



DISCOVERY

CAMPERVANS



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PRE DEPARTURE

- Organise to board your pets in a kennel.
- Arrange to have your plants watered.
- Have your mail held at the Post Office or ask a friendly neighbour to collect it.
- Empty the refrigerator and dump your garbage.
- Turn off pump to water tanks.
- Close and lock all doors and windows.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the wall and unplug PC cables.
- Contact your bank to advise you are travelling overseas (some banks will lock your cards for international transactions to help alleviate fraud).
- Give your emergency contact details to a neighbour or family member.
- Prepay your ongoing bills.
- Transfer money into your dedicated travel or credit card account/s.
- Visit your doctor to fill a prescription to cover the period you are away.
- When travelling with ongoing medication ensure you bring a letter from your doctor and the prescription advising what the medication is for.
- If going on an extended trip for 4 weeks or more contact your Insurance Company to advise that your house will be unoccupied.

‘Planning is your key to the best possible holiday experience’

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

- Drivers Licence
- International Drivers Permit (if required)
- Passport (if you are from overseas)
- Travel Visa (if required)
- Confirmation Vouchers
- Health Documents i.e. Prescriptions
- Free Stays Guide
- Detailed Road Maps
- Credit Cards / Debit Cards
- Local Currency
- Emergency Information (Embassy Contacts, Travel Insurance Cards)



DRIVER FATIGUE & PLANNING AHEAD

- Drive up to 2 hours at a time and take a short break. Map out your stops and calculate suitable driving distances.
- Share the Driving.
- Plan stays of 2 nights or more to ensure that you are not driving every day.
- Plan your upcoming adventure by using some suggested itineraries relevant to your location to give you some ideas on things to do and see in each area to break up your journey.
- Purchase a Park Membership for discounts on campsites.
- Pre-book or pre-plan your overnight stays even outside school holidays as local events or shows may interrupt your plans and availability of campsites. Utilise the Free Stays Guide which is exclusive to clients who book with Discovery Campervans.

“Driver Fatigue contributes to approximately 20% of Australia’s annual road toll.”

DRIVING THE CAMPERVAN

You are responsible for the maintenance on your vehicle while it is in your possession.

- Check the water, coolant levels and tyre pressure every 500 kilometres travelled.
- Check the battery terminals if travelling in rough terrain.
- In dusty conditions clean the air filter daily.
- Keep an eye on the vehicles gauges when travelling long distances.
- Use the 24 hour roadside assistance number if necessary.
- Wear sunglasses while driving to protect your eyes from the glare of the sun.
- Drive at slower speeds than normal in areas of high wind resistance.
- Do not tailgate. Ensure there is plenty of room between you and the vehicles in front of you.
- Be aware of the height of your vehicle to ensure you have enough clearance from trees, branches, bridges and underground car parking areas

DRIVING AT NIGHT

Australian wildlife is more active at dusk and dawn when it is cooler. Australia also has many nocturnal animals, which means they are only active during the night.

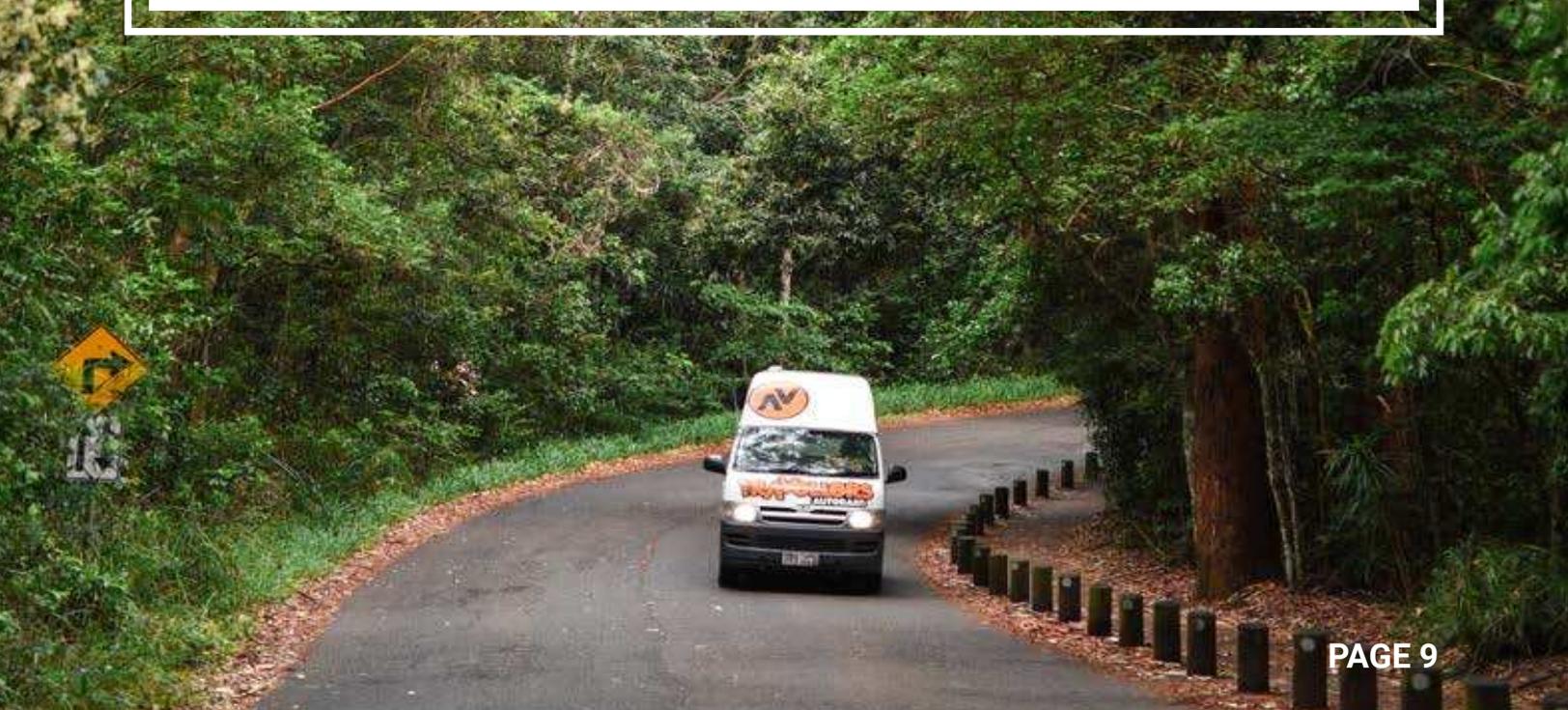
“Save our wildlife by limiting your driving to daylight hours”



BUSHWALKING

There are many bushwalking tracks within our National Parks, Reserves and State Forests. Each walk is graded from easy to difficult and indicates how long it will take to complete.

- Always wear comfortable and sturdy enclosed shoes.
- Take plenty of drinking water (recommended 1 litre per person per hour).
- Roll a warm jumper up in a day pack.
- Ensure you are aware of the distance and time indicated to complete a walk.
- Always tell someone where you are walking and what time to expect you back.
- Bring a set of binoculars for bird watching, sightseeing and star gazing.
- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun and surrounding scrub. Ensure you are wearing suitable headwear and sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- Keep to the designated walking paths. They are there for your own safety and to minimise the impact on our environment.
- Take simple, high energy snacks eg, Trail Mix or Fruit. Don't forget to take your rubbish with you.
- Remember to carry extra sunscreen, insect repellent, fly nets and a first aid kit in your backpack.



SWIMMING

Swimming is a favourite past time in Australia and something for everyone to enjoy during their time here. Though many of our beaches and inland waters can look inviting, it is important to be aware of potential hazards and dangers that may present themselves to the unwary.

- Wild ocean weather in the form of rips and swells are common across Australian beaches and as such swimming beaches are closely monitored and patrolled to ensure the safety of the public.
- Always remember to swim between the red and yellow flags during patrol hours when visiting the beach and pay attention to the direction of signage and any lifeguards present.
- In the inland north of Queensland and Northern Territory regions it is advisable to avoid swimming in creeks, mangroves and estuaries as these areas are frequented by crocodiles.
- Avoid swimming in the ocean from November through to May/June in North Queensland as this period sees many species of jellyfish entering the area. A sting can be very painful and in some cases, even fatal.
- Know what the current weather and warnings issued to the area you are in or travelling to and be prepared.
- Tide times can affect when you can drive a 4WD vehicle on the beach.

‘If you receive a sting, call 000 immediately for emergency assistance as certain venoms can prove fatal’



FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Fire Restrictions are declared by the local Fire Service and can change on a daily basis. The restrictions are set when fires are likely to spread rapidly and could be difficult to control. Fire Restrictions may apply to BBQ's as well as Campfires

- Please abide by the fire restrictions for the region you are travelling to or in.
- Carry a bag of fire wood, heat beads or fire starters just in case they are not supplied in the park or campground you are visiting.
- You are not permitted to collect wood, branches or sticks from within National Parks.
- Take a shovel to stoke the fire and to cover with sand/dirt if you leave the fire unattended or when you wish to extinguish it.
- Ensure you have a container with at least 10 litres of water on hand in case of emergency.
- Always remember to put out your fire when going to bed at night.
- Don't forget to take a recipe for your favourite damper.



NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA

Whilst travelling you will see our native plants and encounter up close and personal visits by our wildlife. Our animals may look cute and friendly but they must be treated as wild animals at all times.

- Human food is not a healthy diet for native animals. Do Not Feed our native animals (as tempting as it is) as this encourages them to come closer to the campgrounds. This can not only be dangerous, but also a nuisance where garbage is concerned.
- Keep your campervan doors and windows closed to avoid unwanted visitors. The smaller windows have screens and can remain open for ventilation.
- To protect our native flora, please do not disturb it or take it with you. Always abide by the guidelines set by National Parks signage and employees.
- Keep to the walking paths. They are there for your own safety and to minimise the impact on our environment.



Enjoy Your Holiday!



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