



# TRADE MANUAL



LINKING FOUR  
EXTRAORDINARY  
REGIONS

-  YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES
-  PHILLIP ISLAND
-  MORNINGTON PENINSULA
-  GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

**VICTORIA**  
EVERY BIT DIFFERENT





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**Opposite:** Coombe Yarra Valley Winery, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges  
**1.** Warburton, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges  
**2.** Phillip Island Penguin Parade - Ultimate Adventure Tour  
**3.** Western Beach, Geelong Waterfront  
**4.** Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park, Pearcedale





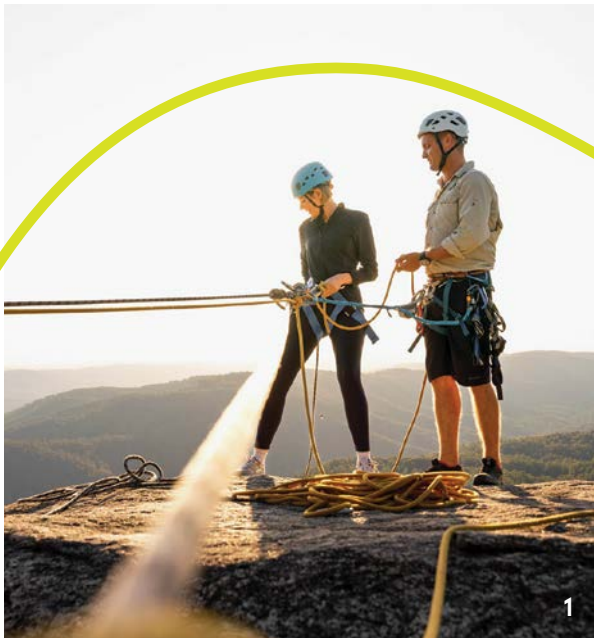


Welcome to

# GO BEYOND MELBOURNE



Melbourne is a magical city. But Go Beyond Melbourne and you'll discover the pure alchemy of four extraordinary regions. Travelling between them is simply effortless – and what you discover along the way will stay with you forever.



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## A WORLD OF CONTRASTS

The Yarra Valley and the Dandenong Ranges, Phillip Island, the Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and The Bellarine. Four very different regions, four totally different experiences, which you'll only fully discover when you spend a few days beyond the city.

You can travel effortlessly from mist-wreathed mountain forests to perfect white sandy bays in just 90 minutes. From floating over Yarra Valley vineyards in a hot air balloon at dawn to watching Phillip Island's penguins waddle up the beach that evening.

From riding the 100-year old Puffing Billy train through the Dandenongs or searching for platypus at Healesville Sanctuary, to go-karting a scale replica Grand Prix Circuit or a lantern-lit wildlife tour – in the same day, without missing a beat.

**Opposite:** Flinders foreshore, Mornington Peninsula  
1. Wild Adventures Melbourne, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges  
2. Indented Head and St Leonards, The Bellarine  
3. Hot air ballooning over the Yarra Valley

Explore historic villages on the Mornington Peninsula, then cruise by ferry across Port Phillip Bay to Queenscliff and explore the Bellarine Taste Trail. The next day, join Sea All Dolphin Swims for a close encounter with marine life or take a delicious gastronomic journey aboard the Q Train.

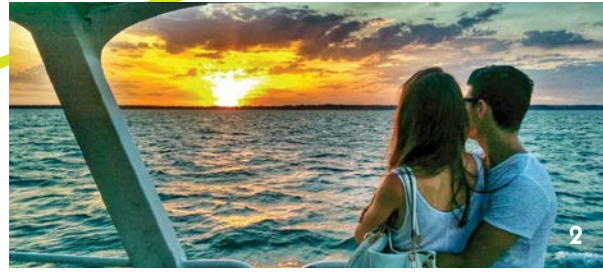
No wasting time returning to the city in peak hour traffic each night. Simply motor on to your next destination (in about 90 minutes) and relax in accommodation you simply can't experience in the city: vineyard estates, historic mansions, peaceful country retreats, luxury seaside apartments, romantic B&Bs.

## INSPIRATION, TOOLS, ITINERARIES

We're here to help plan an itinerary that perfectly suits every lifestyle: food and wine indulgences, family fun, romantic and wildlife. You'll find inspiring, customised itineraries in this manual.

Within each itinerary are activities to surprise and delight: get up at dawn for wildlife spotting or hot air ballooning, take an evening lantern-lit tour of rare and endangered species, or star gaze from a thermal pool.





## TOP TIPS FOR ITINERARY PLANNING

Some sights are only seen in the early morning, early evening or at night. So you may be best to make a really early start on some days, to catch wildlife feeding in its natural habitat, go hot air ballooning or watch sunrise over breakfast.

When the sun is going down, you could take a sunset champagne cruise, watch the famous little penguins on Phillip Island, or stargaze from a naturally heated mineral water pool.

### EARLY MORNING

If you're up with birds each morning, you're also up with a lot of other native wildlife, such as kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and echidnas.

Best spots to watch them include: Greens Bush on the Mornington Peninsula, the You Yangs Precinct on the Bellarine Peninsula and the Eastern Sherbrooke Forest Walk in the Dandenongs for the beautiful but elusive lyrebirds.

Early morning is also THE time to go hot air ballooning in the Yarra Valley, drifting over vineyards and farmlands at dawn before a champagne breakfast.

If you're on the Mornington Peninsula or the Bellarine Peninsula, early morning is the perfect time to take a dolphin cruise.

### LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Head for the peaceful Yarra River banks at Warburton to spot native platypus playing in the river in the late afternoon.

In the evening there's the celebrated Penguin Parade on Phillip Island, when hundreds of little penguins waddle from the sea to their burrows. From mid-April to early

May 300,000 shearwater chicks make a spectacular sunset departure to fly 16,000 km from Phillip Island to feed near Alaska in the northern summer.

Also on Phillip Island, Wildlife Coast Cruises have leisurely twilight bay cruises through the sheltered waters of Western Port Bay. Sip a drink from the bar and watch the towns light up around the bay as the sun sets. At the Mornington Peninsula's Moonlit Sanctuary, lantern-lit tours revealing rare and endangered nocturnal species give a whole new meaning to nightlife.

And if you're up in the Dandenong Ranges, take a dinner excursion on the vintage Puffing Billy train, then head for Mt Dandenong and the extraordinary views of Melbourne's night lights.

Near Geelong, The Q Train makes delicious dinner trips with local produce featuring on the menu.

### STARGAZING

No city lights, just pure, clear country air and a vast canopy of stars in the southern skies. Lie back in the naturally heated mineral water pools at Peninsula Hot Springs or Alba Thermal Springs on the Mornington Peninsula and look for shooting stars; walk under the star-studded sky at Cowes, Newhaven, Rhyll or San Remo on Phillip Island.

On the Bellarine Peninsula, head right to the end of Point Lonsdale Jetty, to The Bluff at Barwon Heads or the hills around Portarlington for stargazing.

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Go Beyond Melbourne (GBM) is a new touring partnership created to provide inspiration and tools for planning a multi-day tour around four extraordinary regions - each within 90 minutes of Melbourne.

GBM will help you create inspiring and memorable journeys to take your visitors beyond the city centre on a personalised road trip. Just check the customised itineraries starting on page 26.

1. Alba Thermal Springs & Spa, Mornington Peninsula
2. Wildlife Coast Cruises, Phillip Island
3. Penguin Parade, Phillip Island





**YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

In the Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges, spend daybreak hot air balloon gliding over mist-tinged vineyards, then ride a heritage train through lush fern-filled forests or get close-up to native creatures at Healesville Sanctuary. Round out the stay with cellar door drop-ins at some of Australia’s most famous wineries before heading to a romantic luxury retreat for the night.

**PHILLIP ISLAND**

On Phillip Island, thrill to world class motorsport action, breakfast at seaside village cafés and cruise out to Seal Rocks for a fur seal meet-up. Amble a coastal nature walk then get centre stage for the nightly show, when the little penguins splash out of the sea and waddle up the beach to their burrows.

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

Mornington Peninsula is a land of abundance; of farmgate trails, cellar doors and chef’s hatted restaurants. Of bubbling thermal hot springs and lantern-lit after-dark wildlife adventures. Dive with the dolphins, swim with the seals and golf like no one’s watching. Follow the wine, food and farmgate trail then settle into a seaside apartment and drift off to a natural sound of the crashing waves.

**GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

In Geelong & The Bellarine, do a twirl on an 1890s carousel and promenade along Geelong’s glittering waterfront built for the ages. Gather the family for a rockpool ramble on a Bellarine beach, then visit the National Wool Museum and learn about the Geelong region’s wool story. Head north to the You Yangs Regional Park for bushwalking, magnificent views and Australian native wildlife spotting. Board a refurbished dining car for a dégustation rail journey between Drysdale and Queenscliff.

- 1. Searoad Ferries, Mornington Peninsula
- 2. Waterfront Geelong
- 3. Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges, bushwalking





Getting here

# & GETTING AROUND

## EASY TO REACH, EASY TO TRAVEL

So easy to access and so much to enjoy! Reach Melbourne from anywhere in the world, then effortlessly connect to our four extraordinary Go Beyond Melbourne regions.

### BY AIR

**Melbourne International Airport** – an hour away from either Geelong or the Yarra Valley.

**Avalon Airport** – 20 minutes from Geelong, and links with Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast via Jetstar.

Pick up a **rental car** at either airport or take the **SkyBus** from Avalon into Geelong or from Melbourne Airport into the city.

[www.skybus.com.au](http://www.skybus.com.au)

### BY ROAD FROM INTERSTATE

Link effortlessly via the Great Ocean Road from Adelaide, or via the Sydney to Melbourne Coastal drive.

### FROM MELBOURNE

Road trip the circuit – just an hour's drive to the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges, 90 minutes on to Phillip Island, another 90 minutes to Mornington Peninsula, a 40 minute ferry cruise to Geelong & The Bellarine and then an hour into Melbourne city. Or, do it all in reverse! Alternatively check our website to find a tour company to take care of the driving for you:

[www.gobeyondmelbourne.com](http://www.gobeyondmelbourne.com)

### ONCE YOU'RE HERE

Major freeways / tollways link the regions. Pay any tolls online up to three days after your road trip.

[www.citylink.com.au](http://www.citylink.com.au)

### MARVELLOUS MOTORHOMES

Feel the freedom when you tour in a motorhome or campervan. Hire in Melbourne or any other city, explore our region and stop overnight as you please. Impromptu holidays are often the very best!

### FERRY LINKS

**Searoad Ferries (p71)** depart daily on the hour (7am-6pm) from Sorrento Pier (Mornington Peninsula) and Queenscliff Harbour (The Bellarine) all year round. Foot passengers, cars, motorhomes and coaches.

[www.searoad.com.au](http://www.searoad.com.au)

**Port Phillip Ferries (p70)** offer a daily foot passenger services from Melbourne Docklands to both the seaside village of Portarlington on the Bellarine and the waterfront city of Geelong

[www.portphillipferries.com.au](http://www.portphillipferries.com.au)

**Western Port Ferries** depart daily from Stony Point (Mornington Peninsula) to French Island and Phillip Island. Carries foot passengers and bicycles only.

[westernportferries.com.au](http://westernportferries.com.au)

### BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT (FROM MELBOURNE)

**Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges** – Metro train to Lilydale, Upper Ferntree Gully, Belgrave or Hurstbridge. Coach services run between towns and villages in the region.

**Mornington Peninsula** – Trains depart all Melbourne CBD stations for Frankston every 10-15 minutes. Coach services run between Port Phillip Bay coastal towns in the region. V/line train runs from Frankston to Stony Point.

**Geelong** – V/line trains run regularly between Melbourne's Southern Cross Station and Geelong. Coaches link train services to towns on The Bellarine.

**Phillip Island** – V/Line coach from Melbourne runs daily.

*\*Information and timetables via [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)*





# SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

## SMALL GROUP & PRIVATE TOURING

A self-drive holiday is the best way to explore at leisure and create an itinerary where every stop is one you really want to make. But driving in a new country (and sometimes on the other side of the road) can be tiring. So we've put together information on small group and private touring in all four of our regions.

A fantastic choice of tours enables you to take a day or half day off driving, sit back and relax. A local expert can create a memorable private tour, or take you behind the scenes on an authentic small group excursion to meet the locals. Some operators enable overnight stops in regions, and others connect one or more regions.

Check out the operators below...they offer discovery tours, wine and food, wildlife including the famous Penguin Parade, a combination of French Island and Phillip Island, hot springs, and more.

Some of these tour operators can also cater for larger groups and incentive delegates on request.



### Explore Australia Tours (p59)

**Tours:** Phillip Island/French Island, Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and Bellarine. Food, wine, exploring, hot springs. Private tours, small groups 11-21. **Pickup/drop off:** Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and Melbourne.



**Great Private Tours (p69)** Go Beyond Melbourne your way! Private and small group luxury tours: food and wine, helicopters and light planes, hot springs and family-friendly tours, wildlife encounters. Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Yarra Valley, Phillip Island.



**Local Way Tours (p53)** Explore like a local on memorable small group day tours. All-inclusive journeys with food, wine and wildlife experiences to 'must-visit' destinations near Melbourne. Great fun, deep engagement with top guides travelling on deluxe midi-coaches.



### Naturaliste Tours (p62)

**Tours:** Tiny French Island, 4WD to hidden spots, wildlife encounters, farm, winery or provedore. Private, small group, max 11. **Pickup/drop off:** Mornington Peninsula or Phillip Island via ferry, overnight stays optional.



### Wild Adventures Melbourne (p67)

Come on an incredible eco-adventure. Mountain biking, bushwalking, snorkelling or standup paddle boarding, then visit a sustainable winery, hot springs or book an adventure picnic.



**Your Exclusive Tours (p52)** What's your dream itinerary? Wineries, breweries, distilleries, fresh produce, cheese, chocolates, fine dining, hot air ballooning, Australian wildlife? Done! Travel in luxury Mercedes Benzes to any Go Beyond Melbourne region.



# GO BEYOND MELB AND URNE



MELBOURNE AIRPORT

MELBOURNE

Kangaroo Ground

Ringwood

Altona

Point Cook

Werribee

Little River

The You Yangs Regional Park

Lara

AVALON AIRPORT

Corio Bay

GEELONG

BELLARINE PENINSULA

PORT PHILLIP BAY

Frankston

Portarlington

St Leonards

Mt. Eliza

Leopold

Drysdale

Mornington

Baxter

Pearcedale

Barwon Heads

Ocean Grove

Point Lonsdale

Queenscliff

Mount Martha

Tyabb

Somerville

Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park

Point Nepean

Portsea

Sorrento

Safety Beach

Red Hill

Hastings

Rye

Dromana

Rosebud

Arthurs Seat State Park

Balnarring

Somers

MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Mornington Peninsula National Park

Shoreham

Cowes

PHILLIP ISLAND

Flinders

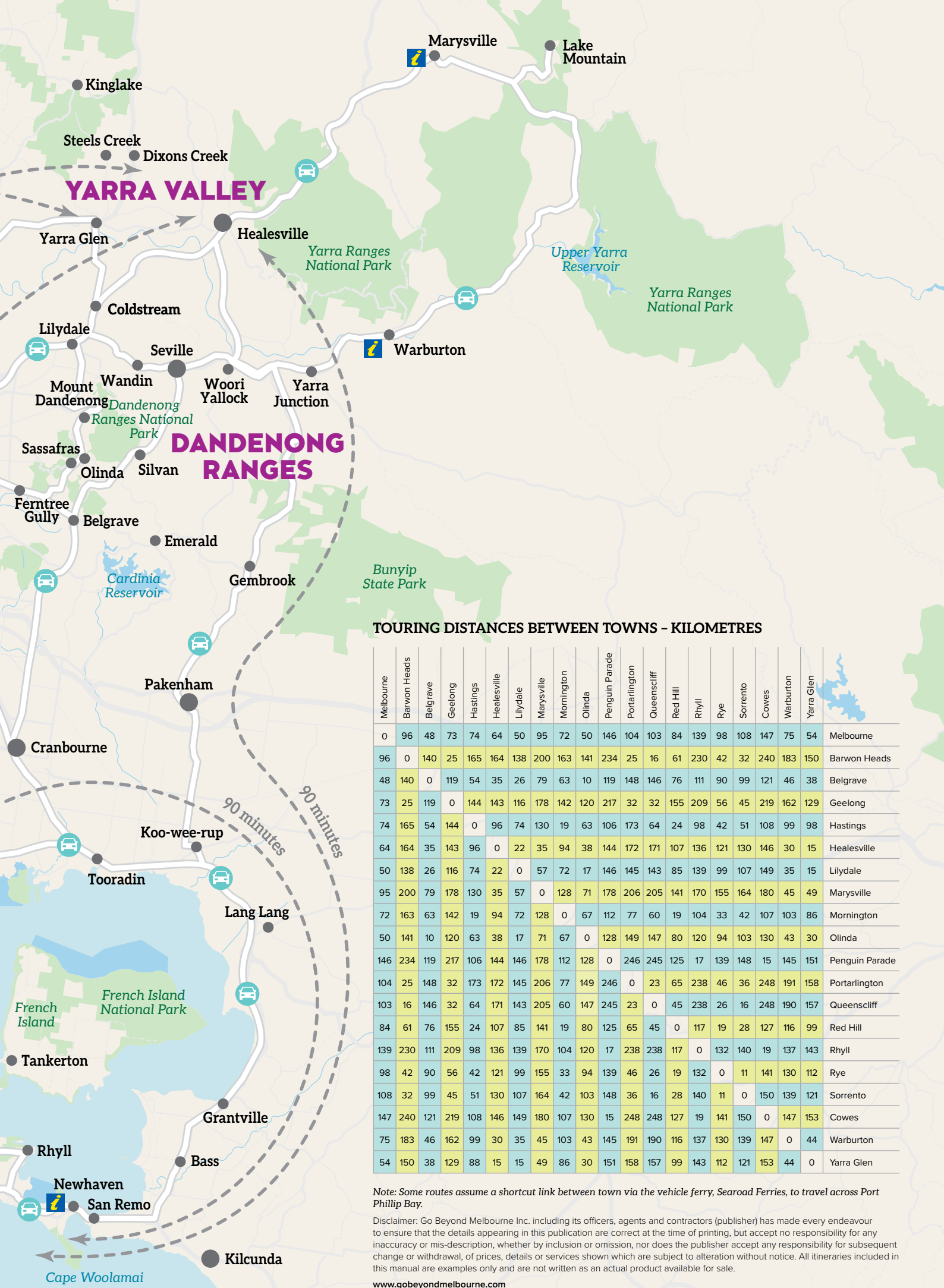
The Nobbies Nature Park

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Cape Schanck





**TOURING DISTANCES BETWEEN TOWNS - KILOMETRES**

	Melbourne	Barwon Heads	Belgrave	Geelong	Hastings	Healesville	Lilydale	Marysville	Mornington	Olinda	Penguin Parade	Portarlington	Queenscliff	Red Hill	Rhyll	Rye	Sorrento	Cowes	Warburton	Yarra Glen
0	96	48	73	74	64	50	95	72	50	146	104	103	84	139	98	108	147	75	54	Melbourne
96	0	140	25	165	164	138	200	163	141	234	25	16	61	230	42	32	240	183	150	Barwon Heads
48	140	0	119	54	35	26	79	63	10	119	148	146	76	111	90	99	121	46	38	Belgrave
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74	165	54	144	0	96	74	130	19	63	106	173	64	24	98	42	51	108	99	98	Hastings
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146	234	119	217	106	144	146	178	112	128	0	246	245	125	17	139	148	15	145	151	Penguin Parade
104	25	148	32	173	172	145	206	77	149	246	0	23	65	238	46	36	248	191	158	Portarlington
103	16	146	32	64	171	143	205	60	147	245	23	0	45	238	26	16	248	190	157	Queenscliff
84	61	76	155	24	107	85	141	19	80	125	65	45	0	117	19	28	127	116	99	Red Hill
139	230	111	209	98	136	139	170	104	120	17	238	238	117	0	132	140	19	137	143	Rhyll
98	42	90	56	42	121	99	155	33	94	139	46	26	19	132	0	11	141	130	112	Rye
108	32	99	45	51	130	107	164	42	103	148	36	16	28	140	11	0	150	139	121	Sorrento
147	240	121	219	108	146	149	180	107	130	15	248	248	127	19	141	150	0	147	153	Cowes
75	183	46	162	99	30	35	45	103	43	145	191	190	116	137	130	139	147	0	44	Warburton
54	150	38	129	88	15	15	49	86	30	151	158	157	99	143	112	121	153	44	0	Yarra Glen

Note: Some routes assume a shortcut link between town via the vehicle ferry, Searoad Ferries, to travel across Port Phillip Bay.

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Link two, three or all four regions

# LINKING OUR REGIONS

Go Beyond Melbourne and link any of our diverse regions in countless different ways. For shorter sojourns or longer ventures, create journeys themed to visitor interests, cherry-pick key activities or free-flow through two, three or all four regions. Oodles of choice, endless possibilities.

## PLANNING SEAMLESS VISITOR JOURNEYS

All four Go Beyond Melbourne regions link to each other or Melbourne via either 60 minute or 90 minute drives, or a scenic cross-bay ferry cruise. Think of Go Beyond as looping, not linear.

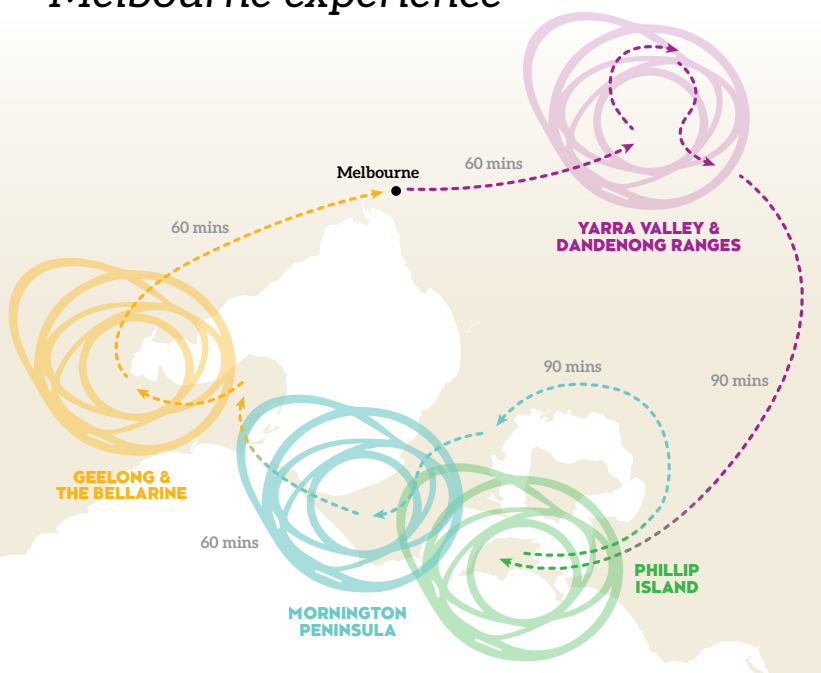
Planning a visitor itinerary depends on number of travel days, visitor interests and key activities. Within those parameters, there are oodles of choices. You can link two, three or all four regions and create a seamless journey for visitors – a looping route that transitions effortlessly onto the next region without any need to return to the city overnight.

## A MULTITUDE OF OVERNIGHT POSSIBILITIES

No matter how you choose to link our Go Beyond Melbourne regions, you'll discover a multitude of accommodation options that make touring effortless for visitors. From luxury villas perched on scenic clifftops to art-filled hotels overlooking stunning vineyards. From family-friendly seaside holiday parks and B&B retreats to opulent mansion hotels – all in the heart of the action across our four regions.

## LINK ALL 4 REGIONS

for the complete Go Beyond Melbourne experience



## HIGHLIGHTS

Discovering the magic of all four, side-by-side regions – that's the hero Go Beyond experience. So much choice! Refer to our themed itineraries for ideas (p24).

- Take Puffing Billy's unforgettable train journey through magical forests (p49)
- Enter an interactive world of illusions and fun with A Maze 'N Things on Phillip Island (p52)
- Ride Arthurs Seat Eagle gondola for bird's eye views of coast and bushland (p58)





## HIGHLIGHTS

A scenic ferry ride from coast to coast, a 90 minute drive to island paradise and, all around, a looping shoreline of contrasting coastal landscapes to explore.

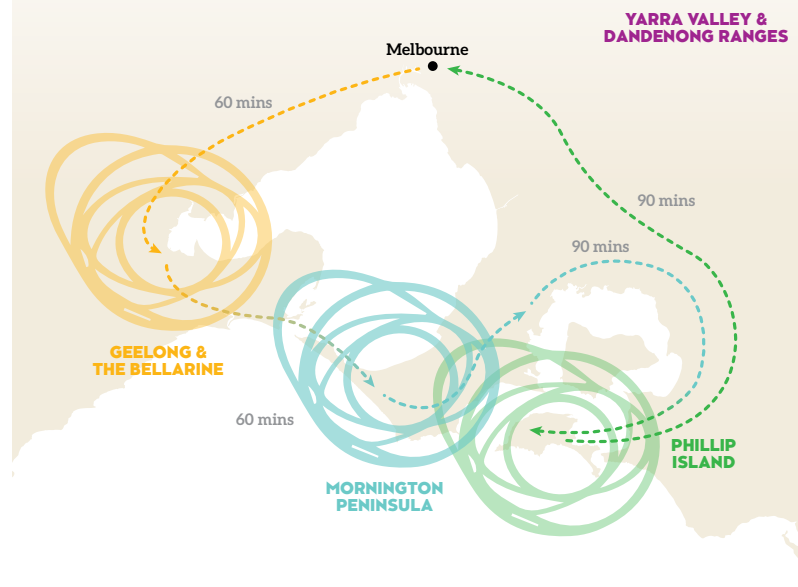
- Explore Waterfront Geelong's stunning scenery, bay beach and delicious dining (p73)
- Delve into French Island's vast natural wilderness with Naturaliste Tours (p62)
- Cruise with Wildlife Coast Cruises to see fur seals, sea caves, surf breaks and more (p57)



## LINK 3 REGIONS

and explore the coastal route

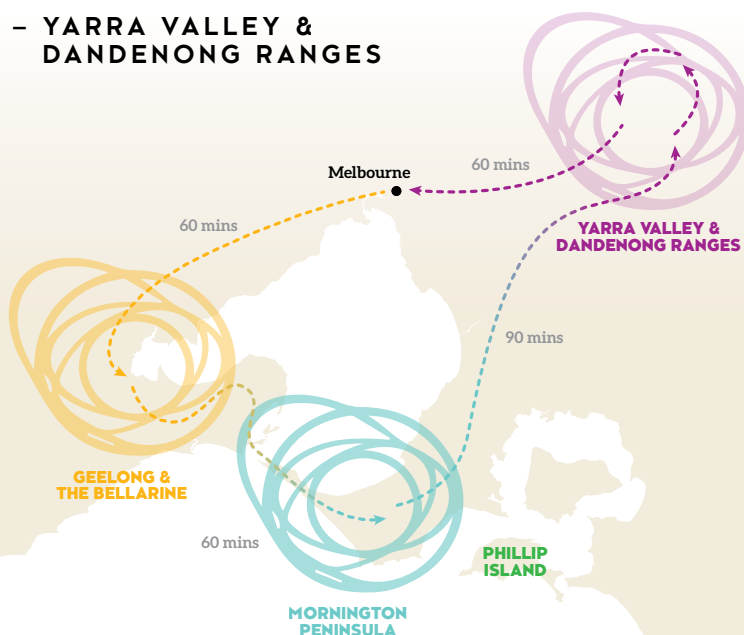
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- MORNINGTON PENINSULA
- PHILLIP ISLAND



## LINK 3 REGIONS

for an epicurean and golfer's delight

- GEELONG & THE BELLARINE
- MORNINGTON PENINSULA
- YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES



## HIGHLIGHTS

Valleys and verdant landscapes brimming with award-winning wineries, food producers and golf course mastery, all within easy reach across three neighbouring regions.

- Stay and play at either Peppers Moonah Links (p84), The Dunes Golf Links (p66), Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club (p62) or the stunning new Curlewis Golf Club Resort (p68)
- Savour superb *méthode traditionnelle* wines in Chandon's cellar door (p45)





## HIGHLIGHTS

Creatures great and small – get close-up to them all in three regions bristling with wildlife sanctuaries, native habitats and tour operators dedicated to unique experiences.

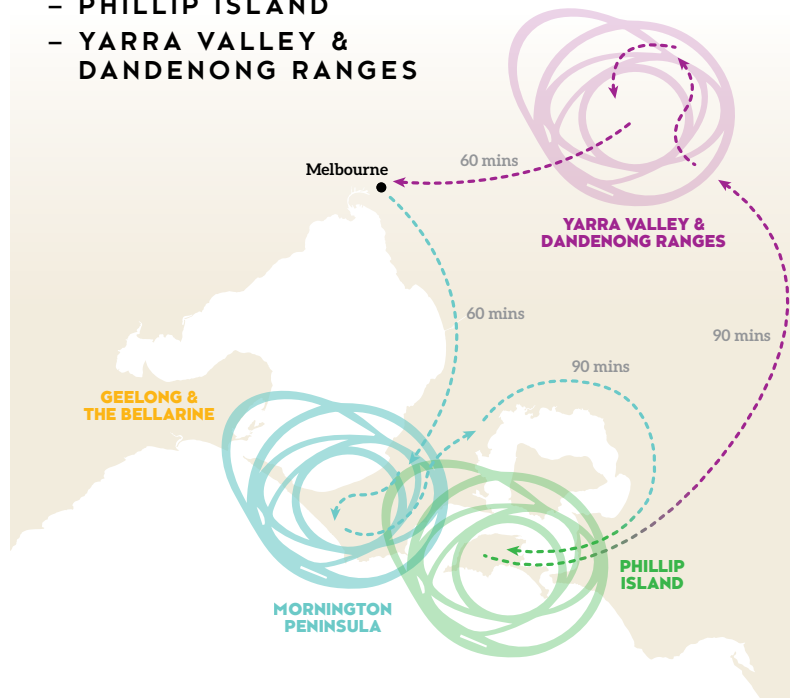
- Get close-up with Bottlenose Dolphins with Polperro (p63), Moonraker Dolphin Swims (p61) Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71)
- Witness the world-famous penguin parade from an exclusive viewing station with Phillip Island Nature Parks (p56)
- Stroll along the Wurundjeri Walk at Healesville Sanctuary (p48)



## LINK 3 REGIONS

*and let yourself go wild*

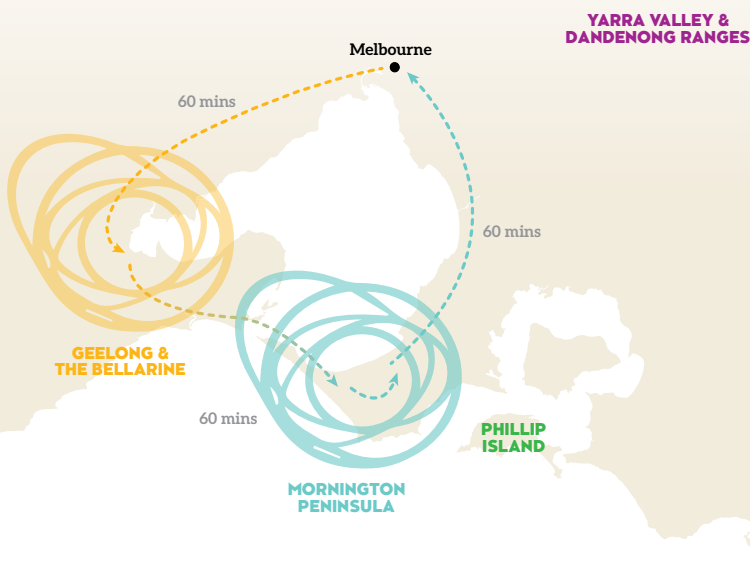
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## LINK 2 REGIONS

*for a short seaside break with a wealth of producers*

- GEELONG & THE BELLARINE
- MORNINGTON PENINSULA



## HIGHLIGHTS

Meet the makers and producers on their turf, in the vineyards, farms and restaurants that thrive in these across-the-bay regions where the sea is never far away.

- Sample hand-crafted wines paired with delectable dishes at Jack Rabbit Vineyard (p69)
- Get behind the scenes with gourmet producers with Your Exclusive Tours (p52), Great Private Tours (p69) and Local Way Tours (p53)
- Take a fruit tasting tractor tour and pluck ripe fruit from the trees at Rayner's Orchard (450 fruit varieties) (p50)



## HIGHLIGHTS

Thrill to new adventures (big and small) in a route connecting mountains, vast skies, valleys and an island paradise in two regions just 90 minutes apart.

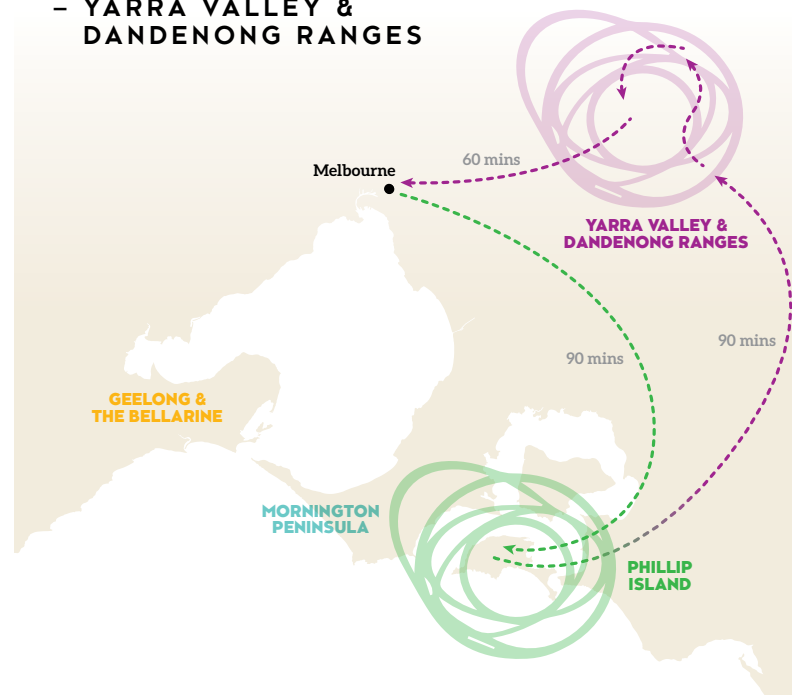
- Get an unforgettable view of coastal scenery with Ocean Adventures Phillip Island (p54) and Wildlife Coast Cruises (p57)
- Thrill to the exhilarating go kart challenge at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit (p55)
- Glide high above Yarra Valley on a dawn hot air balloon flight with Global Ballooning Australia (p48)



## LINK 2 REGIONS

*for a little taste of adventure*

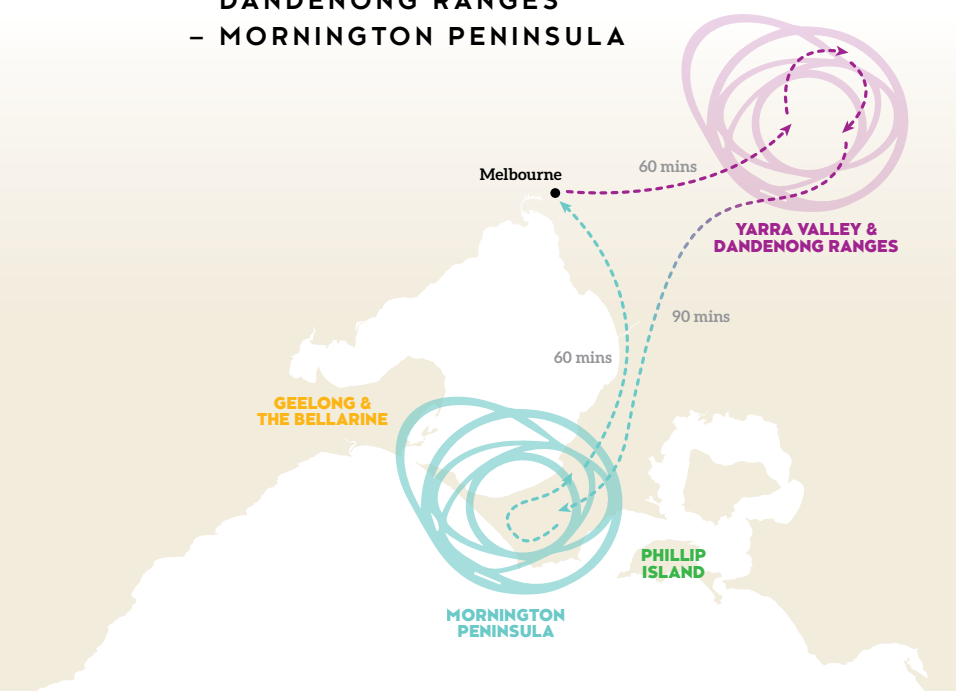
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## LINK 2 REGIONS

*and wander through gardens galore*

- YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES
- MORNINGTON PENINSULA



## HIGHLIGHTS

The glorious gardens go on forever in these two adjoining regions combining lush mountain landscapes, fertile valleys and romantic seaside opulence that never gets old.

- Tour stunning heritage gardens at Coombe Yarra Valley's Melba Garden Walk (p46)
- Explore acres of vineyard dotted with sculptures at Pt. Leo Estate (p63)
- Get lost in stunning artistic gardens and several magical mazes at Enchanted Adventure (p59)









Welcome to

# YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

Located just an hour's drive east of Melbourne, the Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges offer visitors a best of nature experience, perfectly blended with an internationally recognised food and wine offering.



Stunning views at every turn, the Yarra Valley and the Dandenong Ranges showcase world-class food, drink and nature-based experiences. It's where world-class wines meet award-winning distilleries, fresh farmgate produce and artisan goods draw Melburnians and visitors alike to this region all year round.

Explore lush vineyards, towering mountain ash forests, and seasonal gardens. Fly high in a hot air balloon over unforgettable landscapes, dangle your legs over the side of the historic steam train Puffing Billy, and explore hiking and mountain bike trails as kangaroos watch. Visit artists' studios and taste fruit picked straight from the tree at Cherryhill Orchards and Rayner's Orchard.

Enjoy lunch with a view and be inspired by the incredible conservation work and close-up encounters with Australian native animals at Healesville Sanctuary before settling in at the day's end at your boutique accommodation, ready for the next day's adventure.



With year-round experiences, there's always something to discover including:

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience sunrise floating above the Yarra Valley in a hot air balloon.
- Visit the Australian native animal hospital and the Birds of Prey free-flight bird presentation at Healesville Sanctuary.
- Unwind in Warburton, relax by the river at the Alpine Hotel and Babaji's or immerse in nature with Warburton Adventure Co.
- Sample award-winning wines, gourmet cheeses and cherries fresh from the trees.
- Helicopter into a leisurely vineyard lunch.
- Sip the International Wine and Spirits Competition's thrice-awarded 'World's Best Gin' at Four Pillars Distillery.
- Enjoy cellar-door tastings of premium cool climate wines at Chandon, Coombe, De Bortoli, Oakridge, Re'em and Rochford Wines.
- Hike or cycle the trails, enjoy soft outdoor adventure or travel through towering Mountain Ash forests on Puffing Billy.
- Enjoy festivals in beautiful bloom, wander picturesque gardens or explore galleries of modern Australian art.

**Opposite: De Bortoli**  
**1. Puffing Billy**  
**2. Healesville Sanctuary**





Welcome to

# PHILLIP ISLAND

Go Beyond Melbourne and cross the bridge into a precious island haven. Just 90 minutes' drive south east from Melbourne, Phillip Island packs a bundle of experiences into its 100km coastline – myriad of wildlife, breathtaking natural scenery, motorsport magic and family fun aplenty. And it's just 90 minutes from either Mornington Peninsula or Yarra Valley & Dandenong ranges.



This precious gem along the Victorian coast defies its dimensions with expansive sandy beaches, spectacular rugged cliffs and safe havens for swimming, snorkelling and beach play.

Phillip Island's coastline is its calling card, especially for the thousands of Little Penguins who waddle up the beach at dusk to nest in the sand dunes. The nightly Penguin Parade attracts visitors from around the globe.

Loads of Australian native creatures love the island life, animals, birds and marine life call Phillip Island home. Your journey begins before getting to Phillip Island, at Moonlit Sanctuary feed kangaroos and wallabies or take a night tour.

Join Wildlife Coast Cruises to discover the largest Australian Fur seal colony. Follow the boardwalk at The Nobbies to take in the rugged coastline.

Thrill seekers, put your foot down and head straight to the Grand Prix Circuit for adrenalin-pumping go-karting around the circuit or take guided circuit tours.



Dive in for family fun at the always puzzling A Maze'N Things and ever-sweet Phillip Island Chocolate Factory. Then live it up at award-winning breweries, taste-tempting restaurants and cafés, pubs and farmers' markets.

This island paradise is naturally playful. It's where picnics meet fine dining, where thumping surf breaks meet quiet sandy coves, where speed demons meet nature-lovers and where 'going beyond' is an every day rite of passage.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Let Wildlife Coast Cruises get you close-up to wild ocean creatures in their natural habitat.
- Get in touch with wildlife at Maru Koala and Animal Park. Hand feed koalas, see wombats in their burrows and learn about Australian wildlife.
- Wander wide-open spaces and tranquil trails while exploring the historical grounds and farming activities of Churchill Island.
- Taste your way around with wine cellars, breweries, fresh seafood and seasonally changing menus.
- Catch a ferry to French Island and let Naturaliste Discover French Island Tours show you this hidden treasure of wilderness.
- Wake up to sea views and discover nature as it awakens. Stay in a modern resort, apartment, boutique B&B, holiday park or farm stay.

**Opposite: Pyramid Rock Lookout**  
1. Penguin Parade  
2. Cape Woolamai







Welcome to

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA

*Go Beyond and experience the endless magic of Victoria's most inspiring region. A place where homegrown produce and passion astounds. Where a beautiful natural landscape is found. And where a coastal paradise awakens with the sunrise each day.*



The Mornington Peninsula is a vibrant mix of adventure, charm, and culinary delights, offering an unforgettable Australian experience. Just a short drive from Melbourne, the region blends natural beauty with world-class attractions, making it a must-visit destination.

With over 50 cellar doors, the Peninsula is a haven for wine lovers. Pt. Leo Estate and Ten Minutes by Tractor, both Ultimate Wineries, offer exquisite tastings with stunning views. Boutique estates like Avani Wines and Trofeo Estate craft premium cool-climate wines using natural farming methods, reflecting the region's true essence.

Follow the Wine Food Farmgate Trail to discover farm-fresh produce, artisanal goods, and top-notch dining. Enjoy farm-to-table dining at Green Olive at Red Hill or wander the picturesque lavender fields at Red Hill Lavender Farm.

The Beer, Cider & Spirits Trail introduces you to some of Australia's best brewers and distillers. Sample innovative gins and brandies at Bass & Flinders Distillery or sip small-batch award-winning rum at JimmyRum Distillery.

Dive into marine experiences with Moonraker Dolphin Swims or Polperro Dolphin Swims, where dolphins and fur seals play alongside you. On land, meet native wildlife at Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park, a must for families and nature lovers.

Hike the Two Bays Walking Trail, winding through stunning bushland and beaches, or soar above the scenery on the Arthurs Seat Eagle gondola, capturing breathtaking bay views.

Golfers can tee off at championship courses like The Dunes Golf Links, Moonah Links, and Peninsula Kingswood Country Club, where coastal landscapes meet challenging fairways. Afterward, unwind in style at InterContinental Sorrento Mornington Peninsula, Lancemore Lindenderry Red Hill, Quarters at Flinders Hotel, or Rye Hotel. For the ultimate relaxation, soak in the award-winning geothermal waters of Peninsula Hot Springs or Alba Thermal Springs & Spa.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Embark on a scenic voyage across Port Phillip Bay with Searoad Ferries, capturing the region's coastal allure from a unique vantage point.
- Relax in award-winning geothermal pools at Peninsula Hot Springs and Alba Thermal Springs & Spa.
- Tee-off at one of our world-class golf courses, located between coast and country.
- Indulge in an extraordinary fine dining and cultural experience at one of Australia's Ultimate Wineries in Pt. Leo Estate and Ten Minutes by Tractor.
- Journey on the Wine Food Farmgate Trail or Beer, Cider and Spirits Trail to find the very best producers and produce of the region.

**Opposite:** Point King, Portsea  
**1.** Mornington Peninsula Golf Trail  
**2.** Pt. Leo Estate







Welcome to

# GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

*Geelong is Victoria's second city with a glittering waterfront on its doorstep and beautiful, beach-fringed Bellarine Peninsula in its backyard. It's double the personality, double the adventure and double the fun when you Go Beyond to Geelong & The Bellarine.*



Geelong and The Bellarine – a place where you can explore the best parts of Australia, from the rugged country to the salty coastline. A destination where you can awaken the foodie, the explorer and the maker within you.

It starts in Geelong which is well-connected – arrive by rail, road, ferry or fly into Avalon Airport, just 20 minutes away. The north-facing waterfront sparkles against palm trees and yachts, and the heritage bones of the city provide a unique backdrop for shopping, food and art precincts. Walk the famous Baywalk Bollards Trail stretching along the foreshore, catch views from atop the Giant Sky Wheel or relish in the feel of yesteryear at The Carousel.

Whether you're arriving by road, cruising in across the bay with Searoad Ferries or Port Phillip Ferries, The Bellarine puts on a stunning welcome with her own distinctive character.

Slip into coastal feels, discovering chilled out towns, glorious beaches and grand old hotels. Tuck into fresh mussels in Portarlington, snorkel at St Leonards Pier, discover the grandeur and waterways of Queenscliff.

Find foodie experiences mustered together on The Bellarine Taste Trail. Breathe in the farm fresh air and

take some of Australia's most awarded cool-temp wines for a taste test with around 60 wineries scattered around The Bellarine and inland to the Moorabool Valley. It's here too where you'll find the adventure playground of the You Yangs and Brisbane Ranges, where wildlife and endless kilometres of hiking and mountain biking trails await.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Book a first class experience on Australia's premium train restaurant – The Q Train – and savour a dégustation menu in a private dining compartment.
- Swim with wild seals and dolphins and get up close and personal with local marine life with Sea All Dolphin Swims.
- Visit one of Australia's Top 100 Golf Clubs, Curlewis Golf Club, and play a round or hit-out at a state-of-the-art driving range.
- Little Malop Street Precinct in the Geelong CBD boasts a lively zone packed full of wine bars, pubs, cafés, trendy eateries and live entertainment spaces.
- Immerse yourself in the story of Australian wool, fibre and textiles at the National Wool Museum.
- Embark on a luxurious bay tour for an up-close look at the art of mussel farming aboard Portarlington Mussel Tours.
- How about a sea view to pair with your winery lunch at Jack Rabbit Vineyard?

**Opposite:** Eastern Beach – Geelong

**1.** Wineries with bay views – Northern Bellarine

**2.** Little Malop Street – Geelong



Go Beyond and discover

# 4 DIVERSE REGIONS, YOUR WAY

Our four extraordinary regions are like no other. They're not even like each other! But they do share common themes – core types of experiences and activities visitors can zero in on for a made-to-measure Go Beyond Melbourne journey.

## CREATE YOUR UNIQUE JOURNEY

The choices are endless. Road trip the Go Beyond Melbourne touring circuit clockwise or anti-clockwise (p12-15). If time is limited, travel from one region to another in just 90 minutes or less. Cherry-pick favourite interests and activities, then combine two, three or all four regions.

## INSPIRATION FOR MULTI-DAY TOURING

You'll need a good four or five days to truly get to know this place. Let our insiders be your guides. Go Beyond Melbourne's carefully curated five-day itineraries (from p26) make it easy to plan and discover our four distinct regions following four touring themes: Wildlife & Adventure, Food & Wine, Romantic Indulgence and Family Fun.

## USING THIS ITINERARY GUIDE

Each themed itinerary offers many, many options – more than you'd ever cover in a single day within a region. So choose your own adventure: select 2-3 morning activities followed by 3-4 afternoon activities and a place to stay the night. We've covered a range of budgets, interests and accommodation styles across the themes.





**Opposite:**

1. Kayaking, Phillip Island
2. Clay Ridge, Peninsula Hot Springs, Mornington Peninsula
3. Yering Gorge Cottages, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges

**This page:**

4. Curlewis Golf Club, Geelong & The Bellarine
5. Mount Martha Beach, Mornington Peninsula
6. Healesville Sanctuary, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges
7. Underground viewing at Phillip Island Penguin Parade



**WHAT'S YOUR TRAVEL STYLE?**

Whether you're a wildlife adventurer, hopeless romantic, gourmet foodie or fun-loving family, you'll discover a personalised Go Beyond Melbourne journey amongst our themes.

**WILDLIFE & ADVENTURE**

Go Beyond to one of Australia's best destinations for close-up wildlife encounters, from penguins parading at Phillip Island to hand feeding wallabies at Moonlit Sanctuary or spotting a koala in the You Yangs Regional Park. Adventure calls from dawn hot air balloon rides, cycling vine tours, aerial challenges in the treetops, lessons in paddleboarding or surfing, and high-octane motorsport action.

**FOOD & WINE**

Go Beyond on a gastronomic gallivant through four delicious regions. Explore world-class wine, chef's signature dishes and superb fresh produce like nowhere else in the world. Fish for trout or salmon, buy seafood fresh from the boat, pick your own fruit in working orchards, and meet the makers, growers and producers on their turf. Immerse yourself in the good life of dégustation menus and endless taste trails.

**FAMILY FUN**

Go Beyond for boundless giggles, family adventures and magic moments shared together. Gather the family and learn to stand up paddleboard or snorkel with seadragons. Venture side-by-side into breathtaking forests, seascapes, national parks and wildlife close-ups. Team-up for maze unpuzzling, mini-golf or go karting. Overnight in a family-friendly holiday park and take in the evening penguin parade or a lantern-lit wildlife tour.

**ROMANTIC INDULGENCE**

Go Beyond where guilt-free self-indulgence rules. Relax into champagne breakfasts, blooming flower festivals and cool forests. Get lost in landscaped gardens and long, lazy winery lunches with glorious views. Find yourself in a geothermal bath, spa retreat, candle making or gin or rum masterclass. Surrender to the charms of a beautiful country house hotel and unforgettable sunset moments.



Creature close-ups and action thrills

# WILDLIFE & ADVENTURE

## 5 Day Itinerary

Answer the call of the wild with creature close-ups on land, under water and in the treetops. Satisfy your sense of adventure with outdoor action, aerial challenges and guided tours into nature's hidden gems. Overnight in nature, in luxury and in style.



### DAY ONE:

#### YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

##### MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)



**Warburton Adventure Co (p51)** Find your wild in Warburton! Epic outdoor experiences. Professional guides for river sledding, river tubing, abseiling, hiking, food foraging, mountain biking and Wurundjeri cultural practices.



**Healesville Sanctuary (p48)** is a bushland haven for Australian wildlife. Encounter a host of native creatures – kangaroos, dingoes, emus and more. Zero in on unique experiences: getting close-up with koalas and kangaroos.



**Edible Forest (p47)** offers hosted 'tour & taste' experiences through the food forest where everything is either edible or medicinal. This permaculture-inspired garden includes 350 species of edible and medicinal plants.



#### **Olinda Tea House (p49)**

A gorgeous spot for high tea, Devonshire tea, lunch or dinner in the heart of the lush Dandenong Ranges. Their friendly alpacas, wildlife and peaceful Japanese-inspired gardens are an absolute delight.



**Puffing Billy Railway (p49)** is a thrilling experience. Board the heritage steam train and journey the Dandenong Ranges, through winding forests and fern gullies. Peer from open-sided carriages in search of wildlife glimpses.

##### STAY OVERNIGHT (select from)



#### **Alpine Hotel Warburton (p75)**

Lovingly restored 1885 hotel in the peaceful upper Yarra Valley. Eat, stay and sip superbly in this 4-star boutique rural gem. Continental breakfast, high tea and dinner feature fresh, hyper-local produce.



#### **Kangaroo Ridge Retreat (p76)**

Pure bliss... adults only. Retro, rustic mudbrick cabins secluded in the Yarra Valley bush amid wildlife. Spa bath for two, glorious mountain views from your balcony, all-inclusive locally stocked larder.



#### **BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park (p76)**

Close to famous Healesville Sanctuary, set in 60 acres of glorious bushland. See prolific wildlife on walking trails or take a golf buggy. Cosy cabins, luxe villas and glamping.

##### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)



**Babaji's Kerala Kitchen Warburton (p45)** Set in a fabulous 1930s cabaret dance hall. Open fires, mountain views, riverside setting. South Indian menu includes Kerala specialties. Holds a coveted Good Food Guide Chef's Hat.



**Rochford Wines (p50)** Take a break from adventuring for a total wine and food experience. Lunch in the restaurant or pizzeria, try a wine flight tasting with cheese or charcuterie, visit the cellar door, shop at the grocer.



#### **Yering Gorge Cottages (p78)**

overlooks the Greg Norman designed Eastern Golf Club. Trail walk a 120 acre private nature reserve with resident kangaroos and wildlife, and relax in a luxurious self-contained cottage,

**DAY TWO:**

 **YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Global Ballooning (p48)** turns hot air into incredible experiences. Float into a sunrise balloon flight high over the Yarra Valley's patchwork landscape of vineyards and mountains. Come back to earth for a champagne breakfast.



**Maru Koala and Animal Park (p53)** They bound, slither, tweet and growl. Learn about wildlife rescue, pat and feed kangaroos and wallabies, touch koalas, dingos and snakes. See wombats, Tasmanian Devils, reptiles and birds, take a tour.



**Naturaliste Tours (p62)** offers rare insights into French Island. Take a 15-minute ferry ride from Phillip Island (or Mornington Peninsula) and join a small guided tour of this hidden treasure of natural wilderness and wildlife.



**Koala Conservation Reserve (p53)** There was a new batch of too-cute baby koalas recently, so come and meet them! Spot koalas from treetop boardwalks in a remnant woodlands, watch for wallabies, echidnas and rainbow-coloured birds.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**The Nobbies (p57)** offers stunning clifftop boardwalks with panoramic views of the Bass Strait. Watch the explosive blowhole in action and gaze out to Seal Rocks—home to Australia's largest fur seal colony.



**Wildlife Coast Cruises (p57)** showcases one of Australia's largest wild fur seal colonies at Seal Rocks, 2km from Phillip Island. Meet these playful creatures in their natural environment as the boat drifts within metres of them.



**Ocean Adventures (p54)** Aquatic adventures any way you like them! Explore the coastline on a jetboat or racing boat. Cruise around dramatic sites teeming with sealife. See fur seals, rays dolphins and maybe whales.



**Phillip Island Nature Parks Penguin Parade (p56)** offers an intimate wildlife experience. A waddle on the wildside to witness little penguins making their sunset journey home to one of Australia's largest penguin colonies.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park (p80)** Safari tents, motel rooms, cabins, camping, caravanning. A Maze'N Things right next door, Koala Conservation Reserve just over the road. Onsite restaurant and brewery.



**Oceanic on Thompson (p79)** Self-contained apartments in the heart of Cowes' main street action. Surrounded by cafés, restaurants and shopping. Close to beaches, Grand Prix track, Nobbies, Penguin Parade and Koala Reserve.



**Ramada Resort Phillip Island (p80)** sits in 65 acres of beautiful countryside. Relax and recharge in stunning natural surroundings with superb resort facilities – pools, tennis courts, health centre and walking tracks aplenty.

**DAY THREE:**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit (p55)** is home to world-class motor sport and daredevil action. Buckle in for adrenalin pumping go-carting on the 750m replica Grand Prix Circuit or take a circuit tour.



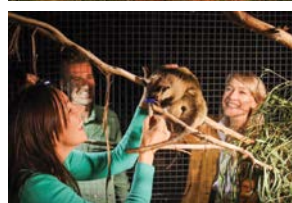
**Churchill Island (p55)** Tiny island, mega attractions. Farmed since the 1850s by British settlers, features blacksmithing, milking, whip cracking and working dogs. Historic buildings, remnants of Victoria's first gardens, café.



**Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne (p65)** Surrounded by remnant bushland and wetlands, the 15-hectare Australian Garden features many walks, wildflowers, water features, lifestyle gardens. Open-air bus rides and café.

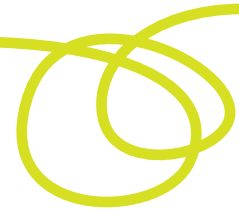


**Peninsula Kingswood Golf (p62)** Two championship golf courses, large driving range, golf lessons. Restaurant, pool, gym, luxury clubhouse rooms and peaceful remote accommodation, breakfast provided.



**Moonlit Sanctuary (p54)** is awesome by day but comes alive by night when the wildlife is ready to play. Take a lantern-lit tour to glimpse night birds, gliders swooping, endangered quolls foraging and more.





**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Enchanted Adventure - The Home of Tree Surfing (p59)** is all thrills. Make like Tarzan – test skills, balance, strength and coordination while navigating through the trees, bridges, walls, nets, swings and lofty ziplines.



**Arthurs Seat Eagle (p58)** is a state-of-the-art gondola that sweeps up over the forest to the highest point on the Mornington Peninsula. Expect breath-stealing bay and city views plus cheeky wildlife glimpses.



**Green Olive at Red Hill (p60)** A delectable adventure in food, wine and farm life. Winery, grapes, olive grove, herbs, vegetables, hops, bush food and sheep on 27 acres. Food and wine lunch packages, picnics beside the lake, farm tours.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Peninsula Hot Springs Eco Lodges (p83)** Renowned hot springs and luxury day spa. Tranquil eco lodges with geothermal baths, created for restorative sleep. Premium glamping with private decks, en suites, and bespoke touches.



**Links Lodge at The Dunes (p83)** Luxury accommodation, close to beaches, hot springs and lots of adventure activities. Golf for all: juniors, beginners, expert players on fine 18-hole championship course and 9-hole course.



**Iluka Group Retreat & Glamping Village (p81)** Explore the bush, private lake and wetlands on a beautiful 36-acre property, walk to Shoreham beach. Gorgeous glamping in Bell tents, group lodge accommodation for 90.



**Flinders Hotel (p81)** is a 4.5-star luxury escape with boutique charm in a delightful village location. Its focus on absolute style and quiet seclusion make it a treat every single time.



**The Cambium (p84)** 5-star, exclusive use, tailored packages. 10 gorgeous suites, guesthouse, four-acre private property in lush nature reserve. Private dining, conference and event spaces, wellbeing and team building, cooking classes.

**DAY FOUR:**

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Polperro Dolphin Swims (p63)** provides unforgettable marine and ecotourism experiences. Cruise out with a small group to swim with wild Bottlenose dolphins and fur seals, and snorkel the clear waters of Port Phillip Bay.



**Moonraker Dolphin Swims (p61)** is the ultimate aquatic wildlife experience. Snorkel with dolphins, swim alongside fur seals, explore underwater marine parks and join the search for weedy sea dragons.



**Wild Adventures Melbourne (p67)** See incredible nature and wildlife on spectacular eco-adventures. Stand up paddleboarding, mountain biking, bushwalking; plus wineries, cafés, breweries, distilleries, hot springs.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Bayplay Adventure Tours (p59)** offer endless activities: kayaking with dolphins, stand-up paddling, scuba diving, cycling in the National Park. Our pick? Snorkelling with the bay's curious and elusive Weedy Seadragons.



**Peninsula Hot Springs (p62)** is a coastal oasis. Take a healthy, adventurous approach to bathing in natural hot spring mineral water. Try a Turkish steam bath, a cave pool or an underground sauna – sink in, and sigh.



**The Dunes Golf Links (p66)** Play on the outstanding 18-hole championship course and enjoy true links golf. There's also one of Australia's best standalone 9-hole courses – perfect for a quick round or for beginners.



**Searoad Ferries (p71)** criss-cross Port Phillip Bay 24 times a day and depart Sorrento every hour to reach Queenscliff (Bellarine Peninsula) in approximately 40 minutes. Drive on, drive off and relax into a picturesque cruise.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff (p85)** is set amongst native gardens just 500 metres from the beach. Kick back in a luxury villa, dip in the indoor heated pool or take the beach track for a sea swim.



**Lon Retreat & Spa (p86)** is an adults-only exclusive retreat set on 200 acres of rural and conservation land, hidden away on a hill by the ocean. Enjoy private beach access, nature walks, the mineral water fed heated pool and Spa.



**Portarlington Grand Hotel (p87)** Historic charm and contemporary luxury. Boutique guestrooms, three dining options. Airy Atrium, fun Front Bar, stylish Dining Room. Woodfired pizzas, local produce including seafood, wines, beers.



**Curlewis Golf Club (p68)** The ultimate golf experience! Australia's fastest-growing golf club: 71 par golf course, \$20 million clubhouse, luxe accommodation, The Range @ Curlewis indoor/outdoor driving bays, auto tees, XGolf.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Baywalk Bollard Trail (p67)** One of Victoria's most famous attractions along the foreshore. 104 bollard sculptures of characters who shaped Geelong's history. There's a Koori family, explorer Matthew Flinders, lifesavers and more.



**National Wool Museum (p70)** is a multi award-winning hands-on cultural destination with a national profile and a local heart. Learn the Australian story of wool, fibre and textiles.



**You Yangs Precinct (p73)** is dominated by granite peaks that make up the You Yangs Regional Park. Only 22km from Geelong, it's an excellent spot to enjoy nature close to the city.



**Werribee Open Range Zoo (p73)** offers a taste of African adventure just outside of Melbourne! Keep an eye out for lions, gorillas, hippos, bison, giraffe, meerkats, rhinos, zebra, elephants and heaps more.

**DAY FIVE:**

**GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71)** offers adventure tours and sightseeing experiences on Port Phillip Bay. Swim with wild seals and dolphins and get up close and personal with local marine life.



**Portarlington Mussel Tours (p71)** All on one plate! Stunning Melbourne and bay views, nature, wildlife, sublime seafood. Collect mussels from farms, watch cooking demos, feast on freshly foraged seafood including oysters and scallops.



**The Q Train (p72)** Who doesn't love a historic railway adventure! Return journey between Drysdale and Queenscliff in refurbished dining carriages, superb coastal views, dégustation menu and local wines, beers and ciders.





Taste sensations at every turn

# FOOD & WINE

## 5 Day Itinerary

The very best of Victoria's local produce, wine, cider, beer, hand-crafted spirits. Add a pinch of the exotic, with an edible forest, clifftop dining, a truffle hunt, luxury vineyard stays. Visit a paddock-to-plate boutique farm, take a cooking class.



### DAY ONE:

#### YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

##### MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)



**Coombe Yarra Valley (p46)** is home to history, award-winning estate grown wines, a stroll-able 7-acre garden, a gallery, museum, cellar door and a fabulous dining experience in the refurbished motor house.



**Cycling Vine Tours (p46)** Taste and buy along the way for spectacular picnics, nibbles and dinner. Guided/self-guided tours along quiet back roads and rail trails through premier wine and food country and beautiful coastal landscapes.



**Oakridge Wines (p48)** Offers award-winning wines, wow factor architecture... and scenery to match. For back vintage tastings served with tasty matched canapés in the private tasting room, reserve a spot in a masterclass.



**Rochford Wines (p50)** is much more than a winery. Sip award-winning cool climate wines, ogle breathtaking views and hang out in versatile indoor-outdoor dining and tasting spaces.



**Cherryhill Orchards (p46)** is a leading Australian cherry producer and home to u-pick cherry adventures (in season Nov-Jan). Stroll through lush orchards, pick sun-ripened cherries and indulge in cherry-infused treats.



**Four Pillars Distillery (p47)** Invites guests backstage where the magic happens. Experience a Distiller's Masterclass and discover how gin is made, how to drink it, and how to taste it like a pro.



**De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate (p47)** invites guests to excite their palate with great new wines. These third-generation winemakers offer unique cellar tasting experiences including estate grown labels served with exceptional cheeses.

##### STAY OVERNIGHT (select from)



**Araluen Boutique Accommodation (p75)** is a 4.5-star boutique luxury bed and breakfast set on four acres with stunning views. Relax on the balcony or take a sunset walk to spy some of Australia's most iconic native wildlife.



**Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley (76)** offers a day spa, fine dining restaurant, award-winning accommodation, onsite activities and superb conference and wedding facilities. Dine, taste, indulge, and experience. Bliss.



**Re'em Yarra Valley (p77)** Opened December 2023 on the Helen and Joey vineyard and farm. 12 lavish suites with balconies, 4 super luxury spa suites, fine dining, cellar door, spa treatments, gardens, farm experiences.

##### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)



**Chandon (p45)** was established by French Champagne house, Moët and Chandon. Enjoy panoramic views, join a Behind the Bubbles blending experience and savour wines (including méthode traditionnelle sparklings) in the Brasserie.



**Rayner's Orchard (p50)** is one of Dandenong Ranges' many u-pick farms and, with 450 fruit varieties, it's fruit all year round! Revel in a fruit-tasting tractor tour and pluck ripe beauties fresh from the tree.

**DAY TWO:**

 **YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)**Global Ballooning (p48)**

eases you into a magical one-hour sunrise balloon flight over vineyards and valleys for a soft landing in winery country where a champagne breakfast awaits. Flights depart 364 days a year.

**Phillip Island Chocolate Factory (p55)**

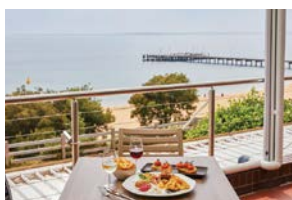
See the chocolate factory in full non-stop chocolate-making action and create a personalised chocolate masterpiece. Even your entry ticket is made of chocolate!



**Churchill Island (p55)** A tiny and precious piece of history with café featuring farm-fresh food, beautiful gardens, historic buildings, farm activities including milking, working dog demonstrations and sheep shearing.

**Rusty Water Brewery, Restaurant and Bar (p56)**

is all about real food and real people. Tuck into handcrafted ales and a seasonal menu using the freshest local ingredients and products, all crafted with love.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)**Beach HQ Restaurant & Bar (p52)**

Features the region's best: local Gippsland beef, local wines, beers and top local produce. And the best views of Cowes' foreshore, Westernport Bay, French Island and the Mornington Peninsula.

**Naturaliste French Island Food & Wine Tour (p54)**

Head off to French Island for a food and wine adventure in a pristine, off-grid paradise. Enjoy wine tastings at a historic estate, savour a farmgate lunch, and explore the island's wild beauty.

**The Nobbies Centre (p57)**

Take a leisurely stroll along scenic cliff-top boardwalks, soaking in panoramic views of Bass Strait and Seal Rocks. Then, unwind in the café, enjoying sustainably caught seafood, fresh salads, and local wines.

**Phillip Island Nature Parks Penguin Parade (p56)**

lets visitors experience the magic of little penguins making their sunset journey home to one of Australia's largest penguin colonies. A not-to-be-missed wildlife experience.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)**Genesta House (p78)**

A gorgeous guesthouse in Cowes. Three suites, old-world charm with modern amenities, 100-year-old gardens. An easy stroll to Cowes town centre, the beach, restaurants and shopping.

**Phillip Island Towers (p80)**

Luxurious, spacious apartments just a few minutes' walk from Phillip Island's popular dining and shopping precinct. Explore local wineries, breweries and producers, then prepare a feast in your own kitchen.

**North Pier Hotel (p79)**

is the ideal spot to base yourself. Just a stone's throw from the beach with rooms to suit all budgets from dorms, suites, family rooms and spa rooms.

**Phillip Island Apartments (p79)**

Spacious 1, 2 and 3-bedroom Cowes apartments with balcony or patio, outdoor pool, heated spa, BBQ area. Close to the best local dining and shopping. Swimming beach just minutes away.

**DAY THREE:**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)**Tar Barrel Brewery & Distillery (p65)**

Multiple awards for handcrafted beer and whisky. Relax with tastings of beer, gin or whisky, with woodfired pizzas. Explore the beer garden and mezzanine floor overlooking the action.

**Trofeo Estate (p66)**

A unique story: elegant, fruit-driven wines aged exclusively in Italian terracotta amphora (no oak). Red Hill cellar door and restaurant in spectacular 1930s reimaged cannery with deck overlooking vines.

**Avani Wines (p58)**

Welcoming family-run winery producing premium cool climate wines in Red Hill. Come for a special seated tasting conducted by the family, learn about natural farming practices. Indian-inspired restaurant menu.

**Pt. Leo Estate (p63)**

is a visual feast with art, rolling vineyards and ocean views. Perch yourself on the terrace, glass in hand, and take in the commanding views. Or truly spoil yourself with a two-hatted fine dining experience.





**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Ten Minutes by Tractor (p65)**  
Superlative wines are a true expression of their terroir. Elegant, complex, balanced with superb length. Fine dining room recognised with two Chefs' Hats. A 'must detour' for lovers of fine food and wine.



**Jetty Road Brewery (p60)**  
Family-friendly and as famous as Dromana's pier. View the brewery, enjoy a beer paddle (tip: try the locals' favourite IPA) or local wine, along with great food. Kids' play space, pool tables, pets welcome.



**Bass & Flinders Distillery (p58)** Discover the art of gin in style! Indulge in a Gin High Tea with locally inspired treats paired with handcrafted gins. Or dive into a Gin Masterclass, blending botanicals to create your own signature gin.



**JimmyRum Distillery & Bar (p60)** Rum is the next big thing, and JimmyRum craft distillery is the place to sip and learn about this handcrafted spirit at Victoria's dedicated first rum craft distillery. Tours, tastings and master classes. Cheers!



**Alba Thermal Springs & Spa (p57)** Dine on locally sourced, seasonal produce from celebrated chef Karen Martini's menu. Slip into the rain pool, forest pools, sunset pool or private pool, and book into the divine spa.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**InterContinental Sorrento (p82)** blends historic charm with modern sophistication and pure indulgence. Its four distinct dining venues offer everything from casual bistro-style fare to exquisite fine dining in a vibrant village setting.



**Jackalope Hotel (p82)** is an award-winning escape from reality. A high-end hotel in pristine vineyard surroundings, with every space carefully created and curated by leading designers. Immerse in art and indulgence at every turn.



**Lancemore Lindenderry Red Hill (p82)** features 40 elegantly Hecker Guthrie designed spacious guest rooms with quality furnishings and fittings. Swoon over views, sample wines and savour farm-to-table dining.

**DAY FOUR:**

- MORNINGTON PENINSULA**
- GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Red Hill Lavender Farm (p64)**  
Lovely café features a culinary lavender experience, the farm gate has many hand-made Red Hill Lavender products. Fields of seasonal lavender, a beautiful lake, lavender drying and oil production.



**Rocky Creek Strawberry Farm (p64)** boasts pick-your-own strawberries (Nov-Apr) and a year-round decadent Dessert Café where the house-made ice-cream is to-dine-for and strawberry themed produce thrives.



**T'Gallant Winery (p66)** Rustic, relaxing piazza overlooking vineyards. A favourite spot for sharing delicious pizzas. Choose from the cellar door's wide range including Pinot Gris and Grigio, Moscato, Prosecco, Pinot Noir and more.



**Green Olive at Red Hill (p60)** is all about paddock-to-plate sustainable farm tours, food and wine lunch packages, picnics in the olive grove and a shop brimming with natural products – all in one incredible place.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Searoad Ferries & Tarra Queenscliff (p72)** Queenscliff's newest restaurant in a spectacular building on the harbour. Come from Sorrento with Searoad Ferries, There's also a café, lounge and retail store.



**Bellarine Taste Trail (p68)** Utterly delicious! 50 glorious food and wine experiences including farmgate producers, vineyards, great eateries featuring local produce, breweries, a cidery, a distillery and provedores.



**The Q Train (p72)** is a lovely dégustation dining experience that travels along a heritage railway line between Drysdale and Queenscliff. Indulge in a pre-departure beverage in Club Loco – showcasing wines, beers and ciders from the region.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff (p85)** Right opposite the beach with luxury villas in beautiful gardens, indoor pool, day spa and gym. Follow your taste buds to Queenscliff's quaint café strip, and the Bellarine Taste Trail.



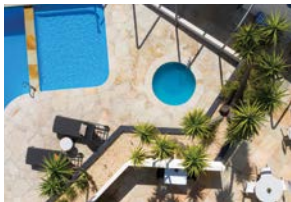
**Lon Retreat & Spa (p86)** is the perfect place to escape the busyness of life. Features seven luxurious suites and a mineral spa. Here you can reconnect with the beauty of slow and simple. Cloud-watch, stargaze and walk without a map.



**Curlewis Golf Club Resort (p85)** What more could you want? Luxe accommodation, outstanding golf course, bar and restaurant, all in a region known for its abundant farm gates, provedores, cellar doors and fine dining.



**Portarlington Grand Hotel (p87)** Ticks every box! Boutique guestrooms, airy Atrium (Breakfast Fri-Sun), fun Front Bar, stylish Dining Room. Classic pub faves, wood-fired pizzas, local produce, Bellarine wines, beers, great cocktails.



**Rydges Geelong (p87)** boasts one of the city's best locations, right in the heart of all the action. Retreat to a beautifully appointed room with water views, and enjoy. Or, stroll out to the city's vibrant bar and restaurant scene.



**Jack Rabbit Vineyard (p69)** is renowned for unrivalled panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne and the You Yangs. It's also a showpiece for the gastronomic gems of the Bellarine Peninsula, flaunted in the restaurant and cellar door.



**Lon Retreat & Spa (p86)** Situated on 200 acres by the ocean, this adult's only retreat and mineral spa awaits. Offering three unique treatment rooms featuring mineral water fed soaking tubs, steam rooms and breathtaking views of the ocean.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Claribeaux at Curlewis Golf Course (p68)** With spectacular views spanning the fairways and greens of Curlewis Golf Club, this signature French influence restaurant offers a contemporary fusion and a focus on sustainable local produce.



**Club Chin Chin at GMHBA Stadium (p68)** Geelong's exciting sibling to Melbourne's famed Chin Chin Restaurant. Tantalising feed-me banquets, sensational Chin Chin favourites, Geelong-only specials, fantastic cocktails, local beer and wine.



**Little Malop Street Precinct (p69)** boasts a lively zone packed full of wine and cocktail bars, pubs, cafés, trendy eateries and live entertainment spaces. Select a venue (or two, or three) and be treated to a safari of beverage and epicurean delights.

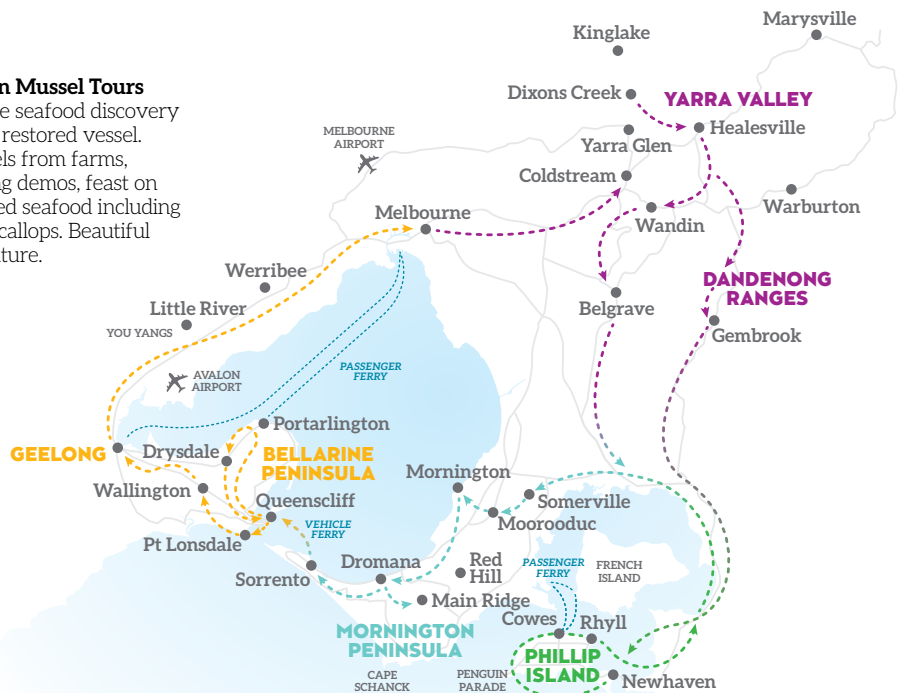
**DAY FIVE:**

**GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Portarlington Mussel Tours (p71)** Ultimate seafood discovery on a lovingly restored vessel. Collect mussels from farms, watch cooking demos, feast on freshly foraged seafood including oysters and scallops. Beautiful views and nature.





Create forever memories

# ROMANTIC INDULGENCE

## 5 Day Itinerary

Love is in the air. Go Beyond Melbourne for the most romantic interlude. Be swept off your feet by spectacular scenery, incredible gardens, luxurious indulgence and shared adventures. Long beach walks, lazy winery lunches and dinners that stretch into stunning sunsets. Overnight in lakeside retreats, beachfront cabins and gracious mansion hotels.



### DAY ONE:

#### GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

##### MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)



##### National Wool Museum (p70)

Magnificent 1872 bluestone woolstore in the waterfront precinct tells the stories of Australia's wool, fibre and textiles, and early agricultural pioneers. Exhibitions, demonstrations and tours.



##### Waterfront Geelong (p73)

is much more than a stunning north-facing foreshore. Stroll hand-in-hand along the promenade, ride the vintage 1890s carousel and book a table for two in the dining precinct that buzzes day and night.



**Baywalk Bollards (p67)** Come face to face with the characters which shaped Geelong's history as you stroll along the colourful and intriguing Waterfront Bollard Trail comprising 104 intricately carved bollards.

##### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)



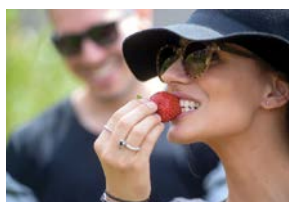
##### Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71)

offer adventure tours and sightseeing experiences on Port Phillip Bay. Snorkel with wild dolphins and seals – or spot them from the comfort of the boat. Ride the boom-net hammock, enjoy a duck spa!



##### Jack Rabbit Vineyard (p69)

is a restaurant, vineyard and cellar door boasting unrivalled panoramic views. Devour a menu that's a gastronomic showpiece for the Bellarine Peninsula.



##### Bellarine Taste Trail (p68)

Utterly delicious! 50 glorious food and wine experiences including farmgate producers, vineyards, great eateries featuring local produce, breweries, a cidery, a distillery and provedores.



##### The Q Train (p72)

is Australia's premier train restaurant. Climb on board for first-class dining in a private compartment for two – a 3-hour, 5-course dégustation menu while the train rollicks through stunning landscapes of the Bellarine.

##### STAY OVERNIGHT (select from)



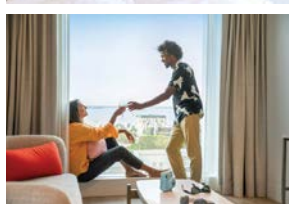
##### Lon Retreat & Spa (p86)

is an adults only exclusive retreat set on over 200 acres of rural and conservation land, hidden away on a hill by the ocean. Enjoy private beach access, nature walks, the Lon Spa Bliss!



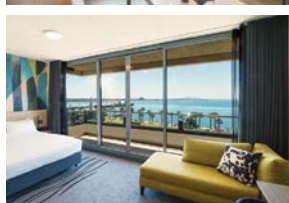
##### Curlewis Golf Club Resort (p85)

Luxe, contemporary accommodation with divine beds and views. Set amid indigenous landscaping right next to outstanding golf course. Bar, French-fusion restaurant, entertainment complex.



##### Holiday Inn & Suites (p86)


Stay right in the heart of Geelong's vibrant culture, sporting hubs and shopping, and walk to the magnificent waterfront. 4-star stylish rooms, restaurant, 24-hour fitness centre, indoor heated pool.



##### Novotel Geelong (p86)

Relax with a drink on your romantic private balcony, right in the heart of Geelong's impressive waterfront. Restaurant overlooks the bay. Fantastic restaurants, shopping, wineries and surf beaches nearby.

**DAY TWO:**

 **GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Searoad Ferries (p71)** criss-cross Port Phillip Bay 24 times a day and depart Queenscliff every hour to reach Sorrento (Mornington Peninsula) in just 40 minutes. Drive on, drive off and relax into a picturesque cruise.



**Wild Adventures Melbourne (p67)** Go exploring together: stand up paddleboarding, mountain biking, go bushwalking, take an adventure picnic, visit wineries, cafés, breweries, distilleries, hot springs. So many hidden gems!



**Peninsula Hot Springs (p62)** is pure indulgence! Select a massage, bathe and dine package, sink into a tranquil geothermal pool in the spa dreaming area, and sigh the rest of the day away.



**Pt. Leo Estate (p63)** Truly a visual feast for all who visit, with art, rolling vineyards and ocean views. Select from casual terrace dining, Chef's Hat restaurant or two hatted fine dining restaurant.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Red Hill Lavender Farm (p64)** Rolling fields of seasonal lavender, a beautiful lake and a culinary lavender experience in the enchanting café. See lavender drying and oil production, then visit the farm gate for lavender products.



**Red Hill Candle Co. (p64)** Design your very own romantic candle fragrance, choosing from 40 scents including floral, herbal and Australiana. Interactive candle-making workshops, a Scent Library and gift shop.



**Bass & Flinders (p58)** Gin fans, stop right here! Award-winning family distillery producing great gins, brandies and liqueurs. Visit the distillery, take a master class, book a gin high tea, graze on local fare, enjoy a rooftop cocktail.

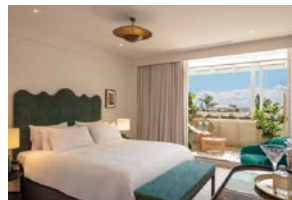


**InterContinental Sorrento (p82)** Romance blossoms in this reimagined historic hotel. Love the relaxed style of the Peninsula: casual lunch, afternoon drinks in the beer garden, evening cocktails, fine dining and music.

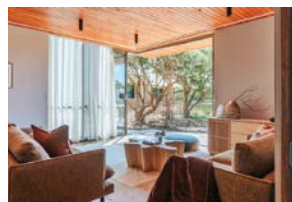
**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Jackalope Hotel (p82)** Offers an idyllic escape among rolling vineyards. This sophisticated retreat features 44 luxury rooms, a 30-metre infinity pool, an on-site winery, and two hatted restaurants.



**InterContinental Sorrento (p82)** Coastal glamour in a famous icon, now reinvented. Rich history and contemporary design in a luxury destination with elegant guestrooms, seven restaurants and bars, spa, bathhouse.



**Peninsula Hot Springs Accommodation (p83)** Tranquil eco lodges with geothermal baths, designed for restorative sleep. Or book premium glamping, with private deck, en suite, king bed and bespoke touches.



**Lancemore Lindenderry Red Hill (p82)** Luxury country house hotel, surrounded by traditional English-style gardens and vineyard. Pretty walks, fine art collection, intimate and casual dining.

**DAY THREE:**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Arthurs Seat Eagle (p58)** takes you to the highest point on the Mornington Peninsula for grand views over the bay, city and hinterland. Snuggle up in comfort in a state-of-the-art gondola and enjoy the high.



**Alba Thermal Springs and Spa (p57)** Luxury wellness sanctuary and spa. Superb geothermal bathing: rain and herbal-infused botanical pools, forest and sunset pool, private rooftop pools. Fine restaurant.



**Polperro Dolphin Swims (p63)** Experience amazing marine experiences with wild Bottlenose dolphins and Australian fur seals. Swim or snorkel through unique wildlife encounters in Port Phillip Bay's beautiful, clear waters.



**The Dunes Golf Links (p66)** It's all here: luxury accommodation, close to beaches, hot springs, wineries and great restaurants. Golf for beginners and expert players on 18-hole championship course and 9-hole course.





**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Ocean Adventures (p54)** Hold each other tight! An adrenalin-filled adventure on a jet boat or racing boat, zooming around Cape Woolamai and the rugged coastline. Spot fur seals and penguins, stop at mysterious sea caves.



**Churchill Island (p55)** A tiny historic island that's been farmed since the 1850s. Restored farmhouse and cottages, working farm, fragrant cottage gardens, coastline walks with magnificent views.



**Wildlife Coast Cruises (p57)** Experience some of Australia's richest wildlife waters. Watch curious seals play within metres of your boat, look for dolphins, whales and birdlife. Or relax and sip a drink on a romantic twilight cruise.



**The Nobbies (p57)** Huge wow factor! Extraordinary cliff-top views, winding boardwalks, explosive blowhole. Seal Rocks protect Australia's largest fur seal colony – and you might see a migrating whale. Café, restaurant onsite.



**Phillip Island Nature Parks Penguin Parade (p56)** is a world-famous wildlife experience. Gather on the beach at dusk to watch little penguins making their daily trek from the ocean, across the sand to their burrows.

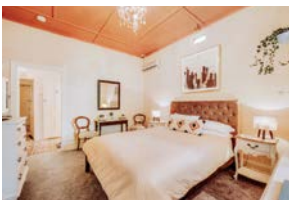
**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Ramada Resort Phillip Island (p80)** Stylish studios and eco-cabins in 65 acres of beautiful natural bushland; 10 minute drive to the Penguin Parade. Walking and biking tracks, wildlife, swimming and surf beaches nearby.



**Phillip Island Towers (p80)** A class act: 4.5-star apartments close to Cowes' shopping, dining and the beach. Stroll down to the jetty and take an adventure tour to see fur seals, or visit French Island with Naturaliste Tours.



**Genesta House (p78)** A gorgeous guesthouse in Cowes for true romantics. Three suites, old-world charm with modern amenities, 100-year-old gardens. An easy stroll to Cowes town centre, the beach, restaurants and shopping.

**DAY FOUR:**

**PHILLIP ISLAND**

**YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Naturaliste Tours (p62)** offers rare insights into French Island, which is two thirds national park. Take a 15-minute ferry ride from Phillip Island and join a guided 3-hour tour of the island's history, wildlife and hidden treasures.



**Phillip Island Chocolate Factory (p55)** sweetens up every day! See the chocolate factory in full non-stop chocolate-making action and create a personalised chocolate masterpiece. Even your entry ticket is made of chocolate!



**Puffing Billy Railway (p49)** The ultimate steam train trip. 3-hour first class return journey with 3-course lunch and wine. Historic carriages, magnificent forest and fern scenery. Or choose an open sided carriage for fun travel.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Cycling Vine Tours (p46)** The most romantic way to explore vineyards...take back roads and rail trails through country and coastal landscapes, tasting food and wine along the way. Buy a special bottle to share with local cheese tonight.



**Oakridge Wines (p48)** Heaven for serious foodies. Award-winning winery, cellar door and hatted restaurant, with kitchen gardens inspiring the menus. Private and terrace dining too, where you can sample superb local wines.



**Healesville Sanctuary (p48)** Famous haven for koalas, emus, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes, wombats and birdlife. Wander bushland tracks, have a close-up wildlife encounter, visit the wildlife health centre, learn from keeper talks.



**Four Pillars Distillery (p47)** is a small distillery with a giant heart. Book a private tasting, hang out with gin devotees in the copper-spangled distillery and discover what's making craft gin such a huge sensation.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Alpine Hotel Warburton (p75)** Just soooo romantic. Lovingly restored 1885 hotel in the peaceful upper Yarra Valley, near the Yarra River. Eat, stay and sip superbly in this 4-star rural gem. Fresh local ingredients star on every menu.



**Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley (p76)** You'll never want to leave this private country estate. Wander the vineyard, go local at the cellar door. 4.5 star spacious accommodation, bar and contemporary restaurant, spa and wellness options.



**Kangaroo Ridge Retreat (p76)** Award-winning, romantic mudbrick cabins with spa bath for two and all-inclusive locally stocked larder. Secluded in Yarra Valley bush with glorious mountain, wildlife and sunrise views from your balcony.



**Yarra Gables (p77)** A TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice 'Best of the Best'. 4-star motel and private houses surrounded by delightful lawns, trees and gardens. The perfect place to relax after winery and gin tastings.



**Yering Gorge Cottages (p78)** Breathe in fresh country air on extensive walking trails in the huge nature reserve, tee off on the Greg Norman-designed golf course. Watch kangaroos grazing as you share a regional wine on your balcony.



**Warburton Adventures (p51)** Share the thrills and fun of epic outdoor experiences. Professional guides for river sledding, river tubing, abseiling, hiking, food foraging, mountain biking and Wurundjeri cultural experiences.



**Coombe Yarra Valley (p46)** was once Dame Nellie Melba's home. Now they produce cool climate wines and a divine cellar door dégustation menu worth singing about. Relax and cuddle up for a tour of the stunning 7 acre garden.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Babaji's Kerala Kitchen Warburton (p45)** Set in a romantic 1930s riverside cabaret dance hall. Award-winning South Indian menu features Kerala specialties and street food. Holds a coveted Good Food Guide Chef's Hat.



**Chandon (p45)** was established by French Champagne house, Moët and Chandon. Enjoy panoramic views and savour romantic wines (including méthode traditionnelle sparklings) in the Brasserie.



**Cherryhill Orchards (p46)** A third-generation farm devoted to everything cherry. Pick cherries in summer, visit the farmgate shop for cherry gifts and treats. Or take a picnic and find a secluded spot on this beautiful property.

**DAY FIVE:**

**YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Global Ballooning (p48)** eases you into a magical one-hour sunrise balloon flight over vineyards and valleys for a soft landing in winery country where a champagne breakfast awaits. Flights depart 364 days a year.





# Full-on fun, together

# FAMILY FUN

## 5 Day Itinerary

5 days of excitement, adventure, laughter and totally new experiences. Meet wildlife, delve into history and the indigenous culture. Take ocean adventures, explore glorious bushlands, pick your own fruit. Stay on a farm, on an island or go glamping.



### DAY ONE:

#### GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

##### MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)



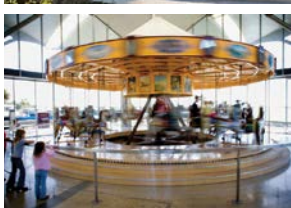
**Werribee Open Range Zoo (p73)** offers a unique opportunity to encounter magnificent animals of the African savannah where they are given space to behave as they would in their natural habitats.



**You Yangs Precinct (p73)** a magnificent Regional Park, with koalas, kangaroos, echidnas. Bushwalk or hike to the top of Flinders Peak (340m), visit Serendip Sanctuary's wetlands with 150 species of birds, plus other native wildlife.



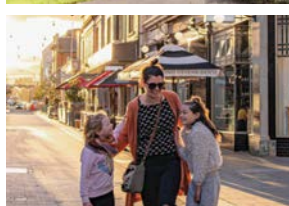
**GMHBA Stadium (p68)** Let the kids loose in the ultimate sports venues! GMHBA Stadium, Kardinia Park and Geelong Sports Museum show the region's leisure history including 30 sports. Exhibitions, films, interactive fun, café, restaurant.



**The Carousel Geelong (p72)** This recently restored work of art is fun for the whole family. Constructed circa 1892, it is one of only 200 in operation globally. Enjoy dazzling waterfront views while being serenaded by an original Band Organ!



**Geelong Botanic Gardens** features a dramatic entrance of Queensland Bottle Trees. Beyond, discover weird and wonderful plants and expansive manicured lawns ideal for sprawling on a blanket in the shade of age-old trees.



**Little Malop Street Precinct (p69)** A totally cool spot with kid-friendly cafés, casual dining and street art. A famous arts hub, with the Geelong Gallery, Arts Centre and Geelong Library and Heritage Centre right here.

##### STAY OVERNIGHT (select from)



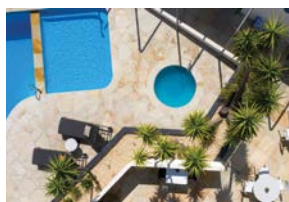
**BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff (p85)** offers luxury villas set amongst native gardens. Chill out just 500 metres from the beach, dip in the indoor pool and let the kids explore the family-friendly resort.



**Bayside Geelong Hotel & Apartments (p85)** Newly transformed 4.5 star hotel on Geelong's spectacular waterfront. Guestrooms and apartments include accessible options. Two restaurants and bars, fitness centre, event spaces.



**R Hotel Geelong (p87)** is an ideal central base for families. Located in the heart of Geelong, just minutes from the lively foreshore of Eastern Beach. A blend of hotel rooms and apartments - including some dog friendly apartments.



**Rydges Geelong (p87)** Perfect for families - just a few minutes' walk from action-packed Eastern Beach foreshore. Stylish, affordable rooms; restaurant, pool, spa, gym. Explore the waterfront, museums and galleries.

##### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)




**Baywalk Bollards (p67)** bring history to life. Download a guide, stroll the trail and get to know more than 100 sculptures depicting characters galore including a Koori family, a group of lifesavers, explorer Matthew Flinders and more.



**National Wool Museum (p70)** is housed in a beautifully restored 1872 bluestone wool store showcasing the Geelong region's wool story from the sheep's back to the clothes rack.



**DAY TWO:**

 **GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)

**Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71)** specialises in awesome, outdoor experiences ideal for the whole family. Snorkel, swim or sightsee with wild seals and dolphins or catch a wave at one of the best beaches in Victoria.



**Searoad Ferries (p71)** cross three marine national parks on the Queenscliff to Sorrento journey, providing wildlife glimpses and glorious views that differ every trip. Kids can keep watch for glimpses of dolphins and passing ships.



**Enchanted Adventure - The Home of Tree Surfing (p59)** is fun central - themed gardens, five mazes (including a Children's maze), giant puzzles, bushland obstacles, Canopy Walk, Tube Slides and adventure activities such as Tree Surfing!



**Arthurs Seat Eagle (p58)** is located in Arthurs Seat State Park. Wander walking trails before being gondola-swept up to the highest point on the Mornington Peninsula. Enjoy bird's eye views from on high at the family-friendly café.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)

**Red Hill Candle Co. (p64)** Everyone has their favourite scents, and you're sure to find yours here! Interactive candle-making workshops let you choose three fragrances from the Scent Library and create candles to take home.



**Rocky Creek Strawberry Farm (p64)** grows the biggest, sweetest, most delicious strawberries. Take to the fields and pick-your-own (Nov-Apr) or head to the café for choc-dipped strawberries and strawberry ice-cream.



**T'Gallant Winery (p66)** Rambling, rustic piazza overlooking the vines - the perfect place for lunch. Share delicious pizzas, choose from the cellar door's wide range of wine styles including pioneering Pinot Gris and Grigio.



**Red Gum BBQ (p63)** is a little slice of South Georgia on the Mornington Peninsula. Set up for families and socialising with craft beers on tap, indoor and outdoor dining, children's play area, and seriously mouth-watering BBQ.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)

**Carmel at Sorrento (p81)** grew from a gorgeous 100 year-old limestone cottage to 6 huge contemporary 3-bedroom apartments - or spoil yourself with the penthouse! Close to main street shops, cafés, and the beautiful beach.



**Iluka Group Retreat & Glamping Village (p81)** Family fun and glamping in spacious Bell tents on a beautiful 36-acre property, plus group lodge accommodation for 90. Explore the bush, wetlands, a private lake and Shoreham beach.



**Links Lodge at The Dunes (p83)** Luxury accommodation, close to beaches, hot springs and wineries. Golf for everyone: juniors, beginners, expert players. Superb 18-hole championship course; 9-hole course for learners.



**Peppers Moonah Links Resort (p84)** Overlooks championship golf greens, vineyards and farmland. Treat the whole family to a resort stay in a deluxe suite with stunning views of the 18th fairway, plus all your creature comforts.



**Rye Hotel by Nightcap Hotels (p84)** Located opposite the beach, offers guests the choice of award-winning poolside and beachfront suites, some with magnificent bay views. Dine in the onsite bistro or select a dining venue just steps away.

**DAY THREE:**

 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

 **PHILLIP ISLAND**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)

**Green Olive at Red Hill (p60)** An exciting small farm experience. Let the kids loose on the trampoline, take a sustainable farm tour, see sheep and hens, enjoy lunch from farm and other local produce.

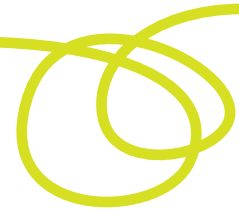


**Moonlit Sanctuary (p61)** is a brilliant spot to hand-feed kangaroos, wallabies and emus, and get up close to koalas. After dark, a lantern-lit wildlife tour gives a whole new perspective on native bush critters.



**Maru Koala and Animal Park (p53)** Learn about wildlife rescue, let the kids pat and feed kangaroos and wallabies. Koala, dingo and snake experiences. See wombats, Tasmanian devils, reptiles and birds, play mini golf, watch the sheep shearing show.





**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Churchill Island (p55)** is a tiny gem off Phillip Island. A 19th century working farm, it's magnificently preserved with heritage equipment, farm animals, beautiful gardens and historic buildings. Get involved in daily farm activities too.



**Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit (p55)** is home to world-class motor sport and daredevil action. Buckle Dad in for adrenalin-pumping hot laps or let the kids race around the go kart track for full-on thrills.



**Beach HQ Restaurant & Bar (p52)** Unsurpassed water views from huge terrace; restaurant specialises in seafood dishes, local Gippsland beef; many dietary options. Gippsland and Phillip Island wines and local ales feature.



**Phillip Island Nature Parks Penguin Parade (p56)** offers Penguins Underground, the ultimate add-on experience where you watch the penguins waddle up the beach at eye level from an underground viewing station – unforgettable!

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**Anchor Belle Holiday Park (p78)** is set in 2.5 hectares of bushland just 100 metres from the beach. Book a deluxe self-contained cabin or three bedroom villa and set the kids loose on the giant jumping cushion and playground.



**Ramada Resort (p80)** Family central! 65 acres of bushland, bike and walking tracks. Wildlife, surfing, swimming nearby, 10 minutes to Penguin Parade. Onsite restaurant, comfortable family eco-cabins with full kitchens.



**Phillip Island Apartments (p79)** offers one, two and three bedroom self-contained apartments that make family touring a breeze. Located in the vibrant seaside town of Cowes, the 4-star apartments are spacious, comfy family retreats.



**Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park (p80)** Safari tents, motel rooms, cabins, glamping. A Maze'N Things right next door, Koala Conservation Reserve just over the road. Pool, playground, onsite restaurant and brewery.

**DAY FOUR:**

**PHILLIP ISLAND**

**YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Wildlife Coast Cruises (p57)** all-season fun. Year-round tours showcase Australia's largest wild fur seal colonies at Seal Rocks. For even more wildlife magic, book ahead for summer twilight cruises and winter whale-watching cruises.



**A Maze'N Things (p52)** is a feast of hands-on family sharing activities including illusions, puzzles, mini-golf, giant 3D maze, amazing interactive magic displays, mysterious caves and SkyTrail, a thrilling high ropes course.



**Phillip Island Chocolate Factory (p55)** has been called the sweetest and most addictive attraction on Phillip Island. A celebration of all things chocolate, with interactive play machines, make-your-own chocolate and a chocolate café.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Puffing Billy Railway (p49)** is a thrilling experience. Board the 100-year old heritage steam train and journey through winding forests and fern gullies, across historic timber bridges to Gembrook, the perfect family picnic spot.



**Paradise Valley Hotel (p49)** A true local hero. Convivial hotel with the best regional beers on tap, award-winning bistro, leafy beer garden close to Puffing Billy's railway. Local produce, sustainability and community are key.



**Olinda Tea House (p49)** Ever said 'hi' to a friendly alpaca? Come and meet them, enjoy all-day dining from morning tea to dinner, book a private picnic amid the glorious gardens. Go exploring and spot native wildlife.



**Tesselar Tulip Festival (p51)** hosts the famous Sep/Oct tulip festival as well as the Mar/April KaBloom festival, both family favourites. Enjoy live entertainment, tractor rides, treasure hunts, sculpture exhibits plus food and wine.

**STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)



**BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park (p76)** Set in 60 acres of bush, waterways and landscaping that's a magnet for wildlife. Spacious family villas sleep up to 8, refurbished trams sleep 8 each too, or go glamping in luxury tents.



**Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley (p76)** is the ultimate luxury family getaway in the Yarra Valley. Pack your racquet for a hit of tennis on the onsite courts or explore the extensive Balgownie Estate 1.6 kilometre walking trail.



**Rydges Ringwood (p77)** Right at the gateway to the Yarra Valley. Bespoke rooms, and 1-bedroom apartments that sleep 4. Have a family dinner in the restaurant, or let the kids order from the 24-hour room service menu.



**Yarra Gables (p77)** is very handy to Healesville Sanctuary. This small luxury property set in peaceful cottage gardens offers a number of spacious family rooms, three 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom cottages.



**Yering Gorge Cottages (p78)** Beautifully appointed cottages alongside the Yarra River, overlooking golf greens. Relax with a glass of wine on your balcony, watch the kangaroos. Lots of outdoor activities plus nature reserve.

**DAY FIVE:**

**YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**

**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Healesville Sanctuary (p48)** is all about Australian wildlife. Don't miss the 'Spirits of the Sky' native bird show, the many daily keeper talks or meeting vets and nurses who care for more than 1,500 native animals each year.



**Warburton Adventures (p51)** Family-friendly outdoor experiences. Qualified school educators take you river tubing, on a river sled adventure or a family mountain bike ride. Book food foraging and Wurundjeri cultural practices too.

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



**Rayner's Orchard (p50)** is one of Dandenong Ranges' many u-pick farms and, with 450 fruit varieties, it's fruit all year round! Revel in a fruit-tasting tractor tour and pluck ripe beauties fresh from the tree.



**Cherryhill Orchards (p46)** opens its gates every day through cherry season (Nov-Jan) for pick-your-own cherry adventures. After, get into gourmet cherry delights in the farm shop. Cherry ice-cream anyone?





# TRIP PLANNER

*makes personalised itineraries so easy!*

*You've seen our exciting themed itineraries, now it's time to meet our very clever Trip Planner. Trip Planner helps you create a completely personalised touring itinerary, taking in some or all of our regions.*

On the following pages you'll find attractions, activities and tours, then accommodation, for all regions.



**Note:** that all attractions and accommodation are colour coded to their region.

 **YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**  **PHILLIP ISLAND**  
 **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**  **GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

So now take a look at Trip Planner: [www.gobeyondmelbourne.com/trip-planner/](http://www.gobeyondmelbourne.com/trip-planner/)

## 0 Trip Planner

You choose the regions you want to visit, drop in your choice of attractions and activities, then add your accommodation for each night. Remember: you can just keep travelling on to your next region - there's no need to return to Melbourne at the end of each day.

- 1 First decide on your route, e.g. Melbourne to the Yarra Valley, Phillip Island, Mornington Peninsula via Searoad Ferries, Geelong and the Bellarine (or vice versa), then back to Melbourne.
- 2 On the **Trip Planner** page, click on **Destinations**. You'll see all four regions drop down. Choose your first region, e.g. the Yarra Valley. Scroll down to view attractions, tours and accommodation.
- 3 Click on the Suitcase icon  on each attraction and the accommodation you want in your first region - it's all automatically added to **Trip Planner**. Finished adding items for your first region? Click on the Trip Planner icon and you'll see the Attractions and Accommodation you've chosen. Scroll down to view your map. Check the map, and change the order of your itinerary if you find there's backtracking.
- 4 Then do the same for the other regions you want to visit. *Note: you can only add up to 23 options in total.*
- 5 Once you've completed your itinerary, you can download a PDF . It shows all attractions and accommodation day-by-day, a route map, and very detailed directions with driving instructions and distances between each attraction. It couldn't be easier!

### USEFUL TIP

If a particular hotel really takes your fancy, drop it into your itinerary first. Then drop in the attractions you'd like to see in that region. Your map immediately shows how close each attraction is to your accommodation, and makes planning your day so easy.

### WANT FURTHER INFORMATION?

If you'd like to download detailed, step-by-step instructions for using Trip Planner, you'll find them **here**.

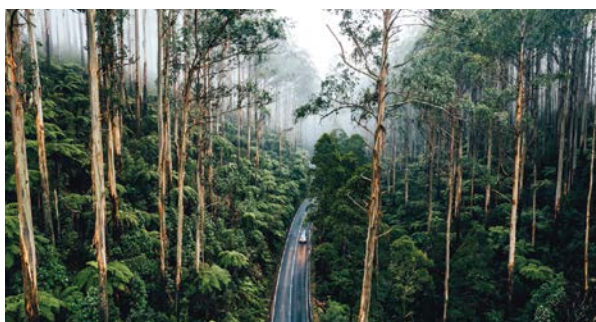
1. Bollard Trail, Geelong Waterfront



# DO IT YOUR WAY

## Choose your attractions and accommodation

Our 5-day themed itineraries tempt you with almost endless options for touring, exploring, indulging and staying in beautiful places. But they're just the start of the thrill of Go Beyond Melbourne. Now it's your turn to decide exactly what you want to see and do, and how many days you want to spend travelling.



### LET'S GET STARTED!

Start turning the pages and you'll find everything is grouped together to make it really easy to create your perfect short break or holiday. All the attractions, activities and tours come first, colour-coded by region (see opposite page for colour codes). Then all accommodation, also colour coded by region.

So let's say you just wanted to explore the Yarra Valley and the Dandenongs for a few days. You'll find five pages of attractions, all alphabetically ordered. Further on, there's Yarra Valley accommodation.

Make your choices (tip: 2-3 morning attractions and 3-4 afternoon attractions are the maximum we'd recommend), head to the Trip Planner and drop it all in. Easy!

### WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

We've got a whole 5-day itinerary for Wildlife and Adventure, but suppose you want to do a deep dive into aquatic activities for a summer holiday? Turn to Phillip Island, the Mornington Peninsula and Geelong and the Bellarine, where you'll find jetboat tours, coastal cruises, boat trips to a huge seal colony, dolphin and seal swims. Plus gorgeous beaches for swimming and strolling.

Let's say you love wine, but you (or your partner) want to explore the doors that are opening to craft breweries, cideries and distilleries. Every region has excellent vineyards, the Yarra Valley has Australia's most successful gin distillery, and the Mornington Peninsula, Phillip Island and Geelong and the Bellarine will also pour hand-crafted beers, cider, rum, whiskey, gin and vodka.

Would you rather leave your travels in the hands of our expert tour companies? Simple! Choose from wildlife or wine tours, ballooning or 4WD, ocean or airborne adventures in all regions.

When you've selected your activities and accommodation, use the Trip Planner to check proximities and plan itineraries without backtracking.

1. Driving the Back Spur Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges
2. The Pinnacles, Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island
3. Bayplay snorkelling with sea dragons, Mornington Peninsula
4. Brisbane Ranges, Geelong & The Bellarine



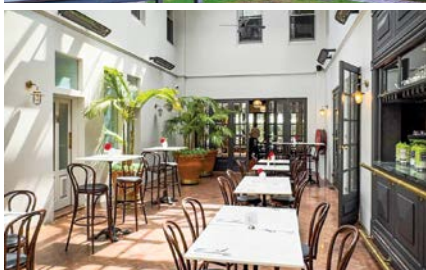


# SPOTLIGHT

## on attractions and accommodation

Now Go Beyond Melbourne really unfolds, with hundreds of attractions, activities, tours and accommodation options in the next pages.

You'll find everything you need to plan the perfect itinerary - adventure, wildlife and nature; art, culture, history and gardens; cellar doors, distilleries, cider houses and breweries; local producers, provedores, farmgates and restaurants; golf and spas.



### ALPINE HOTEL WARBURTON

Established in 1885, this iconic hotel is a welcoming destination that offers the charm of country Victoria infused with a modern sensibility. It provides a warm and vibrant setting for savouring life and exploring the region.

The team there has nurtured close relationships with local producers to ensure the freshest, hyper-local ingredients direct to the plate. Offering a full à la carte menu, high tea in the atrium and continental breakfast.

This gem in Warburton is the perfect place to eat, stay and drink. From the moment guests arrive they are hosted by the attentive Alpine Hotel team, who are renowned for their ability to anticipate guest needs and pay attention to every detail.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Hotel
Capacity	200
Group facilities	Groups welcome. High tea by arrangement. Country grazing lunch: 1/2/3 course.
Opening hours	7 days: lunch, dinner. Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing day

#### FEATURES

- Historic heritage listed 1885 building
- A la carte restaurant: breakfast, lunch, high tea, dinner. Menu highlights local producers. Accommodation onsite.

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### BABAJI'S KERALA KITCHEN BELGRAVE

Babaji's Kerala Kitchen is an award-winning South Indian restaurant in Belgrave, just a five-minute walk from Puffing Billy in the rainforests of the Dandenong Ranges.

The only Indian restaurant in Victoria to receive a Good Food Guide Chef's Hat (Australia's equivalent of a Michelin), Babaji's prides itself on homely cooking and friendly country hospitality. Enjoy Kerala specialities from banana leaf feasts to biryani and dosa, in a colourful relaxed dining environment.

Babaji's has a second larger restaurant with river frontage and open fires in picturesque Warburton in the Yarra Valley.

Babaji's is halal and able to cater for all dietaries.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant
Capacity	60 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Group menus available
Opening hours	Mon, Tues, Thurs: 12-8pm Fri, Sat: 12-9pm Sun 12-8pm

#### FEATURES

- Great location on the doorstep of Puffing Billy Railway
- Relaxed, fun environment with authentic South Indian cuisine
- Chef's Hatted restaurant, one of two Indian restaurants in Victoria

1/1644 Burwood Highway, Belgrave VIC 3160  
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## BABAJI'S KERALA KITCHEN WARBURTON

Babaji's Kerala Kitchen Warburton is an award-winning South Indian restaurant on the banks of the Birrarung / Yarra River. Set in an atmospheric 1930s cabaret dance hall, Babaji's is the only Indian restaurant in Victoria to receive a Good Food Guide Chef's Hat (Australia's equivalent of a Michelin).

Sit by their open fires enjoying homely cooking and warm Yarra Valley hospitality whilst enjoying the surrounding mountain and river views.

Serving Kerala specialities including banana leaf feasts, dosa and biryani – as well as a range of Indian street foods.

Babaji's has a second smaller restaurant just a five minute walk from Puffing Billy in the Dandenong Ranges.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant
Capacity	175 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Group menus available
Opening hours	Mon, Thurs: 12-8pm Fri, Sat: 12-9pm Sun 12-8pm

### FEATURES

- Beautiful, cosy setting with indoor and outdoor open fires in winter
- Unusual menu specialising in homely South Indian from the state of Kerala
- Chef's Hatted restaurant, one of two Indian restaurants in Victoria

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## CHANDON

Established in 1986 and nestled in the tranquil heart of the Yarra Valley, Chandon Australia offers a bespoke journey into the craftsmanship of exceptional sparkling wine. Here, you can experience the most extensive range of méthode traditionnelle wines in the country.

Chandon offers guided tasting experiences through their signature sparkling wines, a lounge bar, and a panoramic restaurant where a seasonal menu perfectly complements their wines. For a more bespoke experience, the historical Homestead offers the exclusivity of a completely private space and dedicated service, with tailor-made experiences ideal for those eager to savour Victoria's exceptional food and wine.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	Restaurant 80 Lounge & Tasting Bar 150 Homestead 10-50
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	7 days: 11.00am-4.30pm (Closed 25-26 Dec)

### FEATURES

- High value private tasting experiences
- Bookable private space for events
- Gastronomic experiences. Sparkling Brunch
- Boutique with exclusive wines

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## CHERRYHILL ORCHARDS BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Every spring, Cherryhill Orchards hosts their Blossom Festival at Wandin East in the Yarra Valley. Guests can stroll through blooming cherry trees, capture stunning photos, and enjoy picnics among the blossoms.

The festival features lawn games, food trucks, and a farmgate shop with cherry-inspired treats, including ice cream and beverages. Running from mid-September to early October, the fleeting two-week bloom is a must-see spectacle.

Cherryhill also offers Blossom by Light, an enchanting evening event where illuminated cherry blossoms create a magical experience after dusk, showcasing the orchard in a captivating display of light and colour.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Nature, Farm
Capacity	No limit
Group facilities	Groups welcome, guided tours for groups of 20+
Opening hours	Open 7 Days, 9.00am to 5.00pm. Blossom season late September to October.

### FEATURES

- Multi-lingual staff.
- Picnic area
- Cherry Bus around the orchard
- Guided tours for groups of 20+

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## CHERRY PICKING AT CHERRYHILL ORCHARDS

From November to January, Cherryhill Orchards invites guests to their scenic Yarra Valley orchards in Coldstream and Wandin East, just an hour from Melbourne. Enjoy all-you-can-eat cherry picking straight from the tree during two-hour sessions, with take-home cherries available per kilo.

Both orchards feature expansive picnic areas (BYO welcome), an on-site café, and a retail store offering premium boxed cherries, cherry ice cream, beverages, and more.

Friendly, multilingual staff are on hand to guide visitors and share cherry insights. Cherry picking is a perfect outing for family and friends. Bookings are essential for this popular experience.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Food & Wine / U-pick Farm
Capacity	No limit
Group facilities	Groups welcome, guided tours for groups of 20+
Opening hours	Open 7 Days, 9.00am to 5.00pm. U-Pick season Nov to Jan

### FEATURES

- Multi-lingual staff.
- Picnic area
- Cherry Bus around the orchard
- Guided tours for groups of 20+

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## COOMBE YARRA VALLEY

Once the home of the world-famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, Coombe Yarra Valley offers both great wine and amazing food, to create a timeless and unique culinary and cultural experience. Set in the grounds of Melba's Estate, the cellar door, restaurant and gallery provide an encapsulating experience for all the senses.

Coombe honours the wonderful life of Dame Nellie Melba through its guided tours of the estate, including the original home and surrounding gardens, as well as the restored motor house and outbuildings.

The timeless elegance of Coombe Yarra Valley provides the perfect setting for a sumptuous lunch, wine tasting, and to celebrate those special moments in life.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Restaurant / Cellar Door
Capacity	150 people
Group facilities	Group wine tasting experiences, estate tours, group dining options
Opening hours	Wed-Sun: 9.30am-5.00pm

### FEATURES

- À la carte restaurant seats 150
- Historic buildings and garden setting
- Cellar door with award-winning wines
- Seven acres of historic gardens

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## CYCLING VINE TOURS

For a fun outdoor adventure close to Melbourne look no further than these guided and self-guided cycle tours around the premier food and wine growing regions of Melbourne, Victoria: Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula, The Bellarine.

Experience stunning country and coastal areas as you pedal past farms and vineyards with the sounds and sights of local fauna and flora. Cycle on idyllic back roads and rail trails. Taste local food and wine along the way.

Forget about being stuck in a bus or a car! This is a tour you'll really enjoy, returning with smiles, renewed energy, connections and stories to tell.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Leisurely cycle tours
Capacity	Groups: 2-12 pax per group Private Tours: minimum 2
Group facilities	Small group guided tours Private tours available
Opening hours	Tour days/times vary for each departure

### FEATURES

- Cycle coastal and country food and wine regions close to Melbourne
- Small group tours operate in Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula and The Bellarine

Yarra Valley | Mornington Peninsula | The Bellarine  
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## DE BORTOLI YARRA VALLEY ESTATE

Less than an hour's drive from Melbourne, De Bortoli Yarra Valley is a distinguished, family-owned winery, offering an exquisite taste of Italy in the Yarra Valley. Set against a backdrop of rolling vineyards, guests can savour award-winning wines, indulge in an artisan cheese platter perfectly paired with estate-crafted vintages in the gardens overlooking the vines, or indulge in an unforgettable experience of wine blending at the Cellar Door.

At the heart of the estate lies Locale Restaurant – A farm to table menu, which embodies the De Bortoli family's rich Italian heritage, creating an atmosphere where exceptional food, wine, and warm hospitality come together effortlessly.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Farm to Table Restaurant
Capacity	120 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Bookings required
Opening hours	Restaurant – Breakfast: 8.30am Sat/Sun. Lunch: 12 pm Thurs-Sun. Dinner: 5pm Sat.

### FEATURES

- Cellar door with award-winning wines
- Wine experiences. Locale restaurant featuring Italian-inspired cuisine
- Wheelchair accessibility

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## EDIBLE FOREST – YARRA VALLEY ESTATE

Sample the flavours of Australia's premier Edible Forest. Explore over 350 species of edible and medicinal plants, grown in a forest environment.

Traverse six different zones including tea, wetlands, bush tucker, sensory, berry and woodlands, on a hosted 'Tour & Taste' experience.

Finish your edible forest experience off with a share platter and a glass of bubbly. Bookings essential.

Why not complement your experience and take the tastes of the Edible Forest home by purchasing their produce at the end of the tour.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	15 guests per tour
Group facilities	Groups welcome. Bookings required
Opening hours	By appointment only or via website bookings

### FEATURES

- Permaculture inspired, sustainable garden
- Hosted tasting and educational tour
- Forest Inspired Platters booked via the website

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T: +61 3 5965 2397 E: info@edibleforest.co W: edibleforest.co



## FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY

Four Pillars Distillery is based in Healesville, the heart of Melbourne's Yarra Valley. Since launching in late 2013, Four Pillars has become one of the most awarded gin distilleries in the world, having been named International Gin Producer of the Year at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London across 2019, 2020, and 2023, and achieving the Visitor Attraction of the Year award at the 2023 Gin Magazine Awards.

Book a distillery tour, get tasting at the tasting bench or take part in a gin masterclass, cocktail workshop or gin making session. Ready for a gin drink? Enjoy a G&T paddle with some gin-inspired snacks in the outdoor gin garden or try a delicious cocktail in the stunning copper bar.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Gin Distillery
Capacity	250 people
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	Sun-Thu: 10.30am-5.30pm Fri-Sat: 10.30am-9.00pm

### FEATURES

- Tasting Bench, Gin Garden, Bar Area
- Gin masterclasses, workshops, special events – check the website for details
- Indoor / outdoor seating, Pet friendly area (call ahead for availability)

2 Lilydale Road, Healesville VIC 3777  
T: +61 3 5962 2791 E: info@fourpillarsgin.com.au W: fourpillarsgin.com.au







## GLOBAL BALLOONING

For over 33 years, Global Ballooning has delivered breathtaking hot air balloon adventures. As Australia's #1 balloon company, they're renowned for impeccable safety record and exceptional service. Owned by a 4th-generation aviation family, Global Ballooning is devoted to crafting timeless, unforgettable experiences. With 130,000+ delighted passengers and countless 5-star reviews, they invite you to discover the Yarra Valley from an extraordinary perspective.



Explore Victoria's oldest wine region, only 50 mins drive from Melbourne's CBD. From the unique vantage of a hot air balloon, enjoy panoramic views of grapevines, the Yarra River, and mountain ranges. Drifting gently with the breeze, soak in the serene beauty – perhaps even spotting kangaroos in their natural habitat.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	Can fly max 150 pax per morning
Group facilities	Groups are welcome, must book in advance
Opening hours	Daily flights

### FEATURES

- Approx. 1 hr Yarra Valley balloon flight
- Complimentary in-flight photos and flight certificate
- In-flight commentary from expert pilots
- (Optional) Buffet breakfast
- (Optional) CBD return transfers

30 Dickmann Street, Richmond VIC 3121  
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## HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Explore a bushland haven for Australian wildlife just one hour from Melbourne. Wander through tranquil tracks and meet iconic Australian animals including koalas, emus, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes and wombats. The Platypus Discovery offers a unique opportunity to experience this beautiful animal.



The Wurundjeri Walk, celebrates the life of Indigenous Elder William Barak. Visit the Australian Wildlife Health Centre to meet our vets and nurses, as they expertly care for native Australian animals.

Ideal for group markets with food options and private guided tours available. Healesville Sanctuary, part of Zoos Victoria, a conservation organisation dedicated to fighting wildlife extinction.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	5,000 people. Limited for encounters
Group facilities	Guided tours, catering options
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-5pm

### FEATURES

- Spirits of the Sky presentation
- Platypus Discovery
- Wurundjeri Walk
- Australian Wildlife Health Centre
- Close-up animal encounter option
- Daily keeper talks

Badger Creek Road, Healesville VIC 3777  
 T: +61 3 9340 2788 E: contact@zoo.org.au W: zoo.org.au/healesville



## OAKRIDGE WINES

Just one hour out of Melbourne's CBD, tucked amongst the rolling hills and vineyards of the Yarra Valley, sits the renowned foodie escape – Oakridge Wines.

This multi-award-winning winery was named Real Review's Winery of the Year AND #1 in the Halliday Top 100 Wineries list in 2023. The absolute dedication to quality flows through to the restaurant, where the kitchen garden fuels the celebrated, contemporary menu and diners take in the views afforded by panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows.

Inclusive packages offer helicopter flights from the CBD, tours, exclusive masterclasses and the famed Oakridge lunch experience.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	100 guests
Group facilities	Corporate packages, unique group experiences
Opening hours	Cellar Door: Daily 10am-5pm. Restaurant: Thurs-Mon from 12pm

### FEATURES

- One hat restaurant, private and casual terrace dining
- Interactive winery experiences and masterclasses
- Bespoke corporate packages
- Coach parking, helicopter landing

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## OLINDA TEA HOUSE

Nestled in the heart of the stunning Dandenong Ranges, the Olinda Tea House is a contemporary Asian fusion restaurant, serving morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, high tea, Devonshire tea, and dinner.

Olinda Tea House is proudly rated as Number 1 restaurant within the entire Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges region on Zomato. With unrivalled ambiance, visitors are delighted to relax and immerse in this stunning secret place in the mountains.

Be welcomed by the friendly alpacas, spot native wildlife and enjoy exploring the delightful gardens. Then unwind in the Olinda Tea House's modern environmentally sustainable restaurant and soak up all the peace and tranquillity nature has to offer!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Café
Capacity	150 guests
Group facilities	Welcome host service Groups of 25 or more – advance notice essential
Opening hours	Mon, Wed, Thurs: 11am to 9pm; Fri-Sun: 11am-10pm. Closed Tuesdays

### FEATURES

- Glorious, tranquil garden surroundings
- Enjoy a friendly alpaca 'welcome'
- Venue for functions, conferences
- Mandarin and Cantonese available



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## PARADISE VALLEY HOTEL

People flock to Clematis for the well-stocked public bar with a range of the best beers available on tap in the region. Others nestle into the award-winning, contemporary bistro, whilst the sunseekers grab a drink and a menu before locating a picnic table in the expansive, leafy beer garden that abuts Puffing Billy's meandering track.

Located a short drive from Melbourne, the venue is owner-operated with the community, sustainability, and local produce at its core. These values flow onto the warm and attentive staff ensuring a visit here will make you wish 'The Clemo' was your local too.

National winner of 'Service excellence' for Australian Hoteliers Association 2022/23.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Pub/ Bistro/ Entertainment
Capacity	400 inside; 400 outside
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings essential
Opening hours	Daily. Bistro: 12pm-9pm Public bar: 11am until late Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Leafy beer garden; Live music
- Local craft and large breweries on tap
- Views of Puffing Billy as it passes
- Functions of all sizes welcome



249 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Clematis VIC 3782

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## PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

Ride in open-sided carriages and experience the time-honoured tradition of sitting on the carriage sill over the rolling hills of the Dandenong Ranges, on the original 24km mountain track between Belgrave and Gembrook.

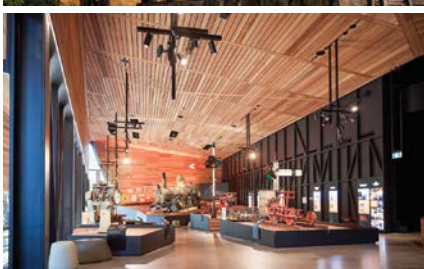
Set in the scenic surrounds of Emerald Lake Park, the new Lakeside Visitor Centre features indoor and outdoor event spaces, local food and wine, and inspiring group experiences. Function spaces can be hired independently or combined with train journeys, including private charter trains, exclusive carriage hire, and onboard dining in enclosed heritage first-class carriages.

Sit back, relax, and bask in the company of loved ones with a ride onboard.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	Excursion Train: 250 pax; max 28 pax per carriage
Group facilities	Bookings required for groups over 20 people
Opening hours	7 days: 9am to 5pm Closed Christmas Day Pre bookings required.

### FEATURES

- 124-year old preserved steam railway
- A choice of journey options to explore including private carriage hire
- Pre-purchase a high tea to share



Start your journey from 1 Old Monbulk Road, Belgrave VIC 3160 OR Lakeside Station

– Emerald Lake Road, Emerald VIC 3782 T: +61 3 9757 0700 E: [info@pbr.org.au](mailto:info@pbr.org.au) W: [puffingbilly.com.au](http://puffingbilly.com.au)







## RAYNER'S ORCHARD

**Discover Yarra Valley's 'must visit' gem!** Nestled in lush woodlands, Rayner's Orchard offers an enchanting escape, a truly unique and immersive experience for visitors of all ages. Rayner's is celebrated for cultivating over 450 varieties of fruits, with 8 to 10 varieties available every day of the year. Each season, there's always something fresh and delicious to enjoy



Take an expertly guided orchard tour aboard comfortable tractor trailers, pausing en route to pick and eat unlimited fruit, including exotic varieties.

Temptation awaits in the café with farm-style meals, fruit ice creams, jams and sauces all crafted with fresh ingredients grown on-site.

Educational school programs available too!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / U-Pick Fruit
Capacity	Tours: 150 guests per hour
Group facilities	Bookings essential for group Tractor Fruit Tasting Tours
Opening hours	Daily: 9am-5pm

### FEATURES

- Tractor fruit tasting adventure tours. 450 varieties of fruit grown
- Guides share insights into world of fruit farming
- Blossom tours in Spring – a visual treat
- Function/ celebration space available

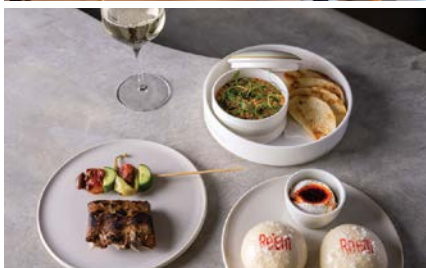
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## RE'EM YARRA VALLEY

Re'em Yarra Valley, nestled within Helen and Joey Estate, offers an exquisite boutique hotel and restaurant experience. The hotel features 16 elegantly designed rooms, each with a private balcony and breathtaking vineyard views, providing guests with a tranquil and luxurious escape. The restaurant, awarded one hat by the Age Good Food Guide 2025, highlights Helen and Joey's Chinese heritage. The menu blends Australian and Chinese flavours.



Guests can also visit the Helen and Joey Cellar Door, a bright and airy space for sampling estate-grown wines. For a more immersive experience, the tasting room offers an intimate setting amid oak barrels and art installations. Whether dining, staying, or tasting, Re'em Yarra Valley promises a unique and enriching visit.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Cellar door, Restaurant, Winery experiences
Capacity	Restaurant: 100 Cellar Door: 80 Private Dining: 12
Group facilities	Private dining / tastings, Winery experiences.
Opening hours	Restaurant: Lunch Thurs-Mon; Dinner: Fri-Sat; Cellar door: Daily

### FEATURES

- Modern Australian/Chinese restaurant
- Boutique luxury accommodation
- Private wine tasting and experiences
- Gardens, lake and views

12-14 Spring Lane, Gruyere VIC 3770

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## ROCHFORD WINES

**Rochford... captivate the senses**

Rochford Wines has a versatile indoor / outdoor winery that can cater for anything from group bookings to gala dinners or incentive groups.



The winery is renowned for staging innovative events and features a restaurant, terrace and cellar door, retail shop, wine club and expansive natural amphitheatre and observation tower. The restaurant itself is a large, light filled space with spectacular views. The courtyard is a shaded and relaxed outdoor space – great for a group wine tasting.

For incentive and team-building activities, choose from wine blending, wine games, grape stomping and much more.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	Up to 7,000 people
Group facilities	Group activities, dining options available, bookings essential
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-5pm, or by appointment

### FEATURES

- Two restaurants, cellar door, gift shop
- Special events venue
- Wine blending
- Grape stomping
- Incentives

878-880 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream VIC 3770

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## TESSELAAR KABLOOM FESTIVAL

This exciting event debuted in autumn 2018 and is now an annual event at TesselaaR, where visitors are treated to the visual spectacular of sensational fields of colourful blooms and bespoke circus entertainment.

KaBloom offers five acres of autumn flowers (e.g. marigolds, snapdragons, sunflowers, salvias, and petunias) and show gardens on a 25-acre working farm.

Whilst the star attraction remains the flowers, visitors can also enjoy the bespoke entertainment, culinary delights, souvenir shops, garden games, a guided tractor ride or immerse themselves in the enchanting, themed shop fronts and entries with a mythical village atmosphere. Easter activities over the Easter weekend.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Garden Event
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Guided tours, group rates
Opening hours	March/April; 10am-5pm, check the website for specific dates.

### FEATURES

- Millions of blooms in creative patterns over 5 acres
- Enchanting fairy garden and games
- Circus show, interactive workshops
- Immersive meandering paths
- Tractor-led train rides

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## TESSELAAR TULIP FESTIVAL

One of Victoria's most iconic tourist attractions. Set on a 25-acre working farm in the picturesque Dandenong Ranges, the festival offers a breathtaking view of over a million spring flowers in bloom. The fields burst into colour each September and include over 100 different varieties of tulips.

Visitors can enjoy live entertainment daily, fairy garden, tractor rides, souvenir stalls, treasure hunt, delicious foods and more.

Be immersed in Dutch culture with clog dancing performances and workshops, cheese market simulation, staff in traditional Dutch costumes, clog shop, Dutch food and windmills.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Garden Event
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Guided tours, group rates
Opening hours	Mid-September to mid-October: 10am-5pm daily, check website for specific dates

### FEATURES

- 70 year history
- Focus on Dutch culture
- Millions of flowers in bloom in Spring
- Working farm with plenty of photo opportunities and tractor-led train ride

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## WARBURTON ADVENTURE CO.

Come and unearth your wild in Warburton!

Join a professionally guided adventure tour with local experts and enjoy the highest quality, safest, and most epic outdoor experience imaginable.

Warburton, a former goldmine and timber town, is nestled in the Yarra Valley on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. Just 30km from Healesville, this picturesque township is surrounded by rivers, creeks, mountains, and rainforests, making it a nature lover's paradise and an adventurer's dream.

Warburton Adventure Co. offers a range of half-day, full-day, or multi-day experiences, including river sledding, river tubing, abseiling, hiking, caving, food foraging, mountain biking, Wurundjeri cultural experiences, and more.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Adventure tour/ experience
Capacity	24 guests. Larger groups on request
Group facilities	Tailored group tours; Bespoke private tours
Opening hours	Daily group tours throughout summer, weekends and school holidays. All other times by arrangement.

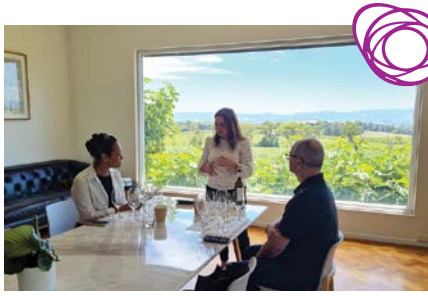
### FEATURES

- Fully insured licensed tour operator
- Qualified adventure guides

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## YOUR EXCLUSIVE TOURS

Your Exclusive Tours provides private, luxury, and sightseeing travel experiences here in the Yarra Valley.

Following our ethos 'Your Tour, Your Experience', we can create an itinerary for our guests to explore and experience the Yarra Valley. From wineries to breweries to distilleries, fresh and local produce, cheeses to chocolate, that fine dining experience, hot air ballooning, or meeting some iconic Australian Wildlife.

As you travel around in our luxury Mercedes Benz vehicles, your guide will share the history, adventures, tales and stories of the Yarra Valley.

Tours also available for Mornington Peninsula, Phillip Island and The Bellarine.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Private Tours. Bespoke, customisable itineraries
Capacity	2 to 11 guests per tour Larger groups by request
Group facilities	Groups welcome
Opening hours	7 days

### FEATURES

- Luxurious Mercedes Benz vehicles
- Uncover Yarra Valley's best kept secrets
- Exclusive wine, beer and gin tastings
- Professional, knowledgeable guide

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## A MAZE'N THINGS

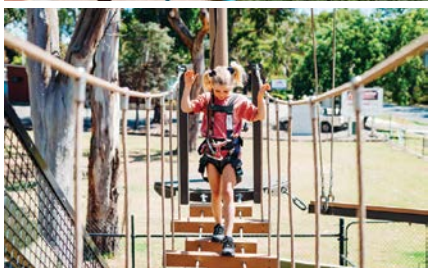
No visit to Phillip Island is complete without a trip to A Maze'N Things. This exciting world of optical illusions, mazes, puzzles and magic will astound, intrigue and confuse for hours.

In Puzzle Island you will experience world-first activities that will have you laughing or scratching your head in disbelief.

Magic Manor has amazing interactive magic displays, astounding illusions, a disappearing room, a time machine and lots more.

SkyTrail provides a great high ropes adventure and outdoor family fun.

This truly unique, exciting and wonderful place is open 7 days. Don't forget to visit Parky's Lollies and Gelato! You won't be disappointed.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Adventure
Capacity	300 people
Group facilities	Group tour options
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-5pm

### FEATURES

- School and corporate groups
- Puzzle Island and Illusion Rooms
- Magic Manor
- Giant 3D Maze and Mini Golf
- SkyTrail High Ropes Course
- Specialty gift shop and café
- Parky's Lollies and Gelato
- Open 7 days a week

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## BEACH HQ RESTAURANT & BAR

An expansive terrace that provides unsurpassed water views over the Cowes foreshore beach, Westernport Bay, French Island and the Mornington Peninsula.

The team at Beach HQ, use local produce wherever possible. The menu offers something for everyone, seafood dishes, local Gippsland Beef or traditional Australian style dishes, along with vegan, vegetarian and gluten free offerings. Group menus are available by request.

Choose from their extensive range of Phillip Island / Gippsland wines as well as varietals from some of Australia's leading wine regions. For the beer lovers, the island's best range of local ales are on tap and also available by bottle or can.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant /Bar
Capacity	160 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Group menus available
Opening hours	7 days: 12pm-9pm

### FEATURES

- Spectacular water views
- Local produce
- Features local Gippsland / Phillip Island wines and local handcrafted ales
- Local seafood, contemporary European and Australian cuisine
- Gluten free, vegetarian dining options

5/17 The Esplanade, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922  
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## KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

Get close to wild koalas in their natural habitat in one of Phillip Island's last remnant woodland reserves at the Koala Conservation Reserve, home to 17 koalas boasting two elevated treetop boardwalks which allow visitors an up-close viewing.

You may also spot other Australian wildlife throughout the bushland – swamp wallabies, brushtail and ringtail possums, echidnas and over 150 species of birds.

Learn the history of koala conservation on Phillip Island in the interactive museum and exhibition space.

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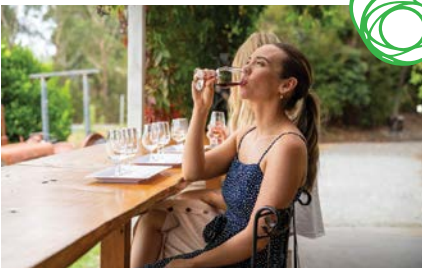
VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	Unlimited
Group facilities	Daily guided koala tours and welcome talks, private tours, educational programs
Opening hours	10am-5.30pm. Opening times vary, check website

### FEATURES

- Meet the island's local wildlife
- Walk alongside koalas on treetop boardwalks
- Café, visitor centre, gift shop



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## LOCAL WAY TOURS

**Wine and Penguins – need we say more?**

Local Way Tours offers premium small-group experiences with daily departures from Melbourne, as well as in-region departures from Phillip Island and the Mornington Peninsula.

With a maximum of 15 travellers per tour and a mantra of Playful Luxury, Local Way Tours strikes the perfect balance – combining the exclusivity and curated inclusions of a private tour with the fun, affordability, and social energy of a small-group adventure.

Specialising in Wine, Wildlife, and Wellness experiences, Local Way Tours invites you to travel like a local.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Premium, small group day tours
Capacity	10, 13, 25, 41 seat buses
Group facilities	Small group and custom private touring
Opening hours	Daily Departure out of Melbourne, Phillip Island and Mornington Peninsula

### FEATURES

- All-Inclusive day tour options
- In-region departures with multi region options
- Barista-made coffee at city departure



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## MARU KOALA AND ANIMAL PARK

Get in touch with wildlife at Maru, that is animal welfare accredited and focused. Enjoy hand-feeding and patting kangaroos and wallabies including albinos. See koalas, wombats, the Tasmanian Devil, dingoes, reptiles, a crocodile, birds and more.

Meet and touch a koala, dingo or snake during unique optional animal experiences or book a fully guided Park Keeper tour.

Package your visit with a meal in the licensed Homestead Bistro with snacks through to hearty meals and group catering available. Then top the experience off by enjoying Pirate Pete's Mini-golf and putt around 18 holes of piratin' fun.

Learn about Maru's Wildlife Shelter where wildlife is rescued and rehabilitated.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	Bistro: 250 people
Group facilities	Guided tours, dining packages, sheep shearing
Opening hours	7 days: 9.30am-5.30pm

### FEATURES

- Opportunity to touch a koala
- Close encounter with Aussie animals
- Sheep shearing show
- Menus created for international groups: Aussie meals, vegetarian, halal
- School group, incentive group and team building products available



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## MOONLIT SANCTUARY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARK

Fantastic opportunities to get close to Australian native animals at this award-winning wildlife conservation park.

Explore 10 hectares of bushland, meeting endangered species, feeding kangaroos and wallabies, petting koalas and enjoying hands-on encounters with friendly birds, wombats, pythons and dingoes. Moonlit Sanctuary is home to over 70 Australian species. Find out about endangered species or enjoy a magical evening wildlife tour.

During the day, visitors can enjoy regular keeper presentations as well as daily wildlife shows. At night, Moonlit Sanctuary comes alive in a remarkable way, with world-famous lantern-lit tours. Evening tours must be booked.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Wildlife Park / Tours
Capacity	No limit, some restrictions on encounters
Group facilities	Guided and evening tours, education programs
Opening hours	Daily Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- En route to Phillip Island
- Eco-Tourism Association Eco-accredited
- Feed a kangaroo, pet a koala, play with a dingo, hold an owl or a python
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour
- Light meals and refreshments, gift shop

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## NATURALISTE FRENCH ISLAND WINE TOUR

Discover French Island, a pristine, off the grid, eco destination, located a short ferry ride from Phillip Island.

Visit French Island Vineyard, a historic estate situated on the water's edge with a maritime, cool climate, pristine environment and handmade wines. Sail for a day of wine tasting, charcuterie and cheese plate, estate walk, and a guided 4WD tour.

Learn how this small, boutique producer creates Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir and Shiraz in an off-the-grid and isolated environment which contributes an adventurous character to the wines.

The tour includes stops at historical sites, lookout points and koalas in the wild.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	11 /19 passengers
Group facilities	Small groups welcome, private tours can be tailor-made
Opening hours	Sat/Sun. Other times by request

### FEATURES

- Wine tasting. Farmgate lunch at historical estate
- Self-guided winery and coastal walk
- Wild koala spotting. Exclusive 4WD touring with experienced guide

Tankerton Jetty, French Island VIC 3921  
T: +61 3 5257 4570 E: info@naturalistetours.com.au W: naturalistetours.com.au



## OCEAN ADVENTURES PHILLIP ISLAND

Explore Phillip Island's spectacular Cape Woolamai with Ocean Adventures. Select an adrenaline-filled adventure aboard 'The Drift' Jet boat or the premium 'Thundercat' racing boat. These are the only boats of their kind in Victoria.

The ride includes carving lines in the water, feeling the wind in your hair, zooming around Cape Woolamai while stopping at key points to admire spectacular views of the rugged coast and sea caves. Learn from the commentary provided by a knowledgeable local guide.

Experience the turquoise waters, stunning scenery and an unforgettable experience. The breathtaking granite coastline and abundance of wildlife are a must-see. Spot the fur seals, penguins, ocean gulls and rays.

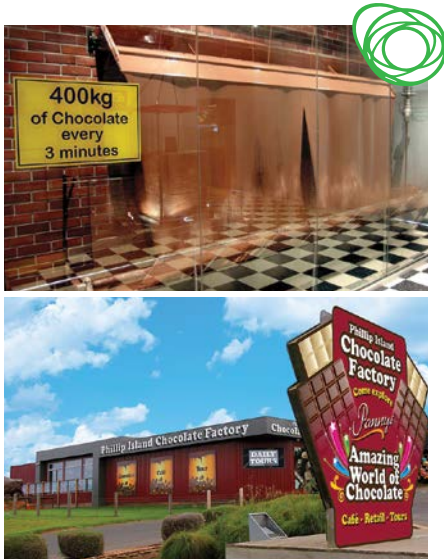
VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Adventure Tour
Capacity	Groups: 16 pax per tour Private tour: min 2 pax
Group facilities	Larger groups can be catered for too. Contact for more information
Opening hours	7 days

### FEATURES

- Unique vessels for adventure-based wildlife and historical sightseeing tours
- Private, corporate and special event customised tours available
- Highly experienced, qualified guides

Departing 170 Marine Parade, San Remo VIC 3925  
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## PHILLIP ISLAND CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Observe the chocolate factory in action! See the entire production facility in full view with Panny's team creating chocolates non-stop.

Phillip Island Chocolate Factory is much more than just a 'factory'. There is a café, a retail store and a unique tourist attraction – Panny's Amazing World of Chocolate. This is a fascinating, interactive and educational celebration of all things chocolate.

Visitors move through a series of display spaces, each dedicated to a facet of chocolate, where they are invited to get 'hands on' in the process. Chocolate in history, chocolate in advertising, chocolate in art and chocolate in play are all explored in this unique and wondrous world.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	150 guests
Group facilities	Self-guided tour, retail shop, dining, off-peak guided tours
Opening hours	Daily: 10.00am-5.00pm

### FEATURES

- Interactive play machines, hands-on experience, self-guided tour
- Complimentary offer on arrival of one of Panny's 'secret recipe' white truffles – a delicious introduction to Panny's skills as a chocolatier
- Café, chocolate shop, restaurant

930 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven, Phillip Island VIC 3925

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## PHILLIP ISLAND GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT

The Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit is home to the world's leading motorsport series including the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and the Superbike World Championship, as well as various Australian series.

The internationally acclaimed Circuit also offers a variety of activities: Go Karting on the 750m replica Grand Prix Circuit, History of Motorsport Display with a superb collection of Grand Prix Aprilia and Cagiva motorcycles.

The Champions Café offers a café style menu and comfortable indoor and outdoor seating.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	Large
Group facilities	Go Karts
Opening hours	7 days. Visit website for details

### FEATURES

- World-renowned venue home to MotoGP and World Superbikes
- Go Karts – Single and Tandem
- History of Motorsport Display
- Champions Café

Back Beach Road, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922

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## PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS – CHURCHILL ISLAND

Wander through the beautiful gardens and historic buildings set against the stunning backdrop of Western Port Bay at Churchill Island.

Get involved in the daily farm activities of blacksmithing, milking, sheep shearing, whip cracking and working dog demonstration.

Watch out for clues of Churchill Island's newest night-time wanderer. Since their introduction in 2015, the Eastern barred bandicoot has been reclassified from Extinct in the Wild to Endangered, with the help of the Nature Parks Conservation Team. Phillip Island Nature Parks is a self-funded organisation. Revenue generated through ecotourism activities is invested into vital conservation, research, and education.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / History
Capacity	Unlimited
Group facilities	Group catering, private tours, educational programs, function areas
Opening hours	Mon-Fri: 10am-4.30pm. Last entry 4pm. Opening times vary, check website

### FEATURES

- Daily hands on farm activities
- Heritage listed homestead
- Café, visitor centre, gift shop
- Accessible facilities and parking

246 Samuel Amess Drive, Churchill Island, Newhaven VIC 3925

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## PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS – PENGUIN PARADE

Watch little penguins waddle home every night at Phillip Island's Penguin Parade – one of nature's true spectacles.

Choose from beach-front General Viewing stands, premium areas including Penguins Plus, Underground Viewing and Penguins Discovery Experience and a range of intimate fully accredited eco tours.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is an advanced ecotourism destination located on Phillip Island – home to an estimated 40,000 little penguins – the largest colony in the world.

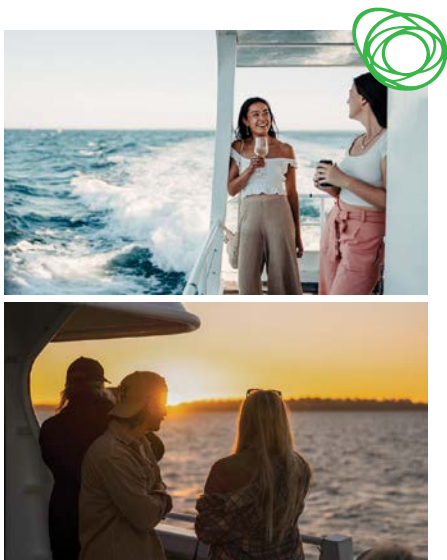
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VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	General Viewing: 2100 Penguins Plus: 280 Underground Viewing: 60 Penguin Discovery: 70
Group facilities	Group catering, private tours, educational programs, function areas
Opening hours	Visitor Centre: 5pm. Check website for times

### FEATURES

- Authentic ecotourism experience
- Restaurant, café and gift shop
- Knowledgeable, committed guides

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## PHILLIP ISLAND SUNSET CRUISE

Set sail on a serene sunset cruise at Phillip Island, exploring the calm waters of Western Port Bay aboard a modern catamaran. Enjoy live music, light commentary, and a complimentary grazing box while sipping a drink from the licensed bar.

Take in stunning views of Churchill, Reef, Elizabeth, and French Islands, with opportunities to spot Australian Fur Seals and local birdlife.

As the sun sets in a stunning display of colours, cruise back toward San Remo beneath the iconic Phillip Island bridge, soaking in the picturesque surroundings as the last light of day fades – leaving guests with a truly unforgettable experience.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	60 people
Group facilities	Groups welcome. Group catering. Private tours
Opening hours	Tours days: Wed and Sat

### FEATURES

- Enjoy live performances from talented local musicians
- Savour a delicious grazing box with additional options of king prawns
- Watch the sun set over Western Port Bay
- Light captain's commentary

170 Marine Parade, San Remo VIC 3925  
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## RUSTY WATER BREWERY RESTAURANT & BAR

Step into a world of hand-crafted ales, beer and wine sampling and fine food! Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant & Bar is home to Phillip Island Brewing Co.

A hand-crafted beer is not like your standard lager. Unique flavours are created with the use of specialty malts, yeasts, hops and the addition of things like oak, orange, vanilla and spices.

Our beer is small batch hand-crafted so visitors will experience colour, aroma and flavours of the highest quality on tasting.

Try all of our ales from a current range on tap and watch for our new specials then enjoy them matched with our great food and hospitality.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Brewery / Restaurant
Capacity	160 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome
Opening hours	Mon, Tues: by arrangement. Wed-Thur: 4.30pm-late Fri-Sun: 11.30am until late

### FEATURES

- Home to Phillip Island Brewing Co.
- Boutique specialty and seasonal ales on tap and contemporary European and Australian cuisine
- Rustic bush setting, 5 minutes from Cowes

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## THE NOBBIES



Overlooking the Bass Strait, The Nobbies area boasts spectacular clifftop views of Phillip Island's rugged coastline and beyond.

Explore the winding boardwalks (500m in length) and see the explosive blowhole in action.

Gaze out to The Nobbies rock formations and beyond to Seal Rocks, home of Australia's largest fur seal colony. You may even spot a migrating whale in the right season.

Look out over the Bass Strait while enjoying sustainably caught, MSC certified seafood, or opting for a burger, fresh salad, cake or ice cream at The Nobbies Centre café.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Walk. Café
Group Facilities	Function space available
Opening hours	Seasonal hours. Check website for updates

### FEATURES

- Stunning views along the Southern coastline of Phillip Island
- See the blow hole in action
- Gaze out to seal rocks – Home to one of Australia's largest fur seal colonies
- Enjoy sustainable fish n chips with a view
- Café, restaurant

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## WILDLIFE COAST CRUISES



Discover the stunning coastlines of Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory on unforgettable eco-certified voyages. These tours showcase breathtaking scenery and offer incredible wildlife encounters with seals, whales, and dolphins.

Choose from a range of boat tours, whether spotting migrating whales, visiting thousands of fur seals, unwinding on a sunset cruise, or immersing yourself in awe-inspiring landscapes.

Guests can comfortably relax aboard a 20-metre catamaran while an expert captain and crew provide insightful commentary, fostering a deeper appreciation for marine life and the environment. Don't miss this fantastic experience!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	70 people
Group facilities	Groups welcome on all tours, group catering, private tours
Opening hours	7 days a week

### FEATURES

- Wildlife boat tours discovering seals, dolphins and migrating whales (winter and spring)
- Variety of tours: short, half-day, full-day options.
- Eco-certified Advanced Ecotourism

Jetty Rotunda, The Esplanade, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922  
 T: +61 3 5952 3501 E: info@wildlifecoastcruises.com.au W: wildlifecoastcruises.com.au



## ALBA THERMAL SPRINGS & SPA



Alba Thermal Springs and Spa is a world class luxury wellness sanctuary located on the Mornington Peninsula.

Positioned in beautiful, landscaped gardens, Alba offers contemporary geo-thermal bathing including a rain pool, forest pools, a sunset pool, and private pools on the rooftop and The Terrace. Luxurious full day self-care packages, half day rituals and treatments are available in the spa.

Alba's restaurant, Thyme, showcases locally sourced, seasonal produce with a menu designed by award-winning chef Karen Martini.

Luxury villa accommodation will be available from mid 2025.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Thermal Springs & Spa
Capacity	400 guests
Group experiences	Bathing, private bathing, dining, small group experiences in the spa
Opening hours	Daily: 7.00am to 10.00pm

### FEATURES

- Tranquil bathing experiences
- Private pools including rooftop salt baths
- Luxurious spa treatments, rituals and packages
- All day dining at Thyme

282 Brown Road, Fingal VIC 3939  
 T: +61 3 5985 0900 E: info@albathermalsprings.com.au W: albathermalsprings.com.au







## ARTHURS SEAT EAGLE

Board a state-of-the-art gondola at the Arthur's Seat Eagle and soar over the state forest to the highest point of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula! The views are breathtaking! Immersed in nature, guests will be torn between spotting wildlife through the trees or delighting in the sweeping panoramas of the bay to the city and beyond.

This unique experience is available to enjoy all year round, with a choice of both open or closed gondolas ensuring visitors can experience the seasonally distinct views in comfort. Take time while visiting to grab a snack or enjoy a meal in the Eagle café, purchase a souvenir in our retail store, or explore one of the many walking trails.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	34 gondolas, 272 guests
Group facilities	Advance bookings required, coach parking, group lunch options too
Opening hours	7 days, open from 10am Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Amazing views of the bay to the city
- State-of-the-art all weather gondola
- Highly accessible experience
- Eagle Café for lunch or coffee
- Retail store

Arthur's Seat Road, Arthur's Seat VIC 3936  
T: +61 3 5987 0600 E: info@aseagle.com.au W: aseagle.com.au



## AVANI WINES

Avani is an award-winning, family-run winery, vineyard and restaurant specialising in premium cool-climate wines grown and produced in Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula.

Avani's viticulture and winemaking – led by Shashi and her son Rohit – focus on natural farming practices to promote fertile soil health and vineyard balance. A minimal intervention vinification process follows.

Seated wine tastings, overlooking the estate vineyard, offer visitors a unique cellar door experience. The newly designed Indian inspired restaurant menu, crafted by the acclaimed chef Deepak Mishra, perfectly complements the diverse offerings of Avani's cellar collection.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	Wine tasting: 12 guests Restaurant: 40 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Booking essential.
Opening hours	Thurs-Mon: 10am-5pm

### FEATURES

- Seated wine tasting experience hosted by one of the family
- Museum tastings available
- Indian inspired food offering
- Mudbrick winery and restaurant overlooking the picturesque vineyard

98 Stanleys Rd, Red Hill South VIC 3937  
T: +61 435 997 007 E: avanicellardoor@gmail.com W: avanisyrh.com.au



## BASS AND FLINDERS DISTILLERY

Bass & Flinders Distillery is an award-winning, family-owned distillery born from a spirit of adventure – a passion for crafting artisanal gins, brandies, and liqueurs that honour tradition while embracing innovation, and truly reflect home and heritage.

Step inside their Distillery door to sip, savour, and discover. Enjoy guided tastings, signature cocktails and a local grazing platter on their rooftop terrace overlooking green pastures, or immerse yourself in a hands-on Gin Masterclasses.

From gin blending, to Bottomless Brunch or a Gin High Tea indulgence, every experience is a journey of flavour and craftsmanship.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Distillery
Capacity	120 seats available
Group facilities	Large bookings welcome, bookings essential
Opening hours	Fri: 11am-5pm; Sat: 11am-6pm; Sun: 11am-5pm

### FEATURES

- Tastings, cocktails and delicious bites
- Purchase directly from distillery
- Unique Gin High Tea experience
- Bottomless Brunch offering
- Gin Masterclasses
- Rooftop terrace with Peninsula views

40 Collins Road, Dromana VIC 3936  
T: +61 3 5987 3893 E: hello@bassandflindersdistillery.com W: bassandflindersdistillery.com





## BAYPLAY ADVENTURE TOURS

Bayplay provides a unique offering of water and land-based activities for visitors to the region. Their activities can be guided or self-managed experiences and include:

- Scuba Dive training and Guided Dives
- Snorkel with the Sea Dragons
- Sea Kayaking to the Dolphin Sanctuary
- Guided Stand Up Paddle tours / lessons
- Guided E-Bike and Standard Bike Rides – Pt Nepean National Park

Guides are proud locals who enjoy sharing their knowledge of the region which includes the famous Weedy Sea Dragon and Burruran Dolphins as well as the amazing story of the region.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Adventure
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Group activity options e.g. team building
Opening hours	Daily: 9am-5pm

### FEATURES

- Marine Wonderland – underwater playground
- Guided tours with local guides and commentary
- One stop shop for Peninsula adventure experiences
- Operating since 1999

3755 Point Nepean Road, Portsea VIC 3944  
 T: +61 3 5984 0888 E: bookings@bayplay.com.au W: bayplay.com.au



## ENCHANTED ADVENTURE – THE HOME OF TREE SURFING

Immerse yourself in an outdoor experience like no other at Enchanted Adventure, where there is fun and enjoyment for all ages.

This award-winning attraction in Arthurs Seat boasts stunning artistic gardens and several magical mazes to explore. Take in the breathtaking views from the Canopy Walk, suspended between trees or experience the thrills of the giant Tube Slides as you race down the hill!

For thrill seekers, there is the famous Tree Surfing activity – a physical challenge in the tree tops!

Be sure to also visit the interactive playgrounds, Sky Scramble (for children under 135cm) and MisAdventure Voyage (for all ages).

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Adventure
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Group activity options e.g. team building
Opening hours	Open daily Sept-May: 9am to 5pm June-Aug: 10am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day.

### FEATURES

- 20 themed gardens
- Extensive sculpture collection in the park
- Tree Surfing, Tube Slides, Canopy Walk and Mazes

55 Purves Road, Arthurs Seat VIC 3936  
 T: +61 3 5981 8449 E: info@enchantedadventure.com.au W: enchantedadventure.com.au



## EXPLORE AUSTRALIA TOURS

Enjoy high quality experiences whilst discovering the hidden gems of regional Victoria. Explore Australia tours have been designed to 'Live like a Local', incorporating boutique wineries, breweries, off the beaten track locations and unique Australian wildlife.

Their 'Food & Wine' and 'Sightseeing' tours offer experiences that allow travellers to visit unrivalled places whilst treading the path less followed. Tour options include: the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, French Island plus Penguin Parade as well as 'Around the Bay in a Day'.

Features small group experiences aboard deluxe mini coach with local guides who are personable and great storytellers.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Tours / Transport
Capacity	Deluxe 11 to 27-seater
Group facilities	Small groups welcome Private tours tailor-made
Opening hours	Tour days/times vary for each departure.

### FEATURES

- Small group day tours from Melbourne, Geelong and Mornington Peninsula
- Free multilingual tour app, downloadable in 13 languages for an enhanced experience
- Optional overnight packages

1 Wharf Street East, Queenscliff VIC 3225  
 T: +61 3 5257 4588 E: info@exploreaustraliatours.com.au W: exploreaustraliatours.com.au







## GREEN OLIVE AT RED HILL

Green Olive at Red Hill, winery and olive grove, is a whole farm experience. They grow olives, grapes, herbs, veggies, hops and Australian Bush Food as well as raise sheep to create a range of food and wine you'll love! This picturesque 27 acre farm offers stunning views across the vineyard, kitchen garden and lake. Farm the good life!

Green Olive at Red Hill offers a range of food and wine experiences. They provide food and wine lunch packages, picnic lunches to enjoy in the olive grove or beside the lake, sustainable farm tours to explore paddock to plate food and corporate team building activities.

Picnic experiences can be tailored to couples, families and larger groups.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Restaurant
Capacity	Dining: max 170 people Farm tours: max 200
Group facilities	Special group options available
Opening hours	Thurs-Mon: 9am to 5pm Closed: Tuesday and Wednesday

### FEATURES

- Award-winning tourism business
- Olive grove, vineyard
- All day food and wine
- Farm tours, farm animals

1180 Mornington Flinders Road, Main Ridge VIC 3928  
T: +61 409 997 400 E: bookings@greenolive.com.au W: greenolive.com.au



## JETTY ROAD BREWERY

Jetty Road is a family-friendly brewery and restaurant that offers freshly brewed beer, delicious food and an expansive space to enjoy with your group. The weather-proof venue is suitable for any time of year with multiple spaces to relax and experience the essence of the Peninsula through good food, good beer and great hospitality.

The big windows onto the brewery floor give customers the chance to see the process from barrel to bottle. Taste the range with a beer paddle and don't skip on the IPA, inspired by the coast. It's a favourite amongst locals.

Enjoy live music weekends, special brews and local flavours and ingredients across the food, wine and cocktail menus.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Brewery
Capacity	220
Group facilities	Groups welcome, Bookings accepted
Opening hours	Open 7 days. See website for hours

### FEATURES

- Working brewery and brewery tours
- Free pool tables, kid's play space, pet friendly, live music weekends
- Open every day with indoor and outdoor seating

12-14 Brasser Avenue, Dromana VIC 3936  
T: +61 5987 2754 E: info@jettyroaddromana.com.au W: jettyroad.com.au



## JIMMYRUM DISTILLERY, BAR & KITCHEN

JimmyRum is a craft rum and cane spirit distillery with an audacious goal to change the way people think about rum. Uncomplicated, unpretentious and unruly, they're putting together rums that are distinctive, and downright delicious.

This award-winning range of rums and cane spirits are handcrafted on the Mornington Peninsula, with a unique locale surrounded by many other artisanal producers.

Distillery guests can enjoy unique experiences, such as masterclasses, tour/ tastings or relax in the distillery cocktail bar and rum garden. At JimmyRum, they serve premium cocktails, amazing share plate style dining or simply enjoy the great vibes with a local craft beer or wine.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Distillery, bar, restaurant
Capacity	120
Group facilities	Distilling experience, tours, masterclass, dining
Opening hours	Thur-Sat: 12-9pm Sun: 12-6pm

### FEATURES

- First dedicated Victoria craft rum distillery. Award-winning spirits
- See how rums are fermented, distilled and bottled on-site
- Relaxed cocktail bar and rum garden

6 Brasser Avenue, Dromana VIC 3936  
T: + 61 3 5987 3338 E: info@jimmyrum.com.au W: jimmyrum.com.au





## MOONAH LINKS GOLF RESORT



The secluded location creates an idyllic setting to unwind and enjoy two first class, championship golf courses.

The Open Course designed by Legendary Australian golfer Sir Peter Thomson, is an impressive 6810m off the black tees. "One of the hardest courses in Australia" – Mike Clayton. The Open Course is the current home of the VIC PGA Championship.

The Ross Perrett designed Legends Course is a shorter and slightly easier course but certainly no pushover – a 'must play' course for anyone travelling to Australia.

In addition, a fully integrated Golf Pavilion provides a well-stocked, well branded Golf Shop, Spike Bar and Pebbles Restaurant.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Golf Course Resort
Capacity	400 plus
Group facilities	36 holes. Corporate days welcome Private function rooms

### FEATURES

- Open course ranked #16, Legends course ranked #14
- Luxury accommodation, restaurant, bar, pool and gym
- Practice fairway, chipping and putting greens, Golf Academy
- Corporate and event facilities

55 Peter Thomson Drive, Fingal VIC 3939  
T: +61 3 5988 2047 E: proshop@moonahlinks.com.au W: moonahlinks.com.au



## MOONLIT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NIGHT TOURS



At night, Moonlit Sanctuary comes alive! On this unique wildlife safari visitors meet amazing animals in an intimate tour led by a passionate and knowledgeable guide.

Hand-held lanterns guide the way through the bush and wetlands of the park as friendly free-roaming kangaroos hop over to be hand-fed and super-cute gliders take nectar from visitor's hands. The tour also has opportunities to get up close to quokkas, potoroos, wallabies, endangered quolls, pademelons and many other animals in their natural nocturnal environment.

- Tours take 1 ½ hours to complete and begin at twilight. Bookings essential.
- Endless occasions for amazing photos with wildlife

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Wildlife Park Tour
Capacity	Each tour is limited to 16 participants
Group facilities	Group dining can be arranged
Opening hours	Night tours begin between 7pm & 8.30pm

### FEATURES

- Eco-tourism accredited
- Get close to wildlife
- Lantern-lit wildlife tour
- City transfers available
- Private night tours available

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Road, Pearcedale VIC 3912  
T: +61 3 5978 7935 E: bookings@moonlitsanctuary.com.au W: moonlitsanctuary.com.au



## MOONRAKER DOLPHIN SWIMS



Join the award-winning Moonraker team and experience the very best of Victoria's aquatic wildlife. Snorkel with dolphins, swim alongside friendly fur seals, explore underwater marine parks filled with colourful fish and join the search for weedy sea dragons.

Moonraker offers a range of swimming and sightseeing options as well as luxury private tours. Experience this amazing natural environment on a low impact luxury, eco-friendly cruise. Choose between half day swimming and sightseeing tours or take off on a 1.5 hour wildlife adventure tour.

These spectacular adventures are suited to all ages and experience levels providing the chance to view some of Australia's marine animals in their wild natural habitat.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tours
Capacity	80 guests
Group facilities	Group prices for 15 or more on scheduled cruises, private charter tours also available
Opening hours	October to May: tours daily. Office: 7 days

### FEATURES

- Dolphin and seal swimming and sightseeing activities
- Wildlife adventure sightseeing tours
- Luxury private charters
- Corporate, group, special event cruises

Sorrento Pier, Esplanade, Sorrento VIC 3943  
T: +61 3 5984 4211 E: info@moonrakercharters.com.au W: moonrakercharters.com.au







## NATURALISTE DISCOVER FRENCH ISLAND TOUR

Discover French Island, a pristine, off the grid, eco destination, located just one hour from Melbourne and a short ferry ride from the Mornington Peninsula.

Perfect for nature lovers and visitors looking for that 'yet to be discovered' gem. Travel by 4WD through National Park and forests, stop for wildlife encounters including koalas, echidna and birds of prey.

Venture off road to hidden spots exclusive only to Naturaliste Tours. Stop at a farm, winery or providore and meet the locals. Experienced guides will share the stories of then and now, with a sense of fun and adventure!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	11 /19 passengers
Group facilities	Small groups welcome, private tours can be tailor-made
Opening hours	Daily

### FEATURES

- Small, private touring
- Unspoilt wilderness, amazing wildlife
- Wild koala spotting. Exclusive 4WD touring with experienced guide
- Self-guided coastal walk

Stony Point Ferry Terminal, Crib Point VIC 3919  
 T: +61 3 5257 4570 E: info@naturalistetours.com.au W: naturalistetours.com.au



## PENINSULA HOT SPRINGS

Peninsula Hot Springs is a natural hot spring, day spa and wellness destination. Natural geothermal mineral waters flow into the pools and private baths providing relaxation and rejuvenation.

**Bath House:** A social bathing experience like no other. Explore over 50 globally-inspired bathing experiences including a hilltop pool, offering stunning 360 degree views.

**Spa Dreaming Centre:** A sanctuary reserved for guests 16+. Enjoy the serenity and discover over 10 bathing experiences.

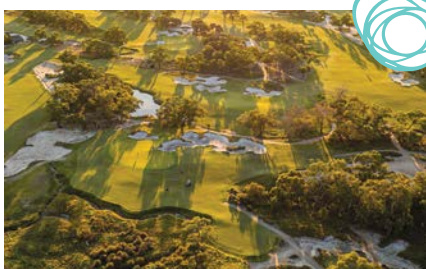
**Moonlit Bathing:** Indulge your sense of adventure with an overnight bathing experience like no other. Enjoy Moonlit bathing under the starry evening sky and unwind. Adults-only Spa Dreaming Centre.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Hot Springs / Spa
Capacity	Over 200 people
Group experiences	Hot Springs bathing, Fire & Ice, Body Clay Ritual
Opening hours	Open 365 days a year. See website for operating hours

### FEATURES

- Natural geothermal mineral Hot Springs
- Food and Beverage packages for all group sizes
- Daily wellness activities
- Relax while connecting in Australian nature

140 Springs Lane, Fingal VIC 3939  
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## PENINSULA KINGSWOOD COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Peninsula Kingswood is home to two championship golf courses (designed by Australian Golf Architecture firm Ogilvy Clayton Cocking Mead). Of all the incredible features across both courses, perhaps the most memorable are the putting surfaces, which feature Pure Distinction bentgrass. The greens are praised for their fine, fast surfaces which complement the strategic layout of each hole. Bunkers and creek-lines add a level of complexity to the already strategic route created by the careful sculpture of the natural landscape.

PK has a variety of practice facilities for visitors to enjoy – driving range, short game area, several practice putting greens and state-of-the-art Teaching Facility. Professional golf lessons are available.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Country Golf Club
Group facilities	36 holes. Group catering packages, private dining rooms

### FEATURES

- Situated on the famous Melbourne Sandbelt
- Golf Australia Magazine 2024 ratings #8 North #18 South
- Other facilities includes bunker practice area, two chipping greens and six putting greens.

211-279 Skye Road, Frankston VIC 3199  
 T: +61 3 9789 2222 E: reservations@peninsulakingswood.com.au W: peninsulakingswood.com.au





## POLPERRO DOLPHIN AND SEAL SWIMS

Polperro was Australia's first wild dolphin and seal swim operator. Four decades of experience delivering the highest customer and environmental care sets them apart.

Their intentionally small tour sizes, experience and expert knowledge of the local area and its animals enable Polperro to deliver the high levels/standards of customer and environmental care that are their trademark.

Always family-owned and operated, three generations work together today on this internationally recognised and award-winning ecotourism venture.

Onboard and overboard, Polperro Dolphin Swims offers the marine adventure of a lifetime.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	25 passengers
Group facilities	Small personalised groups tours
Opening hours	Half day trips twice daily (morning and afternoon) Sept-April inclusively

### FEATURES

- Authentic ecotourism experience
- Individual bookings welcome
- Customer care and environmental care are paramount
- One on one care available in the water

Operates from Sorrento Pier, Esplanade, Sorrento VIC 3943  
 T: +61 437 000 462 or +61 428 174 160 E: crew@polperro.com.au W: polperro.com.au



## PT. LEO ESTATE

Upon arrival you are welcomed by the sight of spectacular art and architecture. A glimpse through the doorway reveals an incomparable vista of the ocean, vineyards and Sculpture Park; housing over 70 large-scale sculptures set in perfectly manicured natural surrounds.

Inside, the building offers a celebration of world-class food, wine and service. Award-winning restaurants Pt. Leo Restaurant and fine dining space Laura offer seasonal menus featuring local produce.

The Cellar Door and Wine Terrace offer wine tastings and casual dining in a relaxed environment. Pt. Leo Estate is truly an international art, food and wine destination.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant/ Sculpture Park
Capacity	Laura: 23-46 Pt Leo Bistro: 102-110 Wine terrace: 80
Group facilities	Small personalised groups
Opening hours	7 days: check website for times

### FEATURES

- Laura – Relais & Châteaux and 2 hats
- Pt. Leo Restaurant – 1 hat
- Member of Ultimate Winery Experiences of Australia
- 4.5 star wine rating by Halliday
- 16-acre Sculpture Park

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## RED GUM BBQ

Mornington Peninsula's coolest BBQ and beer hall. Red Gum BBQ offers rustic country vibes, fine local wines, exceptional craft beer and the best Aussie-smoked, American-style BBQ this side of the equator.

This converted warehouse has been transformed into a great BBQ hall with reclaimed timbers and vintage décor, creating a warm and unique space perfect for connections. Offering two flexible spaces available for incentives, dining, meetings, events and team building experiences.

With a menu of slow-cooked, authentic Southern BBQ (including meats smoked for up to 12 hours using native Australian hardwoods) and offered with traditional sides like cornbread, mac 'n cheese, slaw and pie.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant
Capacity	140 guests
Group facilities	Group set menus, private dining available, incentive program design
Opening hours	Wed-Sun: 11am-9pm Mon-Tue: appointment only Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Open Smoke Pit
- Ethically sourced, organic meats
- Authentic southern-style American BBQ experience

87 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill VIC 3937  
 T: +61 3 5989 3156 E: sales@redgumbbq.com.au W: redgumbbq.com.au







## RED HILL CANDLE CO.

Red Hill Candle Co. offers visitors a unique opportunity to delve into the world of fragrance with in-store activities in their Scent Library, interactive candle making workshops and a retail space (Factory Store) featuring local and regional makers, allowing guests to enjoy a journey of inventiveness unlike any other in Australia.

Guests are invited into the fun and bright Scent Lab to create lasting memories by designing their very own signature blended candle fragrance choosing from 40 scents including favourites like lemon myrtle, Australiana and sea salt. This factory store is positioned within the thriving Dromana Industrial Estate which is fast becoming a hub for exceptional tourism experiences showcasing the essence of the region.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Activity
Capacity	30 guests
Group facilities	Break out lounge area and private rooms
Opening hours	Thurs to Sun: from 11 am Tues and Wed: by appointment.

### FEATURES

- Make and design your own candles
- Candle making group workshops
- Behind the scenes tours to see how candles are made
- Retail store featuring locally made gifts

Factory 1, 4-6 Thomson Terrace, Dromana VIC 3936  
T: +61 3 5930 0300 E: hello@redhillcandleco.com W: redhillcandleco.com.au



## RED HILL LAVENDER FARM

Discover the largest commercial lavender farm on the Mornington Peninsula, operating as a family-owned estate for over 15 years.

Immerse in a sensory journey, from paddock to product, where traditional methods produce the highest quality lavender oil.

Learn about the seasonal farming cycles and different lavender varieties in the fields. Meet farmers, witness steam distillation, bunch stripping and drying sheds in action.

Indulge in culinary-infused foods at the Lavender Garden Café, overlooking rolling hills, vineyards and vibrant garden beds.

The full range of quality Red Hill Lavender botanical products, created by hand, are available at the farm gate.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	50 per tour
Group facilities	Guided tours for groups of 6+. Coach parking Group catering options
Opening hours	7 days 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas / Boxing Days

### FEATURES

- Extensive lavender fields, lake and surrounding gardens
- Interactive farm, processing activities
- Lavender culinary experience
- Hand-crafted botanical products

284 Main Creek Road, Main Ridge VIC 3928  
T: +61 409 154 081 E: info@redhilllavender.com.au W: redhilllavender.com.au



## ROCKY CREEK STRAWBERRY FARM

Enjoy picking your own famous Rocky Creek strawberries, from November to April, at this beautiful hinterland property.

Buy seasonal fresh produce or peruse the retail shop for tempting local gourmet products and a variety of strawberry themed gifts.

Indulge year-round in heavenly desserts and delectable chocolate fondue and house-made ice cream in the strawberry café.

The Café has a seasonal menu featuring Rocky Creek produce. Perhaps try the Rocky Creek strawberry temptation available on the café menu.

Simply delicious!



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / U-Pick Farm
Capacity	200 people
Group facilities	Groups welcome
Opening hours	Nov-Apr: 10am-5pm May-Oct: Fri-Sun 11am-4pm May-Oct: during school holidays / public holidays, open daily: 11am-4pm

### FEATURES

- U-Pick Strawberries
- Dessert Café
- Seasonal berries, local café area
- Child-friendly venue

244 Shands Road, Main Ridge VIC 3928  
T: +61 3 5955 3500 E: cafe@rockycreek.com.au W: rockycreek.com.au





## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS CRANBOURNE



Explore the diversity and wonder of Australian landscapes at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. The 15-hectare native Australian Garden with its striking red sand and picturesque wildflowers also features a rockpool, waterholes, eucalypt walk and lifestyle gardens.

Book a ride on the electric, open-air Explorer bus around the Australian Garden and hear stories of the landscape. Then visit the Boon Wurrung Café for something sweet or savoury with views over the Garden.

The Australian Garden is surrounded by remnant bushland and wetlands, brimming with native plants and animals. Take a walk along the 10 km of bush trails and be immersed in nature.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Nature
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Explorer 22 passengers
Opening hours	Daily: 9am-5pm (Closed Christmas Day)

### FEATURES

- Free entry
- Designed Australian Garden
- Extensive walking paths throughout bushland
- Electric, open-air Explorer bus, walking tours and regular programs
- Café accepts group bookings. Gift shop



Corner Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne VIC 3977  
T: +61 3 5990 2200 E: rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au W: rbg.vic.gov.au



## TAR BARREL BREWERY & DISTILLERY



Tar Barrel is the original and only local craft brewery and distillery on the Mornington Peninsula, receiving multiple awards for its handcrafted beer and whiskey.

The relaxed and casual venue offers an amazing beer garden, an indoor hanging garden and a mezzanine overlooking the brewery and distillery. A perfect environment for individuals, groups, families to enjoy a drink and a meal. They are also dog friendly!

Tar Barrel has tasting paddles of its beer, whiskey and gin for you to explore, as well as local wines, all complemented by an exciting new food menu from Offside Dining.

A destination not to miss!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Brewery and distillery
Capacity	100
Group facilities	Guided tour (bookings essential); beer, whiskey and gin tasting
Opening hours	Wed-Thu: 3-9pm, Fri: 12pm-11pm; Sat: 12pm-11pm; Sun: 12pm-7pm

### FEATURES

- 8 Craft Beers on tap
- Beer, whiskey and gin tasting paddles
- New menu
- Guided tours



72 Watt Road, Mornington VIC 3931  
T: +61 477 378 294 E: info@tarbarrel.com.au W: tarbarrel.com.au



## TEN MINUTES BY TRACTOR



Ten Minutes by Tractor is an award-winning winery and a two hatted fine dining restaurant located on the Mornington Peninsula, only one hour from Melbourne.

In the architecturally acclaimed cellar door, experience an in-depth tasting and discover wines that are a true expression of the unique qualities and character of these vineyards – wines with elegance and complexity, beautiful balance and length.

Ten Minutes by Tractor restaurant provides an opportunity to learn more about their wines and how they can be enjoyed with great food. Hayden's innovative menu is inspired by the highest quality seasonal and local ingredients handled with passion and creativity.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery/Restaurant
Capacity	Restaurant: 55 guests; Allis Wine Bar Bistro: 30 guests; Private Tasting Room: 14 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	Cellar door: 7 days, 11am-5pm; Restaurant: Thurs-Sun Lunch, Fri-Sat Dinner

### FEATURES

- 2-hatted fine dining restaurant
- Award-winning winery



1333 Mornington Flinders Road, Main Ridge VIC 3928  
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## T'GALLANT WINERY

Spend a relaxing afternoon at T'Gallant's rustic winery and pizzeria overlooking the vineyards.

Known as much for pioneering Pinot Gris and Grigio in Australia as they are for their delicious pizza and à la carte menu.

T'Gallant is a popular spot on the Peninsula, and their rambling outdoor piazza is often filled with friends and family catching up or celebrating.

Their friendly cellar door offers a full range of approachable wine tastings from Pinot Gris and Grigio, sparkling Moscato and Prosecco, crisp Rosé, to fruit-driven Pinot Noirs and more.

Stop in and say 'Hi'!

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	190
Group facilities	Group menus, corporate retreats, private tastings
Opening hours	Daily until 5.00pm. Lunch every day

### FEATURES

- Cellar door and pizzeria
- Outdoor bar
- Large walk-in venue perfect for groups
- Vineyard views
- Pioneers of Pinot Gris and Grigio

1385 Mornington Flinders Road, Main Ridge VIC 3928  
T: +61 3 5989 6188 E: info@tgallantvineyard.com.au W: tgallantvineyard.com.au



## THE DUNES GOLF LINKS

The Dunes Golf Links captures the essence of true links golf. The 18-hole championship course reflects the highest standards of course maintenance and customer service, matched by only the very best private clubs.

The Cups course rates amongst the best stand-alone 9-hole courses in Australia with several magnificent par 3 and 4s. This course is perfect for a quick round for seasoned players and is an excellent introduction to the game for juniors and beginners.

The Dunes Golf Links and Links Lodge is a picturesque venue for executive retreats, romantic getaways, or group golfing experiences.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Golf course
Capacity	150 guests
Group experiences	Corporate golf days welcome
Opening hours	6.30am-6.30pm

### FEATURES

- Victoria's #1 Public access golf course
- Tailored group food and beverage packages available
- Luxury onsite accommodation

335 Browns Road, Rye VIC 3941  
T: +61 3 5989 0201 E: stay@thedunes.com.au W: thedunes.com.au



## TROFEO ESTATE

Nestled at the foothills of Red Hill, Trofeo is a winery with a unique story. Ancient terracotta vessels meet innovative winemaking. One of the largest producers to age exclusively in amphora, Trofeo produces elegant and fruit-driven wines without the presence of oak.

The Restaurant at Trofeo Estate boasts a contemporary, seasonal menu showcasing artisanal produce from the Mornington Peninsula set within the Estate's heritage building.

The picturesque Wine Garden caters to casual diners offering shared plates ideal for grazing whilst enjoying the surrounding vineyards.

Visit Trofeo Estate and experience the terracotta difference.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Winery/Restaurant
Capacity	50-250
Group facilities	Wine tastings, larger groups, events, wedding
Opening hours	Cellar door: 7 days Restaurant: Wed-Sun

### FEATURES

- Terracotta Amphora wines
- Unique cellar door experience
- Indoor and outdoor dining areas
- Caters for larger groups /events
- Organic and biodynamic farming

85 Harrisons Road, Dromana VIC 3936  
T: +61 3 5981 8688 E: info@trofeoestate.com W: trofeoestate.com.au





## ULTIMATE WINERY EXPERIENCES AUSTRALIA



Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia is a hand-selected collection of premium, award-winning wineries offering experiences that invite visitors to go 'beyond the cellar door' and discover the Australian way with wine.

Located in Australia's most renowned wine regions, the collective specialises in creating memorable tourism experiences that epitomise the unique characteristics of each winery and its surrounding region.

These wineries are not simply venues to taste and purchase wine. They offer a complete tourism experience – including restaurants, masterclasses and tours. Enjoy behind-the-scenes access, private tastings, and immersive experiences that showcase the best of Australian winemaking.

### FEATURES

- 110+ bookable and commissionable experiences. Trade-friendly and easy to book
- Access to a broad range of customer focused experiences
- Behind-the-scenes tours, private tastings, hands-on and culinary experiences
- Award-winning wineries and restaurants
- Includes three magnificent Mornington Peninsula wineries – Montalto, Ten Minutes by Tractor and Pt Leo Estate
- Single point of contact for winery experiences

E: [bookings@ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au](mailto:bookings@ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au) W: [ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au](http://ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au)



## WILD ADVENTURES MELBOURNE (WAM)



WAM connects small groups with incredible nature and wildlife on full-day and half-day eco adventure tours of the spectacular Mornington Peninsula encompassing wonderful outdoor activities, wildlife spotting, local produce, and wellness.

Spot dolphins and seals during a stand up paddleboard lesson along a stunning coastline, hike in rainforests and dramatic coastlines viewing iconic wildlife, snorkel above kelp and marine life, swim in magical rock pools, taste local produce and wine, and relax at thermal springs.

As a regenerative tourism operator and Certified B-Corp, WAM has designed all experiences to have a positive impact on the local environment and community.

### VENUE DETAILS

Type	Adventure Tours
Capacity	Groups: 8 pax per tour Private tour: min 2 pax
Group facilities	Small group guided tours (bespoke private tours also available)

### FEATURES

- Unique adventure tours on the Mornington Peninsula
- Eco friendly with a 5-star service
- Qualified and experienced outdoor activity instructor-guides
- Private and public tour options

Experiences start from McCrae Lighthouse located in the heart of the Mornington Peninsula  
T: +61 490 333 795 E: [hello@wildadventuresmelbourne.com](mailto:hello@wildadventuresmelbourne.com) W: [wildadventuresmelbourne.com](http://wildadventuresmelbourne.com)



## BAYWALK BOLLARDS



The Baywalk Bollards, an art project that grew into an iconic trail, explores the key characters who've shaped Geelong throughout history. They are Geelong's most photographed faces and they stand strong and tall along the city's foreshore. From Limeburners Point in the east the Bollard trail runs through Eastern Beach and the Botanic Gardens, past the waterfront precinct, along Western Beach to Rippleside Park.

Among the 104 sculptures are a Koori family, explorer Matthew Flinders and groups of the well-known lifesavers, including a bunch near Cunningham Pier.

### VENUE DETAILS

Type	Attraction / Trail
Group facilities	Tour guides could provide a comprehensive and insightful tour, various bus parking spots along the trail
Opening hours	Always open

### FEATURES

- Iconic public art trail
- Historic stories
- Photo opportunity

Eastern Beach Road, Geelong VIC 3220 T: +61 3 5244 7100 (press 2)  
E: [info@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au](mailto:info@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au) W: [geelongaustralia.com.au/bollards](http://geelongaustralia.com.au/bollards)







## BELLARINE TASTE TRAIL

The Bellarine Taste Trail brings together 50 unique food and drink experiences across the Bellarine Peninsula. It's a delicious way to tour a beautiful – and very tasty – region. Discover farmgate producers growing and making the produce that's served at the best eateries nearby – from mussels and cheese to fruit and vegetables.

Vineyards produce award-winning wine in stunning locations – taste some with the maker while soaking in water views and fresh air. Flying Brick Cider House turns apples and pears into award-winning cider. On the beach, on a balcony, on the street or on the roof – there's always a unique place to devour the Bellarine Taste Trail.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Food and Wine Trail
Group facilities	Tour operators can design a group tour along the Taste Trail, groups are welcome at many attractions, cellar doors and restaurants

### FEATURES

- Wineries
- Farmgates
- Breweries, a cidery and a distillery
- Provedores stocked with local produce
- Places to eat and drink the best of local produce

Various locations on The Bellarine  
 T: +61 3 5244 7100 E: info@thebellarinetastetrail.com.au W: thebellarinetastetrail.com.au



## CLUB CHIN CHIN AT GMHBA STADIUM

Game on, Geelong! Chin Chin's bold, vibrant flavours and high-energy approach to dining have scored a brand-new home, located within GMHBA Stadium.

Club Chin Chin leans a little differently to its siblings in Melbourne and Sydney, though you can still expect your favourite Chin Chin classics.

From Executive Chef Benjamin Cooper comes a refreshed menu celebrating familiar Chin Chin favourites alongside plenty of exclusive new dishes and Geelong-only specials. Of course, we've got Feed Me banquets to share with your faves, and an extensive lineup of beer, wine and signature cocktails spotlighting local makers and producers.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant /Function
Capacity	280 guests
Group facilities	Private functions, cooking and cocktail making experiences
Opening hours	Lunch: Fri-Sun Dinner: Thurs-Sat Other times by request

### FEATURES

- Views overlooking GMHBA Stadium
- Private and group bookings available
- Cooking and cocktail making Masterclasses available

GMHBA Stadium, Joel Selwood Stand, 370 Moorabool Street, South Geelong VIC 3220  
 T: +61 3 5225 2367 E: events@highermark.com.au W: clubchinchin.com.au



## CURLEWIS GOLF CLUB & THE RANGE @ CURLEWIS

Play the revered 71 par golf course and you'll see why Curlewis keeps catapulting up all Australian official course rankings. Step inside the spectacular new \$20 million Curlewis Clubhouse for next level facilities and epicurean experience.

Sleepover in style – the luxe rooms boast stunning views spanning fairways or across the bay. Signature restaurant, Claribeaux, will delight – French influence, contemporary fusion and a keen focus on local produce.

Enter The Range @ Curlewis. Enjoy a blockbuster experience for golfers, fun lovers and foodies. 18 indoor/outdoor driving bays, Victoria's 1st Toptracer Range installation, a cool two tier mini golf course, X Golf and seven day hospitality.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Golf Club, Accommodation
Capacity	80-400 people
Group facilities	Customised functions and activities
Opening hours	7 days

### FEATURES

- 6,150 par 71 course; Toptracer Range
- Spectacular bay views
- Luxe accommodation
- 18 bay indoor/outdoor driving range with auto tees
- 7 day dining: Clubhouse & The Range

1345 Portarlington Road, Curlewis VIC 3222  
 T: +61 3 5251 1111 E: hello@curlewisgolf.com.au W: curlewisgolf.com.au





## GREAT PRIVATE TOURS



Offering private and small group luxury charter tours around Melbourne specialising in food and wine experiences, helicopter and light plane journeys, lifestyle and hot springs tours, family-friendly days out with activities for the kids, plus wildlife and behind-the-scenes animal encounter experiences.

Tours include single and multi-day tours to Bellarine Peninsula, Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Valley, Phillip Island and Greater Melbourne for city sights and urban exploring.

Great Private Tours offer set and bespoke tours with unparalleled customer support using luxury Mercedes Benz vehicles and expert guides showcasing the very best of Victoria. They can also provide luxury coaches for large groups and charters.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Luxury tour operator
Capacity	From 1 to 200
Group facilities	Individual or small group charters
Opening hours	Daily

### FEATURES

- Luxury Mercedes Vehicles
- Private and luxury group charters
- Set tours and custom-made tours
- All regions of Victoria
- Luxe Bus 'Seat in Coach' tours
- Unparalleled service and bespoke tours

PO Box 33, Black Rock VIC 3199  
T: +61 430 279 438 E: [bookings@greatprivatetours.com.au](mailto:bookings@greatprivatetours.com.au) W: [greatprivatetours.com.au](http://greatprivatetours.com.au)



## JACK RABBIT VINEYARD



This restaurant, vineyard and cellar door offer guests a brilliant regional experience!

Unrivalled, spectacular panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne, the You Yangs and Geelong are just the beginning. The winery is a gastronomic showpiece for the Bellarine Peninsula alongside a stable of multi-award-winning sophisticated cool climate wines.

Soak up the spectacular and ever-changing views across the bay in every direction. Delight in Jack Rabbit Vineyard's rich, diverse wines. Savour the stunning, seasonal gastronomic fare, featuring an abundance of local produce to satisfy even the most discerning palate.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Café / Winery
Capacity	Restaurant: 120 guests Cellar door: 150 guests
Group facilities	Guided wine tastings, group menu specialist, private functions
Opening hours	7 days: 10am-5pm, Dinner Fri and Sat from 6pm, Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Iconic Bellarine winery, sophisticated cool climate wines
- À la carte restaurant and café-style 'House of Jack Rabbit' cellar door

85 McAdams Lane, Bellarine VIC 3221  
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## LITTLE MALOP ST PRECINCT



The Little Malop Street precinct is one of Geelong's coolest spots to eat, drink and enjoy the good things about a city. The Geelong Library and Heritage Centre is the most striking piece of architecture in town. Next door, the Geelong Gallery has an impressive collection and a grand schedule of temporary exhibitions, while across the road the Geelong Arts Centre is a hub of theatre, music and drama for the region.

Wandering east along the street, discover huge and ever-changing street art installations down laneways. Explore great places to eat and drink within a few hundred metres. There's casual dining and international flavours, cocktail bars and even a piano bar.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Urban Precinct
Capacity	Some businesses have group events and special offers

### FEATURES

- Relax and recharge at the architecturally designed Geelong Library and Heritage Centre
- Explore the colourful delights of the spectacular street art
- Casual eateries to sophisticated five-star restaurants
- Bars, nightlife and entertainment for a memorable day or night out

Little Malop Street, Geelong VIC 3220  
T: +61 3 5244 7100 E: [info@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au](mailto:info@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au) W: [www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au](http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au)







## NATIONAL WOOL MUSEUM

Along Geelong's vibrant waterfront precinct, an iconic 1872 bluestone woolstore beckons you into an Australian cultural treasure. The National Wool Museum tells the timeless Australian story of wool, fibre, textiles, and the stories of Geelong and the region.

The Museum has an exciting program of visiting exhibitions, special events and customised tourism experiences including hands-on Collection tours and vintage loom demonstrations.

The Museum Shop offers a unique range of high-quality woollen apparel, natural fibre blankets and rugs, locally made handcrafted souvenirs and giftware, including sheepskin and Lanolin products, jewellery and more.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Museum / Gift Shop
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Guided tours, collection experiences, loom demonstrations (bookings essential)
Opening hours	Open daily. Closed: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday

### FEATURES

- Iconic 1872 bluestone building, opened as a museum in 1988
- Australian story of wool, fibre, textiles
- Experience the 1910 Axminster Jacquard carpet loom

26 Moorabool Street, Geelong VIC 3220  
 T: +61 3 5272 4701 E: [nwminfo@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:nwminfo@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) W: [nwm.vic.gov.au](http://nwm.vic.gov.au)



## PORT PHILLIP FERRIES

Port Phillip Ferries offer a unique experience to cross Port Phillip Bay. Their brand new purpose-built ferries cruise between the Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong and Docklands, Melbourne. They provide a comfortable vantage point, with indoor and outdoor seating, whilst enjoying the sights and surrounds. Relax with a coffee, snack or wine from the onboard café.

Arrive in Portarlington to breathe in the fresh sea air and a trip to the wineries, food producers and attractions. Or, visit the vibrant city of Geelong to enjoy the waterfront, cultural precincts and restaurant hub. Take a trip in the other direction, to Melbourne to attend events, eat out, shopping and all that the wonderful city has to offer.



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Tours and Transport
Capacity	200-400 max
Group facilities	Groups welcome onboard. Indoor and outdoor spaces available onboard and group tours can be facilitated
Opening hours	365 days a year. Check website for the most up-to-date timetables

### FEATURES

- The ONLY vessel to transport passengers across the bay direct from Melbourne CBD to the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong

131 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands VIC 3008  
 T: +61 3 9514 8959 E: [info@portphillipferries.com.au](mailto:info@portphillipferries.com.au) W: [portphillipferries.com.au](http://portphillipferries.com.au)



## PORTARLINGTON GRAND HOTEL DINING

The Portarlington Grand Hotel offers a great variety of dining experiences, each with its own unique atmosphere. From the stylish Dining Room to the lively Front Bar and the open-air Atrium, there's something for everyone. Enjoy classic pub favourites, fresh local produce, and perfectly crafted cocktails.

Pair a meal with Bellarine wines, beers, or spirits, all served with a side of fun and friendly service. Start the day with breakfast in the Atrium (Fri-Sun), grab a wood-fired pizza for lunch, or settle in for a hearty dinner.

Open daily from 11.30am, this is Portarlington's local – and they make sure guests feel like a local too!



VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Hotel
Capacity	Dining room: 120; Atrium: 100 total (40 in back half); Lawn area: 100
Opening hours	Mon-Thurs: 11.30am-late Fri-Sat: 8am-late
Group Facilities	Groups welcome

### FEATURES

- Open air Atrium bar/ restaurant with relaxed atmosphere
- Fresh Bellarine Peninsula produce
- Bespoke corporate function packages available

76 Newcombe Street, Portarlington VIC 3223  
 T: +61 8533 4898 E: [enquiries@pghotel.com.au](mailto:enquiries@pghotel.com.au) W: [portarlingtongrandhotel.com.au](http://portarlingtongrandhotel.com.au)





## PORTARLINGTON MUSSEL TOURS

Explore, taste and sip, while cruising the bay, with views of the Melbourne skyline and the Bellarine hills.

This immersive experience offers a front row seat to nature, seafood, wildlife and more, all from the comfort of a lovingly restored vessel.

Sink your teeth into this curated foodie experience. Feast on local food and drink. Watch them open and prepare a range of seafood, freshly plucked from the waters.

Grab your bucket and collect mussels straight from the farms and settle in to watch cooking demonstrations to enjoy for lunch.

The warm and friendly team will ensure your senses are filled with lasting memories.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest tours
Capacity	max 12 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome, private charters also available
Opening hours	All year round. Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Cruise on a beautifully restored vessel
- Pick your own mussels from the farms
- Mussel cooking demonstrations
- Seafood tastings – oysters, scallops and more
- Sightseeing and wildlife spotting

Portarlington Pier, Portarlington Harbour, Portarlington VIC 3225  
 +61 3 432 027 901 E: info@portmusseltours.com.au W: portarlingtonmusseltours.com.au



## SEA ALL DOLPHIN SWIMS

Swim with wild seals and dolphins and get up close and personal with local marine life – with Sea All Dolphin Swims.

Join exhilarating adventure tours and sightseeing experiences on Port Phillip Bay, and explore places only accessible by boat. Snorkel with wild dolphins and seals – or spot them from the comfort of the boat.

Delight in the award-winning, best outdoor experience the region has to offer. This is an adventure not to be missed – ride the boom-net hammock, jump from the boat roof, enjoy a duck spa!

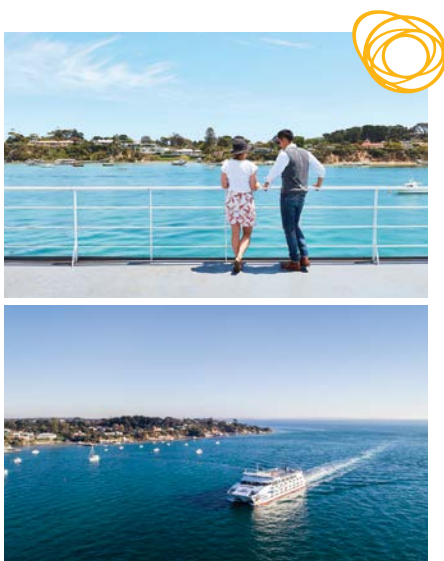
A must-do experience when visiting the region! All equipment provided. All swimming abilities catered for.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Special Interest Tour
Group facilities	Groups welcome, individual and private packages also available
Opening hours	<b>Swim Season:</b> September – May; <b>Sightsee Season:</b> Year Round. Closed Christmas Day

### FEATURES

- Multi-award-winning experiences
- Sightseeing tours; private charters
- Qualified instructors and guides
- Snorkel equipment and light refreshments provided

Shop 3, Building 6, Queenscliff Boat Harbour, Queenscliff VIC 3225  
 T: +61 3 5258 3889 E: crew@dolphinswims.com.au W: dolphinswims.com.au



## SEAROAD FERRIES

Experience Melbourne's beautiful Port Phillip Bay! In just 40 minutes, cruise you and your car effortlessly across Port Phillip Bay. It's the fastest, most relaxing and scenic way to link Victoria's Great Ocean Road with the Mornington Peninsula. And it reveals the most spectacular Bay views, from historic Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula to quaint Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Two ships provide hourly departures from each charming village between 7am and 6pm, seven days a week.

This drive-on-drive-off experience is a very smooth and easy way to continue a road trip rather than driving the 200 kilometre/3 hours around through city traffic and on toll roads.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Tours / Transport
Capacity	700 passengers and 75 cars every sailing
Group facilities	Coaches welcome, group dining onboard
Opening hours	Departs every day, every hour on the hour, 7am-6pm

### FEATURES

- Spectacular scenery, dolphin spotting
- 40 minute crossing versus 3 hour drive around bay; easy drive-on-drive-off
- All weather
- Cars, motorhomes and coaches

1 Wharf Street East, Queenscliff VIC 3225 & Esplanade, Sorrento Pier, Sorrento VIC 3943  
 T: +61 3 5257 4500 E: travel@searoad.com.au W: searoad.com.au







## TARRA QUEENSCLIFF



TARRA Queenscliff sits against the breathtaking natural backdrop of Port Phillip Bay in the seaside village of Queenscliff. It is an iconic, award-winning, state-of-the-art building that offers an impressive collection of spaces and a range of experiences, including a new restaurant, café and event space.

TARRA's contemporary, innovative and exciting atmosphere is designed to take in the stunning location, offering fresh and delicious food, hand-selected wines, with a cuisine that is a reflection of the ocean, the land and the change of seasons. Simple things done extraordinarily well.

A perfect venue for groups, incentives and events.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant / Functions
Capacity	30-400 guests
Group facilities	Group set menus, events, incentive, conferences
Opening hours	7 days: 7am-6pm Evenings by arrangement

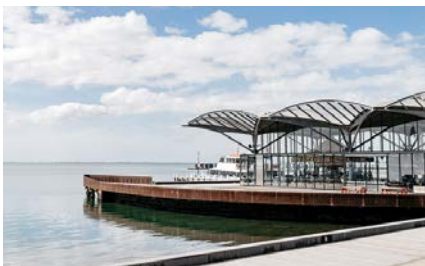
### FEATURES

- Beachside location with natural light filled spaces
- Best, uninterrupted views on the Victorian Coast
- Fresh, simple, locally sourced menu and dining experience
- 90 minutes from Melbourne

1 Wharf Street East, Queenscliff VIC 3225  
T: +61 3 52574595 E: functions@tarra.com.au W: tarra.com.au



## THE CAROUSEL GEELONG



Spend some time at the beautifully restored heritage Carousel at Geelong's waterfront precinct. Take a ride on one of the hand-carved wooden horses or relax and enjoy the spectacular views overlooking Corio Bay towards Melbourne and the You Yangs Regional Park, a significant cultural landscape in the traditional Country of the Wadawurrung People.

The c.1892 Carousel was made in New York by the Armitage-Herschell Company and is one of only 200 in operation today. The fully restored Carousel includes 36 Dare horses and two accessible chariots. Also at the Carousel is a replica Band Organ, providing visitors with carnival-style music and the 1890 Herschell-Spillman Steam Engine, which originally powered the Carousel.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Capacity	120 people
Group facilities	Group bookings and history talks available
Opening hours	Summer: Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.00pm Sat-Sun: 10.30am-6.00pm Winter: Mon-Fri 11.00am-4.30pm Sat-Sun: 10.30am-5.00pm

### FEATURES

- C.1892 hand-carved heritage carousel
- Spectacular view across the You Yangs Regional Park
- Souvenir and Gift Shop

Wadawurrung Country, 1 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong VIC 3220  
T: +61 3 5224 1547 E: carousel@geelongcity.vic.gov.au W: geelongaustralia.com.au/carousel



## THE Q TRAIN



The Q Train provides 'a taste of the Bellarine' by serving local produce on your journey from the comfort of our refurbished dining cars, providing every customer with a delicious rail journey, and unique views of Swan Bay, past the farms of local producers and The Bellarine Peninsula.

The Q Train's departure point, Drysdale Station, is just an easy 15-minute drive from Geelong or a 90 minute drive from Melbourne. Return bus transport from Melbourne CBD is available, as is a 40 minute car ferry from Sorrento.

Bookings are Essential.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Restaurant Train/ Produce Tour
Capacity	116 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome
Opening hours	Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

### FEATURES

- Travelling restaurant
- Award-winning local menu
- Journey through the heart of Bellarine
- Award-winning drinks' menu showcases local, independent wine, beers, ciders, and spirits of the region

Drysdale Railway Station, 2-10 Station Street, Drysdale VIC 3222  
T: +61 3 4238 3930 E: bookings@theqtrain.com.au W: theqtrain.com.au





## WATERFRONT GEELONG



This historic and bustling precinct is breathtakingly beautiful with sparkling water views. Eastern Beach, at one end, is a gorgeous reminder of days gone by with the art deco promenade, children's pool and restaurant, café and kiosk overlooking the space. Nearby, watch the yachts bobble in the breeze at their moorings in the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

Take a spin in the historic restored Carousel or just admire the beautiful vintage ride. Steampacket Gardens in the central waterfront precinct is alive with wonderful places to eat and drink including Sailors Rest open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days or just have a drink in the rooftop bar.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction
Group facilities	Walk the vintage art deco promenade; take a helicopter ride, a mini train ride; ride the carousel, meet the Bollards

### FEATURES

- Swimming enclosure and paddling pool
- Restaurants and cafés
- Historic precincts, water views
- The Bollard Trail, colourful painted characters representing historic figures

Eastern Beach Road, Geelong VIC 3220  
T: +61 3 5244 7100 (press 2) E: info@tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au

W: visitgeelongbellarine.com.au



## WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO



An African adventure across 200 hectares! Jump on board a guided Safari bus tour across the open range savannah spotting rhinos, giraffes, antelopes, zebra and more!

Come face-to-face with a pride of lions on the African walking trail, visit the expansive gorilla exhibit, get up close to cheetah on the prowl, discover a family of hippos in their spectacular wetland home and experience some of Australia's iconic native wildlife in a natural open range setting.

The early morning savannah experience, help our keepers with their morning duties before the Zoo opens. An amazing glimpse of life on the Savannah, includes morning tea. 8pax.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Open range zoo
Capacity	Limited capacity on experiences
Group facilities	Volunteer guided tours, catering options, team building activities
Opening hours	Daily: 9am-5pm. Safari bus tours depart from 10.30am, last entry 3.30pm

### FEATURES

- Safari tour amongst some of the world's most iconic grasslands animals
- Daily keeper talks
- Optional Deluxe Safari Adventure

K Road, Werribee VIC 3030

T: +61 3 9340 2788 E: contact@zoo.org.au W: zoo.org.au/werribee



## YOU YANGS PRECINCT



The granite peaks of the You Yangs Regional Park dominate the skyline north of Geelong. Only 55km from Melbourne and 22km from Geelong, it's an excellent spot to enjoy nature close to the city. Perfect for hikes and bushwalks, the views from the top at Flinders Peak (340m elevation) extend in every direction, with an incredible 360 degrees to take in. Along the way you may encounter Australian native animals such as koalas, kangaroos, possums or echidnas.

Nearby, Serendip Sanctuary is made up of grassy woodlands and wetlands. It's the ideal habitat for the 150 species of birds who live, breed and visit the sanctuary. The Wildlife Walk takes visitors on a stroll past emus, kangaroos and other native wildlife.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	Attraction / Nature Park
Group facilities	Parking available, local interpretive guides available
Opening hours	You Yangs Regional Park, Daily: 7am-5pm, Serendip Sanctuary, Daily: 8am-4pm

### FEATURES

- Up close encounters with native animals in their natural habitat
- Nature parks with walking tracks
- Mountain biking, abseiling, orienteering and horse riding available
- Wooded picnic areas with views

Forest Road North, Little River VIC 3211

T: 13 19 63 E: info@parks.vic.gov.au W: parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/you-yangs-regional-park







## Shh...it's a secret. Beautiful places to stay when you explore and Go Beyond Melbourne

The very best holidays are made of three ingredients: the places you stay in, the people you meet and all the experiences that take your breath away every day.



Big cities are great for 5-star hotel experiences, but to find that unique accommodation which suddenly becomes an amazing experience in itself, you really need to leave the cities behind.

And when you Go Beyond Melbourne, there are some extraordinary places to stay within an hour or so of the city.

Places where you can go 'glamping' in the country, immersed in native forests with a choir of glorious birdsong, and fine wineries just an easy walk away.

Then there is the beautifully restored historic guesthouse, now a B&B, on an island just metres from the beach. Or another where you stay in a villa, collect your own eggs for breakfast then perhaps wander some of property's wildlife trails.

And the country retreat that's right on the famous Yarra River, complete with a private nature reserve, hundreds of native animals and platypus playing in the river. Or 5-star country style, where grand estates are reminiscent of the best of the English countryside.

**So what are you waiting for?**

- 1. Yering Gorge Cottages, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges
- 2. InterContinental Sorrento, Mornington Peninsula
- 3. Iluka Group Retreat & Glamping Village, Mornington Peninsula

# UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION

*It's one of our big attractions*

*Check out this incredible range of individual and Insta-worthy places to stay. There's everything from glamping experiences to historic hotels, family accommodation to vineyard estates and, of course, five-star luxury. You'll even find a couple of Melbourne's famous historic trams now offering fun accommodation for up to eight.*



## ALPINE HOTEL WARBURTON

The heritage-listed Alpine Hotel, established in 1885, blends the charm of country Victoria with modern sensibility.

Recently restored, it offers 20 affordable rooms, delightful dining, and exceptional service. The hotel supports local farmers, ensuring fresh ingredients from grower to plate.

Guests can enjoy a full à la carte menu, grazing lunches, High Tea under the glass atrium, and continental breakfast.

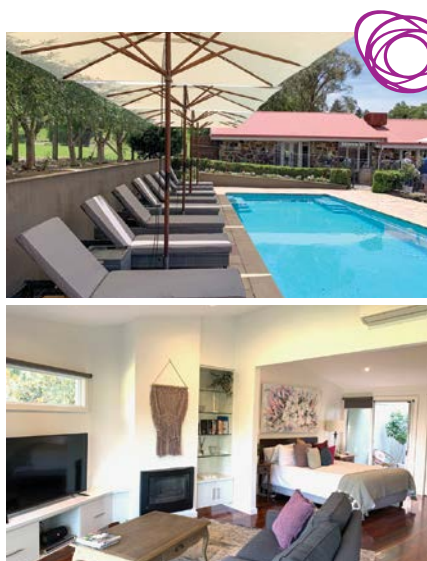
Surrounded by lush forests, rivers and mountains, the Alpine Hotel offers a unique escape close to nature. Its the perfect place to 'eat, stay and play'!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Boutique Hotel
No. of rooms	20 en suite (4 twin share)
Group facilities	Event space fits 200
Opening hours	7 days. Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day

### FEATURES

- Historic heritage listed 1885 building
- A la carte restaurant: breakfast, lunch, high tea, dinner
- Menu highlights local producers
- Accommodation onsite

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## ARALUEN LODGE

Araluen is a 4.5 star boutique bed and breakfast in the Yarra Valley, close to the region's renowned wineries and attractions. The hosts offer guests personalised service, for a unique product offering.

Set on 3 acres of gardens with stunning views over the valley, Araluen features three self-contained spa villas and a Lodge offering four individual rooms, each with private en suite. Enjoy free WiFi, outdoor BBQ, pizza oven and solar-heated swimming pool.

Each room has been individually decorated providing guests with the comforts of home in a serene and tranquil setting. Sit on the balcony or take a walk to see some of Australia's wildlife on our doorstep.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Boutique B&B
No. of beds	3 Villas (6 guests) 4 Lodge rooms (8 guests) Sofa beds villas only (extra 3 guests)
Group facilities	Small group advance bookings up to 17 guests

### FEATURES

- Continental breakfast included
- Aussie BBQ experience available
- Fresh produce on property: herb garden and orchard
- Wildlife wander freely on property

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## BALGOWNIE ESTATE YARRA VALLEY

Balgownie Estate is an award-winning vineyard, accommodation, bar, restaurant, cellar door and spa property.

A prime vantage point to explore Melbourne's Yarra Valley, Balgownie Estate is located an hour's drive from inner city Melbourne and Tullamarine Airport.

Featuring 70 accommodation rooms and suites, Balgownie offers spacious contemporary one and two-bedroom suites with private balconies and a luxurious apartment-style Director's Suite.

Restaurant 1309 at Balgownie serves upscale modern-Australian dining and has an extensive drinks menu. Visit Restaurant 1309 at Balgownie daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Luxury Estate
No. of rooms	70 rooms and suites
Guest capacity	144 guests. Additional bedding available
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings essential

### FEATURES

- Onsite restaurant, bar and cellar door
- Onsite endota spa and wellness facilities
- Indoor, outdoor, private dining spaces
- Complimentary onsite car parking

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## BIG4 YARRA VALLEY PARK LANE HOLIDAY PARK

Located in the heart of the delightful Yarra Valley region and set amongst the native Australian bush, this award-winning park has accommodation options to suit every need. Choose from luxury cabins, glamping tents, pods, camping and caravan sites.

Unique glamping options from belle tents to glamping pods, and the new safari tents and GeoDomes, provide luxurious experiences, furnished with all the creature comforts of home.

Cabins vary in size from 3BR cabins to new studio and creek side cabins. All cabins are fully equipped and have onsite parking.

BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park provides a unique and memorable holiday destination for all budgets.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Glamping and Holiday Park Accommodation
No. of rooms	2 converted trams 24 glamping options: domes, tents and pods 69 cabins 85 sites
Group facilities	Yes, perfect for groups

### FEATURES

- Native Australian wildlife encounters
- Two swimming pools and pump track
- Onsite barista coffee bar
- Just 2km to Healesville Sanctuary

419 Don Road, Badger Creek VIC 3777  
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## KANGAROO RIDGE RETREAT

The ultimate adults-only Yarra Valley hideaway! More than just accommodation, their award-winning service is dedicated to crafting your perfect escape. Nestled high in secluded bushland, mudbrick cabins are just the beginning of a bespoke experience. Whether you're dreaming of a relaxing retreat, intimate wine tours, exploring local attractions, or setting up a romantic proposal, the team here transforms your wishes into reality. Immersed in rustic chic vibes, each cabin invites guests into a world of stunning views and wildlife wonders. A spa bath for two takes relaxation to new heights, while an all-inclusive larder seduces your inner foodie with local, seasonal treasures and the curated wine list showcases the Yarra Valley's exquisite hidden gems.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Boutique B&B
No. of rooms	2 individual cabins
No. of beds	2 queen beds

### FEATURES

- Private cosy cabin with stunning panoramic mountain views
- East facing balcony to watch the sunrise and observe abundant wildlife
- Secluded bush location in the heart of the Yarra Valley
- All-inclusive larder of locally sourced gourmet produce, an extensive wine list and tailored guest services

38 Turners Lane, Healesville VIC 3777  
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## RE'EM YARRA VALLEY

Re'em Yarra Valley offers a boutique escape with 16 thoughtfully designed rooms. Each features a private balcony or patio, providing stunning views of the landscape. The rooms are elegantly appointed for a comfortable and inviting retreat.

The top floor houses four spacious suites, each boasting an oversized bath strategically positioned to showcase the spectacular scenery – perfect for unwinding in scented luxury.

The remaining 12 rooms are spread across two floors: six with private balconies and six with direct garden access. Every space is designed with beauty and comfort in mind, ensuring a serene stay for two guests per room.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Boutique luxury hotel
No. of rooms	3 luxury suites, 1 luxury accessible suite, 11 King suites, 1 accessible king suite
No. of beds	16
Group facilities	Wine and winery group activities. Business event facilities

### FEATURES

- Contemporary boutique luxury hotel
- Restaurant, cellar door, gardens
- Business events and group bookings
- Wheelchair and disability access

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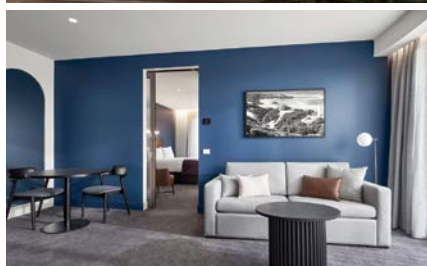


## RYDGES RINGWOOD

Rydges Ringwood redefines comfort and service with its modern design and warm hospitality. This contemporary hotel features stylishly appointed rooms, exceptional dining at The Orchard Bar & Grill, and versatile conference and event spaces. Guests can enjoy a range of premium amenities, including a fully equipped gym, complimentary WiFi, and 24-hour reception.

The Orchard Bar & Grill delivers a vibrant dining experience, showcasing fresh, locally sourced ingredients with a menu inspired by Victoria's finest produce.

Conveniently located in the heart of Ringwood, Rydges Ringwood offers easy access to the Yarra Valley and Melbourne's East.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Luxury Hotel
No. of rooms	103 rooms and apartments
Group facilities	Groups welcome

### FEATURES

- The Orchard Restaurant & Bar
- Dedicated conference and event facilities
- Perfectly located at the gateway of the Yarra Valley
- Walking distance to Eastland Shopping Centre

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## YARRA GABLES

Yarra Gables is a boutique accommodation property in Healesville in the heart of the Yarra Valley. It has five motel style rooms and 3 three-bedroom, two-bathroom houses. It is situated on 1.2 hectares of land and features extensive lawns and cottage gardens. The spacious rooms offer first-class accommodation and picturesque views.

The property offers a variety of room types, all with air conditioning, premium TV channels, free WiFi and well-equipped kitchenettes.

Yarra Gables is renowned for its high levels of personalised customer service. It was rated #1 B&B and Inn in Australia on Trip Advisor for 2023 and 2024 and was in the Top 10 in the world, both years.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Boutique accommodation
No. of rooms	5 motel style rooms plus three 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom houses
No. of beds	24 – sleeps 34 guests
Group facilities	Ideal for couples, families and groups

### FEATURES

- Delightful 1.2 hectare garden setting
- Rated by TripAdvisor as #1 of B&B and Inns in Australia
- Close to Healesville Sanctuary, gin distillery and Yarra Valley wineries

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## YERING GORGE COTTAGES

Yering Gorge Cottages, within an hour's drive of Melbourne, features 13 self-contained, beautifully appointed, one, two and four bedroom cottages. Overlooking The Eastern Golf Club and nestled into the hillside, alongside the Yarra River, with stunning views of the surrounding Christmas Hills and Dividing Ranges, guests can relax on their wide balcony watching the kangaroos grazing whilst enjoying a glass of Yarra Valley wine.

A suite of outdoor experiences and recreational activities are available including golf and bushwalking; all undertaken within the club's 120 acre private nature reserve that provides guests with the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Australia's most iconic wildlife.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Self-contained Cottages
No. of rooms	13
No. of beds	19 king or 38 singles
Group facilities	Corporate golf and team-building activities

### FEATURES

- Boutique self-contained cottages
- 120 acre private nature reserve – 12km of bushwalking trails
- Stay & Play – Greg Norman designed 36-hole golf course

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## ANCHOR BELLE HOLIDAY PARK

Escape to the serene beauty of Phillip Island and discover the ultimate retreat at Anchor Belle Holiday Park. Nestled amidst tranquil bush surroundings in Cowes, the park offers a prime location just a short stroll from safe swimming beaches and minutes away from local attractions.

Guests can unwind with a variety of accommodation options including self-contained cabins, luxurious townhouses, and spacious villas, all equipped with modern amenities. Additionally, the park features sheltered en suite sites and caravan/motorhome sites with power and water.

Anchor Belle Holiday Park is your gateway to relaxation and adventure on Phillip Island. Book your stay today!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Holiday Park
No. of rooms	19 2BR cabins 2 x 3BR villas 2 x 3BR double storey townhouses 1 x 2BR accessible cabin
No. of beds	80
Group facilities	Groups are welcome

### FEATURES

- Indoor heated pool (closed Victorian school 3rd term)
- Games rooms, jumping cushion, ball court and WiFi
- Camp kitchens and onsite kiosk

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## GENESTA HOUSE

Step back in time. Historic Genesta House offers boutique accommodation in the heart of Cowes. Just minutes' walk to the stunning Cowes Beach and main street.

Three queen suites, each decorated with its own unique character feature new en suites, air-conditioning, delicious breakfast provisions, and free WiFi. Rejuvenate on your verandah overlooking the beautiful gardens, featuring ancient trees and pond. This is the perfect place to enjoy all that Cowes has to offer, whilst relaxing in the peaceful surroundings and enjoying the stunning beaches.

Your hosts provide personalised service and have a wealth of local knowledge having lived on Phillip Island for over 20 years.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Bed & Breakfast
No. of rooms	3
No. of beds	3 Queen beds

### FEATURES

- Beautifully restored historic Guesthouse
- Magnificent gardens and pond
- Centrally located in the heart of Cowes
- 3-minute walk to Cowes Beach
- Personalised service at every point of your journey

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## NORTH PIER HOTEL

Located in idyllic Cowes, only 1.5 hours from Melbourne, North Pier Hotel features stunning ocean views and is the ideal spot to base yourself for your next visit to Phillip Island.

Just a stone's throw from the iconic main beach and a short walk from a thriving collection of cafés, restaurants and boutique shopping, the property features a variety of accommodation options to suit all budgets, from dorm rooms to family rooms, spa suites and self-contained townhouses.

Guests can also take advantage of a swimming pool, WiFi and an on-site bar and restaurant with a fantastic kids' area.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Hotel / Bar / Restaurant
No. of rooms	77
No. of beds	150
Group facilities	Yes

### FEATURES

- Opposite main beach
- Restaurant and bar open 7 days
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Free WiFi

5 The Esplanade, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922  
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## OCEANIC ON THOMPSON

Stay on the main street of Phillip Island with cafés, restaurants, shopping and supermarkets all at your doorstep.

Choose from 1, 2 and 3 bedroom, self-contained apartments featuring open plan living and dining area, kitchen and laundry facilities. Free WiFi and parking are included.

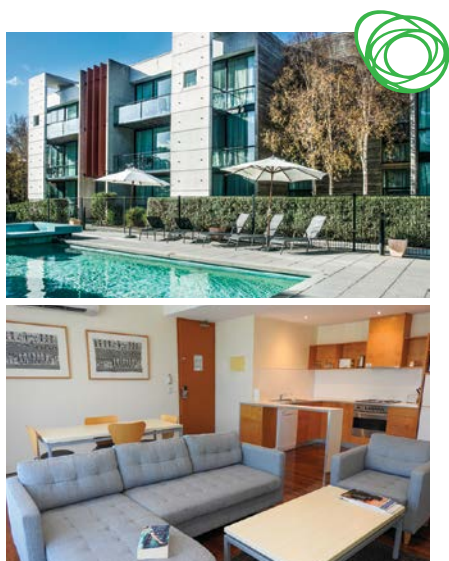
Oceanic on Thompson is within close proximity of the beach, the Phillip Island Grand Prix track plus a range of award-winning natural attractions including The Nobbies and the Phillip Island Nature Park's Koala Conservation Centre and the Penguin Parade.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★ self-rated
Type	Self-contained apartments
No. of rooms	15 bedrooms in 7 apartments
No. of beds	12 queen beds; 6 singles
Group facilities	Meeting or function room (located at Phillip Island Apartments, approx. 10 min walk or 2 min drive)

### FEATURES

- 10 minutes to the beach. A short stroll to the island's best cafés and restaurants.
- Supermarkets on the doorstep

146 Thompson Avenue, Cowes VIC 3922 (Note: Check in is via Phillip Island Apartments, Chapel Street – 700m walk)  
 T: +61 3 5952 2644 E: book@stayonphillipisland.com.au W: stayonphillipisland.com.au



## PHILLIP ISLAND APARTMENTS

Perfectly positioned in one of the best locations on Phillip Island. Shopping, cafés, restaurants and a swimming beach are all only minutes away.

The 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments have a relaxed, beach holiday feel with an open plan living space and a patio or balcony to take in the sea air. The apartments offer extra space for families and groups plus the benefits of cooking and laundry facilities and pillow top split king bedding. There is an outdoor pool with BBQ area and a heated spa.

The conference room is a multi-purpose space with an open fireplace and kitchenette. It seats up to 24 delegates and can also be used as a function space by prior arrangement.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★ self-rated
Type	Self-contained apartments
No. of rooms	69 bedrooms in 31 apartments
No. of beds	69 king split beds
Group facilities	Conference/meeting room

### FEATURES

- Free WiFi
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Heated spa. BBQ area
- Onsite parking
- Meeting / Conference / Function space
- Short walk to cafés, shops, beach

9-11 Bass Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922 (enter from Chapel Street)  
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## PHILLIP ISLAND PARK LANE HOLIDAY PARK

Visitors escape to Phillip Island for the natural playground of picturesque beaches, beautiful coastlines and native Australian wildlife including the famous Penguin Parades.

Guests stay at Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park, because it is no more than 10 minutes from all the island has to offer with the main attraction of A Maze'N Things right next door and the Koala Conservation Reserve across the road! Hungry? There is even an onsite restaurant and brewery.

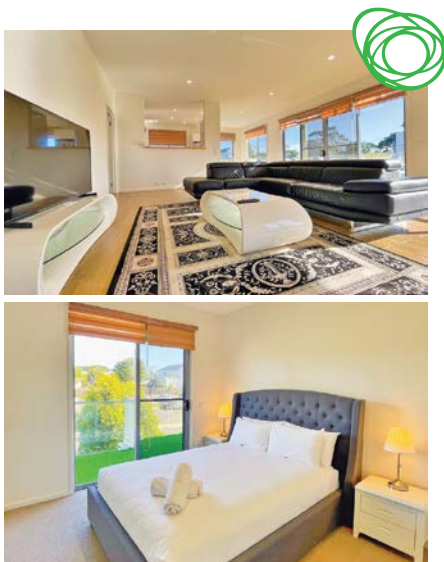
This holiday park has everything from rooms and cabins to caravanning and camping. All of their cabins and motel rooms are fully equipped with something for every group size and budget.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Holiday Park Accommodation
No. of rooms	16 cabins, 19 motel rooms, 4 safari tents and 4 glamping pods
No. of beds	216
Group facilities	Small to large group dorms

### FEATURES

- Native Australian wildlife encounters
- Swimming pool and playground
- Licensed kiosk
- Onsite restaurant

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## PHILLIP ISLAND TOWERS

These spacious, luxury apartments are ideally located within a few minutes' walk of picturesque Cowes Beach and Phillip Island's main shopping and dining precinct.

Each of the 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments has been finished to the highest standards with designer furnishings and bespoke artwork.

All feature a kitchen, laundry facilities and plenty of living and dining space with an outdoor terrace, balcony or courtyard.

Complimentary WiFi and private parking make this an ideal base from which to explore the many attractions on Phillip Island.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★ self-rated
Type	Self-contained apartments
No. of rooms	22 bedrooms in 10 apartments
No. of beds	2 kings, 14 queens, 2 doubles and 8 singles
Group facilities	Meeting or function room – located just across the street at Phillip Island Apartments

### FEATURES

- Exceptional location
- A short stroll to foreshore dining and the beach

59-61 Chapel Street, Cowes VIC 3922 (Note: check in is located across the street at Phillip Island Apartments)  
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## RAMADA RESORT PHILLIP ISLAND

Ramada Resort Phillip Island is set amidst 65 acres of natural bushland and includes walking and biking tracks throughout the resort. It is located close to an abundance of wildlife, swimming and surfing beaches and is just a 10-minute drive to the world-famous Penguin Parade. For groups, the resort can schedule dinner for guests before or after viewing the penguins.

Ramada Phillip Island has exceptional studio, two and three bedroom eco cabins creating the ideal place for a family or group getaway. All rooms also include a variety of amenities including fully-equipped kitchens, tea and coffee, ceiling fans and full laundry (two and three bedroom eco cabins only).

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Resort
No. of rooms	Studio, 2 and 3BR eco cabins
No. of beds	500
Group facilities	Conference and meeting rooms

### FEATURES

- Onsite café, restaurant and bar
- 2 outdoor swimming pools, health centre: gym, lap pool, spa, tennis
- Outdoor picnic facility areas, walking and cycling trails, children's playground

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## CARMEL AT SORRENTO

Awarded Gold in the 5-star Luxury category (Victorian Tourism Awards), Carmel At Sorrento hosts six luxury, fully appointed 3BR self-contained apartments with balconies.

Each apartment comfortably accommodates up to 6 guests, and is perfect for couples, families or groups. Features include: an en suite off the master, second bathroom, powder room, kitchen/dining area, living area, butler's pantry, laundry as well as a balcony with outdoor furnishings and a BBQ.

For something extra special, try the luxurious penthouse apartment, located exclusively on the complex's top floor, offering complete privacy for guests. Luxury upgrades available. Our vision is to welcome each guest to enjoy the complete holiday experience.

VENUE DETAILS	
Type	★★★★★ Apartments
Capacity	6 x 3BR apartments 1 x 3 BR luxury penthouse All king beds split to twins
Group facilities	Groups welcome; flexible function /entertaining spaces; group host
Opening hours	Reception open 7 days; check website for times

### FEATURES

- Charming Sorrento village location
- All king beds split to provide twin beds
- Luxury rooftop penthouse
- Two separate conference spaces

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## FLINDERS HOTEL MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Quarters at Flinders Hotel blends quiet seclusion with quintessential Peninsula style. Architecturally designed and inspired by the surrounds of Flinders, the boutique Quarters has 40 deluxe, light-filled rooms superbly appointed with luxurious linen, spacious bathrooms and generous minibar curated with premium Mornington Peninsula wines.

Quarters at Flinders Hotel is the perfect base to explore the best of the region. Wake up to explore the picturesque village of Flinders, where the scenic hinterland meets the stunning beaches of Bass Strait and Western Port.

Discover art galleries, homeware stores, scenic coastal walks, stunning golf courses and nearby cellar doors.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	40
No. of beds	80
Group facilities	Yes, up to 125 guests

### FEATURES

- Coastal village location
- Close to wineries and golf
- 4.5-star boutique hotel
- Light-filled king rooms
- Spacious bathrooms with premium amenities

Cnr Cook & Wood Streets, Flinders VIC 3929  
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## ILUKA GROUP RETREAT & GLAMPING VILLAGE

Iluka Retreat & Camp is located in the coastal township of Shoreham on the Mornington Peninsula. This 36-acre property includes accommodation for 90 in group lodges plus the additional option of Glamping in a permanent onsite village.

Your choice of accommodation! Two ideally placed lodges offer group accommodation whilst nearby is the permanent glamping village offering 25 glamping Bell tents set amongst a beautiful landscape including its own lake and bird wetlands.

Iluka is perfect for corporate and wellness retreats, family reunions, school camps, education retreats.

Walking distance to the beach, wineries and local attractions.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Glamping experiences and Group lodges
No. of rooms	20+ Queen Bed Bell tents; Warrawong Lodge: 9 bedrooms; Aulua Lodge: 7 Bedrooms
Group facilities	Exclusive Use Sleeps 100+ guests

### FEATURES

- Warrawong Lodge; Aulua Lodge
- Bell tent glamping
- Campground facilities
- Camp kitchen

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## INTERCONTINENTAL SORRENTO

### Where Heritage meets Modern Luxury

Discover the pinnacle of five-star luxury at InterContinental Sorrento Mornington Peninsula, the crown jewel of Sorrento's historic village. With its iconic 1875 architecture reimagined with modern sophistication, our hotel blends timeless elegance with contemporary comfort.

Relax in beautifully designed rooms and suites, many with private terraces and breathtaking views of Port Phillip Bay

Whether you're exploring the Mornington Peninsula, celebrating a special occasion, or escaping the everyday, InterContinental Sorrento offers an unmatched experience of luxury and service.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	108
No. of beds	126
Group facilities	Yes

### FEATURES

- Complimentary in-room bar for premium rooms and suites
- Pool Deck and Bar exclusively available to hotel guests
- Three meetings and events spaces
- Four restaurants and bars plus spa and bathhouse within precinct

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## JACKALOPE HOTEL

A new standard in Australian accommodation, Jackalope Hotel promises an experience to remember. Only one hour from Melbourne and set on a pristine vineyard amid the Mornington Peninsula wine region. Hotel highlights include 44 luxury rooms and suites, and immersive wine and culinary experiences delivered through two awarded restaurants, a winery, cellar door and cocktail bar.

Rooms range from a spacious 38-85m<sup>2</sup> and feature floor-to-ceiling windows, private terraces, king sized beds and rain showers – while some splash out with deep-soak Japanese baths and views over the hotel's black-tiled 30m infinity pool and vineyard views.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	44
No. of beds	54
Group facilities	Conferencing facilities, private dining, coach parking

### FEATURES

- Working winery, cellar door
- Art and installations
- 30 metre infinity pool, spa, infrared sauna
- Cocktail bar, hatted restaurants

166 Balnarring Road, Merricks North VIC 3926  
 T: +61 3 5931 2500 E: sleep@jackalopehotels.com W: jackalopehotels.com



## LANCEMORE LINDENDERRY RED HILL

Carefully curated – all welcome. This classic boutique hotel is Melbourne's rural retreat. Here, 40 elegantly Hecker Guthrie designed spacious guest rooms are surrounded by some of the most spectacular coastal landscapes, villages, and celebrated food and wine producers in the country.

The Dining Room, Lindenderry's recognised hatted restaurant, offers visitors hand-selected, locally-sourced ingredients worked into delicious assemblages that will leave an enduring expression of the Mornington Peninsula and Red Hill gourmet region.

The region's most sought-after wedding venue and Melbourne's corporate go-to retreat highlights the versatility of the property's meeting and event spaces.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	40
No. of beds	40
Group facilities	Wedding & Events to 140 Conference to 70 Cellar Door to 100

### FEATURES

- The Dining Room (book online)
- Hotel, cellar door, delightful vineyard views
- Heated pool
- Wedding and Conference facilities

142 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill VIC 3937  
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## LINKS LODGE AT THE DUNES

Set on 300 acres of gently rolling sand dunes is this purpose-built accommodation for the travelling golfer. The Dunes offers a choice of generous two-bedroom suites inclusive of separate living area and kitchenette, or king size bedrooms with en suite (king bed and twin bed configurations available). All rooms are totally private and feature stunning views of golf course and surrounding Mornington Peninsula. Private balconies, quality fittings and 5G WiFi are standard.

The Links Lodge is situated a short stroll to The Dunes clubhouse. Its location in the heart of the Mornington Peninsula allows easy access to nearby Peninsula attractions such as the Peninsula Hot Springs and St Andrews Beach Brewery.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Luxury Golf accommodation
No. of rooms	11 one-bedroom studios; 6 two-bedroom suites
No. of beds	31
Group facilities	Private guest lounge and tailored dining options

### FEATURES

- Natural beauty of rolling sand dunes
- Luxury accommodation, all with views
- Proximity to beaches, wineries and hot springs

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## PENINSULA HOT SPRINGS ACCOMMODATION

### Eco Lodges

Eco Lodges at Peninsula Hot Springs offer a tranquil sanctuary where individuals, couples, and groups can connect with nature, rejuvenate, and experience restorative sleep. Designed with sleep wellness at their core, the brand-new luxury accommodation features fillable geothermal baths, ensuring a holistic focus immersive soundscapes, limited blue light exposure, and sleep-enhancing amenities – on mind, body, and spirit.

### Glamping

Designed for pure relaxation, this premium glamping experience is nestled in natural surrounds with private decks, en suite bathrooms, king beds and bespoke elements inspired by our environment.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Eco Lodges & Glamping
Eco Lodges	3 Lodges; 20 guests twin share
Glamping	10 glamping tents. Max 20 guests twin share
Group facilities	Groups welcome, unique spaces available for hire group host

### FEATURES

- Access to all of site bathing
- Access to daily wellness experiences for accommodation guests including movement classes, Fire & Ice and Body Clay rituals

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## PENINSULA KINGSWOOD COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

A range of accommodation options are available for those wishing to stay on-site at Peninsula Kingswood. The clubhouse contains 8 luxurious rooms overlooking the courses, and there are also 10 beautiful remote accommodation rooms overlooking the 10th hole on the South course. The remote rooms feature an expansive living space and deck with views of the course and surrounds.

Guests have full access to the clubhouse, golf shop, bowls, tennis, gym, billiard room, and pool facilities during their stay.

Breakfast is included in all stays and rooms are appointed with the best in modern amenities.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Golf Country Club
No. of rooms	18
No. of beds	18 king beds – can be split
Group facilities	Group catering packages, private dining rooms.

### FEATURES

- A range of luxurious accommodation options are available on-site.
- Two championship golf courses in the top 20 in Australia.
- 25-metre indoor swimming pool, gym, tennis court and bowling green

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## PEPPERS MOONAH LINKS RESORT

Stay, Play & Dine. Located in the heart of the Mornington Peninsula, Peppers Moonah Links Resort is considered one of Australia's most unique leisure resorts, with two 18-hole championship golf courses, luxury accommodation and à la carte restaurant, making it the perfect place for couples, families, and golf enthusiasts to escape year round.

The Resort offers 65 deluxe rooms and suites which feature stylish décor and natural tones, modern appliances and balconies overlooking the stunning golf courses. Onsite à la carte restaurant, Pebbles, highlights the very best of Mornington Peninsula produce, and draws inspiration from seasonal and sustainable produce.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Resort
No. of rooms	65
Group facilities	Light, modern and flexible event spaces including 3 architecturally designed Executive Lodges

### FEATURES

- Located next to Peninsula Hot Springs
- Two championship golf courses, Golf Academy
- Restaurant, bar, swimming pool, gym
- Conference and event spaces

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## RYE HOTEL BY NIGHTCAP PLUS

Rye Hotel by Nightcap Plus located on Rye Beach is a blend of city chic with resort comfort, it is just 50 metres from the Rye foreshore. 44 rooms and suites offer the perfect setting for a relaxing and indulgent getaway. Experience contemporary furnishings, king or queen-sized beds, modern lounges, and inviting spa bathrooms.

All rooms feature a patio or balcony, and the Poolside suites offer views of the outdoor pool and courtyard. At Rye Hotel, enjoy a drink on the terrace overlooking Port Philip Bay or unwind by the fireplace during the cooler months. Located in the heart of Rye, the hotel provides easy access to world-class golf courses, sailing, wineries, and other water activities nearby.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	44
No. of beds	Sleeps 106 guests
Group facilities	Yes up to 200 guests

### FEATURES

- Opposite Rye Beach
- Conference and event facilities
- Private function rooms
- Garden courtyard with live music
- Complimentary onsite car parking
- Children's play area

14 Nelson Street, Rye VIC 3941  
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## THE CAMBIUM – EXCLUSIVE USE PROPERTY

Located on 4 acres of private property, surrounded by a lush nature reserve, this luxury 5-star exclusive-use venue is unique. No two experiences at The Cambium are the same, with every package tailored to the unique needs of each group. Offering luxury accommodation, private dining and curated activities.

The property features three buildings, 10 contemporary suites and a Guesthouse. Each suite is complete with an ensuite, premium king/queen bed, luxury linen, bathrobes and banquette windows with private views of the National Park and manicured gardens. The Guesthouse features a king suite, adjoining lounge, two king-single rooms and laundry.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Boutique luxury property
No. of rooms	10 luxury suites and 1 Guesthouse
Group facilities	Private dining, wellbeing activities, team building

### FEATURES

- Curated experiences
- Fine dining and cooking masterclasses
- Meeting and event spaces
- Indigenous education and nature reserve walks
- Outdoor firepits and Harvest Garden

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## BAYSIDE GEELONG HOTEL & APARTMENTS

Bayside Geelong Hotel & Apartments is poised to set a new standard for luxury on the Geelong Waterfront with the completion of stage one of its redevelopment, scheduled for June 2025.

The newly transformed 4.5-star hotel will seamlessly combine modern sophistication with comfort, offering 110 accommodation rooms and apartments, including 10 accessible options.

With two restaurants and bars, seven flexible conference and event spaces, and premium amenities such as a fitness centre, sauna, and indoor pool, Bayside Geelong Hotel & Apartments will be the perfect destination for corporate events, meetings, group gatherings, and incentive programs.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	79 (June '25); 110 (June '26)
No. of beds	86 (June 2025)
Group facilities	Group check-in services, private dining options, coach parking

### FEATURES

- Waterfront location
- Secure onsite underground parking
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Fitness centre, sauna and indoor pool
- 10 Accessible rooms

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## BIG4 INGENIA HOLIDAYS QUEENSLIFF BEACON

Located in historic Queenscliff, 4km from the ferry to Mornington Peninsula and 45km from Avalon International Airport, it's the ideal coastal destination.

This stylish holiday park is set amongst native gardens with beach access across the road. Offering luxury one, two and three-bedroom villas, contemporary self-contained cabins, motel rooms plus caravan and camping sites there's something to suit a range of holiday needs. Explore Port Phillip Bay and the Bellarine Peninsula's many attractions on the doorstep, whilst enjoying extensive leisure facilities such as a 12.5m heated indoor pool, free children's activities over school holidays and weekends, 24/7 gym.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Holiday Park Resort
No. of rooms	70
No. of beds	276
Group facilities	Specialist in catering for groups up to 30, group host, coach parking, function room

### FEATURES

- Beautiful Australian garden setting
- Luxury villas, contemporary self-contained cabins
- Apartments, caravanning and camping
- Gymnasium

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## CURLEWIS GOLF CLUB RESORT

This unique award-winning accommodation complex is nestled amidst indigenous native landscape, flanking one of the region's most revered golf courses. Luxe and contemporary, each room features an individual car park, private balcony, custom robes, divine bedding and guarantees every creature comfort is catered for.

All rooms feature premium pillowtop mattresses, luxurious duvet and fluffy King pillows.

Curlewis has a lot to offer – the commanding Clubhouse, Ivor's Spike Bar, signature restaurant Claribeaux, great golf, The Range @ Curlewis (epic entertainment complex featuring Toptracer Range, mini golf and X Golf) as well as their funky Pro Shop.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Golf course resort
No. of rooms	60 Suites
No. of beds	126 beds
Group facilities	Group rates; group dining options. Onsite entertainment options: golf, driving range, mini golf

### FEATURES

- Premium bay and fairway views
- Rooms flank the stunning golf course
- Awesome dining options onsite: French fusion restaurant, Spike Bar

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## HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES GEELONG

Experience comfort and convenience at Holiday Inn & Suites Geelong, the newest hotel in Geelong in over 20 years. Located in the heart of Geelong, this modern hotel features stylish rooms, 24-hour fitness centre, and indoor heated pool.

Enjoy easy access to Geelong's cultural attractions, elite sporting hubs, shopping, waterfront and the gateway to the Great Ocean Road. Whether for business or leisure, a warm welcome and personalised service will ensure a memorable stay.

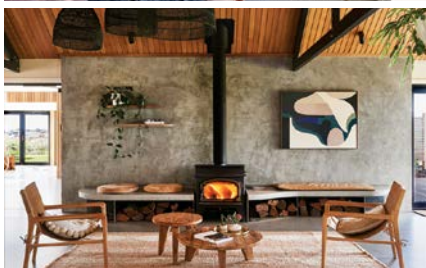
Maestro, the Hotel's in-house restaurant will make guests' taste buds dance! Local produce from top suppliers is sourced and guests watch can the chefs work their magic in the open kitchen.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	180
No. of beds	208
Group facilities	Meeting and dining options; interconnecting rooms

### FEATURES

- CBD location. Dedicated conference, meeting and event spaces
- Open Lobby concept. 24-hour reception /room service
- Indoor Pool, fitness centre

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## LON RETREAT & SPA

Escape the busyness of life on over 200 acres of rural and conservation land, hidden away on a hill by the ocean.

Seven luxury suites are spread throughout this sandstone retreat, each individually designed with its own unique character and connection to the ocean, lakes and surrounding farmland.

Each suite is a personal sanctuary, inspired by its natural surroundings combining earthy tones with contemporary luxury.

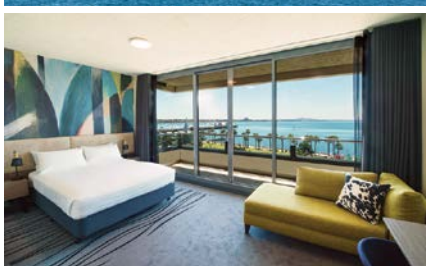
Enjoy private beach access and nature walks throughout the property to beach, dunes, Moonah forest, lakes and farm. Delight in the mineral water fed indoor heated pool or the Lon Spa with three treatment suites, Vichy Steam Showers, Mineral Soaking Tubs.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	Luxury Retreat and Spa
No. of rooms	7
No. of beds	8 king beds
Group facilities	Exclusive hire available, events up to 120, spa

### FEATURES

- Luxury Suites, adults exclusive, individually designed with ocean and rural views
- Over 200 acres of rural and conservation land to explore by the ocean
- Mineral pools, mineral spa, yoga, makers and growers pantry

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## NOVOTEL GEELONG

Novotel Geelong is the region's premier hotel located in the heart of Geelong's waterfront with breathtaking views across the bay and just 20 minutes from Avalon Airport.

The hotel is close to popular attractions, restaurants, local shopping precincts, wineries, surf beaches and is opposite Westfield Shopping Centre.

Novotel Geelong features 109 guest rooms with private balconies as well as a restaurant overlooking the bay, complimentary WiFi, 24 hour indoor pool, fitness centre and steam room.

The hotel also has a dedicated function level with spaces featuring terraces and balconies that can be used for an outdoor dining experience overlooking the waterfront.

VENUE DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★ self-rated
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	109
No. of beds	214
Group facilities	Group accommodation and dining options, tailored dining menus available, 23 languages spoken, coach parking on hotel driveway

### FEATURES

- All guest rooms feature a balcony
- Indoor pool, fitness centre, steam room
- Restaurant overlooking the bay

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## PORTARLINGTON GRAND HOTEL

Discover the Bellarine Peninsula in style at the Portarlington Grand Hotel, offering 18 newly refurbished boutique rooms that blend modern luxury with historical charm.

Known as the Mussel Capital of Australia, Portarlington is perfect for events, tour groups, and foodies seeking a unique regional experience. Indulge in fresh seafood, award-winning wineries, and farm-to-table dining, all within close proximity.

Easily accessible via a scenic 70-minute ferry ride from Melbourne, Portarlington is the ideal hub for exploring the charm of regional Victoria. Whether you're planning a group adventure or a relaxing retreat, the Portarlington Grand Hotel is truly a must-visit – and a must-stay.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★
Type	Hotel
No. of rooms	18 boutique rooms
Group facilities	Yes

### FEATURES

- A range of room types including Bay and Grand Bay balcony rooms
- Multiple dining and event spaces including the Atrium, an open-air dining and drinks area
- Easily accessible to and from Melbourne via a 400-seat ferry service

76 Newcombe Street, Portarlington VIC 3223  
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## R HOTEL GEELONG

The 128 room, 4.5 star, R Hotel Geelong is a full service apart'hotel offering 24-hour reception, local tour information, car parking, and a café for breakfast. A pantry service is available for longer stays, and airport transfers can be arranged. The R Hotel opened in 2021.

Within walking distance, guests will find Eastern Beach, Geelong Waterfront Restaurants, Port Phillip Ferries for day trips to Melbourne or Portarlington, Geelong Train Station and Westfield Shopping Centre.

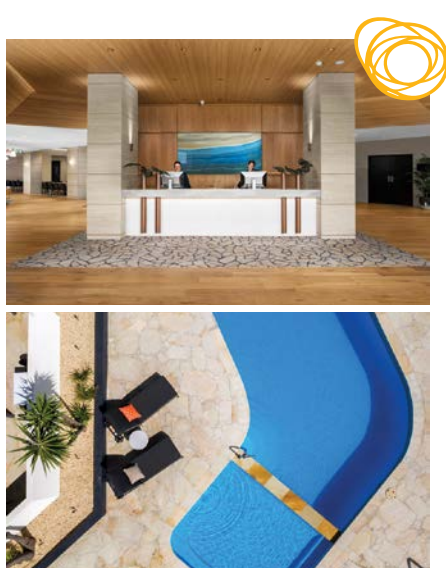
The hotel is the perfect stopover for visitors wanting to explore the outstanding food, wine, beaches of the Bellerine Peninsula and Surf Coast before heading further along the Great Ocean Road.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	★★★★★ Apartment Hotel
No. of rooms	128
No. of beds	90 twin-bedded rooms
Group facilities	Groups welcome

### FEATURES

- Walk to Eastern Beach and Waterfront
- Located in the city centre
- Easy access to Bellarine Peninsula, Melbourne, and Great Ocean Road
- Large coach access
- Onsite café with pre-order breakfast to rooms

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## RYDGES GEELONG

Located in the heart of the CBD with sweeping views of sparkling Corio Bay and just minutes from the lively foreshore of Eastern Beach, Rydges Geelong offers stylish and affordable accommodation rooms; the perfect blend of inner city convenience and that scenic holiday feel.

The hotel is within walking distance of the Geelong Waterfront and the city's vibrant restaurant and bar scene, as well as shopping centres, golf courses, museums and galleries.

It's the perfect base to explore Geelong, the Great Ocean Road and The Bellarine Peninsula.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Type	★★★★ Hotel
No. of rooms	132 rooms. 4 apartments 2 suites
No. of beds	217
Group facilities	Group and wholesale rates available, Coach parking, Interconnecting rooms

### FEATURES

- Onsite restaurant, pool, gym
- Electric vehicle station; secure parking
- Just minutes to shops and beaches and entertainment precinct

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With four distinct regions to explore and four touring themes to follow, planning the perfect stay Beyond Melbourne is easy. If you are planning a road trip, this trade manual is a great way to get started. However, if you need extra support, we have a fantastic suite of resources that can help. With a touring map, online trip builder, themed itineraries and high resolution photography, we have the tools to help you create the ultimate Go Beyond Melbourne touring itinerary!

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