

TIMBOON



3 days in your world away

Short break for couples

With tall trees, bold flavours, bucket list ticks, trails, and indulgence for days. Timboon has all the ingredients for a romantic short break wrapped up in a neat package just 17 kilometres north of Victoria's Great Ocean Road.

Browse our suggestions for an extra-long weekend or take the opportunity to escape the everyday on a sneaky midweek break to remember.

How you put your holiday recipe together is up to you but like all the best chefs we suggest a little restraint, plenty of tasting, a pinch of salt and if it suits your taste don't hold back on the spice!

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Camperdown-Timboon Rail Trail

Before you leave and when you return

Your holiday experience begins well before you arrive. Start following our social accounts for regional tempters, join in our live crosses to gain local insight or give our Visitor Information Centre a call for tips and tricks to make the most of your visit.

🎵 You know all the best adventures begin with a soundtrack. Tune into our **Songs in the key of Timboon playlist** for slow drifting, big flavoured spine tingers and earthy artisan rocks to shake you up and get you in the mood for your world away.



Great Ocean Road

Stop and play on the way

Timboon is located 217 km and 2 hours 40 mins from Melbourne via the Princes Hwy and 291 km and 4 hours 20 mins from Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road. It is also connected via a daily train and bus link (or train and rail trail link) from Southern Cross Station via **Camperdown**.

Will you meander along the **Great Ocean Road** or make a bee line along the Princes Highway for a stopover on Victoria's **Volcanic Lakes and Plains**? No need to choose, you can always arrive one way and leave the other. Now where will you stop for lunch?

DAY 1: MORNING



There is nothing like that sense of discovery when the sun comes up on the first morning of a holiday. The birdsong of every destination is unique and Timboon's is a sweet reminder of the tall forest and rural valley surrounds amplified by the lack of traffic and background noise. Listen for Magpie, Kookaburra, Rosella, Currawong, Grey Shrike thrush and Corella.

Fancy a walk or run before breakfast? Check out this one **Timboon Tall Timber Trail Run video**. The emerald canopy and trail network of Power Creek reserve is right on the edge of town. Be sure to look up and be on the lookout for Timboon's resident koalas and signs of the feeding marks of yellow-bellied gliders on the pale trunks of the eucalypts.

Order breakfast with all the trimmings at **Fat Cow Food Co** or the **Timboon Provedore**. When the dining is done it is time to get rolling! Why not pick up bikes and packs for a **self-guided Picnic Ride** on the **Camperdown Timboon Rail Trail** with **Ride With Us?**

You choose how far to ride and when and where you get to stop to snack and set up for a picnic to remember within view of historic trestle bridges along the trail. Don't miss the ruined bridges section between Glenfyne and the restored trestle bridge. Drop off the bikes back in Timboon and take a stroll through the town, feel like an ice cream or a sweet treat?

DAY 1: AFTERNOON



Browse the shops and pick up some local supplies, **Timboon Railway Shed Distillery**, **Timboon Provedore**, and **The Corner Store Timboon** carry plenty of treats ideal for an afternoon snack on the deck or a fireside treat.

The Corner Store also has some tasty ready to heat store cooked classics to make it easy to enjoy a big night in! How about tonight or will the lure of a sunset to remember on the coast dictate fish and chips with a view or a sampling of eateries in **Port Campbell** or **Peterborough**?

The **spectacular coastal trails and lookouts** of Bay of Islands Coastal Park and Port Campbell National Park are just 17km south of Timboon. Spend the afternoon exploring sites to the west of Port Campbell, marvel at The Arch, London Bridge and The Grotto and continue west to the lesser known wonders including Bay of Martyrs, Bay of Islands and Boat Bay.



Spice rack

Take a leap to remember together with **Skydive 12 Apostles**.

Enjoy post ride flavors at the **Timboon ice creamery** or rediscover the child inside with a browse and a sweet treat from a **Little Bit O Sweet**.

Fish and chips on the beach or in a car overlooking the beach in **Port Campbell**.

A round of golf in **Timboon** or **Peterborough**.

Discover how place inspires art and tap into local creativity at **Timboon Art Gallery** and **Peterborough Antiques & Arts**.



Extra salt

Take a lazy stroll on the **Peterborough – Bay of Martyrs trail** and prepare to explore secluded beaches only accessible from the trail. Check tide and ocean conditions with **Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre** and get ready to explore rock pools, secluded coves and idyllic beaches.

Stay for sunset you won't regret it!

♥♥ Healthiest options

Pack the runners take all the steps and get the heart racing together on one of our favourite trail runs check out our **Peterborough Bay of Martyrs return video**.

If you're here on a Saturday morning join with locals for a bit of puff and a chat along the rail trail as part of **Timboon parkrun**.



Indulge

There is nothing like an afternoon snack or a fireside treat to reflect on an epic day. Why not cook up a storm together with fresh local produce? You will be spoiled for choice on the **12 Apostles Food Artisan Trail** and can top up in town at the local **IGA**, **Timboon Provedore** or **The Corner Store Timboon**.



Timboon Distillery



DAY 2: MORNING



Sunrise and morning light in Port Campbell National Park is a must see on any visit to the region. Check cloud cover to plan the best morning to explore the section of coast between Port Campbell and **Princetown** including the iconic **12 Apostles** and the expansive trails and lookouts of **Loch Ard Gorge**. Feeling the lure of the hills? why not head further east into the **Rainforest and Waterfalls of Great Otway National Park**.

Drop in to pick up supplies on the way back to Timboon on the western edge of the **12 Apostles Food Artisan Trail** head inland towards **Gorge Chocolates**, **Apostle Whey Cheese** and **Dairylicious Farm Fudge** and then back towards Timboon via the gardens and deliciousness of **Schulz Organic Creamery and Café**.

DAY 2: AFTERNOON



Timboon Railway Shed Distillery



You don't have to be shy we know you've been looking forward to it and let's face it you deserve it. How about a late lunch followed by a whisky and liqueur tasting at **Timboon Distillery**?

Feeling energetic and romantic? You could always hire a "bicycle built for two" from directly opposite the distillery with **Ride With Us** and work up an appetite and a thirst together before your tasting.

You know something caught your eye on your last trip through town was it at **Milk and Honey**, perhaps at the **Timboon Art Gallery**; or was it that little shop **Around the Corner Store**?

Grab a book or take a snooze in the sun. It has been whispered on the wind down this way. If you want to feel the rush, you need to slow down! Listen to the wind.

Dinner tonight at the **Timboon Railway View Hotel** or a tasty night in at your accommodation with a store cooked ready to reheat gourmet treat from the **Corner Store Timboon** or choose nearby options in **Port Campbell** or **Peterborough**.



Spice rack

See the coast from the air with **12 Apostles Helicopters** and gain an aerial perspective of one of the world's most spectacular coastlines.

Leave your car at the 12 Apostles and organise a transfer to the **Gables** lookout with **Ride With Us** for an epic 19 km walk to remember on the **Great Ocean Walk**.

Pick up binoculars and borrow equipment including anemometers and even a telescope from **Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre**.

Enjoy an amazing close encounter with the Australian Dingo at the **Great Ocean Road Wildlife Park**.



Great Ocean Walk



Extra salt

Don't miss the opportunity to take a morning stroll you will never forget (tide and ocean swell permitting) on the mighty **Gibson Steps** beach and stand beneath the hulking limestone giants Gog and Magog.

♥♥ Healthiest options

Pack the runners for an unforgettable run or walk on the edge of wild nature **Loch Ard Gorge morning trails** video.

Brought the bikes? jump on your roadies and cut a couple of laps of the picturesque **Timboon shorty circuit**.

Didn't bring the bikes this time and want to check out our favourite **Wild Rides**?



Port Campbell sunrise



Indulge

C'mon you have both been active right? Why not indulge your partner with a surprise massage at **Timboon Natural Therapy Clinic** or **Claire Anderson remedial massage and energy healing**?

Perhaps an appointment at **Mim's Natural Beauty** while you organise dinner?

Loved our playlist? Considering an audio upgrade? Treat your ears and eyes to the acoustic and aesthetic bliss of Australia's finest handcrafted micro speaker manufacturer **Alderwood Speakers** proudly made in nearby **Cobden**.



DAY 3: MORNING



With a fair bit of indulgence on the plate today we suggest a light breakfast, grab a coffee from a local café to enjoy on a brisk stroll on the trails around town or check out our “extra salt” to explore the Childers Cove area.

Indulge your inner forager and pick fresh berries October to April at **Timboon Berryworld** right on the edge of town next to the golf course.

A short drive north now to check out **Keayang Maar vineyard** and enjoy wine crafted from the fruits of a vineyard set on a crater rim overlooking volcanic plains to the north of Timboon.

DAY 3: AFTERNOON



Gibson Steps



Now you have a feel for the place it is an ideal time to embark on a real paddock to plate experience with **Great Ocean Road Paddock 2 Plate tours**.

Enjoy a light lunch featuring local artisan flavours. Get a glimpse into life of a modern dairy farming family, from the kitchen to the paddock, dairy and back. Top it all off with the opportunity to churn farm fresh butter to enjoy with the scones you will make together. Four hours for full experience.

With your eyes and Instagram accounts abuzz from yesterday’s sunrise and morning shots in Port Campbell National Park it is time to head back and discover what all the fuss is about with sunset at the iconic 12 Apostles.

We recommend exploring **Loch Ard Gorge**, Gibson Steps and the 12 Apostles in the two hours before sunset to witness the full colour spectrum of golden hour and sunset from a range of lookouts. Need to elevate the social and selfie game?

Check out our photographic tips here!

Dress warm if you want to stay after sunset to watch the little penguins arrive at the base of the 12 Apostles (year round) or take a short drive west to view the short tailed shearwaters arriving on mass at Muttonbird Island lookout within Loch Ard Gorge. (late September till mid- April) When it comes to **local wildlife** always be on the lookout, you never know what you might see.

Why not round out the experience with a local brewed ale and pizza at **Sow and Piglets Micro-Brewery and Brewpub** in Port Campbell for one of you to sample there and for the driver to enjoy when you return to your accommodation. Tonight, we suggest you dine in **Port Campbell** and choose from the **Port Campbell Hotel, 12 Rocks Beach Bar and Café, Waves Café – Bar and Restaurant, REAL pizza, pasta and salads** or **Grassroots Deli and café**.

Spice rack

So, you have been enjoying the riding together. How about an epic little downhill gravel ride on the western flank of the Otway Ranges?

Hire bikes and/or organise a car shuffle to customize this epic little route with **Ride With Us. Mount Mackenzie track video.** Allow 4 hours.

Extra salt

Take the opportunity to walk and explore nearby coastal precincts including **Sandy Cove, Murnane's Bay and Childers Cove** 30 minutes' drive and capture some extra coastal shots for your social accounts.

Observe the coast in zoomed in detail and pick up a pair of binoculars from Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre. (You can drop them back the next morning if you want to use to view penguins or short tailed shearwaters after sunset).

Healthiest options

Rise early and drive north to treat yourself to a sunrise summit to remember at **Mount Noorat.**

No time for running or walking this trip but keen to come back and **hit the trails?**

Indulge

Top off 3 days in your world away with a few surprise no questions purchases, a bottle of local, wine, whisky or spirits or a must have from **Timboon Art Gallery, Milk and Honey** or **Around the Corner Store** to remind each other of your first visit to your very own "world away. Now how about those **Alderwood speakers?**

See you soon?

Camperdown – Timboon Rail Trail extension to Port Campbell has commenced construction with expected completion in December 2021.

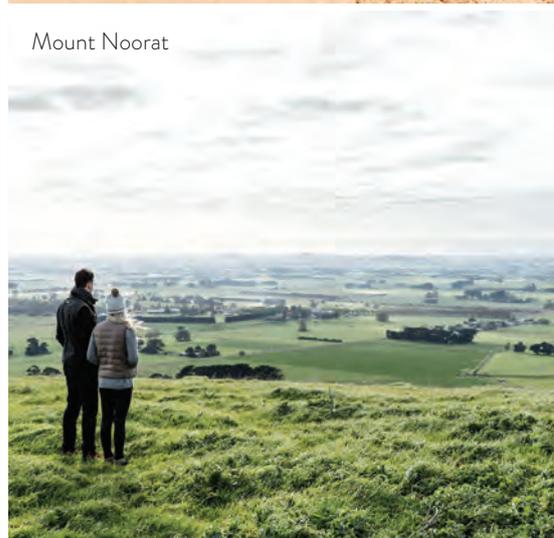
Otway Ranges



Sandy Cove



Mount Noorat



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