

Sydney to Melbourne

Road Trip



This 4-day Sydney to Melbourne road trip breaks the drive into Bowral, Gundagai and Albury, with country stays, good food, history and riverside walks. Follow it day by day, or use it as a starting point to build your own escape.



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4 DAYS,
3 NIGHTS



~890 KM
ONE WAY



STARTS
SYDNEY



BOWRAL, GUNDAGAI
ALBURY, MELBOURNE

DAY
1

SYDNEY → BOWRAL

1 hour 35 minutes, 118 km

Leave Sydney early and reach Bowral mid-morning, with plenty of time for lunch, boutiques, cafés and an afternoon walk.

STAY: BOWRAL

- Berida Hotel
- Peppers Craigieburn



DO

- Explore Bong Bong Street
- Cherry Tree Walk
- Bradman Museum
- Corbett Gardens
- Visit nearby wineries

EAT

Franquette Creperie
Paper-thin, perfect crêpes

Lucette
Classy French

Bistro Sociale
Modern, country dining

DAY
2

BOWRAL → GUNDAGAI

2 hours 45 minutes, 259 km

Check out the Dog on the Tuckerbox on your way into town, then spend the afternoon walking by the river or exploring the town.

STAY: GUNDAGAI

- Flash Jacks
- Gabriel Motor Inn
- Gundagai Motel



DO

- Visit the Dog on the Tuckerbox
- Self-guided Gundagai Gaol tour
- River walk
- Explore Sheridan Street

EAT

Niagara Café
Generous cafe food

Criterion Hotel
Classic pub food

Coffee Pedaler
Morning coffee & breakfast

DAY
3

GUNDAGAI → ALBURY

1 hour 50 minutes, 178 km

Head to Albury and spend the day exploring the main street, visiting MAMA and walking the Murray Riverside.

STAY: ALBURY

- Circa 1928
- Quest Albury on Townsend
- Mantra Albury



DO

- Visit the Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA).
- Explore the main street
- Walk the Murray Riverside
- Visit the brewery

EAT

Aida
Family-run, mezze-style

Level One Wine Bar
Pre-dinner drinks

Yardbird
Wood-fired dining

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DAY
4

ALBURY → MELBOURNE

3.5 - 4 hours, 326 km

Grab coffee and breakfast in Albury before you cross the border and head into Victoria for your final stint.



SUGGESTED STOPS

- Mr Benedict for breakfast in Albury
- Albury Botanic Gardens
- Glenrowan



Tailoring your itinerary

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

- Spend an extra night in Bowral or Albury.
- Add in a stop in Rutherglen, a boutique wine-region town in Victoria.
- Stop over in Tumut or Nimbo Fork Lodge to break up the journey further.
- Swap out Bowral for Berrima for a quieter alternative for your first night.

Planning

BEFORE YOU GO

- Book accommodation, especially in Bowral and Gundagai.
- Book key restaurants, such as Lucette in Bowral and Yardbird in Albury.
- Take a physical credit card and ID, as you may need them when checking in to accommodation.

Route map



NEXT ESCAPE LINKS

BOWRAL

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- Accommodation →
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GUNDAGAI

- Travel guide →
- Accommodation →

ALBURY

- Travel guide →
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