



YARRA VALLEY, DANDENONGS & THE RANGES

Yarra Valley, Dandenongs & The Ranges offer some of Victoria's most spectacular scenery, just an hour's drive from Melbourne. Enjoy cool, green fern gullies, tall timber forests and villages where time has stood still.

Must see and do:

- Victoria's premier wine region with over 35 cellar-door wineries – the Yarra Valley is world famous
- Puffing Billy Steam Railway, Belgrave – take a trip back to the glorious age of steam
- The Healesville Sanctuary – enjoy some of the cutest native animals at close quarters
- Outstanding parks, gardens and nurseries
- Black Spur Drive – travel through tall timber as you cross the Great Dividing Range
- Yarra Valley Dairy – have a little cheese to go with that wine!
- Hot air ballooning – enjoy a glass of champagne as you soar above the dawn mists
- Arts, crafts and antiques abound.



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BAYS AND PENINSULAS

The Bays and Peninsulas have long been Melbourne's playground, all year round. The attractions start from as close as St Kilda foreshore or charming Williamstown. They continue in a circle that takes you over rich farm-land and wineries, through historic townships, past stunning coastal scenery and across the water by ferry.

Must see and do:

- Williamstown – a bustling maritime village
- The Mansion at Werribee Park – set amongst spectacular rose gardens
- Victoria's Open Range Zoo – take an African safari!
- National Wool Museum – see why Australia was 'home on a sheep's back'!
- Geelong Waterfront – wonderfully restored to become a place to dine and promenade
- Queenscliff – a grand old town full of marvellous hotels and homes
- Arthur's Seat – take a chairlift for glorious bay views
- Mornington Peninsula wineries – well worth sampling
- Spectacular bay views from Frankston.

MACEDON RANGES AND SPA COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges and Spa Country is Victoria's indulgence capital. Spectacular scenery, antiques and craft shops, wineries and mineral springs – where refreshing spa waters bubble free from the ground.

Must see and do:

- Mt Macedon Memorial Cross – the famous WW1 memorial offers fabulous views
- Historic gardens, public and private
- Convent gallery, Daylesford – a former convent, now a superb gallery and restaurant
- Hepburn Spa Resort – hot pools, massage, therapeutic relaxation treatments and more
- Trentham Falls – a towering column of water
- Galleries, antique and specialty stores
- Organ Pipes National Park – amazing columns
- Hanging Rock – a historical place of mystery
- Macedon Ranges and Sunbury wineries
- Sunbury's 'Birthplace of the Ashes' – a must for cricket fans.

GOLDFIELDS

Prospects abound in the goldfields. The pursuit of the precious metal brought Victoria immense prosperity in the 1850s, and the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Stawell bordering the region contain a number of monuments to this golden era.

- Sovereign Hill in Ballarat is a reconstructed mining settlement, providing visitors with a chance to experience life as it was during the gold rush.
- Tour gold-mining towns like Maryborough and Castlemaine, with a chance to prospect for gold yourself.



GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Explore some of the most magnificent coastal scenery in the world, stretching alongside cliffs and beaches down the south-western coastline of Victoria.

- The Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge are monuments to the powers of Mother Nature.
- Seaside villages featuring bed & breakfasts and restaurants are complemented by inviting attractions such as forests and lighthouses.



MURRAY

Australia's greatest river, the mighty Murray, was once a thriving industrial route for inland Australia.

- Paddlesteamers, once used to ply trade up and down the river, are now providing fascinating cruises in Echuca, Swan Hill, Mildura and other towns along the River.
- World-class golf courses abound along the Murray.

MURRAY OUTBACK

Enter the Outback and experience the rugged Aussie wilderness in all its arid glory.

- Explore outstanding national parks in the region and discover pristine examples of native flora and fauna.
- Follow the cultural trail and experience the wonders of Aboriginal life.

GOULBURN MURRAY WATERS

A fertile agricultural area, this region produces fine wines and plentiful orchards set against the natural beauty provided by the Goulburn and Murray Rivers.

- Wine-tasting along the Murray River is a delightful way to spend time in this area.
- Inundated with waterways, the Goulburn Murray Waters is a haven for water sports and outdoor adventures.



LAKES & WILDERNESS

The Gippsland Lakes are Australia's largest inland waterway; a maze of inlets, islands and retreat villages.

- Explore the Lakes on one of the many motorised craft or sailing vessels for hire.
- Enjoy the unsurpassed beauty of the Ninety-Mile Beach, along with a number of beautiful National Parks in the area.



PHILLIP ISLAND & GIPPSLAND DISCOVERY

The region hosts some of the most wonderful natural beauty and wildlife in Australia, with a temperate climate conducive to green forests and splendid streams and waterfalls.

- Visit Phillip Island, home of the Penguin Parade, Seal Rocks and a host of other attractions.
- Explore the amazing Wilson's Promontory National Park at the southern-most tip of the Australian mainland.



GRAMPIANS

One of Victoria's most impressive mountain ranges, the grandeur of the Grampians inspires visitors with spectacular rock formations and fascinating Aboriginal heritage.

- Bushwalking, camping and rockclimbing constantly thrill fans of the outdoors.
- See Aboriginal cave-paintings and artifacts, some dating back tens of thousands of years.



LEGENDS, WINE & HIGH COUNTRY

Immortalised in stories and poetry, this area is famous for Australian legends like Ned Kelly and the 'Man from Snowy River'. The high country is home to Victoria's magnificent snowfields, while wineries abound in the valleys below.

- In winter, ski, snowboard or simply marvel at the scenery at Victoria's world class ski resorts in the alpine country.
- Discover the story behind legendary bushranger Ned Kelly at Glenrowan.
- Hike through the real 'Man From Snowy River' country that inspired Australia's most famous poet, Banjo Patterson.



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The land occupied by the city of Canberra was first assigned in 1901 as the site of Australia's Capital City. Located between Sydney and Melbourne, Canberra is a city of contrasts – ultra-modern architectural features like Parliament House and the National Gallery of Australia are offset by beautiful parks and gardens covering much of the region. The home of our Federal Government was purposely built with politics in mind, but with its lush surroundings and fascinating museums Canberra has a lot more to offer than bureaucratic hot air!



NEW SOUTH WALES

The most populous state in Australia, New South Wales boasts a wide variety of attractions, stunning scenery and a climate to suit all needs. The state capital, Sydney, is world famous for the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and the magnificent bay views from all points of the city. Surrounding the capital are the majestic Blue Mountains, a spectacular coastline and rich wine regions. Beyond that, the Great Dividing Range, Alpine Country and an incredible landscape highlight New South Wales' list of natural wonders.



NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory is a land of contrasting colours, spanning from tropical Darwin in the north to the red ochre of Alice Springs in the centre. Spectacular natural attractions such as Uluru (Ayers Rock), world heritage listed Kakadu National Park and Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge are a must see. Modern restaurants and top class accommodation complement the range of activities available. From balloon flights over the Centre to sunset cruises on Darwin Harbour and four wheel drive safaris through the outback, the Northern Territory has something for everyone.





QUEENSLAND

The 'Sunshine State'... A warm, sub-tropical climate, dense rainforests, white sand beaches and pure blue water paint Queensland a beautiful portrait. In this ideal setting, Brisbane, the capital city, offers a great outdoor lifestyle. Undoubtedly the state's major attraction is the world's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef. The Gold Coast, the idyllic Whitsunday islands, Daintree Rainforest and countless other attractions make this huge state an extremely popular destination.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide is known as Australia's arts capital, host to many major cultural events and festivals. The city is a wonderful base for exploring famous wine regions including, Clare Valley, Barossa, Coonawarra and McLaren Vale; visiting Australia's Primary opal centre in the northern outback or heading south to Kangaroo Island with its extraordinary wildlife and wilderness.



TASMANIA

The island state... The sweet clean air, abundant natural beauty and rural atmosphere of Tasmania have charmed visitors for ages. A paradise for bushwalkers, anglers, boat enthusiasts and rock-climbers, 'Tassie' also produces some unique wildlife, like the famous Tasmanian Devil. From Hobart to Launceston to Strahan, the island state is packed with fascinating colonial heritage and remarkable natural wonders.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Encompassing more than a third of the entire continent, Western Australia is the largest state with a diversity of natural attractions. Warm and sunny most of the year, the alluring capital of Perth straddles the sparkling Swan River, promoting a relaxed al fresco lifestyle. The vast, rugged outback appeals to the adventure traveller while the verdant south west corner boasts premium boutique vineyards set amid rolling pastures and giant karri trees. The spectacular coastline offers many fine surfing beaches, magnificent scenery and stunning marine life.

