

Day One

SHORT OR HALF DAY ACTIVITIES (YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES)



Healesville Sanctuary - Explore a bushland haven for Australian wildlife. Wander through the tranquil tracks and meet iconic Australian animals including koalas, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes, wombats and emus. Visit the Australian Wildlife Health centre. Enjoy unique experiences: wade with the platypus experience, spirits of the sky bird presentation and more! www.zoo.org.au/healesville



Hedgend Maze - Think differently at Hedgend Maze. Explore a beautiful 20 acres of stimulating, fun filled activities for all ages. Explore 4 mazes, solve puzzles, play unlimited mini golf, frisbee and bush lasar tag. Step into the agricultural display called 'Backyard Garden' to see a clean farming methods demonstration. Private tours (optional extra) include an experience of feeding friendly farm animals by hand. www.hedgend.com.au



Segway Tours at Rochford Wines - It's the most fun you can have standing up! Get some expert tips, explore Rochford Winery, gliding among the grapevines, admiring the views and trying a variety of terrains. Then test your skills on the Segway off-road track. Lunch in the award-winning Rochford restaurant is included. www.rochfordwines.com.au



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 and enjoy with Buxton Trout Farm's Mountain Ash Smoked Trout or Hand Milked Salmon Caviar. Tours of farm, fishout and hatcheries. Fresh local, smokehouse and deli produce. www.buxtontrout.com.au



Cloudehill Gardens and Nursery - Visit this internationally famous garden at the top of The Dandenongs where a maze of stone walls and jewel like garden rooms are set within woodlands of magnificent and historic, cool climate trees. A maze of 25 compartments divided by stone walls and hedges include spring meadows, a peony garden, summer borders, a 'green theatre', glorious Rhododendron woodlands. info@cloudehill.com.au

FULL DAY ACTIVITIES



Pedals Australia - Hire a bike and explore the Yarra Valley in a whole new way! Set off anywhere you choose or take a Pedals Australia guided tour. Select from winery trails, easy flat trails or get a real workout on mountain bike tracks and off road paths. Pedals Australia is a fully mobile bike hire service, and will deliver your bike to you. Select a pick up location, a drop off location and where and when you would like to end your day. www.pedalsbikes.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 Yarra Valley restaurant. www.chumcreek.net

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



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 across the Yarra Valley. 32 luxury suites individually decorated with fine antique furnishings. www.chateauyering.com.au



Oscars on The Yarra

Boutique 4-star luxury guesthouse situated on 21 acres by the banks of the Yarra River against the backdrop of majestic mountains. Here you will find the perfect balance of country hospitality and city glamour. Unwind in style and relax in nature with kookaburras, wildlife and tall eucalypts all around you. info@oscarsontheyarra.com.au

Day Two

MORNING ACTIVITIES - (YARRA VALLEY THEN PHILLIP ISLAND)



Global Ballooning Australia - Take an exhilarating balloon flight and let the early dawn breezes transport you to breathtaking heights that take in the picturesque panorama and landscapes of the valley and its patchwork of world class vineyards, mountain ranges and rivers. Optional champagne breakfast. Flight certificate included. www.globalballooning.com.au



Rhyll Trout & Bush Tucker Farm - Gone fishing! Friendly instructors teach you to catch rainbow trout in a tree-lined lake or indoor rainforest pool. Take your catch with you or ask the chef transform your trout into a magnificent meal. Wander the bush tucker trail through 3 hectares of native food crops: edible fruits, berries, seeds, leaves and flowers. Learn how the Koori people harvested and used these plants from the wild. www.rhylltroutandbushtucker.com.au



Phillip Island's Grand Prix Circuit - Internationally famous and the home of Australian and world championship motor cycling. Take the chance to follow in the tyre tracks of the world's best. Buckle in for an adrenalin-amping triple Hot Lap lightning ride around the circuit, or test your skills on the Grand Prix Circuit Go Kart Track, based on a scale replica of this world famous circuit. Licensed cafe, guided tours and more. www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au



The Antarctic Journey - Take a virtual journey into the wonderful world of the Southern Ocean and the world's most extreme continent - Antarctica. A large multimedia installation within the exhibition will tantalise the senses as it showcases the captivating landscape and stunning wildlife along the journey from Phillip Island through to Antarctica. Enjoy fun, interactive experiences and an unforgettable augmented reality experience which puts you "right in the heart of Antarctica". www.penguins.org.au

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



The Koala Conservation Centre - Stroll through this eucalypt woodland and come 'face-to-face' with koalas in their natural habitat, living as they would in the wild. Unique tree top boardwalks provide exceptional koala viewing. Catch a glimpse of this year's koala joeys, as they take their first adventures out of the mother's pouch. Explore the life of koalas through the interactive displays in the new visitor centre. www.penguins.org.au

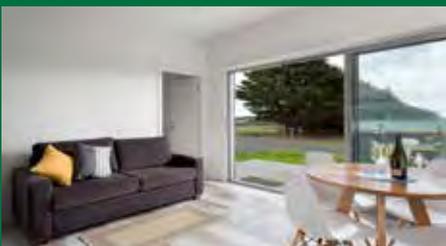


Wildlife Coast Cruises - The waters surrounding Phillip Island teem with wildlife. Take an unforgettable cruise to one of Australia's largest wild fur seal colonies at Seal Rocks, 2km from Phillip Island. See their natural environment and watch thousands of playful and inquisitive animals as the boat drifts within metres of them. Underwater cameras aboard the boat provide a unique glimpse into the seals' playful antics beneath the waves. www.wildlifecoastcruises.com.au



The Ultimate Penguin Tour - Witness Victoria's largest colony of little penguins in the nightly Penguin Parade as hundreds of little penguins come out of the sea at dusk and head back to their sand dune burrows for the night. An intimate wildlife experience to a secluded beach away from the main parade, this eco adventure is limited to just 15 people accompanied by a ranger guide. Listen through headphones to the Ranger's informative commentary and view penguins with the use of night vision technology. www.penguins.org.au

WHERE TO STAY



Bimbadeen Phillip Island

Imagine staying on a real Aussie working farm in your own self-contained cottage. Stunning rural location. Take a farm tour. Help feed calves, pigs, sheep and alpacas. Roam the paddocks with 1000 free range hens and collect eggs. www.bimbadeenphillipisland.com



Clifftop Accommodation

Individual character filled rooms overlook one of the world's best views! 8 individual guest suites each with its own personality. Fully licensed guest lounge. Wildlife makes its home in surrounding vegetation. info@clifftop.com.au



Phillip Island Apartments

Vibrant Cowes township location. Spacious 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchen, open lounge and dining area as well as a private balcony or patio. Swimming pool, BBQ. www.phillipislandapartments.net.au

Day Three

MORNING ACTIVITIES (PHILLIP ISLAND THEN MORNINGTON PENINSULA)



Phillip Island Helicopters - Before departing for Mornington Peninsula, take a spectacular and exciting flight across Phillip Island. Explore parts of the island that you can only see from a helicopter. The views are amazing! See Cape Woolamai, Seal Rocks, the Australian Grand Prix track, Summerland Bay (home of the Penguin Parade) and miles of gorgeous coastline. Choose from a range of heli experiences and packages. www.phillipislandhelicopters.com.au



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park - En route for Mornington Peninsula, explore 10 hectares of bushland, meeting endangered species, feeding kangaroos and wallabies, petting koalas and enjoying encounters with colourful birds, reptiles, dingoes and many other animals. The sanctuary is an ark for endangered creatures and a showcase of their unique beauty. Meet feisty Tassie devils, and learn the latest in the fight to save this threatened species. Wander around the beautiful wetlands, a haven for water birds that change with the seasons. www.moonlit-sanctuary.com



Treesurfing at The Enchanted Adventure Garden - Try 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 eucalypt trees over aerial obstacles, bridges and zip-lines. Follow up with a Big Zip line ride! Reaching high speeds and spanning 2 zip lines over 270m in length, the Big Zip will take you on an exhilarating ride at heights of 20 m above the stunning gardens and ornamental lake. www.enchantedmaze.com

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES



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. Visit the Eagle Café, explore one of the many walking trails through the Arthurs Seat State Park. www.aseagle.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



Green Olive at Red Hill - The 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 their 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



Peninsula Hot Springs - Natural hot mineral water flows from deep underground into the many pools and private baths at this coastal oasis of relaxation. You can relax all year round in Victoria's first natural hot springs in a tranquil bushland setting. More than 20 varied bathing experiences feature in the social Bath House, while there are luxurious treatments and perfect pampering in the private Spa Dreaming Centre. www.peninsulahotsprings.com

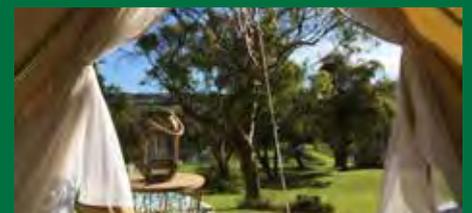
WHERE TO STAY



The 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. Coastal village location close to national parks and wineries. www.flindershotel.com.au



Woodman Estate Luxury Country Retreat
Hidden away beside a private lake. Spacious lakeside chalets, day spa, formal and casual dining, including terrace overlooking the lake. Acclaimed restaurant dining and an indulgent wellness retreat. www.woodmanestate.com.au



Bayplay Tours & Illuka Retreat
Award winning adventure tour operator also offers variety of accommodation styles: Glamping bell tents, beach retreat, cottages amongst the tea trees and group lodges. www.bayplay.com.au

Day Four

MORNING ACTIVITIES- (MORNINGTON PENINSULA THEN GEELONG & THE BELLARINE)



Bayplay Tours and Adventures - Snorkel with weedy seadragons! Curious and elusive seadragons live around our piers, where you can snorkel with experienced guides. See mesmerising creatures including soft corals, hermit crabs, stargazers and seadragons. Bayplay are experts with almost endless aquatic activities: kayaking with dolphins, stand-up paddling, scuba diving sailing and more. Equipment hire too. Plus walking tours and cycling tours through Point Nepean National Park. www.bayplay.com.au



Point Nepean National Park - Hire a bike or take a hike to explore Point Nepean National Park Right at the tip of the Peninsula. 360 degree views take in the dangerous Rip, wild Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay. Take a picnic, walk or cycle to old military forts and tunnels, see the memorial to lost Prime Minister Harold Holt, visit the historic Quarantine Station. The 100 km Mornington Peninsula Walk passes through here and leads on to Arthurs Seat State Park and Cape Schanck National Park. www.parkweb.vic.gov.au ; www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org



Polperro Dolphin Swims - Come swimming with wild dolphins and fur seals, snorkelling in the clear waters of Port Phillip Bay. Onboard sightseeing and marine conservation discussions for non-swimmers too. Small groups, all gear supplied. Polperro Dolphin Swims is a multi-award winning eco tourism operation. They purposely limit the size of trips to guarantee a high standard of customer and environmental care. Their experienced crew of dolphin experts ensures an unforgettable marine adventure. www.polperro.com.au

AFTERNOON /EVENING ACTIVITIES



Polperro Winery - Visit this stunning 25-acre property for a complete vineyard, food and wine experience.. The bistro is modern, earthy, warm and inviting. The designer dining space integrates the outdoors seamlessly with its floor-to-ceiling windows and large open-air timber deck. Polperro's aim is to create a synergy between the vineyard and kitchen, with an emphasis on where the produce is sourced and how it is grown. The cellar door is an intimate space featuring winemaker Sam Coverdale's Polperro and Even Keel wines. Boutique villa accommodation on site. www.polperrowines.com.au



Searoad Ferries - Cross Melbourne's beautiful Port Phillip Bay - spectacular coastal scenery, dolphins, and whales in winter. Searoad Ferries, connects the Mornington Peninsula to the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong. Ferries depart hourly from Sorrento (and from Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula). The ferry crosses by 3 marine national parks and travels in pristine waters. The view varies every day. Pass by Point Nepean National Park, cliff-top mansions, Chinaman's Hut seal colony, historic Queenscliff village and lighthouse. www.searoad.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



360Q at Queenscliff Marina - The 360Q restaurant venue is located at the gorgeous \$38 million marina at Queenscliff Harbour. It offers the more casual Hooked on Fish Cafe Bar and Restaurant downstairs. Upstairs on the first floor is the spectacular 360Q function space The restaurant is renowned for its magnificent views over the harbour, the city of Melbourne in the distance, Port Phillip Heads and the township of Queenscliff from its enclosed viewing deck which guests access via a spiral staircase. www.360q.com.au

WHERE TO STAY



Big 4 Beacon Resort

Indulge with a stay in a gorgeous, contemporary villa, featuring a spacious lounge with gas log fire and free Foxtel channels. Relax surrounded by gardens on the deck for a perfect getaway. Award-winning resort nestled near the beach. Indoor heated swimming pool and an on-site day spa. www.beaconresort.com.au



Novotel Geelong

Located in the heart of the waterfront with breathtaking views across the bay. Novotel Geelong features 109 guest rooms with balconies, six flexible function spaces, restaurant & bar, complimentary Wi-Fi, indoor pool, steam room and fitness centre. www.novotelgeelong.com.au



Great Ocean Stays

The Bellarine's premier boutique holiday accommodation. Offering group, luxury, pet friendly, wheelchair accessible and corporate homes together with a range of guest services such as vehicle hire, charter flights and connoisseur services. enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au

Day Five

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



Dive Victoria Scuba Diving - Dive Victoria leads tours to the ex-HMAS Canberra, scuttled near Port Phillip Heads, off Ocean Grove in 2009. Once underwater, some of the highlights of this wreck include the mural in the mess hall, the captain's cabin and chair. Most of the vessel was left intact prior to scuttling and there are loads of secret hiding spots for marine life, making it a very interesting experience for divers. www.divevictoria.com.au



Go Ride A Wave - Join a surfing lesson on a Bellarine Peninsula beach! With beautiful beaches, world class waves, Go Ride A Wave will get you started and standing up in no time at all! They offer lesson packages to help you progress quickly. Full-length wetsuits, soft surfboards and instruction for two hours are all provided. www.gorideawave.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 their extensive potager garden. www.basilsfarm.com.au



Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours - Connect with nature, join wild animals in their natural habitats and absorb dramatic scenery while enjoying genuine Aussie hospitality. Highly trained, experienced naturalist guides ensure great sightings of wild Australian animals. Research and conservation program is part of every tour. A significant portion of tour cost contributes to wildlife conservation via their linked not-for-profit koala Clancy Foundation. Winner of 2014 World Responsible travel award "Best for Wildlife Conservation". www.echidnawalkabout.com.au

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES Select from:



At the Heads - Step into a slice of history! The restaurant is located on the Barwon Heads jetty where the Barwon River meets the ocean with spectacular views of the estuary and rocky headland, known to the locals as 'The Heads'. The restaurant is steeped in history. The bar section of the restaurant was originally the local fishing co-operative, where locals could buy fresh fish directly from the returning boats. A modern Australian menu showcases the exceptional local and regional produce available. www.attheheads.com.au



Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre - Visit this award winning attraction and immediately you will feel part of a unique cultural experience. 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 and wallabies nestle amongst native trees, walkways and gardens. The art gallery exhibits and sells artworks from internationally acclaimed and emerging aboriginal and Torres Strait artists. www.narana.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 taste in this mini brewing 'village'. Brewery tours are hosted daily. www.littlecreatures.com.au



Werribee Open Range Zoo - Experience an African adventure. Jump on board a guided safari across the unique open range savannah and spot rhinos, giraffes and zebras! Visit our three male Western lowland Gorillas in one of the world's largest gorilla exhibits. Learn about the agile Serval at the daily keeper talk presentations. Come face to face with a pride of lions, visit our family of hippos or experience some of Australia's native wildlife in a natural open range setting. www.zoo.org.au