

ARTHURS SEAT

Your adventure awaits...

Located on the Mornington Peninsula in Bunurong country, Arthurs Seat is the pinnacle of natural beauty and adventure. More than just a destination for a scenic gondola ride and fresh mountain air, it's a true playground for the adventurous at heart, offering fun, relaxation, and some of the most spectacular Instagram-worthy views you'll ever encounter.

With gardens and National Parks to be explored, trails to be followed and wildlife encounters, Arthurs Seat is a destination for lovers of nature, fun and activity. It's a place to burn some energy hiking, mountain biking, horse riding, or navigating a tree-top obstacle course. Here you will also find a place to slow down, soak in the views, or sit back in your gondola as you glide down the mountain.

Enjoy delicious paddock to plate experiences with amazing views, a light meal on the Eagle Summit Cafe deck or find the perfect picnic spot under a shady tree.

Cosy cottages are nestled into the countryside and bed & breakfasts are dotted around the mountain top taking advantage of the views that are even more magical as the sun sets.

Nature, adventure, idyllic picnic spots and stunning views combine for an exhilarating getaway.



Plan your visit

Getting to Arthurs Seat

Option 1: Take your car on the ferry from Queenscliff

Relax and enjoy a coffee or snack on your ferry ride to Sorrento and prepare for day full of fun and adventure. Enjoy the scenic views and keep an eye out for friendly bottlenose dolphins along the way. Ferries depart from Queenscliff hourly between 7am and 6pm, everyday of the year. A return fare for a vehicle, including a driver and one passenger, is \$183. For the most current information and pricing, please check the [Searoad Ferries](#) website.

When you depart from Sorrento pier, turn left onto Point Nepean Road (B110). Follow this coastal road for 21km until you reach the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre at 359B Point Nepean Road, Dromana. After a Pause Stop here continue north-east on Point Nepean Road B110. Turn right onto McCulloch Street C789, at the T-intersection turn right and follow Arthurs Seat Road C789 to the Arthurs Seat summit. It will take you 8 minutes to reach the summit but allow extra time to stop at the lookouts for sensational views across Port Phillip.

Option 2: Drive from Melbourne CBD

This route contains tolls but is usually the fastest route. Join the Citylink/M1 and follow this for 21km before taking the exit towards Eastlink/M3. Keep right at the fork and continue to follow signs for M3/Eastlink/Dandenong/Frankston. After 18km, take exit 28 for M11 towards Portsea. After 37km take the exit towards Arthurs Seat / Dromana C789 and merge onto Palmerston Avenue, continue onto Boundary Road, then follow Arthurs Seat Road C789 to the Arthurs Seat summit, which will take you about 9 minutes.

For more information on local travel, tips and insider knowledge you can visit our Visitor Information Centre before venturing to the summit. When you exit at C789, turn right onto McCulloch Street, at the T-intersection turn left onto Point Nepean Road B110 and stop at the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre at 359B Point Nepean Road, Dromana.

Pause Stop and recharge:

- We encourage you to plan ahead, pull over and recharge when needed. Please refer to the [Transport Accident Commission \(TAC\)](#) website for key road safety resources and information.
- Stop at the [Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre](#) to recharge and for local insider knowledge about Arthurs Seat and surrounds.

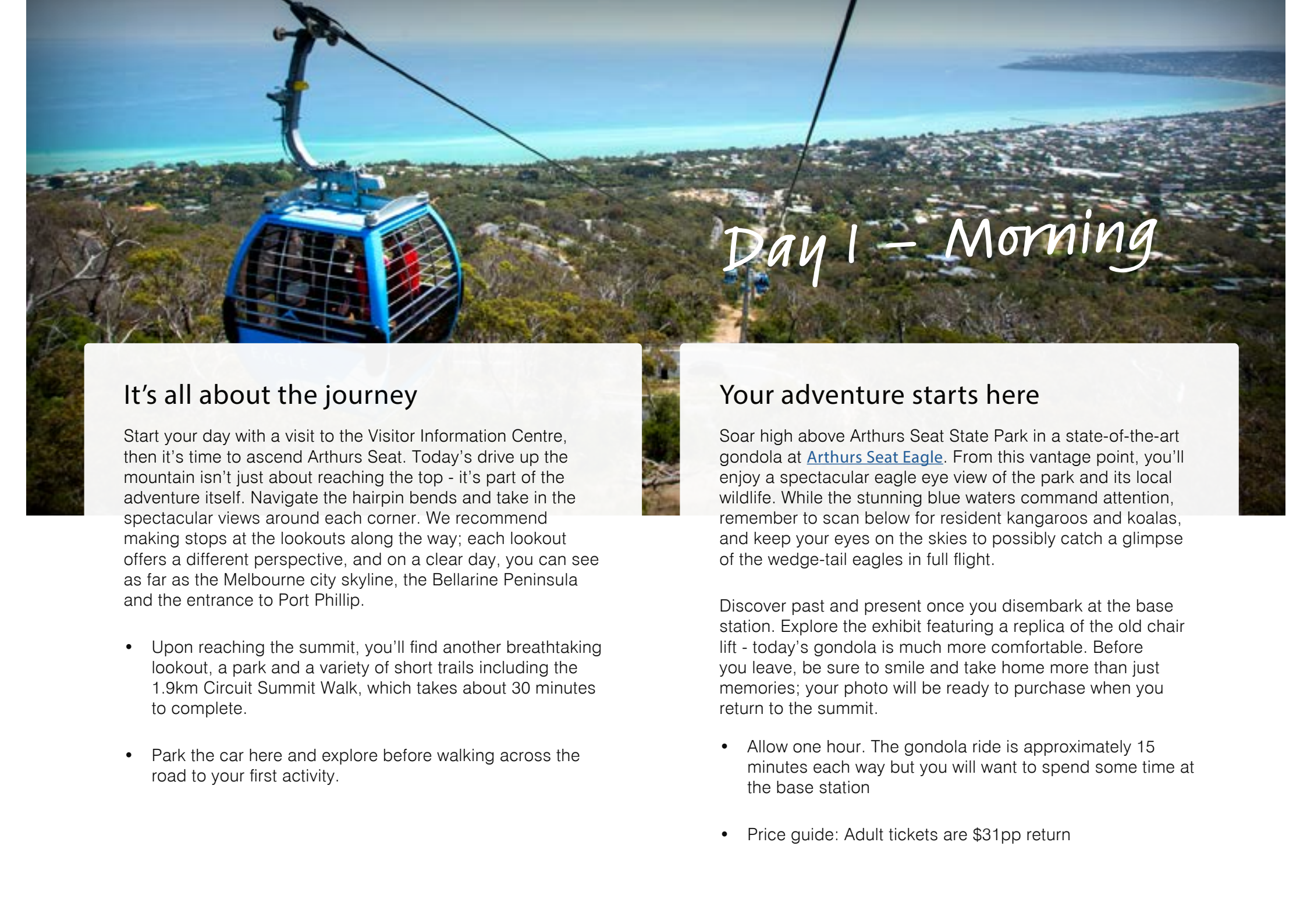


Tips for planning ahead

Local tips and options

- Bringing your own bike or looking for a longer cycling adventure? Download maps from the [Red Hill Riders](#) website. Purchase an MTB ticket for your bike on [Arthurs Seat Eagle](#) to avoid cycling back up the mountain.
- For a more relaxed cycling experience, take a guided or self-guided cycling tour with [Cycling Vine Tours](#). Your tour starts in Arthurs Seat and winds it's way along country roads and the Red Hill Rail Trail.
- Extend your stay. There is plenty to do and see in Arthurs Seat plus wineries and farmgates in Main Ridge and Red Hill are only minutes away.
- For lovers of history and nostalgia, take a drive down Purves Road and discover [Charlie's Auto Museum](#) where you'll find a collection of over 80 motor vehicles and memorabilia.
- For a casual meal or drink in the beer garden at a traditional British pub, pop down the road to [The Pig & Whistle Tavern](#). It's a great place to listen to live music so check their website to find out what's on.
- [Georges Boutique Hotel](#) offer two-night culinary retreats that include cooking lessons, six meals and a winery and farm gate tour.
- Serious hikers can base themselves at Arthurs Seat as they complete the 26km Two Bays Trail, part of the Mornington Peninsula 100km Walk. Shorter walks to Kings Falls or the picturesque Summit Circuit Walk start in Seawinds Gardens.
- Picnic settings are not limited to Seawinds Gardens and the park at the summit. [Enchanted Adventure](#) encourage guests to bring a picnic to enjoy in their gardens or you can book a mystery picnic tour with [Wild Adventures Melbourne](#).
- [Living Culture](#) offer Yikaki-led meditations with Lionel Lauch on request at the end of your Indigenous guided walk (additional charge).





Day 1 – Morning

It's all about the journey

Start your day with a visit to the Visitor Information Centre, then it's time to ascend Arthurs Seat. Today's drive up the mountain isn't just about reaching the top - it's part of the adventure itself. Navigate the hairpin bends and take in the spectacular views around each corner. We recommend making stops at the lookouts along the way; each lookout offers a different perspective, and on a clear day, you can see as far as the Melbourne city skyline, the Bellarine Peninsula and the entrance to Port Phillip.

- Upon reaching the summit, you'll find another breathtaking lookout, a park and a variety of short trails including the 1.9km Circuit Summit Walk, which takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- Park the car here and explore before walking across the road to your first activity.

Your adventure starts here

Soar high above Arthurs Seat State Park in a state-of-the-art gondola at [Arthurs Seat Eagle](#). From this vantage point, you'll enjoy a spectacular eagle eye view of the park and its local wildlife. While the stunning blue waters command attention, remember to scan below for resident kangaroos and koalas, and keep your eyes on the skies to possibly catch a glimpse of the wedge-tail eagles in full flight.

Discover past and present once you disembark at the base station. Explore the exhibit featuring a replica of the old chair lift - today's gondola is much more comfortable. Before you leave, be sure to smile and take home more than just memories; your photo will be ready to purchase when you return to the summit.

- Allow one hour. The gondola ride is approximately 15 minutes each way but you will want to spend some time at the base station
- Price guide: Adult tickets are \$31pp return



Day 1 – Afternoon

Picnic in nature

Start your leisurely lunch by picking up your pre-ordered picnic basket and blanket from Arthurs Seat Eagle Cafe. Choose your ideal spot to unwind—either on the covered deck or in the park just beneath The Eagle. As you settle in, watch the gondolas glide above while you indulge in wine, a platter of local produce, and sweet treats, all accompanied by the soothing sounds of nature.

If you're up for a stroll, take a five minute walk to Seawinds Gardens where 34 hectares of idyllic picnic settings await. Settle in at a picnic table or spread your picnic blanket on a sunny patch of grass or under the cool shade of a tree. As you meander back to The Eagle, follow the signs leading you through scenic routes, passing the William Ricketts sculptures and exploring the Indigenous Garden.

- Allow 1.5 hours for your picnic including the walk to and from Seawinds.
- Price guide: A Posh Picnic for Two costs \$160 or sweet tooths can try the Chocoholics Picnic for Two at \$150.

Trailblazing adventures

Gear up for an exhilarating afternoon with a small taste of Arthurs Seat's extensive 20km network of mountain bike trails, suitable for riders of all skill levels—from easy tracks for beginners to more challenging routes for the experienced rider.

Meet [KRANK MTB Hire](#) at the CFA water tank on Arthurs Seat Road, where you'll be fitted with bikes and helmets. Take a moment to admire the vibrant mural on the tank, then test your bike on the nearby berms. Launch your adventure down the Wonga Trail, leading to the scenic OT Dam. Here, pause for a brief walk around this picturesque dam before making your return journey. Riders new to mountain biking will appreciate the option of an e-bike for a more manageable ride.

- Set aside 2 hours for this adventure.
- It's just a 2 minute drive (2.4km) to George's Boutique Hotel & Culinary Retreat – for some well deserved relaxation.



Day 1 – Evening

Boutique stay

After a day of adventure, check in and unwind in the comfort of [George's Boutique Hotel & Culinary Retreat](#) - a perfect end to your active day. As you step into your suite, the first thing you will notice is the view and private deck to soak in your surroundings. When booking, you will be spoilt for choice with three suites and two rooms, each offering modern furnishings, king size bed with luxury bed linen and private balconies.

Before dinner, relax in your room with a glass of local wine, setting the tone for an evening of culinary delights at the onsite contemporary restaurant. Enjoy a tasting menu paired with fine local and Australian wines against a backdrop of twinkling lights and the vibrant evening sky. A paddock to plate experience is available on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Wake up to a breathtaking sunrise over Mount Martha or indulge in a luxurious sleep-in in your king-size bed. Start your day with a hearty cooked breakfast at Cafe George—choose from George's Big Breakfast or the Vegie Breakfast to fuel another fun-filled day. George's Boutique Hotel & Culinary Retreat is 4.5-star rated on Google.

Once checked out, it's just a 2-minute drive (950m) to your next adventure at Enchanted Adventure.

Alternative places to stay and dine:

[Arthurs Views](#) is an exclusive couples retreat with panoramic views. Optional breakfast hampers allow you to enjoy breakfast in bed before heading out to explore.

[The Studio and The Barn](#) offer romantic, stone-built, self-contained retreats in a tranquil garden setting, complete with breakfast supplies and a bottle of sparkling wine to welcome you.

On nights when the onsite Restaurant is closed, you can head to [The Pig and Whistle](#) for a hearty English feed.





Day 2 – Morning

Tree-top thrills

Start your day with a tree-top adventure at [Enchanted Adventure](#). Swing, climb, and fly through the treetops, navigating between platforms ten metres off the ground. Master fifty aerial obstacles and dismount at each platform via ziplines. Test your nerve on the Tarzan swing and rock-climbing wall before descending to explore the 10 hectares of manicured gardens.

Enhance your visit by downloading the Enchanted Adventure app to help navigate the park, although you might still find yourself lost in the mazes. Don't miss the chance to speed down the slopes on brightly coloured tube slides again and again. After all, fun isn't just for kids.

- Allow 3 hours for tree surfing and to explore the rest of the park.
- Price guide: \$80 per adult includes tree surfing and general admission.

Lunch on the terrace

Discover the perfect spot for a relaxing lunch at [Morning Sun Vineyard](#). Begin with a tasting of Foxeys Hangout wines at the cellar door and select a few favourites to take home.

On the sunny terrace overlooking the lush vineyard, enjoy plates to share. While you can choose your favourites, we recommend the 'leave it to us' menu for a taste of everything.

Tutored tasting and guided vineyard tours are also available on weekends.

- Allow 1.5 hours for lunch or 2.5 hours to include the vineyard walk (additional \$50 per person).
- Price guide: Individual plates are \$16 or it's \$45 per person for the 'leave it to us menu.'
- Post lunch, choose your next adventure. Drive to Seawinds (9 minutes) or Arthurs Seat Trail Rides (4 minutes).





Day 2 - Afternoon

Cultural connections

For an enriching connection with both culture and nature, join a guided walking tour with [Living Culture](#). This experience takes you from the gardens at Seawinds into the heart of Arthurs Seat State Park. As you traverse the beautiful landscapes, your guide will immerse you in the natural, historical, and cultural significance of the park, sharing stories and connections with the land.

Allow 90 minutes for this tour.

Experience nature on horseback

Explore Arthurs Seat and Greens Bush on horseback with [Arthurs Seat Trail Rides](#). Tailored to your riding ability and confidence, the team will pair you with the perfect horse. Before you head off, spend time connecting with your horse and, if necessary, receive a short riding lesson. Before long you will be trotting or cantering along roadside trails and into Greens Bush, offering a unique and intimate way to explore the natural beauty of the area.

Allow 2 hours for this adventure. Tours run twice a day on weekends and holidays and on weekdays by arrangement.

Price guide: \$190pp.

Billies

The last stop before heading home is [Billies](#), Main Ridge Dairy's newest offering. Inside this French-inspired cafe, order a grazing board perfect for sharing. Choose to sit inside or out on the deck, overlooking the paddocks where the goats are peacefully grazing. In spring, expect to see kids gambolling in the grass. Be sure to order a coffee to sustain you on the way home.

Allow an hour to savour a meal and purchase your favourite goats cheese to take home.



See You Soon in Arthurs Seat

Your Arthurs Seat adventure awaits

We look forward to welcoming you to our adventure-filled playground, for a break from your every day.

Get in touch with the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre for more information and friendly local tips.

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Highlights

- Watching the sun dip below the horizon from your private suite at [George's](#).
- Tackling the trails with [KRANK MTB hire](#).
- Dining in a French-inspired cafe while watching the goats grazing in the paddocks.
- Visiting multiple award-winning attractions within walking distance of your accommodation - [Arthurs Seat Eagle](#) and [Enchanted Adventure](#).

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