

The Great Ocean Road West to East: A Workable Day Sheet

Tick the stops off as you go. Times are stop budgets, not promises.

Day one: Port Fairy to Apollo Bay

The honest warning: done properly this is a seven to eight hour day, so leave early.

☐ Childers Cove (dry gravel only)	20 to 30 min
☐ Bay of Islands	15 min
☐ Bay of Martyrs	15 min
☐ The Grotto	20 min
☐ London Bridge	15 min
☐ Port Campbell break + VicEmergency check	30 to 45 min
☐ Tom and Eva Lookout	15 min
☐ Loch Ard Gorge	40 to 60 min
☐ Gibson Steps (if the staircase is open)	20 to 30 min
☐ Twelve Apostles (before late morning)	30 to 45 min
☐ The Otways crossing	60 to 90 min

Day two: Apollo Bay to Lorne

Only 50 minutes of driving, which is the gift of this structure.

☐ Otways morning: Marriners Lookout, Maits Rest, Cape Otway or Wildlife Wonders	
☐ The clifftop drive, taken slowly	
☐ Kennett River koala stop	up to 1 hr
☐ Arrive Lorne by mid afternoon for the beach and dinner	

Day three: Lorne to Melbourne

☐ Teddy's Lookout on the way out	
☐ Memorial Arch	10 min
☐ Geelong waterfront and lunch	up to 2 hrs
☐ The motorway, timed to miss Melbourne's evening rush	

If the day runs away from you, cut in this order:

1. Childers Cove, 2. Gibson Steps, 3. Bay of Martyrs.

Squeezing to two days: one night in Apollo Bay, Lorne becomes lunch, Geelong becomes fuel. Stretching to four: add a Port Campbell night, or a second night in Lorne for Erskine Falls.

Check VicEmergency and VicTraffic every morning before you drive.

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