

South Coast of NSW

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There's no place like it

South Coast of NSW secret coves...

Stretching from Sydney's Royal National Park to Eden, near the Victorian border, the South Coast of NSW forms a string of pristine beaches and bays, backed by a hinterland that includes more than 30 national parks, marine parks and reserves.

Here you'll find glittering white sands – renowned as some of the whitest in the world – and an abundance of wildlife, from penguins to whales.

Take the spectacular Grand Pacific Drive and discover pretty seaside towns and historic villages where you can browse in country markets and charming specialty stores.

Dive under a historic wharf, learn about the killer whale that once guided whalers to their prey or just relax on an uncrowded beach.

On the South Coast you'll find your own piece of paradise.



Photographs

top left to right: Pambula Beach, Sapphire Coast; Merimbula fishpen, Sapphire Coast
bottom left to right: Dive with seals off Montague Island Nature Reserve; Narooma, Eurobodalla (Nick Rains); Booderee National Park, Shoalhaven (Don Fuchs)

...timeless beauty





Events

October

Berry Garden Festival, Berry

Berry is well endowed with glorious gardens, and with the first flush of spring, the gardening brigade throws open the front gate to show off its green-fingered expertise.

Moruya Jazz Festival, Moruya

Get into the groove at this popular musical festival as jazz musicians of every style create an exciting program of quality jazz to accompany a series of colourful community events.

November

Mambo Merimbula Wave Classic, Merimbula

Hit the beach at Merimbula for a thrilling weekend of surfing, windsurfing and kite-boarding. Attracting board riders from around the globe, this is Australia's longest running kite-boarding and windsurfing stylist event.

Eden Whale Festival, Eden

Celebrate the annual migration of the whales with a fun-filled weekend of entertainment.

March

Bermagui Seaside Fair, Bermagui

In late summer Bermagui and its neighbours put on face paint and costumes for a weekend of street parades, markets and shows.

Photographs

above left to right: Blessing of the fleet, Ulladulla; Bermagui Seaside Fair; Wombarra Beach (Paul Blackmore)

Kiama Jazz & Blues Festival, Kiama

This annual festival features a line-up of great jazz and blues artists. Both free music and ticketed concerts are performed in restaurants and in the town.

April

Thirroul Seaside & Arts Festival, Thirroul

This community celebration features more than 1,000 performers and showcases some amazing talents in a long weekend of entertainment, workshops and exhibitions.

Blessing of the Fleet, Ulladulla

Held on Easter Sunday, Ulladulla's commercial fishermen demonstrate their strong Italian roots with a colourful street parade followed by a traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

June

Merimbula Jazz Festival, Merimbula

For more than 25 years, this event has hosted some of the biggest blow-ins from interstate and overseas. Held on the June long weekend, big bands, brass bands and those who love to boogie create one of the sweetest-sounding street parades you'll ever see.

Shoalhaven Coast Wine Festival

Showcasing the wines of the region in a way that entices the senses and thrills the tastebuds, a wine trail leads to cellar doors, restaurants and other venues where arts and music are matched with award-winning local wines.

July

Annual Family Fishing Carnival, Sussex Inlet

Sussex Inlet and neighbouring towns get down to the serious business of hook, line and sinker at the Family Fishing Carnival. Cheer as competitors land a big one, or cast your own line for the chance to net yourself some prizes.

August

South Coast Nationals – Car, Bike and Truck Spectacular, Moruya

A family event with millions of dollars worth of cars, bikes and trucks on show. See events such as the Street Cruise and Show 'n' Shine, high-powered street machines, hot rods, drag cars, vintage and classic cars, and custom cars.

September/October

Escape Artfest, Ulladulla

This event celebrates the rich selection of arts on the South Coast. Events include art exhibitions, Sculpture in the Forest, performances, public art projects, theatre, film and video screenings, and creative art workshops.

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www.tourismwollongong.com

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www.tourismshellharbour.com.au

Kiama
Telephone: 1300 654 262
www.kiama.com.au

Shoalhaven Visitor Information Centres

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www.shoalhavenholidays.com.au

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www.naturecoast-tourism.com.au

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[Illawarra Booking Centre](http://www.illawarratourism.com.au)
[Shoalhaven Booking Centre](http://www.shoalhavenholidays.com.au)
[Eurobodalla Nature Coast](http://www.naturecoast-tourism.com.au)
[Sapphire Coast Booking Centre](http://www.sapphirecoast.com.au)

Visitor safety tips

Driving and motorcycle riding

In NSW, seatbelt-wearing is compulsory as are child restraints and baby capsules. It is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle. For motorcyclists, crash helmets are mandatory. The signposted speed limit is the maximum driving speed allowable, but some towns have streets with a 50 km/h speed limit, which applies in all built-up areas. Reduced speeds at school zones, road works and other special areas still apply. The blood alcohol limit for drivers is 0.05% and zero for L- and P-plate drivers. A major cause of death and injury is driving while fatigued. Ensure you are well rested before undertaking a long trip, and take a break every two hours.

Road conditions in NSW can vary from multi-lane motorways to single-lane roads. Some roads may be gravel or compacted earth, with narrow and unstable edges. Drive slowly on narrow bridges and be aware of hazards such as flooded roads, which may have a current capable of sweeping your vehicle away. Don't take the chance – use an alternative route.

Watch out for kangaroos, livestock and other animals on the road. Apart from the suffering you may cause the animal, even a wallaby can seriously damage your car and injure you and your occupants. The most active times for kangaroos and wallabies are sunrise and sunset. If a kangaroo crosses in

front of you, reduce speed and do not swerve suddenly or you may roll your vehicle.

Water safety

Check if the beach is patrolled by lifesavers before swimming and do so only between the red and yellow flags. Many surfing spots have strong currents called rips. If you become caught in a rip, don't panic but swim along with the rip, not against it, and raise your hand.

Be very careful when swimming in isolated locations in rivers, creeks and waterholes, especially if you have children with you. Do not dive off rocks into natural pools that may be too shallow as this can cause permanent

spinal injuries. Don't swim or surf after dark, or if under the influence of alcohol.

In the bush

If embarking on a bushwalk, always tell someone where you are going and be prepared for unexpected weather. Check the degree of difficulty of your walk: the scale is from 1 to 5, with 5 the hardest. Never walk alone and always take sufficient water for the duration of the walk. Limit your use of fire and seek information on conditions from the ranger station or visitor information centre. Carry a mobile phone if you're within range of a network.

In an emergency, telephone 000.