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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges form the heart of Victoria's Spa Country. The region is home to Australia's largest concentration of natural mineral springs, formed by its mountainous location and volcanic activity. The region's many spas harness the healing property of the mineral springs to offer health treatments designed to relax the mind, soothe the body and nurture the soul. One of Australia's leading foodie destinations, Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges is famed for its organic produce and award-winning restaurants, cellar doors, farmers' markets, cafés and provedores. Handcrafted artistry can also be found at the many boutiques and galleries located throughout the region. All of this sits against a backdrop of majestic forests, heritage gardens and serene lakes, making the region as tranquil as it is vibrant.

TOP ATTRACTIONS



Award-winning spas

The Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, The Mineral Spa at Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel, Salus Spa at Lakehouse, or the Daylesford Day Spa – a new lease on life can be found at any of these spas, with a soak in the healing waters or a spa treatment.

Piper Street, Kyneton

The goldrush village of Kyneton is home to some of the region's most interesting shops, eateries and galleries, mostly located along its main historic strip, Piper Street. Long known for its heritage buildings and antique dealers, it is now a modern-day gourmand's paradise.

The Convent Gallery, Daylesford

Nestled on the crest of Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens, the Convent Gallery overlooks the township of Daylesford and boasts views of the surrounding countryside. A feast for the senses, the gallery is a three level haven of fine art in an historic nineteenth century mansion.

Mount Macedon

At the summit of Mount Macedon, a 21 metre Memorial Cross commemorates those who served in the world wars. It is also home to some of the state's most beautiful established heritage gardens.

Hanging Rock Winery

Blessed with a view of the famed Hanging Rock and Mount Macedon, Hanging Rock Winery is the largest winery in the region and the perfect spot to sip on an award-winning wine.

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KEY EVENTS

Daylesford Macedon Ranges (DMR) Open Studios

October/November

DMR Open Studios is an annual celebration of the region's arts community. Held over three weekends in November, local artists open their studios to the public, allowing visitors to discover their work and creative practices. This program honours the contribution artists make to the community at large, and highlights the extraordinary breadth and depth of creative talent in the region.

Clunes Booktown Festival

May

The Clunes Booktown Festival has established itself as one of Victoria's key regional events, attracting up to 20,000 visitors each year. The 'festival of the book' is the only one of its kind in Australia and its program includes a range of book-related activities, exhibitions and talks. This festival is a member of the prestigious International Organisation of Booktowns, and Clunes is the only official Booktown in Australia.

Lost Trades Fair

March

Inspiration, craftsmanship, skill and passion can all be found at the annual Lost Trades Fair, a celebration that showcases more than 60 traditional trades, rare crafts and forgotten arts. Here visitors can meet talented makers that practise lost trades: chair makers, coopers, blacksmiths, fletchers, silversmiths, toolmakers, toy makers, boot makers, coach builders, instrument makers, gilders, stonemasons and many more amazing artisans.

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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Hepburn Spa Retreat

The historic and iconic Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa offer visitors the opportunity to stay overnight in the adjoining Hepburn Spa Retreat. The Retreat comprises 10 glamorous five-star villas. Contemporary and elegant, they are designed for complete indulgence and comfort and all have magnificent, serene views over native bushland.

Sault Restaurant

Located just outside Daylesford, the magnificent Sault Restaurant is set against the backdrop of Wombat State Forest, overlooking a private lake amidst fields of lavender. Spanish head chef Santiago Nine-Fernandez creates exquisite modern cuisine with a Spanish twist utilising the freshest regional produce.

Bromley & Co

Acclaimed artists David and Yuge Bromley now call Daylesford home and have created a visual feast that reflects their own lives and passions. Bromley & Co is a unique combination of art gallery, fashion boutique and homewares store.

Learn a new skill

Along with rejuvenating in nature and at the region's spas, visitors are encouraged to revive their minds with the opportunity to learn a new skill. Whether it is learning the forgotten art of chairmaking at Rundell & Rundell, or sausage and salami making at the Piper Street Food Company, or learning from the likes of renowned chefs including Annie Smithers or Alla Wolf-Tasker, the region offers plenty of inspirational lessons.

For more information on Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges, visit www.dmr tourism.com.au