnet for anglers and fisherfolk, but equally loved for its 13 different beaches, our fav being stunning **Lighthouse Beach**. Pay a visit to the superb **Port Macquarie Museum**, for some fascinating and interactive history...you can even dress up in historical costumes! Another must-see in Port Macquarie is the **Koala Hospital**, where sick and injured koalas are rehabilitated and nursed back to health. To meet a bigger array of animals from Australia and around the world, **Billabong Zoo** is a great way to spend a few hours. For a bit of fun, follow the **Hello Koala Sculpture Trail** to spot over 56 fibreglass koala sculptures dotted across the region, colourfully decorated by local artists. There's more artwork to enjoy on hundreds of rocks along the **Breakwell Walking Path** that leads from town to the end of the breakwater, and walkers and photographers alike will love the **Coastal Walk** along the rugged coastline, taking in the glorious scenery, the ocean and the tiny sandy coves.

**Taree** is a modern rural town, idyllically situated on the Manning River but serving more as a service centre for the surrounding farming communities than as a tourist destination. If you detour into town, be sure to cross the historic single-lane **Martin Bridge** which became a celebrated addition to the Pacific Highway in 1940, replacing the old punt that had previously ferried cars across the river. However, as traffic volumes continued to increase it became the cause of major bottlenecks, and in 1993 the Taree Bypass was opened, and this little bridge was retired to serve local traffic.

**Forster**, adjacent to its twin-town **Tuncurry**, is the vibrant heart the Great Lakes. This popular seaside holiday town is surrounded by the spectacular **Booti Booti and Myall Lakes National Parks** and is perfectly set up for boating, fishing and beautiful coastal walks. Take a dip at protected **Main Beach** and relax in the warm ocean baths, hire a boat or kayak and explore calm and crystal-clear waters of **Wallis Lake** and be sure to try the **fresh local oysters!** trek along the picturesque **Bicentennial Trail** or take the steep 20-minute climb to the summit of **Cape Hawke** for pretty views (with mozzie spray!).



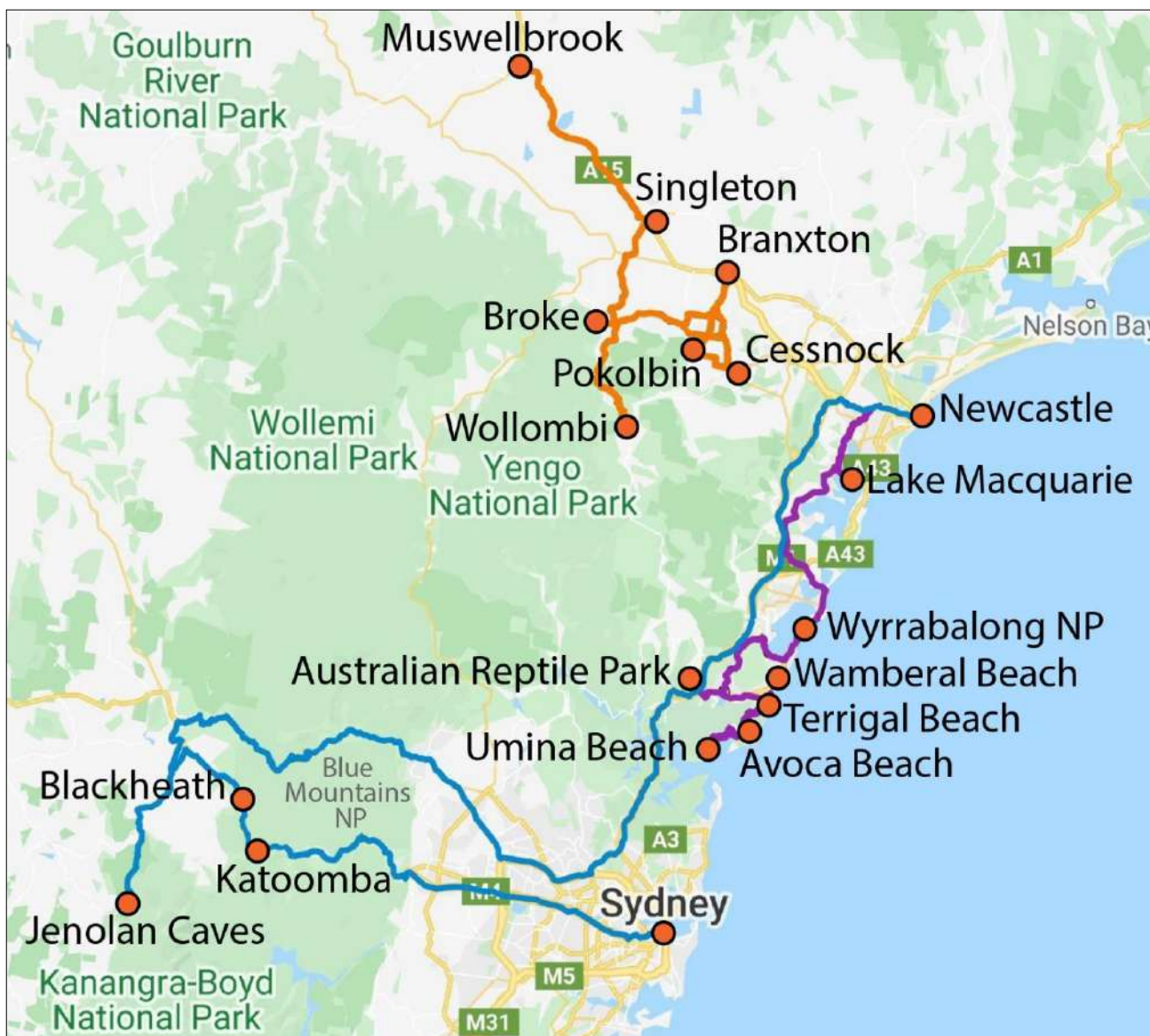
**Port Stephens** has long been one of Sydney's favourite playgrounds and if you're looking for an action-packed stop, look no further! The beautiful bay that engulfs the region has 26 sandy beaches to explore and more activities than you can shake a stick at! **Sandboarding down the dunes, scuba diving, dolphin cruises, camel rides, The Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters aquarium, barramundi and oyster farms to visit, Toboggan Hill Park** (minigolf, tobogganing and rock climbing), and many more! Drive to the top of **Gan Gan lookout** for magnificent coastal views (**Tip:** the lower lookout is the better by far. **\*\*This is not suitable for large motorhomes as the carpark is small and awkward\*\***) The most beautiful beach in the area is **Zenith Beach**, tucked behind family favourite, **Shoal Bay**, from which you can walk the paved Fort Tomaree walk to see the WWII gun emplacements, or continue onto the steep 160m trail to **Tomaree Head Summit** for a breathtaking 360 degree sweep of the islands, beaches and coastline.



## Newcastle, Hunter Valley, the Central Coast and Blue Mountains

The regions surrounding Sydney contain more noteworthy destinations than is possible to mention! There is history and culture, pristine coastline, the famous Hunter Valley winegrowing region, natural wonders such as the Blue Mountains, wildlife experiences, outdoor adventure, delicious produce, beautiful walks...you get the picture! Here's a summary of some of our favourite places will get you started, plus you'll have fun finding plenty of gems of your own!

Please be aware that there are toll roads on the way to the Blue Mountains and Central coast but don't let that put you off – ask us or at pick up for more details on how the tolls work in your motorhome.





**Newcastle** is often left off travellers' itineraries – but it shouldn't be! This port city has a relaxed, fun vibe, excellent surf beaches, fascinating convict history, a buzzing arts and cultural scene...and boy do those Novocastrians know how to make a coffee! You'll love exploring the funky city precincts, such as **Darby Street** for little independent shops, cafes and bars, and **Beaumont Street** (aka Little Italy), Newcastle's 'eat street'. Brush up on city's story at **Newcastle Museum** and **Newcastle Art Gallery**. Walk the beautiful 6 km coastal path, **Bather's Way**, from **Nobby's Beach Lighthouse** to the **Glenrock Conservation Area**. Stop for a dip at the art deco **Merewether Ocean Baths** and the **Bogey Hole**, a tidal rock pool chiselled out of the rocks by convicts! Take in historic **Fort Scratchily** and **Strzelecki Lookout** then follow the nearby **ANZAC Memorial Walk** for unbeatable views of the city, harbour and ocean and the big container ships coming in and out of the port.

**The Hunter Valley (Orange route)** is another of Australia's well-loved wine regions, particularly famed for its earthy Shiraz and unique and deliciously complex Semillon. In recent years, the region has become equally prized for its gourmet restaurants, artisan produce and vibrant cultural scene. Wind your way through the vineyards on the country roads that crisscross this picturesque valley - a superb way to spend a day or two!



To get your bearings, Hunter Valley's principal 'wine country' centres around **Pokolbin** and the Lower Hunter Valley, between the towns of **Cessnock** and **Branxton** about 50 km west of Newcastle. Other parts include the **Wollombi Valley** and **Broke Fordwich** subregions, along with the **Upper Hunter Valley** (see the New England Highway Route), near the main town of **Muswellbrook**.

We recommend calling into the excellent **Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre** for maps, brochures and top tips. Our route takes you through the most concentrated area of wineries, and past some of the region's most prestigious vineyards such as Brokenwood and Debortoli, plus gourmet providores, cheesemakers, chocolatiers, award-winning restaurants, little art galleries and the beautiful **Hunter Valley Gardens**. But half the fun is exploring for yourself...so go and have some fun!



To head to the Hunter Valley, if you are not going via Newcastle, the quickest route is the **M1 Freeway** or wind your way along **Tourist Drive 33**, which runs between North Sydney (Peats Ridge exit on the M1) and **Woolombi** at the start of 'wine country' along the historic convict-built Great North Road.

### **Lake Macquarie and the Central Coast (Purple route)**

This magnificent region of national parks, lagoons, lakes and beaches has so many attractions and beauty spots that it's tricky to pick just a few! **Lake Macquarie** is twice the size of the Sydney Harbour and is a haven of water sport and fun in the sun! Enjoy daily **pelican feeding** at **The Entrance**, which is also where you'll find the region's main **Visitor Information Centre** and the



**Coast Walking Track**, which runs through a long thin strip of beautiful coastal forest in the southern section of **Wyrabalong National Park**, with fantastic views along the way. Meet Australia's friendliest and deadliest creatures at the **Australian Reptile Park and Wildlife Sanctuary**, enjoy the locals' favourite, **Wamberal Beach** or relax at **Terrigal Beach**, with shops and restaurant steps away from the sand...or pretty **Umina Beach** comes complete with rock pools and a large grassy picnic area.

## The Blue Mountains (Blue route)

World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains is a breathtaking place of escarpments and gorges shrouded in dense temperate eucalypt forest and the characteristic rock formations, waterfalls, and lookouts. Enjoy the rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife, the charming villages and historic walking tracks which showcase important Aboriginal and European heritage. **Katoomba** is the central hub of the region and this is where you will find **Wentworth Falls** and the famous **Three Sisters** rock formations, which can be viewed from **Echo Point**.



This area is packed with heritage walking trails, ranging from easy, such as the **Three Sisters Walk** (25 mins) to more challenging walks such as the **Giant Stairway** (2-3 hrs).

Pick up maps and information from the **Echo Point Visitor Centre**. At nearby **Scenic World** ride the world's steepest railway (or the cableway if you dare), then gaze over the Jamison Valley through the transparent glass floor and walls of the Scenic Skyway. Need some down time after all that? Katoomba and neighbouring **Leura** are jam-packed with antique shops, tea rooms and many other to eat, drink and be merry!



Carrying on to **Blackheath**, visit **Govetts Leap** with a viewing platform right next to the carpark with expansive views of the surrounding Hooker valley and Bridal Veil Falls. Interesting long and short walks start here too. In town, the **Campbell Rhododendron Gardens** features both exotic and Australian native plants. Beautiful all year road, it is at its best in October and November when the rhododendrons and azaleas are in bloom.

A highlight of the Blue Mountains, **Jenolan Caves** are a spectacular labyrinth of ancient limestone caves featuring intricate corals, stalactites, and crystal-clear underground pools.





## Waterfall Way - vary your route between inland/coastal

If you are keen to diversify your motorhome road trip as much as possible, take the magnificent Waterfall Way, which cuts between the New England and the Pacific Highways at about the half-way point. Grab a map and more details from the Armidale Visitor Centre, or starting from the coast, call into the Waterfall Way Visitor Centre, at Bellingen.

The drive to **Dorrigo National Park** spirals upwards from Bellingen through towering World Heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest, past gushing waterfalls and the Bellinger River. This section of the drive encompasses some of the region's most visited waterfalls, the **Dorrigo Rainforest Centre** and the incredible 70m **Skywalk Lookout** which runs along the edge of the Great Escarpment offering incredible views over the national park and Bellinger Valley to the coast. There

are picnic areas and all-ability walking trails, the most popular being the 6km **Wonga Walk** circuit which leads from the Rainforest Centre through 600-year-old subtropical rainforest to beautiful **Crystal Falls** (and includes two suspension bridges - prepare to get wet!)

The sleepy country town of **Dorrigo** has some good camping options for motorhomes and just a short drive from the town centre you'll find one of Waterfall Way's most popular attractions, **Dangar Falls** (also known as **Dorrigo Falls**). It isn't the biggest waterfall in the **Dorrigo National Park** but it's an incredibly pretty spot with a viewing platform right by the carpark, and a steep trail leading down to the base which is wonderful for a swim in the summer months. **Hot Tip:**

Components Café on the edge of **Dorrigo** has gained a reputation for the best food and coffee on the whole of Waterfall Way!



**Guy Fawkes River National Park** is located on the western edge of the **Dorrigo Plateau** and known for its rugged, secluded wilderness. The jewel in its crown is the dramatic **Ebor Falls**, where the **Guy Fawkes River** plunges in two waterfalls over the edge of the plateau into the gorge 100m below. You can enjoy the spectacular views from the upper and lower viewing platforms, joined by an easy walk.

We hope our **Brisbane – Sydney Travel Route Highlight** has helped inspire you to start thinking about where you could go and when! If you'd like some assistance in helping you select the perfect motorhome hire for your trip, then get in touch with us as we're on hand to help you create your dream motorhome holiday.

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# New England Highway (Inland Route) and The Pacific Highway (Coastal Route)

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