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Happy Space
VICTORIA

Gippsland

Victoria's largest region, Gippsland, boasts vast, striking landscapes and some of Australia's most spectacular national parks, lakes and waterways. Nature lovers will appreciate the remote wilderness with activities including walking, cycling, swimming, surfing and skiing. Less active visitors will enjoy relaxing in the coastal villages, perusing the local artwork in country galleries, indulging in regional cheese, jams, pastries and other local produce; and sampling local brews and fine wines. With a rich history and ancient Indigenous heritage there is something for everyone in Gippsland.





TOP ATTRACTIONS

Wilsons Promontory National Park

Victoria's largest coastal wilderness area, Wilsons Promontory National Park is one of the state's best loved parks. Affectionately known as 'The Prom', this 50,000 hectare reserve is threaded with a labyrinth of walking tracks that uncover abundant natural wildlife. Wilsons Promontory is also home to some of the state's most beautiful and secluded sandy beaches.

Walhalla

Experience life as it was, in historic Walhalla. Once one of Australia's richest towns and home to more than 4000 gold seekers, this sleepy mountainside village is now frozen in time and is home to only 20 residents. Lovingly restored, the town centre is full of heritage buildings, and perfect for a stroll. Visitors can try their hand at panning for gold or take a tour of the surrounding area.

Metung

Venture four hours east of Melbourne to find the picture-book village of Metung, stretching along a narrow sandy peninsula in the Gippsland Lakes. Strolling along the water's edge at sunset and watching the sailing boats glide by as the sky turns pink and is reflected in the water is a simple and sublime pleasure.

Tarra Bulga National Park

With its lush gullies, giant mountain ash trees and tree ferns, Tarra Bulga National Park is one of only four major areas of cool temperate rainforest in the state. The rainforest is a haven for plants and wildlife. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Tarra Bulga Picnic area or try out one of the numerous walking tracks that emanate from the picnic areas. Meander through the forest, head south down to Tarra Falls, or take the Fern Gully Nature Walk, which includes magnificent views along the famous suspension bridge.

Lakes Entrance

The vibrant town of 'Lakes' is located on Australia's largest inland network of waterways, the Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park, making it a boat-lover's paradise. Situated on the edge of Ninety Mile Beach where the Gippsland Lakes meets the Southern Ocean, Lakes Entrance is known as Victoria's seafood capital due to the large number of trawlers operating in the area.

Croajingolong National Park

Croajingolong National Park encompasses 100 kilometres of coast and hinterland. Nominated as a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, its landscape varies from pure white sandy beaches to rocky coastal headlands and granite peaks, rambling heathland, lush rainforests and towering eucalypts.



KEY EVENTS

Harvest Fest 2018

November

Over three action-packed days, Lardner Park will be transformed into Harvest Fest; Gippsland's newest farming and lifestyle event. Expecting to draw crowds in excess of 20,000, the pillars of Grow, Make, Eat and Live will be brought to life through hands-on experiences, exciting retail opportunities, entertainment and educational activities.

Meeniyan Garlic Festival

February

More than 100 stalls offer gourmet goods and garlic-inspired dishes, working with over three tonnes of freshly harvested Victorian garlic. A showcase of South Gippsland as a premier foodbowl – and a way to experience the beauty of our hinterland towns.

Tinamba Food and Wine Festival

April

Exquisite local wines, wholesome local produce and cuisine, fabulous local music and a great crowd. One of Gippsland's most anticipated annual events, the Tinamba Food and Wine Festival, showcasing East Gippsland wines, plus food and produce from throughout the region.



PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Promhelis

Scenic helicopter flights showcasing one of Victoria's finest landscapes – Wilsons Promontory. Promhelis offers four scenic options over 'The Prom' between \$85 and \$495 per person, over Shallow Inlet up to the extended Wilsons Promontory and surrounding islands.

Refugee Cove Cruises

These exciting new ecotourism cruises of the internationally renowned Wilsons Promontory National and Marine Parks will provide an unforgettable day showcasing the pristine beach of Refugee Cove as well as abundant wildlife including seals, dolphins, seabirds and whales.

Riviera Scenic (Riviera Nautic)

Riviera Nautic offers a day boat, the *Riviera Scenic*, along with a fleet of yachts, motor cruisers, day boats and kayaks. Licensed to carry up to 40 passengers, its tours travel through picturesque creeks, hamlets and lakes. Guests can relax on board the 40-foot catamaran, take a walk along the beach and spot dolphins from the deck.

The Church House

The Church House in Fish Creek offers the perfect luxury accommodation near Wilsons Prom. A leisurely 15 minute-drive and your there at the

entrance of this most southern National park ready to explore the bounty of beaches, fauna and flora and the many scenic walks before returning to the quiet and comfort of this spacious, stylish and unique residence to enjoy a glass of wine whilst watching the sunset over the hills.

Lightfoot & Sons

Lightfoot & Sons is a family owned and operated vineyard, winery and cellar door in the Gippsland Lakes district, specialising in Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Shiraz. At the Lightfoot & Sons Cellar Door, visitors are welcome to the vineyard and winery for wine tastings or to enjoy a glass of wine and local produce plate on the deck overlooking the vineyard and Lindenow Valley.

SARDINE Eatery + Bar

SARDINE eatery + bar brings together a menu of Gippsland's finest produce by award winning chef, Mark Briggs, with an ever changing, locally sourced produce driven menu. The restaurant sits looking over the water towards Raymond Island.

For more information on Gippsland, visit www.destinationgippsland.com.au