

Easter Six Day Walk - Relax in Comfort:



*Six day hike from Apollo Bay
(or Marengo) to Glenample, including
the 12 Apostles.
5 nights' accommodation*



This walk is recommended for those who want to relax in comfort, after a great days walk.

Our 'self – guided walks' allow you to walk at your own leisurely pace. Transport and transfers are arranged so that you have ample time to take photographs, rest and enjoy the magnificent views!

	PARKS VICTORIA KM	PARKS VICTORIA GRADING	DURATION (APPROX.)	ACCOMMODATION TYPE: Bed linen is included.	FOOD PROVIDED:
The evening before walk commences	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Day 1 8/4	21.1km Walk starting at Marengo (or Apollo Bay if desired)	Medium / Hard	7 hrs – Walk starting at Marengo	En suite room in the award winning Eco animal rehabilitation Centre Dusk guided tour included	Breakfast and lunch NOT included. (Please bring a packed lunch for your first days walk. There are cafes/ shops in Apollo Bay). Dinner is included.
Day 2 9/4	10.5km	Easy / Medium	3 hrs 45 mins plus 1 hrs 30mins for Light House visit	En suite room in the award winning Eco animal rehabilitation Centre	Breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 3 10/4	15.6km (+ 1.6km for rainbow falls - optional)	Medium	6 hrs (including 45mins for rainbow falls)	En suite room in the award winning Eco animal rehabilitation Centre	Breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 4 11/4	16km	Medium	6 hrs	En suite room, Small kitchen at accommodation Glow worm tour included	Breakfast & packed lunch included. Dinner NOT included. There is a small shop & Bistro/Pub close to your accommodation.
Day 5 12/4	16km	Hard	6 hrs 30 mins	En suite room, Small kitchen at accommodation	Breakfast, pack lunch included. Dinner NOT included. There is a small shop & Bistro/Pub close to your accommodation.
Day 6 13/4	17.7km	Medium / Easy	6 hrs 15 mins Visit to 12 Apostles return to A/Bay	N/A <u>Approx</u> return to Apollo Bay – 2.30pm	Breakfast and packed lunch included. Dinner not included.

Please note that above times and distances are as stated on the official 'Great Ocean Walk Map'. *These times are a guide only, and intended for walkers carrying heavy packs. As Walk 91 hikers are only carrying a day pack, we have kept to the Park Victoria time guidelines, but hope that this generous timing will allow you sufficient time for lunch and short rests along the track.*

Please read Walk 91s booking conditions and 'General Information' pages.

PRICE INCLUDES:

Night 1 & 2 & 3 whilst walking: Accommodation at an award winning Conservation Centre



This Conservation Centre is a magnificent 'post and beam', mud brick structure, set within kangaroo meadows. Integrating beautifully with nature and adjoining the Great Otway National Park, the multi award-winning centre offers superb dining and exquisite surroundings, in the wilderness setting of the Otways.

Feel free to ask the knowledgeable staff about the flora and fauna, and the rehabilitation of local and injured wildlife. If desired, they will take you on a tour of the grounds in the golden light of the evening.

The centre's founders, Lizzie and Shayne, are qualified scientists dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity and ecological systems, recognised by the Banksia Foundation, the UN and the Australian Prime Minister.

The centre is certified as an advanced eco-tourism destination, and also has a library and nature studies room. The comfortable accommodation, which is solar powered, has en-suite bedrooms (queen or twin beds available).

Night 4 & 5: Bed & Breakfast accommodation close to an 'Australian' hotel



This B&B offers traditional hospitality in a modern contemporary house, with a private guest wing. The views from the accommodation itself are beautiful, with superb panoramic views across the surrounding landscape to the Great Southern Ocean. The accommodation has recently won the 'Colac Otway Shire Home & Garden Awards 2010'.

The B&B is located 5 minutes drive from a small township, in heart of the Otway Ranges. Here you can experience a typical Australian hotel (which is, to overseas visitors, a tavern/ bistro /pub), and meet some friendly locals whilst you dine on meals prepared by a popular local chef.

Enjoy a beautiful continental breakfast at your accommodation, and wonderful packed lunches, as your friendly hosts are keen bakers!

Your comfortable bedroom is en suite (queen or twin beds available). There is also a small kitchen available for your use.

MEALS:

Breakfast each morning (excluding day 1)

Packed Lunch each day (excluding day 1)

Evening meals* each night (Alcohol not included)

(*Two of these meals will be at your own cost at a bistro/ hotel, local to your accommodation)

Transport to/from the Bistro will be provided

TRANSPORT:

From Apollo Bay to the start of your walk at Marengo

From the end of your walk returning you back to Apollo Bay

To / from a local bistro/ hotel as listed above

TRANSFERS:

Of your 'luggage' packs to your accommodation

So you only need to carry a daypack with you on the walk.

PRICE ALSO INCLUDES:

- A '**Dusk Guided Walk**', accompanied by qualified naturalists. In the golden light of the evening, they will endeavour to show you Australia's most iconic marsupials, **Kangaroos and Wallabies**, as well as many birds.
- Tickets to the **Cape Otway Light Station** for each walker. Tour the 18 metre, 150 year old Light Station, and visit the Telegraph Station and World War II radar station. Enjoy the spectacular views, and explore the surrounding precinct. (You are able to rest and have a coffee here if desired at your own cost).
- A visit to the **Twelve Apostles** at the end of your walk (just past Glenample). Walk 91 will transport you to the viewing platform at the Twelve Apostles, wait for 20 minutes whilst you admire the view, then return you back to Apollo Bay.
- An Official Parks Victoria '**Great Ocean Walk**' Map*
- A Map '**dry bag**' *
- Walking notes *
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous **Plants Chart** *
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous **Wildlife Chart** *

- Free rental of an 'EPIRB' (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) 1 per group/ booking
 - Walking poles are available if required.
- *One set of notes, laminates and 1 map will be issued per each 2 people walking. Additional maps can be purchased on arrival if you require extras.**
The above are posted to one address –to the person making the booking/paying the deposit.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WALK:

The scenic start of the Great Ocean Walk sets the standard for the rest of your journey. The walk follows the magnificent coastline, with sweeping views of the **Great Otway National Park** and the Cape Otway region. Decide whether to walk along beaches or on cut tracks, past farmlands and coastal forests.

Upon arriving at Shelly Beach the track starts meandering into the rainforest of the Otway National Park. Hikers walk past tree ferns and **tall eucalypts** found in the wet gullies. The tall rainforests are home to **Black Wallabies** who dominate this walk along old forest tracks.

As you approach the coast again with wonderful views over Parker Inlet, the vegetation changes to **dry coastal forests**, inhabited by **Echidnas and King Parrots**. Experience spectacular views of Bass Strait along the cliff tops, which lead you to Victoria's oldest Light Station. Remember to look out for the Manna Gums, as they are home to the local Koalas.

After visiting **Cape Otway Light Station**, you will pass the old Light Station Cemetery, in the direction of the Aire Heritage River. The tombstones reflect the hardships earlier settlers experienced, when first inhabiting this challenging southern coastline.

Leaving the cemetery the track heads towards **Station Beach**, taking you past coastal wattle and bearded heath. Admire wind-sculpted slopes and cliff tops with sensational views and visit a **spring fed waterfall**, cascading onto rocky platforms below.

This section of the walk also features a river estuary, rocky escarpments and stunning coastal views. You will pass heath land, wildflowers and grass trees.

Be prepared for some beach walking as you drop down onto beautiful **Johanna Beach**. Look out for majestic **Wedge-tailed eagles** and **White bellied Sea eagles**. Passing the beach, you climb upwards alongside a picturesque farmland valley, and follow a winding country road.

The road then descends into the dramatically rugged **Milanesia Beach**. As the track rises back to the cliff tops you are presented with outstanding views from the coastal forests, high on the sea cliffs.

Finally walk amongst the Sheoak trees, dropping down onto historical **Wreck Beach**.

Admire the old anchors rising out of the sand, as testament to why this region is referred to as the **Shipwreck Coast**.

Once past the beautiful Gellibrand estuary the track climbs up for the last 5 kilometres of the Great Ocean walk, finishing with impressive and **unforgettable views of the 12 Apostles**.

Cost starting the Great Ocean Walk on Easter Sunday (as dates listed above):

Two people sharing 1x room with a queen bed or twin beds	Four people sharing 2x rooms with queen beds or twin beds	Three people 1x room with a queen bed and 1 x single room
AUD\$1600 per person (including GST) Deposit required: AUD\$960	AUD\$1400 per person (including GST) Deposit required: AUD\$1680	The couple sharing pay AUD\$1600 per person And the single walker pays AUD\$1710 (including GST) Deposit required: AUD\$1473

If you would like a quote for more people or a quote with any changes/requests, please contact us. A 30% deposit is required to secure your booking. This itinerary subject to availability.

Full payment is required 30 days before departure. Please read Walk91's booking conditions.

Please advise which dates you would most prefer to walk, and we will happily look at availability for you. Please also advise if you would like accommodation the evening your walk concludes in Apollo Bay.

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE & AFTER THE WALK:

Walk 91 is happy to book accommodation for you in Apollo Bay, for the evening before your walk commences and / or for the afternoon you return from your walk.

Price note:

The following accommodation prices fluctuate at different times of year and days of the week. They also vary depending on whether a double or twin share is required. If any of the following options interest you, Walk 91 will reconfirm the price for your requested dates and sleeping arrangements, and advise availability. Please let us know when booking the above itinerary if you would like any of the following options included in your quote.

The YHA.

This is a new eco friendly building with a large shared kitchen, and bright, roomy lounge areas. The rooms are NOT en-suite, however this hostel is very popular with walkers.

Breakfast and lunch for your first days walk is not included, but you are close to cafes and supermarkets. The YHA is approx 5 minutes walk from the V-line bus stop. There are some great restaurants in Apollo Bay where you can buy dinner when you arrive, if you do not feel like cooking.

Additional cost to this itinerary: from \$100 per night (please refer to price note above)

Motel with a double room, en-suite.

This motel is opposite the V-line bus stop on the Great Ocean Road, and on Apollo Bay's main shopping strip. It is very clean and the hosts are friendly and helpful. No breakfast and packed lunch is included for your first days walk, but you are close to shops and cafes.

Additional cost to this itinerary: from \$130 per night (please refer to price note above)

Four star B&B accommodation.

This is a really lovely B&B, with very comfortable rooms. It has a large reception/ breakfast room and bar area. Breakfast, and a packed lunch are included for your first days walk. This accommodation is also close to shops and restaurants for dinner when you arrive. It is a 2 minute walk from the V-line bus stop
Additional cost to this itinerary: from \$280 per night (please refer to price note above)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

If you are travelling from Melbourne Central to Apollo Bay:

'V-line' is the best way to come <http://www.vline.com.au/home/>

This link gives you the timetable. You cannot reserve a seat on this service, but we have never had any report that it was full. There are generally 2 or 3 buses a day. Select for e.g. Melbourne Southern Cross Station to Apollo Bay, and the date you wish to travel, and the relevant bus and train options will be listed.

The train leaves from Melbourne Southern Cross Station (which is from the city centre), and takes approximately an hour to Geelong. A bus waits for the train outside the Geelong train station, which then takes approx 2 hours and 30 minutes along the Great Ocean Road, to Apollo Bay. If you sit on the left hand side of the bus, you will have magnificent views of the ocean and coastline for most of your journey. The bus stops outside the Apollo Bay Information Centre. The approx price is \$38pp each way.

If you are travelling from Tullamarine Melbourne International Airport:

The 'Gull Bus', which leaves from the airport, also connects to the Geelong train station, to meet the 'V-line' bus to Apollo Bay. http://www.gull.com.au/gull_time.shtml

You are able to book the Gull bus in advance.

If you wish to travel back to Melbourne, straight after you finish your walk, please let us know. We will be able to arrange for you to start your days walk earlier than the usual time, so that you can catch the early afternoon 'V-line' bus.

If you are travelling from Avalon airport to Apollo Bay:

There is a shuttle bus which leaves regularly from the airport, which takes approx 20mins to Geelong train station. There is a fee (Jan 2011) of approx \$18 one way. Here you can catch the v-line bus to Apollo Bay Information Centre which takes approx 2 hours and 30 minutes. There is a fee (Jan 2011) of approx \$15 one way. However there are usually only 2 or 3 buses a day, so it is best to look at the train timetable first **before you book your flight** to avoid long waiting times at Geelong train & bus station. The bus is very reliable. Please click here for times:

<http://www.vline.com.au/home/>

Select for e.g. Geelong train station to Apollo Bay, and the date you wish to travel, and relevant bus options will be listed. If you sit on the left hand side of the bus, you will have magnificent views of the ocean and coastline for most of your journey. The bus stops outside the Apollo Bay Information Centre.

CAR PARKING:

If you are driving along the Great Ocean Rd to Apollo Bay, a suggestion is that you park your car close to the police station in Nelson St whilst you are on your walk. Walk 91 cannot guarantee that your car will be safe, but as yet we have not had any incidents of damage or theft to vehicles.

Please note: Walk 91 will not take any responsibility for the safety of your vehicle. Walk 91 will not take any responsibility for any outcome, resulting from any recommendations given regarding parking locations. Vehicles are left at your own risk.

TO BOOK / OR MORE INFORMATION:

If you would like to book or make inquires about the above itinerary or additional options, please

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