



PORTLAND

# Australia's Leading Regional Cruise Destination

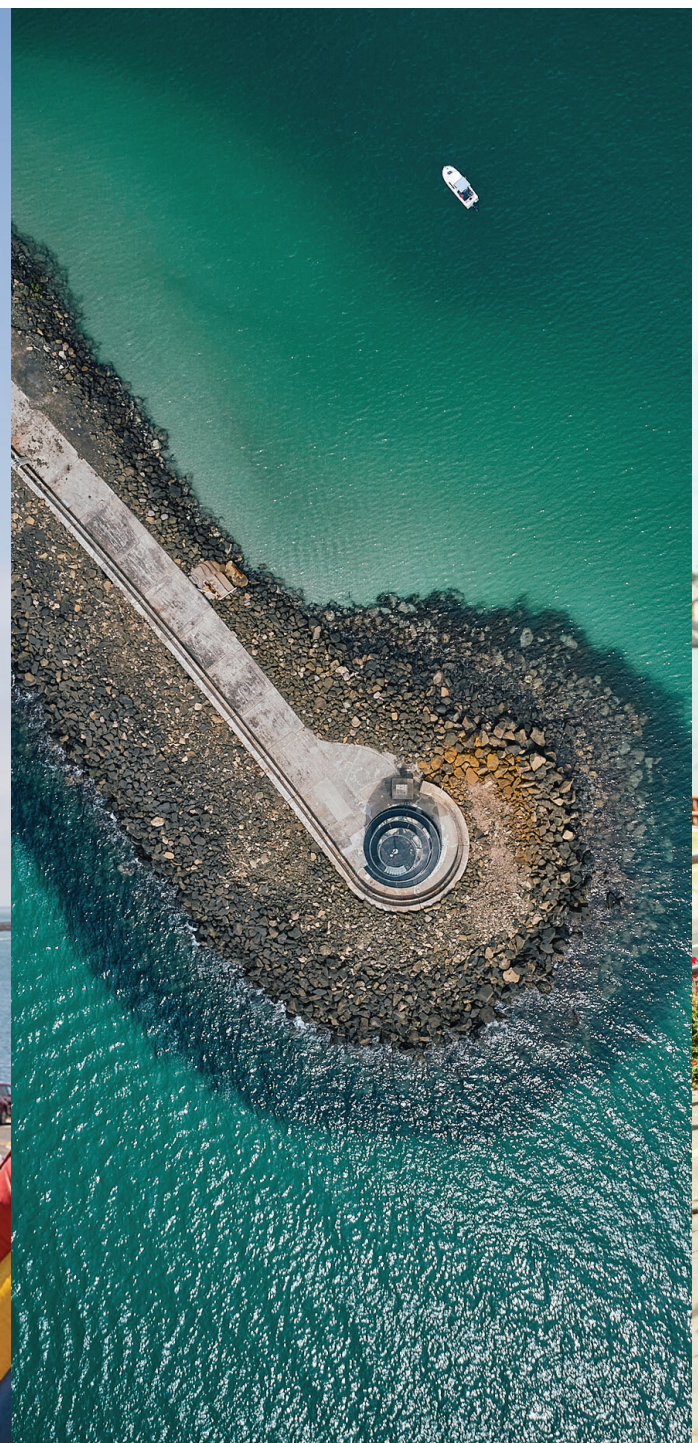


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# Welcome to Portland

Located in the beautiful South West of Victoria between Adelaide and Melbourne, the thriving city of Portland is one of Australia's best kept secrets.

Steeped in history the region offers visitors a chance to discover and explore the unique.

No tourist traps, no queues.

Whether you want to traverse the natural wonders, unique heritage, world class beaches, sample local cuisine or fill your day with adventure, Portland and the surrounding region has something to offer for everyone.

Each time a cruise ship docks, we host an onshore party for our visiting friends, with market stalls, live music and plenty of activities to keep passengers entertained.

Our shuttle buses will be waiting ready to transport passengers to coach tours or to provide in town drop offs throughout the day. No other regional port in Australia can boast such a diverse range of unique local tours and attractions.

Our friendly locals are proud of the rural charm we offer, and we love to share our special town with visiting cruise ship passengers.

*We hope to see you soon!*



# ENJOY, EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE PORTLAND

Fill your day exploring the stunning coastline, the scenic countryside, untouched bushland, beautiful boutiques, award-winning restaurants and unmatched serenity.

Portland is a place for everyone.

## BUDJ BIM CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

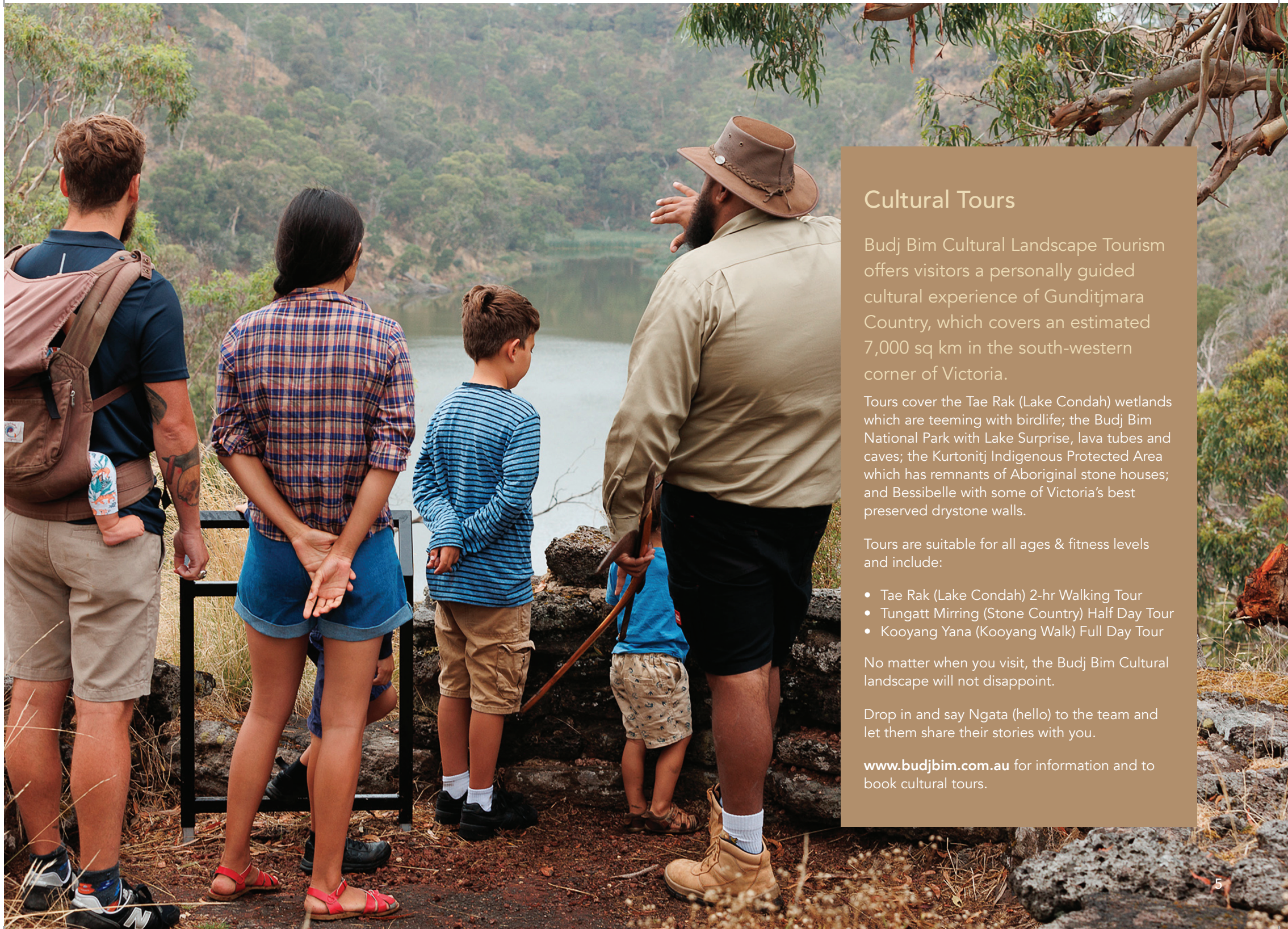
Discover one of Australia's most significant Aboriginal sites, the unique Budj Bim Cultural Landscape - the country's newest world heritage site.

Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list for its outstanding universal values, the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape has evidence of ancient aquaculture systems which were first constructed at least 6,600 years ago. The region is renowned for its age-old lava flows and life-filled waterways, and the remains of over 300 Aboriginal stone houses.

Gunditjmara people created an extensive and complex aquaculture network where modified channels diverted water and kooyang (short-finned eel) into holding ponds. Here kooyang grew fat and were harvested with woven baskets set in weirs built from volcanic rocks and wood lattice structures.







## Cultural Tours

Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism offers visitors a personally guided cultural experience of Gunditjmara Country, which covers an estimated 7,000 sq km in the south-western corner of Victoria.

Tours cover the Tae Rak (Lake Condah) wetlands which are teeming with birdlife; the Budj Bim National Park with Lake Surprise, lava tubes and caves; the Kurtonitj Indigenous Protected Area which has remnants of Aboriginal stone houses; and Bessibelle with some of Victoria's best preserved drystone walls.

Tours are suitable for all ages & fitness levels and include:

- Tae Rak (Lake Condah) 2-hr Walking Tour
- Tungatt Mirring (Stone Country) Half Day Tour
- Kooyang Yana (Kooyang Walk) Full Day Tour

No matter when you visit, the Budj Bim Cultural landscape will not disappoint.

Drop in and say Ngata (hello) to the team and let them share their stories with you.

[www.budjbim.com.au](http://www.budjbim.com.au) for information and to book cultural tours.



# CAPE BRIDGEWATER

In the southern pocket of the region sits the breathtakingly picturesque Bridgewater Bay, arguably one of Australia's most beautiful beaches with its stunning deep blue waters and coastal cliffs that stretch in a perfect crescent around the rim of a huge, ancient volcano crater.

Take in the surreal landscape of the petrified forest, watch as the sea spray blasts metres skyward at the natural blowholes, dive into the crisp freshwater springs.

## Seal Tours

Seal Point at Cape Bridgewater is the largest mainland group of seals in Australia, home to over 1000 Australian & New Zealand Fur Seals.

A three-minute boat ride from the jetty will take you alongside the rock platform and into the Watery Cave where you will experience a unique interaction within the seals' natural habitat.

During the 45-minute cruise you will watch the seals play all around you, showing off to the sound of clicking cameras.

[www.sealsbyseatours.com.au](http://www.sealsbyseatours.com.au)







# CAPE NELSON

Located on the majestic Great South West Walk, the site offers picturesque walks featuring spectacular coastal cliffs, diverse bird life and whale watching opportunities.

Cape Nelson is the only southern hemisphere mainland location where blue whales can be viewed.

## Cape Nelson Lighthouse Tours

Imbued with a rich nautical history, Cape Nelson Lighthouse was witness to many high seas dramas in the 1800's. Still in operation today the lighthouse offers guided tours at 11.00am and 2.00pm daily.

Tour guides have extensive knowledge of both the history of the precinct itself, the maritime history of the region and many aspects of the natural history of the area.

Hear stories of the shipwrecks that lie in the depths of the Southern Ocean off Cape Nelson and climb all the steps to the top of the lighthouse, viewing the Capes from 32 meters above the ground.

[www.capenelsonlighthouse.com.au](http://www.capenelsonlighthouse.com.au)



# DISCOVER LOCAL HISTORY

Located on Victoria's South West coast, at the western end of the Great Ocean Road, Portland was the first permanent European settlement.

The town is awash with historical buildings, and passengers keen to stretch their legs will take pleasure walking the CBD, which alone boasts over 200 buildings from the 1800's including the oldest recorded building in Victoria.







## Portland Cable Tram

With a 7.4km route meandering along Portland's spectacular foreshore, the Portland Cable Tram is a must-do for any visitor to town. Jump on board and learn all about Portland's history from our passionate volunteers, while hopping on and off at your leisure to visit attractions including the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre, Powerhouse Museum, World War II Memorial lookout, and Portland Botanic Gardens.

[www.portlandcabletrams.com.au](http://www.portlandcabletrams.com.au)

## Portland Golf Course

Portland Golf Club offers a beautifully manicured, easy walking, fully irrigated championship course with spectacular views over the Southern Ocean in a scenic country setting. The 18-hole golf course is one of the best maintained in the region, making golf available to visitors all year round.



## Tour the Harbour

Portland Harbour Tours is a scenic tour company based in Portland and run by locals. The boat tours offer exclusive access to some of Portland's fantastic industrial, natural, and historic features, with two tours on offer; The Harbour Tour (35 mins) and the Lawrence Rocks Seal Tour (1 hour 15 mins).





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## CASTERTON

approx. 1hr

In the northern corner of Glenelg, a world away from rugged coastal clifftops, you will find Casterton.

Idyllically nestled amongst the rolling hills and river red gums of the Glenelg River valley, the town is bursting with an abundance of historic charm tempting you to stay and explore the legendary history of "Kelpie Country". Casterton's leafy streets, heritage buildings, galleries, bakeries cafes and boutiques, and friendly country hospitality make this destination a pleasure to visit. While visiting Casterton, be sure to stop by the Warrock Homestead, a Historic Victorian Pastoral Station:

### Warrock Homestead

With more than 30 heritage classified buildings dating back to 1843, the Warrock Homestead complex is arguably Victoria's most significant historical settlement.

Originally comprising of approximately 57 mostly timber buildings, the complex included a main homestead, workers' accommodation, woolshed, stables and carriage house, blacksmith shop, storerooms, dairy workshops and kennels home to the first Australian "Kelpie". This historical site offers visitors the chance to immerse themselves in the rich history of the region.





## NELSON

approx. 45min

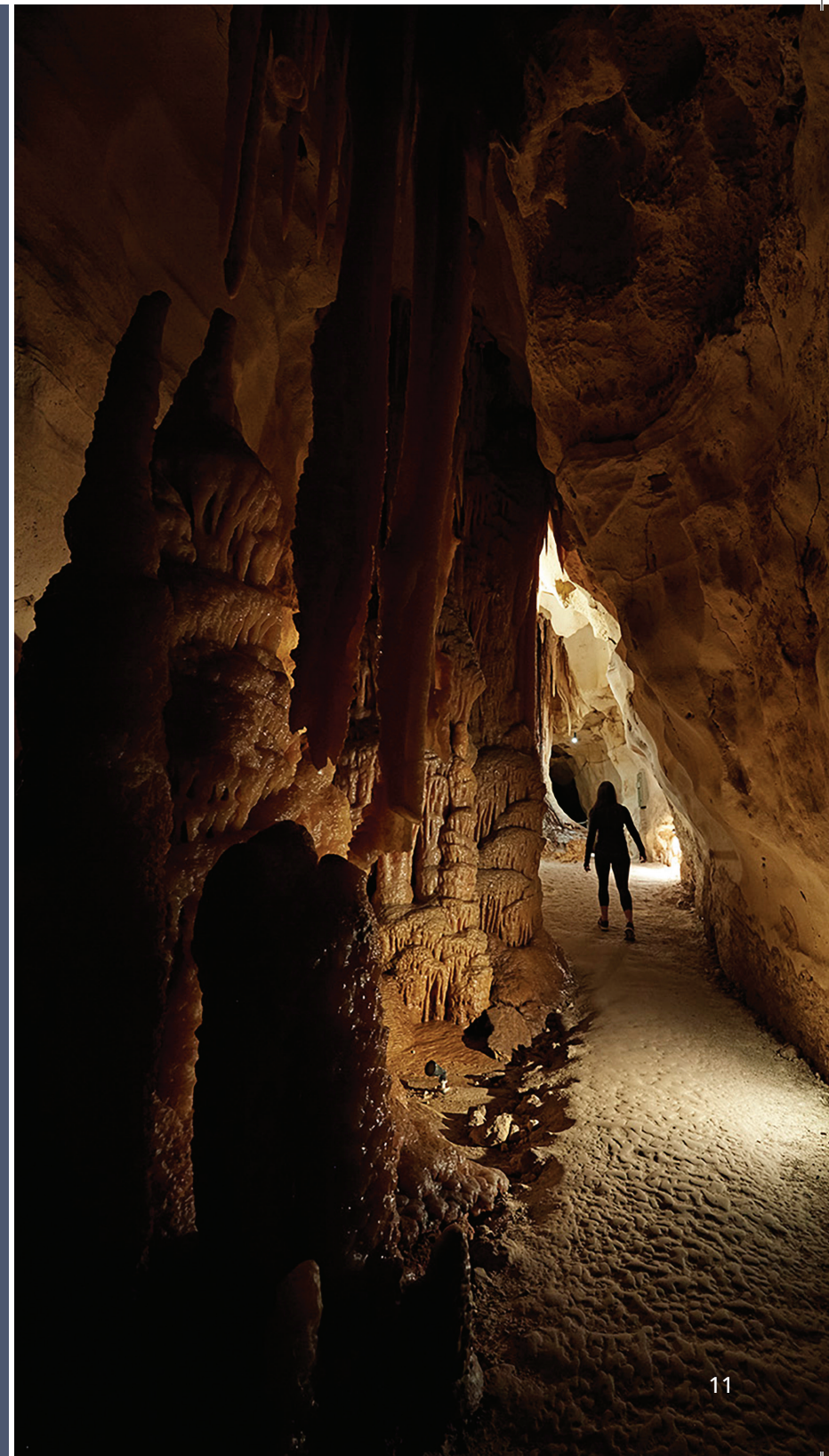
A tiny township located on the mighty Glenelg river, this tranquil location offers ocean, estuary, river and not one, but two, National Parks.

Enjoy boating, river and ocean fishing, swimming, snorkelling, bird watching, water skiing and canoeing. A nature lovers' playground, unspoilt beaches and rivers provide a haven for soaking up the riches of this coastal town.

### Princess Margaret Rose Caves

Explore an underground wonderland. Considered one of the best Limestone Caves in Australia, situated in the Lower Glenelg National Park, the cave is nestled on the edge of a gorge surrounded by stunning 50m limestone cliffs.

Accessed by a short river cruise on the Nelson Endeavour, visitors descend into a subterranean showcase of semitranslucent and backlit stalagmites and stalactites up to six metres in length. These amazing creations can take up to 50 years to grow only one centimetre in length. The cave is more than 700,000 years old and was only discovered in 1936.





# DAY TRIPS

Located halfway between Adelaide and Melbourne, Portland is the only international port that can claim close proximity to three of Australia's iconic tourist destinations: the majestic Twelve Apostles, the internationally acclaimed Coonawarra Wine Region and the stunning Grampians National Park.

## The Coonawarra Wine Region approx. 1hr 50mins

Those with a nose for fine wines will love the opportunity to 'taste' their way through the Coonawarra Wine region – Australia's 'other red centre'.

The region's rich red terra rossa soil produces world class wines with an abundance of cellar doors to taste and experience the region's delights.

## Mt Gambier approx. 1hr 10min

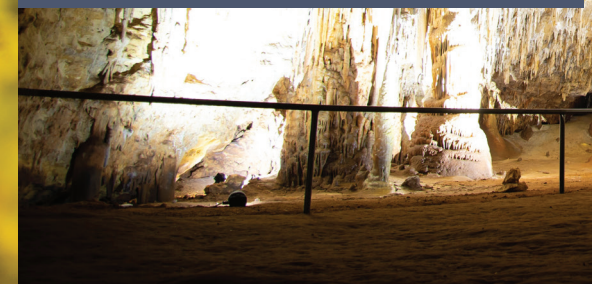
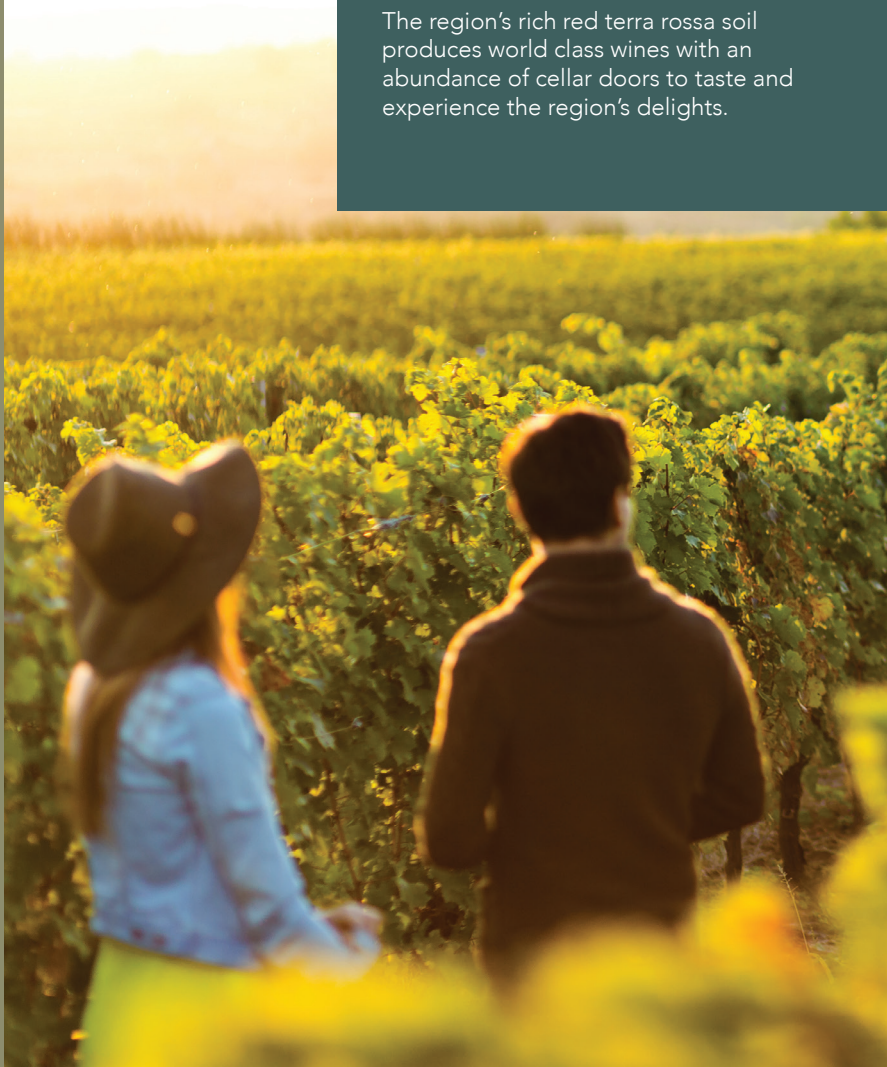
Only an 80-minute drive from Portland, Mount Gambier is South Australia's second largest city. Home to many geological wonders, it is the perfect day trip location for every age group.

Discover the sparkling sapphire waters of the Blue Lake, explore the underground garden of Eden at Umpherston Sinkhole or visit the Englebrecht Cave to explore a natural wonderland.

## Naracoorte Caves approx. 2hrs

Visit South Australia's only UNESCO World Heritage listed site and discover one of the world's most important fossil sites.

With five different caves to explore, plus adventure caving, photographic tour options, a brand-new adventure playground, café, campgrounds and an above-ground accessible loop-walk, Naracoorte Caves offers experiences for everyone.



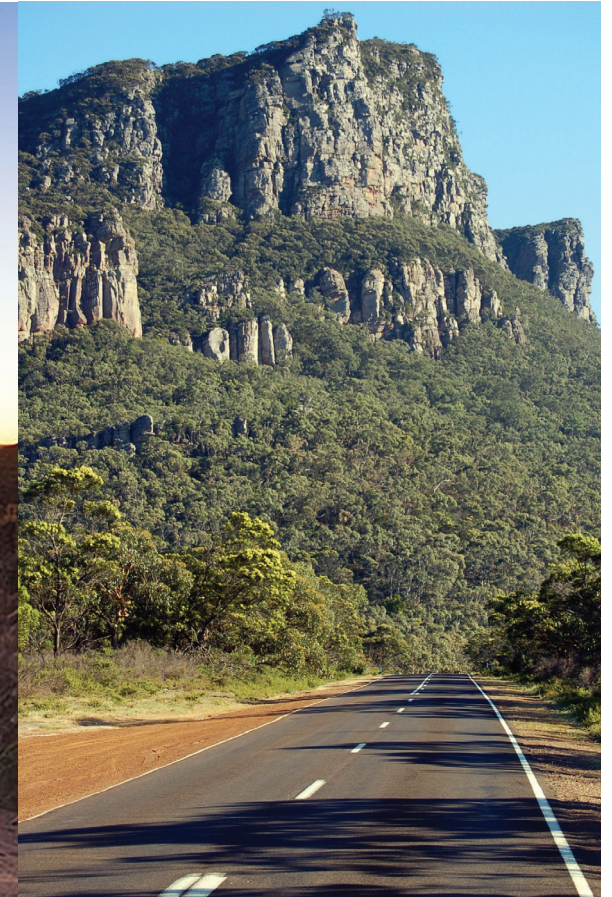




## The Twelve Apostles approx. 4hrs 20min

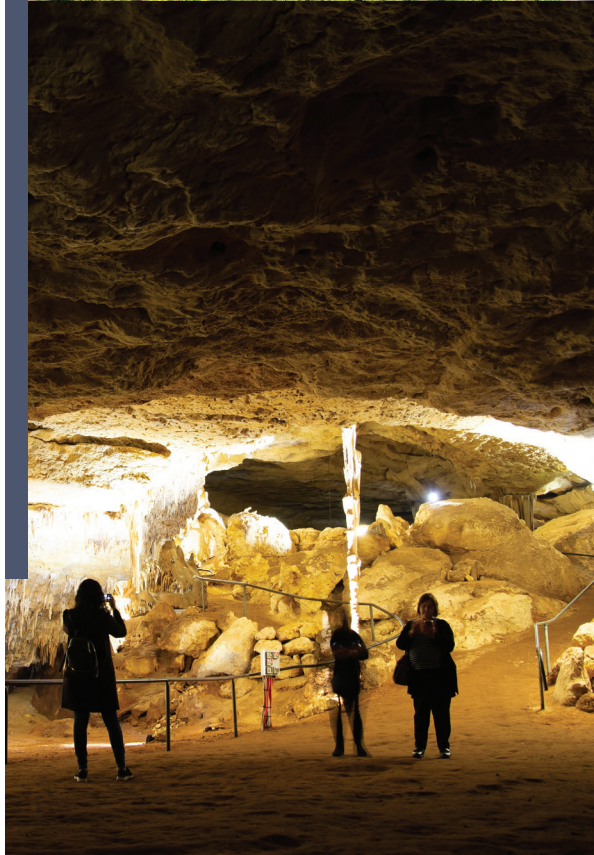
A day trip leaving from Portland will take passengers through historic towns along the famous Shipwreck Coast before viewing the rugged splendour of the famous Twelve Apostles - magnificent limestone structures that rise up majestically from the Southern Ocean.

The nearby Bay of Martyrs, Bay of Islands and Loch Ard Gorge provide more spectacular coastal scenes.



## The Grampians National Park approx. 1hr 20mins

In the Grampians National Park, adventure enthusiasts come for the abseiling, rock climbing and bushwalking, while nature lovers are awestruck by wildlife, native plants and wildflowers. Enjoy picturesque waterfalls like Mackenzie Falls or relax at one of Australia's premier dining destinations, Dunkeld's Royal Mail Hotel at the foothills of Mount Sturgeon.





# PORT OPERATIONS

Portland is a natural deep water commercial port with a safe berth of sheltered anchorage in the bay.

Only 12 hours steaming from Melbourne, cruise ships can berth inside the port at the SL Patterson Wharf and use it as a passenger terminal, or anchor offshore and tender passengers to modern pontoon jetties in the harbour for disembarking. Tour coaches and shuttle buses can access either embarkation points.



## SL PATTERSON WHARF

The SL Patterson Wharf is ideal for berthing ships and servicing as a passenger terminal. Situated on the southern side of the Lee Breakwater, the wharf is separate from the main commercial area of the port's bulk handling operation.

### Berth Information

- Length of Berth Face – 76 metres
- Depth – 10.5 metres
- Maximum Arrival Draught – 10.1 metres
- Maximum Length of Vessel – 290 metres
- Height of Berth – 3.6 metres
- Tidal Range – 0 - 1.3 metres

### Distances from Portland

(Nautical miles and average steaming hours)

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| • Melbourne, Victoria       | 206 nm | 12 hrs |
| • Burnie, Tasmania          | 257 nm | 15 hrs |
| • Adelaide, South Australia | 321 nm | 19 hrs |



## SHIPPING SERVICES

### Shipping Hours of Operation

The port is open to shipping 24 hours a day, except for Christmas day (unless agreed in advance).

### Public Access

The Lee Breakwater is generally open to the public; however public access is not permitted during cruise ship visits.

### Location

The cruise ship berth at SL Patterson Wharf is within 10 minutes' walk from Portland's town centre.

### Airport

Portland Airport is less than 15 minutes from the cruise ship berth. Chartered flights are available to Melbourne.

### Taxi Services

Local taxi services to and from the wharf are available.

### Shipping Services

Include ship security, garbage and waste disposal and emergency services. Providers operate within Portland and are available to service cruise ships, including sourcing fresh local produce.

### Fresh Water

Water connections are available to the cruise ship berth.

### Sewerage

Sewerage facilities can be arranged with local contractors to accommodate cruise ships.

### Wharf Security

Portland Security Guards will process passengers and ensure appropriate exclusion zones. Both the Australian Border Force and the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources operate in Portland.

### Port Charges

Port charges are competitive, with negotiable rates available.

## FURTHER INFORMATION



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