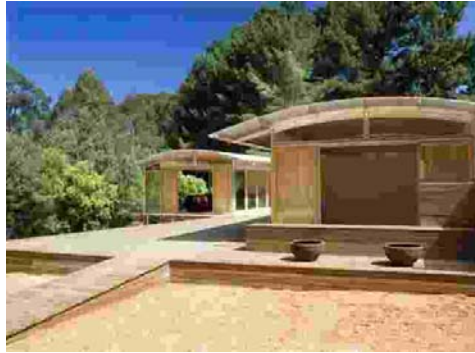


## Victoria - The Great Ocean Walk

3, 4 or 6-day centre-based guided walking



First opened as a formal walking track in 2006, the Great Ocean Walk spans 91 kilometres of one of Australia's most spectacular coastlines. It follows a route of amazing coastal *and* forest scenery through the Otway Ranges and is an ideal way to see native Australian bird, marine and animal wildlife. The trail itself passes through two national parks, overlooks a marine national park and a marine sanctuary, yet sections will show you an isolation that only the Southern Ocean can offer.

With a walking holiday often where you put your feet up in the evening can be as important as the spectacular sights experienced during the day. Opened in December 2008 a new lodge designed specifically for walkers is located at the mid point of Victoria's Great Ocean Walk, nestled in a natural rainforest amphitheatre just back from Johanna Beach. Architecturally designed, this purpose built haven has been developed to the strictest of sustainable design principles to provide comforts we know you will appreciate at days end.

The luxury eco-style villas are set amidst the trees and complemented by stunning lounge, dining and outdoor recreational spaces. This fully licensed premises, offers tranquil places to unwind and reflect on your day on the trail. Why not enjoy a foot spa or massage, hot shower in your own ensuite or a glass of red wine as you read that book:

- Five King bedrooms with ensuites - all rooms can be configured as twin share or convert to two single rooms with share bathroom facilities between two.
- Guest lounge and private dining room
- In-house catering and licensed dining room
- Two dedicated massage treatment rooms – a half-hour massage is included in the tour
- Five foot spas with aromatherapy oils
- Gear storage room
- Dedicated drying room

The walk starts at Apollo Bay – a popular summer resort town - then climbs up the Cape Otway Light Station for an unforgettable view of the coastlines. This is the mid point of our walk and the next 2 days are spent walking west to the further most point you can see to the spectacular sea-stacks called the Twelve Apostles. With a choice of 3, 4 or 6-day walks there is something that will appeal to every interest and fitness level.

Breathe fresh air, marvel at the power of the waves crashing on the cliffs, then stand on the edge of Ryan's Den, put your face to the wind and realise there is nothing but ocean between you and the wilds of Antarctica.

**Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations**



Join one of our scheduled Great Ocean Walk departures or ask about private and customised group walks.

#### 3-Day Great Ocean Walk

Price: \$1395 per person twin share

Departs: (Sep – May)

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

#### 4-Day Great Ocean Walk

Price: \$1895 per person twin share

Departs: (Sep – May)

Weekly on selected Saturdays

#### 6- Day Great Ocean Walk

Price: \$2795 per person twin share

Departs: (Sep – May)

Monthly on scheduled Mondays

#### Available Departure Dates 2009

Jan 4, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 25, 27, 29

Feb 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 19, 22, 24, 26

Mar 3, 8, 10, 12, 26, 29, 31

April 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 (Easter Sat), 14  
16, 23, 26, 28, 30

May 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 21, 24, 26  
28, 31

Jan 3, 10, 24, 31

Feb 7, 21

Mar 7, 28

Apr 4, 25

May 2, 9, 23, 30

Jan 3 (Sat), 19

Feb 16, 23 (women's group)

Mar 30

Apr 20, 27 (women's group)

May 18

#### What is included on my walk?

Return transfers from and to Melbourne CBD to join your walk, all meals, some wine with dinner (half a bottle per person per night), morning and afternoon tea, use of a weather proof jacket, gaiters, walking poles, water bottle and day packs, the services of our professional guides and entrance fees to any attractions we visit. Also included is a half-hour massage for each person per tour.

#### What is not included?

Additional drinks, personal expenses ie souvenirs, scenic flights, mementos, extra massage or like services

#### What if my travelling partner is less active than I am?

All our journeys can be enjoyed at your own leisurely pace. One of our guides will only walk as fast as the slowest person, and there is always time to stop and take photographs, look at the flora and fauna or have a snack and a drink somewhere unique along the way.

All our walks are vehicle assisted, and there is usually an option to break the trips into half days if you prefer.

#### What do I have to carry?

You carry only a daypack containing up to two litres of water, a weatherproof jacket and any personal items such as a camera and sunglasses. Occasionally you carry lunch, but on most days our guides bring that in their packs. We can provide a daypack for you to use, if you don't have one. The rest of your kit is transferred on ahead, waiting for you at the days end.

#### Do I need to be really fit?

No, you don't. If you already walk for fitness, swim a little, play golf or regularly climb a few stairs you will manage our walks with ease. We walk an average of 12-15km per day and most days will have an option to walk half days.

Contact Outdoor Travel direct for more details, travel brochures and reservations:

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