# MELBOURNE - SYDNEY

# **MELBOURNE (Start)**

Melbourne may be known for its vibrant nightlife, but beyond the nightclubs and gastropubs, there's heaps of family friendly spots around town for you and the kids to check out. Watch your favourite footy team play at the MCG or, if you're more of an artistic bunch, spend the day hopping between exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria.



### PHILIP ISLAND (141km)

Before heading north towards New South Wales, treat the family to a day out on Phillip Island. If you're visiting during summer, pick up a couple of paddle boards and make a splash at Smiths Beach. During the cooler months, enjoy a round of mini golf and a few laps at the go-kart track before watching the whales pass by from the lookout at Pyramid Rock.



After an action-packed day on Phillip Island, head to Wilsons Promontory National Park and get back to nature in Victoria's largest coastal wilderness area. From wombats to wallabies, you'll be able to come face-to-face with some of the country's most beloved wildlife. And, with plenty of family-friendly walking tracks throughout the park, you'll never run out of new things to see during your stay in The Prom.



## METUNG (268km)

Just under four hours east of Wilsons Promontory, Metung is a quiet village that stretches along the shores of the Gippsland Lakes. Hire a boat and take the kids to check out the local fishing spots or, if nothing's biting, visit Eagle Point Bay and check out the abundance of birds, reptiles and marine life that call at the Macleod Morass Wildlife Reserve home.



Nestled between Croajingolong National Park and the Wallagaraugh River, Mallacoota is a quiet town where you and the family can unwind on the way to Sydney. During the day, grab a few tubes and float down the river or, if you're keen to venture further,



hop on a kayak and paddle out to the coastline. For a picture-perfect end to the day, wander down to the Karbeethong Jetty, where you can enjoy an uninterrupted view of the sunset.

# NAROOMA (227km)

For a change of scenery, head north across the New South Wales border towards the isolated coastal town of Narooma. Explore the winding creeks and walking trails at Gulaga National Park or, if you're up for an off shore adventure, join in on a boat tour to Montague Island. Before taking off to your next destination, be sure to snap a family photo by the water at Shell Point.



Further up the New South Wales coast, Jervis Bay is a bohemian beach town that's a favourite with surfies from across the country. Learn to surf with the kids or, if they're too young to ride the waves, take them for a splash at the nearby Nowra Aquatic Park. After dark, enjoy a family dinner at one of the local restaurants in town or grab a drink in Club Jervis Bay's child-friendly bar and dining area.



Whether it's your first time in Sydney or you're a regular visitor, there's always something new for you and the kids to do in town. If you're not sure where to start, the City of Sydney regularly hosts family-friendly events in the CBD. But, if you'd rather skip the crowds, there's plenty of hidden beaches and rock pools to check out on the North Shore.







