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the Big Wave

Westernport Bay

Wildlife Coast Cruises

Cowes Jetty

Cowes was originally known as Mussel Rocks. In 1865 a government surveyor Henry Cox returned from a holiday retreat in England and named the town he surveyed after the seaport town of Cowes on the Isle of Wight England.

Mussel Rocks

Cowes Main Beach

Erewhon Point

Lovers Walk

Red Rocks Point

Boat Ramp

Yacht Club

Silverleaves

Golf Club

Golf Ranch

King George Whiting
Peak season:
November – April

Snapper
Peak season:
October – May

George Bass

Phillip Island was discovered by George Bass in January, 1798. He returned with Matthew Flinders, landing at Rhyll and named the island Snapper Island.

The island was eventually renamed after Sir Arthur Phillip, Governor of the First Fleet which sailed from England to Australia in 1788.

Matthew Flinders

Elephant Fish
Peak season:
March – May

Rhyll Inlet

Conservation Hill

RSL Club

Rhyll Trout & Bush Tucker Farm

Boat Ramp

Hire Boats

Rhyll Wetland

Cemetery

Oswin Roberts Koala Reserve

Grossard Point

Captain Grossard's dying wish was to be buried on a cliff near the sea after being accidentally shot in 1868.

Bottlenose Dolphins

Squid
Peak season:
April – October

Spur-Winged Plovers

Wildlife Park

Wedge-tailed Eagle

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Cape Barren Geese

Chicory roots were sliced and dried in these kilns then ground into a fine powder to make a caramelised essence which was commonly used as a cheap coffee substitute.

Chicory Kiln

Chicory root

Grand Prix Circuit

The local roads became the home of the first Australian Grand Prix for cars in 1928

Go Kart Track

Koala Conservation Centre

A Maze N Things

Sunset Strip

Smiths Beach

Surf Beach

Winery

Denne Bight

Long Point

Pleasant Point

McFees Road

Purple Hen

Swan Bay

Historical Homestead

The site of Victoria's first European settlement.

Churchill Island

Marina, Fishing Jetty & Boat Ramp

Chocolate Factory

Newhaven

Pelican Feeding

San Remo

Fish & Chips, Pub, Live Bands & Restaurants

Maru
Wildlife and Mini golf park
2.3km

Giant Stingrays

Originally know as Griffiths Point in 1888 the township was named San Remo after the resort town in Italy

Spew Hill

Old Granite Quarry Site

Magic Lands

State Fauna Reserve

The Pinnacles

Gull Island

Highest Point of Phillip Island

Shearwater Restaurant

Vietnam Veterans Museum

Helicopters

Cape Woolamai

Woolamai Rd

Beach Road

The Colonnades

Anzacs

Shearwater Migration
Arriving September
and depart mid April

Forrest Caves
Wind: N to NE
Tide: Mid
Swell: S to SW
Wave: L & R
Bottom: Sand

Woolamai
Wind: NE
Tide: All
Swell: S to SW
Wave: Left & Right
Bottom: Sand
Patrolled Beach

Surfies Point
Wind: N to NW
Tide: All
Swell: S to SE
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef

Surf Beach
Wind: N to NW
Tide: All
Swell: S to SE
Wave: L & R
Bottom: Sand

Express Point
Wind: NW
Tide: H
Swell: S to SW
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef

Sunderland Bay
Wind: N to NE
Tide: H
Swell: S
Wave: L
Bottom: Reef

Smiths Beach
Wind: N
Tide: M
Swell: S
Wave: L & R
Bottom: Sand
Patrolled Beach
(Summer only)

YCW Beach
Wind: N
Tide: M
Swell: S
Wave: L & R
Bottom: Sand

Pyramid Rock
Wind: NE
Tide: L
Swell: SW
Wave: R & L
Bottom: Sand

Berrys Beach
Wind: N
Tide: H
Swell: SW
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef & Sand

Redcliff Head

Storm Bay

Pyramid Rock Beach

Cunningham Bay

Wild Dog Bluff

Kennon Head

Watt Point

Helens Head

Phelans Bluff

Summerland Bay
Wind: NW
Tide: M to H
Swell: SW
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef & Sand

Kitty Miller Bay
Wind: NW
Tide: M to H
Swell: SW
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef

Wreck of S.S. Speke

Humpback Whales

Fur Seals

Seal Rocks

One and a half kilometres offshore from The Nobbies are Seal Rocks, Home to Australia's largest Australian Fur Seal colony.

2km

Silver Gull Rookery

Nobbies Centre

The Nobbies

The Blowhole

Penguin Parade

Swan Lake

Cowrie Beach

Flynns Reef
Wind: S to SE
Tide: M to H
Swell: W to SW
Wave: R
Bottom: Reef

Left Point
Wind: S to SW
Tide: M to H
Swell: W to SW
Wave: L
Bottom: Reef

Cat Bay - Right Pt
Wind: S to SE
Tide: M to H
Swell: SW to W
Wave: L
Bottom: Reef

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Bass Strait

Phillip Island Tourist Rd

Church Street

Settlement Road

Thompson Ave

Dunsmore Road

Coghlan Road

Cowes-Rhyll Road

Rhyll-Newhaven Road

Harbison Road

Ventnor Road

Ventnor Beach Road

Back Beach Road

Gap Road

Smiths Beach Road

Berrys Beach Road

Pyramid Rock Road

Watts Road

Kitty Miller Road

Grossard Pt Road

Justice Rd

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McKenzie Rd

Red Rocks Rd

Ventnor

Cowes

Rhyll

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Phillip Island is the summer destination of choice for over 50,000 visitors, who join the 7,000 permanent residents to experience the unique lifestyle that this very special corner of Victoria has to offer.

With Melbourne only about 80 minutes away by car the island is ideal for a day trip, but equally suited for a long stay. Crossing the kilometer long bridge the visitor enters a world of pristine beaches, peaceful walks and the chance to see everything from wallabies and koalas to seals and penguins.

Phillip Island is over twenty six kilometers long and nine kilometers wide, so it's no surprise that many visitors return again and again - there's just too much to see in one visit. Generations of the same families have learnt to swim, surf, explore and relax in and around the bays, beaches and towns.

Prior to the arrival of Europeans, the Bunurong people visited to fish and hunt, but permanent settlement only started in 1826, with chicory farming being the main activity. For many years the island was serviced by a ferry, until the first bridge was built in the 1940s bringing visitors and, in due course, the grand prix racing circuit. These days the Phillip Island townships are home to a mix of retirees and families, who share a vibrant community spirit and the sense that they live somewhere quite out of the ordinary.

Phillip Island is particularly known for the nightly Penguin Parade at Summerland Beach and for the high octane buzz of one of the world's top Grand Prix Tracks. But there is much, much more. Natural attractions such as beaches, bush, koalas, dolphins and pelicans, coexist comfortably with the petrol fumes of motorsport. And there are great family attractions, such as restaurants, wineries and golf. Also, don't forget Seal Rocks and Churchill Island. For music lovers there's the now famous Pyramid Rock Festival, held each year over the new year period.

No mention of Phillip Island would be complete without water sports. There are over one hundred kilometers of coastline with everything from pounding surf to sheltered bays suitable for young children and families. And there are plenty of places to fish, rock pools to explore and tracks to trek. Buy or hire surf boards and other equipment, or simply grab a towel and go lo-tech. There are several surf schools and a surfable wave is never usually more than ten minutes away.

Getting around is easy. Roads are rarely busy and cycling is popular, whether you're a lycra clad 'Cadel Evans' or a more sedate 'sit up and beg' rider. And when it's time to go there's a bus connection back to the real world, or a ferry to the peninsula where you'll find a train back to Melbourne.

Phillip Island creates memorable experiences. It's now time to explore and to discover what it can mean for you.

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