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DAYS

# East Gippsland Wildlife Journey

WILDLIFE ADVENTURE — ROUND-TRIP FROM MELBOURNE

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Travelling in a small group you'll explore the diverse coastal wilderness of Victoria's East Gippsland region and see an outstanding array of native wildlife and birdlife.

Find koalas lazing high in magnificent eucalypt forests, listen to the raucous cacophony of birdlife in the rainforest and see huge sea eagles soaring above untouched ocean beaches. You'll be travelling with an expert wildlife guide, recognised as amongst the best in Australia.

## What's Included?

Melbourne hotel pick up/drop off

3 nights of accommodation as shown, or similar

All meals as shown

Expert wildlife guide



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## Day 1 Melbourne to East Gippsland

Depart Melbourne for the internationally acclaimed RAMSAR wetlands in East Gippsland before crossing by ferry to an island sanctuary, home to a thriving colony of koalas. Spot these quintessentially Australian marsupials on a forest walk — your guide will explain more about their lives as you walk. In this natural environment you will hopefully also have opportunity to see echidnas, wallabies and kangaroos. Later this afternoon you'll head for the country homestead that will be your base for the next 3 nights. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Snowy River Homestead

Meal(s) Included: Lunch & Dinner

## Day 2 East Gippsland

You'll discover the rugged mountain forests of East Gippsland today; these diverse forests are the reason for such an abundance of wildlife, visit mountain slopes and the famous Snowy River. Your expert wildlife guide will tell you more about the formation of these impressive forests and help you search for lyrebirds, parrots, goannas, wallabies and honeyeaters. Here the birds and reptiles are prolific but human visitors are few. This evening enjoy a classic Aussie dinner at the homestead.

Accommodation: Snowy River Homestead

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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### Day 3 East Gippsland

Explore a large lowland rainforest in search of birds and wallabies before strolling along a forest-lined river to its estuary on the coast. Search for sea eagles, cockatoos, kingfishers and giant goanna lizards. The beach visited is quiet, with a complex dune system, and sightings of beach and ocean-going birds are frequent. After lunch, walk across a rocky headland and past wind-sculpted coastal shrubs to see the vast expanse of 90 Mile Beach. There is then the chance to help conserve and protect this pristine environment by spending time this afternoon removing the old fishing nets (ghost nets) from a beautiful beach. Enjoy a beach picnic before heading back to the homestead, searching for kangaroos and wallabies on the plains as you go.

Accommodation: Snowy River Homestead

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

### Day 4 East Gippsland to Melbourne

Pay one last visit to the mouth of the Snowy River then, as you head back to Melbourne, explore the Krowathunkoolong Keeping Place, an informative Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Bairsdale. Arrive back in to Melbourne late afternoon.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.

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