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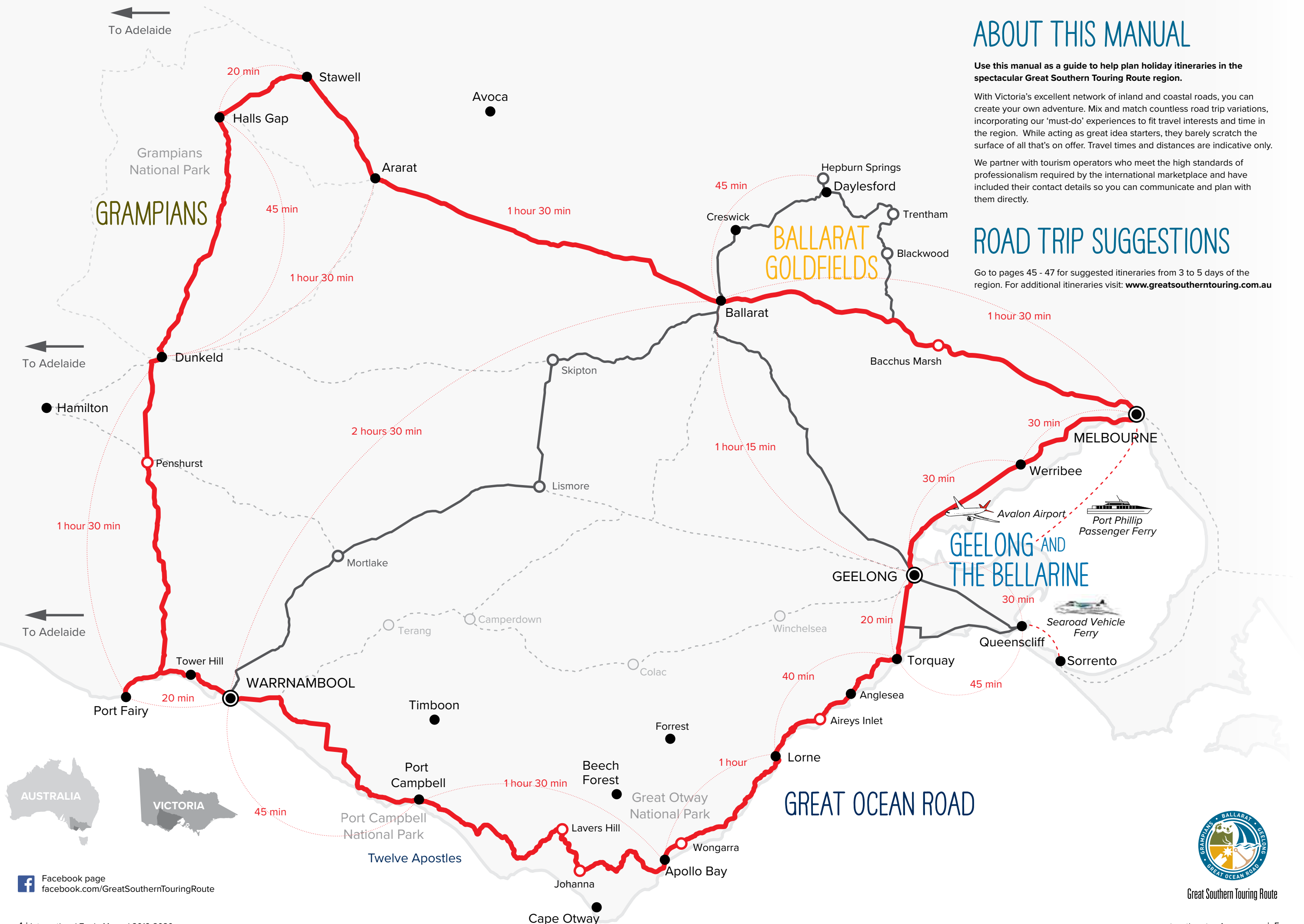
Use this manual as a guide to help plan holiday itineraries in the spectacular Great Southern Touring Route region.

With Victoria's excellent network of inland and coastal roads, you can create your own adventure. Mix and match countless road trip variations, incorporating our 'must-do' experiences to fit travel interests and time in the region. While acting as great idea starters, they barely scratch the surface of all that's on offer. Travel times and distances are indicative only.

We partner with tourism operators who meet the high standards of professionalism required by the international marketplace and have included their contact details so you can communicate and plan with them directly.

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Go to pages 45 - 47 for suggested itineraries from 3 to 5 days of the region. For additional itineraries visit: www.greatsoutherntouring.com.au



GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE

Set on the sparkling waterfront is a city that captures the heart with charming heritage buildings, stylish eateries, popular nightspots and a thriving cultural scene, flanked by beautiful beaches and lush farmland.

Just an hour's drive from Melbourne, Geelong combines urban precincts, boutique shopping and an edgy creative scene with a sniff of coastal lifestyle and adventure. The waterfront carries a festive feel year-round, with iconic bollards adorning the promenade, a lively restaurant strip and a magical carousel for the young and young-at-heart.

Geelong's charm is easy to love, with an air of history and grandeur to be found in the 100 National Trust listed buildings, set against modern street art and hidden laneways. Age-old industrial sites have been transformed into funky new spaces, such as Little Creatures Brewery, which is housed in a huge refurbished factory site, offering brewery tours, craft beer tastings and casual dining that never disappoints. The relaxed vibe of city-central Eastern Beach is complemented by the lush and shady botanic gardens, all within easy strolling distance of the CBD.

Stretching just beyond Geelong's centre, the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula boasts an eclectic mix of rural charm, seaside villages and grand old hotels, with lighthouses, rugged coastal bike trails, surf breaks and golf resorts. Unwind at a gentle bayside beach or crash into roaring waves. Indulge in an abundance of fresh, local produce in this food-lover's paradise, with a plethora of world-class eateries, boutique wineries, pubs and bars.

Throughout the year, events cater for sports fanatics, art lovers, foodies, outdoor explorers, music fans and wine snobs. It's hard to resist staying at one of the many waterfront hotels, self-contained apartments, farmstays, retreats and holiday resorts. Highly recommended properties include BIG4 Beacon Resort at Queenscliff, Discovery Parks - Geelong or Lon Retreat & Spa at Point Lonsdale.



Cunningham Pier, Waterfront Geelong

EVENTS

Toast to the Coast Wine and Food Festival
November
www.winegeelong.com.au

Geelong Revival Motoring Festival
November
www.geelongrevival.com.au

Festival of Sails – Geelong
January
www.festivalofsails.com.au

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Cultural treasure: Geelong's National Wool Museum, set in an iconic 1872 bluestone woolstore, reveals the timeless tale of Australian wool history through contemporary exhibitions and hands-on experiences, in a city once known as the wool centre of the world.

Connect to country: Learn to throw a boomerang as you delve into authentic Aboriginal culture, artworks, ancient Dreaming stories and bush tucker at the award-winning Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, nestled among native trees and gardens, with resident emus, wallabies and kangaroos.

Get wild: Discover koalas, kangaroos and native birdlife in natural bushland habitats under the careful guidance of Echidna Walkabout tours, on a fully-organised and catered journey led by experts in the field.



Cruise along: Enjoy crossing the spectacular Port Phillip Bay on Australia's favourite car and passenger ferry, with Searoad Ferries from Queenscliff to Sorrento and back, or with Port Phillip Ferries (foot passengers only) from Portarlington to Melbourne and back.

Food and beverage haven: Queenscliff Brewhouse offers over 250 craft beers and ciders, over 420 spirits and 400 regional wines. For something different experience the 'Brewer for a day' package.

The Q Train: All aboard The Q Train, Australia's premier rail restaurant on the historic Bellarine Railway, for a delightful gastronomic journey – a six-course degustation of fresh local produce, set against the stunning views of Swan Bay and The Bellarine.

Wine or cider: Family-owned vineyards, boutique wineries, magnificent gardens and breathtaking views roll out across the peninsula. Wine and dine at Terindah Estate, Scotchmans Hill, Flying Brick Cider House, Jack Rabbit Vineyard, Oakdene Estate and Leura Park Estate for the ultimate Bellarine experience.

Curlewis Golf Club: Picturesque views over Corio Bay greet golfers as they tee-off at one of Australia's Top 100 Golf Clubs. Rolling fairways excite and challenge throughout the par 72 course, while a state-of-the-art 18-bay driving range provides plenty of opportunity to practice.

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GEELONG NARANA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE



Description: Narana is an award-winning Aboriginal Cultural Centre offering authentic, immersive cultural experiences. Experience the world's oldest living culture first hand with a free self-guided tour or book a group tour delivered by our expert cultural interpreters. Learn about ancient dreaming stories, connection to country through songlines, artworks, artefacts and bush tucker. Nestled amongst native gardens is our cultural exhibition building, Café Narana, retail outlet and art gallery. Narana's art gallery exhibits and sells artworks from internationally acclaimed Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists. Café Narana serves an extensive breakfast and lunch menu featuring dishes inspired by native ingredients and Indigenous flavours. Our retail outlet stocks a large range of handmade items including boomerangs, didgeridoos, clothing, bush herbs and spices and souvenirs. Feed our friendly emus and wallabies and learn to throw a boomerang.

Opening times: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Café: Mon-Sat from 9am.

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DRYSDALE THE Q TRAIN



Description: 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 delicious fine dining 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 degustation dining experience showcases the best of The Bellarine. Bookings are essential.

Type of operation: Travelling restaurant on board a moving train.

Location: 1 hour 20 minutes drive from Melbourne via car or catch Port Phillip Ferries from Docklands.

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GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE PORT PHILLIP FERRIES



Description: Port Phillip Ferries is a 400 seater passenger ferry service between Portarlington, on the Bellarine Peninsula, and Docklands, Melbourne. The modern 35 metre catamaran provides a comfortable vantage point to take in the sights and sounds of the bay with an onboard café for hot and cold drinks and sweet and savoury food items.

Type of operation: Passenger Ferry.

Duration of tours: The cruise takes just under 80 minutes. Spend time travelling up the Yarra River before heading out into the wide open space of Port Phillip Bay to spot dolphins, seals and other wildlife.

Frequency: Operates every day of the year with two return trips per day.

General itinerary: Portarlington Pier to Victoria Harbour, Docklands. New destinations and vessels may be added to Port Phillip Ferries in the future.

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COLLECTION: Victoria Harbour & Portarlington Pier	PAX: 400	CHARTER: N
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QUEENSCLIFF SEAROAD FERRIES



Description: Experience the beauty of Port Phillip Bay – pristine waters, spectacular coastal scenery, clifftop mansions, dolphin and whale spotting. Relax in the comfortable viewing lounges or stroll the external observation decks. Onboard facilities include licensed café, kids play area and binoculars. Two, all weather ferries have easy drive on/drive off facilities. The 40 minute crossing between Sorrento and Queenscliff offers a continuous coastal route rather than the 200km drive around, perfect for connecting the Great Ocean Road and the Mornington Peninsula. Cars, motorhomes, coaches and passengers.

Type of operation: Car and Passenger Ferry.

Duration of crossing: 40 minutes.

Frequency: Every hour on the hour, 7am-6pm, every day of the year.

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COLLECTION: Sorrento Pier and Queenscliff Harbour

BELMONT DISCOVERY PARKS – GEELONG



Description: Set alongside the Barwon River, our holiday park is 15 minutes from world-class beaches, a short drive from the Great Ocean Road and just over an hour from Melbourne. The endless delights of the Great Ocean Road and Surf Coast await you. Visit Adventure Park Geelong, Victoria's biggest theme park or fairy tale adventures at Fairy Park. Fish n' chips on the Geelong Waterfront will wrap up your perfect day.

Accommodation options include spa cabins, ensuite and camping sites.

Location: One hour from Melbourne, five minutes from Geelong CBD.

Distance from attractions: Minutes from Geelong Waterfront and CBD, short drive to Adventure Park, Fairy Park and surf beaches.

Dining facilities: Restaurant onsite, kitchen facilities in cabins, camp kitchen, BBQ areas. Five minutes to cafés and restaurants.

Discovery Parks
59 Barrabool Rd, Belmont (Geelong) VIC 3216
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W: www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au

TYPE: Holiday Park	ROOMS: 44	BEDS: 163
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POINT LONSDALE LON RETREAT & SPA



Description: Escape the busyness of life. Adult exclusive luxury retreat with seven luxury suites spread throughout the sandstone retreat, each individually designed with its own unique character and connection to the ocean, lakes and surrounding farmland.

Location: Located on 200 acres of rural and conservation land, hidden away on a hill by the ocean in Point Lonsdale. 40 minutes from Avalon Airport.

Distance from attractions: Private beach access. One minute drive to Point Lonsdale village. Ideally located to explore wineries, villages and beaches.

Dining facilities: Kitchenette and BBQ in every suite. Makers and growers pantry for purchases onsite. Private transfers available to local restaurants.

Recreational Facilities: Mineral springs, heated mineral pool, Lon Spa, private beach access, private art gallery, fireplace, food forest.

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★★★★★

TYPE: Luxury Retreat	SUITES: 7	BEDS: 8	EST: 2018
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QUEENSCLIFF BIG4 BEACON RESORT



Description: This award-winning resort is nestled near the beach between Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Location: 30km from Geelong, 110km from Melbourne Airport and 45km from Avalon Airport.

Distance from attractions: Walking distance to beach, short drive to Searoad Ferry Terminal and other local attractions.

Access to public transport: Train from Melbourne to Geelong and bus from Geelong. Ferry/Airport transfers available.

Dining facilities: Self-catering. Group catering/function room.

Facilities: Heated indoor pool and spa, onsite day spa, gymnasium, jumping pillow, tennis court, free yoga and pilates classes, free children's activity program, bike hire.

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TYPE: Resort	ROOMS: 56	BEDS: 263	EST: 1970
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GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Where Mother Nature reveals her magic, adventurous spirits thrive and the richness of life unfolds.



The ultimate road trip, hugging rugged coastline with breathtaking views, meandering through seaside towns and villages, iconic surf breaks, dramatic rock formations and the majestic Australian bush, with waterfalls, lakes, rivers and trails to explore.

From lazy beach days and stunning sunsets, to high-end adventure and wildlife encounters, the Great Ocean Road is big on choice. Float in fresh seawater or surf world-renowned breaks. Indulge in delicious seafood or climb to the top of a lighthouse and soak up local maritime history. Explore volcanic landscapes or swing into a seaside village for afternoon tea.

Endless coastlines and spectacular views are revealed at every turn, peaking with the iconic outlook over the 12 Apostles. Intrepid travellers are rewarded with unrivalled bushwalks, mountain biking, bird watching, wildlife spotting, trail running, forest exploring and adventure.

The magnificent Great Otway National Park is steeped in history, spanning the wild Southern Ocean to the volcanic lakes and plains of the south west. Immerse yourself in nature or try something new, like stand-up paddle boarding or canoeing. From surf central Torquay to bustling Warrnambool, you'll discover big-hearted country towns brimming with gourmet delights and inspired artisan creations.

Visit a mob of Eastern Grey Kangaroos in Anglesea who have made the local golf club their home. Chris's Restaurant at Apollo Bay is a must for unrivalled seafood and views. At Cape Otway Lightstation, the Lightkeepers Café captures the flavours of the Otways, while Port Fairy's Merrijig Kitchen boasts a new menu daily according to what's seasonal and fresh.

When it's time to stop and rest, take your pick of accommodation options that range from luxury resorts, holiday parks, boutique hotels and stylish apartments (but book in early!). The riches of the Great Ocean Road are best experienced with time to spare.



EVENTS

Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race
January
www.cadelevansgreateoceanroadrace.com.au

The Rip Curl Pro
March/April
www.ripcurl.com.au/events/international/rip-curl-pro-bells-beach.html

Great Ocean Road Running Festival
May
www.greatoceanroadrunfest.com.au

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Surf history: Immerse yourself in surfing without getting wet at the Australian National Surfing Museum in Torquay, home to the National Surfing Hall of Fame. Hands-on displays and epic exhibits showcase the story behind Australia's surfing history in a celebration of local beach culture.

Lighthouse love: Climb the spiral staircase to share in the stunning scenery and stories of the oldest surviving lighthouse on mainland Australia, at Cape Otway Lightstation. Meet the lighthouse keeper, discover fascinating history and try not to miss the spectacular panoramic views of the Southern Ocean.

High on nature: Be like a monkey at one of two treetop adventure parks. Navigate native bushland high amongst the gums, using ziplines, swings, tightropes, bridges and boardwalks. Super-charged adventure or mellow meandering is on offer for all ages and all abilities at Otway Fly Treetop Adventures and Lorne's Livewire Park.



Maritime drama: A hidden world of wonder awaits at Warrnambool's Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, where Australia's rich maritime history is brought to life in the dramatic sound and laser show Tales of the Shipwreck Coast. Be transported to the 19th Century through an immersive theatre experience before taking a guided lantern tour along bluestone cobbles to the open-fronted Wharf Theatre.

Twilight bush & nature walk: Get up close and personal with Australia's wildlife and learn about Aboriginal lifestyles with a Worn Gundidj indigenous guide at Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve. An insightful interactive walking tour takes you through the reserve, nestled in the crater of a dormant volcano.

Decadent desserts: An irresistibly sweet destination with handcrafted chocolates and artisan ice creams at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery. Marvel at the chocolate bounty or book a Chocolate Discovery Class to create chocolate goodies.

Eat, drink & mountain bike: Get a taste of what the locals love, be it handcrafted beer, regional wines or distilled whisky. Sit outside or snuggle by the fire at the Forrest Brewing Company, where diners are just as comfortable in their mountain biking gear as their Sunday best. Whether you like your whisky straight up or on the rocks, you will replenish the soul at the Timboon Railway Shed Distillery, located in a beautifully restored railway shed. Near Port Fairy, ducks and babydoll sheep are all part of the tasting experience at Basalt Wines Vineyard.

Geothermal mineral bathing: Discover a deep sense of relaxation with naturally therapeutic geothermal mineral bathing at Deep Blue Bath House and Spa.

HASHTAG

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TORQUAY
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM



Description: Looking for a unique surfing experience where you won't get your feet wet and that you won't find anywhere else in the world? Then visit the Australian National Surfing Museum. Featuring the Australian Surfing Hall Of Fame, a theatre that screens some of the world's best surf films, informative themed exhibition spaces, dozens of stunning photographs, and an unrivalled collection of surfboards, the Museum is recognised by the International Surfing Association as one of "the most significant centres of world surfing heritage".

Type of operation: Surf and Beach Culture Museum.

Location: Torquay, 1 hour 20 minutes drive from Melbourne.

Opening times: Open daily from 9am-5pm. Closed December 25. Advance bookings required for group tours.

Facilities: Visitor Information Centre, gifts and theatre seating 70 people.

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WEEAPROINAH
OTWAY FLY TREETOP ADVENTURES



Description: Otway Fly Treetop Adventures takes your rainforest experience to new heights in the lush surrounds of the magnificent Otway Ranges. Whether you're soaking up the breathtaking birds-eye view of the stunning rainforest or soaring through the leafy treetops on the world's highest and largest Treetop Walk, there's something for the whole family to enjoy.

ZIPLINE TOUR: An extreme rainforest experience you won't forget. Visitors can zip through the leafy treetops of the magnificent Otway Ranges from one 'Cloud Station' to another, suspended up to 30m above the forest floor.

Type of operation: Treetop Walk, Café and Zipline.

Location: 2 hours 30 minutes drive from Melbourne via A1.
3 hours 30 minutes drive from Melbourne via Great Ocean Road.

Opening times: 9am-5pm daily (except Christmas Day). Last entry 4pm.

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APOLLO BAY
CAPE OTWAY LIGHTSTATION



Description: Experience the view from Australia's most significant lighthouse (1848), 91 metres above the surging waters of Bass Strait and the Southern Ocean. Tour the 1859 Telegraph Station and other historic buildings. Spend time with our guides as they share stories and bring history alive. Discover the Aboriginal Talking Hut and join in on a bush tucker talk. Whale watching May to October.

Type of operation: Lighthouse tours/accommodation/café.

Location: 3 hours 30 minutes from Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road.

Opening times: From 9am-5pm daily (last entry 4.30pm).

Facilities: Accommodation available in original keepers' cottages. Licensed café - homemade meals and refreshments.

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WARRNAMBOOL
FLAGSTAFF HILL MARITIME VILLAGE & SOUND/LIGHT SHOW



Description: Experience the history at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, a purpose built museum attraction set amongst the 1858 Warrnambool Lighthouse precinct to reflect the rich maritime history of the Great Ocean Road. Alternatively, set sail at night and experience 'Tales of the Shipwreck Coast' – a multi-media sound and light show that brings to life local Aboriginal creation stories, the South West's colourful whaling history and the epic story of the wreck of the 'Loch Ard'. With various day/night packages available, visitors to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village will be spoiled for choice. Award-winning Lighthouse Lodge accommodation offers a unique base for guests to enjoy their time along the Great Ocean Road.

Type of operation: Maritime Village plus Sound and Light Show.

Location: 3 hours 30 minutes drive from Melbourne via Princes Hwy.

Entrance fee inclusions: By Day 'Flagstaff Hill' – Entrance to village and all exhibits. By Night 'Tales of the Shipwreck Coast' – Entrance to Sound and Light Show. Bookings essential.

Bookings/Reception
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W: www.flagstaffhill.com



REGION WIDE
DOWNUNDER FARMSTAYS



Description: Downunder Farmstays is Australia's leading farmstay provider since 1994 with farmstays also available near Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula. Downunder Farmstays offers quality accommodation and farm experience for travellers.

Farm hosts enjoy sharing and educating their visitors about farming and their sustainable lifestyles in the countryside. All farmstays include accommodation, all home cooked meals, farm activities with the farm hosts and complimentary transfers to and from the nearest country train station if required.

A farmstay is a unique experience to meet friendly local people, taste the local cuisine and enjoy the country sights.

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TYPE: Farmstay	FARMS: 6	EST: 1994
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LORNE
CUMBERLAND LORNE



Description: Spacious, self-contained 1 and 2 bedroom and 2 storey penthouse apartments featuring ocean or garden views.

Location: 2 hours from Melbourne, in the heart of Lorne.

Distance from attractions: Directly opposite the swimming beach, walking distance to shops, cafés and restaurants. A short drive to Otway rainforest sights and bushwalks.

Access to public transport: A bus service runs from Lorne to Geelong or Warrnambool where trains to Melbourne depart.

Dining facilities: A selection of dining options located on the plaza level of the Resort. Restaurants and cafés within walking distance.

Recreational facilities: Indoor heated pool, gym, tennis and squash courts, sauna, surf equipment and games room.

Cumberland Reservations
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★★★★☆

TYPE: Resort	ROOMS: 88	BEDS: 127	EST: 1989
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ANGLESEA
GREAT OCEAN ROAD RESORT



Description: Great Ocean Road Resort is a boutique 4-star resort located at the beginning of the Great Ocean Road in the seaside town of Anglesea. Pristine beaches, rugged sandstone cliffs and scenic natural forests make Anglesea one of the region's most popular getaway and holiday destinations. Choose from studios, twin share, spa suites, one or two bedroom apartments with full kitchens, private outdoor areas and garden or river views. All guest rooms come with free Wi-Fi, cable television (Foxtel) and tea and coffee facilities.

Onsite amenities include an indoor heated pool, spa, gym, restaurant, day spa, trampoline park and barbeque area.

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TYPE: Resort	ROOMS: 35	BEDS: 81	EST: 2014
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APOLLO BAY
BEACON POINT OCEAN VIEW VILLAS



Description: Enjoy the spectacular ocean views while surrounded by the beautiful countryside of the Otway Ranges. Our one or two bedroom villas offer a luxury accommodation experience. Log fires, spas, air-conditioning, private BBQs and outdoor settings. Relax in a private villa and indulge in the region's finest wines or explore the many famous attractions in the surrounding areas.

Location: 3 hours from Melbourne via Princes Hwy and the Great Ocean Road.

Distance from attractions: 15 minutes by car.

Access to public transport: Train and bus from Melbourne.

Dining facilities: Breakfast hampers available. Chris's Restaurant conveniently located right next door.

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TYPE: Self-contained Villas	ROOMS: 19	BEDS: 41	EST: 1976
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WATTLE HILL
ALKINA LODGE



Description: Winner of Gold for Best Luxury Accommodation in Victoria 2017 and 2018, and the Inspiring Award at Luxperience 2016, Alkina Lodge has three luxurious four-bedroom residences secluded on 100 acres of pristine bushland. Designed by Australia's most acclaimed architect Glenn Murcutt and partner Wendy Lewin and blessed with abundant wildlife and Southern Ocean vistas, Alkina Lodge is ideal for international travellers, architecture and nature lovers, romantic escapes, walking groups, birthdays, family groups and corporate teams.

Location: 5 hours from Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road, 3 hours via Princes Hwy.

Distance from attractions: Closest luxury accommodation to the Twelve Apostles, 900m to the Great Ocean Walk, close to many attractions.

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TYPE: S/C Luxury Lodges	LOGDES: 3	BEDS: 12	EST: 2015
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PORT CAMPBELL
SOUTHERN OCEAN VILLAS



Description: Modern, contemporary accommodation in Port Campbell. 20 architect-designed fully self-contained luxury 3BR villas. Outdoor deck, free Wi-Fi internet, BBQ, TV/DVD, fully equipped kitchen, reverse cycle air-conditioning, QS beds, private laundry facilities. Situated on the edge of Port Campbell National Park within 5 minutes walking distance of town centre and beach.

Location: 5 hours from Melbourne via Great Ocean Road; 3 hours via Princes Hwy.

Distance from attractions: Walking distance to town centre and beach. 10 minutes drive to the Twelve Apostles.

Dining facilities: Short walk to a selection of cafés and restaurants. Full kitchen facilities in each villa.

Southern Ocean Villas
2 McCue St, Port Campbell VIC 3269
T: +61 3 5598 4200
E: info@southernoceanvillas.com
W: www.southernoceanvillas.com
★★★★

TYPE: Self-contained Villas	ROOMS: 60	BEDS: 80+	EST: 2007
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PORT CAMPBELL
ANCHORS PORT CAMPBELL



Description: **Anchors Port Campbell** is a boutique 4½ star couples accommodation nestled into the limestone hills above Port Campbell. Enjoy 180 degree views of the Southern Ocean and forever changing valley. Unique, self-contained villas featuring open living with elevated bedroom, spa with panoramic view, gas log fire, Bose SoundDock™, DVDs, coffee machine, A/C and free Wi-Fi.

Anchors Beach House is the newest addition to the Anchors accommodation fleet in Port Campbell. Located in the village, this luxurious townhouse sleeps a total of 12 guests in 5 bedrooms. Guests enjoy ocean views and free Wi-Fi.

Location: 5 hours from Melbourne via Great Ocean Road; 3 hours via Princess Hwy.

Distance from attractions: 12km from the Twelve Apostles.

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W: www.anchorsportcampbell.com.au
★★★★☆

TYPE: Self-contained Villas	ROOMS: 3	BEDS: 3	EST: 2007
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WARRNAMBOOL
DEEP BLUE HOTEL & HOT SPRINGS



Description: Relax, rejuvenate and replenish at Warrnambool's boutique seaside hotel. 80 beautifully appointed guest rooms including studios, ocean view suites, and fully self-contained penthouse apartments with expansive ocean views.

Location: Located at the heart of Warrnambool's best coastal attractions. Just 1 hour's drive from the 12 Apostles on the Great Ocean Road.

Distance from attractions: Stroll to swimming beaches, middle island and extensive walking and cycling trails. 2km from the city's shopping precinct.

Dining facilities: Taste the region's finest produce including a sumptuous seafood selection at the Deep Blue Dining & Bar.

Recreational facilities: Restaurant, Hot Springs Bath House & Day Spa, indoor heated pool. Coming soon – a new open air Hot Springs Retreat.

Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs reservations
Worm Bay Rd, Warrnambool VIC 3280
T: +61 3 5559 2000
E: reservations@thedeepblue.com.au
W: www.thedeepblue.com.au
★★★★

TYPE: Resort Accommodation	ROOMS: 80	BEDS: 160	EST: 2010
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WARRNAMBOOL
DISCOVERY PARKS – WARRNAMBOOL



Description: Your Great Ocean Road adventure wouldn't be complete without a stay at our holiday park in the coastal town of Warrnambool. Meet the Maremma dogs made famous for guarding the penguin population of Middle Island in the movie 'Oddball'. Tower Hill Reserve is a haven for native wildlife and look out for the magnificent Southern Right Whales near Logan's Beach between July and September.

Accommodation options include two-bedroom cabins, spa cabins, ensuite sites, and powered and unpowered camping sites.

Location: One hour from the 12 Apostles, 30 minutes from Port Fairy.

Distance from attractions: Minutes from Lake Pertobe parks, stunning beaches and coastal walking trails. Short drive to Tower Hill Reserve.

Dining facilities: Walking distance to cafés and restaurants.

Discovery Parks
25 Pertobe Rd, Warrnambool VIC 3280
E: trade@discoveryparks.com.au
W: www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au

TYPE: Holiday Park	ROOMS: 69	BEDS: 301	
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PORT FAIRY
ASHMONT MOTOR INN



Description: Discover the village charm of Port Fairy. Superb CBD location offering a range of accommodation options including self-contained 1 & 2 bedroom king bed apartments and spacious & well appointed queen bed motel units. Family rooms available. BBQ area. Free carparking, unlimited Wi-Fi and Google Chromecast. PS, ask us about the local swimming wallaby!

Location: 1-2 hours drive from Grampians and 1.5 hours drive from 12 Apostles.

Distance from attractions: CBD location. Close to cafes, restaurants, boutique shopping, historic wharf and beaches. 10 minutes from Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve (free entry).

Dining facilities: In-room breakfast available.

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W: www.ashmontmotorinn.com.au

TYPE: Apartments & Units	ROOMS: 20	BEDS: 34	EST: 2001
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WARRNAMBOOL
LADY BAY RESORT



Description: A seaside escape. Stylish, comfortable and modern fully self-contained 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, or hotel studio rooms. Luxury spa apartment and luxury studio rooms offer ocean views. Free outdoor parking.

Location: Situated at the end of the Great Ocean Road in the city of Warrnambool. Approximately 270km west of Melbourne.

Distance from attractions: Minutes from the CBD, wonderful beaches and the Lake Pertobe parks, ocean walks and fishing. Closest accommodation to Warrnambool golf course.

Access to public transport: Bus lines located on Pertobe Road.

Dining facilities: Bar, restaurant, conference/wedding facilities.

Recreational facilities: Day spa, seasonally heated outdoor swimming pool and spa, gymnasium, walking promenade, fishing beaches and free Wi-Fi.

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TYPE: Resort Apartments	ROOMS: 85	BEDS: 160	EST: 2004
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PORT FAIRY
MERRIJIG INN



Description: A unique, wharf-side, historic Inn (Victoria's oldest), the Merrijig has serious charm!

The Inn features four ground floor suites and four attic rooms. Our suites offer king/queen beds, TV, iPod dock and own lounge room. The attic rooms, in the historic part of the Inn, are small, but cosy with antique wrought iron double beds and ensuite.

Enjoy the guest lounge with open fire, lots of magazines and books to read, free Wi-Fi and a lovely garden. A gourmet breakfast features local organic juices, real coffee, housemade sourdough breads, homemade preserves, local fruits with a daily cooked breakfast.

Dining Facilities: See Merrijig Kitchen page 43.

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TYPE: Small Country Inn	ROOMS: 8	BEDS: 9	EST: 2011
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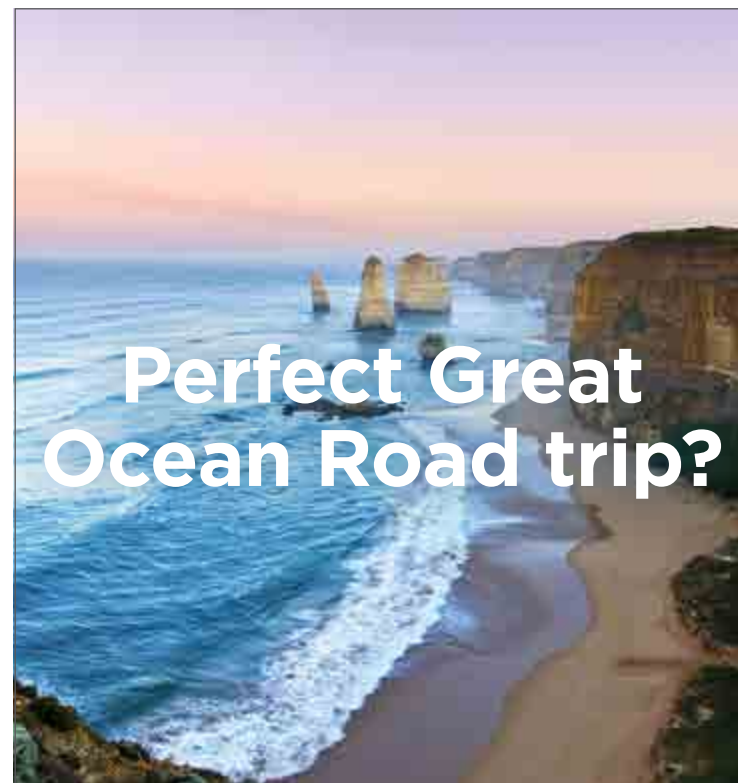
**Best Western Olde Maritime
Motor Inn**
110 Merri St, Warrnambool.

**Best Western Colonial Village
Motel**
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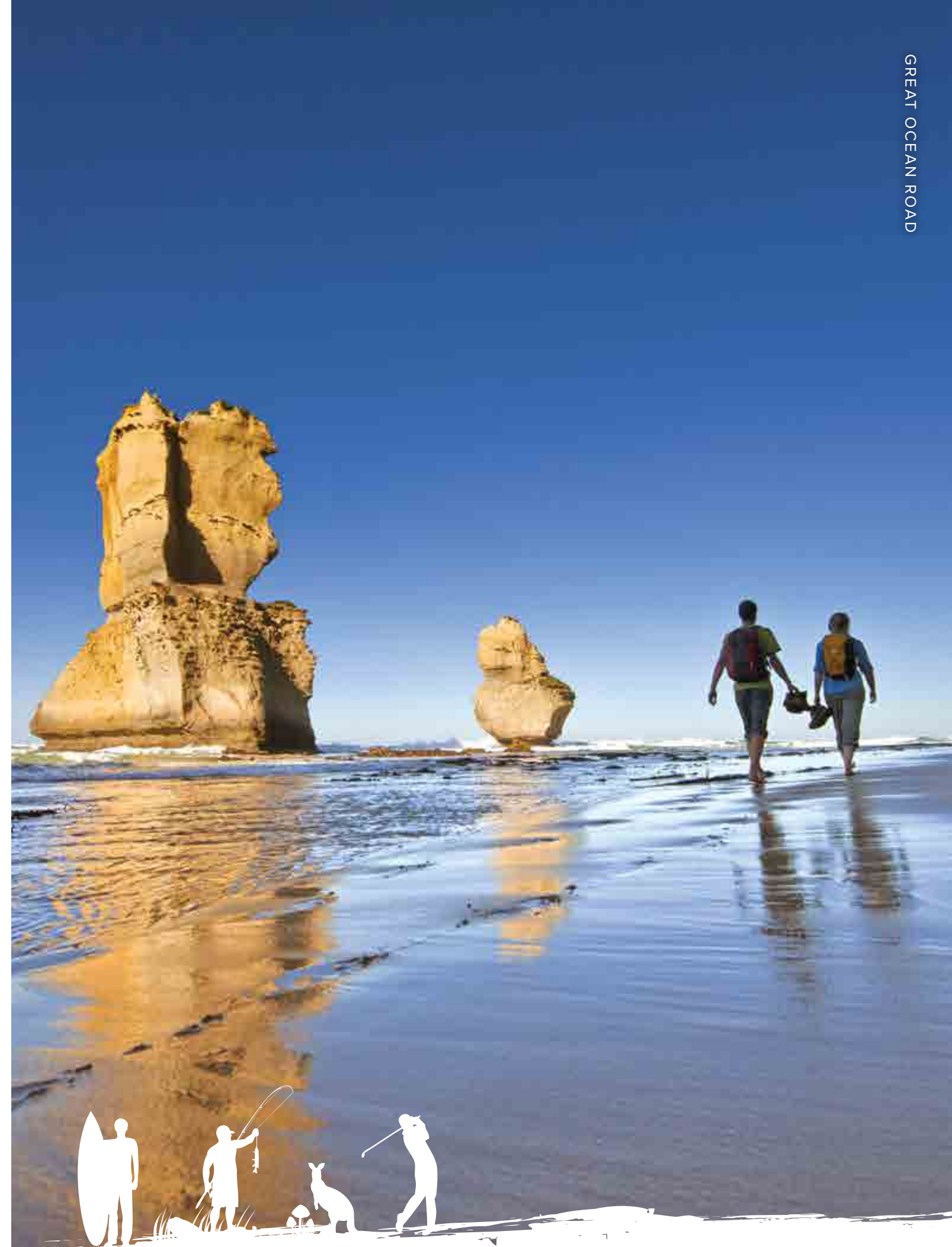


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Explore lush fern trees and magnificent waterfalls in the Great Otway National Park. Wonder at the drama of the southern coastline in Port Campbell National Park starring the world famous Twelve Apostles. Discover one of the regions hidden secrets - the beautiful Bay of Islands Coastal Park and immerse yourself in ancient rugged mountain ranges, breathtaking panoramic views and rich Aboriginal heritage in the Grampians National Park.

The ideal way to link many of these experiences, with the added bonus of encounters with abundant native Australian wildlife, is on two of Victoria's iconic long-distance walking experiences the Great Ocean Walk and Grampians Peaks Trail.

Your journey is your own. Take a day, a long weekend or longer. Go solo, in a group of mates or with a tour guide. Sleep beneath the stars in a hike-in camp or enjoy comfort in nature staying in off-walk accommodation and savour local food and wine. It's your story to create and discover.



Above: Grampians Peaks Trail

Main image: Great Ocean Walk

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GREAT OCEAN WALK



The Great Ocean Walk is one of Victoria's most sought after long distance walks, offering a backstage pass to the famous Great Ocean Road. It is a challenging and diverse walking experience traversing windswept cliffs, pristine beaches and tall forests. Step-on and step-off the Great Ocean Walk between Apollo Bay and the Twelve Apostles and watch nature's drama unfold at every step.

Build your own experience from two, three or four day itineraries, or take on the whole eight day adventure. Walkers will encounter Australian wildlife along the trail. Tour operators have packaged and guided walking products to suit all levels from camping under the stars to luxury lodge accommodation.

www.greatoceanwalk.com.au



GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL



The Grampians Peaks Trail provides an intimate and unforgettable walking experience of dramatic peaks, panoramic views and the majesty of an ancient and rugged landscape. The central section offers a 36km, three day/two night circuit walk from Halls Gap. In late 2019, Dead Bullocks Creek to Halls Gap in the north and Cassidy's Gap to Dunkeld in the south will be the next stages open as part of the trail.

When the full 160km trail is completed in late 2020, it will span the entire spine of the Grampians National Park. Walkers will be able to choose from a variety of short overnight walks or the entire trail encompassing 13 days and 12 nights delivering one of the most unique natural and cultural experiences in Australia.

www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au

For further information please contact Parks Victoria.

Visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au

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GRAMPIANS

Rugged sandstone mountain ranges are the hallmark of a landscape rich in ancient culture, ripe for new adventures and bursting with stories to tell.



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Explore the sacred landscape of the vast Grampians National Park and discover ancient Aboriginal culture, or throw yourself into the boundless adventures on offer. Rock climb, abseil, ride and trek across the land, or hit the waterways to kayak, canoe, swim or fish in this giant natural adventure playground.

Tick off the must-see sights: Boroka Lookout, Reeds Lookout, The Balconies and MacKenzie Falls; or delve further into the multitude of walking and cycling trails that traverse the region, to discover native wildlife or catch a glimpse of one of the 200 bird species that abound in the park.

The wonder of waterfalls, wildflowers and panoramic views will stay with you forever but bring along your camera to capture a stunning sunrise, kangaroos and emus at Halls Gap or Aboriginal rock art at Wartook Valley.

Take your time in the region, choosing from a range of accommodation options, including charming B&Bs, luxury hotels, budget motels, cottages and self-contained apartments. Set in the foothills of the picturesque national park is the BIG4 Grampians Parkgate Resort – offering everything from luxury cabins to a tent pitched under the starry night sky.

Enrich your stay with a local festival such as the Stawell Easter Gift (held since 1878) – Australia's richest footrace, or one of Australia's longest running wine and food festivals, the Grampians Grape Escape.

Main image: Grampians National Park



EVENTS

Grampians Music Festival
February
www.grampiansmusicfestival.com

Grampians Grape Escape
May
www.grampiansgrapeescape.com.au

Seriously Shiraz
September
www.seriouslyshiraz.com.au

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Get glamping: Immerse yourself in the sound and feel of the great outdoors with glamping (luxury camping). Try Aussie outback style in a queen-bed bell tent at Halls Gap Lakeside Tourist Park, where you can unwind in an outdoor wood fire-heated pool or relax by a crackling campfire as night falls around you.

For art's sake: The brilliant Hamilton Gallery is a local treasure, with an extensive art collection and thought-provoking hangings. Discover a vast range of touring, temporary and permanent exhibitions each year.

Bedside views: Look no further than Dunkeld's Royal Mail Hotel for a deluxe, architecturally-designed room, with sweeping views of the majestic Grampians National Park.

Ancient culture: Discover indigenous cultural stories, hidden rock art sites, artifact displays, boomerang and didgeridoo workshops and more at Brambuk – The National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap.



Bush retreat: Discover the tranquility and serenity of the Grampians at D'Altons Resort – a delightful bush retreat in the surrounds of the national park, offering family accommodation in self-contained cottages or spa studios for a romantic getaway.

Hanging out: Test your nerves as you learn to abseil or rock climb on the granite cliffs and rocky outcrops of the spectacular Grampians region. Choose a local adventure company and learn the ropes from a qualified instructor.

Meet the winemakers: Home to some of the world's oldest vines, the Grampians wine region is all about taste and experience. Discover award-winning wineries and enjoy tastings at any of the many Grampians cellar doors. Start your list with Grampians Estate, Fallen Giants, Seppelt Great Western, Mount Langi Ghiran and Pierrepont Wines.

Verandah views: Whether you stop to down a barista-style drink or settle in for a hearty bistro meal, the sweeping views from the huge open verandah at the Halls Gap Hotel will steal the show. In cooler weather, crackling log fires will keep you warm.

Hike it: Step into the dramatic ancient landscape of Grampians National Park, with a spectacular three-day, two-night trek on the first section of the Grampians Peak Trail. Plan ahead for the 36-kilometre loop walk and enjoy an unforgettable journey across rugged ranges, over panoramic peaks and into the heart of ancient Aboriginal culture.

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HAMILTON HAMILTON GALLERY



Description: Hamilton Gallery features remarkable special exhibitions. Recent exhibitions have included *John Wolseley: Mallee, Maquis, Desert, Rainforest*; *Rick Amor: Painting Silence*; *Ah Xian: Axiom* and *Celia Rosser: The Banksias | Three Volumes*. Hamilton Gallery’s renowned collection features a decorative arts focus of both Australian and International objects from the 17th century through to the present. Asian art and Australian paintings and prints are strongly represented but the Gallery is perhaps best known for its rare collection of gouache and watercolour landscapes by Paul Sandby (1731-1809).

Type of operation: Art Gallery.

Location: 1 hour from Warrnambool, 15 minutes from Dunkeld, walking distance to Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

Opening times: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Saturday 10am-12noon and 2pm-5pm. Sunday 2pm-5pm. Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

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DUNKELD ROYAL MAIL HOTEL



Description: Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, Southern Grampians is a destination that celebrates food, wine and nature. The majestic Grampians mountains provide a stunning backdrop to our fine dining restaurant, deluxe accommodation and native Australian gardens.

Our sister property, Mount Sturgeon Cottages, provides restful seclusion with country charm on a working farm, 3km from the hotel.

Location: 3 hours from Melbourne via Ballarat.

Distance from attractions: 5 minutes to Grampians National Park.

Access to public transport: Coach from Melbourne.

Dining facilities: Fine dining restaurant, casual restaurant, wine bar.

Facilities: Pool, private walking tracks, kitchen garden tours, wine cellar tours, native animals.

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Parker St, Dunkeld VIC 3294
T: +61 3 5577 2241
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★★★★

TYPE: Boutique Hotel	ROOMS: 40	BEDS: 115	EST: 1997
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HALLS GAP BRAMBUK - THE NATIONAL PARK & CULTURAL CENTRE



Description: This impressive centre brings to life the history and culture of the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung Aboriginal communities of South-Western Victoria, and offers visitors a range of activities and tours as well as information on Aboriginal cultural heritage, local rock art sites and the Grampians National Park.

Tours: Bunjil Creation Tour - learn the Dreamtime Creation story and visit the resting place of Bunjil. Duration: 3 hours.

Six Seasons Tour - be immersed in Aboriginal culture and the beauty of the Grampians landscape. Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes. (Bookings required at least one week prior).

Type of operation: Aboriginal Cultural and Information Centre.

Location: 3 hours from Melbourne on the Western Hwy via Ararat.

Opening times: 9am-5pm, 7 days a week.

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HALLS GAP COUNTRY PLAZA HALLS GAP



Description: The Country Plaza Halls Gap is a comfortably appointed property with 51 rooms, offering its guests a range of facilities to assist your stay in becoming as relaxed and as comfortable as possible. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, TVs and coffee/tea making facilities. Fridges and room service make in-room dining convenient. Nice touches to enhance your stay include free toiletries and premium bedding. Hairdryers, irons/ironing boards and desks are also available. Group and coach tour specialists.

Location: 3 hours from Melbourne on the Western Hwy via Ballarat.

Dining facilities: Fully Licensed Darcy’s Bar and Grill; Darcy’s Breakfast Café.

Facilities: Outdoor pool, gymnasium, sauna, children’s playground and games room, conference rooms, ample off street parking, late check-in kiosk for late arrivals.

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★★★★☆

TYPE: Motel	ROOMS: 51	BEDS: 101	EST: 1986
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HALLS GAP D’ALTONS RESORT



Description: D’Altons Resort has self-contained cottages comprising of Studio Cottages which sleep 2, Spa Studio Cottages for the romantics and Family Cottages sleeping from 4 to 6 people.

All Cottages are air-conditioned. Set on 27 acres in the heart of Halls Gap. Kangaroos aplenty roam the property.

Location: 3 hours from Melbourne on the Western Hwy via Ballarat.

Access to public transport: Train and coach from Melbourne.

Dining facilities: Fully-equipped kitchens and close to restaurants.

Recreational facilities: Swimming pool, tennis court, children’s playground.

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TYPE: Resort	ROOMS: 25	BEDS: 96	EST: 1998
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HALLS GAP HALLS GAP LAKESIDE TOURIST PARK



Description: This highly rated and fully upgraded tourist park has proven ideal for those who enjoy the independence of a self-drive holiday and are looking for comfort and luxury as well as wanting to experience the Australian outdoors. The park is owned and operated by a Dutch/Australian couple who are not only extremely passionate about the Grampians but also about the quality of stay and the customer experience. Located 4km from the township of Halls Gap and connected with a walking/bike path, the location offers guests the opportunity to be at one with nature whilst close to shops, cafés and restaurants. Sit around the campfire whilst watching kangaroos, emus and cockatoos in their natural habitat or have a swim in the outdoor woodfire heated pools. This park is the bucket list destination for all internationals.

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TYPE: Tourist Park	CABINS: 26	BEDS: 112	EST: 1975
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BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS

A rich golden history shaped a region now brimming with cultural appeal, wildlife adventures and gourmet delights.



While opulent heritage buildings speak of the 1850s gold rush era, scratch the surface of Ballarat's golden past to discover a deep cultural character, merged perfectly with a buzzing art scene, vibrant commerce and natural charm.

Sovereign Hill tops the list for most visitors keen to explore Ballarat's much-awarded recreated gold rush town and outdoor museum. Apart from panning for (real) gold and visiting an underground mine, you could easily get lost for a day or two discovering tunnels, old-fashioned streetscapes and a swag of experiences, from dipping candles and riding a stage coach through the busy street, to going underground on a fully guided Secret Chamber tram ride.

The city of Ballarat retains much of its historical charm, with grand thoroughfares and hidden laneways. Galleries, eateries and architecture pay heed to days of yesteryear, while leafy gardens provide shady refuge and a local wildlife park hosts more than 100 roaming kangaroos.

To fully immerse oneself in Ballarat's opulent past, book a night or two in the Royal Suite at Craig's Royal Hotel and find yourself surrounded by beautifully restored 1850s décor.

Outside of town, discover a contemporary vibe in many nearby villages, where heritage trails, outdoor walks, local foodie haunts and renowned boutique wineries reflect an unspoken richness and depth of character. Creswick is a must stop destination and is home of the Creswick Woollen Mills. Meet the resident alpacas and purchase Australian products made onsite at the Mill.



Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

EVENTS

Plate Up
May
www.plateupballarat.com.au

Ballarat Winter Festival
July
www.ballaratwinterfestival.com.au

Cycling Australia Road National Championships
January
www.cycling.org.au/events/road-national-championships

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Sound and light show: Sovereign Hill's new multi-million dollar sound and light spectacular AURA. Be instantly transported into a multi-sensory experience, guided through pastoral settlements to the rich cultural tapestry of life on the goldfields.

Get arty: Australia's oldest and largest regional gallery, the Art Gallery of Ballarat, boasts work of old masters and new artists with a stunning collection of Australian art housed in grand and elegant 19th Century rooms through to striking contemporary spaces.

Discover gold: Stake your claim hunting for gold in the beautiful Australian bush, with Gold & Relics Gold Prospecting Adventure Tours, who will teach you what the professionals don't want you to know. Metal detectors and goldpans supplied.

On the farm: Experience authentic Australian rural life with Downunder Farmstays, where your host provides a warm welcome and helps you experience all that Australian farm life has to offer.



Great lake: A welcome oasis in the centre of town, Lake Wendouree comes complete with playgrounds, picnic spots and a keen community of canoeists, rowers and sail-boaters. Joggers and walkers are catered for with a six-kilometre running (or walking) track named after Ballarat's much-loved son, Olympic marathon runner Steve Moneghetti.

Paddock to plate: A destination in itself, The Gallery at historic Craig's Royal Hotel, serves up the finest seasonal produce in an extraordinary glass-roofed restaurant, dining under the stars at night or bathed in sunlight by day.

Animal attraction: Get up close and personal with native animals at Ballarat Wildlife Park. Book ahead to meet 'Crunch' – a five-metre-long super croc – and 'Lava Claw', Victoria's only Komodo dragon, along with koalas, kangaroos, dingoes, snakes, wombats and more.

Wine and dine: Graze on an array of delicious local produce or play petanque on the piste, while savouring international-quality wines at Blue Pyrenees Estate, ranked as the region's best cellar door by Gourmet Traveller Magazine in 2018.

Garden meander: Take a guided tour to truly experience the wonder and glory of Ballarat's Botanical Gardens, famous for begonias and The Prime Ministers Avenue, lined with bronze busts of Australia's former leaders.

A fine yarn: Follow the journey of fibre, from alpaca's back to balls of luxurious yarn at Creswick Woollen Mills, Gold Winner of the RACV Victorian Tourism Award and the last coloured woollen spinning mill of its type in Australia.

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BALLARAT ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT



Description: Discover an exciting mix of old and new Australian art at the Art Gallery of Ballarat. There's lots to talk about – the fantastic collection, the exciting exhibition program and the unique gifts, art and souvenirs in the Gallery shop. Then relax with a great coffee in the café.

Type of operation: Permanent collection on display, temporary exhibitions. Also gift shop and visitor information.

Location: Located in Ballarat's CBD.

Opening times: 10am-5pm daily, except Christmas and Boxing Day.

Access to public transport: 2 minute walk from Ballarat Railway Station. Trains and buses from Melbourne and Geelong. Check V/Line timetables for other regional centres.

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BALLARAT SOVEREIGN HILL & AURA



Description: By day, the museum is where Australian history comes to life. Step back in time – from the hustle and bustle of Main Street where costumed ladies and gents parade their wealth, to the excitement of the diggings where you can pan for real gold. By night, experience Sovereign Hill's new sound and light show, AURA. Be instantly transported into an immersive multi-sensory experience, guided through pastoral settlements to the rich cultural tapestry of life on the goldfields.

Type of operation: Outdoor Museum.

Location: 1 hour 30 minutes' drive from Melbourne via Western Fwy.

Opening times: Sovereign Hill: 10am-5pm daily except Christmas Day. Open until 5.30pm during daylight saving. Gold Museum: 9.30am-5.30pm daily except Christmas Day. Open until 6pm during daylight saving. AURA: visit www.aurasovereignhill.com.au for session times.

Access to public transport: Local coach service, train to Melbourne.

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BALLARAT BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK



Description: Meet Australia's most famous native animals up close. At Ballarat Wildlife Park visitors can hand feed some of the 100 friendly free-roaming kangaroos, pat a koala, cuddle a wombat and see Crunch the 5 metre long super croc! A colony of little penguins call the park home, and there's also giant tortoises, a pack of dingoes, Victoria's only Komodo dragon and much more.

A daily tour and schedule of animal and conservation presentations will immerse visitors into the animal world.

Enquire about special one-on-one animal encounter experiences.

Type of operation: Wildlife park.

Location: 90 minutes from Melbourne via the Western Freeway.

Opening times: 9am-5pm daily (except Christmas Day).

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CRESWICK CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS



Description: Visit the Creswick Woollen Mills tourism experience "A Very Fine Yarn" showcasing the journey of fibre; all the way from its source on the alpaca, through the manufacturing process and how it ends up on the shop shelf. The exhibit gives a great insight into natural fibre, how luxurious fibres are processed and gives visitors a chance to see Australian manufacturing as it happens.

Meet our resident alpacas and purchase Australian products made right here at the Mill!

Gold Winner of the RACV Victorian Tourism Award for Best Attraction.

Opening times: Retail store open 9am-5pm, 7 days a week and interpretive exhibit open at 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm daily.

Creswick Woollen Mills
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BALLARAT CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL



Description: This magnificent heritage hotel must not be missed as a great dining and accommodation experience. After six years of meticulous and extensive restoration, Craig's truly is "the pride of Ballarat" (Mark Twain).

Location: 1 hour 30 minutes from Melbourne via Western Fwy.

Distance from attractions: CBD location, in heritage-listed Lydiard Street, close to theatres, galleries and shopping.

Access to public transport: Railway station and bus terminal.

Dining facilities: Gallery Restaurant, Craig's Café & Larder.

Recreational facilities: Lounges with open fires, conference facilities, function rooms, private dining rooms.

Reservations Manager
10 Lydiard St South, Ballarat VIC 3350
T: +61 3 5331 1377
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W: www.craigroyal.com.au

TYPE: Hotel	ROOMS: 41	BEDS: 50	EST: 1853
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A place of natural wellbeing where mind and body come together, stress slips away in healing mineral waters and the spirit soars in exquisite landscapes.



Nourish the soul and restore your balance in this idyllic getaway, where spa country meets natural bushland, and quaint villages are brimming with an artsy vibe and quirky creations.

With more than 200 wellness therapies and spa treatments on offer, this award-winning spa region is all about feeling good. Soak up the restorative waters of Hepburn Springs or indulge in the natural fizz of mineral water fresh from the ground, in a tradition dating back more than one hundred years.

Tranquil forests and lush heritage gardens transport you to a place of relaxation, or for something more active, explore the surrounding forests via a network of walking and cycling trails where you'll be rewarded with glimpses of wildlife and stellar views.

Streetscapes burst with character and majestic old guesthouses beg for further investigation. Browse art galleries, meet the makers and creators in eclectic studio spaces and wander through charming towns to unearth specialty boutiques, restaurants, cafés, second-hand bookstores, antiques and collectables.

The enchanted setting of Wombat Hill House Café and Kitchen Garden offers all-day grazing on locally sourced, seasonal produce in a casual country-style setting within the beautiful Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. Sit back and sip cool climate wines or grab a picnic basket and settle under a shady tree.

Check the local events calendar for markets, festivals and cultural events, which abound throughout the region.



EVENTS

ChillOut Festival, Daylesford
March
www.chilloutfestival.com.au

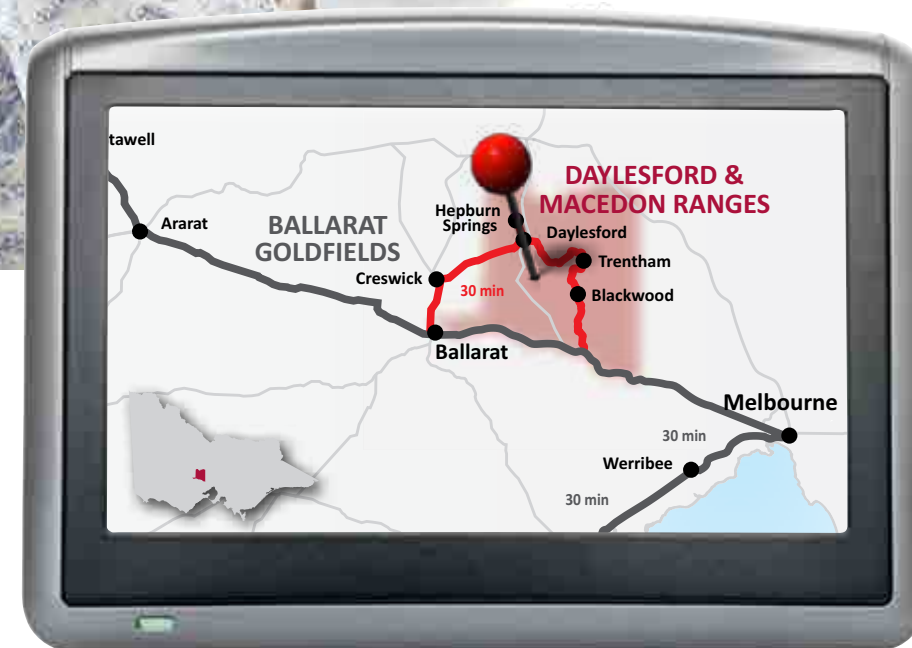
Lost Trades Fair, Kyneton
March
www.lostrades.info

Clunes Booktown Festival
May
www.clunesbooktown.com.au

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Spa therapy: Surround yourself with waterfall-fed streams while relaxing in a private treetop mineral spa at The Spa at Lake House. The Spa at Lake House is its own oasis of blissful tranquility.

Master chefs: An exclusive opportunity to work with top chefs from the Lake House team, in a full-day masterclass of cooking demonstrations and foodie discussion, or a half-day seasonal session at the Cooking School.



High tea on the hill: Enjoy true country hospitality with a touch of class at the Wombat Hill House Café, where high tea is served amidst the glorious Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. Complement a delicious selection of cakes and sandwiches with crisp sparkling, while enjoying garden views.

Lake House luxury: Splurge on a weekend indulgence at the elegant Lake House, with wine and dine packages that restore and rejuvenate.

Luxury escape: Clifftop at Hepburn provides luxury, well-being and exclusivity.

HASHTAG

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#hepburnsprings #wellbeingregion
#daylesfordmacedonranges
#gstr #roadtrip*

DAYLESFORD
THE COOKING SCHOOL AT LAKE HOUSE



Description: The Cooking School at Lake House allows guests to interact with like-minded foodies and learn from some of the world's best and most interesting chefs. Classes are held in the purpose-built Cooking School kitchen and scheduled most weekends throughout the year.

There are opportunities for demonstrations with visiting chefs including some of Australia's leading food heroes such as Matt Moran, Andrew McConnell and George Calombaris, as well as hands on tuition in contemporary cooking techniques from senior chefs from the Lake House kitchen team.

Watch out for exclusive dinners, lunches and other special events on the calendar.

The Cooking School at Lake House
4 King St, Daylesford VIC 3460
T: +61 3 5348 3329
E: info@lakehouse.com.au
W: www.lakehouse.com.au

DAYLESFORD
LAKE HOUSE



Description: Member of Luxury Lodges of Australia and only 1 hour 20 minutes from Melbourne, Lake House is one of the most awarded retreats in the country. Built and operated by the Wolf-Tasker family since 1984; the property sits on Lake Daylesford amongst six acres of country gardens. Resident artist Allan Wolf-Tasker's large colourful paintings adorn the walls and his studio is open for resident guests throughout the day. Culinary Director Alla Wolf-Tasker's restaurant is one of Australia's best with '2 Chef's Hats', and the stellar wine list is included in the Wine List of the Year Hall of Fame. Active guests enjoy the tennis court, the lakeside infinity pool and easy access to beautiful walking trails around the lake. Others prefer blissful relaxation in The Spa or cocktails in the Argyle Library Bar. Foodies love the Cooking School with a rolling schedule of classes.

Lake House
4 King St, Daylesford VIC 3460
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W: www.lakehouse.com.au

TYPE: Hotel	ROOMS: 33	BEDS: 33	EST: 1984
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DAYLESFORD
THE SPA AT LAKE HOUSE



Description: Set amongst the lush country gardens of the award-winning Lake House Hotel; The Spa is its own oasis of blissful tranquility. Deep spa tubs with 100% pure mineral water sit amongst the willows in treehouses overlooking Lake Daylesford - fitting for a spa set in the home of Australia's largest number of naturally occurring mineral springs. The focus here is on hydrotherapy, rejuvenating relaxation and deep tissue massage and high-performance beauty and body treatments utilising the premium Elemis products.

The Spa at Lake House
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HEPBURN SPRINGS
CLIFFTOP AT HEPBURN



Description: Clifftop at Hepburn offers stunning world-class luxury accommodation in Hepburn Springs. Experience breathtaking luxury in our award-winning traditional villas, and our NEW Paris, Venice, Rome and Vienna shipping container villas will make guests swoon... from the sheer glass floors with waterfall and rockpool views, bottomless infinity daybeds overhanging a spectacular precipice and wooden baths, to the world's best massage chair, Star Wars limited edition pinball machine and a huge chromotherapy shower head catering to every aquatic whim.

Clifftop at Hepburn provides luxury, well-being and exclusivity, and is a truly effortless and serene place to unwind.

Location: 1 hour from Melbourne, via Calder or Western Freeway.

Facilities: Wi-Fi, full kitchen in traditional villas, wood fireplace.

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★★★★★

TYPE: Luxury Resort	ROOMS: 7	BEDS: 10	EST: 2015
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WERRIBEE AND SURROUNDS

World-class attractions abound on the doorstep of Melbourne, merging heritage and history with oodles of natural charm.





Find yourself lost in an enchanted world just 30 minutes drive from Melbourne. Werribee is bursting with unique experiences, captivating wildlife encounters and compelling tales of days gone by.

Kick off your day at Werribee Park Tourism Precinct, a hub of must-do experiences and the region's top attractions in a single location. Take a safari across the savannah on an African adventure at Werribee Open Range Zoo, where you'll spot herds of rhino, zebra and giraffe, eyeball the endangered Orange-bellied parrot and beat your chest with a family of gorillas. Move to the rhythm of Africa in an off-road sunset safari, get crazy about big cats, meet the keepers and learn a bit about wildlife conservation.

Take time to smell the roses at the beautiful Victoria State Rose Garden, before you delve into the historical world of former pastoralists at the grand old Werribee Park Mansion. Indulge in fascinating stories from a bygone era, poke around charming old-fashioned rooms or spread out a picnic on the magnificent Great Lawn.

Trot on over to the National Equestrian Centre where you can cheer on horse riders at major events like Equitana and the World Polo Championships.

Glide into the RAAF Museum at Point Cook, the birthplace of the Australian Flying Corps and the Royal Australian Air Force, for a fabulous family experience where aviation history soars into life, with interactive air displays and hangars full of restored military aircraft.

Birdwatchers follow the call in local wetlands, walkers snake their way along Werribee River marveling at the spectacular red cliffs of K Road, while the Point Cook Marine Sanctuary teems with underwater possibilities.

In town, enjoy a cuppa with a slice of delicious lemon meringue pie on the ambient Watton Street shopping strip, where you'll find a cosmopolitan mix of al fresco cafés, international restaurants, pubs and wine bars.



Victoria State Rose Garden



Werribee River



African beats, Werribee Open Range Zoo

MUST DO EXPERIENCES

Out of Africa: Enjoy the serenity of a Slumber Safari at Werribee Open Range Zoo, with an exceptional overnight glamping (luxury camping) experience. Tented lodges come complete with creature comforts to uplift the soul, while animal encounters, night walks and shared campfires bring you back to earth.

Flower power: A blooming riot of colour awaits at the Victoria State Rose Garden where more than 5,000 rose varieties are on display across five hectares of beautiful gardens.

Dramatic nights: A night of theatre with a twist, as a mischievous maid and butler lead you through eerie hallways of grand Werribee Park Mansion after dark, revealing the secret lives of the Chirnside family from the 19th Century, in a highly entertaining historical performance.

Gorilla tactics: Book a Gorilla Encounter at Werribee Open Range Zoo and be guided behind the scenes into the gorilla night dens, where you get up close and personal with these beautiful and remarkable creatures.

River walk: Enjoy wetlands, watch for rare birdlife and possibly spot a platypus as you stroll the 3.3km walking trail of Werribee River Park, where wild wallabies leap and picnic opportunities abound.

EVENTS

Fromage a Trois Cheese Festival
March
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/fromage-trois-cheese-festival

State Rose & Garden Show
November
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/state-rose-garden-show

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#gstr #roadtrip

WERRIBEE WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO



Description: Experience an African adventure across over 200 hectares of beautiful natural surrounds at Werribee Open Range Zoo. 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.

Type of operation: Open Range Zoo.

Location: 30 minute drive west of Melbourne. K Road, Werribee.

Opening times: 9am-5pm daily. Safari bus tours depart from 10.30am, last tour 3.40pm.

Entrance fee inclusions: 40 minute guided safari, walking trails, school holiday activities, wildlife viewing and more. Under 16 free entry weekends.

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GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE ECHIDNA WALKABOUT



Description: International award-winning wildlife and nature tour operator – small group scheduled FIT, private charter, group tours and cruise ship shore excursions.

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”.

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COLLECTION: Melbourne

PAX: 2-10

CHARTER: Y

REGION WIDE GREAT OCEAN ROAD PRIVATE LUXURY TOURS



Description: Great Ocean Road Private Luxury Tours are the local experts of this universally acclaimed, iconic destination. With our local guides and extensive local knowledge and partners, we are the specialists in personalised, flexible, private luxury tours to the Great Ocean Road, Bellarine Peninsula, Grampians and beyond.

Duration of tours: 1, 2, 3 and 4-day tours are available. Extended touring options are available on request. Airport transfers also available.

General Itineraries: We have a diverse array of set itineraries and can also personalise and tailor the itineraries around specific interests for our guests. These include food, wine, nature and wildlife, photography, family tours and hiking experiences.

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COLLECTION: Melbourne CBD, Geelong & GOR

PAX: 14

CHARTER: Y

REGION WIDE AUTOPIA TOURS



Description: Autopia Tours is one of Melbourne's most experienced small group tour operators providing quality and entertaining tours along the Great Southern Touring Route.

We operate 1, 2, 3 and 4-day tours visiting all the popular scenic destinations along the Great Southern Touring Route including the Twelve Apostles and the Grampians National Park.

Our tours are suitable for anyone who enjoys comfortable touring without the 5-star price tag.

Come and explore all that these stunning regions have to offer with our friendly local tour guides.

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COLLECTION: Central pickup location at Regent Theatre

PAX: 24

CHARTER: Y

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REGION WIDE MAUI MOTORHOMES



Description: A **maui** journey is one of discovery and authentic experiences. It's about travelling in comfort and style. Indulge yourself in the scenic route. Stay longer because you can, and learn more about the world around you. Choose the view you wake up to and discover the Great Southern Touring Route your way. **maui** offers a range of premium, high-quality motorhomes all under two years of age, sleeping up to six people.

Duration of rental: Minimum hire periods apply.

Equipment provided: All vehicles feature automatic transmission, air-conditioning and heating, fridge, gas stove, microwave, toilet, shower, DVD player with flat screen and a turbo diesel engine. Motorhomes are supplied with freshly laundered linen and bedding, kitchen essentials and all the general living equipment you will need.

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COLLECTION: Adel, Alice Springs, Bris, Broome, Cairns, Darwin, Hob, Mel, Perth, Syd PAX: 6

REGION WIDE PARK TREK WALKING HOLIDAYS



Park Trek offers small group walking holidays to some of the country's most spectacular destinations. In Victoria destinations include Great Ocean Walk, Grampians, Wilsons Promontory, the Goldfields Track and Victorian Alps.

With a locally based, highly motivated guiding team, our tours focus on walking and engaging with the natural environment. You don't need to be superfit, just reasonably active and love the great outdoors.

All tours include high quality accommodation, most meals and thoughtfully planned itineraries with regular scheduled departures and private tours available on request.

Our walking tours generate rave reviews from guests who enjoy the friendly atmosphere and high level of care provided by guides. Walk with a day pack only and explore the best of Victoria with us!

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COLLECTION: Outside National Gallery Victoria PAX: 10 CHARTER: Y

REGION WIDE OCEANIA TOURS & SAFARIS



Description: Oceania Tours operates unique day tours to the Great Ocean Road in small groups of up to 11 passengers in English, German, Italian and Spanish.

Our tour includes an exclusive visit to the Great Ocean Ec lodge to see koalas and kangaroos away from the crowds. An overnight stay at the Ec lodge is available on small group and private basis.

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COLLECTION: City hotels PAX: 11 CHARTER: Y

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SMALL ACTIVITIES



REGION WIDE

Description: We fly hot air balloons over Ballarat, Daylesford, Melbourne and the Yarra Valley every morning of the year (weather permitting). There is no better way to start your day than a glorious sunrise from one of our balloons.

To book a flight all you need to do is contact one of our friendly staff.

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HOURS: Open 8am-6pm every day

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PAX: 80 TYPE OF OPERATION: Outdoor Activity

GEELONG

Description: Little Creatures is a flavour-loving brewery, born out of a love affair with hoppy beers and dedicated to making a unique range of brews to tempt the tastebuds of Australian drinkers. Come by, grab a Pale Ale and a bite in the Canteen or take a wander down Mystery Lane and see what you discover. Jump aboard a brewery tour and learn more about how that delicious beer is made.

Little Creatures Brewery
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HOURS: Little Creatures Mon-Tue 10am-5pm, Wed-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat-Sun 8am-10pm. White Rabbit Sun-Thu 11am-5pm, Fri-Sat 11am-9pm

LITTLE CREATURES BREWERY



SEATS: Inside 320, laneway 140 LICENSED: YES

GEELONG

Description: 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, alongside hosting an exciting range of contemporary exhibitions, public programs and special events. The Museum Shop offers Australian woollen apparel, giftware and souvenirs.

National Wool Museum
T: +61 3 5272 4701 A: 26 Moorabool St, Geelong VIC 3220
E: nwminfo@geelongcity.vic.gov.au W: www.nwm.vic.gov.au
OPENING TIMES: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm. Museum Shop open daily 9am-5pm

NATIONAL WOOL MUSEUM



TYPE OF OPERATION: Museum

THE BELLARINE

Description: The fastest growing golf club in Australia – come play, dine and relax at this iconic, much loved course of The Bellarine. With spectacular views across the fairways, bay and beyond, Curlewis is no ordinary golf club. Also onsite is The Range @ Curlewis, an incredible indoor/outdoor driving range complex with auto tees, XGolf, cool two tiered mini-golf – fun for all ages. Unique, hip, quirky, delicious.

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OPENING TIMES: Open 7 days

CURLEWIS GOLF CLUB



TYPE OF OPERATION: Golf Club

WALLINGTON

FLYING BRICK CIDER HOUSE

Description: Funky, fabulous fun for a great lunch and tastings! Flying Brick ciders are traditionally crafted from 100% fresh fruit and contain no sugars, colours, flavourings or concentrates. In addition to the three classic and highly awarded Flying Brick Cider offerings – Original, Pear and Draught – the onsite cidery is continually crafting boutique seasonal batches from fresh, seasonal fruit.

Flying Brick Cider House

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HOURS: Open 7 days for lunch and guided tastings. Dinner on Friday and Saturday nights

RESTAURANT: YES

SEATS: 200



QUEENSCLIFF

QUEENSCLIFF BREWHOUSE

Description: The Queenscliff Brewhouse is a brewery, distillery, whisky bar, live music venue and regional produce cellar door, the largest in the region. A food and beverage haven with over 250 craft beers and ciders, over 420 spirits and 400 regional wines. The multi-award-winning venue specialises in food and beverage tastings and experiences such as 'Brew Your Own Beer' or 'Brewer For a Day' packages.

Brewhouse Manager

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A: 2 Gellibrand St, Queenscliff VIC 3225

E: info@queenscliffbrewhouse.com.au

W: www.queenscliffbrewhouse.com.au

HOURS: Monday-Friday 11am-late, Saturday & Sunday 8am-late

SEATS: 500 over 5 areas

LICENSED: YES



QUEENSCLIFF

SEA ALL DOLPHIN SWIMS

Description: Swim with wild seals and dolphins and get up close and personal with local marine life. 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. All equipment provided and all swimming abilities catered for. Transport options available.

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A: Queenscliff Boat Harbour, Queenscliff VIC 3225

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HOURS: Open 7 days 9am-5pm, closed Christmas Day

TYPE OF OPERATION: Special Interest Tour



BELLBRAE

GREAT OCEAN ROAD CHOCOLATERIE & ICE CREAMERY

Description: The stunning Chocolaterie, set on 15 acres of landscaped gardens, opened in September 2016 and is located just over an hour from Melbourne. Entry is free – watch our chocolatiers at work and wander in our showroom filled with thousands of delicious products. Book a hosted tasting of our amazing chocolate creations or enjoy a breakfast, lunch, specialty dessert or snack in our 300 seat café.

Ian and Leanne Neeland, Owners

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HOURS: Open every day 9am-5pm

TYPE OF OPERATION: Chocolaterie/café



LORNE

LIVE WIRE PARK

Description: Live Wire Park is Australia's most stunning elevated adventure park. Situated in Lorne, the heart of Australia's Great Ocean Road, lies one of the world's latest and largest tree top ropes courses. Live Wire Park is also home to the Shockwave Zip Coaster, Australia's most extreme zip line. Experience nature, supercharged!

Luke Nisbet, Director

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HOURS: Open 8.45am-5pm 7 days a week

TYPE OF OPERATION: Elevated Adventure Park



FORREST

FORREST BREWING COMPANY

Description: Forrest Brewing Company is an independently owned microbrewery in the tiny Otways hinterland township of Forrest. We make our beer and we own our brewery. Our brew house door and restaurant are housed within the old Forrest general store. Our kitchen serves fresh, informal, locally sourced food, paired with craft beer, local wines and freshly roasted coffee. Open daily.

Sharon Bradshaw

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HOURS: 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch, open for dinner Thursday, Friday & Saturday

TYPE OF OPERATION: Brewery/Restaurant



APOLLO BAY

GREAT OCEAN ROAD BREWHOUSE

Description: Local craft beer specialist with over 100 craft beers on offer, including ales from around Australia and the globe. Offering beer, cider, wine, gin and whisky tastings, hand-crafted produce from the Great Ocean Road and Otway regions, an award-winning bistro serving delicious meals, a fireplace, seaside beer garden, and a family-friendly atmosphere. Live weekend entertainment and sports bar.

Brewhouse Manager

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HOURS: Monday-Saturday, 11am-1am and Sunday 11am-11pm

SEATS: 150

LICENSED: YES



TIMBOON

TIMBOON RAILWAY SHED DISTILLERY

Description: Our distillery offers visitors the unique experience of witnessing a respected boutique distillery at work and tasting award-winning single malt whisky, vodka and liqueurs. We offer great regional fare for lunch on our deck. Designed for sharing, our fresh menu utilises the best of local produce. Our restored 1800's railway shed offers a destination with a 'real sense of place'.

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HOURS: 7 days 10am-4.30pm (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day & Good Friday), lunch 11.30am-3pm

TYPE OF OPERATION: Craft Distillery/Restaurant



WARRNAMBOOL

DEEP BLUE BATH HOUSE & DAY SPA

Description: Discover a deep sense of relaxation, healing and balance with naturally therapeutic geothermal mineral bathing. Gathered from deep in the earth, the natural hot spring water contains health restoring minerals, salts and heat at temperatures ranging from 38° to 45° C. Indulgent spa journeys, massage and skin and body therapies will leave you feeling calm and rejuvenated.

Deep Blue Bath House & Day Spa

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HOURS: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat & Sun 8am-6pm, public holidays 8am-4pm

TYPE OF OPERATION: Bath House/Day Spa



TOWER HILL

WORN GUNDIDJ

Description: Tower Hill is a 33,000 year old dormant volcano that has been extensively revegetated over the last 50 years to become a haven for Australia's iconic wildlife. Koalas, emus, kangaroos and wallabies are just some of the creatures to be found roaming freely in the reserve. Guided tours depart from the Visitor Centre daily at 11am and 1pm. Book online.

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E: towerhill@worn Gundidj.org.au

W: www.towerhill.org.au

HOURS: Every day 9am-4pm

TYPE OF OPERATION: Wildlife reserve



BALLARAT

GOLD & RELICS GOLD PROSPECTING ADVENTURES

Description: Join the Gold & Relics Gold Prospecting Adventure team and learn how to prospect for gold. We will take you on a hunt for gold in the beautiful Australian bush using metal detectors and goldpans. Australia is well known for producing the largest gold nuggets in the world. Our guides are friendly and passionate about gold. Come and try your luck!

Gold & Relics Gold Prospecting

T: +61 444 506 490 or 1300 882 199

A: PO Box 339, Ballarat VIC 3353

E: info@goldandrelics.com.au

W: www.goldandrelics.com.au

OPENING TIMES: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday-Sunday

PAX: 8

TYPE OF OPERATION: Adventure Tours



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BELLARINE

JACK RABBIT VINEYARD

Description: Iconic Bellarine winery, Jack Rabbit boasts unrivalled panoramic views across the bay to Melbourne, the You Yangs and beyond. A gastronomic showpiece of the region, the restaurant features an abundance of local produce. The 'House of Jack Rabbit' Cellar Door offers casual café-style fare. A stable of sophisticated cool climate wines completes a brilliant experience.

Jack Rabbit Vineyard
T: +61 3 5251 2223 **A:** 85 McAdams Ln, Bellarine VIC 3221
E: enquiries@jackrabbitvineyard.com.au **W:** www.jackrabbitvineyard.com.au
HOURS: 10am-5pm, 7 days a week. Dinner: Friday and Saturday nights **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES **SEATS:** 120



BELLARINE

TERINDAH ESTATE

Description: Terindah Estate is an idyllic boutique winery with an extensive seasonally-led food offering and award-winning wine selection. Boasting spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay, Terindah is a must-see destination for locals and beyond. With a daily-opening wine bar and signature restaurant, the all-encompassing venue is an ideal destination for casual tastings, long lunches and celebrations alike.

Alex Dafau, General Manager
T: +61 3 5251 5536 **A:** 90 McAdams Ln, Bellarine VIC 3223
E: cellardoor@terindahestate.com **W:** www.terindahestate.com
HOURS: Cellar Door: 10am-4pm 7 days a week; The Shed: 12noon-3pm Thu-Mon and dinner 6pm-10pm Sat **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES **SEATS:** 200



CURLLEWIS

LEURA PARK ESTATE

Description: Essential visiting. An established five-star force in boutique, cool climate wine excellence. A cellar door experience will delight - rustic chic ambience, grassy alfresco area and 'Opera House-esque' living art compound. Feast on stunning stone based pizzas, alfresco platters and cheeses – perfect partners for the 60s, 70s and 80s live music Sunday offerings.

Leura Park Estate
T: +61 3 5253 3180 **A:** 1400 Portarlinton Rd, Curlewis VIC 3222
E: lyndsay@leuraparkestate.com.au **W:** www.leuraparkestate.com.au
HOURS: 10am-5pm, Thursday-Sunday. 7 days a week in January **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES **SEATS:** 120



DRYSDALE

SCOTCHMANS HILL

Description: 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 premium cool climate wines, Scotchmans Hill is listed in James Halliday's Top 100 Wineries. The Cellar Door offers tastings and a light menu inspired by local produce.

Lydia Silbernagel, Cellar Door & Restaurant Manager
T: +61 3 5251 3176 **A:** 190 Scotchmans Rd, Drysdale Vic 3222
E: info@scotchmans.com.au **W:** www.scotchmans.com.au
HOURS: Open 7 days a week 10.30am-4.30pm **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES **SEATS:** 160



WALLINGTON

OAKDENE VINEYARDS

Description: Experience award-winning wine and food in a unique vineyard setting. The Up-side Down House cellar door offers wine tastings, estate grown olive oils and gifts. Visitors have the choice of dining at the contemporary restaurant, Marty@Oakdene or for something more casual, MrGrubb@Oakdene. There are also three beautifully appointed, romantic rooms to accommodate our guests.

Oakdene Vineyards
T: +61 3 5256 3886 **A:** 255 Grubb Rd, Wallington VIC 3222
E: info@oakdene.com.au **W:** www.oakdene.com.au
HOURS: Cellar door 7 days 10am-4pm, Café 7 days, Restaurant Wed-Sun **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES (and café) **SEATS:** 275



KILLARNEY

BASALT WINES

Description: Basalt Wines – "A laugh in every glass". Hand crafted organic wines and tapas made by local artisans served daily in our new winery restaurant. Basalt vineyard is located only minutes from Warrnambool and Port Fairy, it's truly a must do Great Ocean Road experience. Nearby Tower Hill Volcano features on our label.

Shane Clancey, Director
T: +61 429 682 251 **A:** 1131 Princes Hwy, Killarney VIC 3283
E: info@basaltwines.com.au **W:** www.basaltwines.com.au
HOURS: Open daily from 9am **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** YES **SEATS:** 60



TARRINGTON

PIERREPOINT WINES

Description: Pierrepoint Cellar Door is a wonderful experience offering five estate grown, award-winning wines and a selection of regional varieties for tasting. A wider range of local wines, boutique beers, local produce and platters are also available for purchase. One hour from Great Ocean Road and the Grampians in the world's 3rd largest volcanic plain. Stay in one of our B&B rooms and explore the region.

Jennifer Lacey
T: +61 439 476 198 **A:** 271 Pierrepoint Rd, Tarrington VIC 3300
E: info@pierrepointwines.com.au **W:** www.pierrepointwines.com.au
HOURS: Open 7 days 11am-6pm **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** Café **SEATS:** 60



HALLS GAP

FALLEN GIANTS

Description: Our vineyard was planted on the steep eastern slopes of the Grampians in 1969. Estate grown wines are available for tasting. Relax with a glass of wine and produce platter on the deck while the kids enjoy the playground.

Fallen Giants
T: +61 3 5356 4252 **A:** 4113 Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381
E: cellardoor@fallengiants.com.au **W:** www.fallengiants.com.au
HOURS: Wednesday-Friday 12noon-4pm, Saturday-Sunday 11am-5pm. Open 7 days during school holidays **CELLAR DOOR:** YES



GREAT WESTERN

GRAMPIANS ESTATE

Description: Grampians Estate is famous for its Sparkling Shiraz and Shiraz wines, but it also offers a broad range of other wines including Chardonnay, Riesling, Grenache, Tempranillo, sparkling white and Rosé, and fortified wines. A Halliday 5 red star winery and Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine awards for 'Best Small Cellar Door' and 'Best Cellar Door with Food' in the Grampians Region.

Tom Guthrie
T: +61 3 5356 2400 **A:** 1477 Western Hwy, Great Western VIC 3374
E: cellardoor@grampiansestate.com.au **W:** www.grampiansestate.com.au
HOURS: 10am-5pm every day except Christmas Day **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **SEATS:** 20



GREAT WESTERN

SEPPELT GREAT WESTERN

Description: Seppelt is famous for their heritage-listed labyrinth of underground cellars, known as 'The Drives', which wind for 3km beneath the historic Great Western home. With excavation beginning in 1868 and continuing for over 60 years, The Drives are the largest underground cellars in the Southern Hemisphere. Guided tours provide a fascinating glimpse into Victorian wine pioneering history.

Lucy Joyce, Cellar Door Manager
T: +61 3 5361 2239 **A:** 36 Cemetery Rd, Great Western VIC 3374
E: info@seppeltgreatwestern.com.au **W:** www.seppelt.com.au
HOURS: Open 7 days a week 10am-5pm **CELLAR DOOR:** YES **RESTAURANT:** Café and Function Centre **SEATS:** 150



BAYINDEEN

Description: One of the most beautiful vineyards in Australia, Mount Langi Ghiran is set against the backdrop of the rugged granite cliffs and spectacular mountain forests of the Great Dividing Range. The vineyard encapsulates an extraordinary sense of place and produces some of the finest cool climate Shiraz in Australia. Introducing the Picnic Idyll - bring your own feast and enjoy a picnic in the vineyard.

Mount Langi Ghiran
T: +61 3 5359 4400
E: cdoor@langi.com.au

A: 80 Vine Rd, Bayindeen VIC 3375
W: www.langi.com.au

HOURS: Everyday 10am-5pm. Closed New Years Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday

MOUNT LANGI GHIRAN



CELLAR DOOR: YES

AVOCA


Description: Blue Pyrenees Estate was established in 1963 by the French company Remy Martin and was among the modern Australian wine industry's first ventures into cool climate viticulture. Using grapes grown in their vineyard amphitheatre and produced in the estate winery, Blue Pyrenees Estate are committed to making authentic, world-class quality red, white and sparkling wines.

Blue Pyrenees Estate
T: +61 3 5465 1111
E: reception@bluepyrenees.com.au

A: Vinoca Rd, Avoca VIC 3467
W: www.bluepyrenees.com.au

HOURS: 11am-5pm, 7 days

BLUE PYRENEES ESTATE



CELLAR DOOR: YES

RESTAURANT: YES (serving sharing plates of local produce each day from 12noon)

SEATS: 60 inside, 50 outside

RESTAURANTS



QUEENSLIFF


Description: Queenscliff's 360Q offers the very best in harbourside dining. A fresh and exciting menu brimming with renowned Bellarine Peninsula produce. Treat yourself to a sumptuous family breakfast or brunch, create a share plate luncheon with friends from our entrees, or enjoy romantic evenings with a cocktail or cold beer and our gourmet à la carte menu.

Barry Iddles, Owner
T: +61 3 5257 4200
E: enquiries@360q.com.au

A: 2 Wharf St East, Queenscliff VIC 3225
W: www.360q.com.au

HOURS: Feb 3-Dec 23: breakfast and lunch 7 days, dinner Thurs-Sun. Dec 26-Feb 2: breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days

360Q



SEATS: 220

LICENSED: YES

DRYSDALE


Description: 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 delicious fine dining in refurbished dining cars whilst enjoying unique views of Swan Bay and The Bellarine. Bookings are essential.

Emma Atkinson, Marketing Coordinator
T: +61 429 992 214
E: emma@theqtrain.com.au

A: Drysdale Station, 2-10 Station St, Drysdale VIC 3222
W: www.theqtrain.com.au

HOURS: Departs for lunch and dinner (see website for dates and times)

THE Q TRAIN



SEATS: 100

LICENSED: YES

APOLLO BAY

Description: Combining the flavours of Southern Europe and the East. Fresh seafood and the best regional produce and meats are our specialty, along with a variety of Chris's most popular Greek dishes. With our cuisine, the emphasis is on simplicity and on showcasing the natural flavour of the ingredients. If we can't get it fresh, it isn't on our menu.

Philip Talihmanidis
T: +61 3 5237 6411
E: info@chriss.com.au

A: 280 Skenes Creek Rd, Apollo Bay VIC 3233
W: www.chriss.com.au

HOURS: Daily for breakfast and dinner, lunches on weekends

CHRIS'S RESTAURANT & VILLAS



SEATS: 100

LICENSED: YES

APOLLO BAY

Description: Escape to the wild southern coastline where a unique heritage experience with amazing views awaits you! Allow plenty of time to enjoy an array of delights on offer in our Café including Devonshire tea, locally roasted coffee, snacks, beer and wine. Explore and discover the site with our guides who weave stories together to bring our history alive.

Trish Goodlet, Manager
T: +61 3 5237 9240
E: keeper@lightstation.com

A: Lighthouse Rd, Cape Otway VIC 3233
W: www.lightstation.com

HOURS: From 9am-4.30pm daily

CAPE OTWAY LIGHTSTATION CAFÉ



SEATS: 50

LICENSED: YES

PORT CAMPBELL

Description: Forage on the Foreshore is a situated along the Port Campbell beach front on the Great Ocean Road only 10 minutes' drive from the 12 Apostles. We serve a seasonal menu of fresh ingredients that have been grown, produced and foraged along the Great Ocean Road and surrounding areas, including our kitchen garden.

Owners Sam and Laura Anderson
T: +61 3 5598 6202
E: info@forageontheforeshore.com.au

A: 32 Cairns St, Port Campbell VIC 3269
W: www.forageontheforeshore.com.au

HOURS: Open 9am-5pm Thursday-Tuesday, closed Wednesday

FORAGE ON THE FORESHORE



SEATS: 30 inside & 40 outside

LICENSED: YES

PORT FAIRY


Description: Set in the historic dining room of the Merrijig Inn, overlooking Port Fairy's wharf. The Merrijig Kitchen offers a daily written menu based on a seasonal harvest sourced, where possible from the south-west countryside. Our carefully crafted wine list features smaller bio-dynamic producers making wines which reflect their 'terroir'.

Liz Foreman
T: +61 3 5568 2324
E: info@merrijiginn.com

A: 1 Campbell St, Port Fairy VIC 3284
W: www.merrijiginn.com

HOURS: Thursday-Monday from 6pm for dinner

MERRIJIG KITCHEN



SEATS: 40

LICENSED: YES

HALLS GAP


Description: The Halls Gap Hotel is the perfect place to visit during your next trip through the Grampians. In the warmer months enjoy amazing views from our alfresco areas and in winter open log fires will keep you comfortable. Quality meals, local wines and friendly service are always on offer at the Halls Gap Hotel.

Halls Gap Hotel
T: +61 3 5356 4566
E: ede@hallsgaphotel.com.au

A: 2262 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381
W: www.hallsgaphotel.com.au

HOURS: Dinner 7 nights from 5.30pm. Lunch Wednesday-Sunday from 12noon

HALLS GAP HOTEL



MAX GUESTS: 200

CELLAR DOOR: YES

BALLARAT

Description: Extensively restored and renovated over six years, Craig's has many dining options. The Gallery Restaurant for French style food in the glass roof atrium, or a coffee and light lunch in our Café & Larder. Craig's should not be missed as a great dining and accommodation experience.

Reservations Manager
T: +61 3 5331 1377
E: info@craigroyal.com.au

A: 10 Lydiard St South, Ballarat VIC 3350
W: www.craigroyal.com.au

HOURS: Gallery Bistro: 7am-late

CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL



SEATS: 80

LICENSED: YES

BALLARAT

Description: The Forge Pizzeria creates delicious wood fired pizzas, fresh salads and hand-made pastas using the finest local produce, complementing a drinks menu that's full of local wines and craft beers. One of Australia's top 10 pizzeria's, we pride ourselves on our passion for pizza, a fun laid-back atmosphere and an open kitchen for all to see.

Front of House Manager

T: +61 3 5337 6635

A: 14 Armstrong St Nth, Ballarat Central 3350

E: service@theforgepizzeria.com

W: www.theforgepizzeria.com.au

HOURS: Open 7 days, 12noon-10pm

THE FORGE PIZZERIA



SEATS: 200

LICENSED: YES

DAYLESFORD

Description: Alla Wolf-Tasker's iconic restaurant on the shores of Lake Daylesford. 2 Chef's Hats, Gourmet Traveller's Top 50 Restaurants, Australian Wine List of the Year Hall of Fame. A contemporary Australian menu focuses on the region's best seasonal produce plus standouts from around Australia. Take a peek in the cellar – home to over 10,000 bottles and enjoy a drink in the Argyle Library Bar beforehand.

Lake House Restaurant

T: +61 3 5348 3329

A: 4 King St, Daylesford VIC 3460

E: info@lakehouse.com.au

W: www.lakehouse.com.au

HOURS: Lunch and dinner

LAKE HOUSE RESTAURANT



SEATS: 80

LICENSED: YES

DAYLESFORD

Description: Enchanting café set high on Wombat Hill in amongst the picturesque Botanic Gardens. The friendly team at Wombat Hill House offer simple, fresh seasonal menus with a focus on the region's best produce and a few café style favourites. Outdoor seating in the lovely kitchen garden. Picnics and country High Tea available.

Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens

T: +61 3 4373 0099

A: Entry off Central Springs Rd, Daylesford VIC 3460

E: sayhello@wombathillhouse.com.au

W: www.wombathillhouse.com.au

HOURS: Thursday-Monday, 9am-4pm

WOMBAT HILL HOUSE CAFÉ



SEATS: 80

LICENSED: YES

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ROAD TRIP SUGGESTIONS

3 DAYS – 2 NIGHTS

MELBOURNE – GREAT OCEAN ROAD – GRAMPIANS

DAY 1

Melbourne to Great Ocean Road

Depart: Melbourne

O/night: Port Campbell

Distance: 279 kilometres

Start your bucket-list drive west towards **Werribee's** open plains. Join an **Echidna Walkabout** nature tour to see koalas and kangaroos in natural habitats then explore **Geelong Waterfront's** sparkling bayside precinct.

Road trip the Surf Coast, through **Torquay**, **Anglesea** and onto lovely **Lorne** for lunch. Detour to **Cape Otway Lightstation** for brilliant ocean views, before catching sunset over the **Twelve Apostles** and settling in for the night at **Port Campbell's Southern Ocean Villas** or **Anchors Port Campbell**.

DAY 2

Great Ocean Road to Grampians

Depart: Port Campbell

O/night: Halls Gap/Dunkeld

Distance: Approx 260 kilometres

Discover the western reaches of the Great Ocean Road: stunning **Bay of Islands**, Warrnambool's **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village**, **Tower Hill's** intriguing volcanic landscape and **Port Fairy's** picturesque fishing village vibe.

Head north through farming country, detouring to **Hamilton Gallery** for an art fix and **Pierpoint Wines** or **Fallen Giants** to taste local vintages. Check into your cabin at **Halls Gap Lakeside Tourist Park**, the perfect base for exploring the **Grampians National Park**.

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#gstr #roadtrip

DAY 3

Grampians to Melbourne

Depart: Halls Gap/Dunkeld

O/night: Melbourne

Distance: Approx 250 kilometres

Joyride through more wine country, to **Stawell**, **Ararat** and on to **Ballarat**. Gold rush history comes alive at award-winning **Sovereign Hill** – the entertainment readily fills the entire day.

Or choose to duck away early to ogle artworks at the **Art Gallery of Ballarat** and meet-up with a myriad of native animals at **Ballarat Wildlife Park** before a leisurely drive back to Melbourne via the Western Freeway.



Views across Waterfront Geelong



Flagstaff Hill, Warrnambool



Art Gallery of Ballarat



4 DAYS – 3 NIGHTS

MELBOURNE – GREAT OCEAN ROAD – GRAMPIANS – BALLARAT

DAY 1	
Melbourne to Great Ocean Road	
Depart:	Melbourne
O/night:	Anglesea
Distance:	114 kilometres

A 30-minute Princes Highway drive and you arrive at **Werribee Open Range Zoo** in time for an open-air African safari adventure. Motor on to Geelong’s glittering waterfront and explore the Bollards Trail before a view-laden lunch on the restaurant strip. Take the Surf Coast Highway to **Torquay**, the spiritual home of Australian Surfing and onto **Anglesea**.

Experience chocolate like never before at the **Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie**. Enjoy a well-earned night of peaceful snoozing at **Great Ocean Road Resort**.

DAY 2	
Great Ocean Road to Grampians	
Depart:	Anglesea
O/night:	Halls Gap/Dunkeld
Distance:	Approx 398 kilometres

Tour the coast-hugging road from **Anglesea** to **Apollo Bay**, sidetracking to quench your thirst at **Forrest Brewing Company**. Treat yourself to a thrilling helicopter flight over the dramatic **Twelve Apostles** and coastline, before driving on to **Warrnambool**.

Spend a few hours exploring either the sea-faring magic of **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum** or the **Worn Gundij** indigenous wonder of **Tower Hill** with a personalised bush and nature walk through a rich volcanic landscape. Motor north through farmland to Halls Gap and settle in to splendid bush retreat accommodation at **D’Alton’s Resort**.

DAY 3	
Grampians to Ballarat	
Depart:	Halls Gap/Dunkeld
O/night:	Ballarat
Distance:	Approx 152 kilometres

The vast **Grampians National Park** seems heaven-sent for early-risers. Hike trails for lofty scenery, wildlife glimpses and Australian bushland. Linger over amazing views and a bistro lunch on **Halls Gap Hotel’s** verandah. En route to **Ballarat**, travel through vineyard-dotted wine country, calling into **Blue Pyrenees Estate**, **Seppelt Great Western** or **Mount Langi Ghiran** to sample local vintages. Sidetrack to **Creswick Woollen Mills** to meet resident alpacas and shop for local-made fibre products.

Ballarat Wildlife Park is home to dozens of native animals including more than 100 free-roaming kangaroos you can wander amongst. Come evening, enjoy dinner, drinks and priority seating with a VIP package to **Sovereign Hill’s** new evening sound-and-light spectacular **AURA**.



Cape Otway Lightstation

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#gstr #roadtrip

DAY 4	
Ballarat to Melbourne	
Depart:	Ballarat
O/night:	Melbourne
Distance:	113 kilometres

Take a morning to explore the many cultural layers of the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**, and admire the stunning architecture of **Lydiard Street**. The **Ballarat Botanical Gardens** fringe the western shores of **Lake Wendouree**, a stroll-worthy oasis in the centre of town. Perfect for picnicking, birdwatching and riding the vintage electric tramway.

Meander your way back to Melbourne, sidetracking from the highway to explore and relax in spa country at **Daylesford** and **Hepburn Springs**.



Lake House, Daylesford



5 DAYS – 4 NIGHTS

BELLARINE PENINSULA – GREAT OCEAN ROAD – GRAMPIANS – BALLARAT

DAY 1	
Melbourne to Queenscliff	
Depart:	Melbourne
O/night:	Queenscliff
Distance:	107 kilometres

Drive the Princes Freeway through Geelong to the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula. Or cruise across the bay: either from **Sorrento** to **Queenscliff** with **Searoad Ferries** or from **Docklands Melbourne** to **Portarlington** with **Port Phillip Ferries** (passengers only). For wine and cider lovers discover local gems like **Jack Rabbit Vineyard**, **Leura Park Estate**, **Scotchmans Hill**, **Terindah Estate**, **Flying Brick Cider House** and **Oakdene Estate**.

Dine with a difference: a 6-course degustation on **The Q Train**, Australia’s premier rail restaurant. Then settle into a villa or cabin at **BIG4 Beacon Resort**, just metres from the beach. If luxury is your thing, a night at **Lon Retreat & Spa** is a must.

DAY 2	
Queenscliff to Great Ocean Road	
Depart:	Queenscliff
O/night:	Apollo Bay
Distance:	133 kilometres

Hit the road westward, calling in to explore Torquay’s **Australian National Surfing Museum** and meet Anglesea Golf Club’s resident kangaroos. Tour the incredible coast-clinging route from **Lorne** to **Apollo Bay**, stopping for Teddy’s Lookout views, or rainforest challenges at **Live Wire Park**.

Dine and stay overlooking mesmerising ocean views at **Chris’s Restaurant**, then **Beacon Point Ocean View Villas**.

DAY 3	
Great Ocean Road to Grampians	
Depart:	Apollo Bay
O/night:	Halls Gap/Dunkeld
Distance:	Approx 351 kilometres

Choose today’s adventure: hike a section of the **Great Ocean Walk** or follow the **Great Ocean Road** through the **Great Otway National Park** to the famous **Twelve Apostles**. Detour inland to sample local produce at **Timboon Railway Shed Distillery**, then back along the coast to **Warrnambool** for whale spotting (June-September).

Head north through fertile farmland to **Dunkeld** on the edge of the **Grampians National Park**. Unwind for the night in one of **Royal Mail Hotel’s** secluded and authentic bluestone cottages.

DAY 4	
Grampians to Ballarat	
Depart:	Halls Gap/Dunkeld
O/night:	Ballarat
Distance:	Approx 152 kilometres

Rise with the sun and explore ultra-scenic **Grampians National Park** by road or walking trail – wildlife, waterfalls and seasonal wildflowers abound. Learn about the ancient wisdom of the land at **Brambuk – The National Park and Cultural Centre**, then head to **Ballarat** via **Stawell, Ararat**, stunning Australian bushland and serious wine country. Pause at boutique wineries for tastings and grazing platters, or push onto **Sovereign Hill** for an afternoon immersed in 1850s gold diggings life.

Make your overnight stay a foray into farm life with a **Downunder Farmstays** experience in the Goldfields region. Or splurge on an extraordinary dinner at **The Gallery** restaurant at **Craig’s Royal Hotel**.

DAY 5	
Ballarat to Melbourne	
Depart:	Ballarat
O/night:	Melbourne
Distance:	113 kilometres

Before you farewell the Goldfields region, join **Gold & Relics Gold Prospecting Adventures** for a half-day gold prospecting tour in the bush surrounding **Ballarat**. You never know what you might unearth.

Plug in for an iPod tour of the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**, a close-up animal encounter at **Ballarat Wildlife Park** or an encore visit to **Sovereign Hill** for more gold rush fun (and old-style bakery treats for lunch). **Lydiard Street’s** opulent architecture, the **Ballarat Botanic Gardens** and **Creswick Woollen Mills** are worth lingering.

Spa Country at **Daylesford** and **Hepburn Springs** will offer a great finale to your road trip, this region is famous for the health-giving mineral spring waters that bubble naturally to the surface. Massages, beauty treatments and pampering are always on the agenda. Why not tap into local wellness with a mineral-based treatment at **The Spa at Lake House**? For an authentic stay at one of Victoria’s famous regional retreats stay at **Lake House** and make the most of its lake side location and renowned restaurant.



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