

MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Please note: Hosted buyers and media wishing to participate in the Ballarat tour will arrive in Melbourne on Friday 26 February. Delegates will spend one night in a Melbourne hotel, and will be collected on Saturday 27 February to commence tour.

Arrival:	Melbourne, Friday 26 February, 2010
Tour Departure Date:	Saturday 27 February, 2010
Tour Departure Time:	8:00am
Tour Dates:	Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February, 2010
Tour Duration:	Two Days / One Night
Website:	www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org



The Mornington Peninsula, an idyllic and glorious part of Victoria located an hour's drive south of Melbourne, is regarded by many as the jewel in the crown of Victoria's stunning coastline.

If you haven't visited recently you will be pleasantly surprised at the Mediterranean flavour of the Peninsula, which has redefined the traditional beachside holiday. Cliff-top mansions, lively local markets, grand historic gardens and galleries spilling over with art and antiques create colour and life around charming seaside villages.



DAY ONE ITINERARY

MORNING

- ❖ **Depart Melbourne for Mornington Peninsula by Neptours coach.**
Neptours is a family owned and operated company that has been established on the Peninsula for in excess of 20 years. Norm and Val Watson are long term residents of the Peninsula and have a vast knowledge of the history and attractions on offer. Their four mini coaches, ranging from 16 – 24 seater, are all air-conditioned with cloth seating and are fully accredited with the Victorian Department of Infrastructure.

All tours are tailored to suit the group and include: Winery Tours, Peninsula Scenic and Historical Tours. The coaches are available for charter and are all manned by professional drivers.

Web: www.neptours.com.au

- ❖ Site visit of **Best Western Brooklands of Mornington.**
Best Western Brooklands of Mornington is the best kept secret on the Peninsula. 53 modern suites make Brooklands the largest Motel on the Mornington Peninsula. Each suite offers the corporate and leisure traveller all the comforts of home. King size beds, Plaza TV, Mini Bars, Spa Suites, Internet Facilities and Private Courtyards, not forgetting our Indoor Heated Pool and Gymnasium. Together with the function facilities, Brooklands caters for weddings, functions and conferences with the state of the art audio equipment.

Best Western Brooklands of Mornington is close to championship golf courses, wineries and restaurants, making Brooklands the perfect base for all to enjoy what the Peninsula has to offer.

Web: www.brooklandsofmornington.com.au

- ❖ **Visit the Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm.**
Explore the fields and taste the essence of Sunny Ridge Strawberries at the largest producer of strawberries in Australia. This third generation family business is nestled in the beautiful hinterland of the Mornington Peninsula right in the heart of its thriving wine region.

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There is plenty to enjoy at Sunny Ridge: explore the fields and pick your own world famous Sunny Ridge Strawberries (Nov-April); be tempted by our award winning fruit ice creams, heavenly berry desserts and refreshments while relaxing in the strawberry café; savour the unique flavours and intoxicating aromas of our medal winning range of fruit wines and liqueurs made from Sunny Ridge strawberries, local gourmet produce and quality giftware.

Web: www.sunnyridge.com.au

❖ Explore the **Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Garden**.

Step into Australia's oldest and largest hedge maze and experience the charm of the cypress maze and exquisite rose maze. The sculptured rising spires and arches of the hedge maze will delight you as you explore the myriad of walkways. Flowering until June the spectacular circular rose maze, the first of its kind in the world, will stimulate the senses with beautiful fragrances and blooms from the 1200 specially selected varieties. At Ashcombe Maze - with over 25 acres of gardens there is something for everyone.

Web: www.ashcombemaze.com.au

LUNCH

❖ Enjoy lunch and wine tasting at **Lindenderry at Red Hill**.

As you follow the winding tree-lined drive surrounded by Lindenderry's own beautifully manicured vineyards, where they also make their own wine, it is apparent that you have arrived somewhere very special.

Lindenderry has four individually decorated guest lounges, in addition to the library, and luxurious guest rooms offering views of the gardens, courtyards and the vineyards. For guests who want a little physical activity on their break Lindenderry has 2 outdoor floodlit tennis courts and an indoor solar heated pool. For reflection and relaxation the onsite Endota Wellness Spa offer a full menu of indulgent treatment options. The restaurant has panoramic views over the vineyard, with a garden courtyard for al fresco dining. The award winning wine list features the best of the local Mornington Peninsula vineyards as well as wines from around Australia and the world.

Web: www.lindenderry.com.au

AFTERNOON

❖ Visit the **Peninsula Hot Springs** for a site inspection and bathe experience (Optional)

....Entering the bathing area is like stepping into another world, a sanctuary where the mind and body are calmed by the steam, soothing aroma and the sound of running water. It's a place where time is forgotten and lingering is part of the code of harmony.....

Natural hot mineral waters flow from deep under ground and into the pools and private baths at Peninsula Hot Springs. At the Peninsula Hot Springs you can bathe, relax at the Spa Dreaming Centre and dine in the café at this tranquil coastal environment.

Web: www.peninsulahotsprings.com

❖ Arrive at your accommodation at **Peppers Moonah Links Resort**.

With its striking contemporary design, **Peppers Moonah Links Resort** stands out amongst the ancient rolling sand dunes of Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. The resort's 93 stylish rooms and suites all have private balconies overlooking the putting green, pool or courses. When it comes to dining, guests can look forward to fine cuisine at Pebbles Restaurant and a relaxing drink at Spike Bar. There's also a tennis court, pool, gym, mountain bikes and endota spa. The resort features two 18 hole championship golf courses. The main course offers guests the chance to play the course of the 2005 Australian Open, designed by Thomson Wolveridge & Perret.

Web: www.peppers.com.au

DINNER

❖ Discover the epicurean heart of the Peninsula at **The Long Table Restaurant**. Transfers to dinner will be arranged by **Your Shuttle Mornington Peninsula**.

When Andrew and Samantha first established **The Long Table Restaurant** their vision was to offer a unique dining experience with constantly evolving food celebrating all four beautiful seasons of the Peninsula. They've also crafted an ambience which reflects their personalities and their passion for wine, food and art.



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The interior sets whimsical atmospherics with gentle wall-wash lighting, antique school tables, velvet covered bentwood chairs, church pews and walls adorned with ink and watercolour paintings which sing of all seasons' harvests. With open fireplaces, rural views, outdoor bocce court and alfresco dining in the warmer months, the feeling is both provincial Europe and very much Red Hill.

Web: www.thelongtable.com.au

Your Shuttle Mornington Peninsula offer a premium transfer service in a state of the art vehicle. Relax in spacious, air-conditioned comfort as you sink into individual, leather, bucket seats. Stretch out with extra leg and head room and take in the scenery. Groups enjoy a dedicated vehicle for the day or the week and golfers love the unique upright stowage for up to eight golf bags on board.

Web: www.mpshuttle.com.au

EVENING

Return to your accommodation at **Peppers Moonah Links Resort**

DAY TWO ITINERARY

MORNING

- ❖ Visit **Point Nepean National Park** - one of Victoria's truly beautiful natural resources. Whether you decide to walk, cycle or ride The Point Explorer, we promise you – You'll be inspired! The Park offers insights into defence history, historic tunnels and forts, early shipping and quarantine and the coastal environment. Stunning views of Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay can be seen from many vantage points.

Web: www.pointnepeanpark.com.au

- ❖ Visit **Rosebud Country Club & Fairways Resort** for a site inspection. Fairways Resort is the perfect Mornington Peninsula location to explore the many wonders of the region. Experience the region's endless beaches; over 15 golf courses; lovely seaside townships; a hinterland winery; fine local food; day spas; relaxation centres and much more. Fairways Resort offers 39 spacious, well-appointed modern 4 star rooms, conference facilities large enough to accommodate up to 200 people and other facilities including a specially manicured lawn area, rose garden and gazebo.

Web: www.fairwaysresort.com.au

- ❖ Experience **RACV Cape Schanck Resort** which boasts stunning views over Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay.

Offering you a choice of Ocean View rooms, two bedroom Executive Ocean View suites and two or three bedroom Condominiums, RACV Cape Schanck Resort also features a magnificent 18 hole, par 70 championship golf course and onsite recreation facilities including tennis courts, table tennis tables, heated swimming pool and spa and a 4km jogging track. Enjoy the magnificent golf course vistas from the comfortable surrounds of the Dining Room, or the café style Lounge – an ideal venue for a pre-dinner drink, coffee or refreshment.

Web: www.racv.com.au/capeschanck

LUNCH

- ❖ Visit **Cape Schanck Light Station** and enjoy a scrumptious individual lunch pack made with local produce and put together by **Blue Mini Catering**.

Cape Schanck Light Station is located in the Mornington Peninsula National Park – Cape Schanck region. Natural coastal bush setting and the wilds of Bass Strait surround the Light Station. Explore the 'boardwalk' that wends its way down the cliff face and onto the beach below. Take a fully guided tour up the Lighthouse's spiralling staircase and marvel at the features of the light, mechanisms and amazing history.

Web: www.austpacinns.com.au

From the smallest gathering to a large corporate event, **Blue Mini Catering** will ensure a unique and stylish setting with a total package comprising food and beverage, staff



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and excellent service to help you relax and enjoy. Themed and styled with your tastes in mind and held at a prominent Peninsula tourism location like Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens, or somewhere off the beaten track – Blue Mini catering can create a tailor made event according to your desires.

Web: www.blumini.com.au

AFTERNOON

- ❖ **Depart Mornington Peninsula** and return to Melbourne.

