

Melbourne and Victoria



Welcome to Travelpoint Holidays' Victoria

Travelpoint Holidays has been a leader in creating Australian holiday experiences for over 15 years and our team of 250 travel experts are here to create the most wonderful holidays for you and your family.


We can craft your Travelpoint Holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments, resorts and lodges, as well as day and extended cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, rail journeys and a huge range of sightseeing tours. Whatever you want to do and wherever you want to go we not only know all about it but we also know the best people to do it with!

Whether it's shopping in Melbourne, tasting your way around 21 wine regions, skiing in High Country or driving the Great Ocean Road, our Melbourne and Victoria brochure covers it all. Explore Melbourne's multicultural precincts and inner city laneways (p48) for an insight into the city the locals love. Bushwalk through the Grampians (p65) or soak in a hot spring in Spa Country (p65) or the Mornington Peninsula (p58). Foodie experiences are everywhere, from the citrus orchards of The Murray (p67-68) to the famous wineries of the Yarra Valley (p56). Every piece of Victoria is worth exploring.

Travelpoint Holidays has a comprehensive brochure range covering all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific available through our 4,000 travel agency partners in Australia and New Zealand. For copies of our other brochures see your travel agent or call us on 1800 TRAVEL (Australia) or 0800 408 708 (New Zealand).

So have a great time on your Travelpoint Holiday to Victoria and thank you for letting us create the perfect holiday for you.

Andrew Burnes

CEO Travelpoint Holidays 





Bells Beach



Victoria's High Country

Every piece of Victoria has its own diverse attractions and range of unique experiences. Visit Victoria today.



Melbourne Food & Wine Festival



Twelve Apostles



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Planning your Travelpoint Holiday

Whether you are holidaying in Victoria for the first time or returning again, our travel planners will go to great lengths to create your dream holiday. Here are just a few reasons to entrust your holiday plans to the experts at Travelpoint Holidays.

100% Australian Owned

Travelpoint Holidays is operated by AOT Holidays, a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. The AOT Group has been in the travel business for over 22 years and is proudly Australian owned with offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The Australian Specialists

Travelpoint Holidays has been specialising in Australian holidays for over 15 years. Our product team travels to the destinations we feature in our brochures searching for new products and the best deals available. We have the largest range of Australian holiday options and our knowledgeable team will provide expert advice to ensure your holiday is a memorable one.

Travelpoint Bonus Offers

At Travelpoint Holidays we are passionate about offering you value for money. Throughout this brochure, you'll find hotels and tours with bonus offers ranging from free nights to free room upgrades. Just look for the 'Travelpoint Bonus' box.

Travelpoint Exclusive Offers

'Travelpoint Exclusives' are deals we have negotiated exclusively for Travelpoint Holidays customers. Just look for the Travelpoint 'compass' symbol on the listings throughout this brochure.

Travelpoint Holiday Packages

We've taken the hard work out of planning your holiday by putting together a range of packages which partner the 'must do' activities in the region with a choice of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. These packages represent excellent value for money and are only available through Travelpoint Holidays. Our great Holiday Packages start on page 10.

Laura's Hot Tips

Our Product Managers are passionate about travel and have visited the destinations they look after many times. Throughout this brochure, Laura, our Victoria Product Manager, shares her favourite experiences. Check out her 'Hot Tips' on page 9.

Crafting Your Experience

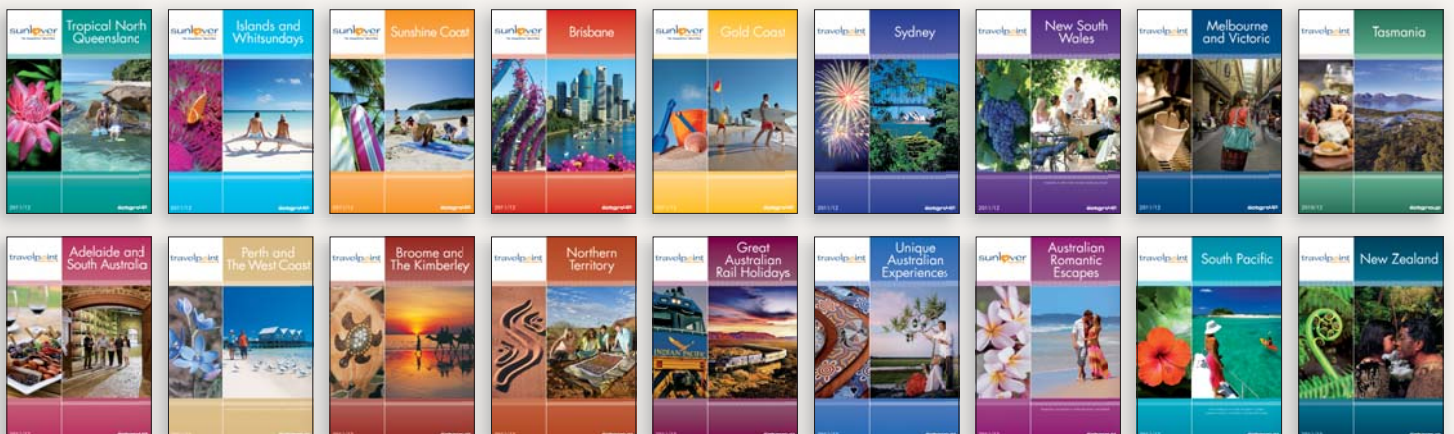
This brochure provides you with a wide choice of holiday options including accommodation, day tours, cruises, car hire and more. So whether you're planning a short break, the perfect romantic retreat or the grand Australian tour, we can tailor make a holiday just for you. Our team of travel experts will combine the best available airfares, car hire deals, accommodation and touring experiences to create your dream holiday. Use this brochure for inspiration, then let us help you create your adventure.

Customer Care Helpline

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is only a phone call away seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Travelpoint holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

More Holiday Ideas...

AOT Holidays has a fantastic range of products covering Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Ask your travel agent for one of our many brochures.





The information on the following pages is designed to help you plan your perfect Victorian getaway. Check out how to use this brochure, find out where to stay and where to go on pages 6 and 7, then get in the know with Our Favourite Experiences on page 8. There's more insider tips on page 9 as well as other Travel Tips for planning your holiday to Victoria.

School Holidays

Queensland	16 – 25 April
	25 June – 10 July
	17 September – 2 October
	11 December 11 – 22 January 12
New South Wales	9 – 25 April
	2 – 17 July
	24 September – 9 October
	21 December 11 – 26 January 12
Victoria	9 – 26 April
	2 – 17 July
	24 September – 9 October
	23 December 11 – 31 January 12
ACT	16 April – 1 May
	9 – 24 July
	1 – 16 October
	22 December 11 – 2 February 12
Tasmania	22 April – 1 May
	4 – 19 June
	3 – 18 September
	22 December 11 – 13 February 12
South Australia	16 April – 1 May
	25 June – 10 July
	17 September – 2 October
	10 December 11 – 22 January 12
Western Australia	20 April – 4 May
	9 – 24 July
	1 – 16 October
	16 December 11 – 31 January 12
Northern Territory	2 – 10 April
	25 June – 24 July
	1 – 9 October
	17 December 11 – 29 January 12

Accommodation Ratings

STAR and Diamond ratings are used throughout the brochure to describe the standard of accommodation.

STAR RATINGS Properties bearing the STAR symbols are independently assessed by AAA Tourism, the national tourism body of the Australian Auto Clubs. The STARS and the STAR Rating Scheme are a Registered Trademark of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. Travelpoint Holidays has no input into the assessment process.

DIAMOND RATINGS Properties bearing Diamond symbols do not participate in a recognised rating scheme. The rating is supplied by the individual property based on their own assessment. We therefore recommend they be used as a guide only.

★★★
◆◆◆ Comfortable standard of accommodation

★★★★★
◆◆◆◆ High standard of accommodation and facilities

★★★★★
◆◆◆◆ Superior standard of accommodation and facilities

☆
◇ Denotes additional half rating


Apartment Style Accommodation


In general, self catering apartments feature cooking facilities with a minimum of microwave, hot plates, saucepans, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Laundry facilities will be located either in the apartment, or in a guest laundry within the property. Most apartments are serviced every 7 days and do not provide hotel facilities such as portering, room service or mini bars. Most apartments provide an initial supply of items such as tea, coffee, soap and toilet paper.


Room Images


Room images featured on property listings are the lead-in room type, unless captioned otherwise.


What the Symbols mean


 Day spa facilities are available.

 The property has one or more rooms providing wheelchair access with assistance.

 A bonus is available if you are celebrating a special occasion (eg. honeymoon). Advise your travel agent when booking. The definition of 'special occasion' and type of bonus offered is at each property's discretion. Conditions may apply.

 Eco-Friendly STAR Accreditation certified by AAA Tourism to properties that have met key criteria in areas of energy efficiency, waste management and water minimisation.

 Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.

 Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.

Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per room for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights. We are always sourcing great deals throughout the year, so we recommend you use the prices in this brochure as a guide and ask your travel agent for the best available deal when booking.



Victoria

Melbourne

Melbourne is famous for its style and elegance and invites exploration. It's got Australia's best shopping and a passion for food and wine. World class venues host major sporting events, glamorous festivals and world class musicals.

Soak up Melbourne's style in the lanes and arcades of the city centre. You'll soon find everything from couture and vintage fashion to ultra trendy bars, restaurants and cafés.

Great Ocean Road

Take in the Victorian coastline and all of its charms as you drive the iconic Great Ocean Road. From the laidback coastal towns and maritime villages to famous surf beaches and amazing rock formations, you'll never be lost for amazing sights. The postcard iconic Twelve Apostles are just one of the trip's highlights.

Yarra Valley

The Yarra Valley is a must visit for those who enjoy the finer things in life. Stopover at the famous Domaine Chandon winery, sample delicious cheeses at Yarra Valley Dairy or combine the two indulgences and call into cellar doors and restaurants that offer amazing local wine and produce. There's a bounty of great food and wine in the area.

Mornington Peninsula

Escape to the beaches and rolling hills of the Mornington Peninsula. Right on Port Phillip Bay just an hour and a half from Melbourne, tee up for a game of golf or go exploring the hidden vineyard retreats. Take a slower pace here. It's all about life's little pleasures as you fill your days with beachcombing, golfing and food and wine tasting.

Phillip Island

Phillip Island is famed for its wildlife. Catch the spectacle of the daily penguin parade along the sand dunes at dusk and see seals and koalas up close. Nature is at its best here but there's so much more to see. Kids are well catered for, with plenty of attractions and family friendly beaches. Phillip Island also plays host to two big events on the motor racing calendar, the V8 Supercar Championship and the Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Gippsland

Victoria's Gippsland region offers up a combination of national parks, enormous lakes and laidback beaches, mountain towns and alpine country. Ninety Mile Beach and the Gippsland Lakes are the centre of activity for fishing, boating, swimming and water-skiing. Or visit the historic gold mining town of Walhalla.

Goldfields

Relive the days of the gold rush of more than 150 years ago in the Goldfields region. Local towns and villages now blend contemporary boutiques, galleries and restaurants with historic architecture. But you can still feel part of the hustle and bustle of an old gold mining town with a visit to the outdoor museum; Sovereign Hill in Ballarat.

Spa Country

Rest and relaxation are a given at Daylesford and Hepburn Springs. For more than a century people have flocked here in search of the therapeutic benefits of the natural mineral springs. There are more here than anywhere else in Australia. Indulge in decadent spa treatments and decadent dining while staying in boutique accommodation.

The Grampians

It's rugged and spectacular and renowned for its outdoor activities, from bushwalking and rock climbing, to fishing and canoeing. The Grampians National Park has walking tracks ranging from a casual stroll to overnight treks. Traverse the series of five sandstone ridges to see spectacular views, wildflowers and Aboriginal rock art sites.

The Murray

You'd go a long way to find a more scenic place to enjoy great food, wine and weather than The Murray region. Watch the afternoon sun shimmer on the mighty Murray River and sample the wares of local citrus growers, vineyards and restaurants.

High Country

Victoria's High Country is the perfect all-rounder holiday destination. Ski the alps in winter and return when the weather is warm for outdoor adventure activities. Eating your way around the region's villages is also highly recommended. Family-run restaurants and boutique wineries offer a delightful place to return to after a day's outdoor fun.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

International Comedy Festival 30th Mar-24th Apr
Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach 19th-30th

MAY

Warrnambool May Racing Carnival 3rd-5th

JULY

Melbourne International Film Festival 21st Jul-7th Aug

SEPTEMBER

V8 Supercar Championship, Phillip Island 16th-18th

OCTOBER

AFL Grand Final 1st
Melbourne International Arts Festival 6th-22nd
Spring Racing Carnival, Melbourne 8th Oct-5th Nov
Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix, Phillip Island 14th-16th
Wangaratta Festival of Jazz 29th Oct-1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup 1st
The Presidents Cup, Melbourne 15th-20th

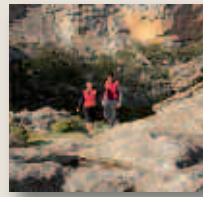
JANUARY

Australian Open Tennis Championships, Melbourne 16th-29th

MARCH

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2nd-21st
L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival TBC
Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix TBC
Melbourne International Flower Show TBC

TBC – Dates for this event were yet to be confirmed at the time of printing.



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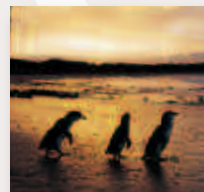
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- INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
- REGIONAL AIRPORTS
- NATIONAL PARKS
- RAIL
- MAIN ROADS



Our Favourite Experiences

The Classics

It's easy to lose yourself in Melbourne. Each day uncovers something new in the city where dining out is an art form, shopping ranges from undiscovered to designer, and wandering laneways reveals treasures at every turn.

Out of the city, nature experiences dominate. The most famous attractions range from the dramatic to the adorable, like the Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road and the Little penguins of Phillip Island. Rugged coastline, kilometres of beaches and lush national parks feature high on the list of Victoria's highlights.

Of course, eating your way around Victoria comes highly recommended. It's foodie heaven with hand grown and handmade produce sold at farm gates and farmers markets, orchards and dairies, roadside stalls and cellar doors.

Events, Arts and Culture

Victoria spoils for choice when it comes to entertainment. Fill your holiday calendar with sporting, arts and cultural events held throughout the year.

Sports fans get a kick out of Aussie Rules football. Adrenalin junkies love the air shows. Petrol heads flock to the motor races. And it doesn't stop there. Find surf competitions, food and wine festivals and that quintessential Melbourne event, the Spring Racing Carnival.

Arts and culture thrive in Victoria. Take your pick of dozens of stage productions in Melbourne each week. Or see the works of leading and emerging artists in art galleries and museums throughout Victoria – Daylesford and Ballarat's are among the best.

Nature and Wildlife

Nature is a big part of Victoria's appeal. Rainforests and rugged mountain ranges, coastal landscapes and natural landmarks – take in a variety of scenery like no other. Travel the Great Ocean Road for some of the most impressive coastal scenery in Australia. Hike through the Grampians National Park or ski the High Country. Further inland, the Murray region makes the most of its riverside location.

While the scenery is spectacular, the animals are always entertaining. Meet some of the native wildlife in parks, sanctuaries and zoos all over Victoria – Phillip Island Nature

Park, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary are just some of the top picks for animal encounters.

Shopping

Melbourne is undoubtedly the nation's fashion and style capital. From locally designed originals to the best of international brands, you'll be spoilt for choice.

- GPO has some of the best names in fashion including Wayne Cooper, Zimmerman and Akira
- QV features a mix of fashion and homewares
- Bourke Street Mall offers a great array of shops and department stores including Myer and David Jones
- Chapel Street, South Yarra is a must visit for high-end fashion and leading Australian designers
- Visit Greville Street, Prahran for contemporary styles
- Bridge Road, Richmond is great for factory outlet shopping
- Acland and Barkly Streets, St Kilda have funky retro fashion
- Queen Victoria Market is Melbourne's best loved markets
- Prahran Market in South Yarra is a favourite with foodies

Wining and Dining

Victoria's passion for food and wine is evident in its array of bars, restaurants, vineyards and local produce. Here are our favourite dining and foodie experiences:

Melbourne

- Discover cutting-edge dining at Attica
- Degraes Espresso Bar in Degraes Street is a little hidden treasure
- Botanicals epitomises South Yarra chic
- Café Di Stasio in St Kilda for great authentic Italian cuisine
- Neil Perry's Rockpool Bar and Grill for modern Australian steak and seafood
- MoVida offers delicious Spanish cuisine
- Colonial Tramcar Restaurant – fine wine and cuisine

Regional Victoria

- Stefano's in Mildura, The Royal Mail Hotel in the Grampians region, and the Lake House in Daylesford
 - Sample cheeses from The Yarra Valley Dairy
 - Pick your own strawberries at Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm
 - Mouth-watering seafood from the Great Ocean Road
- Victoria has over 850 wineries across more than 21 wine regions, and best of all, five of the regions are within 90 minutes of the city.

Must See & Do

SHOP FOR A BARGAIN at Bridge Road Richmond or Queen Victoria Market or head to Chapel Street for designer wares

Ride the **FREE CITY CIRCLE TRAM** around Melbourne city

Take in a show at the **PRINCESS** and **HER MAJESTY'S THEATRES**, Melbourne

Explore the **GREAT OCEAN ROAD** and see the **TWELVE APOSTLES** – page 49, 52, 69 and 70

Go wine tasting in the **YARRA VALLEY**, just under an hour's drive from Melbourne – page 50 and 56

Relax and rejuvenate in the naturally occurring mineral springs of **HEPBURN SPRINGS** – page 65

Experience the olive groves and vineyards, enjoy local restaurants and markets or explore the great sandy beaches in the **MORNINGTON PENINSULA** – page 51 and 58

See the world famous **LITTLE PENGUINS** on Phillip Island – page 50 and 61

View an extensive collection of art at the **BENDIGO ART GALLERY** – page 65

Take a tour to the **GRAMPIANS** for adventure activities and superb national parks – page 51, 65 and 70

Enjoy national forests, coastal wilderness, mountain streams and spectacular touring routes in **GIPPSLAND** – page 61



Travel Tips

How to Get There

BY AIR Virgin Blue, Qantas and Jetstar service Melbourne from capital cities throughout Australia. Jetstar flies into Avalon Airport, located 45 minutes from Melbourne CBD. QantasLink and Rex offer services throughout regional Victoria and across New South Wales and South Australia.

FROM / TO	MELBOURNE	FROM / TO	MELBOURNE
Sydney	1 hr 30 mins	Darwin	4 hrs 5 mins
Adelaide	1 hr 15 mins	Alice Springs	2 hrs 50 mins
Brisbane	2 hrs 10 mins	Hobart	1 hr 10 mins
Cairns	3 hrs 20 mins	Mildura	1 hr 20 mins
Perth	4 hrs 10 mins		

The above table shows flight durations for direct flights only. Connecting flights from other destinations are also available. Times are a guide only and subject to change.

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BY CAR Take the time to explore and discover as you make your way through Victoria. Whether it's getting there or getting around we recommend Avis car hire. See page 72 for details or ask your travel agent about the great specials Avis has to offer.

Travelpoint Holidays offers a selection of suggested driving itineraries, providing you with the freedom to discover some of the highlights of Victoria at your own pace. Refer to the Self Drive Holidays starting on page 12 for more details.

LAURA'S HOT TIPS

A sweet treat?

For cupcakes small in size but big in taste, Little Cupcakes on Degraeves Street will delight.

For a unique coffee experience in Melbourne head to... Sensory Lab, a specialty espresso joint that offers an educational experience as well.

Hidden Markets

Find something to treasure at The Rose Street Artists' Market in the heart of boho Fitzroy.

Another way to get around

Hire a vintage bike from The Humble Vintage Bike Co. for a unique way to discover the city.

Favourite Melbourne restaurant?

Try MoVida for its reputation as Melbourne's finest Spanish restaurant.

For an underground art experience...

Visit Utopian Slumps, a hip gallery and commercial space in Guildford Lane.

Weather Guide

TEMPERATURE AVERAGE in Melbourne

Summer	14°C to 25°C
Autumn	11°C to 20°C
Winter	6°C to 14°C
Spring	9°C to 19°C

Beach Safety

Australia has some of the world's best beaches, however care and caution should be exercised at all times. Please remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and listen to instructions from lifesavers and lifeguards.