

Day One

MORNING ACTIVITIES - (YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES)



James Halliday Wine Trail - Begin your foodie adventure in the stunning Yarra Valley with a wine trail, following the footsteps of wine legend James Halliday. Download the James Halliday Hand Picked Yarra Valley map and indulge in the Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and cool climate Shiraz that the Valley is famous for. Or, expand your knowledge of the local varietals tasting sparkling, rosé and Pinot Grigio. www.visityarra.com.au



Coombe Yarra Valley - Once the home of Dame Nellie Melba, Coombe - The Melba Estate is a property with an unrivalled provenance. Seven acres of stunning gardens and beautifully appointed facilities in the restored motor house and clock tower offer a truly unique gourmet and cultural experience. 150 seat a la carte restaurant; cellar door with award winning wines; providore featuring estate grown produce; guided garden tours. Melba gallery features changing display of Melba private collection. www.coombeyarrawalley.com.au



Rochford Wines - More than just a winery! Often host to iconic Australian music festivals, this winery offers breathtaking views of the Great Dividing Ranges, a versatile indoor-outdoor winery and award winning cool climate wines. For extra fun, join the Segway Team and experience all the delights of gliding among the grapevines. Experienced guides provide full training, then it's off to explore the Rochford vineyard on two wheels. www.rochfordwines.com.au



Oakridge Wines - Family owned and established in 1978, Oakridge has evolved into an outstanding winery offering award winning wines, exceptional food experiences and magnificent scenery. Fine dining with 3 private function spaces; helicopter landing; barrel hall space; bocce court, large chess, jenga in lawn area; pickling classes; chef master classes. www.oakridgewines.com.au

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Domaine Chandon - Established by French Champagne house, Moët and Chandon in 1986, Chandon is renowned for making premium methode traditionnelle sparkling wines and some of Australia's most highly regarded cool climate still wines. Enjoy stunning panoramic vineyard views, take a self guided tour and savour delightful wines in the Brasserie with perfectly paired dishes. www.chandon.com.au



TarraWarra Estate - Noted for fine Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Stone and-glass restaurant where the menu is driven by local seasonal produce and the estate's kitchen garden. Take time to visit **Tarra Warra Museum of Art** - Stunning architecture, modern and contemporary art, beautiful views. www.tarrawarra.com.au



Meletos - With its walled gardens, rows of crabapple trees and raised vegetable beds, Meletos has taken an abandoned collection of century-old farm buildings and created something truly extraordinary. A delightful menu heroes local producers, many of which are located literally 'just down the road!' www.meletos.com.au

WHERE TO STAY



Yering Gorge Cottages by The Eastern Golf Club

Luxuriously appointed self-contained cottages overlooking a Greg Norman designed champion golf course. 120-acre private nature reserve with resident kangaroos and an amazing array of native animals and birds with over 12 kms of nature trails. www.yeringcottages.com.au



The Farmhouse at Meletos

With the exquisite attention to detail that permeates the entire Meletos' precinct, The Farmhouse consists of 22 boutique guest rooms and a superb Tuscan suite in one remarkable two-storey building. Luxury ensuite, Bvlgari toiletries, complimentary regional breakfast. www.meletos.com



Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa

The total escape. 4.5 star resort comprising 70 spacious and sophisticated guest suites. Excellent restaurant, alfresco terrace dining overlooking the vineyards, blissful day spa. Wine tasting at cellar door; on site tennis courts; 1.6 km walking trail. www.balgownieestate.com.au

Day Two

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Buxton Trout Farm - Great fun for first time fishers or for experienced anglers! Catch your own freshwater rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon in a picturesque bush setting. BBQ your catch fresh by the river. Tours of farm, fishout and hatcheries. Fresh local, smokehouse and deli produce. www.buxtontrout.com.au



Chum Creek Horse Ride - Experience the Yarra Valley and 360° views from horseback! Offers unique trails in the Australian bush and vineyards. Choose from the De Bortoli Winery trail ride, the Pub ride or a customised ride. All levels of experience welcome. Lunch at a Yarra Valley restaurant. www.chumcreek.net.au



Napoleone Brewery & Cider House - A new-age look amongst an old school structure! Built from the foundations of an 1860's dairy shed Napoleone Brewers continue the rich history of beer in the Yarra Valley with classic, flavourful beer styles. Apples and pears are grown on the property and crafted into cider on site, and "living" beer (unpasteurized and unfiltered) is brewed daily. Visitors can enjoy tasting paddles, pots, and pints as well as share plates and snacks from the adjoining Meletos restaurant. www.napoleone.com.au



Four Pillars Gin - This small distillery, established in 2013, makes a truly modern Australian style of gin, which captures Asian spice, Mediterranean citrus and some native Australian botanicals. These gins have won gold at prestigious spirits competitions worldwide. The distillery houses 3 copper pot stills as well as a fully functioning bar offering all kinds of gin drinks, tea, coffee, and snacks. Regular masterclasses offer people an insight to the process of distilling gin. www.fourpillarsgin.com.au

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Yarra Valley Dairy - Enjoy fine quality hand made cheeses while sipping locally produced small batch wines. Situated on a dairy farm in a beautifully refurbished 100 year old milking shed, Yarra Valley Dairy is known for award-winning fresh, soft cheeses made in French and Italian styles. Taste the cheesemaker's unique range of fresh and matured cheese, visit the retail store for local produce and farmhouse homewares. www.yarravalleydairy.com.au



Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery - Totally delicious destination: free chocolate tastings, displays of thousands of premium chocolates, Watch European chocolatiers at work crafting creations. Spectacular showroom, all day café, lawns, orchard and sculptures. Perfect for chocolate lovers of all ages. www.yvci.com.au

DINNER



Eleonore's at Chateau Yering - The iconic Chateau Yering Hotel offers award-winning dining at Eleonore's Restaurant, elegant fine dining in opulent surrounds. Unwind and relax in this gracious space with an exciting modern Australian menu reflecting a creative choice of ingredients and daring combinations to delight. www.chateauyering.com.au

WHERE TO STAY



Chateau Yering Hotel

Historic homestead reborn as a gracious 5-star hotel. Luxury accommodation, fine dining restaurant and café, beautiful gardens to explore, magnificent views. www.chateauyering.com.au



Wild Cattle Creek Estate

An estate with winery, restaurant plus dining deck and accommodation in self-contained villas, a private cottage or luxury B&B in the historic homestead. www.wildcattlecreek.com.au



Valley Ranges Getaways

Unique private mountain houses or cottages for couples, families and groups. All properties are conveniently located close to a village with restaurants, shops, attractions, walking trails. www.yarrarangesgetaways.com.au

Day Three

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Rayners Orchard - Just one of the many u-pick farms in the Dandenong Ranges! This boutique orchard grows 450 varieties of fruit and has fruit all year round! Take a fruit tasting tractor tour through the orchard and enjoy the best tree-ripened fruit varieties depending on the season. U-Pick available on Fruit Tasting Tours. Explore the retail shop and extensive fruiting plant Nursery. www.raynersorchard.com.au



The Blue Mini Café, Eatery and Emporium - Experience a taste of life on the Mornington Peninsula - great coffee, handmade teas, cakes and sandwiches, delicious meals made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients and a regional beer and wine menu. Explore the clever range of themed gifts and home wares within this retro-styled Emporium, lovingly created from the old iconic Rosebud bowling alley. Featuring works by local artists and designers. www.blumini.com.au



Heronswood House & Gardens - An idyllic location to escape the crowds! Home of the famous Diggers' Club. Magnificent 5-acre gardens, huge trees, historic bluestone mansion, garden café and extensive retail plant nursery. Dine at The Fork to Fork Restaurant, located within the historic Heronswood House. Meals are created using vegetables and fruits grown in the Heronswood gardens complemented with local Peninsula produce. www.diggers.com.au

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES - Select from:



Crittenden Wines - The Crittenden Wine Centre introduces a new way of experiencing wine on the Mornington Peninsula. Sample alternative and traditional wines in a unique and carefully designed wine flight in delightful surroundings with views over the lake and some of the Peninsula's oldest vines. The process is designed to be informative, yet casual, allowing visitors to enjoy the experience of sampling wine. www.crittendenwines.com.au



Max's at Red Hill Estate - Award-winning light-filled hilltop restaurant with spectacular views over the vineyard to Westernport Bay and Phillip Island. Right next to Red Hill Estate cellar door with delectable house brand produce. Established 20 years ago, Max's was the first winery restaurant in the region and is still producing sensational local produce driven cuisine. Max's sister, Danielle, offers personalised private tours of the region for groups of up to 8. www.maxsrestaurant.com.au



Merricks General Wine Store - Established in 1922, Merricks General Wine Store celebrates the Mornington Peninsula with food and wine that showcase the region. Taste wines by the open fire, take in the coastal breeze from the sea view deck or dine under the vines whilst experiencing the rustic country atmosphere of this charming heritage building. www.mgwinestore.com.au



Mornington Peninsula Brewery - This craft brewery has a relaxed atmosphere, complemented by a rustic beer garden and a viewing mezzanine which overlooks the industry of the brew house. Watch the whole brewing process, right from the hot liquor tank through to the bright tank where the beer is conditioned and carbonated before being packaged into kegs, bottles and cans. Enjoy a tasty menu of traditional wood fired pizzas. www.mpbrew.com.au

WHERE TO STAY



Flinders Hotel

This award winning, architecturally designed 4.5 star hotel boasts 40 stylish accommodation rooms, fabulous dining and a new Cookery and is renowned as a unique culinary destination. www.flindershotel.com.au



Polperro Winery

Four beautifully styled, spacious studio apartments overlooking the vineyard and valley. Each villa features a king size bed, open fire place, central spa bath and an in-room cellar door. www.polperrowines.com.au



Lakeside Villas at Crittenden Estate

The ultimate vineyard escape! Three boutique villas constructed over the vineyard lake provide a sense of floating among the vines. Each secluded villa comprises a fully self-contained experience. www.lakesidevillas.com.au

Day Four

MORNING ACTIVITIES (MORNINGTON PENINSULA) - Select from:



MP Experience - Uncover some of Mornington Peninsula's delicious secrets on a personalised small group discovery tour with MP Experience. Meet the winemakers, the growers and the artisan producers and taste an astounding array of olive oils, ciders, aromatic gins and wine. In winter, MP Experience offers tours of a truffle farm followed by a 'truffle' themed lunch. www.mpexperience.com.au



Green Olive at Red Hill - This small and picturesque farm features olives, grapes, herbs, vegetables, sheep and chooks. The kitchen turns local farmer's produce into tempting goodies, including tapas, that you can eat in or take home. Enjoy guided food and wine tastings of the farm grown produce, hands-on cooking classes and sustainable farm tours to learn about small-scale paddock to plate food production. www.greenolive.com.au



Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm - Pick your own luscious, sweet strawberries (November to April), indulge year-round in the decadent Dessert Café (try the house-made award winning icecream), buy tempting local gourmet produce, wines and succulent strawberry-themed gifts to take home. Simply delicious! www.sunnyridge.com.au

AFTERNOON /EVENING ACTIVITIES - (GEELONG & THE BELLARINE)



Searoad Ferries - Experience Melbourne's beautiful Port Phillip Bay! In just 40 minutes, a sleek and stylish ship will cruise you and your car effortlessly across Port Phillip Bay. It's the fastest, most relaxing and scenic way to link Mornington Peninsula with the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong. And it reveals the most spectacular Bay views, from historic Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula to quaint Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula. www.searoad.com.au



Basils Farm - Immerse yourself in this unique artisan winery with stunning views across Swan Bay and the historic Queenscliff township. Visit the cellar door to learn how their passion for bio-dynamic and sustainable farming practices has improved the soil, resulting in impressive fruit from the vineyard and the orchard. Taste their wines and indulge in gourmet grazing platters and seasonal dishes which showcase biodynamic produce from the extensive potager garden. www.basilsfarm.com.au



Terindah Estate - Offering spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay, Terindah Estate is an idyllic boutique winery with an extensive food offering and award-winning 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. www.terindahestate.com



Zigfrids Dining Hall & Bar - Enjoy serious food, wine and craft beers in a chilled-out setting. Its south coast location gives Zigfrids the pick of the country's fish and shellfish. They love their artisan suppliers and get a buzz out of finding new specialist providers. Step into modern, informal interiors and atmosphere, kick back and relax. There's also a cosy mezzanine level where you can relax after a meal or enjoy a snack and bottle of wine. www.zigfrids.com.au

WHERE TO STAY



Vue Grand Hotel Queenscliff
Built in 1881, the Vue Grand reflects the grandeur of this bygone era. This award-winning boutique hotel offers 32 rooms with a variety of room types. Enjoy a truly decadent dining experience in the majestic, luxurious surrounds of the Grand Dining Room. www.vuegrand.com.au



Athelstane House Queenscliff
Queenscliff's oldest operating guesthouse, built in 1860, has transformed into a 10-room boutique accommodation venue retaining a distinct heritage feel. It now offers ensuite spa rooms, six indoor and outdoor sitting areas and a delightful onsite restaurant www.athelstane.com.au



Devlin Apartments
Originally constructed in 1926, the building is a fine example of the "Georgian Revival" style. Devlin Apartments offers luxury 4,5 star accommodation - 27 fully self contained luxury apartments and ten motel style rooms. www.devlinapartments.com.au

Day Five

MORNING ACTIVITIES- (GEELONG & THE BELLARINE) - Select from:



The Bellarine Taste Trail - will direct you around this beautiful region, with berry, olive and tomato growers, farmgates and farmers' markets. Be sure to include a visit to Advance Mussel Supply in Portarlington, where you can purchase fresh-off-the-boat mussels, Angasi oysters and abalone.

www.thebellarinetastetrail.com.au



Mustang & Co - Treat yourself! What better way to explore the magnificent Bellarine and Geelong region than with the top down in a stunning 1966 Red Mustang Convertible. The car seats up to 4 adult passengers. Your tour can be customised to suit your interests - whether it is surf, native wildlife, or just the beautiful scenic vistas. Door to door service. Minimum tour is 4 hours. www.mustangrental.com.au



Oakdene Vineyards Restaurant and Cellar Door - An original 1920's homestead, Oakdene has been beautifully restored and boasts an eclectic, lush art garden setting offering dining, accommodation, wine tasting and tours of the vineyard. Oakdene's cool climate wines are produced in limited quantities from estate grown Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz. The Mr Grubb Cafe is also on-site, offering more casual dining. www.oakdene.com.au



Jack Rabbit Vineyard - Jack Rabbit Vineyard's restaurant, vineyard and cellar door offer guests a brilliant regional experience! The unrivaled, spectacular panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne, the You Yangs and Geelong are just the beginning. The winery has forged a reputation as 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.

www.jackrabbitvineyard.com.au

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES Select from:



Gladioli Restaurant - Experience this award-winning restaurant set in a lovely restored cottage surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens, just 20 minutes from Geelong in the delightful village of Inverleigh. Gladioli's contemporary food focuses on local and seasonal produce. There is a choice of either five or eight course tasting menus. A three course à la carte menu is available on Wednesday and Thursday. www.gladiolirestaurant.com.au



Flying Brick Cider House - Refresh with an extraordinary range of apple and pear ciders! The architecturally designed, retro inspired Flying Brick Cider House is home to the fastest growing cider brand in Australia. Its quirky name comes from the yellow tailed black cockatoo, a playful Bellarine local. Here, the ciders are all naturally crafted, made from 100 percent fruit and free from added sugar, colours or concentrates. Large alfresco lawn space, restaurant serving lunch 7 days, dinner - Friday and Saturdays. www.flyingbrickciderco.com.au



Clyde Park Vineyard & Bistro - Taste exceptional hand crafted cool climate wines and enjoy gourmet foods made with outstanding local produce at the Bistro. Clyde Park has some of Geelong's oldest vines, hence their approach in the vineyard is very much a 'hands on' technique. By contrast, in the winery the team adopts a 'hand's off' approach to allow the fruit and terroir to come alive in every bottle.

www.clydepark.com.au



Little Creatures Brewery - Step inside this extensively renovated historic woollen mill and taste Geelong's own beer, a refreshing ale named Furphy. This new base for the Fremantle-based brewer incorporates brewing facilities, a restaurant and large bar serving up the range of Little Creatures offerings. The atmosphere is buzzing with so much to explore and tain this mini brewing 'village'. Brewery tours are hosted daily. www.littlecreatures.com.au