

GREAT OCEAN ROAD
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The Locals Guide To The Great Ocean Road



Apollo Bay Bakery

Home of the famous scallop pie. Baking fresh bread, pies, cakes, and specialties using the freshest ingredients each day to create our goodies 7 days a week.

If you are just after breakfast, a quick snack, a healthy lunch or catering for a function we can help. We pride ourselves on our flexibility and customer service.

Open daily from 6am serving a bakery style breakfast with a selection of toasties, egg and bacon rolls, croissants or scones and muffins. Our lunch selection includes freshly made salad rolls and sandwiches, toasted focaccias and our famous Chicken Caesar Salad Roll.

For all coffee lovers we use Monte Coffee, Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance Certified. If its a cup of tea you are after, you'll get the whole production complete with loose leaf tea. Sit and relax in our cafe and enjoy a chat or take away. You maybe even lucky enough to see a whale swim by!



Dooley's Award winning Ice Cream

There aren't many destinations that warrant a five-hour return trip from Melbourne, but Dooley's Ice Cream in Apollo Bay is definitely one of them.

Nestled in the beautiful seaside village of Apollo Bay, Dooley's Ice Cream is conveniently located within a stone's throw from the beach on the Great Ocean Road. Famed for their award-winning ice cream, they have developed somewhat of a cult following amongst locals and tourists alike since opening their doors in 2002. In the heat of summer (or even chilly days for that matter), it's a common sight to see a queue of hungry ice cream fans lining the street to get their hands on one of their sweet treats.

Only gold-medal winning producers were invited to enter, meaning Dooley's chocolate ice cream has won the 'best of the best' ice cream in the country. And only last year they won the 2015 award for their Premium Vanilla ice cream.



Apollo Bay Fisherman's Co-Op



The Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-operative was founded in 1945. The local fishermen grouped together to find ways to increase and better market their catch. Some of our fishermen and managers have been involved with the Co-operative for over 40 years.

Apollo Bay is the last working fishing harbour on the Great Ocean Road.

Rock lobster and shark have traditionally been the main catch, but today scallop, giant crab, squid and abalone are also sought after in the Bass Strait seas.

Our market today now includes live export, quite often you may see the boats unloading freshly caught squid or locally caught scallops.

Casalingo

Tucked away up a side street just off the Great Ocean Road, Casalingo is a community favorite amongst the locals of Apollo Bay.

Smart set décor of chandeliers, linen table cloths, high ceilings and an ambient mezzanine level resonates with a sleek Italian style, attune to a menu of timeless favourites.

Having undergone training in a number of award winning restaurants, Casalingo owner and chef showcases his wealth of experience on a menu of traditional Italian cuisine, using fine fresh produce, local seafood and as many organic ingredients as possible to craft a selection of hand rolled pasta, stone oven gourmet pizzas and mouth watering mains.



The Birdhouse



Fine Dining. Ocean Views. Apollo Bay

For bookings please call 03 5237 7411.

They don't check their emails as frequently as most as they are too busy cooking!

Wye General Store

Lunch at the General can be as simple as a ham & cheese toastie on sourdough or a boscastle pie, or you can order something special from our seasonal all day menu.

Our burgers are quickly becoming famous - they are created using homemade brioche buns, and the patties are shaped and chargrilled to perfection!

We also offer fresh fish and seafood (subject to availability), delightful vegetarian options and hearty soups served with our famous tasty sourdough bread.

And the drive to get here isn't so bad either!



Icaro Wholefood Cafe



Icaro Cafe serve St Ali coffee, tonics, medicinal lattes, cold pressed juices and delicious superfoods with an ethos on fresh locally sourced produce and a conscious effort to reduce waste and protect the earth.

Pure ingredients crafted with love and passion will give you the fuel your body needs to reach its potential. All of our offerings are sourced locally where possible and have been made from high quality.

Crafted with oceans of love, consciousness at its core and flavour - a whole lot of flavour!

Great Ocean Road Brewhouse

Situated on the Great Ocean Road in Apollo Bay where the hills meet the ocean. The Great Ocean Road Brewhouse is a craft beer haven with over 100 craft beers on offer. Warm yourself by the fire or enjoy our dog-friendly beer garden with ocean views.

The BAR opens at 11 am every day. The award-winning BISTRO opens every day for lunch and dinner. Free WIFI available!

To book a table in the bistro area, call (03) 5237 6240

If the dining area is full, there are still plenty of tables in the bar or beer garden



The Apollo Bay Hotel



Apollo Bay Hotel is located right in the heart of Apollo Bay, along the breathtaking Great Ocean Road.

Sit back and relax as you casually dine in our nautical inspired Bistro and Alfresco dining areas, or enjoy a glass of wine or boutique beer in our stylish Bar - all the while, taking in the spectacular views of the Apollo Bay foreshore.

Twelve Apostles



The 12 Apostles are located 275 kilometres west of Melbourne, approximately a four-hour drive along the Great Ocean Road.

Created by constant erosion of the limestone cliffs of the mainland beginning 10–20 million years ago, the stormy Southern Ocean and blasting winds gradually eroded the softer limestone, forming caves in the cliffs.

The caves eventually became arches and when they collapsed rock stacks up to 45 metres high were left isolated from the shore. View the 12 Apostles at sunrise and sunset as they change colour from dark and foreboding in shadow to brilliant sandy yellow under a full sun.

Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary

Just past Apollo Bay, off the world famous Great Ocean Road, Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary protects 12ha of ocean waters. About 150m offshore, this sanctuary protects a reef system known as Little Henty Reef.

Two sections of the reef, the inner and outer reef, are usually exposed and separated by a narrow channel known as 'The Gap'. Composed of sandstone they support wonderful intertidal and subtidal reefs which are packed with sea life.



Walk 91 - Great Ocean Road Walk



Walk 91's passion is helping you discover the natural beauty and wonderful local history of the Great Ocean Walk... without the stress of planning. Whether you're an experienced hiker or a novice, walking solo or in a Group, we will plan a unique, self-guided walk for you.

Walk pack-free, any date you choose, enjoying wonderful accommodation and food. Experience a sense of journey and achievement changing accommodation as your walk unfolds. We are locals, based in Apollo Bay, on the Great Ocean Road, at the start of the Great Ocean Walk trail.

Forrest Mountain Bike Trails

Situated in the breathtaking scenery of the Great Otway National Park, the Forrest MTB Trails offers some of the most diverse and fun trails in Australia. There's over 65km of single track weaving through from tall eucalyptus, native bush to magical fern gullies. Quite simply, there is a trail for everyone!



Maits Rest Rainforest Walk



Maits Rest is about 15 minutes drive from Apollo Bay on the Great Ocean Road along the way to the 12 Apostles. There is car parking immediately after you see the Maits Rest sign, to the left off the road.

This 30 minute, 800m walk along mixture of boardwalk and gravel paths takes you along a valley floor in part of the ancient rainforest.

Giant myrtle beeches rise through the mists and create a canopy for the amazing array of tree ferns and moss on the forest floor.

Many of the beech trees are 300 years old and form an important part of this cool temperate rainforest within the Great Otway National Park. Look for a wide range of birds, including 43 species found nowhere else in the world.

Beauchamp Falls

Walk through magnificent mountain ash forests with large myrtle beech, blackwood and thick ferns to arrive at the spectacle of the Beauchamp Falls crashing over a ledge into a large pool.

One of several waterfalls in the Great Otway National Park, this 20-metre waterfall rewards a somewhat strenuous walk.

To get to the falls, take the walking path from the picnic area, located off the Aire Valley Road from Beech Forest Road. The three-kilometre path is an hour's walk return, and requires reasonable fitness.

The descent to the falls leads to a viewing platform (there is no access to the falls). The path back is steep and has steps that can be slippery when wet.



Californian Redwoods



Located along the Aire Valley Road this picnic area is a delightful place to stop and enjoy a picnic or just a short stroll into the forest. The Californian Redwood forest (Sequoia trees), were planted alongside the river in 1939.

This unique forest is enchanting and is an experience that you will not forget.

There are two picnic tables located out in the open near the forest and pit toilets are also available nearby.

Cape Otway Lightstation

Cape Otway Lighthouse is the oldest surviving lighthouse on mainland Australia and considered the most significant.

This leading attraction on the Great Ocean Road is a must for all visitors. Built in 1848, the lighthouse known as the 'Beacon of Hope,' sits 90 metres above the pristine ocean of Bass Strait.

For many thousands of 19th century migrants, who spent months travelling to Australia by ship, Cape Otway was their first sight of land after leaving Europe, Asia and North America.



Otway Fly



Experience a breathtaking view of the magnificent Otway Ranges from the World's tallest treetop walk.

The 600 metre-long, 25 metre-high elevated walkway provides unrivalled views of the unique beauty of the region's flora and fauna, from the rainforest floor up into the soaring heights of the treetops.

Don't miss the 45 metre tall Spiral Tower and the cantilever perched above Young's Creek – a truly exhilarating experience as you gently sway with the rainforest canopy.

Apollo Bay Harbour

The Port of Apollo Bay harbour is an important feature of both Apollo Bay and the wider Colac Otway Shire community.

The working port is part of Apollo Bay's identity, generating economic benefits for both the town and region, while helping draw thousands of tourists to the stunning coastal hamlet each year.



IGA Supermarkets



Independent Grocery Alliance is an Australian chain of supermarkets. IGA is owned by Metcash, but individual IGA stores are owned independently. Its main competitors are Woolworths, Coles and Aldi Süd. It is the fourth largest chain, since Aldi overtook Metcash in supermarket revenues.

IGA proudly supports Aussie producers by stocking ranges of locally made products.

They actively participate in the communities around their stores doing whatever they can to help local schools, surf clubs or hospitals whether it's footie balls for the under 14's or life-saving equipment.

FOODWORKS

FoodWorks prides itself on its fresh, contemporary approach to retail whilst still retaining a friendly, community-focused relationship with its customers.

Unlike any other supermarket brand in Australia, every FoodWorks store is different and each has a strong sense of independence, which gives them full flexibility to tailor their store to their local community's needs.



Hawkeye Homeware



Hawkeye Homewares is a lifestyle store situated in the beautiful coastal town of Apollo Bay, on the Great Ocean Road in Victoria.

Australian designed and made is our thing. It's not our only thing, but we pride ourselves on our ever changing collection of product sourced from Australian makers.

Apollo Bay Medical Centre



The team includes experienced general practitioners, specialised practice nurses and other health professionals dedicated to meet your health care needs.

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Escape The Everyday. Fresh Salty Air, Rolling Green Hills And The Wash Of The Sea In The Distance. These are the sights, smells and sounds of your Apollo Bay escape! See you soon!

