



Kilcunda

Invites you to breathe deep, slow down & discover more.

ITINERARY 2 DAYS/1 NIGHT

We acknowledge the Bunurong as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters of Kilcunda, and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the Lore.



Day 1

- 1 Pause at Phillip Island or 1 Inverloch Information Centre
- 2 Lunch at KGS Kilcunda cafe
- 3 Check in at Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park
- 4 Walk along the Bass Coast Rail Trail to Bourne Creek Trestle Bridge
- 5 Explore The Sticks Pods
- 6 Dinner at Udder & Hoe

Day 2

- 7 Wildlife Coast Cruise from San Remo or 7 George Bass Coastal Walk
- 8 Lunch at the Kilcunda Ocean View Hotel before driving home

KILCUNDA - A CLOSER LOOK



- 2 KGS Kilcunda
- 3 Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park
- 4 Bourne Creek Trestle Bridge
- 5 The Sticks
- 6 Udder & Hoe
- 8 Kilcunda Ocean View Hotel

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PLAN A PAUSE STOP

Make the most of the journey to Kilcunda with a **break at one of Victoria's TAC Pause Stop locations**. The TAC recommends drivers to **stop at least every two hours** to refresh and prevent fatigue.

If you're driving to Kilcunda from Melbourne, the **Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre** is a short detour over the bridge. Coming from the opposite direction? Stop in at the **Inverloch Visitor Information Centre**. From these locations, it will take you approximately 20 minutes to drive the most direct routes to Kilcunda. If you're driving from Inverloch, you might consider taking the popular **Bunurong Coastal Drive**. It will add 30 minutes of driving time to your journey, but the scenic vantage points are unique and spectacular. Be sure to stop at **Eagles Nest** Lookout for a great photo opportunity.



Photo credit: Destination Gippsland



Eagles Nest Photo credit: Rob Blackburn

If your drive is over two hours to Kilcunda, give the information staff a call on 1300 366 422, they can recommend the best places to take a break. You can also preplan where to stop using [TAC's interactive map](https://www.visitbasscoast.com.au/plan-your-trip/visitor-information-centres).

<https://www.visitbasscoast.com.au/plan-your-trip/visitor-information-centres>

<https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/pausestop>

[Bunurong Coastal Drive, Gippsland, Victoria, Australia](#)



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LUNCH AT KGS KILCUNDA

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As you drive into Kilcunda, park along the main street and grab lunch at KGS Kilcunda.

This retro feel cafe serves amazing espresso, and each dish is meticulously crafted from scratch, offering a warm welcome to the town.



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Try the fresh falafel pita or if you're still in a breakfast mood after your morning's journey, you can't go past the avocado breakfast, topped with delectable slow-roasted tomatoes and homemade hollandaise sauce. On weekends, they bake mouth-watering Portuguese tarts that are famous amongst locals.

<https://www.copperdoorkitchen.com/kgs>
Instagram @kgskilcunda

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CHECK IN FOR YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY

Drive across the road from KGS Kilcunda to your overnight accommodation at Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park.

Check into the Oceanview Cottage for an unforgettable stay. Perched high on a cliffside, this charming retreat offers sweeping panoramic views of Kilcunda Beach. Nestled beside a striking banksia tree, it's a tranquil haven that captures the essence of coastal simplicity and natural beauty.

There's a trail leading from the cliff down to the beach, and it's only a 300-metre walk to the main street. The property also conveniently backs onto the Kilcunda Skate and Play Space, as well as the Bass Coast Rail Trail, which connects to the George Bass Coastal Walk. The park offers a variety of accommodation options, with something for everyone.

[Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park](#)



From May to November, keep an eye on the horizon, you might spot Humpback and Southern Right Whales breaching and fin splashing as they migrate through the Bass Strait.

Learn more about these magnificent creatures and whale watching on the Bass Coast at www.visitphillipisland.com.au/see-do/nature-wildlife/whale-watching



Photo Credit: Island Whales

4 WALK TO KILCUNDA TRESTLE BRIDGE

1.5 km (30-minute) return walk from your accommodation.

Turn right outside Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park and start your walk along the Bass Coast Rail Trail to the iconic Bourne Creek Trestle Bridge. Built in 1911, this heritage-listed structure was once part of the Woolamai–Wonthaggi railway line until 1978. It's thought to be the most photographed attraction in Kilcunda and draws tourists from around the world. It has even been captured with the stunning Aurora Australis during periods of strong geomagnetic activity.

If you're feeling energetic and want to explore further, the rail trail continues along the rugged coastline all the way to Wonthaggi. It spans 21 km, making it a popular route for bike riding.

[Bass Coast Rail Trail | Bass Coast Shire](#)

[Kilcunda Trestle Railway Bridge, Attraction, Gippsland, Victoria, Australia](#)



Photo credit: Visit Victoria

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EXPLORE THE STICKS

Just across the road from your accommodation, **The Sticks** is a unique development in the centre of town, created by a group of locals in response to the growing tourism interest in Kilcunda. There are six interconnected pods, each home to different businesses and offerings.

If you're visiting in summer, look out for the yellow awning shading a charming vintage gelato cart—this is where you'll find **Licca Lucca's authentic Italian gelato**.

Handcrafted with locally sourced ingredients, it's the perfect sweet treat after a walk.

Depending on the day, you may also come across additional pop-up stores and live music that bring The Sticks' outdoor space to life. There's even a range of trendy merchandise stocked at the post office next to The Sticks, also available on their website.



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Before dinner, if you're in the mood for relaxation, enjoy a massage at **Sanctuary Kilcunda in Pod 2**, or freshen up your hair at **Hair Vision by Holly in Pod 4**. Be sure to visit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist **Safina Stewart in her studio gallery in Pod 3**—her artwork tells meaningful stories and is truly captivating in person.

<https://www.thestickskilcunda.com/>
Instagram @thestickskilcunda



Photo credit: Copper Door Studio

6 DINNER AT UDDER & HOE

For dinner, **Udder & Hoe** is a little slice of Italy that resides year-round in Pod 1 at *The Sticks*. This cosy space offers exquisite local produce, espresso, and a unique seasonal menu that evolves with the local harvest.



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After dinner, stroll back to your accommodation over the road, breathe in the salty ocean air and look up to catch a sky full of stars before turning in for the night.

[udder & hoe](#)

Instagram @udderandhoe



Photo credit: Claudia Tivendale

There's no better way to unwind than with their vino aperitivo by the fireplace, watching the sun set over the water.



7 DAY 2 - CRUISE OR WALK

Start your morning with coffee and breakfast at either KGS Kilcunda or Udder & Hoe, then choose your own adventure for the day.

Suggestion 1: Boast Cruise

If you love being out on the water, **Wildlife Coast Cruises** offers exceptional eco-accredited tours departing from the San Remo Jetty, just a 10-minute drive from Kilcunda. Their **1-hour Cape Woolamai Scenic Cruise** runs year-round at 10:45 am and highlights the area's dramatic granite cliffs, crystal-clear waters, and sweeping views back toward Kilcunda. You might even spot a seal or dolphin on this route. The cost of this cruise is \$45 for an adult.

[Cape Woolamai Cruise - Wildlife Coast Cruises](#)

During June, July, and August, you could opt for the **3-hour Dolphin & Whale Cruise**. This cruise offers the chance to see migrating Humpback and Southern Right Whales up close. Dolphins are regularly spotted alongside the bow of the boat, playing and swimming in the wake. Pre-booking is recommended as departure times vary. The cost of this cruise is \$130 for an adult.

[Dolphin & Whale Cruise - Wildlife Coast Cruises - Phillip Island - Victoria](#)

Suggestion 2: George Bass Coastal Walk

7km (4hours return from accommodation, tailor distance to your preference).

Prefer to stay on land? Take on the **George Bass Coastal Walk**, a stunning 7km trail stretching from Kilcunda to San Remo. Hugging the rugged coastline, the trail offers spectacular views and plenty of peaceful spots to pause and take in the scenery. Please take care, the ocean along this route is unsuitable for swimming.

[Beachsafe App](#) | [SLSA Beachsafe](#)

[George Bass Coastal Walk](#) | [Bass Coast Shire](#)

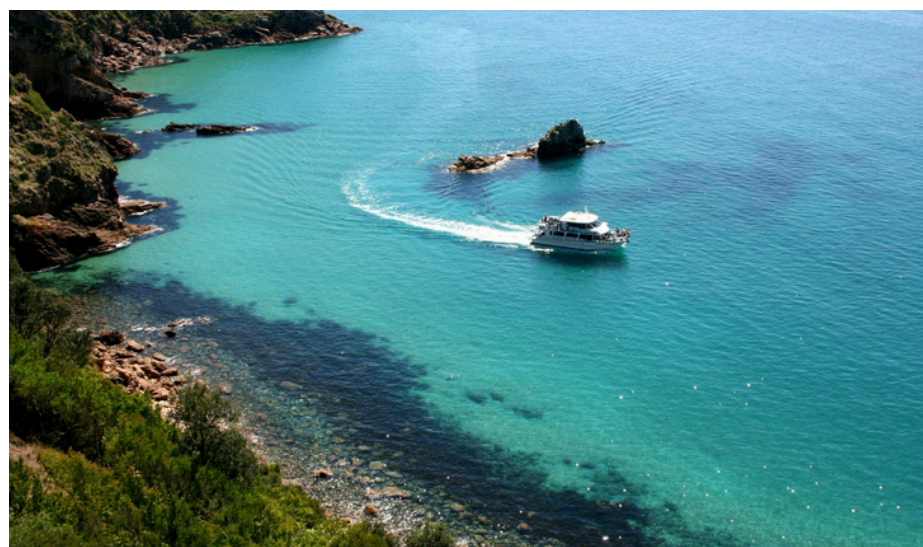


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Photo credit: Destination Phillip Island

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LUNCH AT KILCUNDA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL

After your morning's adventure, relax on the veranda at the '**Killy Hotel**' with 180-degree views of the ocean. Famous for its great meals, take your pick of seafood, pasta, vegetarian or vegan options. It's a perfect way to soak up your final moments in Kilcunda. After lunch, you might decide to stay around and enjoy the area or start your drive home.

<https://kilcundaoceanviewhotel.com.au/>



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THANK YOU

Thank you for exploring our Tiny Tourism Town. We hope your explorations have left you feeling inspired, connected to nature and refreshed.



Make sure you plan a pause stop on the drive home!

Plan your next trip

www.visitbasscoast.com

[Phillip Island and Bass Coast official tourism website](#) | [Visit Bass Coast - Kilcunda and Surrounds](#)

[Instagram @visitbasscoast](#)