



WICKED CAMPERS 2020 TRAVEL UPDATE

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WHERE CAN YOU HEAD IN 2020?

Australia and New Zealand have done an amazing job of flattening the curve, and with the easing of some government restrictions, it looks like travel may return soon. So where can you go now that you can finally leave the house again?

International travel and flights aren't expected until next year, but that doesn't mean you can't still get away and enjoy a much-needed time off. A surprising 40% of Australians have not explored their own country. A shocking 26% haven't even been to another state!

So, if you're living in one of the world's top backpacking and adventure destinations, with the other being a short 5-hour flight away, what excuse do you have?

We have put together some of our favourite trips for Australia and New Zealand, and there is no better way to explore these locations than in one of our iconic wicked campervans!





"SO WHEN SHOULD I BOOK FOR?"

The best advice we can give is to always keep an eye on government state websites for updates and always stay safe when travelling.

With winter starting in Australia, some areas become perfect for camping. We recommend North Queensland, Western Australia and of course Darwin during the dry season. Tropical Queensland can be too humid during the summer months for camping, but at a perfect 24 degrees, it's perfect in winter. Avoid the nasty sweat sessions, and head up to Cairns for winter. Darwin is beautiful during the dry season with stunning national parks and plenty of adventure. Why not explore the West Coast and head from Perth to Darwin for one of Australia's greatest road trips!

As we pull into summer later this year, New Zealand makes a perfect outdoor adventure setting. With mountain hikes, jet boating, scenic hikes, and sky diving, there really isn't a better location for campervan adventures!





HOW ABOUT YOUR OWN BACKYARD?

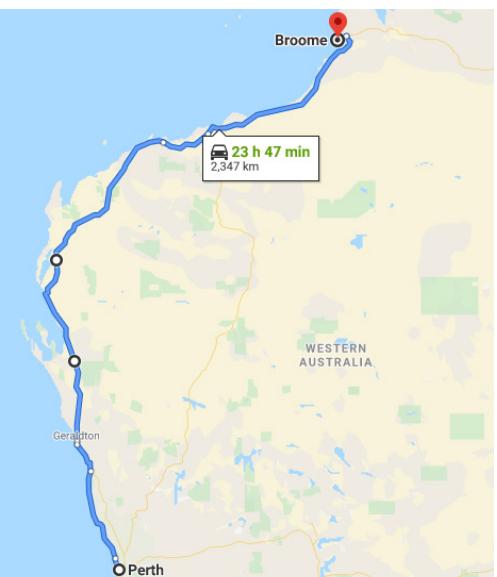
Australia is a vast, beautiful country. Such is the size of our country that you don't need to leave to experience a completely different way of life. Might be time to explore the heart of the Blue Mountains within two hours of Sydney, enjoying being at one with nature. Head to Port Phillip Bay from Torquay and the start of the Great Ocean Road, just one hour out from Melbourne. The road trip from Adelaide to Uluru, then onto Alice Springs and perhaps even right up to Darwin, is legendary. Those living in Perth can drive up the west coast and find some of the most unspoiled and beautiful landscapes in the whole country. The relatively low cost and the frequency of domestic travel also means we can get between Australia's great cities in a matter of hours, no matter where we are.

PERTH TO BROOME



Arguably one of the best road trips in Australia and our favourite! The West Coast is a beautiful mix of red desert, bushland scrub and aqua blue ocean. With plenty of great locations to stop along the way, this road trip is perfect for travellers of all ages. If you want to see the best of Australia without having to battle it out with other tourists to enjoy the sights, Western Australia is the place to go. Nothing beats hitting the road in your car and driving for days on end, stopping often for bush walks and swims and ending each adventure-packed day in a comfortable hotel room. And to make your planning easier, we've rounded up the best spots you absolutely can't miss on your Perth to Broome drive.

#Tip: Stop in Shark Bay and hang out with the Dolphins at Monkey Mia beach!



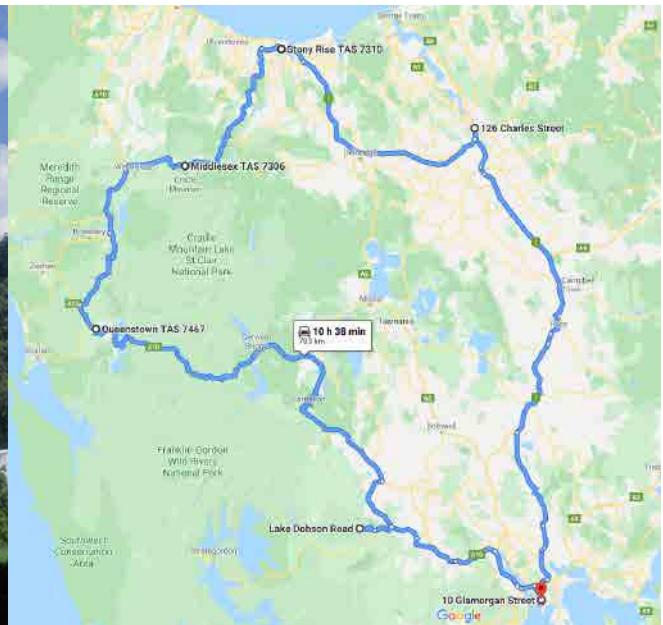
HOBART



Our busiest location over summer is our Hobart depot. Tasmania is perfect for getting around in a campervan with some of Australia's most beautiful camping parks. Tasmania is a natural beauty and has everything from mountain hikes to secluded coastlines.

You can drive the width of Tasmania in 3 hours but we recommend doubling that as there is plenty to see and do along the way!

#Tip: Head to Tasmania's serene Cascade Brewery. Australia's oldest brewery (1824) is still pumping out superb beers and delicious food. 100% worth a stop!

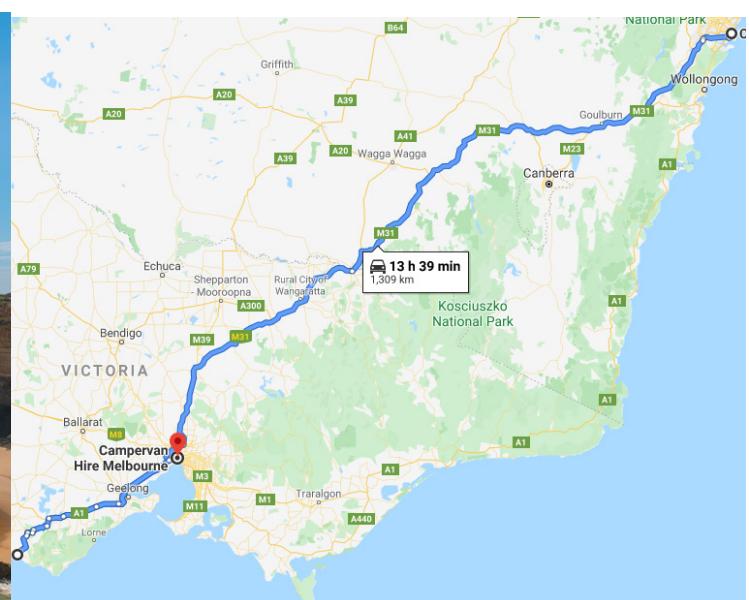


SYDNEY, MELBOURNE & THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD



Another of Australia's most iconic road trips, is the great ocean road. Beautiful scenery in between Australia's leading cultural and nightlife cities. Turn a quick trip between cities into a road trip and spend time seeing Australia's beautiful southern coastline.

#Tip: Check out Australia's 12 apostles. A collection of limestone stacks off

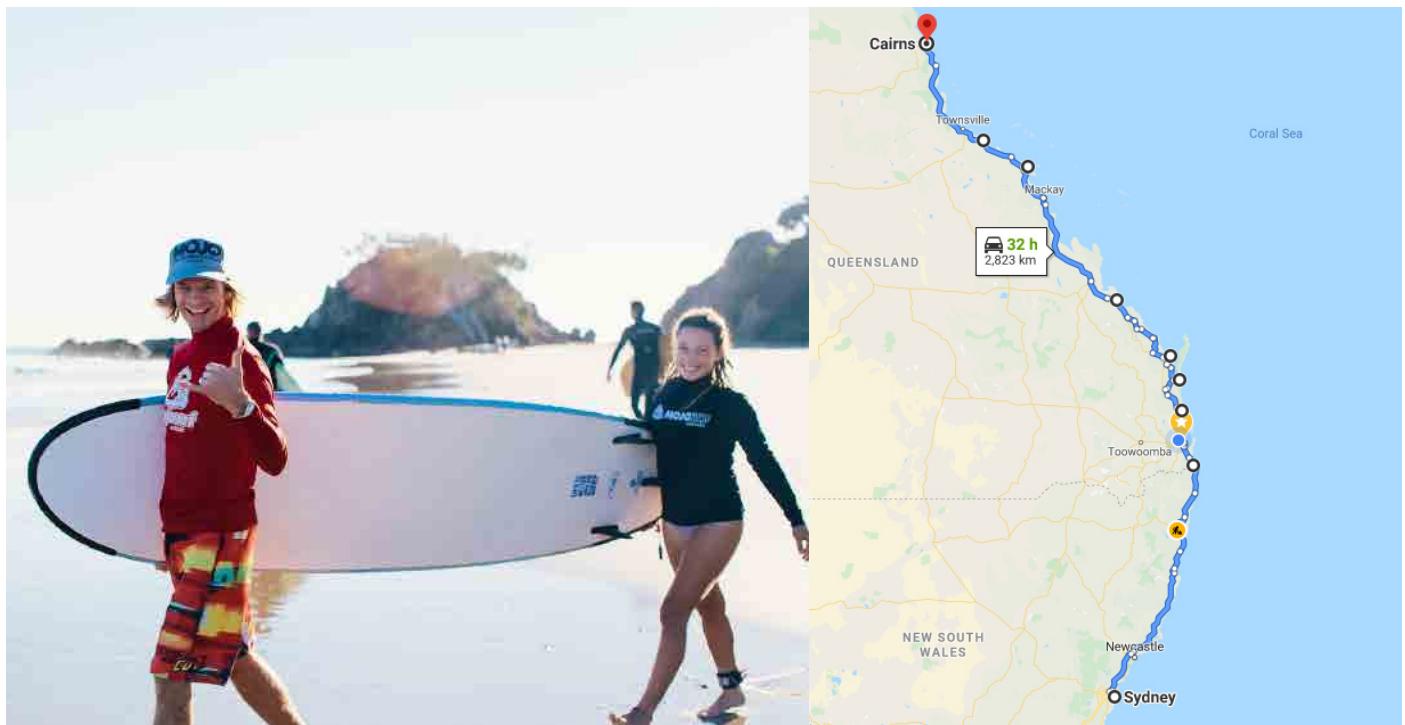


SYDNEY TO CAIRNS



Looking to see one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in the world? Try heading up the East Coast from Sydney to tropical Cairns. With plenty of great tourist destinations like the relaxing Byron Bay and Surfer's Paradise, you will have plenty to experience along the way. We recommend this tropical coast trip to anyone wanting to experience Australia.

#Tip: Learn to surf while in Byron! There are plenty of great groups offering discounted lessons with years of experience in teaching surfing.



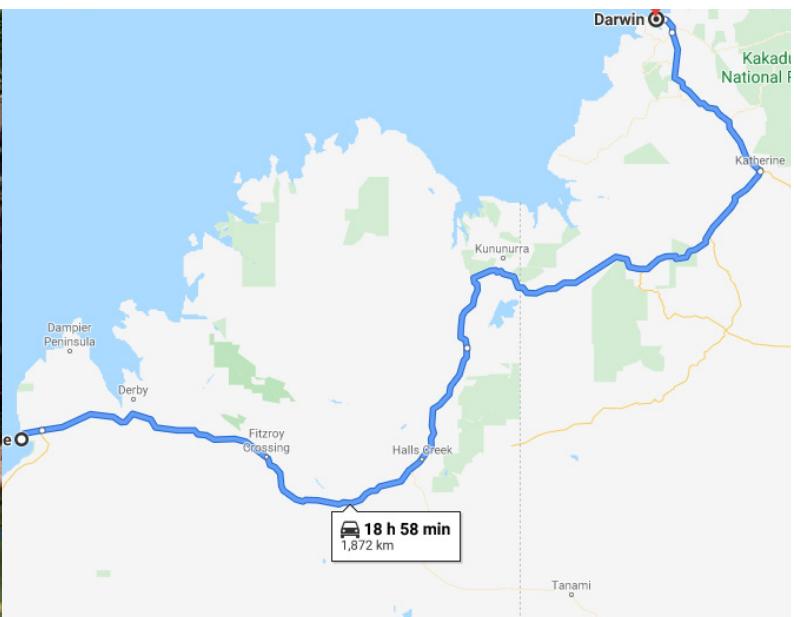
BROOME TO DARWIN



Last on our list is another great outback trip. Explore some of Australia's most beautiful national parks and the wonder of the Gibb River Rd. Turning off the bitumen and going 'over the range' on the Gibb River Road is a truly unique Aussie outback adventure through the Kimberley's vast untouched wilderness, ancient gorge country and epic cattle stations the size of small countries.

A must do for backpackers and always best travelled in one of our 4WD Campers.

#Tip: Make a splash at Litchfield National Park, featuring stunning





TRY A TRANS-TASMAN TRIP

Traveling in a campervan is without a doubt the best way to see New Zealand. You'll be able to wake up next to some of the most epic landscapes and have an adventure of a lifetime. Campervan travel is more simple than staying in hotels and requires less planning.

There are some off-the-beaten-path places you can't easily get to without spending the night. And you'll have the opportunity to camp near trailheads to get a start early in the morning before the "hotel crowds" arrive. New Zealand is very well set up for campervans. There are campgrounds and freedom camping sites throughout the entire country, making it simple to find a place to sleep, shower, and fill up your water tank. There are few places in the world where campervan travel is as easy as in New Zealand. Try Something New: Get out of your comfort zone, learn new things and discover a way of travel you might actually fall in love with.

CHRISTCHURCH - QUEENSTOWN



Start your trip in the relaxing city of Christchurch, the largest centre in the South Island, where old English gardens contrast with pop-up bars and street art. Christchurch offers an amazing array of activities, try the Avon River cruise, biking in the surrounding Port Hills, or take an early morning ride in a hot air balloon. The city is also home to several fascinating museums and galleries, including the International Antarctic Centre. For something, a little further afield, visit the historic port town of Lyttelton or enjoy French culture in Akaroa.

Queenstown is arguably New Zealand's best tourist destination. Queenstown is built around a pristine inlet on the sparkling Lake Wakatipu and is nestled in amongst towering rugged mountains including The Remarkables, Cecil Peak, Walter Peak, Ben Lomond and Queenstown Hill. Perfect for those who love getting in touch with nature and mountain hikes. Let us not forget that it's also a great stop for those who love adventure and nightlife. From nightclubs, to skydiving and jetboating, Queenstown is the thrill seeker's dream with plenty to see and do!

*TIP - Check out Wanaka and Mt Cook along the way. Great opportunity for photos and getting in touch with nature.

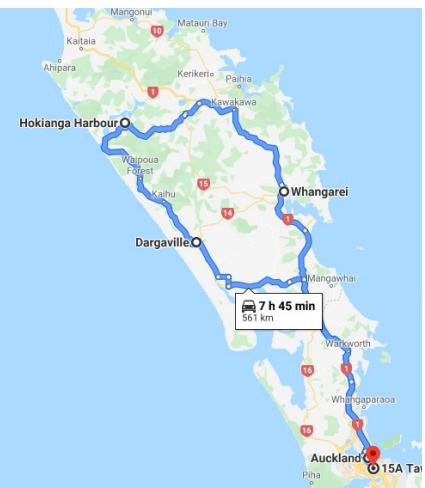


AUCKLAND, HOKIANGA & DARGAVILLE



Auckland is the perfect start to any journey. An urban environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and a dozen enchanting holiday islands. Add a sunny climate, a background rhythm of Polynesian culture and a passion for outstanding food, wine and shopping, and you are beginning to get the picture of Auckland.

Start your adventure in Auckland and head north towards Opononi. On the way explore antique and craft stores in Maungaturoto and Paparoa, or visit the Matakohe Kauri Museum. Discover Waipoua Forest - home to the majestic Tane Mahuta, the Lord of the Forest and largest Kauri tree in the world. Continue to the Hokianga Harbour, where Maori first arrived in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Look out to the stunning sand dunes which after a short ferry ride you could be sandboarding down.



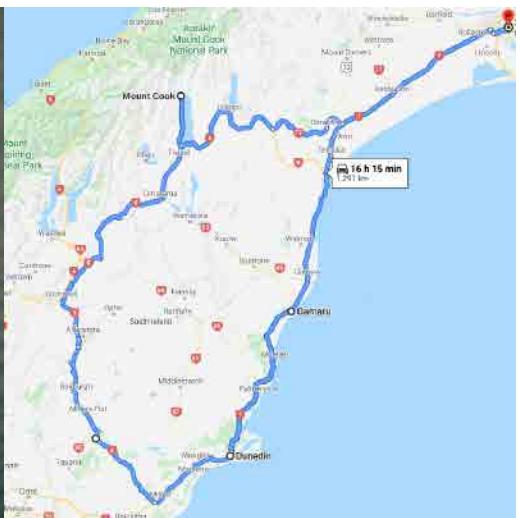
CHRISTCHURCH, DUNEDIN & OAMARU



Starting again in the beautiful city of Christchurch, travel beyond the main centre with a cross-country bike ride into the Port Hills or a day trip to the French colonial settlement of Akaroa, on the stunning Banks Peninsula. Head south and make sure to take time to explore the region's many rural towns. Visit local museums in Ashburton, shop for arts and crafts in Geraldine and discover maori rock art in Timaru.

Dunedin is a vibrant mix of heritage, wildlife and colourful nightlife. Explore the historic home-stead of Olveston, wander through the magnificent Larnach Castle or visit one of the city's popular museums. Beyond the city, Otago Peninsula boasts an array of native wildlife; penguins, albatross, seals and sea lions. Outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking and surfing are also popular. Spend the evening checking out the city's many restaurants and bars.

*TIP - Don't forget to check out the harbour and the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony – a must see attraction.





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SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

There has never been a better time or excuse to get yourself into a campervan. Avoid the expensive flights, hotels, and transfers. Book your car and accommodation in one go, at a never before seen discount and start exploring two of the most beautiful countries on the planet.



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THE GREAT ADVENTURE FINDS YOU."

– EWAN MCGREGOR



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