

WP6G - Walk and relax in Comfort, 'INN to INN' walk, catered:

**Six day hike from Apollo Bay
(Or Marengo) to the 12 Apostles-
5 nights' accommodation**



Daily departures subject to availability



Please note that some sections of our walks work on a bus timetable system & 'set' departures*. This keeps costs down for our customers and guarantees pick up times.

	PARKS VICTORIA KM	PARKS VICTORIA GRADING	DURATION (Approx.)	'INN' TYPE: Bed linen included.	BUS TRANSFER TIMES:	FOOD PROVIDED:
	N/A	N/A	Not applicable	Evening before walk – Not included	Not applicable	Not applicable
Day 1	21.1km Walk starting at Marengo – Blanket Bay (or Apollo Bay if desired)	Medium / Hard	7 hrs – Walk starting at Marengo	En suite room in the award winning Eco animal rehabilitation Centre. <i>Dusk guided tour included</i>	8am* Set departure from Apollo Bay to Marengo.	Breakfast and lunch NOT included. (Please bring a packed lunch for your first days walk. There are cafes/ shops in Apollo Bay). <u>Dinner is included.</u>
Day 2	10.5km Blanket Bay – Cape Otway	Easy / Medium	3 hrs 45 mins plus 1 hrs 30mins for Light House visit	En suite room as above	Short transfers to and from your accommodation.	Continental breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 3	15.6km Cape Otway – Castle Cove (+ 1.6km for rainbow falls - optional)	Medium	6 hrs (including 45mins for rainbow falls)	Lovely B&B	Transfers to and from the accommodation.	Continental breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 4	16km Castle Cove - Milanesia	Medium	6 hrs	Lovely B&B	Short transfers to and from your accommodation.	Continental breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 5	16km Milanesia - Gables	Hard	6 hrs 30 mins	Lovely B&B	Short transfers to and from your accommodation.	Continental breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner Included.
Day 6	19km Gables –The 12 Apostles	Medium / Easy	7 hrs	N/A <u>Approx</u> return to Apollo Bay – 4pm	7.30am departure from the B&B. 3pm* Set departure from 12 Apostles	Breakfast and packed lunch included. Dinner not included.

***Set departures.** Please note that there is an early start of 7.30am on your last day of walking. The transfer back to Apollo Bay leaves strictly at **3pm from the 12 Apostles**. This is approximately an hour and a half drive back to Apollo Bay. If you do not wish to walk as far as the itinerary suggests on your last day, you can stop walking at Glenample or Gibson's Steps. The bus will collect you (set times will be given).

Important note: If you are not at the designated pick up spots for your two set departures the bus will not wait. Alternative transfers can be arranged on your behalf, but you will have to pay the additional taxi costs and wait until the taxi service is available. The last day offers generous timings (walking at approx 3km per hour) plus half an hour at the 12 Apostles viewing platform.

The 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 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.

Night 3, 4 & 5: Bed & Breakfast accommodation surrounded by bush and paddocks



This B&B sits in heart of the Otway Ranges surrounded by trees and paddocks. The views from the B&B are wonderful and kangaroos often appear in the evenings at sunset.

The guest sitting room includes a well equipped kitchenette with oven, sink, bar fridge, microwave oven, toaster, cutlery & crockery and tea / coffee making facilities. BBQ facilities are also available.



MEALS:

Breakfast each morning (excluding day 1)
Packed Lunch each day (excluding day 1)
Evening meals each night (Alcohol not included).
Evening meals not included in Apollo Bay.

TRANSPORT:

8am set departure from Apollo Bay to the start of your walk at Marengo.
3pm set departure from the end of your walk returning you back to Apollo Bay.
All other transfers to / from meeting points are included to complete the above itinerary.

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**', at the conservation centre, 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. *(They are a not-for-profit ecological research, conservation and*

wildlife rehabilitation centre dedicated to protecting and understanding Australian ecosystems. Your stay at the centre helps to fund the ongoing research that the centre carries out, and secure local wildlife's future).



- Tickets to the Cape Otway Light Station for each walker. Tour the 18 metre, 150 year old Light Station, and learn a little of the lives of the hard-working, isolated, and incredibly resourceful lighthouse keepers, who received supplies only twice a year. Visit the Telegraph Station built in 1859 and World War II radar station. Enjoy the spectacular ocean views, littered with what remains of the wrecks whose cargoes included migrants, hopeful gold miners and convicts. You are able to rest and have a coffee here if desired at your own cost.
- An Official Parks Victoria 'Great Ocean Walk' Map. (One map will be issued on arrival for 2 people walking, two maps for 3 people or more. Additional maps can be purchased on arrival if you require extras.)
- A Map 'dry bag'
- Walking notes and detailed itinerary, emailed through on booking confirmation
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous Plants Chart for the group to share
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous Wildlife Chart for the group to share
- A Photographic laminated Indigenous Fungi Chart for the group to share. (The above laminates are purchased from the Southern Otway Landcare Network, and help to fund their work, such as revegetation in the local area.)
- Free rental of an 'EPIRB' (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) 1 per group/ booking
- Walking poles are available FOC if required.
- A mobile phone can be provided on request for overseas visitors.



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 of WP6G (all prices include GST).

These prices will differ at Christmas & Easter public holidays and in January. Please contact us for a price during these times.

Five people – sharing 3x rooms (queen or twin) & 3x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$2503

Six people – sharing 3x rooms (queen or twin) & 3x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$3004

Seven people – sharing 4x rooms (queen or twin) & 4x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$3504

Eight people – sharing 4x rooms (queen or twin) & 4x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$4005

Nine people – sharing 4x rooms (queen or twin) & 4x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$4506

Ten people – sharing 5x rooms (queen or twin) & 5x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$5007

Eleven people – sharing 5x rooms (queen or twin) & 5x en suites

AUD\$1669pp Deposit required: AUD\$5507

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

All quotes are subject to change until the deposit is paid.

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Please refer to FAQ on our website

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

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

2 for 1 SPECIAL OFFER! SEA KAYAKING at the Marengo SEAL Sanctuary

When purchased with the above package (weather conditions permitting).

