



Where to go berry picking in Australia

Money doesn't grow on trees, but berries grow on vines and that's close enough for us. Pack a car with your favourite people, take a leisurely drive outside the city borders and pay a visit to some of Australia's most beautiful (and delicious) fruit farms.

From cherries and strawberries to boysenberries and blueberries, the summer down under is ripe with juicy berries on sprawling vines – all open to the public for ridiculously affordable prices and unrivalled quality. Here are our top picks for berry picking all across the country:

Strawberry picking in Queensland

The warmer seaside scenes of Queensland are home to some of the country's most prolific strawberry crops. Pack a picnic and head out to

McMartin's Strawberry Farm near the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, where you can harvest your own little horde of juicy berries before treating yourself to homemade strawberry ice cream and a range of jams. The Berry Patch (Chambers Flats) and Strawberry Fields (Palmview) are other well-known strawberry-filled destinations in the area.

Blueberry picking Victoria

On the way to the old gold mining towns of regional Victoria (like Ballarat) lies one of the state's oldest blueberry farms, established way back in 1982 and home to 6 different varieties of blueberry. <u>Buninyong Blueberry Farm</u> uses no sprays on their berries and their gates are open to the public from late January. A must-visit!

Berry picking in New South Wales

Pack your family in a car and travel about 90min out of Sydney towards to the South West: an entire world of berries awaits. At Montrose Berry Farm, you can pick blueberries, raspberries, loganberries, boysenberries, red currants and more, following by delicious pies and treats at the shop. You can even stay the night in the cutest berry farm cottage we've ever seen.

Berry picking in South Australia

While South Australia is definitely well-known for their bountiful grape harvests, and subsequent wineries, from November until April each year you can pick your own strawberries (and cherries for stone fruit lovers!) from a number of farms. Beerenberg Family Farm is just a short walk from Hahndorf off the South eastern Freeway, with bounties of fresh strawberries to pick yourself. Be sure to check the website before visiting to ensure the patch is open!

Blackberry picking in Western Australia

Follow the signs along the Scotsdale Scenic drive from Denmark (the town, not the country) and you'll discover a treasure trove of fresh, ripe berries at Denmark Berry Farm. Pick your own raspberries and blackberries or purchase some of their delicious ice creams, jams and vinegars. Bring a picnic and have a fun day out the whole family will enjoy.

Berry picking in Tasmania

When visiting the top end of Tasmania, a trip to Turners Beach is a necessity. The small town offers access to some of Australia's most beautiful nature walks and experiences, but it is the <u>Turner Beach Berry</u> Farm that is the biggest attraction. Ramble through the brambles and pick strawberries, raspberries, tayberries and black berries, then head to the onsite café to enjoy a delicious lunch.

What about the Northern Territory?

Sadly, the climate just isn't right to grow berries in the Northern Territory. However, depending on the season, you may be able to pick your own mangoes, melons or citrus fruits.