

EXPLORE VICTORIA'S REGIONS

From world-class wineries to unique wildlife experiences, the world's most scenic coastal drive to experiencing the gold rush fever, the region of Victoria has plenty to offer its every visitor! What's unique, every region of Victoria can be visited on a day trip from Melbourne or one can choose to stay overnight and discover the diversity and beauty of regional Victoria! In this module, you will learn on the following key regions and its attractions:

- Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges
- Mornington Peninsula
- Phillip Island
- Sovereign Hill
- Great Ocean Road
- Mt Buller

Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges

Only an hour's drive from Melbourne, Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges offers premium food and wine, breathtaking scenery, magnificent forests and quaint mountain villages.

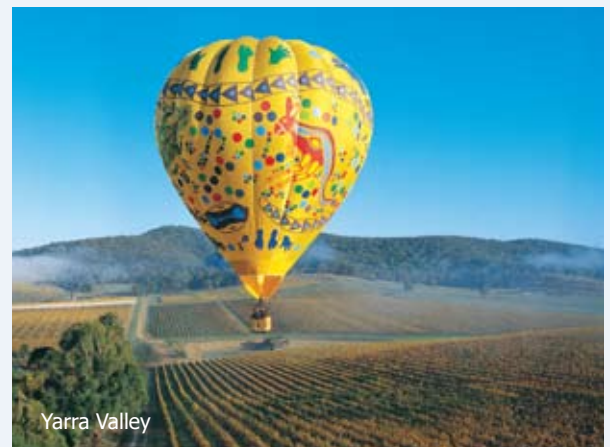
Key attractions

Wine tours

Take a behind the scenes look in the world of wine-making at some of the iconic and boutique wineries such as Domain Chandon, Rochford Winery, De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate and more.

Hot Air Ballooning Over Yarra Valley

Take in breathtaking views of the rolling vineyards and mountains that surround the spectacular valley.



Healesville Sanctuary

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

Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery

Here one can indulge one's love of chocolate in beautiful countryside. Abundant free chocolate tastings, watch talented European chocolatiers at work and a showcase of over 250 different varieties of hand-crafted chocolates and ice creams will tempt visitors.

Puffing Billy

This is Australia's favourite steam train and operating since 1900. The railway winds through the Dandenong Ranges and offers a unique experience. The open-sided carriages are the best way to see the stunning views and one can even dangle their legs over the side of the carriages - if they dare!



Accommodation

Boutique accommodations such as Chateau Yering Historic House Hotel, The Sebel Heritage, Yarra Valley lodge, Yering Gorge Cottages and Mercure Balgownie Estate Resort & Spa.

Mornington Peninsula

Only an hour's drive from Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula offers fabulous winery and golfing experiences as well as adventure opportunities.

Key attractions

Wine tours

Choose from more than 50 boutique wineries and vineyard restaurants such as Montalto Vineyard, Port Phillip Estate, Ten Minutes by Tractor, The Long Table and more.

Green Olive at Red Hill

Green Olive at Red Hill is for food lovers. They serve an all-day tapas and wine menu based around the great produce grown on the farm.

Peninsula Hot Springs

This is the only natural thermal mineral springs bathing and day spa facility in Australia. One can experience total relaxation in peaceful naturally heated pools and private baths. Soak up the therapeutic benefits and bushland views, and choose from mud wraps, hot stone and steam treatments for a complete rejuvenation!



Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens

Home to Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze, a beautiful circular rose maze, and the year round flowering Lavender Labyrinth, all set among 25 acres of world acclaimed gardens.



Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm

Explore the fields and taste the essence at the largest producer of strawberries in Australia. Pick the world famous Sunny Ridge Strawberries between the months November and May.

Enchanted Adventure Garden

The Enchanted Adventure Garden is an award-winning natural fun park. Featuring three hedge mazes, four giant tube slides, 20 themed gardens, an outdoor sculpture park and an indoor three-dimensional maze, this beautiful outdoor adventure park has something for everyone.

Moonlit Sanctuary

Cuddle up to koalas, feed kangaroos and wallabies, meet endangered species all in a beautiful bushland setting. At night, Moonlit Sanctuary comes alive in a remarkable way, with world-famous lantern-lit tours.



Accommodation

Choose from boutique hotels in Mornington Peninsula such as Peppers Moonah inks, Aquabelle Apartments, Flinders Hotel, Best Western Brooklands or One Four Nelson.

Phillip Island

Only one and a half hours drive from Melbourne, Phillip Island is a delight for nature lovers and unique wildlife experiences. Phillip Island offers activities for everyone and will surprise one by its peaceful atmosphere!

Key attractions

Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Witness the nightly magical procession at the world-famous Penguin Parade. Experience that electrifying moment as one spot's the first little penguins emerging from the sea and waddling along the beach to return home at dusk to one of the largest penguin colonies in Australia. The daily parade of little penguins draws thousands of visitors from around the globe every year. Bring warm clothing year-round, as the nights on the beach can be cool.



A Maze N Things

A world of optical illusions right from the moment one enters there are things that catch one's eye and tricks one's brain. Starting with the Flooded House and the worlds' largest backwards clock one is in for an experience that is like no other!

Panny's Phillip Island Chocolate Factory

The Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, the home of Pannys Chocolate, is an experience unlike anything one has ever seen. See the educational exhibition on cocoa production, a two meter chocolate statue of Michelangelo's David and a chocolate village complete with working rains! There is also a thunderous chocolate waterfall, where 400 kilograms of molten chocolate overflows every three minutes.

Seal Watching Cruise Experience on EcoBoat Express

Experience the thrills of a one hour high speed tour with the EcoBoat Express to the local Australian fur seal colony and Phillip Island's rugged and spectacular coastline. Watch the antics of playful seals as they surround the boat, ducking their heads in and out of the water. On return, stop by the National Surfing Reserve at Cat Bay

Maru Wildlife Park

Enjoy hand feeding and patting the kangaroos and wallabies, including rare albino animals. Meet the Koalas up close on hourly tours where the Keeper will take you right inside the enclosure to personally introduce you to our Koala family. See wombats, Tasmanian Devils, dingoes, a Crocodile, native birds and more in the animal park.

Accommodation

Choose from quality resorts and apartments such as The Waves Apartment, Silverwater Resort and the Phillip Island Apartment.

Sovereign Hill– An outdoor living museum

Sovereign Hill is a comfortable 90-minute drive from Melbourne where one can experience the gold fever that gripped Australia in the 1850s brought to life in this outdoor living museum. Start the adventure by touring the town in a horse drawn carriage. If it's gold you're chasing, explore the underground mines and see an amazing \$100,000 gold pour. And if really want to strike it rich, there's plenty of gold in the creek and it's yours to keep! One can shop 1850's style, see blacksmiths at work or dress up in beautiful Victorian costumes and pose for a unique souvenir photo! By night, Sovereign Hill presents its spectacular, multi-million dollar sound- and-light show, 'Blood on the Southern Cross', the dramatic story of the 1854 Eureka Uprising. Located just 5 minutes away from Sovereign Hill, is the award winning Ballarat Wildlife Park. One can experience close contact with koalas, wombats, kangaroos and even crocodiles. The selection of animals is truly unique and features animals that can only be described as natural wonders of the world!



Accommodation

The Comfort Inn Sovereign Hill offers modern, model-style accommodation, set right in the heart of Sovereign Hill.

Great Ocean Road

Travel the Great Ocean Road and beyond for one of the world's most scenic coastal drives—an Australian National Heritage listed 243 kilometres stretch of road, see the dramatic rock sculptures of the 12 Apostles, iconic surf breaks and waterfalls.



Key attractions

Scenic Flights over the 12 Apostles

Take to the skies in a chopper or seaplane for a bird's eye view of the stunning south west coastline. Flights will take one over the ocean and along the shipwreck coast—a truly stunning sight from the air.



Otway Fly Tree Top

Experience the Otway Fly tree top walk with breathtaking views and abundant plant and birdlife. The Treetop Walk is a 1 hour rainforest walk experience that is approximately 2km in total and features a 600-m-long and 30-m-high steel structured treetop canopy walkway that takes one right into the treetops.

Accommodation

Relax in boutique-style self-contained accommodation on the beachfront in one of the seaside villages along the Great Ocean Road. Some of the best accommodation along the coast line includes the Sebel Deep Blue, Seafarer's Getaway or the Crown Plaza Torquay.

Mt Buller

An easy three hour drive from Melbourne, Mt Buller is the most accessible major snow resort in Australia and a premier ski destination for snow enthusiasts from across the nation and around the world. Take in spectacular views as one whiz's down the slopes on skis, snowboard or toboggan on an exhilarating day trip or extended holiday. June until September is the best time to experience Mt Buller.

Mt Buller's impressive lift network is the largest in Victoria, with 22 lifts capable of moving 40,000 people an hour. Skiers and



snowboarders get access to over 300 hectares of terrain, with something to appeal to all levels of ability, relaxation packages from Australia's highest day spa. For those visiting with the family, take the kids on a magical Gnome Roam adventure or escape to the cinema for a quiet hour or two.

Accommodation

With Mt Buller's extensive range of accommodation options, taking a summer break is easier and more affordable than ever. Whether one is looking for an adrenalin-packed weekend or a quiet mountain getaway, Mt Buller has something to suite every style and budget.