

# The Sapphire Coast

16 September 2024 – 5 days, 4 nights



We have an inkling that some Aussies may think that Batemans Bay is the Far South Coast of NSW. Well, do we have something to show you?! The really good stuff doesn't start until you get south of Tilba, to the wildly wonderful and unspoilt Sapphire Coast! Come with us to our coastal backyard paradise to experience the best of the Sapphire Coast during the peak of whale watching season on this 5 day, 4 night small group tour.

## **Day 1 - Canberra to Tathra - L,D**

This morning we cruise over to the coast for lunch at Mossy on Pacific at Mossy Point. We then have a stop in the colourful, characterful village of Central Tilba that sits beneath Gulaga (mother mountain) for some cheese, ice cream and eclectic crafty gift shops. Step back in time with the village's perfectly preserved old world colonial era buildings, nestled amongst forever green rolling hills.

It's then on to our lovely beachside accommodation in Tathra. Bordered by Mimosa Rocks National Park to the north and Bournda National Park to the south, Tathra is a relaxed coastal haven known for its award-winning Sydney Rock Oysters, and the iconic Tathra Steamer Wharf.

Tonight we have a private, catered, two course dinner at our accommodation.

Stay at Tathra Beach House Apartments, 57 Andy Poole Dr Tathra, P: 02 6499 9900

## **Day 2 - Tathra, Pambula, Merimbula - B,L**

This morning we head south to Pambula Lake for "Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour" (don't worry, you don't have to eat oysters if you don't want to!). Captain Sponge, or his trusty sidekick Scotty will guide us on this very informative and beautifully serene tour where we learn about the local history, geography, and oyster farming industry.

We then head to Merimbula Wharf for a guided tour of the aquarium, followed by a delicious two course lunch at the Wharf Restaurant. The views from the wharf are magnificent, and there's a very good chance that we will see whales and dolphins close by. After lunch we will head back to Tathra Headland for a short bushwalk for those that are keen. Dinner is at Tathra Hotel, also on Tathra Headland (yes, more spectacular views and whale spotting!).

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## **Day 3 - Tathra, Eden, Green Cape - B,D**

This morning we head to the seaside hamlet of Eden, bound to the north and south by Beowa National Park and set in magnificent Twofold Bay – the third deepest natural harbour in the Southern Hemisphere. This historical town is famous for its intriguing whale history and the tale of the wild killer whales who hunted with the Yuin people, and later with European settlers. Eden is known as one of the most premier whale watching locations in Australia and each spring, thousands of humpbacks visit Eden on their way home to Antarctica.

We will visit the Eden Killer Whale Museum - originally built to house the skeleton of an orca known as Old Tom. While spotlighting the plight of killer whales in these waters, this museum has grown into a shrine to Eden's marine life and maritime history. We will then take a scenic drive around Eden town for some whale spotting, have a leisurely stroll downhill to Aislings Beach, and then enjoy lunch in town and a cruise around the shops.

It's then off to the ridiculously spectacular Green Cape Lightstation in Beowa national Park for a private guided tour with one of the National Park Rangers. The southernmost lighthouse in NSW, Green Cape Lighthouse also entered record books when it was built in 1883 as Australia's first concrete lighthouse tower. If you feel up to it, you can climb all the way to the top to enjoy panoramic views over the ominously named Disaster Bay.

Dinner is on our way back to Tathra at the historic Seahorse Inn.

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#### **Day 4 - Tathra, Bermagui, Mimosa Rocks National Park - B**

This morning we head north along the beautiful coast road through Mimosa Rocks National Park to Bermagui for our whale watching tour with Sapphire Coastal Adventures. From September to November, the Sapphire Coast is one of the world's best locations to view the epic Humpback Whale's annual southern migration from the Great Barrier Reef to Antarctica. You often don't have to travel far off the coast to be up close and personal with whales feeding, and to see mothers teaching their calves how to breach and tail flop!

After our tour, we will have lunch in Bermagui - the small, vibrant seaside town that hugs the edges of its spectacular harbour under the shadow of Mt Gulaga and known for its breathtaking scenery. After lunch we will enjoy a couple of Gang Gang surprises (!) on our way back to Tathra. Dinner is at Drift Tathra.

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#### **Day 5 - Tathra to Canberra - B,L**

Today we say goodbye to the beautiful, unspoilt and wonderfully wild Sapphire Coast and make our way home to Canberra via Cooma. We will have a guided tour (hopefully by one of the inmates) of the extremely fascinating State Correctional Museum at Cooma Gaol, and lunch at the always fabulous Lott Cafe. There may be one or two final little Gang Gang surprises before we head home (!?)

Tour departs Canberra Monday **16 September 2024**

#### **Inclusions:**

Pick up from your door in the Canberra region  
All transport  
All accommodation  
All activities as above  
Meals as indicated above  
Two fabulous tour guides and lots of fun and laughs!

#### **Not included:**

2 lunches, 2 dinners  
Coffee and/or cake at morning tea stops  
Alcohol

#### **Cost:**

\$2750 per person double or twin share  
Single supplement = \$380

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This tour requires a minimum of 8 guests to run.

This tour involves walking (sometimes over uneven surfaces) and stairs at some locations.

This tour also involves travel in watercraft. You are welcome to opt out of these activities if you wish, but there will be no refund available for individual activities.

All accommodation has level access. Most rooms have walk-in showers, but 4 of the rooms have a shower with a hob as shown below. Please let us know if you prefer a room with walk-in shower.



Booking with us is confirmation that you have read our Terms and Conditions (below).

Thank you for your interest in our tour, and please do not hesitate in contacting us should you have any questions at all, including how to book your seat/s.

We look forward to having you on board soon!



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## Terms and Conditions

### The agreement

When you make a booking with Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd (ACN 612628878), you agree to have read and accept the following terms and conditions.

### Validity

All advertised dates, itineraries and prices are valid until 31 December 2024.

### Travel insurance

To travel with us, international guests will need comprehensive travel insurance that covers cancellation, and that includes the highest level of medical cover available. You will need to show it to the guide before you board the bus. We strongly suggest that domestic guests also have comprehensive travel insurance that covers cancellation, amendment and emergency accommodation. Please speak to your travel agent, or visit [CHOICE](#) for unbiased product reviews. Please see our [FAQs](#) for more information.

### Payment and cancellation policy

A \$300 non-refundable deposit is paid at the time of booking to secure your place (this may be more for some tours - please refer to the tour information on the tour page). The balance of the tour cost (plus a single supplement if applicable) is payable 60 days prior to departure (this may be earlier for some tours - please refer to the tour information on the tour page). If a booking is made within 60 days of the departure date (this may be earlier for some tours - please refer to the tour information on the tour page), full payment will be required at the time of booking.

Our tours require extensive planning, coordination and costs, as well as advance bookings and payments of accommodation and activities. In the unfortunate event that you have to cancel your tour with us, the following cancellation fees will apply:

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days prior to departure - Forfeit of \$300 non-refundable deposit (this may be more for some tours - please refer to the tour information on the tour page).

Bookings cancelled within 60 days prior to departure - 100% of tour cost (this may be earlier for some tours - please refer to the tour information on the tour page).

Please note that your tour cost is fully transferrable. If you have someone that is willing to take your seat on the tour, a simple name transfer can take place.

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing and must be sent to [info@ganggangtours.com.au](mailto:info@ganggangtours.com.au) or PO Box 568 Jindabyne NSW 2627.

Transferring to another tour date may be treated as a cancellation if we cannot fill your seat.

Our scheduled tours require a minimum of eight persons to run.

Payment of deposit and/or tour balance can be made by direct bank transfer, personal cheque or bank cheque. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit cards for payment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a tour is cancelled by us due to Force Majeure (i.e. circumstances and/or events outside the control of Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd) such as (but not limited to) bushfires, floods and pandemics (i.e. lockdowns and/or border closures that prohibit us from conducting the tour), all monies possible will be refunded to you, minus your \$300 deposit which will be held as credit for you for a future tour (and will be fully transferable). In addition, if any of our third-party providers do not provide a refund to us, but instead offer us a credit, then these monies will also be held in credit for you.

### **Privacy policy**

Any information we collect from you, will only be used for the purpose of providing our tour product to you, and will be kept confidential. We may use your email address in the future to let you know about new Gang Gang Tours products and news.

### **Health, fitness, mobility and medical conditions**

Any pre-existing medical conditions must be disclosed at the time of booking, and a Confidential Application and Medical History Form may be emailed to you, to be completed prior to departure. We may request further information and/or a medical clearance to travel (at your expense), before your booking is confirmed.

Our tours suit guests of all fitness levels, however, our guests' mobility should be adequate to board and disembark our 22 seater bus (3 steps with handrails available) and to negotiate uneven surfaces and a few steps at some locations. Some of our tours involve more walking than others (e.g. our garden tours, walking tours, or tours including guided town walking tours). Where a tour includes for example more stairs than is regular, or showers over baths, this will be stated in the tour itinerary on our website. Please familiarise yourself with the tour itinerary and activity inclusions before booking.

Guests should be able to manage their own luggage, although Jeff and Janine do aim to help with your bags at every opportunity. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walking frames, as our bus does not have any under-bus storage, and we cannot guarantee smooth level access at all locations. The only form of walking aid that can be accommodated is a walking stick.

Gang Gang Tours is a non-smoking tour operation.

### **Change of itinerary**

From time to time, travel routes, activities, accommodation and scheduling may have to be changed with little or no notice due to, but not limited to, events such as inclement weather, road works, natural disasters, operational issues, accidents, or other unforeseen circumstances. In these instances, no refunds will be offered, nor is Gang Gang Tours liable for any cancellation fees incurred from connecting services. If while on tour, additional accommodation costs are incurred due to (but not limited to) the factors listed above, these additional costs will be the responsibility of the guest. These 'emergency accommodation' costs are claimable on a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

### **Yarrangobilly Caves House**

This heritage listed accommodation is very popular, and a long lead time is required to guarantee availability. Every effort will be made on every Snowy Mountains Hydro Majestic tour to secure this accommodation, but if it is not available, then an alternative of equal quality will be provided.

### **Acceptance of risk**

Your safety and comfort are our highest priority. All of our guests participate in our tours at their own risk, and Gang Gang Tours can accept no responsibility for any loss, accident, illness or injury incurred by you. All guests will need to sign liability waivers and Covid-19 declarations before they can board the bus.

### **Limit of liability**

To put together our tours, we work with a number of other quality businesses, who also have your safety and comfort as their number one priority. Some of these providers may also require you to sign a liability waiver before participation. Gang Gang Tours takes no responsibility for any act of neglect by these providers or their agents that may result in loss, accident, illness or injury to you.

**Authority on tour**

Guests must abide by any direction given by the tour guides regarding their behaviour and/or actions. This is especially important in National Parks, in or near a body of water, and in any area with elevated and/or particular risks and hazards, as deemed by the tour guides. Failure to abide by the tour guides' direction may result in denial of onward travel with no refund. This also pertains to any behaviour or action, as deemed by the tour guides, to be negatively impacting on the safety and or enjoyment of another guest or guests.

Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd reserves the right to amend these Terms & Conditions from time to time, without notice, and these Terms & Conditions apply as at the date of your initial booking.