

# Our Blueprint for a Perfect Mornington Peninsula Escape.

The Mornington Peninsula is a special place.

An easy hour from Melbourne, it's that perfect mix of rugged coastline, rolling vineyards, and seriously good food.

Here's our blueprint for a perfect long weekend.

No wrong turns, no tourist traps. Just the essentials, done right.



The East Coast Social Club. Find Yourself in New Places.

## FRIDAY The Arrival

The drive from Melbourne is about 75 minutes. Head straight for Merricks North and check into [Jackalope](#). It's a statement hotel, yes, but it's also the perfect, moody basecamp for a proper escape. You'll be based here for the entire long weekend. Settle in, switch off. The first order of business is a pre-dinner cocktail at [Flaggerdoot](#), the hotel's brilliant bar. Dinner tonight is at [Doot Doot Doot](#), right there at the hotel. It's an experience, so lean into it.





## SATURDAY Art, Wine & A Classic Sunset

Start the day with a short 15-minute drive to the charming village of Flinders. Grab a coffee and some breakfast from the [Village Cafe & Wine Bar](#). It's a cosy, locally owned spot right in the heart of town. Caffeinated, it's a scenic 10-minute drive to Main Ridge for a wine tasting at [Ten Minutes by Tractor](#).

It's a beautiful cellar door with a serious pedigree. From there it's another 10 minute to Merricks for lunch.

**This is a non-negotiable:**



[Pt. Leo Estate](#). The food is excellent, but the real reason you're here is to wander through the incredible outdoor sculpture park afterwards, wine in hand, with that stunning view over Western Port Bay. For dinner, we're keeping it simple and iconic. It's a 40-minute drive across the Peninsula to the bay side, but it's worth it. Head to the [Portsea Hotel](#) in Portsea. It's a classic pub, but it has one of the best sunset views in Victoria. A perfect, no-fuss end to the day.



## SUNDAY Recharge & The Road Home

A slow start is required. The destination is a 30-minute drive away in Fingal: the [Peninsula Hot Springs](#) for a restorative soak. It can get busy, so it's worth booking one of the more private bathing experiences to keep things relaxed.



Feeling recharged, take the scenic 25-minute drive through the hinterland to Red Hill. Lunch is at [Polperro Winery](#), a beautiful, intimate spot that feels like a real local secret. A final wine tasting here is the perfect, low-key way to cap off the weekend before the easy drive back to the city.



## The Insider Tip:

When you visit [Pt. Leo Estate](#), everyone understandably gravitates towards the main restaurant. The real secret is to book a table at Laura their smaller, more intimate fine dining room. It's a truly special, elevated experience that many visitors miss.

## The Logistics: Your Weekend at a Glance

**The Plan:** Leave Melbourne around 2 PM on Friday to miss the worst of the traffic; the drive is about 75 minutes. This itinerary is designed to be a loop, starting and ending with an easy drive, using Jackalope as your central base for both nights. **With so many great cellar doors to visit, it's a good idea to sort out a designated driver for the weekend.** All travel times are estimates only and are dependent on traffic conditions.

### Day 1: Friday

#### Jackalope Hotel (Your Base)

W: [jackalopehotels.com](http://jackalopehotels.com)

P: (03) 5931 2500

#### Flaggerdoot Bar (at Jackalope)

W: [jackalopehotels.com/drink-dine/#Flaggerdoot](http://jackalopehotels.com/drink-dine/#Flaggerdoot)

#### Doot Doot Doot (at Jackalope)

W: [jackalopehotels.com/dootdootdoot](http://jackalopehotels.com/dootdootdoot)

### Day 2: Saturday

#### Village Café and Wine Bar Flinders

Insta: [@villagecafevlinders](https://www.instagram.com/villagecafevlinders)

A: 49 Cook St, Flinders VIC 3929

#### Ten Minutes by Tractor

W: [tenminutesbytractor.com.au](http://tenminutesbytractor.com.au)

P: (03) 5989 6455

#### Pt. Leo Estate

W: [ptleoestate.com.au](http://ptleoestate.com.au)

P: (03) 5989 9011

#### Portsea Hotel

W: [portseahotel.com.au](http://portseahotel.com.au)

P: (03) 5984 2213

### Day 3: Sunday

#### Peninsula Hot Springs

W: [peninsulahotsprings.com](http://peninsulahotsprings.com)

P: (03) 5950 8777

#### Polperro Winery

W: [polperrowines.com.au](http://polperrowines.com.au)

P: (03) 5989 2471



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## Recharge your car

**Sorrento:** Evie Charger, 34-36 Ocean Beach Rd, Sorrento

**Mornington:** Chargefox Ultra-Rapid Charger, 786 Esplanade, Mornington

**Red Hill:** Tesla Destination Charger, 53 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South (In the main car park of Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove)

## Recharge yourself



