



Head to Eden – located along the 'humpback highway' – in spring to catch the whales

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EDEN

Around 33,000 humpback whales travel along the Sapphire Coast during spring every year, and Twofold Bay in Eden is a favourite resting spot for these magnificent creatures as they stop with their calves to feed and play. On the Cat Balou Ocean Discovery Tour you'll get to see these amazing animals up close while learning about the history of Eden's killer whales – including the famous Old Tom. For a tranquil adventure just outside Eden, book a kayak trip with Kiah Wilderness Tours and enjoy morning tea while exploring the stunning wilderness.



The Sapphire COA



Seafood lovers should check out the EAT Merimbula festival in March



See the fish at Merimbula Wharf Aquarium...



...then head to the restaurant afterwards!

MERIMBULA

Let it be said, the Sapphire Coast takes its seafood very seriously! At Merimbula Wharf Aquarium and Restaurant you'll enjoy a sumptuous menu of local seafood and oysters, and can even head downstairs to the aquarium to catch a glimpse of natural sea life while you wait for your meal. Merimbula is an ideal spot for sailing, stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking, and the beautiful and sheltered Bar Beach is a popular destination for families. The drive from Melbourne or Sydney is about six hours, but if you'd rather leave the car at home, you can book a tour of the Sapphire Coast through South East Tours and Transfers.

Merimbula Wharf is one of many stunning spots on the Sapphire Coast

TATHRA

Set across from the surf beach, Tathra Beach House Apartments make the perfect base to enjoy everything this bustling little town has to offer. Stop in at Tathra Hotel, which has its own in-house brewery, for delicious local produce, while The Wharf Local is a one-of-a-kind café and gallery. For great steaks and seafood, check out Fat Tony's Bar & Grill. And award-winning On the Perch Bird Park is a must for nature lovers.



Enjoy delicious produce at The Wharf Local

The historic Tathra Wharf is a beloved spot of swimmers and snorkellers



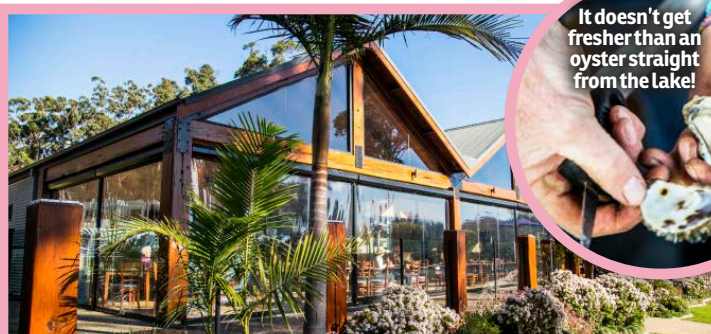
Stay at Green Cape Lighthouse for a unique experience



BEN BOYD NATIONAL PARK

With its stunning coastal views, Ben Boyd National Park is a fave of campers and whale watchers. Stay in one of three restored cottages at the Green Cape Lighthouse, with guests

also getting a free tour of the light station. The Light to Light walk is one of the best walks on the far south coast of NSW. Keep an eye out for bandicoots and wombats that roam nearby!



It doesn't get fresher than an oyster straight from the lake!

PAMBULA

The Sapphire Coast is famed for its oysters, and on Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour you can sample them straight from Pambula Lake. Back on dry land, check out Wheeler's

Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Farm for the freshest seafood. Make a stop at Longstocking Brewery to sample craft beers (and more oysters!) and listen to live entertainment.

ST Explore these seaside gems halfway between Sydney and Melbourne

For fishing or spectacular views, you can't go past Bermagui



BERMAGUI

Enjoy the stunning view as the sun sets over Horseshoe Bay and the revamped Bermagui Beach Hotel. It's a fave with

both locals and tourists, and just moments way from the popular Blue Pool swimming spot. At the north end of town, stay at the newly renovated Anchorage Apartments, which offer beautiful water views from most rooms. Then book a class at Eastwood's Deli and Cooking School, where you'll learn impressive new culinary skills from former *MasterChef* and *My Kitchen Rules* food producer Kelly Eastwood.

Hands-on foodies can hone their culinary skills at Eastwood's

