

# MCMA TOUR ALONG THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD 2016

## A GUIDE

**Day 1. Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>: Maitland to Temora** (580 kilometres and minimum driving time of 6 hours 10 minutes)

**The drive:** Meet to depart at 7:00 am from Hungry Jacks (hospital roundabout) and travel via the Golden Highway to Jerrys Plains (to meet John) then Bylong Valley Way, Rylstone (morning tea) Bathurst, Cowra (lunch), Greenthorpe (inspection of Iandra Castle 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm), Young, arriving at Temora on dusk.

Below are some facts about Maitland. This will help make some comparisons with the towns and cities we visit.

<b>Some facts about Maitland</b>	
Population:	70 000
October average maximum temperature degrees	21.5
October average minimum temperature	10 degrees
October average rainfall	42 mm
October average raindays	10 days

**Places of interest: Binalong:** Iandra Castle

### **Accommodation:**

- Goldera Motel: 80 Loftus Street Temora 2666  
Ian & Anne-Maree.
- Koreela Park Motel: 134 Crowley Street, Temora 2666  
John & Gemma, Brett & Margaret, Chris & Genine, Ian & Helen, Lindsay & Ann.
- Temora Motel: 21-23 Wagga Wagga Road, Temora 2666  
Ian & Kris, Barry & Pauline, Trevor & Veronica, John.
- Patchwork Inn: 173 Hoskins Street, Temora 2666  
John and Dianne

### **Visitor Information:**

Temora Visitor Information Centre

294-296 Hoskins Street

Temora 2666

**Some facts about Temora:**

Population: 6000

October average maximum temperature 22 degrees

October average minimum temperature 7.5 degrees

October average rainfall 50 mm

October average raindays 8.5 days

**Day 2. Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>: Temora and Environs****Places of interest:** Temora Aviation Museum; Temora Rural Museum; Aria Park Historic Town; Lake Centenary (jet boat track!).**Day 3. Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Temora to Echuca** (405 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 4 hours 20 minutes)**The drive:** A pleasant day of driving south-west through the Riverina awaits us. We head west on Burley Griffin Way through Aria Park (37 Kms), Ardlethan (68 kms), and Barellan (99 kms) to Griffith (151 kms). We then drive south on Kidman Drive through Darlington Point (183 kms), Colleambally (219 kms), Jerilderie (242 kms), then south-west through Conargo (295 kms), Deniliquin (327 kms) to Echuca 405 kms).**Places of interest:** **Aria Park:** historic town. **Griffith:** Hermits Cave; Lookout and Pioneer Park. **Conargo:** historic hotel; **Deniliquin:** Ute on a Pole; Pioneer Gardens and Steam Pump Display.**Accommodation:**

Caledonian Hotel Motel

110 Hare Street

Echuca 3564

**Visitor Information:**

Echuca Moama Visitor Information Centre

2 Heygarth Street

Echuca 3564

**Some facts about Echuca:**

Population: 13 500

October average maximum temperature 22 degrees

October average minimum temperature 8 degrees

October average rainfall 42 mm

October average raindays 8 days

## Day 4. Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Echuca and Environs

**Places of interest:** Historical Society Museum; National Holden Museum; Ozmaze; Port of Echuca; riverboat cruises; Raverty's Motor Museum; Sharp's Magic Movie House & Penny Arcade; World in Wax Museum.

**Day 5. Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>: Echuca to Bendigo** (92 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 1 hour and 10 minutes).

**The drive:** Today we drive south on the Northern Highway through Rochester (30 kms), Elmore (47 kms), to Bendigo (92 kms).

**Places of interest: Rochester:** Sir Hubert Opperman Memorial.

**Accommodation:**

Big 4 Bendigo Ascot Holiday Park

15 Heinz Street

White Hills 3550

**Visitor Information**

Bendigo Visitor Information Centre

Historic Post Office

51-67 Pall Mall

Bendigo 3550

### Some facts about Bendigo:

Population: 107 000

October average maximum temperature      20 degrees

October average minimum temperature      6.5 degrees

October average rainfall      42 mm

October average raindays      9 days

## Day 6. Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>: Bendigo and Environs

**Places of interest:** Alexandra Fountain; Bendigo Pottery Tourism Complex; Bendigo Regional Park; Central Deborah Gold Mine; Chinese Gardens and Golden Dragon Museum; Discovery Science and Technology Museum; Kangaroo Flat Botanical Gardens; Living Wings & Things; Poppet Head Lookout Tower; Talking Tram Tours, Bendigo Woollen Mills; Lightning Hill Lookout; Goldfields Mohair Farm (Lockwood).

**Day 7. Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>: Bendigo to Ballarat** (118 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 1 hour and 40 minutes).

**The drive:** Our historical discovery continues through the goldfields via Castlemaine (39 kms), Maldon (57 kms), Daylesford (113 kms), Creswick (141kms) to Ballarat (161 kms).

**Places of interest:** **Castlemaine** - Buda Historic Home & Garden; Burke and Wills Memorial; Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park; Castlemaine Market; Mount Alexandria Diggings Interpretive Centre; Old Castlemaine Gaol; Victorian Goldfields Railway. **Maldon** – historic town; Mount Tarrengower and hill climb; Victorian Goldfields Railway. **Daylesford** – Central Springs Reserve; Daylesford Spa Country Railway; Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens; Hepburn Springs; Trentham Falls; Malmsbury Viaduct; Chocolate Mill; Sailers Falls. **Creswick** – Springmount Pottery; Tangled Maze; Gold Battery; Creswick Historical Museum (Creswick is the birthplace of John Curtin).

**Accommodation:**

Big 4 Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park

108 Clayton Street

Ballarat 3350

**Visitor Information**

Ballarat Visitor Information Centre

43 Lydiard Street North

Ballarat 3350

<b>Some facts about Ballarat:</b>	
Population: 100 000	
October average maximum temperature	16.5 degrees
October average minimum temperature	6 degrees
October average rainfall	66 mm
October average raindays	15 days

**Day 8. Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>: Ballarat and Environs** (673 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 8 hours and 15 minutes).

**Places of interest:** Aviation Museum; Ballarat Wildlife Park; Gold Museum; Lake Wendouree; Lydiard Historic and Arts Precinct; Campe’s Motor Museum; Museum of Australian Democracy; Sovereign Hill; Sovereign Hill Lookout; Vintage Tramway and Tram Museum.

**Day 9. Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>: Ballarat to Geelong** (87 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 50 minutes).

**The drive:** This is an easy drive to Geelong, giving us plenty of time to relax and prepare for the big ‘Great Ocean Road Day’.

### **Accommodation:**

Big 4 Geelong Riverview Tourist Park

59 Barrabool Road

Belmont 3216

### **Visitor Information**

Geelong Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Moorbool and Brougham Streets

Geelong 3220

#### **Some facts about Geelong:**

Population: 184 000

October average maximum temperature      18.5 degrees

October average minimum temperature      7.5 degrees

October average rainfall      55 mm

October average raindays 13.5 days

## **Days 10 & 11. Sunday and Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Geelong and Environs**

**Places of interest: Geelong:** Bay City Marina; Botanic Gardens; Baywalk Bollards and Cargo Sculptures; Ford Discovery Centre; National Wool Museum; Maritime Museum; Yarra Pier; train trip to Melbourne.

**Drysdale/Clifton Springs:** wineries; Bellarine Peninsula Tourist Railway; Clifton Lookout. **Portarlington:** Point Richards Railway; Grand Hotel; Steam Flour Mill. **St Leonards:** pier. **Queenscliff:** maritime museum; Bellarine Tourist Railway; lighthouse. **Point Lonsdale:** Bellarine Peninsula Tourist Railway; Marine Discovery Centre; Rip View Lookout; Hardies Lookout; lighthouse. **Barwon Heads:** lookout

**Day 12. Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>: Geelong to Warrnambool** (185 kilometres via the Great Ocean Road and minimum driving time of 2 hours and 15 minutes).

**The drive:** This is one of the main attractions of tour – The Great Ocean Road. We drive along the coast through Torquay (22 kms), Anglesea (40kms), Lorne (68 kms), Apollo Bay (91 kms), Port Campbell (154 kms), to Warrnambool (185 kms)

**Places of interest: Torquay:** surfing museum. **Anglesea:** Lighthouse; Surf Coast Art House. **Lorne:** Edith Falls; Teddy's Lookout. **Apollo Bay:** Bass Strait Shell Museum; Boat Harbour; Crow Nest Lookout; Mariners Falls Walk; Boat Harbour; Old Cable Station Museum; Cape Otway Light Station. **Port Campbell:** Twelve Apostles; Loch Ard Gorge; The Arch; London Bridge; The Grotto; Bay of Martyrs; Bay of Islands.

**Accommodation:**

Big 4 Discovery Holiday Park

25 Pertobe Road

Warrnambool 3280

**Visitor Information**

Warrnambool Visitor Information Centre

89 Merri Street

Flagstaff Hill 3280

**Some facts about Warrnambool:**

Population: 33 000

October average maximum temperature	18 degrees
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October average minimum temperature	7.5
degrees	

October average rainfall	54 mm
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October average raindays	18.5 days
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**Day 13. Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>: Warrnambool and Environs:**

**Places of interest:** Cannon Hill Lookout; Cheese World; Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum; Hopkins River Lookout; Little Penguin Colony/Middle Island; Proudfoot’s Boathouse; Thunder Point Lookout; Whale Viewing Platform.

**Days 14. Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>: Warrnambool to Mount Gambier** (219 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 2 hours and 40 minutes).

**The drive:** There is an alternative on today’s drive – close to the coast to Port Fairy (29 kms) Portland (99 kms), through Nelson (158 kms) and Port MacDonnell (190 kms) to Mount Gambier (219 kms) or inland from Portland (99 kms) through Heywood (125 kms) and Dartmoor (167 kms) to Mount Gambier (218 kms).

**Places of interest: Port Fairy:** Fishermans’ Wharf; Griffiths Island Mutton Bird Colony; History Centre; Port Fairy Lighthouse; Lady Julia Percy Island Cruise. **Portland:** Cable Tram Ride (90 minutes return) and Depot Museum; History House; Historical Battery; Lighthouse; Maritime Discovery Centre; WWII Memorial Lookout Tower. Cape Bridgewater: seal colony; blowholes; petrified forest. **Port MacDonnell:** “Bay Wave” Sculpture; Maritime Museum; Woolwash Interpretative Centre.

**Accommodation:**

Blue Lake Holiday Park,

Lot 100 Bay Road,

Mount Gambier 5290

## Visitor Information

The Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre

35 Jubilee Highway East

Mount Gambier 5290

### Some facts about Mount Gambier:

Population: 26 500

October average maximum temperature 18 degrees

October average minimum temperature 7 degrees

October average rainfall 61 mm

October average raindays 17.5 days

## Day 15. Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>: Mount Gambier and Environs

**Places of interest:** Blue Lake; Brownes Lake; Valley Lake; Cave Gardens; Centenary Tower; Devils Punchbowl; Engelbrecht Cave; Umpherston Sinkhole; Coonawarra Wine Region (62 kms north).

## Day 16. Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>: Mount Gambier to Victor Harbour (452 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 5 hours).

**The drive:** Today we drive north-west along the Princess and Southern Ports Highways through Millicent (50 kms), Beachport (85 kms), Robe (131 kms), Kingston SE (157 kms), Strathalbyn (404 kms), Goolwa (439 kms), Port Elliot (446 kms) to Victor Harbour (452 kms).

**Places of interest: Millicent:** Living History Museum; Tantanoola Caves; Woakwine Wind Farm.

**Beachport:** Blowhole; Beachport Jetty; Bowman Scenic Drive; Pool of Siloam; Woakwine Cutting; Woolley Lake. **Robe:** Beacon Hill Lookout; Blowhole; Gaol ruins. **Kingston SE:** Analematic Sundial; Big Lobster; Big Kev's Tractor and Engine Museum; Historic Lighthouse. **Strathalbyn:** Historic rural town; National Trust Museum; Solders memorial Gardens; Station Masters Gallery; SteamRanger Heritage Railway. **Goolwa:** River Dolls of Goolwa; Signal Point Wharf Precinct; The Marina (Hindmarsh Island); SteamRanger Heritage Railway. **Port Elliot:** Freemans Lookout.

### Accommodation:

Victor Harbour Beachfront Holiday Park

114 Victoria Street

Victor Harbour 5211

## Visitor Information

Victor Harbour Visitor Information Centre

The Causeway 5211

**Some facts about Victor Harbour:**

Population: 15 000

October average maximum temperature      20 degrees

October average minimum temperature      10.5  
degrees

October average rainfall      45 mm

October average raindays      11 days

## **Days 17. Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>: Victor Harbour and Environs**

**Places of interest:** Encounter Coast Discovery Centre; Horse Drawn Tram; Granite Island Recreation and Nature Park; South Australian Whale Centre; SteamRanger Heritage Railway; The Bluff.

## **Day 18. Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>: Victor Harbour to Kingscote (Kangaroo Island) via Cape Jervis Ferry** (61 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 50 minutes)

**The drive:** This morning's drive is to meet the 12:00 noon ferry to Kangaroo Island from Cape Jervis.

**Places of interest: Day 18 Penneshaw:** Little Penguin Colony; Kangaroo Island Ocean Safari; Maritime Folk Museum; Dudley Cellar Door; Rob's Shearing and Sheepdogs; Sunset Wines; Kangaroo Island Artworks Gallery. **American River (32 kms):** Oyster Farm Shop. Pennington Bay: Jumbuck Australiana. **Off Hog Bay Road (40 kms):** Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery; Clifford's Honey Farm; Rookery Wines and Cider. **Cygnets River (40 kms):** Island Pure Sheep Dairy; Kangaroo Island Spirits.

### **Accommodation:**

Bayview Villas

Lots 22 & 23 Reeves Street

Kingscote 5223

Villa 1: Trevor & Veronica; Brett & Margaret; and John & Gemma

Villa 2: Chris & Genine; Ian & Anne-Maree; and Ian & Helen

Villa 3: Lindsay & Ann; John and Robyn

Villa 4: Barry and Pauline; John and Dianne

### **Visitor Information:**

Gateway Visitor Information Centre

Howard Drive

Penneshaw 5222



## Days 19 - 20. Tuesday/Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup>: Kangaroo Island and Environs

**Places of interest: Day 19 Kingscote:** Hope Cottage Museum; Kangaroo Island Marine Centre; Jeeves Point Historic Site; Penguin Feeding; Island Beehive, Kangaroo Island Marine Adventures **Emu Bay (18 kms):** Kangaroo Island Marine Adventures; Emu Bay Lavender. **Parndana (40 kms):** Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park; Soldier Settlement Museum. **Stokes Bay (50 kms):** Stocks Bay Bush Garden; Paul's Place Wildlife Sanctuary. Will's Rare Breeds Farm. **Day 20 Vivonne Bay (61 kms):** Sea Bay Visitors Centre. **Cape du Couedic (117 kms):** Kelly Hill Caves; Hansen Bay Wildlife Sanctuary; Remarkable Rocks; Admirals Arch; Fur Seal Colony; Bunker Hill Lookout. **Rocky River (136 kms):** Flinders Chase Visitor Centre and Café; Platypus Boardwalk; Rocky River Hike.

### Some facts about Kingscote:

Population: 2 200

October average maximum temperature      19 degrees

October average minimum temperature      10.5 degrees

October average rainfall      37 mm

October average raindays      10 days

**Day 21. Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>: Kingscote (Kangaroo Island) to Adelaide via Cape Jervis Ferry)** (62 kilometres to Penneshaw, 30 minutes on the ferry then 107 kilometres to Adelaide City and a minimum travelling time of 2 hours 15 minutes)

**The drive:** We travel north along the Gulf of St Vincent through Normanville (31 kms), Aldinga Beach (64 kms), Seaford (73 kms), Port Noarlunga (78 kms), Brighton (95 kms) and Glenelg (100 kms) to West Beach (106 kms).

**Places of interest: Normanville/Carrickalinga/Yankalilla:** Hobart Memorial Lookout; Ingalalla Falls; The Shrine. **Aldinga Beach/Seaford:** McLaren Vale Wine Region. **Port Noarlunga:** Old Reynella (Hardys Winery).

### Accommodation:

Big 4 Adelaide Shores Caravan Park

1 Military Road

West Beach 5024

### Visitor Information:

South Australian Visitor Information Centre

108 North Terrace

Adelaide 5000

**Some facts about Adelaide:**

Population: 1 300 000

October average maximum temperature 22 degrees

October average minimum temperature 11.5 degrees

October average rainfall 42 mm

October average raindays 10 days

**Days 22 - 25. Friday/Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>: Adelaide and Environs**

**The drive: Places of interest: Day 22** Adelaide city: SKYCITY Casino; Central Market; Art Gallery; Ayers House Museum; Botanic Gardens; parks; Festival Centre; Government House; Migration Museum; National War Memorial National Wine Centre; South Australia Museum; River Torrens; Rundle Mall; Zoo; General Motors Holden's (Elizabeth); Penfolds Magill (Rosslyn). **Day 23** Adelaide beaches. Port Adelaide and maritime museum; North Haven and Gulf Point Marina; Taperoo, Largs; Semaphore; West Lakes; Tennyson; Grange; Henley; West; Glenelg, Glenelg tram, and Rodney Fox's Shark Museum; Somerton and Brighton. **Day 24** Barossa Valley Wine Region based on the towns of Lyndoch (74 kms), Tanunda (82 kms), Nurioopta (87 kms) and Angaston (94 kms) **Day 25** Clare Valley Wine Region based on the towns of Auburn (123 kms), Leasingham (130 kms), Watervale (132 kms) and Clare (147 kms). For an alternative day consider the Adelaide Hills.

**Day 26. Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>: Adelaide to Mildura** (396 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 4 hours 20 minutes)

**The drive:** We start to drive east today through Elizabeth onto North Road then the Sturt Highway after Gawler (52 kms) then Blanchetown (140 kms), Waikerie (183 kms), Berri (242 kms), Renmark (258 kms) to Mildura (396kms).

**Places of interest: Gawler:** Dead Man's Pass reserve; Food Forest; Museum (Old Telegraph Station).

**Waikerie:** Birds Australia Gluepot Reserve; Memorabilia Museum (RSL); Orange Tree Giftmania; Scenic Lookout Walk. **Berri:** Berri Bridge Mural; Scenic Lookout Tower; Jimmy James Memorial. **Renmark:** Paddle Steamer Industry Museum; PS Industry (1911); McCormick Centre for the Environment; Ruston Rose Garden.

**Accommodation:**

Big 4 Golden River Holiday Park

199-205 Flora Avenue

Mildura 3500

## Visitor Information

Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre

The Alfred Deakin Centre

180 Deakin Avenue

Mildura 3500

## Days 27. Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>: Mildura and Environs

**Places of interest:** Wineries; Langtree Hall Museum; Mildura Weir; Mildura Wharf; paddle steamer cruises; Old Mildura Homestead; Rio Vista Museum; Alfred Deakin Centre; Woodsie's Gem Shop; Mungo National Park (120 kms north-east)

### Some facts about Mildura:

Population: 28 800

October average maximum temperature      25 degrees

October average minimum temperature      10 degrees

October average rainfall      27 mm

October average raindays      5.5 days

**Day 28. Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>: Mildura to Wagga Wagga** (557 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 5 hours 45 minutes)

**The drive:** We continue driving east on the Sturt Highway and this morning we enter NSW. We travel through Euston (83 kms), Balranald (162 kms), Hay (294 kms), Darlington Point (414 kms), Narrandera (465 kms) to Wagga Wagga (557 kms).

**Places of interest:** **Balranald:** Hay Plains. **Hay:** Bishops Loge Historic Home; Dunera Memorial and POW Camp Site; Hay Gaol Museum; Historic One Tree Hotel (38 kms north); Shear Outback: School Museum; The Australian Shearers Hall of Fame. **Narrandera:** Bundidgerry Walk; Lavender Farm (2 kms north); Doll Collection (2 kms north); Parkside Museum Cottage.

### Accommodation:

Wagga Wagga Beach Caravan Park

2 Johnston Street

Wagga Wagga 2650

### Visitor Information:

Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre

Tarcutta Street

Wagga Wagga 2650

**Some facts about Wagga Wagga:**

Population: 64 800

October average maximum temperature      21.5 degrees

October average minimum temperature      7 degrees

October average rainfall      57 mm

October average raindays      9.5 days

**Day 29. Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>: Wagga Wagga and Environs**

**Places of interest:** Botanic Gardens; Miniature Train Rides; Museum of the Riverina; National Art Glass Collection; Bernie Bateman's Sheds (private collection).

**Day 30. Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>: Wagga Wagga to Maitland** (615 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 6 hours and 15 minutes).

**The drive:**

Our last day and a long drive! Here are a few options:

1. You could drive up the M3, through Sydney and along the M3 to the Hunter.
2. Another option is to travel the way we came via Junee, Cootamundra, Young, Cowra, Bathurst and the Bylong Valley Way.
3. A variation could be to turn left at Blayney and return via Orange, Wellington, Dubbo and the Golden Highway to the Hunter.
4. You could drive to Goulburn then Crookwell, Bathurst and home through Mudgee or Rylstone.
5. A variation on the above could be through Oberon, Jenolan Caves and the Blue Mountains.

My suggestion is travel back a different way than you came.

Kind regards and best wishes for what will be a magnificent tour.

Ian