

Camping in the 'hike-in' camp' sites with accommodation:



Six day hike from Apollo Bay to Glenample, including the 12 Apostles. 4 nights' camping in the official pre-booked, 'hike-in' camp sites, 1 night cottage accommodation (Dorm style)



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 GRADING | PARKS VICTORIA GRADING | DURATION (APPROX.) | CAMP SITE: | FOOD PROVIDED: |
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| The evening before walk 7/7 | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable Please advise if you would like a nights' accommodation added at an additional cost. | Not applicable |
| Day 1 8/7 | 21.1km – Walk starting from Marengo | Medium / Hard | 7 hrs – | Great Ocean Walk Hike – in campsite. All reservations made & fees included in package | Not applicable |
| Day 2 9/7 | 19.9km | Medium / Easy | 6 hrs 45 min & Light Station visit of 1 hour | Great Ocean Walk Hike – in campsite. All reservations made & fees included in package | Not applicable |
| Day 3 10/7 | 13.9km | Medium | 4 hrs 45 mins | Great Ocean Walk Hike – in campsite. All reservations made & fees included in package | Not applicable |
| Day 4 11/7 | 13.9km | Hard / Medium | 4 hrs 45 mins (plus ½ hour walk out to GOR) | Accommodation (private cottage, dorm style) | Not applicable Kitchen at accommodation |
| Day 5 12/7 | 15km | Hard / Easy | 5 hrs (plus ½ hour walk into GOR) | Great Ocean Walk Hike – in campsite. All reservations made & fees included in package | Not applicable |
| Day 6 13/7 | 12.9km | Easy | 4 hrs 15 mins | Not applicable Please advise if you would like a nights' accommodation added at an additional cost. | Not applicable |

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 daypack, 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.



CAMPING:

4 nights camping in the 'Great Ocean Walk' hike in campsites

Walk 91 will make your camping reservations with Parks Victoria.

ACCOMMODATION:

1 night's accommodation in private (dorm style) cottage

Experience Australia's unique wildlife, all situated in your backyard. Meet the koalas, feed the wombats, kangaroos and wallabies or just relax. Look out for Sugar and Squirrel Gliders, Bettongs, Bandicoots, Possums, Owls, Flying Foxes, and the Otway's most feared predator, the endangered Spotted-tailed Quoll; also known as the Tiger Quoll. Surrounding the cottage are the friendly Red-Bellied Pademelons which you are welcome to feed. Animal food is provided to feed the animals.

This private cottage is fully self-contained with kitchen, TV/DVD, electric blankets and all linen is provided



MEALS:

Provisions (provided by yourselves & non perishable)

These are left with us before your walk, and re-delivered to your campsites each evening with your camping gear.

TRANSPORT:

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

From the GOW to and from your accommodation for one night.

TRANSFERS:

Of your 'luggage' packs / camping gear / provisions to your campsites & accommodation

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

Please note that **one rucksack per person is permitted**, (not including food parcels). Please note that you are staying in beautiful but small hike- in camping areas. Parks Victoria does NOT permit large amounts of equipment in these areas. Please also note that your gear cannot be dropped directly into the campsites.

You will have to carry your gear max 1km from the vehicle into your campsites. This is due to limited/no car access.

All camping gear is available at an additional cost of \$180 for 4 nights on the walk, including a 2 x two man tent to share, 2 x sleeping bags and liners, 2 x sleep mats, 1 x stove, cooking utensils, ground mat, and torch. This must be booked in advance. (Gas is available at your own expense)



PRICE ALSO INCLUDES:

- Tickets to the **Cape Otway Light Station**, on day 2 of your walk 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 for each couple walking*
- A Map '**dry bag**'*
- Walking notes*
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous **Plants Chart** for the group
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous **Wildlife Chart** for the group
- Free rental of an '**EPIRB**' (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon)
- Walking poles are available if required. Please book in advance.

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**.

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| <p>One walker in a '2 man tent' & cabin: AUD\$1210 Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$363</p> | <p>Two walkers sharing a '2 man tent' & cabin: AUD\$659pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$395</p> | <p>Three walkers sharing two '2 man tents' & cabin: AUD\$535pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$481</p> | <p>Four walkers sharing two '2 man tents' & cabin: AUD\$435pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$522</p> |
| <p>Five walkers sharing three '2 man tents' & cabin: AUD\$399pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$600</p> | <p>Six walkers sharing three '2 man tents' & two cabins: AUD\$379pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$682</p> | <p>Seven walkers sharing four '2 man tents' & two cabins: AUD\$369pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$775</p> | <p>Eight walkers sharing four '2 man tents' & two cabins: AUD\$339pp Including GST Deposit required: AUD\$814</p> |

If you would like a quote for more people or a quote with any changes/requests, please contact us.

The booking and payment must be made by one person representing the group.

If any person cancels in the group, the original booking quote applies.

Please read Walk91's booking conditions.

A 30% deposit is required to secure your booking. This itinerary subject to availability.

Full payment is required 30 days before departure.

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/index_timetables.aspx?sid=22

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.

The train leaves from Melbourne Spencer St (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 3 hours 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 may 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.

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 inquiries about the above itinerary or additional options, please

Email: info@walk91.com.au **Call us on:** (03) 5237 1189 **International:** + 61 3 5237 1189



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