

Narooma & the Sapphire Coast

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4 Days

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Day 1: Home—Narooma (LD)

Departing from the Hunter we commence our journey south picking up in Hornsby and Strathfield on the way. Following our home made morning tea we continue our journey down the Hume Highway. Lunch will be at Lake Bathurst before passing Doughboy where we join onto the Kings Highway, meeting at the junction of the Clyde River and the Tasman Sea. One last hop in the afternoon will see us into the seaside town of Narooma. Narooma is roughly in the middle of the Sapphire Coast between Eden and Wollongong, with Montague Island about 10km off shore. Our motel is located overlooking the town, about 500 metres away from the shopping centre. The motel has its own restaurant where we will be dining for the next 3 nights.

Le Salle Motel 02 4476 0000 (3 nights)

Day 2: Montague Island & Bermagui (BLD)

This is a maritime day with our first stop being a whale cruise around **Montague Island**. Our operator has an excellent track record of whale sightings. As well as the whales, we will see and learn about the seals which live on the coast of the island, it is not a very big island but has had its share of ship wrecks over the years. A very informative morning and a real highlight of the coast.



Back on land we make our way south to the big game fishing town of **Bermagui** for fresh cooked fish and chips from the co-op. One year we were fortunate enough to be there when a big marlin was brought in for weighing! The Lookout from the top of the town gives a bird's eye view of the coastline back towards Narooma and south to Eden. On our return to Narooma this afternoon we will stop in at historic **Tilba** and **Central Tilba**, with time to wander through the acclaimed **Fox Gloves Garden**. This is a cottage garden which highlights both native and introduced horticulture. In **Central Tilba** we are let loose for some retail therapy: Jewellery, Arts and Crafts, Leather goods and fine woodworking are prominent throughout this colonial town. Later this afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner.



Day 3: Mogo Zoo (BD)

Today we head north to Mogo. This morning we will be at **Mogo Zoo**. The Zoo has recently undergone a huge regeneration of both facilities and animals, in particular the ability of the grizzly bears to find their favourite treats, and the **famous white lions** (think Kimba!). Lunch is at your own expense today in the zoo so as to maximise everyone's enjoyment. We make our way back to the motel via the waters edge taking in Tomakin, Mossy Point and Broulee before crossing the Deua River at Moruya. Back in Narooma we go to the **old lighthouse** which is now the new **Information Centre and Museum**. We will have some time in the museum before our local guide takes us on a tour of the town which highlights its history, including the Cottage Gallery, Australia Rock and the Rock Lookout at Wagonga Head, then it is around to the opposite side near Bar Beach for afternoon drinks.

Day 4: Narooma—Home (BL)

Today we depart the Sapphire Coast and head north on our journey home with morning tea at **Ulladulla**. Continuing onto **Wollongong** we pass through the town centre on our way to the water's edge. After lunch we follow the coastline past the beach towns of Austinmer, Scarborough, Clifton and Coalface, eventually coming across the new **Stanwell Pass Bridge**, which offers spectacular views of the coastline. We will continue through Sydney to the Hunter arriving back to Maitland around 6pm.