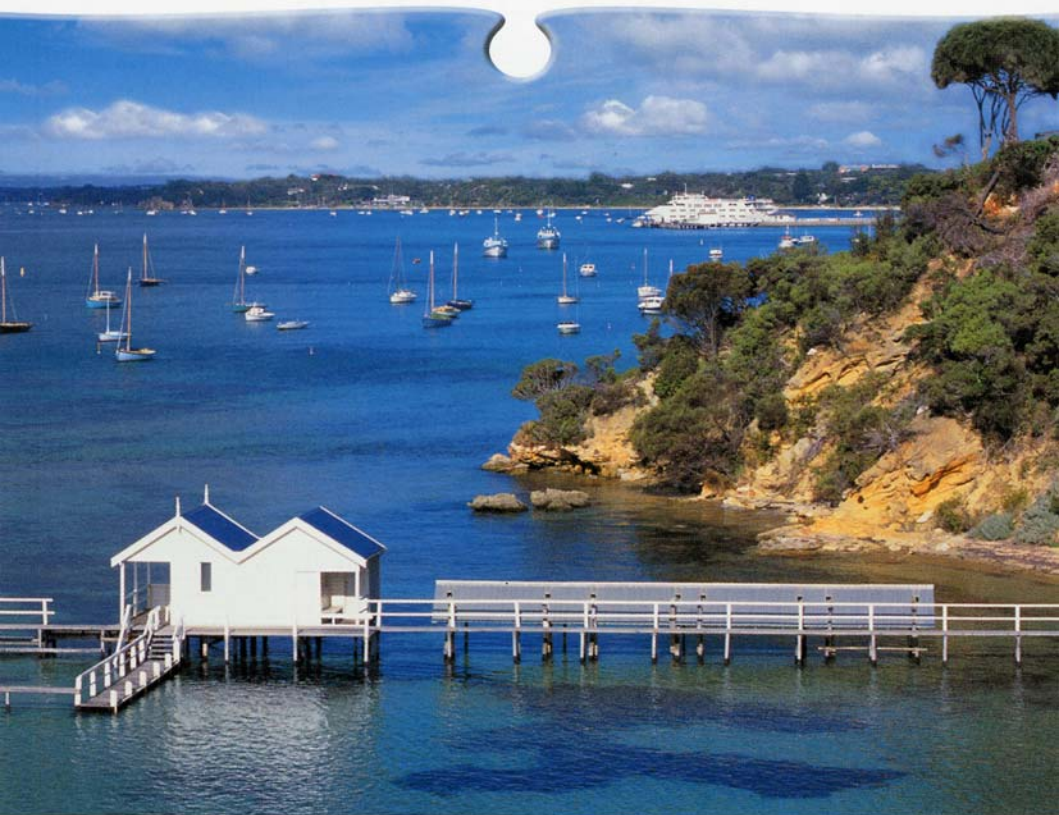


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# MORNINGTON PENINSULA

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You can drive the Mornington Peninsula from top to toe in about 40 minutes, and from coast to coast in just 15 minutes.



# Then dine in Tuscany

*“It reminds me a little of the Margaret River region, with its gorgeous rolling hills of vines reminiscent of Tuscany or Spain, right next to some of the angriest coastline in the world.”* Craig Tansley, *Holidays for Couples*.

Just an hour or so from Melbourne, you can slip effortlessly into a Mediterranean lifestyle. Watch the sun setting lazily over the vines as you sip a glass of excellent Pinot Noir in a vineyard reminiscent of Burgundy. Settle down for dinner on a garden terrace where the menu has Tuscan influences, but the chef is inspired by the local catch of the day and the produce fresh from the kitchen garden. Then spend the night in a grand country house hotel that echoes the fine traditions of European hospitality.



*“For the first time in Victoria it is possible to bathe in the naturally healing waters of mineral-rich thermal pools.”* Liat Biderovsky, *Postcards Magazine*.

Next day, why not linger over breakfast while you contemplate today's indulgences. It might be time to luxuriate at a day spa, bathing in naturally heated mineral waters. Or arrange golf on one of the courses that have been likened to Scotland's fine golf links. Perhaps just stroll along the shady paths in a magnificent English-style garden, relaxing over afternoon tea with lavender scones, homemade jam and wickedly rich cream.

But you could, of course, spend the day at one of the shimmering bays or wild ocean beaches that first made the Mornington Peninsula famous. Nature did a perfect job in creating them and they're as beautiful as ever. They're one of the reasons why top chefs have escaped the city and created fine restaurants here. They've provided inspiration for stressed executives, some of whom have helped achieve the vision of Australia's finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in this cool maritime climate.

They've tempted sea changers who moved here to open art galleries, produce stores, day spas, chic cafés in seaside villages and country B&Bs. And, as the Mornington Peninsula has developed a new style and sophistication, they've become the backdrop for Victoria's own Mediterranean lifestyle.

Come and experience it. It's so easy, because everything you need to know is in this guide. Then you can just let the Mornington Peninsula weave that special magic that makes you feel you're a whole world away from the city.

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