

# YARRA VALLEY & THE DANDENONGS



**Please note:** Hosted buyers and media wishing to participate in the Yarra Valley & The Dandenongs tour will arrive in Melbourne on Friday 17 February. Delegates will spend one night in a Melbourne hotel, and will be collected on Saturday 18 February to commence the tour.

<b>Arrival:</b>	Melbourne, Friday 17 February, 2012
<b>Tour Departure Date:</b>	Saturday 18 February, 2012
<b>Tour Departure Time:</b>	08:30am
<b>Tour Date:</b>	Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February, 2012
<b>Tour Duration:</b>	Two Days / One Night
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.yarraconf.com.au">www.yarraconf.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.experienceyarravalley.com.au">www.experienceyarravalley.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.experiencethedandenongs.com.au">www.experiencethedandenongs.com.au</a>

The Yarra Valley and The Dandenongs is a premier visitor destination only one hour from Melbourne. With its assortment of world class wineries, five star resorts, nature based experiences, fresh gourmet dining and premium conferencing facilities this region provides a range of experiences for any event.

The peak marketing body for this spectacular region, Yarra Valley and The Dandenongs Marketing, offers a free venue finding service and a dedicated conference, meetings and corporate events website. We are committed to promoting the Yarra Valley and The Dandenongs as a first class destination for all corporate, meetings and events needs.

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## DAY ONE ITINERARY

### MORNING

- ❖ **Depart Melbourne** and travel to **Belgrave**
- ❖ Glide through the sublime surrounds of Glen Harrow Gardens on a flying fox at **Trees Adventure** a thrilling tree-top obstacle course.

Move from tree to tree in a magical forest featuring Victoria's only two Japanese Oaks and under the canopy of one of the largest Algerian Oaks in the world. Trees Adventure is a fantastic incentive and team building activity.

Web: [www.treesadventure.com.au/](http://www.treesadventure.com.au/)

### LUNCH

- ❖ Enjoy lunch at **Puffing Billy**

The Puffing Billy Railway is Australia's favourite steam train and is one of the finest preserved steam railways in the world. Together with the traditional train journeys, Puffing Billy also offers a range of unique "First Class" wine and dine experiences in four beautifully resorted, fully enclosed, saloon-style dining carriages.

Web: <http://www.puffingbilly.com.au/>

### AFTERNOON

- ❖ Take in the exceptional facilities of **Rochford Winery** on a site tour and afternoon tea

Set in the heart of the Yarra Valley **Rochford Winery** is surrounded by beautifully picturesque vineyards. Rochford provides a blank canvas to create an event or function to remember. The Pinot

Gallery and Barrel Room are popular for business meetings, while the Restaurant is often used for larger presentations and product launches. Marquees are also available and outdoor spaces include a

sound shell and the Lawn is perfect for large events. The Courtyard adjacent to the restaurant is frequently utilised for pre dinner drinks and large groups for wine tasting.

Web: [www.rochfordwines.com](http://www.rochfordwines.com)

- ❖ Check-in to **The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley** before attending an inspection of the site.

Positioned at the gateway to the Yarra Valley, The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley hotel is just 45 minutes from Melbourne CBD and one hour from Melbourne International Airport. The Sebel offers guests luxury accommodation in one of Victoria's world famous winery regions, the stunning Yarra Valley.

### DINNER

- ❖ Tantalise your tastebuds with a 'Taste of the Yarra Valley' three course dinner at The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley and enjoy the finest Yarra Valley produce and wine

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## DAY TWO ITINERY

### MORNING

- ❖ Start the day with a sumptuous buffet breakfast at Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley
- ❖ Visit the **Chateau Yering Historic House** for a site tour of the gracious five star luxury hotel.

Set on 250 acres in the heart of the Yarra Valley offering luxury accommodation, event services and dining, it's not difficult to understand why this hotel has been accepted into the prestigious international "Relais and Chateaux" association.

Web: [www.chateauyering.com.au](http://www.chateauyering.com.au)

- ❖ **Healesville Sanctuary** is internationally renowned as the best place to view Australian wildlife in their native habitats. Get close to Australia's native animals as well as the property's conferencing facilities. The Sanctuary showcases the largest collection of Australian native wildlife with more than 200 species of birds, mammals and reptiles displayed in a natural bush setting. This includes some of Australia's most endangered animals including Tasmanian Devils, Helmeted Honeyeaters, Mountain Pygmy-possums and Brush-tailed Rock Wallabies.

Web: [www.zoo.org.au](http://www.zoo.org.au)

### LUNCH

- ❖ Take in the exceptional facilities of **Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort and spa** on a site tour and lunch

Positioned one hour from Melbourne CBD, yet worlds away from distractions, Balgownie Estate boasts views of the vineyard and picturesque Yarra Valley and beyond. Well known for its luxury accommodation, the Balgownie Estate offers superb contemporary conferencing facilities in an idyllic, picturesque location.

Web: [www.balgownieestate.com.au](http://www.balgownieestate.com.au)

### AFTERNOON

- ❖ Return journey to Melbourne via coach.