

FAMILY TRIP TO LOCAL AUSSIE HOT SPOTS

13 DAYS IN WILSONS PROMONTORY, PHILIP ISLAND, JERVIS BAY, SYDNEY AND HERVEY BAY

Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, New South Wales ©Hutchings Camps

Take your family on an action-packed journey to three distinct coastal environments - Wilson Promontory, Jervis Bay, and Fraser Island. These favourite local hot spots showcase beautiful scenery, fantastic beaches and Australia's unique wildlife.

States visited: Victoria, New South Wales & Queensland

Best for: Families of all ages who love spending time at the beach

When to go: September to May (avoid Australian school holidays December & January and Easter).

Duration: 13 days

AT A GLANCE

- Journey begins Melbourne Airport
- 2 nights Wilsons Promontory
- 1 night Philip Island
- 4 nights Jervis Bay
- 2 nights Sydney
- 3 nights Hervey Bay
- Journey ends Hervey Bay Airport

DAY 1

Collect hire car from Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport for your adventure to Wilsons Promontory (3 hours, plus stops). Enjoy a late brunch on route in the historic town of Loch – a cute little village with fabulous produce.

Wilsons Promontory National Park is a hidden gem at the southern-most

HIGHLIGHTS

- See wombats, walk on squeaky sand and admire the wilds of Wilsons Promontory
- Discover a rugged and raw granite coastline as you cruise Victoria's largest marine protected area on an amphibious vessel
- Get close and personal with an Australian Fur Seal colony
- Spend an afternoon at the Koala Conservation Reserve
- Watch as the little penguins waddle up the beach at Phillip Island
- Cruise to see Jervis Bay's resident bottle nose dolphins
- Tour world Heritage-listed K'gari (Fraser Island), the world's largest sand island
- Swim in Lake McKenzie – one of the most beautiful lakes in the world
- Catch a glimpse of a dingo, Australia's wild dog





Wilsons Promontory, Gippsland, Victoria



Koala Conservation Reserve, Phillip Island, Victoria



Little Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Victoria

point of the Australian mainland, about a three-hour drive from Melbourne/Naarm (narr-m). It is a haven for nature lovers - you can walk remote coastal bushland trails, or swim in pristine beaches dominated by granite peaks. Accommodation inside the National Park is limited to camping and a few cabins, however in nearby Fish Creek and surrounds there are several comfortable options. Most options are for self-catering.

AGENT TIP:

Tell your clients to keep their eyes peeled and they're likely to spot a wombat and emu, or two!

Depending on your arrival time and activity levels, either head into the national park and summit Mt Oberon for breath-taking views (2 hours return), chill out at Squeaky Beach or pop into **Gurneys Cider** to sample some of the local produce.

Stay 2 nights in a **Ross Farm Cabin + Barn**, just outside of the national park.

DAY 2

Drive to Tidal River in Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Enjoy a Wilsons Promontory cruise with **Pennicott Wilderness Journeys** (10.30 check in for 11am departure). Drive straight from the sand and into the water on an amphibious vessel to cruise the waters of Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park. Teeming with life above and below the surface, you'll visit an Australian Fur Seal colony, see unique birdlife and maybe even some passing whales.

Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring the short walks of Wilsons Promontory.

DAY 3

Drive to Phillip Island (1 hour 15 mins). Phillip Island is famous for its little penguin colony that returns each evening to waddle up the beach after a day out at sea.

In addition to the penguins there are scenic walks and trails, beautiful beaches, and a range of family activities.

Spend the afternoon at the **Koala Conservation Reserve**. See koalas up close in their natural habitat as well as wallabies and echidnas.

This evening, watch the **Little Penguin Parade** after sunset. They don't wear watches so be sure to check their expected time and arrive about an hour earlier.

Stay 1 night at your choice of Phillip Island accommodation.

AGENT TIP:

Book the Penguins Plus tickets or a ranger-guided tour for an extra special little penguin experience.

DAY 4

This morning drive to Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport (2 hours 15 mins) for a lunchtime flight to Sydney/Warrane (war-rang) (1 hour 15 mins).

Pick up hire car. Drive south towards Jervis Bay (approximately 2 hours 30 mins) arriving late afternoon. Jervis



Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, New South Wales



Luna Park, Sydney, New South Wales

Bay is a local secret although the word is quickly getting out. Magnificent marine life, pristine bushland and a chilled vibe create the perfect mix for both relaxed and fun-filled days. With some of the whitest sand in the world, aqua waters and fringed by tall shady gums you'll think you are in paradise.

On your drive down, stop in at **Illawarra Fly Treetop Adventures** for a treetop walk or zipline. Experience nature with a newfound perspective in the Illawarra Rainforest, before continuing to your accommodation for the next few nights.

Check in to **Paperbark Camp**, a peaceful bush retreat combining premium tented accommodation with wonderful food and warm hospitality.

Stay 4 nights at **Paperbark Camp**.

DAYS 5-7

Spend the days at leisure in Jervis Bay.

Suggested activities:

- Take a **Jervis Bay Wild** cruise out on Jervis Bay to spot the local pod of dolphins
- Walk through the tall trees of Jervis Bay's Booderee National Park to

one of the many secluded beaches

- Learn about Aboriginal bush tucker on a guided walk in the **Booderee Botanic Gardens**
- Snorkel or kayak with colourful fish at Murrays Beach

AGENT TIP:

There are 21 white sand beaches to explore. Most days the waves are gentle and perfect for swimmers of all abilities.

DAY 8

Return to Sydney via the coastal route. Stop for lunch in Kiama and see the blowhole.

Stay 2 nights at **Novotel Sydney** on Darling Harbour.

AGENT TIP:

For a quintessential Australian experience, book a hotel at one of the beachside suburbs such as Bondi or Coogee for easy access to the beach and the airport.

DAY 9

Spend the day at leisure in Sydney.

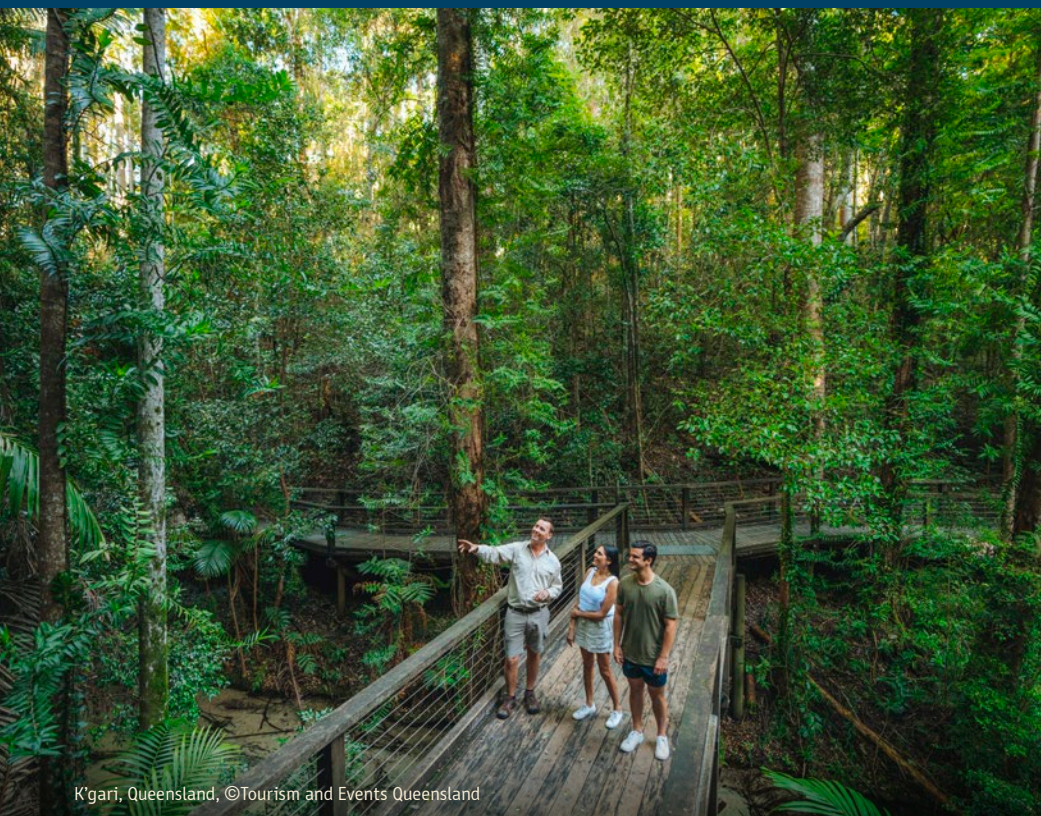
Activities suggestions:

- Amuse yourself on rides at **Luna Park**
- Do the Sydney Harbour **BridgeClimb** (check out the age and height restrictions before purchasing)
- Encounter animals with the best view in the world at **Taronga Zoo**
- Learn to surf at Bondi Beach
- Spend time mixing with other children at **Darling Quarter Playground**

DAY 10

Fly from Sydney to Hervey Bay (1 hour 50 mins) and be transferred by coach and ferry to Kingfisher Bay Resort on K'gari (Fraser Island).

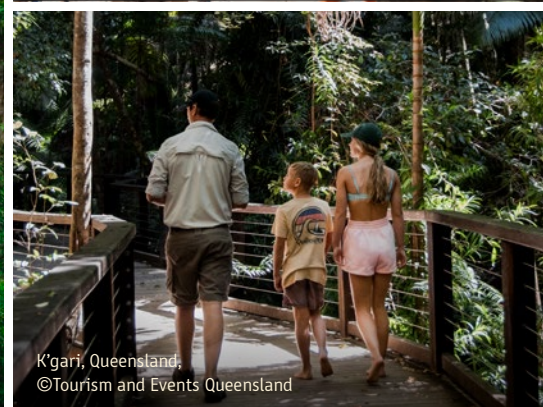
World Heritage Listed K'gari (Fraser Island), is the world's largest sand island with over 250 kilometres of sandy beaches. It's a place of exceptional natural beauty with giant rainforest trees that grow in the sand, both crystal clear 'white' and tannin-stained 'black' lakes, coloured cliffs and sand dunes dotted with the remains of ancient forests.



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Connect to the environment and feel immersed in nature on a three-night, all-inclusive adventure with **K'gari Explorer Tours**. Much of K'gari is accessed only by 4X4 so this is one of the best ways to visit both renowned places like Lake McKenzie and discover hidden gems that only the locals know about.

AGENT TIP:

Coach and ferry transfers from Hervey Bay Airport are included with a 3-night Fraser Explorer tour.

growing from sand, wander through subtropical rainforest and experience champagne pools - an amazing natural jacuzzi. You might see dingoes, whales and turtles depending on the season, as well as a huge variety of birds.

AGENT TIP:

Splurge and take a scenic joy-flight over the island for a bird's eye view of this enormous sand island.

DAY 12

Today is full of more activities before returning to **Kingfisher Bay Resort** in the afternoon. Spend the rest of your time at leisure enjoying one of the Kingfisher Bay Resort activities.

DAY 13

Return ferry and coach transfer to Hervey Bay Airport for your onward journey.

DAY 11

Your journey into the heart of K'gari continues with K'gari Explorer Tours. Visit Lake McKenzie – K'gari's most iconic swimming spot, admire towering trees

