Australian Cycling Holidays South Gippsland Rail Trails Cycle Tour

4-Day Cycle

About Australian Cycling Holidays

Australian Cycling Holidays provides self-guided, multi-day cycling tours to individuals, families and groups. Based in regional areas of Australia, the tours showcase the best of Australia's scenery and attractions.

South Gippsland Rail Trails Cycle Tour

This is 4-day, 3-night tour allows you to explore Bass Coast, Phillip Island and Gippsland along the historic Railway easements which are now cycling paths. The route travels through Phillip Island on cycle paths and quiet roads to the Bass Coast Rail Trail with a transfer to the South Gippsland Rail Trail. It takes in nature reserves, art and crafts, fun parks, sweeping vistas and spectacular coastal scenery. Cycling sections are 95% on bike paths, 5% on road. **Distance: 128kms** + opt 12km

Tour Inclusions

- 4 days cycling.
- 3 nights' accommodation.
- Hire of bicycles, helmets, front panniers and cycling equipment, or bring your own.
- Maps and ride notes, detailing route and attractions.
- Water bottle, snack and emergency rain poncho.
- Luggage transfer.
- Roadside assistance.

Tour Highlights

- Cycle through Philip Island Nature Reserve, home to many Wallabies, other Australian animals and birds
- Enjoy the wild, deserted beaches of the Bass Coast
- Cruise over the century old Trestle bridge.
- Take the Bass Coast walk over the headlands –just as far as you like.
- Learn some of the very interesting history and local stories of the Gippsland region
- Taste the fantastic wines and local produce that Gippsland is famous for.
- See the art and craft. Take time to see the galleries.
- Journey through history along the old Railway easements which has been converted to a rail trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.
- Visit the State Coal Mine Wonthaggi and go underground
- Enjoy the Koala Park and Amaze'n'things
- Love the old country towns of yesteryear.

All Meals, incidentals, admission to attractions, galleries and guided tours are at own expense.





What to bring

- Wear shorts, t-shirt and covered shoes
- Sunscreen, sun-glasses and wet-weather gear.
- Jumper, long trousers and gloves for winter; swimmers for warmer months.
- Clothes and accessories for 4 days. 2 x 20kg bags total

Location

- Start: 9:30 am Cowes Waterfront Jetty.
 Visit the Philip Island Penguins the evening prior
- Finish: 230pm in Welshpool or Port Welshpool, on the 4th day as the bus leaves at 3pm weekdays and 430pm weekends. Alternatively, if parked in Leongatha we are happy to facilitate return for the driver to the car,
 - $\circ~$ Bus takes 3.5 4 hours to return to Southern Cross Stn.
 - Bus Week Days 300pm; Weekends 430pm. Bus fares are at own expense.

Prices (includes GST)

- \$1,990 for 2 adults based on twin share. \$2,100 for our Family Special includes 2 Adults and up to 2 children. Ask us about larger families.
- Simple breakfast can be included if required. Breakfast is no longer included due to timing and dietary requirements.
- Baby seats and tag-alongs available
- Bike and Pannier Hire only, with bike transfer Wonthaggi Leongatha for up to 2A and 2C \$785. Includes trip details, bike drop off, pick up, roadside assist. You will require 2 days only of gear if you park at Wonthaggi and move your car from Wonthaggi to Leongatha at time of transfer. There is a bus from Wonthaggi to cycle start at Cowes.
- Prices valid until 31/3/2017

Bookings Essential

- Tours start daily, bookings subject to availability in January

 so book early. 10% surcharge applies in January and on long weekends.
- Bookings must be made at least 7 days in advance.
- Participants' heights and ages (if under 18) required.
- Payments by Credit Card or direct transfer.