

Family Fun



The Magic of Steam

Both children and adults enjoy the magic of the Mornington Peninsula steam train experience which runs between

Moorooduc and Mornington. Riding in restored heritage carriages, which are hauled by vintage steam locomotive K163 always brings smiles and wonderment to the faces of the many children who ride on this railway. It is a unique experience for the children and a journey back into the past for adults.

The Mornington Railway runs five return services between Moorooduc and Mornington on the first three Sundays of each month, as well as two public holidays.

Passengers may join the train at Moorooduc Station on the Moorooduc Highway near the Cool Stores; Tanti Station on Bungower

Road about a kilometre back from Point Nepean Highway; or Mornington Station near the corner of Watt and Yuelles Roads. Moorooduc is the principal station offering refreshments, souvenirs and many heritage railway exhibits. Tanti and Mornington are pick up and set down stations.

As well as the regular running days for the public, the railway also offers a Ride on the Footplate experience, a Ride n' Dine service, Children's Birthday Parties in a special carriage on the train, Charters and Group Bookings. On all Sunday running days, a courtesy bus, sponsored by the Mornington Chamber of Commerce and Industry, operates between Mornington Station, the Main Street shopping and restaurant precinct, the beach and the pier. On days of Total Fire Ban or when the steam locomotive is out of service for maintenance, the train will be hauled by an early series diesel locomotive.

There are a multitude of activities indoors and undercover across the Peninsula - Ten Pin Bowling at Rosebud and Strike at Bayside Entertainment Centre in Frankston or you could ride the steam train at Mornington, visit Charlie's Arthurs Seat Auto Museum and the Lighthouse at Cape Schanck to mention just a few. And of course the whole family can enjoy the latest features in air conditioned comfort at the cinemas in Frankston, Mornington, Rosebud or Sorrento.

A Whole World of Entertainment

Discover a whole world of entertainment at Bayside this Autumn, including state of the art cinemas at AMC Frankston 12 and ten pin bowling at the innovatively designed Strike Bowling Bar. You'll also find an Irish pub, delicious cafes, restaurants, bars, retail options and alfresco dining.

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SPECIAL THEME DAYS:

Easter Bunny on Train Sunday 8th April
Mothers Day Special Sunday 13th May

FARES

Return - Adults \$12, Children \$6, Concession \$9
Single - Adults \$7, Children \$4
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STATION LOCATIONS (Melways references)

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while planning what to do next. With an exciting line up of live local music every weekend and the Twilight Market on Friday nights, you'll never be short of something to entertain you.

There is so much to see and do at Bayside Entertainment!

Journey Through Old and New

Charlie's Arthur's Seat Auto Museum in Purves Rd is just 1.5k from the summit of Arthurs Seat displays over 50 motor vehicles, motorcycles and model cars housed in a 1940's style garage and showroom. The museum offers visitors the opportunity to take a journey through the rare and unusual, a mixture of new



and old concepts and plenty of memories. Vehicles on display include the brilliantly built chauffeur driven 1913 Ford Model T, the immaculately presented 1954 Hudson Super Wasp, 1949 Plymouth and a 1950 MG 'Y'.

Charlie's museum now has a new collection of remarkable model planes and ships made from recycled aluminium cans. Some of the ships on display are the Titanic, the Queen Mary and the Bismark and range up to almost 4 metres in length whilst the planes include a DC3, Spitfire, the Catalina Flying Boat and the Red Baron all produced by local Rosebud resident Alex Hose.

**What vehicle seats 6,
has an air-cooled
2.5 litre V8 engine
that sits in the 'boot'?**



Where is the boot?

Under the bonnet of course!

Want more clues?

It's European and was released in the early sixties by a company who first started producing cars in 1897.

The engineer behind this unique vehicle was Dr Hans Ledwinka, a close personal friend of the Dr Ferdinand Porsche (something sounds familiar).

The two frequently exchanged ideas on engine and car design.

Well, do you know? Do you want to know?

To find out visit Charles Arthurs Seat Auto Museum in Purves Rd Arthurs Seat, phone 5989 6320, where you can see this particular vehicle and over 50 more cars and motorcycles all on display with model cars and car memorabilia for sale or simply log on to www.visitor.com.au/charlies.



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A Family Tree Like No Other

There is a lifesize scarecrow statue of Eric the Red in the gardens of Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens. He is shown with his Magic Staff and Shield. His shield is decorated with the rare shellfish "Stuffedcompactus Ceedeeus" (much prized for their shiny surface which could be decorated with intricate patterns or used to scare birds away from fruit trees) was not used in battle but rather to shelter from sudden snowstorms.

Eric the Red was created by the gardeners and staff at Ashcombe Maze. He is made from recycled materials and found object including broken rake heads, Cypress stems cut from the oldest trees on the property, an old flowerpot, Kangaroo Paw flowers, milk bottle tops, irrigation fittings, gumboots, old shade cloth, and old CD's

Officially Eric the Red (also called Erik Thorvaldson, Eirik Raude, or Eirik Torvaldsson) was a Viking explorer born in Norway in 950AD. His family settled in western Iceland after his father, Thorvald Asvaldsson, was banished from Norway. Eric was later also banished from Iceland for three years, and spent that time exploring the ocean to the west of Iceland where he discovered Greenland. Eric took 4-500 settlers in 14 ships to settle Greenland in 986. Eric had a daughter, Freydis, and three sons,



the explorer Leif Ericsson, Thorvald, and Thorsteinn. Eric died sometime during the winter of 1003-1004.

But did you know that Ashcombe legend tells that Eric the Red was so called because of his bushy red beard and bright red nose!! He was ruggedly handsome and the Fairy Queen fell in love with him, giving him a protective shield & magic staff which he used to help the settlers grow crops and beautiful gardens. During the cold winters he looked after the Fairy folk of Greenland by making warm cosy places for them to spend the winter in the rafters of the Viking houses. Eric loved plants and gardens and was considered a great gardener (this is why he called the new land he discovered Greenland). The exact date he died is not known and there is a rumor that the gnomes and fairies whisked him away to live forever after in their Kingdom.

His Fairy children were the ancestors of Mazey Mike & the family resemblance can be seen especially in the beard & eyebrows. He also wears brown pants & a green overshirt like Eric the Red.



"Gnome Kulcha" Exhibition

Set among the woodland of Ashcombe Maze and Lavender gardens is a delightfully quirky look at history through the eyes of famous gnomes from around the world. Gnomes of different shapes and sizes are on display in this unique three dimensional exhibition. Discover how these symbols of Good Luck have played an integral part in the history of the world through an outdoor exhibition. From their involvement in the story of the Minotaur, the part played in the Great War of the Roses, to connections with Beethoven, Leonardo Da Vinci and even the Beatles. Trace Ashcombe's resident garden gnome Mazey Mike's family tree back to the famous Viking gnome "Eric the Red". An open air display in the grounds of Ashcombe Maze. Open daily 10am-5pm. Phone 59898387 Entry to Maze & Gardens: Adults \$13, Children \$8, Seniors \$11. Gnome Kulcha Exhibition : FREE

Family Fun this Autumn

There's no denying ... The Peninsula shines even when the sun doesn't. The beauty of a Peninsula escape is that once you're here, everything is right on your doorstep.

But please, don't be in such a hurry to reach the heart of the Peninsula that you miss the fabulous **Frankston Foreshore** - the perfect spot to diffuse a bit of road rage (he's-touching-me-am-not-are-too-are-we-there-yet).

Pull over & rediscover Frankston's most stunning natural attraction - the beach & bay. Stretch your legs on the boardwalk from Olivers Hill to the Pier then grab a coffee and let the kids loose on the adventure playground. Serious fun, complete with all manner of castles, platforms, sandpits, turrets & bridges.



Make a note to detour via **Ballam Park**, or **Mornington Park** (which includes a replica of the sailing ship HMS Investigator) on the return trip - and with a bit of luck the younger ones will kip on the way home!

While **Linton's Garden and Home**, Mt Eliza's multi-award winning nursery, should not be confused with a playground, Dad & the kids can enjoy arguably the Peninsula's best scones while Mum makes a beeline for the giftshop.

Keep heading south and the seaside township of Mornington is the perfect spot to stop for lunch - dozens of family-friendly eateries pepper the Main St. Time your trip to take full advantage of the Wednesday market.

Other fun stuff nearby includes the **Mornington Tourist Railway** (perfect for train spotters and the Thomas-obsessed), a paddle in the shallows at Mothers Beach, and **The Briars** - free and blissful for a summer picnic, or visit the Wildlife Reserve and Homestead (entry charges apply).

If the closest your kids have come to fishing is battered flake, **Relax, Go Fishing**, in Mornington, caters for both experienced fisher-folk and first-time family groups. Everything, (equipment, meals and bottomless tea and coffee) is supplied, just BYO sense of adventure.

Once you've gained, or regained, your sea legs, the opportunities for fun are limitless - consider a day on the bay with **Westernport Fishing Charters** or hire a boat at **Yaringa**.

At Arthurs Seat admire the view or explore the wonderful walking tracks through State park. **Seawinds Gardens**, just south of the summit, is a delightful botanical garden commanding magnificent views of Port Phillip Bay and the Mornington & Bellarine Peninsulas.

Nearby, **Charlie's Arthurs Seat Auto Museum** (formerly Pine Ridge Car and Folk Museum) boasts 90 years of motoring history with more than 50 cars, motor-cycles, signs, bowlers, model cars and memorabilia housed in a 1940s style garage and showroom.

Another berry nice option is a visit to **Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm** and Fruit Winery at Main Ridge. The delightful café is open daily in November to April and weekends from May to October for everything strawberry! And what better than to indulge in a scoop of Sunny Ridge ice-cream or a sip of fruit wine.

So, what are you waiting for - Christmas?

- Karen Tatman