



Yarra Valley Business Events Familiarisation Yarra Valley Highlights 22 September 2017

Yarra Valley – the regional capital of great food, wine and experiences

Melbourne's Yarra Valley just keeps getting better! A region that saw its first plantings go into the soil back in the mid 1800's, won it's first international wine award in 1889, then reinvented itself with fresh new plantings and enthusiastic presence in the 1960's, the Yarra Valley has managed to never be a place that has stopped and rested on its laurels. Rich in talent, enthusiasm and magnificent natural resources the Yarra Valley is an exciting place to be a part of. What's changed recently is the breadth of what is being delivered. Melbourne's Yarra Valley is now also the home to internationally recognised hand crafted gin, award winning apple and pear ciders and beer microbreweries that are setting the pace in their class. Add farmhouse cheese and the table is well and truly set. The Yarra Valley is an area that honestly celebrates life, awards dedication and maintains enviable standards in quality product. In the spirit of true conviviality let us share all this with you. Come taste, enjoy and you may even stay a while.

Yarra Valley Conferencing

The Yarra Ranges is Victoria's most spectacular conference destination and a world away from city distractions and only just over an hour from Melbourne. The region provides the perfect platform for incentives, events and partner programs. Exceptional cool climate wines, can be found in one of the 80 wineries that grace this area, sumptuous food offerings in award winning restaurants and cafes, art and culture with regular exhibitions at the acclaimed TarraWarra Museum of Art.

Guests may partake in activities such as grape stomping, wine and cheese matching, Segway tours through the vines, outdoor concerts, country racing, festivals just to mention a few.

Nature and wildlife also play an important part, with the renowned Healesville Sanctuary which houses Australian native animals with up-close and personal encounters providing guests long lasting memories for years to come. Bushwalking/hiking is plentiful with the Yarra Ranges National parks bordering the townships of Healesville, Yarra Glen and surrounds.

Situated approximately 50km from Melbourne's CBD and Airport, the Yarra Valley is the ideal destination, accessible by public transport and variety of transfer options available to consider for your next event.

Visit: <http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/>

Friday 22 September

Yarra Ranges Tourism Host: Natalija Mackenzie

07:45 Meet at Fed Square pick up point (location tba), Melbourne CBD for Departure strictly at 08:00am
Via, Doncaster Park N Ride en-route to Coombe The Melba Estate available also.

**Yarra Valley Transfers -
Touring in the NEW sleek "Black Betty" Renault Master Bus**

OR

8.45am Meet at Coombe Yarra Valley (Melba Estate)

Host : Di Legg (Garden Tour) and Daniel Johnson

Phone : 9739 1131

Address: 673-675 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream VIC

Please note, verification of your transfer requirements must be made prior to the day. If the CBD transfer is missed you will need to make own arrangements to meet at Coombe Yarra Valley and return transfer to Coombe will be provided at the end of the touring day. No responsibility for your vehicle whilst parked at Coombe Yarra Valley is undertaken by Yarra Ranges Tourism or Coombe.

9.00am Inspect – Coombe Garden Tour, Estate, Cellar Door viewing, inclusive of morning tea

Coombe Yarra Valley is one of the most unique gourmet and cultural destinations offering a stunning location for wine tasting, weddings, private events and dining. Once the Australian home of world famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, the Estate encompasses a cellar door showcasing award winning estate grown Coombe Farm Wines, seven acres of stunning gardens, restaurant and gallery facility

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/coombe-melba-estate>

10.00am Depart – Coombe Yarra Valley
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Tailored Private Wine Experiences and Transfers

Yarra Valley Transfers offers a unique range of corporate transport via Melbourne Airport and the Central Business District throughout Victoria's North Eastern Region. The business offers an extensive fleet comprising of a variety of vehicles including limousines to cater to the very discerning. Yarra Valley Transfers works closely with corporate groups to offer conference transfers and a variety of other services including gourmet wine tours, scenic tours, concert, accommodation and wedding

<http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/yarra-valley-transfers>

10.15am Arrive – Meletos & The Farmhouse (Stones of the Yarra Valley), Napoleone Tasting

Site Inspection of Meletos & The Farmhouse including Napoleone Tasting

Set amongst walled gardens climbing with vines, rows of crabapple trees and raised vegetable beds, Meletos has taken an abandoned collection of century – old farm buildings and created an extraordinary estate. Within the Stones of the Yarra Valley and Meletos precinct lies three distinct Restaurants, a remarkable two story Farmhouse hotel and The Warehouse – a beautifully detailed Rustic space targeted to motivate and inspire off-site meetings, conferences and senior management gatherings.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/meletos> , <https://visityarravalley.com.au/stones-of-the-yarra-valley>
<https://visityarravalley.com.au/accommodation/the-farmhouse-at-meletos>

Host : Kara Waterhouse
Phone : 9739 0900
Address: 14 St Huberts Road, Coldstream VIC

11.15am Depart – Meletos & The Farmhouse

11.30am Arrive – Balgownie Estate

Site Inspection of venue, conference facilities, wine Tasting and Lunch

Host: Rachel Fletcher
Phone: 03 9730 0721
Address:
1309 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen Vic

Balgownie Estate is a luxury four and a half star resort which boasts superbly appointed contemporary guest suites, a purpose built conference centre with executive boardrooms, plus award-winning Rae's Restaurant, Cellar Door and Natskin Spa Retreat and Health Club. The property has a 1.6km walking trail, tennis court and indoor heated swimming pool.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/activity/balgownie-estate-vineyard-resort-spa>

2.00pm Depart – Balgownie Estate

2.10pm Arrive – Tarrawarra Museum of Art

Site Inspection

Host: Tony Dutton / Anne Marie Kohn
Phone: 03 5957 3102
Address:
311 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Healesville VIC

Tarrawarra Museum of Art is a major cultural destination presenting an exciting annual program of critically acclaimed exhibitions in an award-winning building set within the beauty of the natural landscape and voluminous gallery spaces. For business event organisers, the museum provides a unique venue for their clients' relaxation, enjoyment and enrichment.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/tarraWarra-museum-of-art>

2.40pm Walk through to Tarrawarra Estate

Cellar Door site inspection including tasting

Host: Darren Fraser / Clare Halloran
Phone: 03 5962 3311
Address:
311 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Healesville VIC

Tarrawarra Estate offers visitors the inspired combination of striking architecture, delicious seasonal food, estate grown fine wines amongst stunning vineyard views. The cellar door is framed by stone from Castlemain quarry and incorporates a superb working wine tunnel which is perfect for that special occasion or incentive event. The outdoor deck is shaded by native peppercorn trees.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/tarraWarra-estate>

3.10pm Depart – Tarrawarra Estate

3.20pm Arrive – Oakridge Wines

Site Inspection of venue and private tasting

Host: Stacey Fitzpatrick

Phone: 03 9738 9900

Address:

864 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream VIC

Oakridge boasts some of the most spectacular views the valley has to offer and an outstanding seasonal menu crafted by Head Chef Matt Stone. With a unique 12m in length cellar door tasting bar overlooking the spectacular vineyard, groups enjoy a sensory experience of the 100% handpicked, hand crafted wines. Oakridge Wines offers a unique conference facility incorporating vintage interactive activities in the winery, winemaker lead master classes, team building and range of unique corporate activities.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/oakridge-wines>

4.20pm Depart – Oakridge Wines

4.30pm Arrive – Chateau Yering

Conference and facilities site Inspection including, Pre-dinner drinks, Dinner

Onsite presentation with Orson Koch – Yarra Valley Transfers at 5.30pm (5 minutes)

Dinner Service at 6.00pm with Natalija Mackenzie

Host: Krista La Greca

Phone: 03 9237 3333

Address:

42 Melba Highway, Yering VIC

Chateau Yering Historic House Hotel, situated in the heart of the Yarra Valley on a 250-acre estate, is a sophisticated and luxurious heritage listed mansion offering 32 luxury suites all individually decorated with fine antique furnishings. This discerning 5-star property with established gardens dating from 1854 provides an elegant venue with the perfect location to host your next conference, business meeting or special event for up to 150 guests.

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/accommodation/chateau-yering-historic-house-hotel>

7.30pm Depart – Chateau Yering

Return Departure via Coombe The Melba, Doncaster Park N Ride en-route to CBD

8.30pm Delegate Attendees arrive back to Federation Square drop off

We hope you have the opportunity to extend your stay within the region or return soon via a conference, function or family visit to enjoy more of what the Yarra Valley has on offer.

What's on in the Region can be viewed in advance by visiting

<https://visitdandenongranges.com.au/whats-on>

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/whats-on>

If you are on Social Media while in the region we encourage you to use the following social media handles to include in posts: The Official sites are prefixed with FindYourSelf

- **Instagram:** @visityarravalley_official
- **Facebook:** YarraValleyandTheDandenongRanges
- **Twitter:** Yarra Valley @yarra_valley

HASHTAGS

- **#yarravalley #findyourself**

For any further information please: Email natalija@yarrarangestourism.com.au or call on 8739 8000

Disclaimer Whilst there is every intention to adhere to the itinerary as presented, on occasion it may be necessary to make alterations. The discretion of the host venue and Yarra Ranges Tourism reserves the right to alter the itinerary with suitable alternatives should this be required at any stage and any amendments will be advised as soon as possible should this occur. By registering your interest, you are agreeing to your image in photos and videos for use by Yarra Ranges Tourism in their marketing activities.

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