

A long weekend in

Merimbula

Nestled on the picturesque Sapphire Coast of New South Wales, Merimbula offers families a perfect blend of natural beauty and coastal adventures.

With pristine beaches and sparkling ocean waters, Merimbula beckons families to enjoy sun-soaked days building sandcastles and splashing in the waves. Whale watching excursions provide thrilling moments for kids as they marvel at the majestic humpback whales breaching offshore. Don't forget to treat the families taste buds to Merimbulas renowned fresh oysters, harvested from local estuaries. Whether exploring coastal trails or sampling seafood delights, or simply unwinding by the sea, Merimbula promises cherished memories to treasure forever.

Where to stay....

Beach Cabins Merimbula

47-65 Short Point Rd, Merimbula NSW 2548

1, 2 and 3 Bedroom self contained and air conditioned cabins overlooking Short Point, Merimbula Back Lake and adjacent to a stunning nature reserve.

Pet and family friendly with a swimming pool

NRMA Merimbula Beach Holiday Resort

2 Short Point Rd, Merimbula NSW 2548

Suitable for all budgets with self contained cabins, powered / unpowered sites and even a glamping tent.

Camp Kitchen, Tennis Courts, Kids Playground and swimming pool.

Coast Resort Merimbula

68/1 Elizabeth Street, Merimbula NSW 2548

1, 2 and 3 bedroom, self contained apartments overlooking Main Beach. Bedding configurations available to suit all families. Swimming pool on site.



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Day 1

It's time for a weekend away, time to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and come to the coast for some well-deserved sunshine and rest.

Canberra is only a three-hour drive away from Merimbula, so get up early and make the drive down the Brown Mountain to Merimbula.

The kids are ready to go as soon as you pull up so you head in for brunch at The Waterfront Café – the kids are kept entertained by the Pelicans playing on the water.

You finish your coffee while the kids play at the park before walking over to the Merimbula Marina ready for your Whale watching cruise. The Captain, Simon, has told you that it will be a calm day with lots of whales and their calves already spotted playing just offshore.

Everyone has had a blast on the cruise and have worked up an appetite. Wanting to explore more of the magic of the ocean you head over to the Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf Restaurant where you enjoy locally sourced fish and chips whilst enjoying the stunning view of the Lake and the wharf. After lunch you venture underneath the restaurant into another world of sea creatures at the Aquarium.

It's been a big day, so you head to your accommodation for the afternoon to enjoy some downtime by the pool. Your key is waiting for you at the stunning Coast Resort on Fish pen.

Once the sun starts to kiss the horizon you pop on your favorite dress and some lipstick ready for some more delicious seafood at The Lakeview Hotel. Here there is something for everyone and you dine on locally sourced oysters and a cheeky cocktail. It's dark by the time you drive back to your accommodation, and everyone is ready for bed. You fall asleep listening to the waves crash on the shore.



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Day 2

The kids are still asleep, so you decide to go for a walk along the Merimbula Boardwalk alone to soak up the serenity and the silence while watching the wildlife wake up ready for the day ahead.

You meet the rest of the family at Crankys Café for breakfast. Afterwards you head over to Main Beach to watch the surf for a while before jumping in the car to head to your next destination.

Potoroo Palace is only a short, 5 minute drive away and the kids are excited to be able to get up close and personal with many native animals including kangaroos, emus, dingoes, bats and even a snake!

The smells coming from the Blue Wren Café were enough to get everyone's stomachs rumbling so it was only natural to stay for lunch! Being a Not for Profit, it made lunch taste even better knowing the funds would go back to helping the animals.

With full bellies you make your way back into town. After a walk up and down the main street perusing the local shops, you see a colorful building at the top of the hill beckoning. The kids have already noticed it, looks like the afternoon will be spent at Top Fun! Making precious memories together playing mini golf, bowling, and laser tag.

Club Sapphire is just down the road, and you decide to keep the family games going with some barefoot bowls before heading upstairs for some dinner in their Pacific Bistro. The bistro has something for the whole family. You enjoy a specially made cocktail using Gin distilled right here in Merimbula (Nine Circles Distillery) while dad enjoys a local ale (Longstocking Brewery)

Time to get back to your apartment and settle down for the evening. What a day!



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Day 3

You can already feel the warmth in the air when you wake up so you head to Bar Beach early to go for a swim. Thankfully Bar beach kiosk already has their coffee machine on. You have bought some snorkeling equipment from home and the whole family enjoys following the fish around the shallows. If you had forgotten the snorkels and flippers, Boss Outdoor, would have been able to help you with everything you need to enjoy a day out, in and under the water as well as on land. After all that swimming you make your way back into town to grab brunch at Goodenia Restaurant located inside Robyns Nest Lakeside Resort.

After brunch you decide it's time to see Merimbula from a different perspective. You drive out to the airport where you meet your pilot from Merimbula Air Services, who takes the family on an incredible scenic flight up and down the Sapphire Coast. From the air you can see the colors of the bright, iron filled red rock as it dissolves into the sapphire sea. Whales are playing up and down the coast as they make their way back down South with their calves. The kids can't believe their eyes!

It's still warm so you head over to Mitchies Jetty for a swim and a coffee. You hire some Stand Up Paddleboards and explore the lake; you can even see the fish swimming below! All this activity has made everyone starving so you bundle up the kids for a takeaway lunch from Wheelers Takeaway Café.

One last thing you know you want to see before you start the journey home is Bournda Lagoon, it's only a short drive north (approx 15 minutes) well worth it! The National Park opens up to a stunning water way filled with natural wildlife. You sit on the banks of the lagoon while the kids try to catch the small fish in the shallows. A couple of hours to just be.

The afternoon is coming to an end, so you start to prepare for the journey back to Canberra, on the way you purchase some fresh Oysters to take home with you from Merimbula Fresh Seafoods just another way to make the holiday last that little bit longer!

With so much left to explore you're already planning your next trip back, but for now...time to jump on the Snowy Mountains Highway and head home.