

Why a
campervan

is the **most**
convenient
way to travel

The

BACKPACKER

Guide

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Part of the appeal of backpacking is that you can just 'up and go' as you are your own master. A campervan compliments that appeal perfectly, allowing you to travel Australia at your leisure, without a care for anything else. A campervan holiday is a way not just to see Australia, but to experience it too. See all the big tourist attractions, but also see the hidden treasures in between.

Travelling in a Campervan is like a 'home on wheels'. Depending on the vehicle you choose, you will have the ability to cook in your own kitchen, store your food and clothes in the cupboards and sleep in your own bedroom. All with the added benefit of being mobile whenever it suits you.

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Suitable Campervans for Backpackers

There are several campervans designed & priced specifically for Backpackers to ensure that you can make the most of your adventure at the lowest price possible. Listed below are the vehicles we would recommend.

<p>2 Berth Campervans</p> <p><u>Jucy Crib</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 18+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Travellers Budgie</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Roof Racks Drivers 18+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Mighty Highball</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 18+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Spaceships Beta2</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Small & Compact Drivers 18+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Britz Hitop</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 21+ Permitted</p> <p><u>GoCheap Hitop</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Manual Transmission Drivers 21+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Lucky Rookie</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 18+ Permitted</p>	<p>4 Berth Campervans</p> <p><u>Jucy Champ</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 18+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Mighty Double Up</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Big & Roomy Automatic Transmission</p> <p><u>Cheapa Campa HiTop</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Automatic Transmission Drivers 21+ Permitted</p> <p><u>Spaceships Beta 4</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Small & Compact Automatic Transmission</p> <p><u>Mighty Double Down</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 18+ Permitted Automatic Transmission</p>
<p>3 Berth Campervans</p> <p><u>Camperman Maxie</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 19+ Permitted Walk Through Access</p> <p><u>Camperman Juliette Hitop</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 19+ Permitted Walk Through Access</p> <p><u>Travellers AutoBarn - Kuga</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 18+ Permitted 1 Child Seat Permitted</p> <p><u>Travellers Autobarn HiTop</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> 1 Double and 1 Single bed Drivers 18+ Permitted</p>	<p>5 & 6 Berth Campervans</p> <p><u>Camperman Juliette Family 5</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 18+ Permitted 2 Person Tent</p> <p><u>Mighty Big 6</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 21+ Permitted Automatic Transmission</p> <p><u>GoCheap Derwent</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 21+ Permitted Automatic Transmission</p> <p><u>Cheapa Campa</u> <i>Stand Out Features:</i> Drivers 21+ Permitted Automatic Transmission</p>

Campervan Hire vs. Public Transport & Hostels

The hardest part of being a backpacker is finding out the best & most affordable way to travel and where to lay your head at night. Although buying a flight, bus or train ticket or staying in a bunk bed at a hostel may look cheaper at first, there are many benefits to hiring a campervan.

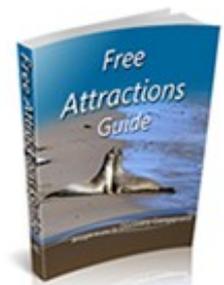
- You only have to unpack your backpack once
- There is no need for checking in and retrieving your luggage
- It is definitely more scenic to travel by road
- No requirement for transfers to/from airports or hostels
- The greater choice of where to visit by taking the tourist route.
- You are not constrained by a timetable or schedule.
- Discount booklets for attractions are given at time of pick up.
- Adequate room to store your food and not having to carry it in your backpack
- Exclusive access to your own kitchen & fridge
- Experience driving in another country
- The freedom to stop and take a break wherever you choose (just because it looks nice or there is a photo opportunity)
- Make friends with other camper travellers along the way, gain advice on what to see and where to stop.

Drivers License Requirements

A driver's license is required for renting a campervan in Australia. Drivers must be aged between 18 and 75 years of age and hold a non provisional drivers license. Interstate, Overseas or International licenses are acceptable; however the license must be in English. If the license is not in English, it must be accompanied by an International Drivers Permit (IDP) in English.

Free Attractions Guide

Understanding that Backpackers need to stretch their last dollar as far as they can we have embraced the idea of providing a [Free Attractions Guide](#) for locations Australia wide. That way, you can enjoy affordable and entertaining activities. Don't forget to take your camera!

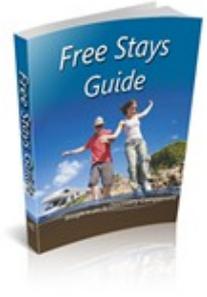


For convenience **the Free Attractions Guide** has been designed to be printable with addresses and phone numbers, also an interactive map to help you find each attraction with ease.

- [Adelaide](#), South Australia (15 Attractions)
- [Alice Springs](#), Northern Territory (38 Attractions)
- [Brisbane](#), Queensland (19 Attractions)
- [Broome](#), Western Australia (12 Attractions)
- [Cairns](#), Queensland (8 Attractions)
- [Canberra](#), Australian Capital Territory (36 Attractions)
- [Darwin](#), Northern Territory (9 Attractions)
- [Hobart](#), Tasmania (15 Attractions)
- [Launceston](#), Tasmania (12 Attractions)
- [Melbourne](#), Victoria (19 Attractions)
- [Perth](#), Western Australia (24 Attractions)
- [Sydney](#), New South Wales (22 Attractions)

Free Stays Guide

The Free Stays Guide is designed to save you money and is exclusive to our clients. By using the Free Stays Guide effectively you can create your own itinerary and print the locations where you can park your campervan overnight for free or at a minimal cost before you travel.



The [Free Stays Guide](#) is emailed to you with your confirmation voucher at the time of booking so you can start planning your itinerary today!

Overnight Stays

Each night you need to decide where to stay. With a campervan you have several different options which can include a Caravan Park (trailer park), one of our [National Parks](#), an [outback roadhouse](#) or even a Free Stays location.

101 Outback Roadhouses

For many travelers there is a yearning to visit the outback and drive across the Nullarbor Plain or take a trip to Uluru, Kakadu or tiny mining towns in the middle of nowhere like Kalgoorlie.

Why not visit one of our iconic roadhouses along the way to freshen up, take a break, spend the night or just to grab a quick snack.

- [Northern Territory](#) (1-24)
- [Western Australia](#) (25-58)
- [South Australia](#) (59-68)
- [Victoria](#) (69-73)
- [New South Wales](#) (74-85)
- [Queensland](#) (86-101)



Annual Events & Festivals

There are thousands of Events & Festivals all over Australia each year and it would almost be impossible to list them all here. Listed are some of Australia's favourite, well known festivals throughout the country. *Months may vary from year to year.*

January

New Years Day, Nationwide
 Australia Day, Nationwide
 Tamworth Country Music Festival,
 Tamworth NSW
 Australian Open Tennis Tournament,
 Melbourne VIC
 Magic Millions Yearling Sales, Gold Coast
 QLD

February

Chinese New Year, Melbourne VIC

March

Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, VIC
 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras, Sydney
 NSW
 Formula One Grand Prix, Melbourne, VIC

April

Byron Bay Blues Festival, Byron Bay NSW
 Anzac Day, Nationwide
 Bell's Beach Surfing Classic, Bells Beach
 VIC
 Melbourne International Comedy Festival,
 VIC

May

State of Origin Various states
 Camel Cup, Alice Springs NT

June

The Wintersun Festival, Coolangatta QLD

July

Splendour in the Grass, Byron Bay
 NSW

August

Garma Festival, Gulkula NT
 Melbourne International Film Festival,
 Melbourne VIC

September

Royal Melbourne Show, Melbourne, VIC
 Birdsville Races, Birdsville QLD
 AFL Grand Final, Melbourne, VIC
 Floriade, Canberra ACT
 Darwin Beer Can Regatta, NT

October

Lygon Street Fiesta, Melbourne, VIC
 The Spring Racing Carnival, Melbourne,
 VIC

November

Melbourne Cup Day, Nationwide
 Summer Cricket, Nationwide

December

Summer Cricket, Nationwide
 Christmas, Nationwide
 Boxing Day, Nationwide
 Woodford Folk Festival,
 Woodford QLD
 New Year's Eve, Nationwide

Employment & Seasons Jobs

A favourite, flexible way to make fast money for backpackers while travelling is [fruit picking](#). These jobs are considered seasonal however located all across Australia due to the different climates all year round. An added bonus is that the farms are generally within close proximity to tourist destinations and attractions.

To discover how you can work your way around Australia, please visit [Harvest Trail](#). For international visitors to be eligible for employment in Australia you must obtain an [Australian Working Visa](#) prior to leaving your country of residence.

The Working Holiday Visa is for people aged between 18 and 30 years of age, who are interested in a working holiday of up to 12 months in Australia.

Surf Safaris

Australian beaches are renowned for their gnarly waves and if you are intending on a surf safari you would definitely would want to hire the [Travellers Autobarn Budgie](#) campervan as they have roof racks to store your surfboards.

Safety Tips while Travelling Downunder

Australia is a wonderful place to visit due to its diverse natural beauty and varied climate. It is also a friendly and safe place to travel. Many visitors to our country are unaware of the immediate dangers present in our natural environment.

Provided are [safety tips](#) on weather danger, safety in the water, fishing, bushfire safety, wildlife, safety while driving and first aid.

The Weather in Australia

The trickiest part of packing your backpack is knowing what you will need. Australia is a country where extremes of weather are often present and advise that you pack for all types of [weather conditions](#).

High Season & School Holidays

Campervan rentals do have high seasons and peak times. By avoiding the peak times, you can gain your rental at a cheaper price than you can during a peak time.

We always recommend [checking school holidays](#) and [high season](#) details before making your booking. Sometimes by moving your booking date a few days, you can save quite a bit of money.



Travellers Tales

We have a page dedicated to our past clients who shared their story about hiring a campervan.

Their real stories and contributions will provide advice, opinions and recommendations which are priceless.

➤ Read some [Travellers Tales](#)

The Campervan Guide

Consider The Campervan Guide as your handbook or manual when it comes to preparing and planning for your upcoming campervan adventure.

Many of the articles in this document came from [The Campervan Guide](#) which you can peruse at your own leisure.