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Barwon Grange

25 Fernleigh Street, Newtown, Geelong 3200

Tel: (03) 5221 3906

Geelong's only surviving 1850s riverside house in original condition inside and out. Barwon Grange was built for businessman Jonathan Porter O'Brien. Rooms are displayed in the way in which they were first used, faithfully representing an 1856 inventory. The picturesque garden slopes down towards the Barwon River.

Open: Sun 1pm - 4pm. Other times by appointment. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Barwon Park

105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea 3241

Tel: (03) 5267 2209

Built in 1869 for Thomas Austin, Barwon Park is a majestic 42-room bluestone mansion and stable. The interiors remain largely in original condition and feature a striking central staircase resonant of Victoria's pastoral heritage.

Open: Wed & Sun 11am to 4pm. Other times by appointment. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Bendigo Joss House

Finn Street, Emu Point, Bendigo 3550

Tel: (03) 5442 1685

Significant as the only surviving building of its kind in regional Victoria, the Bendigo Joss House provides a glimpse into Chinese culture and traditions. Built of timber and local handmade bricks, it continues to be used as a house of worship.

Open: Wed & Sun 11am to 4pm, Sat 11am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day.

The Briars Historic Park

Nepean Highway, Mt Martha 3934

Tel: (03) 5974 3686

The Briars is one of the oldest pastoral properties on the Mornington Peninsula. Wetlands, woodlands, bird hide, rosary, perfumed garden and restaurant are added attractions. No dogs allowed.

Open: daily. Park - 9am to 5pm, Homestead - 10am to 4pm. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Como Historic House and Garden

Cnr Williams Road & Lechlade Avenue, South Yarra 3141

Tel: (03) 9827 2500

Gracious Como is a colonial mansion amid five acres of historic gardens designed by William Sangster, a renowned master of 19th century design. The extensive original collection provides a rare insight into the Armytage family and its influence on Melbourne society over a 95-year residency.

Open: May to Aug Wed, Sat and Sun 10am to 5pm (last entry to the ground is 4pm); Sep to Apr, daily 10am to 5pm (last entry to the ground is 4pm). Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Dow's Pharmacy

Conness Street, Chiltern 3683

Tel: (03) 5726 1611 (Chiltern Tourism Association Inc.)

Built in 1859 the pharmacy remained open until 1969. Today the shop contains many original fittings and records, as well as a fascinating collection of pharmaceutical equipment.

Open: Mon-Sat 10am to 3pm or by appointment (closed 12.30pm to 1.30pm). Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Federal Standard Printing Works

Main Street, Chiltern 3683

Tel: (03) 5726 1611 (Chiltern Tourism Association Inc.)

Established in 1859, this is one of the few substantially intact provincial newspaper offices of the gold mining era.

Open: second weekend of each month 11am-3pm (both days) or by appointment. Machinery operates on Sundays only.

Government House / La Trobe's Cottage

Cnr Birdwood Ave & Dallas Brooks Drive, South Yarra 3141

Tel: (03) 9656 9800

One of Victoria's oldest buildings, La Trobe's Cottage was the home of Victoria's first Governor, Lt Charles La Trobe. A prefabricated dwelling brought to Australia from England in 1839; it still contains many of its original furnishings.

Tours of the State apartments of Government House commence from La Trobe's Cottage on Mondays and Wednesdays. Tours are by appointment and subject to availability. A tour of La Trobe's Cottage is included.

La Trobe's Cottage is open every Sunday 2pm to 4 pm.

Gulf Station

1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen 3775

Tel: (03) 9656 9800

Gulf Station is one of the oldest farms in the Yarra Valley. Its buildings date from the 1850s and are the most complete group of solid timber-slab farm buildings surviving in Victoria. The restored original cottage garden contains roses, lilac, mulberry and japonica.

Closed for redevelopment. School bookings by appointment.

The Heights

140 Aphrasia Street, Newtown, Geelong 3220

Tel: (03) 5221 3510

This unique German prefabricated house of 14 rooms was built in 1855. It underwent extensive alterations in the 1930s, reflecting that

era's contemporary taste. The garden, dominated by the 1860s plantings of oaks and conifers, retains its original outbuildings. Open: Sun 1pm to 4pm. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day. Groups by appointment.

Labassa

2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North 3161
Tel: (03) 9527 6295

Labassa is one of Melbourne's most elaborately decorated mansions. Completed in 1890, Labassa features detailed stencilling, rich heavy wallpapers, a grand staircase with a magnificent stained-glass window and rare trompe l'oeil ceiling.

Open: third Sunday of each month 10.30am-4.30pm. Groups by appointment. Closed December.

Lake View Homestead

Victoria Street, Chiltern 3683

Tel: (03) 5726 1611 (Chiltern Tourism Association Inc.)

Lake View is significant for its association with the distinguished novelist Henry Handel Richardson (pseudonym for Ethel Richardson). The redbrick house contains a small collection of Richardson memorabilia.

Open: Thurs & Sun 1pm-4 pm. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day. Bus tours by appointment only (03) 5726 1317 or (03) 5726 1280.

McCrae Homestead

11 Beverley Road, McCrae 3938

Tel: (03) 5986 5688 or (03) 5981 2866

McCrae Homestead, built in 1844 by Andrew and Georgiana McCrae, is one of Victoria's oldest homesteads. Built to Georgiana's design, the house contains numerous original paintings and furniture brought by the McCrae family from Scotland.

Open: Sat-Sun 12noon-4.30pm & Sep to Jun, Wed 12noon-4.30pm.

Mooramong

Glenelg Highway, near Skipton 3361

Tel: (03) 5340 6556

Mooramong homestead, built in the 1870s, was extensively altered in 1937 to reflect the elegant lifestyle of DJS (Scobie) Mackinnon and his wife, the Hollywood silent screen star Claire Adams. In accordance with the wishes of the Mackinnons, the National Trust has established a native fauna and flora reserve on the site.

Groups and bus tours by appointment only.

Motts Cottage

5 Sackville Street, Port Fairy 3284

Tel: (03) 5568 2632 or Visitor Centre (03) 5568 2682

One of the earliest surviving buildings in the region, the original two room wooden cottage dates from the 1840s. The unusual two storey stone section with its Gothic styling was completed around 1851.

Open: Sep to end of June/July school holidays, Wed-Sat 2pm to 4pm. For additional opening times please call (03) 5568 2632.

Mulberry Hill

Golf Links Road, Langwarrin South 3911

Tel: (03) 5971 4138

Mulberry Hill is an American colonial-style weatherboard house built in the late 1920s. It was the home of Sir Daryl Lindsay, notable artist and his wife Joan, who is best remembered for her novel, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*.

Open for guided tours only: Sun 1.30pm, 2.15pm & 3pm. Closed in July. Closed on days of Total Fire Ban.

Old Melbourne Gaol

Russell Street, Melbourne 3000

Tel: (03) 9663 7228

Victoria's first prison was a focus during some of Australia's most significant historical moments including the Gold Rush and World War II. Infamous bushranger, Ned Kelly, was one of 136 prisoners hanged on-site. Experience what life behind bars was like for some of Australia's most notorious villains – learn about their life and crimes, their trials and treatment. Get a sense of what prison life was like for the men, women and children who spent time in the Old Melbourne Gaol.

Open: daily 9.30am to 5pm. Closed Good Friday and Christmas day. Night Performances - a blend of theatre and history: Experience the gaol by candlelight with hangman 'Michael Gately' as he recounts stories of the gaol, its inmates and his infamous art. Not for the faint hearted or children under 12 years old. Bookings are essential. Tickets available from Ticketek 13 28 49 or www.ticketek.com.au. Tours commence after dark on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Polly Woodside Maritime Precinct

Melbourne Convention Centre, Southbank, Melbourne 3006

Tel: (03) 9699 9760

Come aboard a 'true Cape Horner' and discover life aboard Melbourne's favourite tall ship. Described as 'the prettiest barque ever

built in Belfast' the *Polly Woodside* is moored in the original *Duke & Orr* dry dock opposite the Melbourne Convention Centre at Southbank. The *Polly Woodside* Maritime Precinct tells the story of the ship and the hardships and tales of the mariners who sailed her. Visitors are invited to tour the ship and experience the story of the *Polly Woodside* through an immersive cinema experience.
Temporarily closed to the public. Re-opens in 2010.

Portable Iron Houses

399 Coventry Street, South Melbourne 3205

Tel: (03) 9645 757

These three houses are among the few 19th century prefabricated iron buildings remaining in the world. An audiovisual display provides a comprehensive account of their importance in the history of white settlement in Australia, particularly during the gold rush years in Victoria.

Open: 1st Sunday of each month (except January) 1pm to 4pm, weekdays by appointment. Group bookings (03) 96992172.

Portarlington Mill

Turner Court, Portarlington 3223

Tel: (03) 5259 2804

This fully restored building was originally built in 1857 as a steam flourmill. It has been used for a variety of purposes as the needs of the Bellarine Peninsula and the colony of Victoria evolved.

Open: from second Sunday in Sep to end of May, Sat & Sun 12 noon to 4pm. Closed Christmas Day

Powder Magazine

Skidmore Road, Gorge Reserve, Beechworth 3747

Tel: 1300 366 321 (Beechworth Information Centre)

The Powder Magazine is one of several government magazines built on the goldfields towards the end of the 1850s to safely house the much-needed quantities of blasting powder.

Open: Sat & Sun 1pm to 4pm. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Rippon Lea Estate

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick 3185

Tel: (03) 9523 6095

Located just 20 minutes from Melbourne's Central Business District, this historic property is one of the great private estates of early Victoria. The spacious mansion is a "must-see" and the garden is of international significance, boasting a lake, islands, bridges, grotto and windmill and a grand Victorian fernery.

Open: daily, 10am-5pm. Last entry to property is at 4.30pm. May to September opening hours are Thurs-Sun 10am-5pm. Group bookings by appointment. Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day.