

# TRADE MANUAL



YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES
 MORNINGTON PENINSULA
 GEELONG & THE BELLARINE





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Opposite: Punt Road Winery, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges
Warburton, Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges
Phillip Island Penguin Parade Ultimate Eco Tour, Phillip Island
Western Beach, Geelong Waterfront
Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park, Pearcedale



# 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.



# **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 hotlaps around an island Grand Prix Circuit or a lantern-lit wildlife tour – in the same day, without missing a beat.

Opposite: Flinders foreshore, Mornington Peninsula 1. The Enchanted Adventure Garden, Mornington Peninsula 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 morning, learn to throw a boomerang, get a taste for bush tucker and learn about ancient dreaming stories at Narana.

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.



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# 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 lyre birds.

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

1. Peninsula Hot Springs, Mornington Peninsula

2. Wildlife Coast Cruises, Phillip Island

3. Penguin Parade, Phillip Island

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 hilltop pool at Peninsula Hot 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.



# 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.

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# PHILLIP ISLAND

On Phillip Island, thrill to hot laps around the Grand Prix Circuit, breakfast at a cliffside café overlooking the ocean 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.

# O 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 soundtrack 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 Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre and learn about Aboriginal history and culture. 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.

Searoad Ferries, Mornington Peninsula
 Waterfront Geelong
 Keppel Lookout, Marysville





# 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, Gold Coast and Adelaide via Jetstar service. AirAsia flies direct between Kuala Lumpur and Avalon daily providing access to and from a number of destinations in south-east Asia.

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

# 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

# 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

# WRITE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE STORY



Let's Go Motorhomes (p69) Tours: Plan your own self-drive adventure! Motorhomes and campervans, with kitchen, air con, comfortable bedding, plush seating, 24-hour roadside assistance. 2 to 6 berths. Pickup/drop off: Melbourne.

# FERRY LINKS

**Searoad Ferries** 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

**Port Phillip Ferries** Port Phillip Ferries 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

**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

# BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT (FROM MELBOURNE)

**Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges** – Metro train to Lilydale, Upper Ferntree Gully or Belgrave. 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** 



# 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.







# Australian Wine Tour

Company (p44) Tours: Yarra Valley specialists. Daily general and private tours for all levels of wine knowledge. Fun and entertaining, expert driver/ guides, 2 -100 guests. Pickup/ drop off: Melbourne. Overnight





# stays optional.

#### Autopia Tours (p44) Tours: Yarra Valley,

Mornington Peninsula, food and wine tours. Phillip Island tour including Koala Reserve and Penguin Parade. Small group - Ž4 people. Authentic encounters. Pickup/drop off: Melbourne

Dianne's Venture Tours (p52) Tours: Phillip Island, can combine other regions. Penguins, nature, wildlife, boutique wineries. Private tours, small groups (11 guests). Pickup/drop off: Melbourne, Phillip Island with overnight option.

# Echidna Walkabout (p67)

Tours: International awardwinning naturalist guides specialise in native wildlife ecotours in the You Yangs, near Geelong. Small group (average 8), private tours, group tours. Pickup/drop off: Melbourne.









# Explore Australia (p68)

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.

# Grape Explorations (p60)

Tours: All four regions. Specialise in meet-the-makers sophisticated, casual, relaxed, boutique winery and artisan producer tours. Max 11 guests. Pickup/drop off: Melbourne and regions, overnight stays optional.

MP Experience Tours (p62) Tours: Meet Mornington Peninsula artisans on wine, food, produce tours. Also indulgence, wildlife, golf. Private, small group (7 guests). Pickup/drop off: airport, city, Mornington Peninsula, overnight stays. optional

# Naturaliste Tours (p53)

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.





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.

# LINK ALL 4 REGIONS

# for the complete Go Beyond Melbourne experience



# 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 farmstays to mountain B&B retreats and opulent mansion hotels – all in the heart of the action across our four regions.

# 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 (p26).

- Take Puffing Billy's unforgettable train journey through magical forests (p49)
- Enter a virtual world of wildlife and fun with Phillip Island Nature Parks – Antarctic Journey (p55)
- Ride Arthurs Seat Eagle gondola for bird's eye views of coast and bushland (p59)



# 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 (p53)
- Cruise with Wildlife Coast Cruises to see fur seals, sea caves, surf breaks and more (p58)



# LINK 3 REGIONS

and explore the coastal route

- GEELONG & THE BELLARINE
- MORNINGTON PENINSULA
- PHILLIP ISLAND



# LINK 3 REGIONS

for an epicurean and golfer's delight

- GEELONG & THE BELLARINE
- MORNINGTON PENINSULA

60 mins

- YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES 60 mins Melbourne 60 mins YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES 90 mins **GEELONG &** THE BELLARINE

> MORNINGTON PENINSULA

PHILLIP ISLAND

# HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Step into the golf shoes of the pros at Curlewis Golf Club (p67)
- Stay and play at the stunning new RACV Cape Schanck Resort (p81)
- Savour superb méthode traditionnelle wines in Domaine Chandon's cellar door (p46)



# 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 (p62), Moonraker Dolphin Swims (p62) Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71) or WaterMaarq (p66)
- 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 (p47)



# LINK 3 REGIONS

# and let yourself go wild

- MORNINGTON PENINSULA
- PHILLIP ISLAND
- YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

# 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 Terindah Estate (p72)
- Get behind the scenes with gourmet producers on an MP Experience Tour (p62)
- Pluck giant, juicy strawberries straight from the field at Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm (in season) (p64)



# H I G H L I G H T S

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 Phillip Island Helicopters (p54)
- Thrill to exhilarating hotlaps around Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit (p54)
- Glide high above Yarra Valley on a dawn hot air balloon flight with Global Ballooning Australia (p47)



# LINK 2 REGIONS

for a little taste of adventure

- PHILLIP ISLAND



# LINK 2 REGIONS

and wander through gardens galore



# 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 (p45)
- Explore acres of vineyard dotted with sculptures at Montalto (p61) or Pt. Leo Estate (p63)
- Get lost in stunning artistic gardens and several magical mazes at The Enchanted Adventure Garden (p65)





# YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

An hour's drive east of Melbourne, the Yarra Valley's stunning patchwork landscape serves up an international acclaimed food and wine region. The Dandenong Ranges brim with hidden delights and village life. A stunning gateway to (and from) the Mornington Peninsula or Phillip Island.



The Yarra Valley unfolds a visual and epicurean feast. This rich and fertile landscape drives like a dream and tastes divine. More than 80 cellar doors, microbreweries and cider houses offer superb restaurants, luxe accommodation, cracker views and superb architecture, design and artwork – just as you'd expect from a world-class wine region.

Award-winning brands you know and trust live here: Domaine Chandon, De Bortoli, Rochford, Oakridge and Four Pillars Distillery. There's nothing like getting to know them at the source, meeting the makers and sampling their vintages.

This region offers year-round experiences. Imagine watching daybreak over the valley from a hot air balloon, then coming back to earth for a sumptuous champagne breakfast. Maybe an early round of golf as kangaroos watch on, then onto Healesville Sanctuary to experience Australia's majestic birds of prey in this spectacular daily show.

Find your sweet spot at Rayner's Orchard or Cherryhill Orchards- pick your own peaches, apricots and cherries straight from the tree! Take a garden tour and enjoy afternoon tea at Alowyn Gardens, Blue Lotus Water Garden, Coombe Yarra Valley and the famous Tesselaar Tulip Festival – the largest display of tulips in the southern hemisphere.

**Opposite**: Puffing Billy **1.** Global Ballooning **2.** Levantine Hill



A pleasant 30 minutes' drive from the Yarra Valley and you can immerse yourself in the Dandenong Ranges. Step into the tranquility of crisp country air and surround yourself with the unique sounds of Australian nature. Find yourself wandering through ancient Mountain Ash rainforest and enjoy the seasons in the display gardens at Cloudehill, William Ricketts sculpture garden and Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens.

Wind through the Dandenong Ranges on Puffing Billy, Australia's favourite heritage steam train to the new visitor discovery centre and museum.

# HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meet the wine makers, brewers and distillers in their award-winning cellar doors
- Explore any of 80+ cellar doors and award-winning vineyard restaurants
- Get high in a hot air balloon gliding over the landscape
- Board a much-loved heritage train to ride the rail line through majestic forests and fern gullies (up the magic – book an on-board luncheon or dinner experience)
- Get a kick out of cycling the Warburton Rail Trail
- Stay and play the Greg Norman designed championship golf course



# P H I L L I P I S L A N D

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. Or get interactive and into augmented reality with an unforgettable virtual wildlife experience at Phillip Island Nature Parks Antarctic Journey.

Take to the sky aboard a modern fleet of helicopters. Phillip Island Helicopters will show you miles of rugged coastline including Cape Woolamai, Seal Rocks, the Australian Grand Prix track and Summerland Bay (home of the Penguin Parade).

Thrill seekers, put your foot down and head straight to the Grand Prix Circuit for adrenalin-pumping hot laps

Opposite: Cowes Foreshore 1. Penguin Parade 2. Cape Woolamai



around the circuit or a state-of-the-art go-kart session on a to-scale track replica.

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, tastetempting 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 tour boat operators get you close-up to wild ocean creatures in their natural habitat
- A perfect mix of adventure filled with fun and epic scenery. With Ocean Adventures Phillip Island you can enjoy activities above and under the water.
- Thrill to a unique helicopter adventure that takes personalised touring to new heights
- Taste your way around with wine cellars, breweries, fresh seafood and seasonally changing menus
- Catch a ferry to French Island and let Naturaliste 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
- Join Dianne's Venture Tours to explore Phillip Island and beyond



# M O R N I N G T O N P E N I N S U L A

Go Beyond and experience Melbourne's most compact yet diverse region. The Mornington Peninsula is all about fresh sea air, relaxation, playing your best shot, indulging your wild side and spoiling yourself with food and wine you'll never forget.



The peninsula is emerging as one of Melbourne's most coveted food and leisure destinations. Get amongst the magic and explore award-winning golf courses, more than 50 cellar doors, eight breweries, seasonal farmgates and dining experiences. Follow the Wine Food Farmgate Trail to reveal some of the region's most delicious secrets or meet the award-winning brewers, cider-makers and distillers on the Beer, Cider & Spirits Trail, who represent some of the best in class for Australia.

Explore Montalto and Pt Leo Estate – two of Australia's Ultimate Wineries – with their abundant seasonal produce and winding sculpture trails. Learn new skills at a cooking class at Green Olive at Red Hill, Red Gum BBQ or at Flinders Hotel. Take a tell-all brewery tour of St Andrews Beach Brewery or a distillery experience at JimmyRum Distillery where you will meet the makers for yourself. Join MP Experience and Grape Explorations Australia for a private, bespoke tour focused on producer meet-ups, farmgates, wineries or distilleries.

Breathe in the pure ocean air and dive in to swim with dolphins and seals, snorkel with sea dragons or slow down and relax in the natural geothermal springs at Peninsula Hot Springs; where more than 50 different bathing experiences await. Change it up with a timewarping traipse through maritime and military history at Point Nepean.

Opposite: Jackalope Hotel 1. Peninsula Hot Springs 2. Moonraker Dolphin Swims



Everywhere you turn you'll discover an abundance of wildlife, nature and lush landscapes. Glorious gardens take centre stage at Heronswood House and Gardens, Enchanted Adventure Gardens and more.

Is adventure calling? Then perhaps try sea kayaking, tree surfing, tube sliding, maze unpuzzling or stand up paddle boarding. Then board a ferry and sail off into the sunset – across Port Phillip and onto Geelong and The Bellarine.

# HIGHLIGHTS:

- Relax in geothermal pools with 50 different bathing experiences at Peninsula Hot Springs
- Board a gondola at Arthurs Seat Eagle and fly up high for a bird's eye view across the bay and the hinterland
- Join Polperro, Moonraker Dolphin Swims or WaterMaarq for close-up encounters with wild Bottlenose dolphins and Australian Fur Seals
- Be inspired by the glorious sculpture-peppered vineyards of Montalto and Pt. Leo Estate
- Tee-off at any of nineteen golf courses (links and resort style)
- Venture into catamaran sailing, scuba diving or stand-up paddle boarding in beautiful, pristine bay waters with Bayplay Adventures
- Try something completely new tree surfing or tube sliding in purpose-built wonderland, Enchanted Adventure Garden



# GEELONG & The bellarine

Geelong is Victoria's second city with a glittering waterfront on its doorstep and beautiful, beachfringed 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 is well-connected – arrive by rail, road, ferry or fly into Avalon Airport, just 20 minutes away. Discover a city emerging from its manufacturing past, reinvented with a cultural heart that beats true. Experience the world's oldest living culture first hand with a deep-dive guided tour at Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Learn to throw a boomerang, buy superb art and meet kangaroos, wallabies and emus.

One-time industrial spaces have been reshaped into hip new cafés, bars, restaurants, accommodation and attractions. Head to Little Creatures Brewery for brewery tours, great café food, beer tastings and relaxed, lively fun – all in an ex-factory site.

The north-facing waterfront is a centrepiece for a sparkling events calendar and strip of eateries that pulsates with activity day and night. Get to know it – take the famous Baywalk Bollards Trail stretching along the foreshore. Or visit the National Wool Museum for the story of Australian wool, fibre and textiles as well as exhibitions and special events.

Whether you're arriving by road, cruising in across the bay with Searoad Ferries or Port Phillip Ferries, the Bellarine Peninsula puts on a stunning welcome with her own distinctive character, grand old hotels, glorious beaches and wineries galore including Jack Rabbit Vineyard, Leura Park Estate, Oakdene Vineyards, Scotchmans Hill and Terindah Estate.



Don't miss Flying Brick Cider House, the newly reinvented Curlewis Golf Club or 360Q.

Find foodie experiences mustered together on The Bellarine Taste Trail map. Or let a local tour operator show you the hidden gems – set off for high-on-charm coastal villages, breathe in the farm fresh air and take some of Australia's most awarded cool-temp wines for a taste test.

# 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
- Play a round or hit-out at a state-of-the-art driving range at one of Australia's Top 100 Golf Clubs
- 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
- Cruise across the bay from Melbourne to the coastal wine region around Portarlington on the Bellarine Peninsula with Port Phillip Ferries
- See and learn about conserving Australian wildlife in the beautiful You Yangs with Echidna Walkabout, a small group eco-tour operator
- Escape the busyness of life on over 200 acres of rural and conservation land at Lon Retreat & Spa

Opposite: Waterfront Geelong 1. View towards the You Yangs from Terindah Estate 2. Baywalk Bollards, Geelong Waterfront 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. GBM's carefully curated five-day itineraries (from p26) make it easy to plan and discover our four distinct regions following three touring themes: Wildlife & Adventure, Food & Wine, 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.









# 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 wading with platypus or spotting a koala in the You Yangs Regional Park. Adventure calls from dawn hot air balloon rides, scenic chopper flights, aerial challenges in the treetops, lessons in Segway 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.

#### Opposite:

- 1. Kayaking, Phillip Island
- Clay Ridge, Peninsula Hot Springs, Mornington Peninsula
   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





# FAMILY FUN

Go Beyond for boundless giggles, family adventures and magic moments shared together. Gather the family and learn to surf, fish or ride horseback. 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 or gin masterclass. Surrender to the charms of a beautiful country house hotel and unforgettable sunset moments. Available on our website only: www.gobeyondmelbourne.com/itineraries 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:

# O YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

# MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)







#### Alowyn Gardens and Nursery (p44) Explore birch and casuarina forests, perennial border, edible, parterre and French gardens. An eight acre showcase with sculptures, water features, plant nursery and two courtyards for tea or lunch.

Healesville Sanctuary (p47) 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.

Blue Lotus Water Garden (p45) One of the world's most spectacular displays of water lilies and lotus flowers in dozens of ponds, lagoons and lakes. Kids Fairy Garden, River Trail, Lotus Walk and Lily Pond Café. (December – April.)

# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)





**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.

Olinda Tea House (p48) 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.







# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







# Warratina Lavender Farm

(**p51**) Enjoy the gloriously fragrant great outdoors amid 10,000 lavender plants. Harvest is November to January, but lavender flowers all year. Guided tours, homestead gardens, tea rooms, lavender gift shop.

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**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.

**Treetops Adventure (p50)** is Victoria's first tree ropes course – an aerial challenge for young and old. Come hang-out, get harnessed up and soar through the treetops on flying foxes, tight ropes and tunnels galore.

#### Araluen Boutique Accommodation (p74) 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.

#### BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park (p74) 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.

# Yering Gorge Cottages (p76)

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 selfcontained cottage,

# DAY TWO:

# ② YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES ③ PHILLIP ISLAND

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Global Ballooning (p47) 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.

Warrook Farm (p58) is a 1857 working farm and fauna park. Wildlife aplenty, including birds, koalas, kangaroo and wombat feeding. Emus, alpacas, miniature donkey, goats, deer, baby animal nursery and a dam with waterbirds.

#### Dianne's Venture Tours (p52) offers all-inclusive small group tour packages. Sit back, relax and let someone else do the

and let someone else do the driving while you uncover the secrets of Phillip Island.



**The Westernport Hotel (p57)** offers an authentic Australian bistro experience. Head down to the daily pelican feeding at noon – an easy stroll from the Hotel.

# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









#### Phillip Island Helicopters

(**p54**) choppers guests high above Cape Woolamai, Seal Rocks, Australian Grand Prix Track and the endless island coastline. Or dial up the thrills and choose a heli adventure from the package menu.

#### Wildlife Coast Cruises (p58) 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 (p53) Aquatic adventures any way you like them! Explore the coastline on a jetboat or racing boat. Snorkel or scuba dive around dramatic sites teeming with sealife. See fur seals, rays dolphins and maybe whales.

**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)







# DAY THREE:

🔘 PHILLIP ISLAND 🔘 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

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## Clifftop Accommodation

(p77) Wow! Superb hosted accommodation on a clifftop with extraordinary wild ocean and farmland views, and wildlife wandering by. Just 8 rooms, bar, lounge, café, BBQ and delicious supper trays.

#### Oceanic on Thompson (p78)

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 (p79)** 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.

Naturaliste Tours (p53) 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 Reserve (p56) There was a new batch of too-cute baby koalas in late 2019, so come and meet them! Spot koalas from treetop boardwalks in a remnant woodlands, watch for wallabies, echidnas and rainbow-coloured birds.

# Phillip Island Grand Prix

**Circuit (p54)** is home to worldclass motor sport and daredevil action. Buckle in for adrenalinpumping hot laps or hit the go kart track for full-on thrills.

#### Moonlit Sanctuary (p53)

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.

Arthurs Seat Eagle (p59)

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.













#### Tree Surfing at The Enchanted Adventure Garden (p65) is all

thrills. Make like Tarzan – test skills, balance, strength and coordination while navigating through the trees, bridges, walls, nets, swings and lofty ziplines.

Moonraker Dolphin Swims (p62) 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.

**Bayplay Adventure Tours (p79)** offer endless aquatic activities: kayaking with dolphins, standup paddling, scuba diving, sailing and more. Our pick? Snorkelling with the bay's curious and elusive Weedy Seadragons.

JimmyRum (p60) A tot of rum is a traditional warming drink, so drop into Victoria's first dedicated craft rum distillery after your aquatic adventures. Handcrafted rum tastings, master classes and tours, all in a quirky industrial estate.

**St Andrews Beach Brewery** (**p64**) 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.

# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







#### Bayplay Iluka Retreat (p79)

offers a glamping experience on a stunning 36 acre private property. Bring a sense of adventure and settle into a styled-to-perfection bell tent with everything you need ... plus loads of extras.

Flinders Hotel (p80) is a 4.5-star luxury escape with boutique charm and a new onsite cooking school. Coastal village location and a focus on absolute style and quiet seclusion make it a treat every single time.

**Rye Hotel (p82)** located opposite the beach, offers overnight 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 FOUR:

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

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# **AFTERNOON 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.

# WaterMaarq Boat Tours (p66)

Recognised masters that create fun friendly and relaxed ethical seal and dolphin tours. Adventure guides get you calmly swimming closer to vibrant and exotic fish, rays and 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.

Searoad Ferries (p72) 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.

Terindah Estate (p72) is one of Victoria's most beautiful and exciting venues, Taste delicious wine and food, see the mussel farmers in the local waters, take a stroll through the fig trees or vines and experience all that Terindah has to offer.

#### Scotchmans Hill (p71) a

producer of award-winning cool climate wine and listed in James Halliday's Top 100 Australian Wineries. Enjoy local produce with sweeping views across the bay.

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, degustation menu and local wines, beers and ciders.

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# DAY FIVE:

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**MORNING ACTIVITIES** (select from)



360Q Restaurant (p66) Named for its extraordinary 360-degree water views over Queenscliff Harbour, this restaurant speaks 'local'. Local seafood, produce, wines, Victorian craft beers. Drop in here for a superb breakfast.

water fed heated pool and Spa.

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.

Curlewis Golf Club (p67) is the fastest growing golf club in Australia. As well as the par 72 course, Curlewis Golf Club is home to The Range @ Curlewis, an incredible indoor / outdoor driving range complex with auto tees, XGolf and mini-golf.



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winning attraction centred on the world's oldest living culture. Wander the walkways among resident emus and wallabies and explore ancient dreaming stories, art 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

Echidna Walkabout (p67) is an international award-winning wildlife and nature tour operator. See and learn about conserving Australian wildlife in the beautiful You Yangs with this small group eco-tour operator

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 and heaps more.

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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 (p45)** is home to history, awardwinning estate grown wines, a stroll-able 7 acre garden, a gallery and fabulous cellar door dégustation experience pairing a flight of wines with matched culinary bites.

Autopia Tours (p44) makes wine touring simple and delicious. They've chosen their favourite wineries, a cider and ale brew house, arranged sharing platters of fresh local produce and selected divine local chocolates.

**Oakridge Wines (p48)** Offers award-winning wines, wowfactor 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 indooroutdoor dining and tasting spaces.

# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)



# Australian Wine Tours (p44)

Daily group and private tours from Melbourne to the worldrenowned Yarra Valley wine region. Tastings at four quite different wineries, delicious winery lunch, learn about the wines, terroir and history.

Levantine Hill (p48) offers cellar door experiences and two dining options. The allday dining space has a relaxed offering with a menu designed to share. The Signature restaurant offers a dégustation menu matched to estate wines.







# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







## Four Pillars Distillery (p46)

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.

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### Domaine Chandon (p46)

was established by French Champagne house, Moet and Chandon. Enjoy panoramic views, take a self-guided tour and savour wines (including méthode traditionnelle sparklings) in the Brasserie.

**De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate** (**p46**) 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.

#### Chateau Yering Hotel (p75)

offers award-winning dining at Eleonore's Restaurant. Unwind and relax in this gracious space with a modern Australian menu reflecting a creative choice of ingredients and daring combinations to delight.

# Araluen Boutique

Accommodation (p74) nestles in 4 acres of picture-perfect gardens and bushland. Dip into the swimming pool, collect fresh eggs from the free-range hens and settle back in a selfcontained villa.

# Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley

(**p74**) offers a day spa, fine dining restaurant, awardwinning accommodation, onsite activities and superb conference and wedding facilities. Dine, taste, indulge, meet and experience. Bliss.

# DAY TWO:

# O YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

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# MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)









## Global Ballooning (p47)

eases you into a magical onehour 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.

Yarra Valley Dairy (p51) Famous, family-owned, awardwinning cheeses reminiscent of France and Italy's finest. Cheese tasting in 130-year-old milking shed, or enjoy a platter of handmade cheese and local small-batch wine.

**Rayner's Orchard (p49)** 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 Orchard (p45)

is a leading Australian cherry producer and home to u-pick cherry adventures (in season Nov-Jan). Pack a picnic, enjoy the open air and unrivalled joy of tasting cherries straight from the tree.

# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









**The Cape Kitchen (p57)** offers unforgettable, uninterrupted vistas over the Southern Ocean and a sumptuous menu brimming with locally sourced, regionally inspired goodness. How about Skull Island Grilled Prawns for lunch?

**Phillip Island Winery (p56)** Invites you to pull up a chair front and centre for an expertled tasting, wander 'The Yards' for gorgeous views or graze your way through a bush tucker experience.

Rusty Water Brewery, Restaurant and Bar (p57) 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.

#### 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)







# DAY THREE:

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 MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)









# Clifftop Accommodation (p77) is perched between sea and

sky, offering one of the world's best ocean views, top-notch wildlife spotting and individual guest suites. Settle back on the deck with a house-made supper plate.

Kaloha Holiday Resort (p77) with absolute beach frontage

and less than a five minute walk to shops, cafés and restaurants, is centrally nestled in one of the best seaside positions on Phillip Island.

# **Oak Tree Lodge (p78)** is a

luxury B&B in the quiet village of Rhyll. Relax in a private self-contained suite, stocked with everything needed for a peaceful, do-not-disturb stay, even the makings of breakfast.

North Pier Hotel (p77) 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.

## Wild Food Farm (p58)

Everything you want to know about native herbs, spices, fruits, berries. Fascinating native food trail links beautiful parklands, ponds and plantations. Café features farm produce; gorgeous gift store.

# 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.

#### MP Experience Tours (p62)

offers private small group tours in Mornington Peninsula's magnificent food and wine region. Get behind-the scenes on a Meet the Gourmet Producers tour, a winter Truffle Farm tour and more.

# Chief's Son Distillery (p59)

Single malt whisky is a singular pleasure! Taste hand-crafted whiskies, learn about distilling using small batch processes and hand-selected barrels. Sample whisky from the still and barrel, bottle your own.



## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)









# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)









endota spa (p59) Stay on top of the demands of travelling with an indulgence at endota spa. Relaxation, remedial or specialty massage treatments, plus facials, body wraps, scrubs and more. Frankston, Red Hill, Mornington and Moorooduc.

Tar Barrel Brewery (p64) Tippling bliss! Award-winning craft beers, plus a whiskey, gin and vodka distillery, plus superb Mornington Peninsula wines. Sit down with a woodfired pizza and a tasting paddle of your favourites.

**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.

Max's Restaurant at Red Hill Estate (p61) has been described as "the best view of any vineyard in the world". Take a seat in the light-filled hilltop eatery, soak up the vista and contemplate a menu of localinspired cuisine.

# DAY FOUR:

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

## MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)









## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)







taste the wines and grazing lunch. Or follow the beer, cider and spirit trail. Green Olive at Red Hill (p60) is all about paddock-to-plate

wineries. Meet the winemaker,

Grape Explorations Australia

(p60) Join a small group

or take a bespoke tour of

top Mornington Peninsula

sustainable farm tours, handson cooking classes, a menu of delicious morsels and a shop brimming with natural products – all in one incredible place.

Montalto (p61) boasts 30 permanent sculptures dotted throughout its grounds and vines. Explore first, then hit the Piazza Café and sit amongst expansive kitchen gardens to tuck into wines and a menu designed to share.

JimmyRum (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!

Scotchmans Hill (p71) sits atop Mt Bellarine with sweeping views across Port Phillip Bay. The Cellar Door, converted from the original estate barn with its tree trunk beams and pillars, offers the perfect backdrop for dining.

#### Jack Rabbit Vineyard (p68)

is renowned for unrivalled panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne. It's also a showpiece for the gastronomic gems of the Bellarine, flaunted in the restaurant, vineyard and cellar door.

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.

Jackalope Hotel (p80) 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.

Flinders Hotel (p80) Historic hotel, charming village packed with providores. Saturday cooking classes such as Italian or Asian; popular Saturday Gin High Tea including top shelf local and imported gins with premium tonics.

Lancemore Lindenderry Red Hill (p81) features 40 elegantly Hecker Guthrie designed spacious guest rooms with quality furnishings and fittings. Swoon over views, sample wines and savour farm-totable dining.

Woodman Estate (p82) Sheer luxury in a manor house suite or lakeside chalet. A secluded retreat with private lake, bushlands, birdlife, magnificent gardens. Formal and casual dining including high tea and alfresco on the terrace.

# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)





BIG4 Beacon Resort (p82)

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 delicious Bellarine Taste Trail.

Lon Retreat & Spa (p83) 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.

Novotel Geelong (p83) 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.

# Oakdene Vineyards

Guesthouse (p70) offers a beautifully restored 1920s homestead set amongst coastal farmland. Park the car. settle into a themed room then experience the superb onsite cellar door and restaurant.





## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)







Queenscliff Brewhouse (p71) is 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!

# Oakdene Vineyards,

Restaurant & Cellar Door (p70) is famous for its 'Upside-Down House' cellar door, and there's always something new to discover in the quirky art-filled gardens. Wander in for wine tastings or a delicious lunch.

#### Leura Park Estate (p69)

Boasts 40 acres under vines, all premium varietals. Savour a guided tasting, stone-based pizzas and legendary grazing platters by a roaring open fire or in the sun-drenched alfresco zone.

# Terindah Estate (p72)

is an idyllic boutique winery with an extensive food offering and award-winning wines. Grab your friends and gather on The Deck, the newly launched wine bar, and make an afternoon of it.

## Flying Brick Cider House (p68)

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



# DAY FIVE:

# **GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)

# 3600 Restaurant (p66)



is the perfect spot for an early breakfast or casual brunch with friends or an intimate dinner for two. Indulge in first class coffee. Victorian craft beers and wines from local vinevards.

# Curlewis Golf Club (p67)

Golf Clubs - perfect for playing a round before hitting the clubhouse for lunch. And what a lunch! The hip, green and seriously delicious menu dazzles the tastebuds.

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# 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:

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#### Werribee Open Range Zoo (p73) serves up an amazing African adventure. Be immersed in the sights and sounds of the savannah with a guided tour, go behind thescenes and get up close to the animals, or even stay overnight

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 Bollard Trail (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)





**360Q Restaurant (p66)** is an iconic two-storey dining venue with not-to-bemissed views over Queenscliff Harbour. Cosy up over a fresh Bahn Xeo Vietnamese rice pancake filled with crunchy salad, prawns and crab. Delicious!

The Villages of the Bellarine Wander the streets of these gorgeous seaside towns. Explore the Pt Lonsdale Lighthouse precinct then the quaint shops and artisans in Queenscliff and providores in Barwon Heads.







# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







# Sea All Dolphin Swims (p71)

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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!

### Queenscliff Brewhouse (p71)

Queenscliff Brewhouse is a brewery, distillery, whisky bar, live music venue and regional produce cellar door. A food and beverage haven with over 250 craft beers and ciders, over 420 spirits and 400 regional wines.

# The Q Train (p72)

is Australia's premier train restaurant. Climb on board for a first-class dining experience in a private compartment for two – a 4-hour, 6-course dégustation menu while the train rollicks through stunning landscapes of the Bellarine.

#### Lon Retreat & Spa (p83)

is an adults 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!

# Oakdene Vineyards (p70)

delivers a unique vineyard stay experience. Three themed rooms housed in a beautiful restored homestead, among acres of lush coastal farmland. Enjoy superb cellar door, restaurant and café onsite.

## Werribee Open Range Zoo Slumber Safari (p73)

Unique overnight experience with fully hosted safari tour, exclusive animal encounter, African inspired dinner and luxury lodge accommodation.

# DAY TWO:

# 🚫 GEELONG & THE BELLARINE

# 🔘 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

## MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)









#### Jack Rabbit Vineyard (p68) is a restaurant, vineyard and cellar door boasting unrivalled panoramic views. Devour a menu that's a gastronomic showpiece for the Bellarine Peninsula,

Terindah Estate (p72) is one of Victoria's most beautiful and exciting venues. Taste delicious wine and food, see the mussel farmers in the local waters, take a stroll through the fig trees or the vines.

## Searoad Ferries (p72) 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.

## 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.

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









Arthurs Seat Eagle (p59) 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.

Montalto (p61) is a stunning vineyard, piazza and restaurant where the vines are dotted with sculptures. Revel in Montalto's specialty: a private picnic of delicious shared morsels and house wines served in a secluded location

**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.

# 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.

# **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







# DAY THREE:

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PHILLIP ISLAND

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)











## Jackalope Hotel (p80)

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.

#### Lancemore Lindenderry at

**Red Hill (p81)** Luxury country house hotel, surrounded by traditional English-style gardens and vineyard. Pretty walks, fine art collection, intimate and casual dining.

Woodman Estate (p82) Luxury country retreat hidden away beside a private lake. Spacious lakeside chalets, day spa, formal and casual dining, including terrace overlooking the lake. Perfect for a romantic getaway!

#### Tree Surfing @ The Enchanted Adventure Garden (p65)

A radical high ropes adventure that combines both a tree top canopy experience with the thrill of high ropes climbing challenge. Climb and surf through 100-year old eucalypts

# Green Olive at Red Hill (p60)

is a picture-perfect working farm where the kitchen team transforms local farm produce into tempting goodies. Tap into the tastiness together, with a hands-on cooking class or paddock-to-plate farm tour.

# Moonlit Sanctuary (p61)

Fantastic opportunities to get close to Australian native animals. Pet a koala, feed a kangaroo, play with dingoes. Find out about local endangered species. Lantern lit tours available at night time.

## Phillip Island Helicopters

(**p54**) choppers guests high and mighty for scenic showcases and amazing package experiences. Book ahead to fly into a fresh seafood lunch sensation for two.

# Phillip Island Grand Prix

**Circuit (p54)** Internationally famous and the home of Australian and world championship motor cycling. Buckle in for an adrenalinamping triple Hot Lap lightning ride around the circuit.













# Wildlife Coast Cruises (p58)

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.

# 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.

**Phillip Island Winery (p56)** This boutique winery offers expansive lawns, cellar door, rural views and glimpses of the glittering seas of Bass Strait. Quality local produce, grazing boards, native meats.

# The Antarctic Journey (p55)

takes visitors on a multimedia wildlife experience brimming with augmented reality and hands-on interactive fun. Meet penguins on a virtual ice floe in the world's most extreme continent.

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)







# Clifftop Accommodation

(p77) offers magical scenic views surrounded by native vegetation filled with wildlife. Add a touch of romance to your stay with luxurious in-room massages and dinner packages.

**Oak Tree Lodge (p78)** is a luxury B&B in the quiet village of Rhyll. Relax in a private self-contained suite, stocked with everything needed for a peaceful, do-not-disturb stay, even the makings of breakfast.

#### Kaloha Holiday Park (p77) Absolute beach frontage! Accommodation includes:

beachfront cabins with views, spacious units, luxury spa rooms, 2BR self-contained units. Restaurant, pool and hot spa on site.

# DAY FOUR:

# PHILLIP ISLAND VARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)







# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









## Naturaliste Tours (p53)

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 (p54) 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.

**Oakridge Wines (p48)** offers exceptional wine experiences and magnificent scenery. Drop in for tastings and superb restaurant fare, or pair-up for a masterclass (wines and chef-prepared canapés) in the private tasting room.

# Blue Lotus Water Gardens

(**p45**) offers 14 acres of exotic and native flowering plants featuring waterlilies, lotus and other rarities. Marvel together at the giant waterlilies and wander interconnecting walking tracks and bridges.

#### Healesville Sanctuary(p47)

Famous haven for koalas, emus, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes, wombats and birdlife. Wander bushland tracks, have a closeup wildlife encounter, visit the wildlife health centre, learn from keeper talks.

# Four Pillars Distillery (p46)

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.
Cherryhill Orchards (p45)

devoted to everything cherry.

Pick cherries in summer, visit

the farmgate shop for cherry

Coombe Yarra Valley (p45)

climate wines and a divine

worth singing about. Relax

stunning 7 acre garden.

cellar door dégustation menu

and cuddle up for a tour of the

was once Dame Nellie Melba's home. Now they produce cool

gifts and treats. Or take a picnic

and find a secluded spot on this

A third-generation farm

beautiful property.

#### **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)









#### Yarra Valley Lodge (p76)

Relax amidst nature in one of the region's most peaceful lodges. All guestrooms with garden terraces or private balconies and glorious views. 120 hectares of bush, wildlife and walking tracks to explore.

#### Chateau Yering Hotel (p75)

is a historic homestead reborn as a gracious 5-star mansion hotel, sitting grandly on a 250 acre estate with sweeping Yarra Valley views. Book the Garden Suite – king-size with fancy fittings and lavish furnishings.

#### Yarra Gables (p75)

A TripAdvisor 2020 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 (p76) 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.





#### **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (select from)



### DAY FIVE:

🔘 YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

#### MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)



#### Global Ballooning (p47)

eases you into a magical onehour 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.



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#### Domaine Chandon (p46)

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

Levantine Hill (p48) A most exclusive experience. Arrive by helicopter, book a wine flight tailored to your taste (with delicious morsels), or an exquisite lunch or dinner with internationally award-winning matched wines.

# Warratina Lavender Farm (p51) boasts acres of lavender rows. Amble together among the purple magic and find your way back to the Lavender Cottage Tearooms to sample lavender scones and lavender ice cream.

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# 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.

Echidna Walkabout (p67) award-winning wildlife and nature tour operator with naturalist guides ensuring unforgettable sightings of wild native animals. Your tour cost contributes towards wildlife conservation

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.

**Explore Australia Tours (p68)** Skip driving for a day! Take a family small-group experience, exploring Geelong and the Bellarine aboard a deluxe mini coach. Local knowledgeable guides are great storytellers for kids!

### 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.







#### **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)





#### Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre (p69) is an award-

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winning attraction centred on the world's oldest living culture. Learn to throw a boomerang, get a taste for bush tucker and learn about ancient dreaming stories.

#### Flying Brick Cider Company

(p68) is a retro-inspired landmark venue. Think innovative space, a tasting paddle of ciders, amazing food, the best Bellarine wines around and plenty of space for the kids to run and play.

Queenscliff Brewhouse (p71) is for everyone. Bistro meals, family tasting platters, local produce. House-brewed beer and whisky for non-drivers. Close to the Queenscliff ferry, right opposite parklands and the beach for kids. Perfect!

#### BIG4 Beacon Resort (p82)

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

#### Downunder Farmstays

(p83) take you to the heart of Australian country life. Stay with local farmers, enjoy home-cooked meals, have fun with farming activities, learn about sustainability, introduce kids to farm animals

Novotel Geelong (p83) is an ideal central base for families. Located right on the Geelong Waterfront with modern balconied rooms, exceptional hotel service, onsite restaurant (with lively kids menu) and a handy in-room dining option.

#### DAY TWO:

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#### 🔘 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 (p72) 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.

Bayplay Adventure Tours (p79) offer sailing, scuba diving, stand-up paddling, kayaking with dolphins and bike hire for exploring Point Nepean National Park. Our pick? Snorkelling with the bay's curious Weedy Seadragons.

The Blue Mini Café, Eatery and Emporium (p65) is ideal for family lunch. The menu mission is fresh, tasty meal options that don't cost the earth. Everyone will love the retro décor vibe – the premises were once a 10-pin bowling alley!

#### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









#### Arthurs Seat Eagle (p59) 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.

The Enchanted Adventure Garden (p65) is fun central – themed gardens, seven mazes (including a grand hedge maze), giant puzzles, bushland obstacles, canopy walk, tube slides and adventure activities such as Tree Surfing for nippers

#### T'Gallant Winemakers (p65)

serves up wood-fired pizzas perfect for family feasting. Soak up the casual piazza vibe in an idyllic location overlooking vines and rolling hills. Fabulous artisan wines on the pour.

**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 mouthwatering BBQ.

#### **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)







## DAY THREE:

MORNINGTON PENINSULA
PHILLIP ISLAND

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)











#### Carmel At Sorrento (p80)

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.

#### Portsea Village Resort (p81)

is right in the swim of it. Family beaches, fishing, scuba diving and snorkelling. Hire bikes or walk and picnic in spectacular Point Nepean National Park nearby. Family size apartments too with easy beach access.

**RACV Cape Schanck Resort** (**p81**) Overlooks rugged Bass

Strait and offers all you need for a relaxing, revitalising stay in luxury surrounds. Why not book the Ocean View room to exploit the stunning location?

### Sunny Ridge 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 chocdipped strawberries and strawberry ice-cream.

#### 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. Cooking classes for older kids.

#### 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.

#### Warrook Farm (p58)

established 1857, is 'true blue' Aussie country life. Kids meet farm animals, bottle feed cute calves. Milk a cow, watch working farm dogs, meet Aussie wildlife, tuck into a hearty roast lunch!.

Wild Food Farm (p58) An intriguing native food trail where kids can see sustainability in action. Explore parklands, ponds and plantations. Have lunch in the café where the farm's herbs, spices, fruit and berries feature.



#### **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.

Antarctic Journey (p55) is all the fun of the world's most extreme continent, without leaving the island. Get into interactive, hands-on fun, augmented reality and feel-real virtual wildlife close-ups.

Phillip Island RSL Lone Pine Bistro (p55) is a family-friendly bistro style restaurant with a kids' playroom, Joey's Kids Club, alfresco balcony, plenty of room to move and an entire menu devoted to little ones. Let the fun begin

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!

#### DAY FOUR:

## 🕅 PHILLIP ISLAND 🔘 YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)







#### Wildlife Coast Cruises (p58)

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 (p54) 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.

#### **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)









#### Anchor Belle Holiday Park (p76) 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

cushion and playground. Kaloha Holiday Resort (p77) is a tropical beachfront haven. just five minutes' walk to the town centre. Relax in the hot tub, dip into the saltwater heated swimming pool or gather the kids for a play in the children's playground.

**Phillip Island Apartments** (p78) offers one, two and three bedroom self-contained apartments that make family touring a breeze. Located in the vibrant seaside town of Cowes, the 4.5 star apartments are spacious, comfy family retreats.

Phillip Island Towers (p79) 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.

#### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)









#### Gumbuva World (p47)

Victoria's only water, wildlife and theme park includes thrilling water slides, family wave pool, adventure rides, pirate ships, kangaroo handfeeding and koala close-ups amid 50 wildlife species.

#### 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.

#### **Treetops Adventure (p50)**

is Victoria's first tree ropes course. An aerial challenge for young and old. Come hangout, get harnessed up and soar through the treetops on flying foxes, tight ropes and tunnels galore.

#### 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.

Blue Lotus Water Garden (p45)

featuring waterlilies, lotus and other rarities. Marvel together

at the giant waterlilies and roam free along interconnecting

including tamarillo, persimmon,

tractor tour through the orchard and u-pick seasonal favourites

pepino, guava and kiwi. Climb

aboard for an educational

straight from the tree.

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Rayner's Orchard (p49) grows some 450 fruit varieties

walking tracks.

#### **STAY OVERNIGHT** (select from)









🔘 YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

MORNING ACTIVITIES (select from)

DAY FIVE:

#### **Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley**

(p74) 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 Éstate 1.6 kilometre walking trail.

BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park (p74) Set in 60 acres of bush, waterways and landscaping that's a magnet for wildlife. Explore on foot or in a golf buggy. Spacious family villas sleep up to 8, or go glamping in luxury tents.

**Canterbury International** Hotel (p75) promises old world charm with just 72 beautifully appointed rooms. 24-hour room service, Atrium café with open fire, dining in Oliver's Restaurant. Super handy to Puffing Billy too!

Yarra Gables (p75) is very handy to Healesville Sanctuary. This small luxury property set in peaceful cottage gardens offers a number of spacious family rooms, two cottages and luxury B&B in the historic homestead.





#### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (select from)







#### Cherryhill Orchards (p45)

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?

#### Tesselaar Tulip Farm (p50)

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.

#### Yarra Valley Chocolaterie

& Ice Creamery (p51) Simply scrumptious! Plenty of free chocolate tastings, hand-crafted chocolate demonstrations, café with decadent sweet treats and ice creams. Welcoming lawns for kids' play time.







love the 130-year-old restored milking shed and delicious cheese tastings. Lots of history, award-winning fresh soft cheeses, platters available. tempting local produce and wines in the gift store.

Yarra Valley Dairy (p51) Kids

## 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

# 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.

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So now take a look at Trip Planner: www.gobeyondmelbourne.com/trip-planner/

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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.

- 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.
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Then do the same for the other regions you want to visit. Note: you can only add up to 23 options in total.

Once you've completed your itinerary, you can download a PDF Download Trip Plan. 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!



- 2. The Pinnacles, Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island
- **3**. Bayplay snokelling with sea dragons, Mornington Penisula

4. Brisbane Ranges, Geelong & The Bellarine



### 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.



## ALOWYN GARDENS AND NURSERY

Alowyn Gardens and Nursery is a picturesque, 8 acre garden in a gorgeous setting in the Yarra Valley. This beautiful display garden showcases an array of perennial plants, succulents, trees, fruits and vegetables. Sculptures and water features interweave through the gardens.

There are six clearly defined areas including a perennial border, birch forest, casuarina forest, parterre garden, French garden and edible garden. Through all this runs a wisteria and rose covered arbour, 100 metres long, with a sunken rose garden and a classical three-tiered fountain as a centrepiece.

Relax in the Maple or Farmshed Courtyards with a great coffee then explore the large nursery full of interesting plants.

# VENUE DETAILS Type Attraction / Garden Capacity 200 people Group facilities Groups welcome, bookings essential Opening hours Daily: 10am to 5pm

#### FEATURES

- Display gardens offering seasonal changes
- Morning teas or lunch (booked)
- An event space for 150 people
- Venue for weddings, parties & picnics

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Look out for seasonal events

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## AUSTRALIAN WINE TOUR COMPANY

Australian Wine Tour Company is the market leader in winery tourism offering both public and private touring options.

Public tours depart daily to the Yarra Valley from Melbourne and cater to all needs, from beginner to expert, mixing a fun social environment with entertainment and education. The big difference is the driver/guides, with extensive wine industry experience as well as exceptional customer service skills.

Exclusive private touring for any group size from 2 to 100 with special tailored experiences.

Also available are overnight vineyard accommodation packages to coincide with our day tour programs.

#### TOUR DETAILS

Туре	Tours / Transport
Capacity	2-100 passengers
Group facilities	Small and large private tours can be tailor-made
Opening hours	Daily departure between 9.00am-9.45am, return between 4.30pm-5.00pm

#### FEATURES

- Food and wine experiences
- Expert wine guides
- Private and public tour options
- Departure from Melbourne
- Fun and educational

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## **AUTOPIA TOURS**

Autopia Tours delivers Australia's widest range of small-group, guided travel experiences.

Their unique itineraries focus on doing things differently by avoiding the crowds and exploring the unexpected. With exemplary customer service, cultural insight and historic facts, Autopia Tours believe travel should be less about ticking boxes and more about authentic encounters; by getting off the bus, immersing yourself in nature and swapping stories with those around.

Driven by insider knowledge, their inspiring range of tours throughout Australia features a mix of nature, wildlife, adventure, culture, and foodie delights.



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Туре	Sightseeing Tours
Capacity	24 passengers
Group facilities	Small group guided tours
Opening hours	Tours: 7 days Office: 7 days, 6.30am-10pm

#### FEATURES

- Small-group touring experience
- Local guides with expert knowledge
- Free Wi-Fi and audio translation app
- Food, wine and wildlife experiences
- Unique itineraries and authentic encounters

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## BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDEN

Explore one of the world's most spectacular floral displays of lotus flowers and waterlily flowers. This tropical themed garden features dozens of ponds, lagoons and lakes all covered in thousands of floral blooms spread over 50,000m<sup>2</sup>. Spectacular sculpture fountains protrude from the lakes intensifying the visual display.

View spectacular plant displays such as the world's biggest waterlilies – the Giant Amazon Lily and the Giant Victoria Lily. Take the Bridge Walk through the middle of Monet's Lake which contains 70 varieties of waterlilies plus a special Claude Monet collection. An ideal place for a picnic, BBQ or maybe a lovely lunch at the Lily Pond Café. It's a great day out!

# VENUE DETAILS Type Attraction / Garden Capacity No limit Group facilities Group tours, dining, picnics available. Group size 10-100 pax Opening hours 26 Dec to 15 April See website for times

#### FEATURES

- World's most spectacular floral display of lotus flowers and waterlily flowers
- See the amazing Tropical World and Giant Lily
- Kids' Fairy Garden, River Trail, Lotus Walk





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## CHERRYHILL ORCHARDS

Cherryhill Orchards is a third generation family orchard with a passion for growing the world's greatest cherries. Today, their orchard has grown to be one of Australia's largest and most loved cherry-picking destinations.

With over 13,000 cherry trees, a farmgate shop offering delicious beverages, cherry gifts and treats including cherry ice cream, picnic facilities and breathtaking views, it's the perfect day trip for family and friends.

Cherryhill Orchards is located just one hour's drive from Melbourne in the beautiful Yarra Valley. Furthermore, Cherryhill Orchards' group packages, exceptional facilities and multi-lingual staff make them the orchard of choice for international visitors.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction / U-pick Farm
Capacity	No limit
Group facilities	Groups welcome, guided tours for groups of 20+
Opening hours	Daily: 9am-5pm from mid November to early January

#### 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

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#### 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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## DE BORTOLI YARRA VALLEY ESTATE

In under an hour's drive from Melbourne, visit the De Bortoli Cellar Door and restaurant. At the Cellar Door, taste award-winning wines from the region, picnic with a cheese platter and wine in the beautiful gardens or indulge in one of the many private wine experiences by appointment in the Trophy Room.

The restaurant, 'Locale' is a popular choice for dining because of its picturesque surroundings and Italian-inspired menu. Sitting on top of a hill amongst the verdant vines, the restaurant overlooks the estate vineyards to the Great Dividing Range in the north and Dandenong Ranges to the south. Locale sources only the best local and seasonal produce and reflects the De Bortoli family's rich Italian heritage.

#### 58 Pinnacle Lane, Dixons Creek VIC 3775 T: +61 3 5965 2271 E: yarra@debortoli.com.au W: debortoli.com.au

# VENUE DETAILS Type Winery / Restaurant Capacity 120 guests Group facilities Groups welcome, bookings required Dening hours Locale restaurant: lunch Thu-Mon from 12pm, dinner Sat from 6pm Cellar door: 7 days,

#### FEATURES

Cellar door with award-winning wines.

10am-5pm

- Wine experiences. Locale restaurant featuring Italian-inspired cuisine
- Wheelchair accessibility





#### CHANDON CHANDO



## DOMAINE CHANDON

Established in 1986, Chandon Australia is a premium wine brand with winery operations based in the Yarra Valley, Victoria. Dedicated to creating méthode traditionnelle cool-climate sparkling wines, Chandon crafts wines which are complex, expressive and reflective of their origins.

A visit to the winery home provides the opportunity to experience one of the largest ranges of méthode traditionnelle sparkling wines in the country, along with a dynamic wine tourism offering, including a tasting bar, restaurant, lounge bar, retail boutique and a magnificent view of the surrounding Yarra Ranges.

Chandon. Beautifully crafted Australian sparkling wine

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	Restaurant 80 Lounge & Tasting Bar 150
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	7 days: 10.30am-4.30pm (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day)

#### FEATURES

- Wine tasting and retail boutique
- Restaurant, lounge, private Chandon tasting rooms
- Chandon Sunday School

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## FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY

Located in Healesville, Four Pillars is an Australian gin distillery that makes a truly modern Australian style of gin, which captures Asian spice, Mediterranean citrus and some native Australian botanicals.

Their gins have been awarded gold medals at the most prestigious spirits competitions in the world. From Rare Dry Gin to Barrel Aged Gin to Navy Strength Gin to Orange Marmalade (made with the oranges that make the gin), everything Four Pillars Distillery does is designed to elevate the craft of distilling in Australia. Open seven days a week, Four Pillars offers gin tastings and a huge range of gin cocktails that can be enjoyed in the bar. They also offer regular masterclasses and special events.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction / Gin Distillery
Capacity	120 people
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	Sun-Thu: 10.30am-5.30pm Fri-Sat: 10.30am-9pm Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

#### FEATURES

- Boutique gin distillery
- Masterclasses and special events

   check the website for details
- Indoor / outdoor seating, pet friendly

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## **GLOBAL BALLOONING AUSTRALIA**

Some prefer to take the scenic route to the Yarra Valley, traversing roads through gnarly vineyards and misty farms until a landscape worthy of silence appears. But as far as we're concerned, the journey across this most-loved wine region is unrivalled by hot air balloon.

As you soar over patchworks of vines set on rolling hills and surrounded by mountains, lightness comes over you – a sense of freedom from the everyday. As the sun rises, so does your spirit, floating over the natural amphitheatre. Just an hour from Melbourne CBD, it doesn't take much to escape the bustle and reconnect with nature. Flights operate 364 days of the year, weather permitting. The Yarra Valley is one of the world's most picturesque flying regions!

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	Balloons of 10, 16 & 24
Group facilities	Groups are welcome, must book in advance
Opening hours	Office hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### FEATURES

- Optional sparkling breakfast after the flight
- CBD transfers available on request
- Flight certificate and postcard pack to prove it happened

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## GUMBUYA WORLD

Victoria's only water, wildlife and theme park, Gumbuya World offers an epic adventure for the whole family with four worlds to explore.

Oasis Springs water park features 8 thrilling water slides, a 300 M Lazy River and an impressive family wave pool.

Oz Adventure offers a world of thrilling rides under the gums including the Tree Swing and Rebel, for those who dare!

For younger adventurers, Outback Explorers packs a punch with pirate ships, giant berries and dodgem cars.

Lastly, you'll find 50 remarkable species on the Wildlife Trail where you can handfeed kangaroos and get up close to koalas.

An abundance of entertainment awaits!

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Attraction	
Capacity	No maximum capacity	
Group facilities	Two function rooms with indoor koala enclosure	
Opening hours	Daily from 10am (check website for full details)	

#### FEATURES

- The only water, wildlife and theme park in Victoria
- Two cafés and a fish and chip shop onsite
- Augmented reality Wildlife Passport app available to download

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## HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Explore a bushland haven for Australian wildlife just 1 hour from Melbourne. Wander through tranquil tracks and meet iconic Australian animals including koalas, emus, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes and wombats.

Enjoy the Spirits of the Sky bird show and the Wurundjeri Walk, which celebrates the life of Indigenous Elder William Barak. Visit the Australian Wildlife Health Centre to meet our vets and nurses, as they treat over 1,500 native animals annually.

Ideal location for Incentive and 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	
Туре	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	10,000 people. Limited for encounters
Group facilities	Guided tours, catering options
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-5pm

#### FEATURES

- Spirits of the Sky show
- Wurundjeri Walk
- Australian Wildlife Health Centre
- Close-up animal encounter option
- Daily keeper talks
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## LEVANTINE HILL

Levantine Hill is a magnificent familyowned estate featuring two vineyards, an architecturally outstanding cellar door and restaurant, and a state-of-the-art winery and events complex. Whether you arrive by helicopter or car, start your experience with a tutored wine flight, followed by a Mediterranean-inspired sharing menu that heroes the finest local produce.

Levantine Hill wines are handcrafted without compromise and have quickly gained a world-class reputation, winning many major awards and leading wine experts' acclaim

Fruit is handpicked, hand sorted, then batch fermented and matured in the finest French oak.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Restaurant / Cellar Door
Capacity	Restaurant: 250 guests The Winery: 150-1000 guests STCA (subject to Counncil approval)
Group facilities	Wine tasting; functions
Opening hours	Closed Tuesdays. Mon, Wed-Fri: 11am-5pm Sat: 10am-10pm; Sun: 11am-6pm

#### FEATURES

- Handcrafted wines
- Hatted restaurant
- Iconic event venue

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## OAKRIDGE WINES

Bordered by the mountains of the Great Dividing Range and stretching across 10 hectares of landscaped vines and gardens, Oakridge has built a reputation as one of Australia's premier food and wine destinations.

This award-winning winery is internationally renowned for producing wines of distinction and finesse. The contemporary cellar door offers spectacular views of the Yarra Valley, while Oakridge's celebrated restaurant offers an innovative menu showcasing the best regional and house-made produce.

The perfect setting for milestone events, exclusive dinners, team-building activities, product launches and end-of-year celebrations.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	100 guests
Group facilities	Corporate packages, unique group experiences
Opening hours	Cellar door: 7 days: 10am-5pm. Restaurant: Thu-Sun, 11:45am-5pm

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#### FEATURES

- One hat restaurant/ private dining
- Interactive winery experiences
- Sommelier-led 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 tranquility nature has to offer!



#### 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 a taste of authentic local hospitality. Some don't get past 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.

# 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

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- Views of Puffing Billy as it passes
- Functions of all sizes welcome

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## PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

Step into a timeless world of wonder with Australia's favourite steam train, Puffing Billy, located in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges and only one-hour east of Melbourne.

Ride in open-side carriages over the rolling hills, down the valley and into the forest on the original mountain track between Belgrave and Gembrook, while taking in the magic of steam train travel and the beauty of the region.

Puffing Billy excursion trains depart a minimum of two times a day throughout the week, with a variety of journey options available. Visit our website for timetables and journey options.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction
Capacity	Excursion Train: 150. Max of 15 people per carriage
Group facilities	Bookings required for over 20 people
Opening hours	7 days: 9am to 5pm Closed Christmas Day

#### FEATURES

- 100-year old preserved steam railway
- Ride through lush fern gullies and eucalyptus forests
- Pre-purchase a picnic or lunch pack to enjoy on the day

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## RAYNER'S ORCHARD

Rayner's Orchard is a family run, boutique orchard in the Yarra Valley that grows over 450 varieties of fruit including peach, nectarine, plum, apricot, tamarillo, pomegranate, persimmon, pepino, feijoa and guava, kiwi and various citrus in winter.

Enjoy the best tree-ripened fruit varieties depending on the season. This orchard is unique in that it is the only farm in the Yarra Valley to have fruit all year. Tractor fruit tasting adventure tours run everyday. U-pick is available on fruit tasting tours.

Fruit bottling workshops – morning and afternoon sessions – are available daily, (bookings essential). Visit the Peach Café, retail shop and Fruiting Plant Nursery. New function room perfect for weddings / parties.

VENUE DET	VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction / U-Pick Fruit	
Capacity	Tours: 150 guests per hour Café: 250 guests	
Group facilities	Bookings essential for group Fruit Adventure Tours	
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-4pm	

#### FEATURES

- 450 varieties of fruit grown
- Tractor fruit tasting adventure tours
- Picnic shelter free to use, seats 40
- Fruit bottling workshops
- U-pick fruit every day of the year





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

#### FEATURES

Two restaurants, cellar door, gift shop

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- Special events venue
- Wine blending
- Grape stomping
- Incentives

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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, pick-your-own tulip patch, sculpture exhibit, 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	
Туре	Attraction / Garden Event
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Guided tours, dining
Opening hours	Mid-September to mid-October: 10am-5pm daily, check website for specific dates

#### FEATURES

- 65 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

#### 357 Monbulk Road, Silvan VIC 3795 T: +61 3 9737 7722 E: info@tesselaar.net.au W: tulipfestival.com.au



## TREETOPS ADVENTURE – BELGRAVE

Treetops Adventure is Australia's biggest tree ropes and ziplining attraction. Glen Harrow Park in Belgrave features exciting aerial challenges strung together high up in the beautiful tree-top canopy of the Dandenong Ranges near Puffing Billy Railway.

Spend two hours exploring the beautiful trees by weaving through the canopy between some of the world's rarest trees. Balancing on wooden bridges, scrambling along nets and feeling the breeze on your face as you zip along the flying foxes.

The magnificent 150-year-old Algerian Oak is the 'Home Tree' where Treetops Adventure's courses commence from before you soar into the tree-tops of the Dandenong Ranges.

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VENUE DETA	AILS
Туре	Attraction / Adventure
Capacity	Up to 15 pax per session
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings required
Opening hours	Mon-Fri: 11am-5pm Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm Last departure: 3pm

#### FEATURES

- Climb amongst the world's rarest trees
- Over 100 challenging activities including a 120m long zipline
- First to use a world-class European safety system





## WARRATINA LAVENDER FARM

in 1991, Warratina was just a small hobby farm. Now, the farm is home to over 10,000 lavender plants spread amongst 10 acres of beautiful farmland. Peak season runs from November until the end of January however lavender is available to view year round.

Experience the tranquil surroundings and breathe in the fragrances of lavender. Stand amongst the lavender against the backdrop of the Yarra Ranges. When visiting, learn about the different varieties and uses of lavender, the plants' life cycle, and how and when Warratina harvest and dry the flowers.

Explore the lavender fields and homestead garden, enjoy a delicious lavender tea or lavender ice-cream, try a lavender scone at the lavender tea room and visit the gift shop.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Attraction / Garden	
Capacity	Tour groups: 100 guests Tea rooms: 35 guests	
Group facilities	Guided tours, dining	
Opening hours	Feb to Sep: (Wed-Sun) 10am-4pm, Oct-Jan: (Wed-Sun) 9am-5pm Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday	

#### FEATURES

- Year-round lavender on show
- Tea rooms, gift shop selling lavender products
- Fabulous photo opportunities

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## YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE & ICE CREAMERY

A destination for chocolate lovers of all ages.

Entry is free to the spectacular Chocolaterie set on 40 acres of landscaped gardens and grounds with picturesque Valley views.

Enjoy abundant free chocolate tastings, watch European Chocolatiers handcraft 350 different chocolate products and be amazed at our stunning showroom choc-filled with thousands of couverture chocolate delights.

Indulge in a delicious selection of housemade ice creams or relax in the all-day 300 seat Café serving breakfast, lunch and specialising in decadent sweet treats.

There is always seasonal fun and festivals happening here and a wide range of chocolate tasting and making sessions.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction / Restaurant
Capacity	500 guests
Group facilities	Free Entry. Private rooms for booked workshops
Opening hours	Daily: 9am to 5pm

#### FEATURES

- 2000 sqm Chocolaterie with all production in view
- 40 acres of grounds, stunning views
- Free Entry and tastings
- 300 seat all day café.
- Hosted chocolate tasting and making workshops

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## YARRA VALLEY DAIRY

Yarra Valley Dairy is situated on a familyowned dairy farm right in the middle of the rolling hills of the luscious Yarra Valley.

Since 1996, when the first cheese was made, Yarra Valley Dairy have been producing award-winning, fresh, soft cheeses, made in styles reminiscent of the farmhouse cheeses of France and Italy, crafting a unique range inspired by this generous region.

Take in the stunning views of the Yarra Valley whilst enjoying a platter of these extraordinary, handmade cheeses with a glass of local small-batch wine.

Experience a cheese tasting of wonderful produce with one of the knowledgeable staff, all in the surrounds of their beautifully refurbished 130 year old milking shed.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Farmgate produce
Capacity	50
Group facilities	Cheese tastings, light meals
Opening hours	Daily: 10.30am-5pm

#### FEATURES

- Original Yarra Valley farm property
- Café seats 50
- Cheese tastings and sales of award winning, iconic cheeses
- Local wines and produce
- Stunning views of the Yarra Valley

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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 worldfirst 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, offering a long list of things to do, problems to solve and places to go.

#### VENUE DETAILS

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Туре	Attraction / Adventure
Capacity	300 people
Group facilities	Group tour options
Opening hours	7 days: 10am-5pm

#### FEATURES

- Specialised programs for groups
- Puzzle Island and Illusion Rooms
- Magic Manor exhibit
- Mazes and Maxi Mini Golf
- SkyTrail high ropes course
- Specialty retail shop and café
- Open every day of the year

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5/17 The Esplanade, Cowes, Phillip Island VIC 3922

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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	
Туре	Restaurant /Bar
Capacity	160 guests
Group facilities	Groups welcome Group menus available
Opening hours	Mon-Tues: on request Wed-Thurs: 4.30pm-late Fri-Sun: 7.30am-3.00pm 4.30pm-Late

#### FEATURES

- Spectacular water views
- Contemporary European and Australian cuisine, local produce
- Features local Gippsland / Phillip Island wines and local handcrafted ales

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## DIANNE'S VENTURE TOURS - PHILLIP ISLAND

Dianne's Venture Tours – Phillip Island offer boutique, friendly, personalised, all-inclusive small group tour packages around the Phillip Island area. All tours can be customised to cater for guests' special interests.

Select from an array of tours ranging from winery tours, brewery tours, food tours, wildlife and nature tours, family fun tours and special experiences, such as scenic helicopter flights around Phillip Island or a seal cruise. Guests will be hosted on tour by owner / guide / driver Dianne.

Join Dianne's Venture Tours – Phillip Island for an adventure through Phillip Island, Mornington Peninsula, the Yarra Valley and / or the Great Ocean Road regions, exploring and tasting the best Victoria has to offer!

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Special interest tours
Capacity	Up to 7 in a Mercedes Valente
Group facilities	Private small group tours, customised tours
Opening hours	7 days

#### FEATURES

- Private and personalised group tours
- Local knowledge driver and guide
- Fully inclusive tours
- Phillip island area hotel pick up / drop off
- Melbourne pick up / return offered

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## **MOONLIT SANCTUARY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARK**

Fantastic opportunities to get close to Australian native animals at this awardwinning 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 nine different keeper presentations as well as a daily wildlife show. At night, Moonlit Sanctuary comes alive in a remarkable way, with world-famous lantern-lit tours. Evening tours must be booked.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Wildlife Park / Tours	
Capacity	No limit, some restrictions on encounters	
Group facilities	Guided & evening tours, education programs	
Opening hours	Daily: 10am to 5pm 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

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- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour
- Light meals and refreshments,
- gift shop

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## NATURALISTE TOURS

Discover French Island, a pristine, off the grid, eco destination, located just one hour from Melbourne and a short ferry ride from Phillip Island or 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	
Туре	Special Interest Tour
Capacity	11 passengers
Group facilities	Small groups welcome, private tours can be tailor-made
Opening hours	Tour days / times vary from each departure point. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

#### FEATURES

- Small, private touring
- Unspoilt wilderness, amazing wildlife

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Knowledgeable guides

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## OCEAN ADVENTURES PHILLIP ISLAND

Tour Cape Woolamai with Ocean Adventures. Select an adrenalin-filled adventure aboard 'The Drift' jetboat or an action-packed private experience on 'The Thundercat', a passenger-carrying racing boat. Opt to see Cape Woolamai from below the ocean surface on either the Guided Sea Scooter Snorkel Tour or PADI Discover Scuba Program. Visit dramatic dive sites teeming with aquatic life.

Tours take in pristine Bergens beach and Cape Woolamai's iconic granite sea caves and cliffs – only accessible by boat! Spot fur seals, dolphins, rays and occasionally a southern right whale passing by.

Specialising in a range of group activities as well as private tours, Ocean Adventures can customise tours and adventure experiences.

# VENUE DETAILSTypeAdventure ToursCapacityGroups: 14 pax per tour<br/>Private tour: min 2 paxGroup facilitiesLarger group sizes<br/>catered for tooOpening hoursDaily tours: Oct-May<br/>Tours by confirmed<br/>booking only: Jun-Sept

#### FEATURES

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



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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 Туре Attraction 150 guests Capacity Self-guided tour, retail shop, dining, off-peak Group facilities guided tours Daily: 9.30am-5.30pm Opening hours

#### 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

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Café, chocolate shop, restaurant

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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 25 Grand Prix Aprilia and Cagiva motorcycles, and Australia's largest GP Slot Car track. Follow in the footsteps of motor racing champions on a Guided Circuit Tour with access to restricted areas.

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

VENUE DETAILS		AILS .
	Туре	Attraction
	Capacity	Large
	Group facilities	Go Karts, Guided Circuit Tours
	Opening hours	7 days. Visit website for details

#### FEATURES

- World-renowned venue home to MotoGP and World Superbikes
- Go Karts Single & Tandem
- **Guided Circuit Tours**
- History of Motorsport Display
- **Champions Café**

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## PHILLIP ISLAND HELICOPTERS

Magnificent views... stunning coastline... famous landmarks... just a few of the amazing visuals Phillip Island Helicopters passengers experience daily.

Cruising in comfort above one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations, a scenic helicopter flight over Phillip Island is an unforgettable experience. For visitors this is the ultimate way to see what the island has to offer with any one of our many flight options.

Seal Rocks, Cape Woolamai, Churchill Island, the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit and Summerland Bay, the home of the Penguin Parade, are some of the many sights that make Phillip Island a perfect destination for helicopter scenic tours.

#### VENUE DETAILS Type Special Interest Tour 80 people Capacity Groups of all sizes Group facilities welcome, various tours 7 days: 10am-6pm Opening hours **Closed Christmas Day**

#### FEATURES

- Scenic joy flights, corporate charters and heli experience packages
- Experienced pilots with expert local knowledge commentary
- Spectacular views
- Local hotel transfers available

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## PHILLIP ISLAND LONE PINE BISTRO

Located at the gateway to Cowes, the Phillip Island RSL is fully accessible and offers family-friendly dining in the Lone Pine Bistro with its own kids' room.

Group menus or à la carte dining. Gluten free options available as well as vegetarian options, seniors' and kids' meals, locally caught seafood and our signature dish – melt-in-your-mouth Gippsland eye fillet.

Wander around the venue (inside and outside) to discover a large range of fascinating military memorabilia.

Everyone is welcome at the Phillip Island RSL.

# VENUE DETAILS Type Restaurant Capacity 220 guests Group facilities Group menus and set menus Bistro opening 7 days. Lunch: 12pm-2pm

#### FEATURES

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PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS – ANTARCTIC JOURNEY

Large collection of military memorabilia

Dinner: 5.30pm-8pm

- Union Pay available, free Wi-Fi
- Large sports bar
- Plenty of parking for coaches

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#### freeze' in the Antarctic Chill Zone, compare your thermal image to an Emperor Penguin, visit the Research Station, or check out the sustainable menu in the virtual café.

The giant screens and stunning soundscape create an unforgettable walk-through experience, surrounded by whales, seals, sharks and more.

Immerse yourself in the hands-on family fun

and interactive experiences in the Antarctic

Journey at the Nobbies Centre. 'Feel the

The interactive wildlife experience is bound to be a highlight as you see yourself on a giant screen, reaching out to pat a virtual penguin, stroke a playful seal or interact with an orca as it appears to breach out of the Southern Ocean!

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#### FEATURES

- Partnership with WWF Australia
- Unique multimedia experience
- Clifftop boardwalks at the Nobbies
- Licensed café, visitor centre, gift shop
- Accessible facilities and parking

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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.

Try your hand at living off the land and get involved in the daily farm activities of cow milking, sheep shearing, whip cracking and working dog demonstration.

Watch out for clues of Churchill Island's newest night-time wanderer on the tracks and trails. Considered extinct on mainland Australia, the Eastern Barred Bandicoot was introduced in 2015 and is now thriving with the help of Nature Parks conservation rangers.

Every visit contributes to vital conservation, research and education programs.

# VENUE DETAILS Type Attraction / Wildlife and History Capacity Unlimited Group facilities Group catering, private tours, educational programs, function areas Opening hours Daily: 10am to 5pm Summer: extended hours

#### FEATURES

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

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## PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS – KOALA RESERVE

Get close to koalas in their natural habitat in one of Phillip Island's last remnant woodland reserves at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

Walk along the treetop boardwalks and look out for the youngest resident koala born at the Koala Conservation Reserve in late 2019. While here, keep an eye out for wallabies, echidnas and a vast array of colourful birds too.

Get to know the history of koala conservation on Phillip Island in the interactive museum and exhibition space.

The money spent at Phillip Island Nature Parks' attractions contributes to vital conservation and education projects.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	Unlimited
Group facilities	Group catering, private tours, educational programs, function areas
Opening hours	Daily: 10am to 5pm. Summer: extended hours

#### FEATURES

- Meet the Island's local wildlife.
- Walk alongside koalas on treetop boardwalks
- Café, visitor centre, gift shop;
- Accessible facilities and parking

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### PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS – PENGUIN PARADE

See the world's smallest penguins waddle from the water at sunset. Then walk alongside them on the boardwalk as the Little Penguins find their chicks, partners and friends once they leave the beach.

Choose from beachfront general viewing stands, premium areas including Penguins Plus and Underground and a range of intimate eco-accredited tours.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is a not-for-profit, self-funded conservation and sustainable tourism organisation that protects 25% of Phillip Island including the world's largest Little Penguin population. The money spent at Nature Parks attractions contributes to vital conservation and education projects.

## VENUE DETAILS

Туре	Attraction / Wildlife
Capacity	General viewing: 1,000 Penguins Plus: 108 Underground viewing: 30
Group facilities	Group catering, private tours, educational programs, function areas
Opening hours	10am to approx 7pm (10pm in summer)

#### FEATURES

- Authentic eco-tourism experience
- Many different viewing options
- Eco Certified Advanced EcoTourism
- Knowledgeable, committed rangers

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## PHILLIP ISLAND WINERY

Five minutes from the Penguin Parade and set on the south coast of Phillip Island, this inviting property is open four days a week for lunches and afternoon grazing options and holds regular weekend music events.

Phillip Island Winery is an authentic Australian winery in a rural setting offering wonderful local produce.

The grounds are stunning yet simple, offering expansive lawns, rolling rural views and glimpses of the glittering turquoise water of Bass Strait. The cellar door offers wine tasting and retail wine sales.

Wander through 'The Yards' where the onsite floral stylist and quality gift shop offers an opportunity to take home a souvenir.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery
Capacity	90 + outside seating
Group facilities	All inclusive tour, function and wedding packages
Opening hours	Thursday to Sunday: 11.30am to 5.30pm

#### FEATURES

- Country and ocean views
- Cellar door wine tasting
- Flexible opening times for groups and incentives
- Rustic venue with several unique dining areas to choose from

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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, Contemporary European and Australian cuisine

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• Rustic bush setting, 5 minutes from Cowes

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## THE CAPE KITCHEN

Delight in breathtaking views of the Southern Ocean and coastline whilst dining at this stunning restaurant. The setting is The Cape Kitchen's inspiration: beautiful, natural, distinctive.

The Cape Kitchen's menu features carefully sourced, local seasonal produce which is thoughtfully prepared and served with genuine hospitality. The wine list is all Victorian. Enjoy a wide selection of boutique beverages sourced from Gippsland-based artisans.

With uninterrupted views over the Southern Ocean, it is no wonder that The Cape Kitchen holds a special place in the hearts and memories of all who visit, both from within Australia and overseas.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Restaurant
Capacity	150 guests
Group facilities	All inclusive tour, conference and group dining packages
Opening hours	Fri-Mon from 8.30am Other times by appointment

#### FEATURES

- Uninterrupted ocean views
- Showcasing Australian produce and indigenous ingredients
- Creative, flexible space accommodates small and large gatherings

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## THE WESTERNPORT HOTEL

En route from Melbourne to the Phillip Island Penguin Parade, The Westernport Hotel in San Remo is the perfect venue for a meal before or after viewing the island's famous penguins.

Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, The Westernport is an authentic Australian bistro experience and offers a range of budget to premium tour menus including local meats and seafood.

With a 200-seat bistro, The Westernport Hotel offers exceptional service, delicious and varied meal options, a fantastic selection of local and interstate wines, and the coldest range of beer in town.

VENUE DETAILS	
Restaurant / Bistro	
200	
Budget to premium level tour menu packages	
7 days: 11.30am-late	

#### FEATURES

- Stunning outlook over the San Remo bridge and jetty
- Just 20 minutes to the Penguin Parade
- Walking distance to shops and daily pelican feeding
- Unique menus

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## WARROOK FARM

Warrook is living history, a full working farm over 100 years old. Specially tailored tours showcase the history of the farm, its wildlife, homestead and gardens. The farm tour includes hands-on experiences and demonstrations: cow milking, petting pens, whip cracking, sheep dog demonstrations and sheep shearing. The fauna park enables visitors to get close to Australian and other animals and birdlife, get up close to the koalas, feed the kangaroos and wombat, view geese and ducks on the scenic dam.

Visitors can enjoy a country roast lunch in the homestead restaurant or select from the delicious menu in the café. Spit Lamb roasts are popular with groups, billy tea and damper are optional extras with the farm tour. Halal meals are also available.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction
Capacity	Restaurant: 160 Farm: 300
Group facilities	Farm tour. Optional extras: spit roast, billy tea / damper demonstration
Opening hours	7 days: 10am-4pm

#### FEATURES

- Genuine Australian farm experience
- Historical homestead and gardens
- Fauna park
- Restaurant and café
- En route to Phillip Island

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## WILD FOOD FARM

From farm gate to back paddock, this farm showcases the potential of Australia's amazing variety of native herbs, spices, fruits and berries.

Visit this multi-faceted venue with acres of parkland, ponds and plantations all connected by a native food trail that emphasizes our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

The Café is a friendly place where locals and visitors come and go all day long. It's a homestead with long verandahs undercover.

The Produce and Gift store has a huge selection of native food inspired products.

The Rainforest at the Wild Food Farm is a unique event space. A lush indoor garden with a cascading waterfall.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Attraction
Capacity	150 guests
Group facilities	Licenced café, self-guided and guided tours, shop
Opening hours	Thurs-Mon: 9.00am-3.00pm

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#### FEATURES

- Native Food Trail
- Licenced Café featuring native food inspired dishes
- Breakfast platter
- Indoor Rainforest

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## WILDLIFE COAST CRUISES

The waters surrounding Phillip Island teem with wildlife. Take an unforgettable cruise around Phillip Island or Wilsons Prom discovering wildlife such as seals, dolphins, whales and a range of birdlife. The coastlines are spectacular! Wildlife Coast Cruises conducts tours around Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory National Park, visiting places including Seal Rocks, Cape Woolamai, Skull Rock and Refuge Cove.

Watch thousands of playful, inquisitive seals in their natural environment as the boat drifts within metres of them. Wildlife Coast Cruises' range of tours is unique to Victoria and includes Seal Watching Cruises, Twilight Bay Cruises, Cape Woolamai Cruises, Wilsons Prom Cruises, and Whale Watching Cruises.

VENUE DETAILS Type Special Interest Tour 120 people Capacity Group prices for groups 20 or more on scheduled Group facilities cruises. Private charter tours also available Opening hours 7 days: 9am-5pm

#### FEATURES

- Wildlife cruises to see seals, dolphins and whales (in Winter and Spring)
- Short twilight cruise, half day and full day tours on the sea
- Group tours, private charters, weddings, birthdays, corporate functions





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ARTHURS SEAT EAGLE

Board a state-of-the-art gondola at the Arthurs Seat Eagle and fly over the state forest to the highest point of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula where the views will take your breath away. You will be torn between looking at the amazing view across the bay to the city or over the peninsula, and spotting the wildlife, as you soar high above the trees.

Enjoy this experience all year round with a choice of both open or closed gondolas and take in the different views throughout the seasons

Take time while visiting to grab a snack or enjoy a meal in the Eagle Café, or explore one of the many walking trails through the Arthurs Seat State Park.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	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 for people of all abilities
- Eagle Café for lunch or coffee







## CHIEF'S SON DISTILLERY

One of Australia's largest family owned and operated, independent single malt whisky distilleries. Winner: Australia's Best Single Malt Single Cask No Age Statement category. Chief's Son whiskies are truly hand crafted using the very best of artisan ingredients, small batch processes, hand selected barrels and a totally manual system.

The Tasting Room / Distillery Door overlooks the working distillery floor and is the perfect place to learn about some of the finest, premium single malt whiskies being made today. Sample whiskies and learn the incredible story behind Chief's Son Distillery.

Exclusive tours with the distiller can be arranged to enter the distillery floor, still platform and sample directly from barrel.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Whisky Distillery	
Capacity	30 guests	
Group facilities	Guided tour (bookings essential); Whisky tasting	
Opening hours	Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm Sat-Sun: 11am-4pm	

#### FEATURES

- Exclusive barrel area tasting
- Single malt whisky tasting experience
- Purchase directly from the distillery

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- Hand crafted single malt whisky
- Meet the distiller



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## ENDOTA SPA

Voted Best Australian Beauty Brand!

In 2000, the endota spa story began on the Mornington Peninsula with a single day spa inspired by the region's natural environment.

Nowadays, endota is the largest and most loved day spa network, with over 100 spas, and many located Beyond Melbourne.

Unwind in delightful relaxation lounges then replenish mind, body and soul with an endota signature treatment.

Massages include relaxation, remedial, deep tissue, pregnancy and soothing stones. endota also offers: advanced facials, hydro-microdermabrasion, facial peels, body wraps, scrubs and more.

#### VENUE DETAILS Туре Spa and Wellness Retreats Capacity Varies with each spa Group facilities Groups welcome 7 days: Check website for Opening hours hours for each spa

#### FEATURES

- Relaxation, remedial or specialty massage treatments
- Superb locations Beyond Melbourne
- Holiday and tailored group packages available
- Expert and highly trained therapists

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## **GRAPE EXPLORATIONS AUSTRALIA**

Relaxed, casual and sophisticated private group wine region tours of the Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Valley and surrounds. Grape Explorations takes guests to some of the most beautiful, boutique and often family-run vineyards, cellar doors and artisan producers in select regions, all in their luxury Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Bus.

Meet winemakers on their 'Hidden Gems' wine tour, artisan producers of cider, cheese, beer and spirits on bespoke tours and take in the incredible scenery and local spirit of these amazing regions.

Grape Explorations Australia can pick up from any one location including Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne's CBD and Station Pier.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Special Interest Tour	
Capacity	11 guests per tour Larger tours on request	
Group facilities	Groups welcome Tailored tours on request	
Opening hours	7 days. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day	

#### FEATURES

- Travel in style and luxury
- Meet with winemakers
- Exclusive barrel room and cellar tastings available
- Fun and educational experience

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## GREEN OLIVE AT RED HILL

Green Olive at Red Hill is a whole farm experience. They grow olives, grapes, herbs and veggies, raise sheep and chooks as well as use fresh produce from local farmers to create a range of tapas and wine you will love. This picturesque 27 acre farm offers stunning views across the vineyard and kitchen garden. Farm the good life!

The Green Olive team also offers a range of tours and courses. They provide guided food and wine tastings of farm grown produce, hands-on cooking classes and sustainable farm tours to learn about small-scale paddock to plate food production.

Special group options include lunch packages, cooking classes and farm tours.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Attraction / Restaurant	
Capacity	Dining: max 250 people Farm tours: max 200 Cooking classes: max 40	
Group facilities	Special group options available	
Opening hours	Thurs-Mon: 9am to 5pm Closed: Wed, Thurs and Public Holidays	

#### FEATURES

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

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## JIMMYRUM DISTILLERY & BAR

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

This outstanding range of rums is handcrafted in the Mornington Peninsula distillery, in a unique locale surrounded by a multitude of other artisanal producers.

Distillery guests can enjoy a unique behind the scenes tasting tour, hands-on half and full day distilling experiences or simply relax in the distillery cocktail bar and rum garden enjoying JimmyRum's full rum cocktail range, local beers, spirits or wines and tapas style food.



#### 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

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## MAX'S RESTAURANT AT RED HILL ESTATE

Established for over 20 years, highly awarded and positioned to capture the extraordinary vineyard and coastal views, Max's Restaurant is a Peninsula experience not to be missed. The friendly team deliver local, seasonal produce with a modern twist and professional service.

Located at Red Hill Estate, the glass-walled restaurant provides optimal scenic views over the vineyard and across Western Port Bay to Phillip Island.

Max's offers a modern Australian menu, utilising the finest local produce and incorporating Max's own range of produce including 100% Mornington Peninsula Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Morello Cherry Balsamic Vinegar and house made dukkah.

# VENUE DETAILS Type Winery / Restaurant Capacity 80 Group facilities Group menus, group wine tasting, advance bookings Opening hours Lunch: Wed -Sunday Dinner: Friday and Saturday evenings

#### FEATURES

- Stunning views
- Fabulous food and wine
- Friendly, professional service
- Cellar door wine tasting

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## MONTALTO

A visit to Good Food Guide hatted Montalto Restaurant is an experience not to be forgotten: a moment out of the ordinary.

Floor to ceiling windows frame breathtaking views across the property. The abundant seasonal produce of the Montalto estate is given top billing in its wood-fired kitchen, and locally sourced meats, fish and fowl showcase the very best the region has to offer.

Alternatively, enjoy casual dining in the family friendly Piazza set among Montalto's expansive kitchen gardens or in the beautiful sheltered Piazza courtyard. Guests can also visit the cellar door to sample award-winning wines or walk the extensive sculpture trail which winds through the property.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	80 guests
Group facilities	Private wine tastings, functions, weddings, picnics, experiences
Opening hours	Cellar door and Piazza open daily. Restaurant open for lunch: Friday to Monday

#### FEATURES

- Chef's Hat restaurant
- Casual outdoor dining
- Award-winning wine cellar door
- Free sculpture trail

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## 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 pythons, potoroos, wallabies, endangered quolls, pademelons and many other animals in their natural nocturnal environment.

- Tours take 11/2 hours to complete and begin at twilight. Bookings essential.
- Endless occasions for amazing photos
   with wildlife

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	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

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## 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, ecofriendly 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		
Туре	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

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## MP EXPERIENCE TOURS

MP Experience offers personalised small group discovery tours of the Mornington Peninsula. Meet the local artisans on our wine, food, farmgate tour, see native wildlife, experience a day of indulgence or tour the wineries or golf courses. Transport only and airport, CBD transfer options available.

The directors of MP Experience, brother and sister team Max and Danielle, grew up on the Mornington Peninsula. Max owns the award-winning and pioneering Max's Restaurant at Red Hill Estate and Danielle has years of experience in winery touring. Together, they have unparalleled and extensive knowledge of the area, the culture and the people that make the Peninsula what it is today.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Tours / Transport	
Capacity	Transport up to 7 people, truffle hunt / mushroom forages up to 20 pax, larger groups catered for on request	
Group facilities	Bespoke and tailored tours available	

#### FEATURES

- Private small group tours
- Travel in comfort by Mercedes
- Local knowledgeable guides
- Discover hidden gems of the Peninsula
- Exclusive access to private properties

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**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		
Туре	Hot Springs / Spa	
Capacity	Over 200 people	
Group experiences	General bathing, Guided Global Bathing Journey, Body Clay	
Opening hours	Daily: Open 24 hours Bath House: 5am-11pm Spa Dreaming: 8am-11pm Pre-booking essential	

#### FEATURES

- Winner of the World's Best Mineral Spa
- Group wellness activities
  - Exclusive dining packages for up to 40

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Meandering up the driveway, you are welcomed with the sight of an inspiring Grand Arch, a waved concrete structure, a 70-year-old Queensland King bottle tree and a doorway that offers a teasing glimpse of something remarkable. From arrival, you are taken by the sweeping views of Westernport and Phillip Island that naturally frame the 50-acre vineyard, 19 acre sculpture park and paddocks of grazing cattle.

Within, the award winning building offers a celebration of world class food, wine and service through its Cellar Door and Terrace; its award winning Dining Room; And its internationally acclaimed fine dining restaurant, Laura. It is truly an international Food, Wine and Art destination.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Winery / Restaurant/ Sculpture Park	
Capacity	Laura: 23-46 Pt. Leo Bistro: 102-110 Wine terrace: 80	
Group facilities	Groups welcome	
Opening hours	7 days: check website for times	

#### FEATURES

- Two hat fine dining restaurant Laura
- One hat restaurant Pt. Leo Restaurant
- 4-star winery Halliday 2020
- All weather wine terrace;
- 19 acre sculpture park

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POLPERRO DOLPHIN SWIMS & MARINE EDUCATION

Polperro is Port Phillip Bay's original dolphin swim operation. This award-winning family business is dedicated to giving passengers the best possible experience while ensuring these magnificent, wild creatures are able to roam free in the bay. This memorable ecotourism adventure features close encounters with other fascinating marine life including seals.

Swimming with dolphins is a rare and magical experience, so who better to help you connect with these magnificent creatures than the people who have been making these introductions in Port Phillip Bay the longest, Polperro Dolphin Swims. All equipment, including wetsuits and snorkels, are provided as well as change areas below deck.

#### VENUE DETAILS Special Interest Tour Type 20 swimmers and up to Capacity 5 sightseers per cruise Small personalised Group facilities groups tours Half day trips twice daily (morning and afternoon) Opening hours Oct-April inclusively

#### FEATURES

- Authentic ecotourism experience
- Small groups
- Customer care and environmental care are paramount
- Wonderfully warm, welcoming crew





## 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 12-16 hours using native Australian hardwoods) and offered with traditional sides like cornbread, mac 'n cheese, slaw and pie.

VENUE DET	VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Restaurant		
Capacity	170 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





## ST ANDREWS BEACH BREWERY

Enjoy a variety of craft beers and a bite to eat in the former stable of group one winning horses.

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.

Inspired by the property's unique story, the core range of beers includes US Pale Ale, Australian Lager, Golden Ale, Pilsner and Session Ale.

St Andrews Beach Brewery also offers a delicious snack menu that consists of a variety of small plates, share plates, salads, pizzas and burgers that go hand in hand with the core range of craft beers.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Brewery	
Capacity	180	
Group facilities	Group bookings	
Opening hours	7 days: hours vary season to season	

#### FEATURES

- Unique modern Brewery
- Beer brewed onsite
- Private dining areas
- Relaxed beer garden
- Tasting bar





## SUNNY RIDGE

Enjoy picking your own famous Sunny Ridge strawberries, from November to April, at this beautiful hinterland property. Indulge year round in heavenly desserts and delectable chocolate fondue in the strawberry café.

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

The Café has a seasonal menu featuring Sunny Ridge produce. The menu may include Devonshire Tea, Chocolate Fondue and savoury lunch items.

Simply delicious!

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Attraction / U-Pick Farm	
Capacity	200 people	
Group facilities	Groups welcome	
Opening hours	Nov-Apr: daily 9am-5pm May-Oct: Fri-Sun, school holidays/public holidays. <b>Note:</b> opening hours may change without notice, check website for details.	

#### FEATURES

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

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## TAR BARREL BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Tar Barrel Brewery & Distillery has seen Matt Bebe and Andrew Gow reunite to continue producing award winning craft beers at 72 Watt Road Mornington, the original home of Mornington Peninsula Brewery. And now with the introduction of a whiskey, gin & vodka distillery it has widened their ability to offer more crafted taste experiences.

The new Tar Bar will also maintain their belief in the philosophy of being 'local' and using 'local', having both core and specialty beers on tap to enjoy alongside the famous wood-fired pizzas. Local wines and spirits ensure all are catered for.

A destination not to be missed.

#### VENUE DETAILS Type Brewery / Distillery Capacity 90 Group facilities Group tours and tastings Wed, Thur: 3pm-9pm Fri: 3pm-11pm Opening hours Sat: 1pm-11pm Sun: 1pm-7pm

#### FEATURES

- Craft Beer, Whiskey, Gin and Vodka
- **Brewery & Distillery Experiences**
- Tasting Paddles Beer, Gin, Vodka and Whiskey
- Beer Garden

72 Watt Road, Mornington VIC 3931



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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 wood-fired pizza.

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		
Туре	Winery / Restaurant	
Capacity	190	
Group facilities	Group menus, corporate retreats, private tastings	
Opening hours	Thursday to Monday inclusive of weekends Closed: Tues, Wed	

#### FEATURES

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

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## THE BLUE MINI CAFÉ, EATERY AND EMPORIUM

A contender for the most unique eatery on the Mornington Peninsula, Blue Mini is the perfect place to gather with friends and family for amazing house-roasted coffee and mouth-watering food prepared from locally sourced produce.

Visitors fall in love as they step into the old Bowling Alley, a quirky hub of eclectic style and atmosphere. Known for its innovative seasonal brunch menu, homemade treats and local beer, wine and cider. Blue Mini is also home to small batch, in-house coffee roaster, Boneo Road Roasters, using ethically sourced coffee beans. Complete with a distinctive range of artisan giftware, this multi-award-winning venue captures the essence of the Mornington Peninsula.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Café / Retail	
Capacity	160	
Group facilities	Onsite and offsite group catering, à la carte or set menu options	
Opening hours	7 days: 7am-3pm Closed Christmas Day	

#### FEATURES

- A taste of life on the Mornington Peninsula
- Home to Boneo Road Roasters fresh roasted coffee beans
- Picnic packs available on order
- Shopping in the retail emporium

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## THE ENCHANTED ADVENTURE GARDEN & TREE SURFING

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

This award-winning attraction at 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 perhaps the Viewing Platform overlooking our newest hedge maze.

For thrill seekers there are Tube Slides, the Big Zip and the famous Tree surfing activity – a physical challenge in the tree tops!

Be sure to visit the brand new attraction the 'Sky Scramble', an aerial playground high in the trees.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Attraction / Adventure	
Capacity	No maximum capacity	
Group facilities	Group activity options e.g team building	
Opening hours	Daily: 10am-5pm School holidays: 9am-5.30pm	

#### FEATURES

- 20 themed gardens
- Extensive sculpture collection in gardens
- Tree surfing, the Big Zip, Tube Slides, tree top Canopy Walk

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## WATERMAARQ BOAT TOURS

Escape the crowds and immerse in the beauty and mystery of the Great Southern Reef with Victoria's #1 Adventure Tourism experience.

Connect calmly in nature and find peace up close to wild bottlenose dolphins, fur seals and mesmerising weedy seadragons on an ethical snorkelling or sightseeing tour.

Soak up the expertise of WaterMaarq's guides and turn any fear into fun in a few heartbeats to enjoy stress-free wildlife adventures amongst vibrant, exotic fish, incredible stingrays and playful animated seals

Aboard the 12-seat swift and stable RIB boat discover more in less time, for an unequalled professional and more personal tour.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Dolphin and seal swim RIB tours
Capacity	12 guests
Group facilities	Individual and private charters available
Opening hours	Daily tours Office: Tues-Sun

#### FEATURES

- Ethical and personalised dolphin and seal swim and sightsee tours
- Qualified adventure guides
- Great Southern Reef, dolphin, seal and seadragons specialists

Sorrento Pier, Esplanade, Sorrento VIC 3943

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## **360Q RESTAURANT**

This iconic waterfront restaurant at the beautiful Queenscliff Harbour offers a sensational menu with a focus on local produce. Upstairs is an amazing wedding and events space with spectacular 360° bay views and tailored catering packages.

360Q is the perfect spot for an early breakfast or casual brunch with friends or an intimate dinner for two. Indulge in first class coffee, Victorian craft beers and wines from local Geelong and Bellarine vineyards.

Explore an innovative menu brimming with fresh local produce. The best seafood is sourced from local suppliers and hydroponic tomatoes from nearby Point Lonsdale underpin many dishes. Gourmet menu packages are available and groups welcome.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Restaurant
Capacity	Restaurant: 190-220 seated Groups: 150-200 seated
Group facilities	Groups welcome
Opening hours	Breakfast & lunch: 7 days Dinner: Thu-Sun inclusive

#### FEATURES

- Incredible 360-degree water views
- Floor-to-ceiling glass windows
- Innovative menu heroes local produce
- Intimate dining option in the adjacent observation tower
- Upstairs function space





# 80 Beach Road, Lara VIC 3212



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See website for details

## Opening hours FEATURES

- Stay connected with free Wi-Fi and a multitude of mobile device charging work benches
- Easily accessible airport all on one level
- SkyBus to Melbourne CBD, Werribee, MyBus to Geelong, The Bellarine and Surf Coast



## AVALON AIRPORT

Flying made easy! Avalon Airport is the closest international airport to the Twelve Apostles and the Great Ocean Road, and is located between Geelong and Melbourne on the easily navigated toll-free Princes Fwy.

For your peace of mind while travelling, the airport has recently undergone upgrades to create easy physical distancing and to assist as much as possible with a contactless airport experience.

There are several transport options between Melbourne CBD or Geelong and Avalon Airport, including SkyBus, MyBus, ride share, taxis and car hire. Minutes from the coast, and yet still so close to major cities, Avalon Airport is truly the convenient airport.



## 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.

Download the new *Activate Geelong* App to interact with some bollard sites so they move, make noise and you can pose in the augmented reality versions. Among the 104 sculptures are a Koori family, explorer Matthew Flinders and groups of the wellknown lifesavers, including a bunch near Cunningham Pier.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	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
- Augmented reality app

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## CURLEWIS GOLF CLUB & THE RANGE @ CURLEWIS

Innovation lives here. The 'emerald' of The Bellarine will surprise and delight at every turn. Large, true greens with undulating sand-belt like fairways, this 71 par, links-style course commands respect. Post golf, head to the hip clubhouse to chill, wine and dine.

Enter The Range @ Curlewis and discover a blockbuster experience of epic proportions for golfers, fun lovers and foodies. Victoria's first Toptracer Range installation across all 18 indoor/outdoor driving bays offers awesome options for any occasion.

A cool two tiered mini golf course is another attraction – navigate spectacular rocks, logs, water and other 'hazards'. Two XGolf simulators extend the fun. Seven day hospitality serves up a storm too!

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Golf Club & Driving Range
Capacity	80-400 people
Group facilities	Customised functions and activities
Opening hours	7 days

#### FEATURES

- 6,150m par 71 course
- Spectacular bay views
- 18 bay indoor / outdoor driving range with auto tees
- Toptracer Range
- Two tiered mini-golf
- 7 Day dining Clubhouse & The Range





## ECHIDNA WALKABOUT

International award-winning wildlife and nature tour operator – small group scheduled FIT, private charter and group tours.

Founded in 1993, based in Melbourne and Geelong. Highly trained, experienced naturalist guides ensure great sightings of wild Australian animals.

Research and conservation program is part of every tour, and a significant portion of tour cost contributes to wildlife conservation through our linked not-for-profit Koala Clancy Foundation.

Winner of 2014 World Responsible Travel Award 'Best for Wildlife Conservation'.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Tours / Transport
Capacity	Average maximum of 8
Group facilities	Special charter 12-120

#### FEATURES

- Wildlife eco-tour operator, conservation organisation and research facility that operates as a social enterprise
- Meet famous koalas and learn about the Wild Koala Research Project
- See and walk with kangaroos in the wild

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## **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	
Туре	Tours / Transport
Capacity	Deluxe 11 to 21-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
- New optional inclusions: Q Train, Dolphins sightsee tour, Puffing Billy Steam & Cuisine luncheon
- Optional overnight packages

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## FLYING BRICK CIDER CO | YES SAID THE SEAL

Fabulous, funky and fun! This retro-inspired landmark venue is definitely calling. Think innovative space, a multi award winning winery, artisan ciders and amazing food.

Since 2010, Flying Brick Cider Co has been traditionally crafting ciders from 100% fresh fruit including exclusive, seasonal batches. The holistic range contains no sugars, colours or concentrates.

This spectacular locale is also home to renowned Yes said the Seal Cellar Door. Progressive, elegant and limited, Yes said the Seal wines are multi award winning and guaranteed to delight. Crafted by leading Bellarine winemaker Darren Burke, savour a guided wine tasting to experience the best in cool maritime climate wines.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Restaurant / Café / Cidery
Capacity	200 seated; 400 cocktail
Group facilities	Guided cider and wine tastings, group menu options, customised function options
Opening hours	7 days from 11am. Dinner: Fri & Sat from 6pm. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

#### FEATURES

Legendary Cider House & Cellar Door

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- Expansive, luxurious lawn & vineyard
- Contemporary, delicious dining

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## 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	
Туре	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 & 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

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## LET'S GO MOTORHOMES

Let's Go Motorhomes aims to reinvent the motorhome hire industry by providing great service and one of Australia's most modern fleets. From competitive prices, easy booking system, knowledgeable service with 24-hour roadside assistance, they're here to help customers have a great holiday! Additionally, they are backed by Jayco, Australia's largest manufacturer of RVs.

Let's Go Motorhomes are knowledgeable about their vehicles, holiday destinations and full of tips for places to see and things to do. Vehicles feature modern kitchen conveniences, air conditioning, comfortable bedding, plush seating and enough room for everyone to relax and soak up the best road trips.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Motorhome, Campervan Hire
Capacity	Campervans: 2 and 2+1 berth; Motorhomes: 2 to 6 berth
Group facilities	Groups welcome. Bookings required

#### FEATURES

- Modern fleet.
- Plan your own self-drive adventure
- · Grocery delivery service on pick up
- Bikes and bike racks for hire
- App for in-trip planning

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### LEURA PARK ESTATE

With its quirky curved concrete and steel formation, this living art structure has quickly gained a reputation as one of the most striking buildings on The Bellarine. Outstanding cool climate wines are paired with a delicious line up of great meals that seriously 'hit the spot'. This is the place for a lovely, relaxed afternoon.

Enjoy the rustic chic ambience of the cellar door, much loved grassy alfresco area or in the Vault, an 'Opera House-esque' living art compound. Feast on stunning stone based pizzas, alfresco platters, seriously hearty fillet steak sandwiches, Portarlington mussels and other delicious local fare.

No visit to The Bellarine is complete without putting this 'local's favourite' on the list.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	200 people
Group facilities	Guided wine tasting, group grazing menu, customised functions
Opening hours	Thu-Sun 11am-5pm, open 7 days in January & Public hols. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

#### FEATURES

- Premium cool climate winery
  - Funky, rustic chic ambience
- Seasonal local fare. Live music every Sunday all year round.

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## NARANA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

An award-winning tourist attraction, Narana seeks to build an understanding of Aboriginal history and culture in a welcoming, friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Cultural education programs teach the wonders of Australia's Indigenous culture, connection to the land, spirituality, laws, cultural designs, dreaming stories and more. Resident emus, kangaroos and wallabies nestle amongst native trees, walkways and gardens and can be hand fed.

The stunning art gallery exhibits and sells artworks from internationally acclaimed and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists. Explore the cultural display and performance building, lush gardens, Café Narana and the quality retail outlet.

# VENUE DETAILS Type Attraction Capacity Café: 50 guests Function centre: up to 100 Group facilities Guided cultural tours, boomerang throwing, garden / wildlife walk Opening hours Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm Sat and Sun: 9am-4pm

#### FEATURES

- Native trees and gardens, resident friendly emus, kangaroos & wallabies
- Café Narana, Cultural Education Centre, Narana Shop
- Artwork from Aboriginal and Torres
   Strait artists





## 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 and textiles.

The Museum hosts an exciting range of public programs, special events and customised tourism experiences including sheep shearing.

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	
Туре	Museum / Gift Shop
Capacity	No maximum capacity
Group facilities	Guided tours, sheep shearing demonstration (bookings essential)
Opening hours	Open daily: 10am-3pm 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, buy your own carpet rug

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## OAKDENE VINEYARDS, RESTAURANT & CELLAR DOOR

Experience award-winning wine and food in a unique vineyard setting with spectacular gardens and eclectic collections of preloved pieces that have resulted in an arty wonderland. At the centre is 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.

Oakdene offers two dining experiences from a casual, relaxed, bistro dining among the birch trees at Mr Grubb, to a more intimate wine and food experience inside the 1920's homestead. Oakdene also caters for special events and offers three, beautifully appointed themed accommodation rooms for a romantic getaway. More than just a place to visit, Oakdene is a destination.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	275
Group facilities	Group catering, wine tastings
Opening hours	Cellar Door: 7 days 10am-4pm Lunch & Dinner: 7 days

#### FEATURES

- Weddings, conferences, celebrations
- Eclectic art garden setting
- Fine dining restaurant, casual café
- Boutique vineyard accommodation

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Wine tasting

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## 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.



#### FEATURES

 The ONLY vessel to transport passengers across the bay direct from Melbourne CBD to the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong





## QUEENSCLIFF BREWHOUSE

Situated in the historical town of Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula and walking distance from Searoad Ferries.

The Brewhouse is a brewery, distillery and hotel with a specialist whisky bar, a regional cellar door and an award winning bistro. A food and beverage haven with over 250 craft beers and ciders, over 420 spirits and 400 regional wines. If you don't have time to visit all the amazing venues in the region, Queenscliff Brewhouse is a 'one stop shop' and a 'must do' experience when visiting the Bellarine Peninsula.

The multi-award-winning venue specialises in food and beverage tastings and experiences such as 'Brew Your Own Beer' and Gin masterclasses to blend your own.

# VENUE DETAILSTypeBrewery / Distillery / Cellar<br/>Door / Whisky Bar / BistroCapacity500 over 5 areasGroup facilitiesHosted beer, wine, whisky<br/>and gin tastings<br/>Group menu options,<br/>functions, free bus parkingOpening hoursMon-Sun: 11am-late<br/>Closed Christmas Day

#### FEATURES

- Handcrafted beers, ciders and spirits
- Largest range of local wines and produce in the region

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## SCOTCHMANS HILL

Sitting atop Mt Bellarine with sweeping views across Port Phillip Bay, Bellarine Peninsula's largest and oldest winery Scotchmans Hill offers a rich and captivating experience.

A producer of award-winning cool climate wine, Scotchmans Hill is listed in James Halliday's Top 100 Australian Wineries. The rich volcanic soils of Mt Bellarine and the cool dry climate result in wines full of flavour, complexity and depth.

The Cellar Door, converted from the original estate barn with its tree trunk beams and pillars, offers the perfect backdrop to the menu inspired by local produce.

Private functions are also available in the French provincial style homestead.

VENUE DETAILS		
Туре	Winery / Cellar Door / Restaurant	
Capacity	Cellar Door: 160 Homestead: 100-120	
Group facilities	Guided wine tastings, group menu, private functions	
Opening hours	7 days: 11.30am-4.00pm Closed Christmas Day	

#### FEATURES

Bellarine Peninsula's oldest and largest winery – premium cool climate wine

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## 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	
Туре	Special Interest Tour
Group facilities	Groups welcome, individual and private packages also available
Opening hours	7 days: 9am-5pm Closed Christmas Day

#### FEATURES

- Swim with wild dolphins and seals
- Snorkel experiences on Port Phillip Bay
- Sightseeing Tours
  - Qualified instructors and guides
- Multi-award-winning experiences

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## 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	
Туре	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





## TERINDAH ESTATE

Offering spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay, Terindah Estate is an idyllic boutique winery with an extensive food offering and awardwinning wines. It boasts a newly launched wine bar, The Deck, that wraps around the cellar and overlooks the open vineyards. Its signature restaurant, The Shed, offers an à la carte menu designed to complement the estate-made and hand-crafted wines.

Terindah Estate's wines have won an array of awards and accolades. Their wine portfolio includes: Sparkling, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Rosé, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Shiraz. Terindah Estate has also been recognised as the cellar door offering the 'best food in Geelong' by the publication, Gourmet Traveller Wine.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Winery / Restaurant
Capacity	The Deck – 72 The Shed – 80 Function space – 200
Group facilities	Weddings and celebratory events welcome
Opening hours	Thurs-Mon: 11am-4pm

#### FEATURES

- Spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay
- Casual and fine dining available
- Award-winning estate grown, hand crafted wines



## THE Q TRAIN

Step on board The Q Train for a gastronomic journey along the heritage railway line between Drysdale and Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula. This travelling restaurant is a unique experience, providing visitors with a delicious rail journey in refurbished dining cars whilst enjoying unique views of Swan Bay and The Bellarine.

The return journey departs from the historic Drysdale Railway Station, travelling to Queenscliff via Suma Park prior to returning to Drysdale. Indulge in a pre-departure beverage in Club Loco which opens 30 minutes ahead of boarding.

This delightful dégustation dining experience is paced at intervals throughout the return journey. Bookings are essential.

#### VENUE DETAILS Restaurant / Special Туре Interest Tour Capacity 100 guests Group facilities Groups welcome Friday, Saturday and Opening hours

Sunday

#### FEATURES

- Travelling restaurant
- Award-winning chef
- Journey through The Bellarine
- Wine list showcases local, independent wines, beers and ciders from the region

Drysdale Railway Station, 2-10 Station Street, Drysdale VIC 3222






# 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 The Beach House 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 or a Segway tour; 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

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# WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

Experience an African adventure across over 200 hectares of beautiful natural surrounds.

Jump on board a guided safari tour across the unique open range savannah spotting rhinos, giraffes, endangered African 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.

Slumber Safari is truly memorable, spend the night in a luxury lodge, with drinks, nibbles, dinner and breakfast and a very special hosted Safari experience.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Open range zoo
Capacity	Limited capacity on encounters
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
- Slumber Safari glamping experiences

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# 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.

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ı Yangs Regional Park, ly: 7am-5pm, rendip Sanctuary, ly: 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

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# ARALUEN BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION

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 and pizza oven, solar-heated swimming pool and fresh eggs from the property's chickens.

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 Type 3 Villas (6 guests) No. of beds 3 Villas (6 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 hens offer free range eggs, herb garden & orchard
- Wildlife wander freely on property

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# BALGOWNIE ESTATE YARRA VALLEY

This luxury Estate offers award-winning accommodation, fine dining restaurant, day spa, onsite activities and superb conference and wedding facilities.

The Estate is set amongst the vines with magical views providing the perfect back drop for any occasion. Their 4.5-star accommodation comprises 70 spacious and sophisticated guest suites and rooms.

Enjoy a wide range of facilities including Restaurant, Cellar Door, Spa Retreat, Fitness area and a purpose built conference centre with Executive Boardroom.

Enjoy a stroll along the extensive Balgownie Estate 1.6 kilometre walking trail.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Luxury Estate
No. of rooms	70
No. of beds	116
Group facilities	Groups welcome, bookings essential

### FEATURES

- Luxury Estate
- Day spa onsite
- Conference and wedding venue
- 1.6 kilometre walking trail

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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.

Stunning single and family belle tents populate a private precinct of the park along with hand-built glamping pods. Each of the luxurious glamping offers come 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.

Powered camping, caravanning and ensuite sites will have guests relaxing under the stars with ease! Perfect for both tents and vans.

# ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Туре	Glamping and Holiday Park Accommodation
No. of rooms	9 glamping tents 5 glamping pods 6 en suite glamping pods 62 cabins, 180 sites
Group facilities	Yes, perfect for groups

### FEATURES

- Native Australian wildlife encounters
- Two swimming pools and pump track
- Onsite barista coffee bar
- Located 2kms from Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary

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# CANTERBURY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

This multi-ward winning boutique hotel is situated in Forest Hill. The hotel contains 72 refurbished suites and apartments that balance old and new world elegance. At Oliver's Restaurant, our experienced chefs are passionate about delivering an array of seasonal, delectable dishes. Guests love the warm and inviting environment that is perfect for eating, meeting, drinking and relaxing.

Canterbury International Hotel is conveniently located near Victoria's magnificent tourist destinations including the Yarra Valley, Dandenong Ranges and Mornington Peninsula. The Canterbury International Hotel is welcoming guests back as they have implemented COVID protocol to keep staff and patrons safe during these unprecedented times

## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Hotel
No. of rooms	72
No. of beds	125
Group facilities	Groups welcome, dedicated host, Oliver's Restaurant: functions space seats 130 guests

### FEATURES

- Boutique style luxury accommodation
- Oliver's Bar & Restaurant
- Gateway to Yarra Valley, Dandenong Ranges and Mornington Peninsula

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# CHATEAU YERING HOTEL

This gracious Victorian mansion sits grandly on a 250 acre estate in the heart of the Yarra Valley wine region. Combine history, sophistication and luxury and there is no better place to stay than Chateau Yering Hotel. With sweeping views across the Yarra Valley and the heritage garden, Chateau Yering Hotel offers guests an exclusive and refined ambience in which to relax and unwind.

This heritage listed property borders the Yarra River and is set on established gardens dating from 1854. This magnificent five-star property offers 32 luxury suites, individually decorated with fine antique furnishings. Chateau Yering Hotel provides an elegant venue for celebrations, small to large conferences and business meetings.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Luxury Hotel
No. of rooms	32 suites, 28 beds can be twin shared
Group facilities	Limited choice menus available, onsite and offsite activities, choice of event spaces

### FEATURES

- Victorian mansion in heritage gardens
- Conferences, celebrations, business meetings retreat
- Award-winning Eleonore's Restaurant

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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 2 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 Wi-Fi and well-equipped kitchenettes.

Yarra Gables is renowned for its high levels of personalised customer service and is consistently rated Number One on TripAdvisor.

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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Boutique Accommodation
No. of rooms	5 plus 2 three bedroom houses
No. of beds	19
Group facilities	Ideal for couples, families and groups of up to 28 guests.

### FEATURES

- Delightful 1.2 hectare garden setting
- Rated by TripAdvisor as #1 of more than 50 B&B and Inns in Yarra Valley
- Close to Healesville Sanctuary, gin distillery and Yarra Valley wineries

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# YARRA VALLEY LODGE

At the gateway to the Yarra Valley and the entryway to refreshing. Less than an hour's drive from Melbourne's hustle, Yarra Valley Lodge – a world-class hotel and accommodation – invites you.

A relaxed yet sophisticated setting awaits. All 102 guestrooms open directly onto a gardened terrace or private balcony and offer spectacular views. Surrounded by nature, the 120-hectare estate offers an abundance of native wildlife and flora, which can be enjoyed from the comfort of your room or along the myriad of walking tracks that surround the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	Hotel ★★★★≯
Туре	Hotel
No. of rooms	102
Group facilities	Meetings and events, team building activities, weddings, retreats

### FEATURES

- Walking trails
- 8 Event Spaces
- Bella Restaurant
- Lodge Bar

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# YERING GORGE COTTAGES

Yering Gorge Cottages, within an hour's drive of Melbourne, features 13 self-contained, luxuriously 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 Great 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, tennis, bushwalking and fishing; all undertaken within the club's 120 acre 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	****
Туре	Self-contained Cottages
No. of rooms	13
No. of beds	20 king or 40 singles
Group facilities	Functions and events, corporate golf and team- building activities

### FEATURES

- · Boutique self-contained cottages
- 120 acre nature reserve 12km of bushwalking trails
- Stay & Play Greg Norman designed 36-hole golf courses

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# ANCHOR BELLE HOLIDAY PARK

Experience the freedom and comfort of a self-catering cabin or an ensuite powered site whilst relaxing socially and meeting new acquaintances in the park environment. Anchor Belle Holiday Park sits in a tranquil setting, just 100 metres from a safe swimming beach, 2 km from Cowes and 5-15 minutes from all local attractions.

Anchor Belle offers a range of options to suit any traveller. Accommodation is selfcontained with kitchens and bathrooms including: deluxe cabins, 2 story 3BR townhouse units, an accessible 2BR cabin, Ensuite powered sites and powered sites are also available.

Anchor Belle is the perfect location for your next holiday!



### FEATURES

- Indoor heated pool (Closed Victorian school 3rd term)
- Games rooms, jumping cushion, ball court and Wi-Fi
- Free to use BBQ camp kitchens

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# CLIFFTOP ACCOMMODATION

With the ever-changing waters of Smith's Beach, Pyramid Rock and Bass Strait on one side and beautiful rolling farmland on the other, Clifftop is far enough from the crowds to offer privacy and serenity whilst still located in easy reach of all the Island attractions.

Sheltered by the native vegetation above Smiths Beach, Clifftop offers guests a stylish, comfortable Island experience. This charming guesthouse offers:

- Magical Views
- Elegant light filled suites
- A cosy shared space with fireplace, bar and pool table
- Delicious supper trays and indulgent breakfasts

# ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Туре	Guesthouse
No. of rooms	8
No. of beds	12
Group facilities	Events and destination weddings

### FEATURES

- Bar, lounge and BBQ facilities
- Environmentally friendly property
- In house dining options. Advance order required
- Regular visits from a variety of Island wildlife

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# KALOHA HOLIDAY RESORT

Kaloha is centrally nestled in one of the best seaside positions on Phillip Island.

With absolute beach frontage and less than a five minute walk to shops, cafés and restaurants, Kaloha is the perfect location whether travelling for business or leisure.

The resort offers a large range of accommodation including beachfront cabins with views, spacious family units, luxury queen spa rooms, self-contained two bedroom units and bright double rooms.

The resort is surrounded by beautiful tropical palms, with a large salt water swimming pool, hot spa under a Bali thatched gazebo, BBQ area and cosy, lovely onsite restaurant. Children can enjoy the playground with a huge, jumping pillow and toddlers' area.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Туре	Motel / Cabins / Units/ Caravan Sites
No. of rooms	31 motel rooms, 5 beachfront cabins
No. of beds	90
Group facilities	Group room and meal packages available

### FEATURES

- Beachfront and central location
- Onsite restaurant and bar
- Beachfront cabins, self-contained units, 2BR units, family and spa units
- BBQ area, free Wi-Fi and parking
- Children's playground/ jumping pillow

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# NORTH PIER HOTEL

Located in idyllic Cowes only 1.5 hours drive from Melbourne, with stunning water views, North Pier Hotel is the ideal spot to base yourself for your next visit to Phillip Island.

Just a stone's throw from the main beach on one of Victoria's only north facing coastlines, with rooms to suit all budgets from dorm rooms, guest suites, family rooms, spa rooms and self-contained townhouses. You will find the perfect option for your stay at North Pier Hotel.

A short stroll will find you on the doorstep to the many local cafés, restaurants and boutique shops to explore and indulge in.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Туре	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 Wi-Fi

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# OAK TREE LODGE

Oak Tree Lodge accommodation offers an unforgettable experience of self-contained, luxury indulgence, situated in the quiet village of Rhyll, Phillip Island. This is the perfect place to relax and unwind before exploring the abundance of local attractions close by.

The property has period elegance with a contemporary twist overlooking an oak tree in an English garden setting.

Oak Tree Lodge is luxurious and spacious, offering four stunning suites all with their own lounge areas, kitchens, bathrooms and outdoor seating areas in a magical garden setting. Ideally situated, Oak Tree Lodge is only 100m from the beach and a short stroll to the local restaurants and shops.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Luxury Boutique B&B
No. of rooms	4 stunning suites
No. of beds	4 king size beds (2 are king split beds)
Group facilities	Small groups welcome

### FEATURES

- Quiet village location
- Walk to beach, short walk to walking track, short drive to all attractions
- English garden setting
- Kitchen facilities







# 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, selfcontained apartments featuring open plan living and dining area, kitchen and laundry facilities. Free Wi-Fi and parking are included. For those wanting more space, stay in one of the two storey, 3 bedroom townhouses with a private courtyard and carport.

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	
Туре	Self-contained apartments	
No. of rooms	29 beds in 12 apartments	
No. of beds	19 queen beds; 17 singles	
Group facilities	Meeting or function room (located at Phillip Island Apartments, approx. 10 minute walk or 2 minute drive)	

### FEATURES

• A short stroll to the island's best cafés and restaurants

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- Supermarkets on your doorstep
- 10 minutes to the beach

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# 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
Туре	Self-contained apartments
No. of rooms	31
No. of beds	96
Group facilities	Conference/meeting room

### FEATURES

- Free Wi-Fi
  - Outdoor swimming pool
- Heated spa
- BBQ area
- Onsite parking
- Meeting / Conference / Function space

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• Short walk to cafés, shops, beach

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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 Wi-Fi and private parking make this an ideal base from which to explore the many attractions on Phillip Island.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS		
Rating	★★★★ self-rated	
Туре	Self-contained apartments	
No. of rooms	41 bedrooms in 17 apartments	
No. of beds	17 king split, 16 kings, 4 queens 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) T: +61 3 5952 2644 E: reception@phillipislandapartments.net.au W: phillipislandtowers.com.au





# 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		
Туре	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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# BAYPLAY ADVENTURE TOURS & ILUKA RETREAT

Bayplay Adventure & Aquatic Tours offer scuba diving in the pristine waters of Port Philip Bay.

Experiences include scuba diving or snorkelling with seadragons, Catamaran sailing charters, sea kayaking in the dolphin sanctuary and more.

Iluka Retreat glamping and group lodges are a great back to nature escape – a true hidden oasis on the Mornington Peninsula.

Corporate and wellness retreats, group lodges and stunning glamping tents overlook the Hinterland and a short distance to the beach.

Open daily.

	ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
	Туре	Glamping Experiences and Group Lodges
No. of rooms	No. of rooms	20 glamping tents, 2 group lodges / 17 bedrooms
	Group facilities	Perfect for groups

### FEATURES

- Corporate Group Retreats
- Wellness and Glamping Retreats
- Tailored to groups or individuals
- Sail, Kayak, Snorkel, Bike Ride, Walks
- PADI Scuba Dive Trips





# CARMEL AT SORRENTO

Right in the heart of Sorrento, within a short stroll to the beach, 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	
Туре	★★★★ 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

Flinders Hotel is located in the heart of Flinders, a stunning coastal village on the Mornington Peninsula, at the doorstep of everything the peninsula has to offer.

This beautiful contemporary 4.5 star hotel features 40 luxurious guest rooms, each with floor to ceiling windows, king size beds, balcony or courtyard, premium linens and amenities. Parking, Wi-Fi and breakfast are complimentary.

Flinders Hotel also offers multiple onsite dining options: Georgie Bass Café & Cookery, serving breakfast and lunch; The Deck Bar & Bistro, open for lunch and dinner; and Zigis, a relaxed coastal bar with an innovative tapas menu and curated beverage list.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Hotel
No. of rooms	40
No. of beds	80
Group facilities	Yes, up to 125 guests

### FEATURES

- Coastal village location
- Walk to beach, pier and golf course
- 4.5 star hotel
- Cooking school, café, bistro, bar
- Conference and event facilities

### Cnr Cook & Wood Streets, Flinders VIC 3929 T: +61 3 5989 0201 E: info@flindershotel.com.au W: flindershotel.com.au



# 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 45 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.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Hotel
No. of rooms	45
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
- Cocktail bar, restaurants

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# LANCEMORE LINDENDERRY RED HILL

This classic boutique hotel is surrounded by some of the most spectacular coastal landscapes and celebrated food and wine producers in the country.

Here, 40 elegantly Hecker Guthrie designed spacious guest rooms are as much an escape as the region itself, with quality furnishings and fittings complementing Lindenderry's celebrated service and relaxed, informal style.

From its Courtyard and Linden Wings to the Garden Wing and Balcony Suites, guests will be spoilt for choice.

Lindenderry features amazing and diverse culinary and wine offerings: an onsite working 5-star James Halliday vineyard; rustic cellar door offering wood fire pizzas; or fine dining in the dining room.

# CCOMMODATION DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	****
Туре	Hotel
No. of rooms	40
No. of beds	51 (plus 10 rollaways)
Group facilities	Conferencing facilities 70 pax, restaurant 75 pax, cellar door 100 pax

### FEATURES

- Charming Red Hill location
- Working winery, cellar door, delightful vineyard views
- Heated pool
- Conference and event facilities



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# PORTSEA VILLAGE RESORT

Portsea Village Resort is surrounded by beaches, fishing, scuba diving, snorkeling, dolphin swims, beach walks, golf courses, wineries and Australian wildlife in the nearby National Parks. It is perfectly positioned for ferry rides across Port Phillip Bay to Queenscliff and the Great Ocean Road.

This boutique resort features 23 contemporary apartments, restaurant and bar, indoor and outdoor heated pool and spa, sauna, gym, tennis and squash court.

The stylish one, two and three bedroom apartments include a spacious open living area, complete with TV, DVD and complimentary Foxtel, free Wi-Fi, fully equipped kitchen, dining area, laundry facilities and private balcony.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Rating	★★★★ self-rated
Туре	Self-contained Apartments
No. of rooms	23
No. of beds	43 single, 88 twin
Group facilities	Group retreats, corporate conferences, dinners

### FEATURES

• Opposite bay beach, surf beach nearby

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- Short walk to Point Nepean NP
- Close to Searoad Ferries
- Conference and meeting facilities
- Two swimming pools with spas

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# RACV CAPE SCHANCK RESORT

The new RACV Cape Schanck Resort on the Mornington Peninsula features 184 accommodation rooms including luxurious suites with 180-degree panoramic coastal views. The resort sits on an 18-hole championship golf course, which is accessible to all guests.

The Resort's state-of-the art facilities include a 25 metre indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. A luxurious day spa offers eight different treatment rooms and unique Hammam bathing area. The games room and playground provide great family entertainment.

Four food and beverage options are available, ranging from café casual to premium dining.



### FEATURES

- 18-hole par 70 championship course
- 25 metre indoor swimming pool, sauna and gymnasium
- Luxurious day spa, 8 treatment rooms
  - Restaurant café and pizzeria bar

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# **RYE HOTEL – MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

Synonymous with good old-fashioned friendly service and values, Rye Hotel is truly deserving of its great reputation. Relax over a drink at the Public Bar which is popular with locals or enjoy the spacious family-friendly bistro café area, perfect for larger groups. Browse through a comprehensive seasonal menu of contemporary Australian pub fare bursting with flavours, fresh seafood and appetising daily specials.

Luxury-appointed accommodation offers overnight guests 30 poolside and 14 beachfront suites. Award-winning Poolside suites overlook the outdoor swimming pool. Contemporary designed Beachfront suites boast secluded balconies (some with magnificent bay views), king size beds and large European-style bathrooms.

# ACCOMMODATION DETAILSRating\*\*\*\*TypeHotelNo. of rooms44No. of bedsSleeps 106 guests

# Group facilities

- Opposite Rye Beach
- Conference and event facilities
- Private function rooms
- Garden courtyard
- Complimentary onsite car parking

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Yes up to 200 guests



# WOODMAN ESTATE LUXURY ON THE PENINSULA

Arrive to luxurious lakeside accommodation, acclaimed restaurant dining, indulgent wellness and sweeping views of the lake. Meander through manicured gardens and enjoy the abundant birdlife as you stroll around the private lake.

You'll be spoilt for choice with a range of superbly appointed accommodation options that combine classic traditions with the style, comfort and convenience of the modern day. Choose from the unrivalled Luxury Lakeside Chalets, Stylish Spa Suites and Deluxe Garden Rooms.

Enjoy an indulgent signature high tea, delectable 7-course degustation, lakeside picnic, formal dining and more. There's the formal dining room, a-la-carte brasserie, stylish atrium or alfresco dining on the terrace.

ACCOMMOD	ATION DETAILS
Rating	Chalets: ★★★★★ Manor House: ★★★★≯
Туре	Boutique Hotel
No. of rooms	10
No. of beds	10
Group facilities	Small groups, suited to incentive market Restaurant – 60 guests

### FEATURES

- Magnificent lakeside destination
- Acclaimed dining
- Famous for its signature High Tea

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• Free electric car charging

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# **BIG4 BEACON RESORT**

BIG4 Beacon Resort is located in historic Queenscliff, 4km from the ferry to Sorrento and just a 45 minute drive from Avalon Airport. A holiday park resort set amongst native gardens and located directly opposite the beach, offering extensive year-round facilities to suit a variety of holiday styles. The perfect coastal getaway.

Luxury one, two and three bedroom villas, contemporary self-contained cabins, motel rooms plus caravan and camping sites provide the ideal base to explore Port Phillip Bay and the Bellarine Peninsula's many attractions. Enjoy an extensive range of leisure facilities including a 12.5m heated indoor pool, onsite day spa, free children's activity program, 24/7 gym and free yoga classes.



### FEATURES

- Beautiful Australian garden setting
- Luxury villas, contemporary self-contained cabins
- Apartments, caravanning and camping
- Gymnasium, day spa and yoga





# DOWNUNDER FARMSTAYS

Downunder Farmstays is Australia's leading farmstay provider since 1994 with farm hosts available in Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula, Yarra Valley / Dandenong Ranges and the Mornington Peninsula regions.

Downunder farmstays include quality accommodation, delicious home cooked meals (3 meals per 24 hours), fun filled farm activities with the host family and complimentary transfers to and from the nearest country train station if required.

Farm hosts enjoy sharing and educating their visitors about farming and their sustainable lifestyles in the countryside. A farmstay is a unique experience to meet friendly local people, taste our Australian cuisine and enjoy the beautiful country sights.

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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.

VENUE DETAILS	
Туре	Farmstays
Capacity	6 farm properties across the regions; 27 beds
Group facilities	Family/student groups and FITs accepted Bookings are essential

### FEATURES

- Live with a local Australian farm host family
- Guided farm activities and see Australian wildlife
- Magnificent star gazing
- Paddock to plate produce
- Private booking with no other guests staying at the same time



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Туре	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





# 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 newly refurbished guest rooms with private balconies as well as a restaurant overlooking the bay, complimentary Wi-Fi, 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	$\star \star \star \star$ self-rated
Туре	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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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! **www.gobeyondmelbourne.com** 





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