

PAMBULA FOUR-DAY ITINERARY

This four-day itinerary is suited to a family of four including two parents and two children between the ages of 4 and 16. Although I have specified that the family stays at the Discovery Park at Pambula Beach there is a good range of other accommodation available in Pambula:

Fairway Motor Inn fairwaymotorinn.com.au

Colonial Motor Inn colonialmotorinn.com.au

Idlewilde Town and Country Motor Inn idlewildemotorinn.com.au

Reflections Holiday Park reflectionsholidayparks.com.au

Plus a host of bed and breakfast options available through:

booking.com

wotif.com

airbnb.com.au

stayz.com.au

Day one:

Wake up in your award winning accommodation at **Discovery Park** Pambula Beach.

Bike ride 15 minutes along the bushland bike path into famous **Wild Rye's** bakery in Pambula Village for freshly baked breakfast and their own special blend of roasted coffee.

Ride back to Pambula Beach and enjoy a relaxing walk south along the coastal bush track past the stunning **Pambula River-mouth** to explore ancient Aboriginal middens, spot local lorikeets, cockatoos, lyrebirds, echidnas, wallabies and kangaroos, and snap photos of the crystal clear water and stark red rock faces.

Return to the River-mouth for a refreshing plunge and a serene float on the incoming tide and enjoy the nearby playground.

Devour a delicious family fish and chips lunch on the beach, purchased from **The Broken Oar** takeaway and restaurant at Pambula Beach.

Time to hit the beach for some lovely afternoon sunshine. The kids make castles and there's time for you to catch up on your book. Geographically Pambula is one of the first beaches heading north from Victoria that enjoys the warm Pacific Ocean waters, unlike the chilly seas of the Southern Ocean.

Back to your accommodation to freshen up before driving five minutes to the popular **Covington's Thai Restaurant** housed in the historic home of Charles Darwin's right-hand-man Syms Covington.

Day two:

The family drives into Pambula for a breakfast feast at **Toast Cafe** before we then divide and conquer!

A 'Me Day' is scheduled for one busy parent who now spends time browsing through the delightful boutique shops of Pambula checking out the local art, homewares, clothing and accessories before joining a local yoga class then enjoying a full body massage and facial at one of the many local providers.

The rest of the family takes a wander through the **Panboola Wetlands** to the bird hides where a vast range of beautiful and endangered birds can be spied. A friendly mob of kangaroos also calls these wetlands home. Then on to **Oaklands Barn** to visit the animal petting nursery for a pony ride.

The family meets up at **Oaklands Cafe** to enjoy lunch, washed down with one of the many tempting beers and ciders brewed on-site at **Longstocking Brewery** - also in the Oaklands precinct.

Kayaking along the **Yowaka River** - minutes out of Pambula - is lined up for the afternoon with gob-smacking scenery and old-fashioned rope swings to enjoy. A spot of hand-line fishing here will often reward you with fresh flathead and whiting.

Home to prepare for dinner at the bustling **Commercial Hotel** in the main street of Pambula. The steak is delicious, the staff are friendly and the local live music scene is cranking!

Day three:

After a quick at-home breakfast it's time for surfing and stand-up paddle lessons for three of the family with local provider **Coastlife**. You will be up and hanging-5 before you know it. Alternately the **Sapphire Aquatic Centre** in Pambula has three pools each catering to different swimmer's abilities, and includes a fun jet-park for toddlers.

The other parent has the morning booked in at the **Pambula/Merimbula Golf Course** where they will enjoy the 27-hole championship course along with the resident kangaroos who share the greens.

Lunch is at one of Pambula's finest food establishments - **Wheeler's Seafood Restaurant**, directly across the road from the golf course.

And to appreciate the effort that goes into producing some of the finest oysters in Australia join an informative and fun boat tour with local legend **Captain Sponges Magical Oyster Tours** on the Pambula River. Then purchase a couple of dozen from our very own **Broadwater Oyster** to enjoy later.

Take a bbq dinner down to the new, state-of-the-art all-access playground at Pambula Beach and enjoy the sun setting on another day in paradise.

Day four:

The Pambula Rotary Markets are on today. Time to soak up the friendly community spirit, stock up on homemade produce and enjoy the live music. Fun breakfast options can also be found here.

Walk through the village to admire the **Pambula Art Project's** fascinating large-scale, local art murals adorning the town's walls.

Visit **Pambula Candy Shop** and **Bianchini Gelati** for a quick treat before following the QR coded, self-guided **History Walking Tour** that takes you to over 20 local historic sites and gives you lots of captivating and sometimes hilarious stories from Pambula's past.

Pick up a quick walking lunch at any of the fabulous food providers in town and get ready for an afternoon of fun either checking out the mountain bike tracks through the surrounding Ben Boyd National Park, or trying your luck beach fishing on Pambula or neighbouring Lion's Beach.

Dinner is at **Banksia Restaurant** in the original historic bank in heart of Pambula. Their award-winning chef will blow you away.

This itinerary is just a taste of what Pambula has to offer.

There are five different church denominations for those looking for a local service.

There are locally facilitated art workshops during the winter months.

Regular events dot the calendar including the Ephemeral Festival, Village Vibes Christmas Community event, Pambula Show and more.

Live music features everywhere including cafes, pubs, restaurants and streets.

Dozens of sporting clubs and community advocate groups play and meet regularly.