

# Daytrip Destinations, Activities & Ideas

Daytripper Tours is a local, family owned tour company dedicated to providing senior coach tours for our young at heart travelers that showcase the best the region has to offer.

Enjoy the day in our luxury 29-seater coach with seatbelts for safety and extra leg room for comfort.

Choose from one or more of the suggested destinations and activities or let us know where you would like to go and we will customise a tour for you and your group.

Our tours are always relaxed, enjoyable and loads of fun!!



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## African Violets & Lavender Nursery

**Arthurs Creek** 

Diamond Valley Violets and Lavender offers a large range of African violet varieties and propagation supplies, lavender plants, lavender skin care products, essential oils and selection of value for money gift items.

Alowyn Gardens Yarra Valley

Alowyn Gardens is a beautiful tranquil place to visit. Even on a cold winters day it is lovely to walk around the gardens. There are plenty of seats to sit on. The garden is forever changing with bulbs and plants popping up everywhere. The real treasure is the magnificent wisteria, that is spectacular in October. The coffee, scones and jam and cream are delicious.

#### **Art Gallery of Ballarat**

**Ballarat** 

The oldest & largest regional gallery in the country, the Gallery has a stunning collection of Australian art. Walk through the history of Australian art from colonial portraits & landscapes to striking contemporary artworks.

ASQ Skydancers Harcourt

ASQ Skydancers Garden Gift & Café is set amongst the beautiful backdrop of Harcourt and the stunning garden, including a butterfly enclosure, in which it sits makes it the perfect place to dine, relax and shop for that perfect gift, garden accessory, pot or plant.

## **Amazing Mill Markets**

Daylesford Geelong & Ballarat

The Amazing Mill Markets are in three locations – Ballarat, Geelong and Daylesford. Because the Amazing Mill Markets lease space to hundreds of different stallholders, each location has a diverse range of wares. There is invariably something for everyone who visits. Vintage clothes & furniture, memorabilia, art, glass, jewellery, books, antiques and collectables to name a few.

<u>Aquarium</u> Melbourne

Discover thousands of aquatic animals in four amazing worlds at the award-winning Melbourne Aquarium.

Around the Bay Melbourne & Geelong

Driving through Melbourne we head to Geelong and explore the Eastern Beach Area before enjoying a 2-course lunch and a drive to the village of Queenscliff. To miss the traffic, we will enjoy a relaxing trip back to Sorrento on the Ferry.

#### Ambulance Museum

Bayswater

The Ambulance Victoria Museum has an amazing car collection with 18 vehicles. You can also see old medical equipment, uniforms, memorabilia, posters and documents form the past. The museum has been developed and maintained voluntarily by retired ambulance officers. Enjoy a lovely morning tea and a guided tour hosted by a retired paramedic.

## **Ballarat Begonia Festival**

**Ballarat** 

The Ballarat Begonia Festival is held in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens over the Labour Day long weekend. There is something for everyone, with live bands, entertainment, gardening information and talks.

#### **Blue Lotus Water Garden**

Yarra Junction

A world class 'seasonal' display garden of over 50,000 square metres in size, famous for thousands of lotus flowers, waterlilies and Australia's biggest waterlily, the Giant Amazon Lily. ... It features more than 40 ponds, lagoons and lakes all covered in thousands of floral blooms. (27 Dec to mid-April)

#### Beleura House & Garden

Mornington

Beleura was built on the Mornington Peninsula in 1863 by Scottish immigrant James Butchart. Beleura is a house museum, one of very few family houses complete with all things - grand and ordinary. Extraordinary gardens too, originally developed by the celebrated and mysterious Edward La Trobe Bateman. A truly nostalgic journey into a vanished world, led by accomplished guides who have a deep knowledge and enthusiasm for this remarkable House & Garden. Morning Tea or Full Day tours including lunch are available here.

## **BBQ Emerald Lake**

Emerald

A casual meander through the Dandenong Ranges with some free time at Emerald Lake Park before tucking into a fabulous BBQ lunch. Then a drive through a lush fern gully to Monbulk and Olinda, we spend a little time in the quaint village of Sassafras before heading home.

# **Caribbean Gardens and Market**

Scoresby

Caribbean Gardens and Market has something for everyone, come and browse the market, enjoy the attractions or simply relax in the beautiful gardens. Wed & Fri -8.30 -2.30

# **Castlemaine Art Museum**

Castlemaine

A stunning regional art gallery and museum, specialising in Australian Art. Its particular strength is in major works of the late 1800's and the Edwardian era. Changing exhibitions throughout the year include contemporary artists.

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## **Carmelite Monastry**

Kew

The Carmelites lead a quiet life devoted to others' needs. Experience the peace that envelops you as you enter the gardens of the Monastery in leafy Kew. Behind an imposing concrete wall, a community of Carmelite nuns has lived since 1929.

Cloude Hill Olinda

Australia's most ambitious garden in one of the finest locations for serious gardening world-wide. Cloudehill is also home to a nursery and restaurant. Enjoy weekday morning and afternoon teas provided in the marquee. Or arrange for a picnic lunch. The owner of Cloudehill can also give a talk on the garden's history and design.

#### **Clunes Museum - The Warehouse**

Clunes

The Museum is housed in the former Warehouse (c.1860) of contractors Nichol and Wallace. The redeveloped building, now known as The Warehouse, reopened in 2014 as a Hub housing the Museum, the Library, the Visitor information Centre, the Hepburn Shire Service Centre as well as event and meeting spaces. (closed Tues)

#### Coal Creek Heritage Village

Korrumburra

Coal Creek Community Park & Museum was initially created to preserve the unique history of coal, the development of the South Gippsland railway and the rural settlement which was accelerated by the dairy and timber industries. Come take a walk-through time and explore the large collection of artifacts housed in the many heritage buildings in a village-like setting. Buy some handmade sweets in the General Store, ride the bush tramway, hang out by the lake or simply enjoy our 30 acres of natural bush surround.

<u>Como Gardens</u> The Basin

Como Gardens in the Dandenong Mountains is a beautiful historic garden established in 1873. The garden holds two collections of plants, Magnolia and Prunus. There are over fifty-five Magnolias. The museum houses some 16 odd cars, many of early historic significance. A railway track and train station with 650 meters of track traverse over three creek trestle bridges, through an extended laburnum arch then back to the "Como Gardens" station.

Como House South Yarra

A stone's throw away from the centre of Melbourne and perched high above the Yarra River lies Como House and Garden. Its central block was built c. 1855, its kitchen wing dates from the 1840s, its ballroom wing was added in the early 1870s. The house is a most unusual combination of the Australian Regency style with details normally used on Italianate buildings later in the century. Wander the gardens and immerse yourself in the history, luxury and inspiration that make Como a unique location.

#### **Coolart Homestead & Wetlands**

Somers

Coolart is a magnificent late Victorian mansion situated on the shores of Westernport. In the superb grounds are ever-changing wetlands that you can view from the observatory, and a lagoon where thousands of Australian white ibis nest every year.

#### **Churchill Historic Island**

Phillip Island

Experience a piece of Victoria's heritage on this historic island, where you can enjoy a relaxing stroll through the fragrant cottage gardens and lawns. Coastline walks offer magnificent views of Phillip Island and Western Port, while the restored farmhouse and cottages provide a glimpse into the past lives of early Australian settlers and past farming practices.

#### **Costume Collection**

Bulleen

The Melbourne Costume Collection is a privately owned collection of strictly Australian costumes, jewellery and accessories dating back to 1788. Learn about the history of the collection by owners Bryan and Loel Thomson, then tour the fascinating collection. Loel is a private collector who has dedicated her time and resources to the collection, preservation and display of two hundred years of Australian fashion.

## **Cranbourne Botanical Gardens**

Cranbourne

The Cranbourne Gardens and the award-winning Australian Garden are located a 45-minute drive from Melbourne's CBD. Discover more than 170,000 individual Australian native plants from 1,700 different plant varieties in the 15-hectare Australian Garden or enjoy the self-guided walks and bicycle track in the surrounding 348 hectares of native bushland.

<u>Crown Casino</u> Melbourne

Welcome to a world of luxury, style, friendly service and nonstop excitement. With something to meet your every need and match your every mood, Crown truly is a world of entertainment.

CUB Brewhouse Abbotsford

If you love beer and food this is a great place to go! The Carlton Brewhouse is one of Melbourne's top rating attractions with a variety of ways to enjoy a great brewery experience. Guests can tour the brewery or just join us to enjoy great food, beer and cider, check out the displays and Beer Gear or relax in the beer garden.

# **Daylesford Cider Company**

Musk

Come visit an English-style Tavern from where they sell traditional award-winning craft cider, set in beautiful landscaped gardens. Cider tastings, Heritage apple orchard and cider mill tours available. Coffee & morning tea and light lunches available.

## Yarra Valley Chocolaterie

Yarra Glen

Come and visit the architect designed Chocolaterie, where the striking showroom and cafe is set amongst 16 hectares of picturesque Yarra Valley views. You'll be welcomed with free chocolate tastings, giant viewing windows to watch the French & Belgian chocolatiers at work and an all day cafe, where sweet treats and ice creams are a specialty.

#### **Dame Nellie Melba Coombe Farm**

Coldstream

Coombe Yarra Valley, the Estate of Dame Nellie Melba is a property with an unrivalled provenance. It is one of the largest, most historic and prestigious family estates in the Yarra Valley.

#### **Victorian Desalination Plant**

Wonthaggi

Walk through the ecological reserve at the Victorian Desalination Plant and observe the world class 225 hectare re vegetation project. Enjoy a guided tour of the facilities and surrounding infrastructure (majority of tour is conducted by the guide, in the bus)

<u>Dolphin Institute</u> Hastings

The Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) is an independent not-for-profit marine conservation organisation that has provided marine research and education services for two decades.

Duneira House Mount Macedon

Built in 1875, Duneira is a renovated homestead that tells the tale of its subsequent owners. Tours of this home explain the past and present activities and the vision of Stuart Stoneman. The house features an extensive library, artwork collection, Persian rugs, grand pianos and interesting period furniture. The one-hour tour starts in the loungeroom with morning tea.

#### **Essendon Football Club**

Airport West

Essendon Football Club invites you to tour its magnificent high performance centre with one of the Bombers' former players. Tours around the state-of-the-art facility include the indoor training hall, player auditorium, swimming pool, recovery baths, gymnasium and heritage displays.

# **Eynesbury Homestead**

Eynesbury

The magnificently restored Eynesbury Homestead open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. An array of outer buildings classified by the National Trust, including the original shearing sheds, water towers and workers cottages, all provide an enduring reminder of the property's early settler origins. Tour & lunch packages available.

Edgars Mission Lancefield

Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary is a not-for-profit farm sanctuary with a vision for a humane and just world for all. Edgar's Mission is set on 153 peaceable acres near Lancefield, Victoria (Australia), about 60 km north of Melbourne. We rescue and provide sanctuary to animals in need, currently providing lifelong love and care to over 450 rescued animals. Through education, outreach, advocacy, community enrichment and farm tours, we encourage people to expand their circle of compassion to include all animals.

## Flemington Racecourse Tour & Lunch

Flemington

Learn about the highlights and heroes from Flemington's history and tour the landmarks that have made the Melbourne Cup 'the race that stops a nation'. Lunch at Headquarters Tavern.

#### **Gold Treasury Museum**

East Melbourne

Discover the story of the gold rush and the people and events that have helped shape Victoria.

#### **Grand Ridge Brewery**

Mirboo North

The mission at Grand Ridge is always to make the best beer in the world! Grand Ridge is at the top of the list in high quality beers. All the beers are produced to exceptionally high standards of flavour and purity, with no added chemicals or preservatives.

#### Lady of the Swamp

Tarwin Lower

Tullaree Homestead is the home of the unsolved mystery disappearance of Margaret Clement, "the Lady of the Swamp" of the 1950's. Enjoy lunch and hear of the history and mystery of the Lady of the Swamp from the owners of Tullaree who have a wealth of knowledge about the homestead, its construction, the farm, and all who lived there.

# Museum Of Australian Democracy At Eureka (M.A.D.E)

Ballarat

M.A.D.E is built on the Eureka Stockade site, Ballarat and is one of Australia's newest museums. M.A.D.E uses clever art installations and state-of-the-art digital technology to explain the importance of the Eureka Stockade in Australia's democracy and to get you to think about what does democracy mean to you today.

## **Myriad Glass Studio**

Kilmore

The Myriad Glass Studio is a proud member of the Australian Made campaign. Visitors to the studio will see a variety of kiln formed glass and mosaics in a working studio set in the peaceful countryside of Kilmore, Victoria. Morning or Afternoon Tea provided.

## **National Vietnam Veterans Museum**

PhillipIsland

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum is an independent Australian museum dedicated to the heritage and legacy of Vietnam veterans. A huge collection of artefacts, both large and small, interpreted with information, imagery and audio (using our fantastic InfoWand devices and touch screens) will keep you, your family and friends engaged for the length of your visit. Morning & afternoon tea & lunch available.

#### **Guide Dogs Association**

Kew

Come for a visit and learn more about our work. We offer tours of our Kew Campus for groups. Our tours take approximately one and a half hours. They usually consist of a visit to the nursery to watch the puppies play, Amsden Honour Garden, A short video on the life of a Guide Dog.

<u>Gumbuya World</u> Tynong

The Seniors experience is an adventure of discovery filled with amazing animals and hearty homemade meals. Embark on an expedition along the Wildlife Trail, with our friendly Rangers to give you a behind-the-scenes tour introducing you to the 52 species of animals who call Gumbuya World home. Our pathways are wide, flat and well-maintained allowing for a comfortable and easy journey as you meet these fabulous, furry new friends. Then settle in at our café for a delicious Devonshire Tea or Hearty Lunch offering several tasty meal options.

## **Healesville Sanctuary**

Healesville

Healesville Sanctuary, in the heart of the Yarra Valley, is world-renowned as the best place to see Australian wildlife in their natural habitat.

## **Heritage Hill Museum & Historical Gardens**

Dandenong

Heritage Hill is a unique historic precinct featuring three beautifully preserved buildings and offers visitors an insight into Dandenong's transformation from a rural market town to a bustling, multicultural metropolis.

# **HMAS Cerberus Museum**

Balnarring

The Museum of HMAS Cerberus opened in 1980 in the building that was first built in 1925 as the New Entry Study Block, firstly occupying one room. The collection has grown from its humble beginning to now be one of the Largest of Royal Australian Naval memorabilia

<u>Islamic Museum</u> Thornbury

The Islamic Museum of Australia showcases and preserves the arts, history, culture and rich heritage that Islam and Muslim societies have brought to the world.

<u>Jewish Museum</u> St Kilda

The Jewish Museum of Australia is an inclusive, interactive Museum which strives to engage people with Jewish culture. It houses a permanent exhibition as well as rotating temporary exhibitions

Living Legends Greenvale

Living Legends - The International Home of Rest for Champion Horses - has been established to bring retired champion racehorses back to the public.

Main Ridge Dairy Main Ridge

Main Ridge Dairy is a farmhouse cheese factory and goat dairy located in Main Ridge on the Mornington Peninsula. They produce milk of the highest quality that is then handmade into a range farmhouse cheeses.

#### **Marybrooke Manor**

Sherbrooke

Nestled on the edge of the majestic Sherbrooke Forest amongst the Dandenong Ranges, hides an elegant National Trust listed Tudor style mansion.

<u>Marysville</u> Marysville

Be invigorated by the pristine natural environment and diverse outdoor activities of Marysville and surrounds, just 90 minutes from Melbourne. From here we can visit places like Brunos Sculptures, Crystal gardens and Steavenson Falls.

## **National Sports Museum**

Melbourne

Discover Australia's largest sporting collection, world-class displays, and interactive galleries at the National Sports Museum, located inside the iconic MCG.

MCG/MCC Tour Melbourne

Explore the inner sanctum of the MCG, walk on the hallowed arena and experience where legends play by taking a guided MCG tour!

# **Melbourne Star Wheel**

Melbourne

Come fly on the Melbourne Star, the Southern Hemisphere's only Giant Observation Wheel. Located in Docklands waterfront precinct.

# Melbourne Town Hall

Melbourne

Tours of Melbourne's historic Town Hall give visitors the chance to learn about the architectural, social and political significance of this impressive 19th century building. (N/A Tuesdays)

Melbourne Zoo Parkville

Journey through a world of wildlife in the heart of Melbourne.

#### **Melbourne International Flower Show**

Melbourne

Sprout green thumbs in response to the sensory explosions of colour and design to be dug up at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (March).

#### **Melbourne Museum**

Carlton

Melbourne Museum explores life in Victoria, from our natural environment to our culture and history.

#### **State Library of Victoria**

Melbourne

Come and discover State Library Victoria – explore a world of information and stories, and enjoy tours, exhibitions, events and family fun.

Mont De Lancey Historic Homestead, Gardens & Museum Wandin (Yarra Valley) Visitors can enjoy the Yester Year Tour of the historic property with the 1880s house, timber slab kitchen, the beautiful gardens, 1920s St Mary's Chapel, Blacksmiths and vintage Machinery with one of the guides. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

## Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Lilydale

The Museum preserves and showcases the unique cultural heritage of the Yarra Ranges region. Through a range of exhibitions and public programs we invite you to explore, create and connect with the ongoing story of this region.

#### **Mornington Market Day**

Mornington

Come to Mornington Main Street on a Wednesday, and your shopping options are even more endless! The Main Street Market has been running for over 30 years and is Victoria's longest running street market!

## Mornington Peninsula ReDiscovery

Mornington Peninsula

Re-discover our local Mornington Peninsula with visits to Arthurs Seat, Gordon Glassblowers, The Peninsula Gallery Café and Sunnyridge Strawberry Farm. Add a trip on Arthurs Sea Eagle to end the day with a WOW. We are so fortunate to have so much in our own backyard!!

# Goulburn Explorer Cruise

Nagambie

The Goulburn Explorer, a state of the art cruiser vessel designed especially for the scenic Goulburn River. Complete with a spacious viewing deck and fully equipped bar. The Goulburn Explorer links two of Victoria's most iconic wineries, Mitchelton and Tahbilk.

Mullberry Hill

Langwarrin South

Mulberry Hill is a historical house and estate. Mulberry Hill was the home of Sir Daryl (artist) & Lady Joan (author) Lindsay (best known for her novel, Picnic at Hanging Rock.) – Suitable for guests with sufficient mobility to climb two or three steps.

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## McCrae Homestead & Twycross Burrell Gallery

McCrae

The McCrae Homestead, built in 1844 by Andrew and Georgiana McCrae, is one of Victoria's oldest homesteads. It is a physical reminder of the early pioneering life, using locally available materials. The two museums house the story of the McCrae's and the Burrell family. The Burrell's lived at the homestead from 1851 to 1925. McCrae Homestead is closed throughout July and August.

#### National Rhododendron Gardens & Explorer

Olinda

Watch the gardens explode in colour as thousands of flowers bloom each spring. Visitors to the garden can enjoy a 25-minute non-stop guided tour on the Garden Explorer from mid-September to early November.

#### **National Gallery of Victoria**

Southbank

The National Gallery of Victoria, popularly known as the NGV, is an art museum in Melbourne, Australia. Founded in 1861, it is Australia's oldest, largest and most visited art museum.

#### **National Wool Museum**

Geelong

The Museum presents the timeless Australian story of wool, from sheep farming and wool production through to the processing of fleece into fabric.

# Old Melbourne Gaol & Police Watch House

Melbourne

Discover the dark history of Victoria's oldest surviving prison.

# **Parliament House**

Melbourne

Enjoy a guided tour of Victoria's Parliament House, one of Australia's oldest and most architecturally distinguished public buildings. It is a working State Parliament, and is also the building where Australia's first Federal Parliament met from 1901 until 1927.

## **Panorama Gardens**

Boneo

Panorama Wildlife Sanctuary and Secret Gardens is a privately owned 55 acre garden and wildlife reserve. The property includes over 25 acres of gardens with panoramic views for over 100 kilometres looking out across both, Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay. Panorama Wildlife Sanctuary and Secret Gardens offers you a unique and unforgettable garden and wildlife experience that you will have never seen before.

## Pelican Feeding & Phillip Island

Phillip Island

Every day at 12 noon, the local Pelicans arrive at the San Remo Pier for their daily serve of fish. See anywhere between 15 to 30 pelicans. There are also large Sting rays that can often be seen from the Pier.

## **Peppermint Ridge Farm**

Tynong

Set against the backdrop of West Gippsland's beautiful Bunyip State Park, Peppermint Ridge Farm at Tynong North offers a range of unique "Taste Learn See" experiences designed to excite and inspire you about Australia's unique native foods.

#### Penguin Parade & Dinner

Phillip Island

Experience the magic of little penguins returning home at sunset to one of the largest penguin colonies in Australia

Polly Woodside Melbourne

You can join the crew, come aboard for a tour of the ship and discover what life was like on a tall ship sailing the seven seas. Polly Woodside offers a range of activities for visitors including a history gallery, wharf with picnic facilities.

Queen Vic Market Melbourne

Also known affectionately as 'Vic Market' or 'Queen Vic', the Queen Victoria Market has been the heart and soul of Melbourne for more than a century

<u>Puffing Billy</u> Dandenongs

This century old steam train is still running from Belgrave to Gembrook, through the beautiful forests and fern gullies of the Dandenong Ranges. The open sided carriages are the best way to see the stunning views. Alternatively, you can travel first class in their luxury, fully enclosed dining carriages, on the daily Steam and Cuisine Luncheon.

#### Pt Nepean National Park

Mornington Peninsula

Point Nepean is truly one of Victoria's beautiful natural landscapes. A special place with so much to see and discover. Explore the military forts and tunnels, discover the historic Quarantine Station, view the memorial where Prime Minister Harold Holt went missing or simply enjoy the coastal surrounds.

Queenscliff Fort Queenscliff

Fort Queenscliff is one of Victoria's most important heritage sites and one of the largest and best-preserved forts in the country. Enjoy the rare opportunity to tour a 19th Century Coastal Artillery Fort (operating as an Australian Army Base) with over 150 years of Australia's heritage on display.

## RAAF Museum & RSL

Point Cook

The RAAF Museum is home to Australia's largest collection of memorabilia and aircraft relating to the rich history of the Australian Flying Corps and the Royal Australian Air Force showcasing the role of the Royal Australian Air Force from World War I to present day. Closed Mondays.

Rose Cottage Monbulk

With a picket fence fronting a pretty little Rose Garden, the tranquil cottage is waiting for you to enjoy the day with friends. Relaxed and comfortable, patrons feel at home on the couch by the open fire. Delicious meals prepared on premises with fresh local produce. The restaurant is BYO so do feel free to bring along a bottle of wine to share and enjoy with your lunch.

Ripponlea Estate Elsternwick

Rippon Lea House and Gardens is one of Australia's finest grand suburban estates and the first to achieve National Heritage Listing, recognising its unique significance. The historic mansion is situated within a vast garden of sweeping lawns that cover more than 14 acres and features a windmill, lookout tower, heritage orchard, lake, waterfall, fernery and more.

#### **Sages Cottage & Farm**

Baxter

Not only does this place have THE most gorgeous little cafe with a playground; it also has a small farm, gardens, lake and historic cottage, and is set amongst stunning surroundings.

<u>Scienceworks</u> Spotswood

Scienceworks is bursting with things to challenge curious minds of all ages. In just one visit, you can stroll among the gigantic machines that kept the city running, enjoy electrifying theatre in the Lightning Room, wander through immersive exhibitions and drop into deep space in the Melbourne Planetarium.

## **Shrine of Remembrance**

Melbourne

The Shrine of Remembrance is a building with a soul. Opened in 1934, the Shrine is the Victorian state memorial to Australians who served in global conflicts throughout our nation's history. Beneath the inner sanctum a labyrinth of galleries unfolds, featuring over 800 artworks, historical artefacts and the personal effects of Australians at war.

<u>Sky High</u> Mount Dandenong

On the uppermost reach of the Dandenong Ranges, amid cool ferny glades and lush towering native forests is SkyHigh with majestic views over the Melbourne skyline. \* Spectacular Views \* Contemporary Bistro \* Magnificent Gardens \* Garden Maze \* and much more.

# **South Melbourne Market**

South Melbourne

Experience life at The Village Market. Melbourne's favourite local Market with over 140 stalls of fresh produce, specialty goods, cafes & services. Open Wednesday & Friday.

**Stokes Collection** Mt Macedon

The Stokes Museum is situated at the centre of the magnificent Forest Glade Gardens in the Macedon ranges. It has become commonly regarded as one of the finest private collections in the southern hemisphere. The museum features a breathtaking collection of 18th and 19th century porcelain, marble and bronze statuary, oriental tapestries, French furniture, paintings & more.

#### **Tesselaars Tulip Festival**

Dandenongs

See almost a million tulips on display at the Tesselaar Tulip Festival, the colour is absolutely amazing. In addition to the flowers there is live entertainment and market stalls daily, tractor rides, performances, souvenirs, games for all and much more. You can even see the biggest clog in the Southern Hemisphere. Mid Sept – Mid Oct.

#### The Big Bouquet & Alpacas

Yarra Valley

The Big Bouquet is a modern, working cut flower farm and alpaca stud, located in Healesville. Do a guided tour and learn first hand about the growing of top quality gerberas and the breeding of alpacas.

#### Two Birds Tour (Cuckoo & Grants Picnic Ground)

Dandenongs

The Cuckoo offers a delicious international smorgasbord prepared by first class chefs in a warm and welcoming family atmosphere. Decorated in the style of a Bavarian Chalet and with staff dressed in traditional Bavarian costume. Music and a floor show, cow bell ringing & yodeling equal to any in Bavaria.

Situated in the Sherbrooke Forest, Grants Picnic Ground is famous for its bird feeding. Visitors get to experience the spectacular Cockatoos, Rosellas and Parrots as they fly in to say 'Hello'.

## Warratina Lavender Farm

Yarra Valley

Warratina boasts acres of lavender where visitors are invited to stroll along the different rows of species, breathe the fresh country air, and enjoy the display gardens and views of distant hills across the Yarra Ranges. Refreshments and a selection of products are available from the gift store in the Lavender Cottage Tea Rooms. (closed Tuesdays)

Werribee Zoo Werribee

Why travel thousands of kilometres when a taste of African adventure is available just 30 minutes from Melbourne's city centre, at Werribee Open Range Zoo.

# West Gippsland Wander

West Gippsland

Travel with us through West Gippsland and the Strezleki Ranges to Inverloch for lunch and a chance to explore this lovely seaside town. We head home via Cape Patterson and Wonthaggi.

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**Walhalla** Walhalla

Visit the historic village of Walhalla, founded as a gold mining community in late 1862. The Wally Pub to is a great venie to enjoy a lovely light lunch with tea or coffee. Explore the Historic Village including the Lolly Shop, the Corner Store and Museum Check out the Bank of Victoria's Gold Vault which in its day stored 72 tons of Walhalla Gold Enjoy a train ride on in true old-fashioned style on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway Train or take a tour of the Walhalla Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine.

#### **Yarra River Cruise**

Melbourne

Discover Melbourne from a whole new perspective with one of our Yarra River boat cruises. A cruise on the Yarra is a great way to learn more about Melbourne. Add a leisurely lunch at the Studley Park Boathouse as the perfect accompaniment to this day out

#### **Westernport Tour & Tidemaster Cruise**

Tooradin

1.5 hours in duration, the cruise takes you through the sheltered waters north of French Island, allowing you to appreciate what pristine beauty this environment has to offer. This is a fully hosted tour, with commentary on birdlife, tidal significance and navigation. Includes Morning or Afternoon Tea and Coffee along with home made cakes and biscuits. Alcoholic Beverages can be purchased on board.

#### Williamstown & Ferry

Williamstown

Cruise though Southbank, the Docklands, the Port of Melbourne, under the Westgate Bridge to the River Entrance and to the Historic Seaport of Williamstown. From Williamstown you can see across to Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, St. Kilda and return into the stunning views of the City Skyline.

## **Upper Yarra Museum**

Yarra Junction

The Upper Yarra Museum is the only surviving railway station on the Lilydale to Warburton line. The Museum is an invaluable repository of the Upper Yarra and Yarra Valley history, heritage and stories. Rail, timber, tramways, machinery, agriculture are among the strong collection themes. Open Wed & Sun.

## **Y Water Discovery Centre & Yea Wetlands**

Yea

The Centre offers guided tours of the Yea Wetlands followed by a delicious morning or afternoon tea. Local guides share their knowledge and expertise on the amazing array of birdlife, mammals, reptiles, insects and flora on show in the Wetlands.

## **College of Surgeons Museum**

East Melbourne

The College of Surgeons' Museum has a collection of historical surgical instruments, objects from the history of plastic and reconstructive surgery, rare and historic books and College memorabilia. The collection includes oil paintings, especially portraits, sculpture, silverware, furniture, glass and ceramics.

#### Fire Services museum of Vic

Melbourne

The Fire Services Museum of Victoria is dedicated to the preservation and showcasing of fire-fighting memorabilia from Victoria, Australia and overseas. It boasts one of the largest collections of fire-fighting memorabilia in Australia, with it being located in one of its prized exhibits; the original headquarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB)

## Warrook Cattle Farm & Aunty's place (gift shop)

Monomieth

Breathe in farm fresh air, meet the wildlife and farm animals at historical Warrook. Milk a cow in the dairy, crack a stockwhip, bottle feed baby calves. Step inside a century old shearing shed, watch sheep shearing, learn about wool grading and feel the lanoline in the wool. Learn how to make damper and billy tea.

#### The Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History

Melbourne

The Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History showcases over 170 years of advances in anaesthesia and pain medicine, and is one of the largest and most diverse collections of its type in the world. Having such a significant collection allows us to look back to a time before anaesthesia was available and follow its development and transformation, from an unskilled and unreliable art into a highly scientific medical specialty.

## **Barwon Park Homestead**

Winchelsea

Barwon Park is an authentic bluestone mansion and stables set in a sweeping rural landscape. Embarrassed by having to entertain the visiting Duke of Edinburgh at an undistinguished homestead, pioneer pastoralist Thomas Austin and his wife Elizabeth built this lavish 42 room mansion in 1871.

## **Tarra Warra Museum of Art**

Healesville

TarraWarra Museum of Art is located in the beautiful Yarra Valley wine region, just one hour north-east of Melbourne. Throughout each year it presents seasonally changing exhibitions within an award-winning building set in the rolling hills of the natural landscape. Closed Mondays.

# Fox Classic Car Collection

**Docklands** 

The Fox Classic Car Collection includes more than 50 prestige vehicles collected by Lindsay Fox. Includes Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche and Mercedes Benz marques. It is ideally situated in the historic Queen's Warehouse. Open Tues & Wed

Daytripper Tours & Charters

PO Box 2113, Mornington VIC 3931

## **Trentham Falls & Red Beard Bakery**

Trentham

Experience the spray from lush Trentham Falls, Victoria's highest single-drop waterfall. Formed some five million years ago by molten lava rapidly cooling as it flowed along the old Coliban River valley, Trentham Falls plunges 32 metres over basalt columns onto the quartz gravel below. At Red Beard Bakery discover traditional, sourdough baking techniques and see the workings of their rare, woodfired Scotch oven, built in 1891.

<u>Jindivick</u> Jindivick

A lovely place to visit on a Day Trip with a stop at Lauries Sculptures, Lunch at the Jindi Caf. A visit to the Jindivick Country Gardener Rare Plant Nursery and a stop at Yarragon on the way home for a stroll around the gorgeous town.

#### **Creswick Woollen Mill**

Creswick

See firsthand how some of Australia's finest natural fiber products are made on a guided tour of the historic Creswick Woollen Mills. Meet and feed resident alpacas, and then follow the journey of yarn, from shearing through processing and weaving into luxurious products prized throughout the country. It's a great way to appreciate Australian-made craftsmanship

#### **Jazz Museum & Chocolates**

Wantirna

The premier Australian jazz museum and home of the largest Australian jazz collection. Enjoy a comprehensive tour of the museum, including what goes on behind the scenes; lunch, afternoon tea, or light refreshments available.

<u>Kryal Castle</u> Leigh Creek

Discover myths, magic and legends, be entertained and thrilled by LIVE JOUSTING, arena and theatre shows, Torture Museum, special effects Dungeon and Dragon's Labyrinth. Try Archery and Sword Play, visit the Wizards Workshop and Tooth Fairy Lolly, or a quiet drink at the Ale House. Open Sat & Sun.

## **Overnewton Castle**

Keilor

Overnewton Castle was built in 1849 and now stands as a prominent heritage building. A Scottish Baronial style castle set amidst over four acres of private tranquil English garden. High Tea and Historical tours available here 1st Sunday of the month.

# **Rayners Fruit Orchard**

Woori Yallock

Come visit us at Rayner's Orchard in Yarra Valley! Now with seasonal fruit all year, get to sample fruit picked straight from the tree in any season - stone fruit on Summer, feijoa, guava, persimmon & pomegranate in Autumn and kiwi fruit, tamarillo & citrus fruits in Winter & Spring. Fruit Tasting Adventure Tours run through the orchard daily.

## **Darnum Musical Village**

Darnum

Travel through West Gipplands as we make our way to the Darnum Musical Village for a 1 hour guided tour. The village was the brain-child of noted pianist Albert Fox, who decided to collect organs, pianos and many other instruments from yesteryear. The collection includes some weird and wonderful musical masterpieces which have been restored by the technicians at the village. Our guide will play some of them as we are guided through the collection.

Mystery Tour ?????

Let us organize a mystery for your group. Always an enjoyable day out to some far off land!! Includes Morning Tea & Lunch.