

Merimbula

Highlight Reel

Welcome to Merimbula, a coastal gem on the Sapphire Coast of New South Wales, where pristine beaches, stunning landscapes, and incredible local flavours await. If you've only got one day to explore, don't worry—we've crafted the perfect itinerary to ensure you experience the very best of Merimbula.

From breathtaking coastal walks and encounters with marine life to fresh seafood, boutique shopping, and relaxed waterside dining, this itinerary will immerse you in the town's natural beauty and laid-back charm. Whether you're an adventurer, a foodie, or simply looking to unwind by the water, Merimbula has something special for you.

Get ready for a day of unforgettable moments in this stunning seaside destination!



Breathe in, Feel new

8:00 AM – Coffee & Breakfast at Waterfront Café

Start your day with a relaxed breakfast at Waterfront Café, a local favourite with stunning lake views. Enjoy a barista-made coffee and a delicious meal featuring fresh, local produce—perhaps the smashed avo with feta or fluffy pancakes.

9:00 AM – Stroll the Merimbula Boardwalk

After breakfast, take a leisurely walk along the Merimbula Boardwalk, a scenic 3.4km return track that winds through mangroves and along the edge of Merimbula Lake. The calm waters often reflect the sky beautifully, and if you're lucky, you might spot stingrays or fish swimming below.

10:00 AM – Relax at Bar Beach

Next, head to Bar Beach, a sheltered spot perfect for a swim or snorkel. The crystal-clear water and gentle waves make it ideal for a refreshing dip, and the beachside kiosk is great for a mid-morning coffee or smoothie.

11:30 AM – Visit Mitchies Jetty

A short drive away, Mitchies Jetty is an iconic Merimbula spot. Here, you can take in the colourful boats, watch paddleboarders glide across the water, or even hire a kayak or stand-up paddleboard yourself. If you're in the mood for a light snack, the jetty café serves great coffee and homemade treats.

12:30 PM – Browse the Shops in Town

Spend some time wandering through Merimbulas' boutique shops, where you'll find coastal homewares, locally made fashion, unique gifts, and artisan products. Be sure to check out Ivy Lane Collective for stylish homewares and Boardwalk Books for a good holiday read.

1:30 PM – Lunch at The Lakeview Hotel

Return to the Waterfront Café for lunch, where you can enjoy a relaxed meal overlooking the lake. Fresh seafood is a must—try the seafood linguine or the local oysters paired with a crisp white wine.

2:30 PM – Short Scenic Drive to Short Point

After lunch, take a quick drive to Short Point, one of Merimbulas' most spectacular coastal lookouts. Park the car and take a short walk along the headland, where you'll be treated to breathtaking ocean views. If you're visiting between May and November, keep an eye out for migrating whales!

3:00 PM – Final Stop: Treat yourself with some takeaway Oysters

Before wrapping up your day, stop by Merimbula Seafoods in Beach street, for a local Oyster to take home or enjoy by the lake. Spend the next hour walking along the lake towards Spencer Park and back watching the seals and pelicans play in the crystal water.

4:00 PM – Farewell Merimbula

As your day comes to an end, take one last deep breath of the fresh coastal air before heading off. You've explored the best of Merimbulas' nature, food, and charm—all in just one day!