

SAPPHIRE COAST

NSW

A natural fit for your next
event



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Whether you choose to host a corporate event or conference, shine a light on your product offering or to simply reenergise your team, we guarantee our unique location with its pristine waters, natural wonders and connection with all that's wild and wonderful, will free your mind and deliver outcomes that other locations can only dream about.

This picture-postcard pocket in the deep NSW South Coast has long been a secret playground for those in the know. Our beautiful bays, crystal clear inlets, white sandy beaches fringed by sculpted headlands and untouched wilderness, provide a refreshing escape from events held in congested, urban environments.

To add to the natural beauty, this is an ancient, spiritual land where the original Indigenous inhabitants plied the coastline for over 10,000 years. Their shellfish middens still line the same coastline and inlets where oysters, mussels and a host of abundant delicacies are enjoyed to this very day.

Best of all, your team will be able to enjoy all these natural wonders without having to deal with anything like a crowd. This is without doubt one of the Sapphire Coast's greatest attractions.

OPEN SPACES. OPEN MINDS.

Harvard physician Dr. Eva M. Selhub, co-author of *Your Brain on Nature*, explains 'nature acts like a powerful stimulant that rewards neurons in your brain. Additionally, it turns off natural stress sensors allowing access to higher brain centres. Countless studies show spending time in nature can reduce stress, boost energy levels, increase productivity, creativity and improve overall wellbeing and happiness.'

We're pretty sure these are the attributes and outcomes all event organisers look for when searching for the right solution.





MEET IN THE MIDDLE

There's a liberating sense of being miles from anywhere but surprisingly, The Sapphire Coast is perfectly positioned midway between Melbourne and Sydney and our nation's capital is a short 3-hour drive away making it a central hub for south-eastern Australia's major population centres.

Daily flights from Melbourne & Sydney via both Qantas and Rex Airlines mean your delegates can be sitting back in their accommodation, taking in the Pacific Ocean views within 2-hours of leaving the big smoke behind.

Nestled on the far south coast of NSW, our expansive region incorporates over 1.5 million acres of untouched coastal wilderness. National Parks make up 70% of the total area. There are over 100 beaches to choose from and 400 kilometres of sparkling estuarine waterways to explore.

Bermagui's Blue Pool, Merimbula's Bar Beach, Pambula River-Mouth and Nelson lagoon deserve special mention for their unique and breathtaking beauty. Whatever experience you choose for your team, they'll encounter friendly, engaging locals and venue owners because hospitality for them is simply second nature.



	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE	CANBERRA
DRIVE TIME	6 hours	7 hours	3 hours
FLY TIME	1.1 hours	1.1 hours	n/a
WEEKLY FLIGHTS	10 / week	7 / week	n/a



YOU'LL WARM TO OUR CLIMATE

On the Sapphire Coast, warm to mild temperatures are the norm with weather extremes being the exception. Our summers aren't oppressively hot. Most days sit around 30°C with average temperatures between 24°C and 16°C. The nights are balmy and the water warm. Summer fades into pleasant autumns and mild winters with about 10-hours of daylight a day. Waters stay warm right through to autumn, a welcome gift from the famous east Australian current. Winter temperatures range from a minimum of 7°C to an average high of 17°C. Whatever the season your event won't be hampered by blistering heat nor uncomfortable cold.



WE'RE VERY ACCOMMODATING

The Sapphire Coast's renowned hospitality and accommodating nature can be found in a host of options. Beachfront resorts, boutique glamping experiences or self-contained apartments overlooking pristine lakes and waterways are all there to be enjoyed. If your team want to 'live by the side of the sea' temporarily, there's even a lighthouse keeper's cottage perched high atop a headland where they can curl up in and contemplate their surrounds.

CONFERENCE, EVENT OR MEETING ANYONE?

The Sapphire Coast is unique place to host small to medium sized events and accordingly we have a wide range of unique venues to choose from. From **corporate auditoriums and converted barns to stunning clifftop boardrooms with ocean views, we offer a broad range of venues**, and the laid-back coastal feel we're famous for comes free of charge.

Choose a spacious beachside resort, a converted wharf building perched above the Pacific or an intimate bush retreat in our untouched hinterland. Or you may prefer the various sporting venues like the Bermagui Country Club, Merimbula's Club Sapphire or even one of our friendly Surf Life Saving clubs situated right on the beach. If an off-the-rack solution doesn't suit, take advantage of our venues readiness to tailor solutions to fit your needs regardless of your event or endeavour.

THE ALLURE OF AN OPEN-AIR EVENT.

If you're thinking of bringing an open-air event to our region, you've come to the right place. The Sapphire Coast has space and lots of it. There are imposing agricultural showground complexes, expansive headlands, big, beautiful parks as well as lake and ocean foreshores, offering significant capacity rates from 2,000 to 4,000. Contact Bega Valley Shire Council for more details on these public spaces for hire.

For more information visit www.scdm.net.au/events

With over 90 providers with star ratings of 3.5 and above, sleeping between 8 and 80, the possibilities are near endless.





ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND TEAM MOTIVATION

If you're looking for a little motivation, the Sapphire Coast is a haven for entrepreneurs, artists and innovators. This is a place made to motivate and exposing your team to their innumerable talents and influences can make a world of difference to your event outcomes. Better still, it all happens in an environment highly conducive to new experiences and accelerated. Maybe it's just the sea air but taking things in here is as easy as a stroll on the beach on a crisp Sapphire Coast morning.

This is an adventure playground without rival. All you have to do is choose one for the team and the Sapphire Coast will do the rest.

Whether it be land, sea or somewhere in between -- a wide range of unforgettable bespoke experiences await.

With over 100 beaches on offer there's no shortage of exhilarating waters sports like sea-kayaking, surfing, paddling a SUP, snorkelling or maybe take a leisurely dip in the Pacific's crystal-clear waters. If you love to fish, this coast's famous for it. All of these can be accessed through group bookings and the sense of camaraderie achieved by an event on the water can't be overstated.

If you decide on something land-based, you've got e-Bike tours, long and short nature walks, brewery tours, yoga on the beach and a host of other options too numerous to mention.

For a complete list of bookable experiences

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Magical Oyster Tours

For those that really want get out amongst it, book your team on Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour. You'll motor out to the leases on a oyster punt, eat oysters straight from the water and get a crash course in oyster husbandry in the process. And did we mention that it's an absolutely stunning way to see the best of Pambula Lake, one of our most stunning waterways



Marine Discovery Cruise

Spot dolphins, fur seals, a variety of bird life and whales during Sept-Nov as you explore the magnificent, ancient coastline of the Sapphire Coast aboard a marine discovery cruise. Cruises depart from Eden and Merimbula all throughout Summer and you can choose from bbq lunch cruises, sunset cruises or cruise designed just for your team.



Guided Coastal Wilderness Experiences

Explore the stunning rivers, lagoons and beaches of the Sapphire Coast NSW by kayak, discover famous wilderness oysters grown naturally in pristine estuaries surrounded by nature, and cycle winding nature trails in our national parks by E-Bike. Our coastal wilderness experiences take in the best of Sapphire Coast nature, national parks, local produce and adventure. Half-day and full-day guided tours are available.



DINING OUT. LET NATURE TAKE ITS **COURSE**

The Sapphire Coast's relationship with land and sea delivers an abundance of fresh produce to deliver a team dining experience like no other. Sydney Rock Oysters, Eden Mussels, Tilba cheeses and locally caught fish are just some of the culinary highlights discerning diners can savour as they take in the magnificent views offered by the restaurants and cafes dotted along the coast.

If you want to explore the source of the region's renowned delicacies, take the team on an estuary tour and learn about Oyster farming or head into the hinterland and visit some of the region's renowned dairy producers. Wherever you decide to go on the Sapphire Coast you'll find a myriad of dining experiences from friendly cafes to fine restaurants and everything in between.

CUSTOM CATERING

Custom catering services are available across the entire region. Our talented chefs and providores can tailor menus to meet your event needs within corporate venues, private locations and of course, experiencing our stunning outdoor locations. Cliff top picnic for 50 anyone?

To explore all our unique restaurants, cafes, breweries, wineries and distilleries

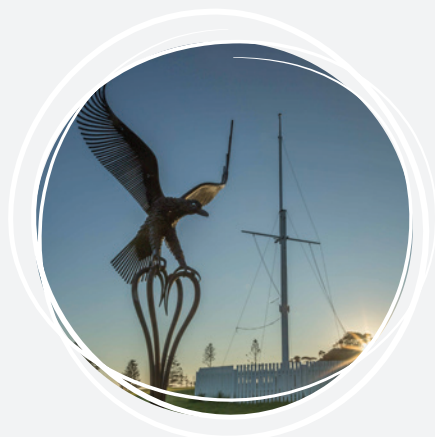
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MAKE YOUR EVENT EVEN MORE **EVENTFUL**

The combination of unspoiled wilderness, coastal beauty, and festive nature contribute to make our year round major events quite unique. So, why not time your event with one of ours and get even further into the Sapphire Coast groove.



SCULPTURE BERMAGUI MARCH

An annual sculpture exhibition hosted within Bermagui's stunning landscape. It features leading artists' works from the region and beyond with works of outstanding artistic merit.



EAT FESTIVAL MARCH

The Sapphire Coast's premier food festival. A calendar highlight, it brings people together to celebrate local chefs, cooks and their mastery of the renowned local produce.



MERIMBULA JAZZ FESTIVAL JUNE

Lovers of Jazz adore this seaside festival, celebrating music featuring hundreds of musicians and performers over 3-days.



TATHRA MTB ENDURO JUNE

A mountain biking odyssey. One of the few MTB events nationally where riders can experience coastal riding within a classic bush setting.



GIIYONG FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER

An award-winning celebration of indigenous culture.



EDEN WHALE FESTIVAL OCTOBER

This annual event highlights the incredible southern migration of 25,000 plus humpback whales, their calves along with other species.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

To learn more about hosting events on the Sapphire Coast, we suggest you start with the experts. To get the lo down from one of the locals and ask a hundred questions about your hosting your event, contact:



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EVENT ORGANISATION

If you like the look of the Sapphire Coast but want to hand your event's organisation over to a pro, contact our locally based Event Experts.

From an intimate gathering to a large group, they can design and fully customise your event and provide a full of range of services to support its successful delivery.



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