

WESTERN PORT IS FULL OF SURPRISES.

Its romantic, secluded beaches are suddenly broken by the wide expanse of **Point Leo beach** – the closest surfing destination to Melbourne.

In between its quiet farmlands you'll find the Royal Australian Navy's largest training base at HMAS Cerberus.

No matter where you are on this side of the Peninsula, the vista is dominated by the waters of **Western Port Bay to Phillip Island** and its little known cousin, **French Island**, originally a penal colony.

Small commuter ferries take visitors from **Stony Point pier** to French Island & its community of more than 5,000 koalas, or travel on to Phillip Island.

Flinders is a coastal fishing village in the true sense of the word, boasting one of the most spectacularly scenic public golf courses in Australia.

This natural, quiet region abounds with water birds and not so wildlife at farms and horse studs.

The pelicans always enjoy a good feed near the Pelican Pantry, while water birds abound in all seasons in the wetlands.

Gourmets will find plenty to like about the Western Port region with a selection of restaurant wineries that perfectly match their drop with local produce.

Western Port is also justly famous for **Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens** in Shoreham. It's Australia's largest hedge and rose maze set amidst a botanic masterpiece of gardens, picturesque waterways & a forest of European trees.

The wineries of the Red Hill area spill down the foothills to Western Port, where the rural scenery is often compared with the English dales. The crowning glory of this area is the 1890's mansion, garden and surrounding wetland of **Coolart in Somers**, the home of a vast array of waterbirds in Spring.

For history of a more collectable nature, the township of **Tyabb** is almost entirely devoted to antiques and antique collectables, including the country's largest commercial collection under the one roof at **Tyabb Packing House**.

Balnarring's Market 'under the gum trees' is a perennial favourite with both locals and visitors.

The region is famous for its water sports, yachting, fishing, surfing, or just soaking up the sun on the many quiet beaches.

Known as the 'coast of coves', the string of quiet, picturesque beaches between **Somers** and **Shoreham** await your discovery.

It's what many people travel for hours and days to find elsewhere. Yet, here, you're still only 80 minutes from the Melbourne.



Balnarring Market © Mornington Peninsula Tourism

TWO SHOWS ABOUT LIGHTHOUSES VISIT CAPE SCHANCK FOR A SPECIAL MAYDAY EVENT.

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is for the 5 to 12 year olds. It tells a cracking good story about children living in an exciting and isolated place—a lighthouse island!

THE KEEPER

A Gothic Tale of Light and Dark is a spooky tale for the grownups. Cape Schanck Lightstation
Saturday May 15th Children Show 2pm
Adult Show 6.30pm

PRICES

Adult \$17 Show \$25 Show and Lighthouse tour.
Children \$12 Show \$20 Show and Lighthouse tour.
All prices include entry into the Museum
Phone 5988 6184 for further information.



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