



ONE DESTINATION, THREE WAYS...
THE BELLARINE

Seaside villages, friendly locals, lush vineyards, exceptional food and those stunning bay views... This slice of paradise is all 90 minutes from Melbourne

MINTED



Set high on the hill above Point Lonsdale and offering panoramic views from Portsea all the way to the Great Ocean Road, **THE NEST** provides luxury accommodation that prioritises personal privacy with rooms featuring their own decks and spas. From \$275 per night; book at thenest.net.au.



Enjoy a six-course degustation onboard **THE Q TRAIN**, a historic rail liner made up of old Queenslander carriages. Travel from Drysdale to Queenscliff (and back) as you enjoy a menu that may include braised lamb shoulder, tatakhi beef and orange honey mud cake.

MID



CURLEWIS WINERY owners Stefano Marasco and Leesa Freyer handmade their wine using an artisan approach – and their pinot noir is legendary. Bask in the glow of the fireplace with a glass or two. Their cat, the undisputed ruler of the house, may even pop by for a cuddle.



MERNE AT LIGHTHOUSE is the brainchild of four decorated Geelong-region chefs and food experts. Named after the Indigenous term for "food from the Earth", the restaurant, which opened last year, serves fresh and regional fare.

MODEST



Drop by **THE LITTLE MUSSEL CAFE**, a family-owned and operated business that's been farming the bivalves of Port Phillip Bay for more than 30 years. Try the tasting board that includes mussel chowder and a serve of smoked mussels. There's a reason the queue is out of control on weekends.



Still up for a feed after all that seafood? **THE BUNGALOW RESTAURANT** has an all-day menu with breakfast at any hour, a range of share plates, sandwiches and brownies, along with a selection of wines and beers.

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1. **WE ARE CHEEKY** Bar Mixology Set, \$20, wearecheeky.com.au
2. **NEUTROGENA** Hydro Boost Sleeping Mask, \$4.99, neutrogena.com.au
3. **RMS** Wild With Desire Lipstick in Temptation, \$41, mecca.com.au
4. **KIP & CO X PARED** sunglasses, \$270, au.paredeyewear.com
5. **BASSIKE** trench, \$1295, bassike.com



★ TRAVEL NOTES

Travel to The Bellarine with Port Phillip Ferries, a passenger ferry service between Portarlington on the peninsula and Docklands in Melbourne. It operates twice daily, every day of the year.