

The most delicious journeys

## FOOD & WINE



### 5 Day Itinerary

If there's one place in Australia you should visit for extraordinary gastronomic experiences, this is it. Internationally award-winning wines, chef's hat restaurants featuring local produce from land and sea, culinary masterclasses, meet the makers, u-pick orchards. Stay on a vineyard, a farm, a lakeside retreat for even more gourmet adventures.



#### FROM ESPRESSO TO NIGHTCAPS

Planning your day is rather like browsing the mouth-watering menu of an excellent restaurant.

Start with breakfast and superb locally roasted coffee at a village café, perhaps overlooking the beach or out in the country. Visit a boutique farm, take a tour, a cooking class, buy local produce for a picnic or for dinner in your apartment. Choose a winery restaurant for lunch, book a wine tasting masterclass. Head for a distillery tasting and learn some creative new cocktail recipes, a brewery for hand-crafted beer or a cider house.

Choose accommodation where fine food and wine is part of the whole experience...an historic hotel, a lakeside retreat

with casual and formal dining or a luxury apartment where you can prepare dinner from the day's local produce and relax over a whisky nightcap from a local distillery.

Just Go Beyond Melbourne and discover the extraordinary foodscapes of four adjoining regions.

They're the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges, Phillip Island, the Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and the Bellarine. All full of gourmet adventures that you simply can't find in the city.

You can choose your route - from Melbourne to Geelong, the Mornington Peninsula, Phillip Island, then the Yarra Valley. Or you can head for the Yarra Valley, and do the circuit in reverse.

## TANTALISING TASTE TRAILS

It doesn't matter where your particular gourmet passions lie – we've got them covered. There are tantalising taste trails in the Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula and Bellarine Peninsula. And we've hand-picked a selection of Phillip Island's gourmet treats too.

If you're a keen cook or have green thumbs, you'll find plenty of options for learning more from local chefs, and from local producers about growing your own fruit and vegetables. For example, there's an edible forest in the Yarra Valley where the chef includes guest-picked produce in cooking classes. On an orchard tour, ask questions about the 450 varieties of fruit.

The Mornington Peninsula has the Wine Food and Farmgate trail and a boutique farm offering tours and cooking classes. The Bellarine Taste Trail and the Moorabool Valley Taste Trails take in more than 50 makers, producers, wineries and brewers. All these trails offer dozens of opportunities to taste and learn more about wine, cider, beer and distilling craft gin, rum and whisky.

## DOWNRIGHT DECADENT

You'll find some extra special treats too, such as a chocolate factory on Phillip Island where you can create your own edible masterpiece.

But if you just want to sit back in beautiful restaurants for lunch and dinner, this is itinerary planning made simple. Spectacular wineries offer tastings and casual and formal dining, while restaurants reveal extraordinary views of deserted coastlines and rolling green hills. Some wineries feature magnificent sculpture gardens – and there's even a bush tucker experience at a Phillip Island winery.

You can stay overnight at gourmet retreats with day spas, book a self-contained villa, sleep surrounded by picture-perfect gardens and vineyards, stay seaside or lakeside.



1. Jackalope Hotel, Mornington Peninsula  
 2. Food & Wine, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges  
 3. Wildlife Coast Cruises, Phillip Island  
 4. Jack Rabbit Vineyard, Geelong & The Bellarine

## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY WITH TRIP PLANNER

It is so easy to design your own journey linking the four extraordinary regions Beyond Melbourne.

- 1 Decide the order in which you wish to link each region.
- 2 Select EACH attraction and accommodation you wish to experience in your first regional destination, adding them to Trip Planner as you go. Then move on to add options from your second regional destination and so on.
- 3 Note you can add up to 23 options (MAX) in total.
- 4 Once you have selected all the places you want to visit Beyond Melbourne, click on the TRIP PLANNER button at the top of your screen.
- 5 Once you are happy with the order of your choices, click on DOWNLOAD TRIP PLAN to see your entire journey both pictorially and mapped out with times and distances between attractions.





# YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

## MORNING ACTIVITIES



**Coombe Yarra Valley** – Once the home of Dame Nellie Melba. Seven acres of stunning gardens and beautifully appointed facilities in the restored motor house and clock tower offer a truly unique gourmet and cultural experience. Superb 150-seat restaurant, cellar door, guided garden tours. Gallery featuring Melba private collection.  
[www.coombeyarravalley.com.au](http://www.coombeyarravalley.com.au)



**Oakridge Wines** – Offers award-winning wines, wow factor architecture... and scenery to match. Contemporary cellar door and Chef's hat restaurant offer spectacular valley views. For back vintage tastings served with tasty matched canapés in the private tasting room, reserve a spot in a masterclass.  
[www.oakridgewines.com.au](http://www.oakridgewines.com.au)



**Rochford Wines** – 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. For incentive and team building activities – choose from wine blending and other wine games. Grape Stomping or ride the Segways for some fun.  
[www.rochfordwines.com.au](http://www.rochfordwines.com.au)

## LUNCH ACTIVITIES



**De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate**  
 The restaurant, 'Locale' is a popular choice for dining because of its picturesque surroundings and Italian-inspired menu.  
[www.debortoli.com.au](http://www.debortoli.com.au)



**Domaine Chandon**  
 Enjoy stunning panoramic vineyard views, take a self guided tour and savour delightful wines in the Brasserie with perfectly paired dishes.  
[www.chandon.com.au](http://www.chandon.com.au)

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



**Edible Forest** – offers hosted 'tour & taste' experiences through the food forest where everything is either edible or medicinal. Bespoke chef-led cooking classes also feature guest-picked produce from the forest. Award winning property for sustainability. Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be Inspired.  
[www.edibleforest.co](http://www.edibleforest.co)



**Rayner's Orchard** – This boutique orchard grows 450 varieties of fruit and has fruit all year round! Take a fruit tasting tractor tour through the orchard and enjoy the best tree ripened fruit varieties depending on the season. U-Pick available on Fruit Tasting Tours. Have lunch in the Peach Café, explore the retail shop and extensive fruiting plant Nursery.  
[www.raynersorchard.com.au](http://www.raynersorchard.com.au)



**Four Pillars Distillery** – This small distillery makes a truly modern Australian style of gin, which captures Asian spice, Mediterranean citrus and some native Australian botanicals. Their gins have won gold medals at the most prestigious spirits competitions in the world. Gin tastings and a huge range of gin cocktails are served in the bar.  
[www.fourpillarsgin.com.au](http://www.fourpillarsgin.com.au)

## WHERE TO STAY



**Yarra Gables** in Healesville is a 4 star property nestled in 3 acres of picture-perfect gardens. Offers a variety of room types plus two delightful self-contained cottages.  
[www.yarragables.com.au](http://www.yarragables.com.au)



**Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa**  
 Offers a day spa, fine dining restaurant, award-winning accommodation, onsite activities and superb conference facilities. Dine, taste, indulge, experience. Bliss.  
[www.balgownieestate.com.au](http://www.balgownieestate.com.au)



**Chateau Yering Hotel** – Historic omestead reborn as a gracious 5-star hotel. Luxury accommodation, fine dining restaurant and café, beautiful gardens. 32 luxury suites.  
[www.chateauyering.com.au](http://www.chateauyering.com.au)





## MORNING ACTIVITIES



**Phillip Island Nature Parks Koala Reserve** – See koalas in their natural environment. Wander the two tree top boardwalks for superb up-close koala viewing or enjoy seeing them on the walking trails. Enjoy the interpretative displays within the Visitor Centre and learn about Koalas' habitat and conservation. [www.penguins.org.au](http://www.penguins.org.au)



**Phillip Island Chocolate Factory** Sweetens up every day! See the chocolate factory in full non-stop chocolate-making action and create a personalised chocolate masterpiece. This is a fascinating, interactive and educational celebration of all things chocolate. Even your entry ticket is made of chocolate! [phillipislandchocolatefactory.com.au](http://phillipislandchocolatefactory.com.au)



**Phillip Island Winery** – Invites you to pull up a chair front and centre for an expert led tasting. Wander 'The Yards' for gorgeous views or graze your way through a bush tucker experience. Just five minutes from the Penguin Parade, this boutique winery offers expansive lawns, rolling rural views and glimpses of the glittering seas of Bass Strait. [www.phillipislandwinery.com.au](http://www.phillipislandwinery.com.au)

## LUNCH ACTIVITIES



**Beach HQ Restaurant & Bar** – Features the region's best: local beef, wines, beers and top local produce. And the best views of Cowes' foreshore, Westernport Bay, French Island and the Mornington Peninsula. [www.beachhq.com.au](http://www.beachhq.com.au)



**Citrus & Vine** – With three different dining zones, Citrus & Vine offers something for everyone! Seafood, Spanish- inspired dishes and Australian favourites. [www.citrusandvine.com.au](http://www.citrusandvine.com.au)

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



**Ocean Adventures** – Offers both above water and below water adventures. Explore turquoise waters and granite cliff coastlines of Cape Woolamai. Perhaps a fully guided snorkelling sea scooter tour, diving deep to get close to aquatic life? Or climb aboard a surf racing boat for a truly epic tour on the ocean's surface.

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



**Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant & Bar** 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. Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant & Bar is home to Phillip Island Brewing Company. Sample paddles of sparkling wine also available. [www.rustywaterbrewery.com.au](http://www.rustywaterbrewery.com.au)



**Phillip Island Nature Parks - Penguin Parade** – As dusk falls, witness these endearing little creatures emerge from the sea and scurry to their burrows. The Penguins Plus experience offers up-close viewing and a private boardwalk, while the Underground viewing area offers world-first eye level viewing. Ranger Guided tours offer an exclusive, experience. [www.penguins.org.au](http://www.penguins.org.au)

## WHERE TO STAY



**Phillip Island Apartments** – Vibrant Cowes township location. Spacious 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments – fully equipped kitchen, open lounge and dining area, private balcony or patio. Swimming pool, BBQ. [www.phillipislandapartments.net.au](http://www.phillipislandapartments.net.au)



**Comfort Resort Kaloha** – Absolute beach frontage! Accommodation includes: beachfront cabins with views, spacious family units, luxury spa rooms, 2BR self-contained units. Restaurant, pool and hot spa on site. [www.kaloha.com.au](http://www.kaloha.com.au)



**Oak Tree Lodge** – Self-contained, luxury indulgence. Four stunning suites with their own lounge areas, kitchens, bathrooms and outdoor seating areas in a magical garden setting overlooking the old oak tree. [www.oaktreelodge.com.au](http://www.oaktreelodge.com.au)





## MORNING ACTIVITIES



### MP Experience Tours

Offers private small group tours centred on the region's magnificent food and wine offering. Get behind-the-scenes on a Meet the Gourmet Producers tour, a Wine Food Farmgate tour, a winter Truffle Farm tour and more.

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



### Mornington Peninsula Brewery

Gets visitors to the heart of craft beer brewing. The mezzanine offers a perfect view to watch the brewing process first hand. View the whole process right from the hot liquor tank through to the bright tank where the beer is conditioned and carbonated. Tuck into house-brewed ales and wood-fired pizzas in the beer garden.

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



### Chief's Son Distillery

Single malt whisky is a singular pleasure! Taste superb hand-crafted whiskies, learn about distilling using small batch processes and hand-selected barrels. Sample whisky from the still and barrel, bottle your own. Winner: Australia's Best Single Malt Single Cask No Age Statement category.

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

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



### Green Olive at Red Hill

This small and picturesque farm features olives, grapes, herbs, vegetables, sheep and chooks. It's all about paddock-to-plate sustainable farm tours, hands-on cooking classes, a menu of delicious morsels and a shop brimming with natural products – all in one incredible place.

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



### JimmyRum Distillery

Rum is the next big thing, and JimmyRum craft distillery is the place to sip and learn about this handcrafted spirit at Victoria's first rum craft distillery. Uncomplicated, unpretentious and unruly, they're putting together rums that are distinctive and downright delicious. Tours, tastings and master classes.

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



### St Andrews Beach Brewery

Brews onsite using the finest aroma hops and heirloom variety malt to ensure each beer is full of flavour and character. Best enjoyed with a fresh-made pizza, burger or share plate with friends. This unique brewery is located on a property that was formerly a world class horse training facility.

[www.w.standrewsbeachbrewery.com.au](http://www.w.standrewsbeachbrewery.com.au)

## LUNCH ACTIVITIES



**Montalto** – Chef's Hat restaurant, piazza, café, summer picnics and delightful cellar door. Explore the abundant kitchen garden and the inventive outdoor sculpture.

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



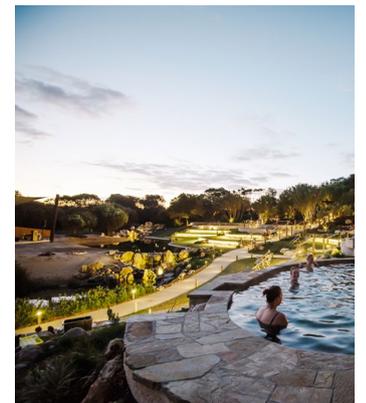
**Max's Restaurant at Red Hill** – Has been described as "the best view of any vineyard in the world". Take a seat in the lightfilled hilltop eatery and enjoy a menu of sensational local-inspired cuisine.

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



**Pt Leo Estate** – 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.

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



## WHERE TO STAY



**Jackalope Hotel** – Jackalope offers a new standard in luxury accommodation – 46 luxury rooms, a 30-metre infinity pool, an on-site winery, two bars and two outstanding restaurants.

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



**Lakeside Villas at Crittenden Estate** – Seem to float among the vines! Each self-contained and spacious villa is 4-star luxury with a private deck, spa bath and glorious wood fire.

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



**Woodman Estate** – Sheer luxury in a manor house suite or lakeside chalet. A secluded retreat with private lake, bushlands, birdlife and magnificent gardens. High tea, formal and casual dining.

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





# GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

## MORNING ACTIVITIES



### Bellarine Food & Wine Taste Trail with Explore Australia Tours

Skip driving for a day! Explore Australia makes food and wine touring simple and delicious aboard their deluxe mini coach. They've chosen their favourite wineries, a cider and ale brewhouse and iconic places to eat along the Bellarine Taste Trail.

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



### Scotchmans Hill

Sitting atop Mt Bellarine with sweeping views across Port Phillip Bay, this is the Bellarine Peninsula's largest and oldest winery. Scotchmans Hill offers a rich and captivating experience and is listed in James Halliday's Top 100 Australian Wineries. Enjoy local produce with sweeping views across the bay.

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



### Oakdene Vineyards, Restaurant & Cellar Door

This unique vineyard boasts spectacular gardens and eclectic collections of preloved pieces that have resulted in an arty wonderland. Discover the Up-side Down House Cellar Door, the perfect place to explore guided wine tastings, sample estate grown olive oils, and purchase wine and olive oil related gifts.

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

## LUNCH ACTIVITIES



### Jack Rabbit Vineyard

Unrivalled, spectacular, panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne. The winery has forged a reputation as a gastronomic showpiece for the Bellarine Peninsula

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



**The Q Train** - A delightful dégustation dining experience that travels along a heritage railway line between Drysdale and Queenscliff. Showcases local wines, craft beers and produce.

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

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



### Terindah Estate

Delight in this idyllic boutique winery with an extensive food offering and award-winning wines. Offering spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay, Terindah Estate boasts a unique wine bar, The Deck, that wraps around the cellar. Their wine portfolio includes: Sparkling, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Rosé.

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



### Queenscliff Brewhouse

A brewery, distillery, whisky bar, live music venue and regional produce cellar door. Enjoy over 250 craft beers and ciders, over 420 spirits and 400 regional wines. You can even become brewer for a day or make your own gin. Bistro and regional produce centre. An easy stroll to the Queenscliff ferry.

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



**Little Malop Street Precinct** - The Little Malop Street precinct is culture central with an edge. It 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.

[www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/things-to-do/urban-precinct/](http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/things-to-do/urban-precinct/)

## WHERE TO STAY



**Novotel Geelong** - boasts one of the city's best locations, right on the waterfront, in the heart of all the action. Retreat to a beautifully appointed room with balcony and water views, and enjoy.

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



**Lon Retreat & Spa** - Seven luxury suites are spread throughout the sandstone retreat, each individually designed with its own unique character and connection to the ocean, lakes and surrounding farmland.

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



### Oakdene Vineyard Accommodation

Magnificently restored 100 year homestead. Offers just three large and gloriously decorated guest rooms. Enjoy superb cellar door, restaurant and café onsite.

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



### Flying Brick Cider Company

An innovative space with a spectacular alfresco and lawn area and a dangerously delicious menu of local fare. Grab a tasting paddle of boutique ciders, a share plate and relax into the laid-back vibe.

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

