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## **Top 5 beaches – Geelong and The Bellarine**

The waters around Geelong and The Bellarine are varied and stunning. Geelong has a north-facing bay, rare in the southern hemisphere and the Bellarine has beaches perfect for water-based adventures from paddling and swimming in the gentle waters to surfing and boarding at the popular surf breaks. There are rock pools to ramble and shallows to snorkel. Our Top 5 beaches include:

### **Surf's up at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach – Barwon Heads**

Nestled in between the Barwon River Estuary and the open ocean of Bass Strait, Barwon Heads is uniquely positioned to provide a range of beach options. The sandy areas of the river on either side of the bridges are favoured by families with young kids. If you're looking for a surf, 13<sup>th</sup> Beach is one of the best known surf spots can be a great place to learn to surf (if the conditions are right).

### **Chill with the family at Ocean Grove**

Ocean Grove Main Beach is renowned as one of the safest family surf beaches in Victoria. Its sandy shoreline stretches for two stunning kilometres taking in the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club, seasonally patrolled swimming spots, surfing locations, rock pools and cafes. The rolling waves are perfecting for catching a wave or diving under safely. Locals and holiday-makers flock to this beach thanks to the amenities, surf patrol, the stunning new Surf Life Saving Club and The Dunes Cafe.

### **Wander Point Lonsdale front beach**

Point Lonsdale front beach is great for wandering, wading and rock pool rambling. There is a long arc of sand that runs towards Queenscliff. In the other direction is the famous Point Lonsdale Lighthouse. The rocky cliffs are dotted with holes and crevices and there is also a viewing platform with views of The Rip, Point Nepean and Port Phillip Bay. Watch as ships navigate their way through Port Phillip Heads bound for Melbourne and enjoy the relaxed village vibe.

### **The delights of Portarlington bay beach**

Portarlington is a gorgeous seaside town with uninterrupted bay views, calm waters and a string of boutique shops and eateries. The beach offers a vast stretch of golden sand, gentle lapping waves and shelter – it is no wonder that Portarlington's Main Beach has earned the reputation for being a first-rate, family-friendly place to swim and relax. Extending for more than 1.5 km, Portarlington's stretch of beach grants easy access from The Esplanade and is a short walk from the ferry.

### **Stunning Eastern Beach Reserve, Geelong**

Eastern Beach Reserve is an iconic, charmingly cosmopolitan waterfront area in the heart of Geelong. Built in the 1930s, the reserve is home to an enclosed sea bath, boardwalk, diving towers, children's pool, floating islands, kiosk, changeroom, terraced lawns and playground. Ideal for a family outing, it has safe swimming areas (patrolled by lifeguards during summer), barbecue facilities, picnic tables, public toilets and lots of parking. The heritage listed pavilion has just been reopened as Beach House café.

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### **Ocean Grove**

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### **Eastern Beach**

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