

Couples, Country Air, Castlemaine Charm



Start with Something Special

Nothing says "holiday mode" quite like arriving to a bottle of fine local sparkling wine and a gourmet cheese platter. Or perhaps you'd prefer a beautifully presented picnic hamper filled with local produce to enjoy on your deck? Let us know what you'd like and it will be waiting for you.

Long Brunches and Lazy Mornings

Castlemaine is home to a thriving café culture, making it easy to spend an entire morning lingering over excellent coffee and delicious food.

Choose from cosy country cafés, French-inspired bakeries, hidden local favourites and welcoming village stores, all serving fresh local produce and regional specialties. It's the perfect excuse to slow down, order another coffee and forget what time it is. Our favourites include the sumptuous Viennese-themed Das Kaffeehaus at the Mill Precinct across the road from BIG4 Castlemaine Gardens Holiday park, Lazy Bones Café, Saffs Café, Tog's Place or the lovely Harcourt Produce & General Store.



Pack a Picnic and Find Your Own View

Some of the most romantic moments happen away from the crowds.

The neighbouring Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, Vaughan Springs, Expedition Pass Reservoir and the walking trails of Mt Alexander Regional Park all offer beautiful picnic

spots surrounded by nature. Pick up artisan bread, local cheeses, cold cuts, chocolates and gourmet treats from The Mill precinct or local delicatessens and create your own feast.

For something more active, combine your picnic with a bike ride or bushwalk and discover the rugged beauty of the Victorian Goldfields together.

Country Pubs, Craft Beer and Live Music

Castlemaine is famous for its historic pubs, beer gardens and vibrant live music scene. Enjoy a craft beer in a sunny courtyard or share a wood-fired pizza and spend an evening listening to live music in Castlemaine's Theatre Royal, one of Australia's oldest continuously operating theatres. You'll also find great live music happening at the Taproom at The Mill or the Bridge Hotel, also a short stroll from the park.

For something a little quieter, there are several cosy wine bars and intimate venues perfect for lingering over a glass of local wine.

Explore Beyond Castlemaine

One of the joys of staying in Castlemaine is how much there is to discover nearby.

Take a steam train ride to the historic township of Maldon, wander its beautifully preserved streets and enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning through the countryside. Daylesford and Hepburn Springs are also within easy reach and make a wonderful day trip, offering mineral spas, lakeside walks, galleries and boutique shopping.

Or simply follow the winding back roads through Harcourt, Guildford and Sutton Grange, stopping at cellar doors, farm gates and scenic lookouts along the way



Long Lunches, Fine Dining and Local Wine

Castlemaine has become one of regional Victoria's most exciting food destinations.

Enjoy innovative dining in beautifully restored historic buildings, discover wine bars showcasing local drops, or settle in for a leisurely lunch overlooking vineyards and rolling countryside. The region's reputation for exceptional food and wine means you'll never be short of somewhere special to celebrate. Pour top picks include Bar Midland, Boomtown Winery & Bistro, Love Shack and the Taproom.

If you'd rather stay close to home, pick up a bottle from a local winery and enjoy takeaway from one of Castlemaine's excellent restaurants back at your accommodation.

A Little Indulgence

No romantic getaway is complete without chocolate! Fortunately, Castlemaine has that covered too. Browse artisan chocolatiers, sample handcrafted treats and take home a few delicious souvenirs—if they survive the trip back to your accommodation.

After all, holidays are for indulging.

Stay, Relax and Reconnect

Whether your perfect escape involves scenic walks, long lunches, live music, country pubs, fine dining or simply spending quality time together, Castlemaine and Central Victoria provide the ideal backdrop.

Slow down, switch off and enjoy simply being together in a lovely little part of the world.