



Victoria's Great Ocean Road: thousands of Kodak moments.

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GREAT OCEAN ROAD VICTORIA



It's the fourth most visited region in Australia, carved from rearing cliffs plunging into cold waters along a dramatic coast west of Melbourne. It's a road winding along craggy promontories, past foamy surf and through green forests.

The Great Ocean Road starts at Queenscliff, perched by the side of Port Phillip Bay, and shoots past the village of Torquay – where surfies blend with the waves pounding off world-famous Bells Beach – before diving into blink-and-miss Anglesea and on to the buzz of Lorne.

Enjoy the lattés and seashell shops in this town pumping with visitors, locals and the bikies who love grazing the winding road with their knees. Behind Lorne are clear rivers and waterfalls and further along is the quieter Apollo Bay, home to fishing boats and a well-attended annual music festival.

From here you can get away from it "all" and this is the reason Glenn Wallace, 20-year

resident, GALTA member and ex-national parks ranger, loves the "Road". Operating a guest house in the peace of the little village of Yulong, he loves the secluded beaches and rustic ambience of places like Lavers Hill, tucked away in the wilderness of the Otway Ranges, a large stretch of lush fern-filled forest.

Glenn's large 1950s guesthouse, Wombalano (basic décor but all facilities), is a convenient place to stay to reach both a new attraction, Otway Fly, a treetop walk amidst the forest canopy, and a better known one, The Twelve Apostles. Standing sentry in the foaming sea, the Apostles turn rich colours at sunset and, no matter how times they are viewed, they remain a true spectacle.

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