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BENDIGO, A PERFECT BASE FOR DAY TRIPPING

Bendigo is the perfect central base from which to explore the many fascinating villages and townships of the surrounding region.

TOUR 1: DRINK & DELIGHTS

Heathcote

Heathcote is nestled amidst Box-Ironbark forests and showcases the locally-grown wines, natural bushlands, lavender and village shopping at its best – making it a special place to visit.

Highlights:

- Visit winemakers at their cellar doors
- Pink Cliffs Reserve
- Viewing Rock and Devil's Cave
- Mt. Ida
- Lavender Farms

TRAVEL TIME

Bendigo to Heathcote

distance

47 kms

by car

35 mins

TOUR 2: GO WITH THE FLOW

Elmore

Elmore might be small, but each October more than 40,000 visitors flood the town for the annual Elmore Field Days. For the rest of the year, Elmore is a pleasant village where you can visit the Campaspe Run Rural Discovery Centre.

Highlights:

- Campaspe Run Rural Discovery Centre
- Picturesque Campaspe River



Echuca-Moama

Take to the waters in Echuca-Moama – a charming riverboat port. It is the “paddlesteamer” capital of Australia, with an early history as a bustling riverboat port. It is an everyday event to hear the nostalgic whistle of the riverboats as they continue to grace the Murray River.

Highlights:

- Paddlesteamers
- Riverboat Port
- Golf and Clubs
- Murray River

TRAVEL TIMES

Bendigo to Elmore

distance

45 kms

by car

30 mins

by train/bus

40 mins

Elmore to Echuca

50 kms

40 mins

35 mins

Bendigo to Echuca

92 kms

70 mins

75 mins

* Rail Services: contact V-line on 136 196 or www.vline.vic.gov.au

TOUR 3: ARTS... ATMOSPHERE & FOOD... THE REST IS HISTORY

Harcourt Valley

Take a leisurely half hour drive south from Bendigo to discover the food bowl of the Harcourt Valley.

Roads weave through stunning, undulating scenery, past apple orchards, fields of fruit trees, grape vines and lavender. The area is highlighted by the Mount Alexander Regional Park with a well-made tourist road traversing the ridgeline and a mountain that offers panoramic views.

Highlights:

- Cider Mills and Orchids
- Mt. Alexander Food & Wine Trail
- Wineries
- Mount Alexander Regional Park

Castlemaine

Renowned for the arts, Castlemaine is a relaxed place with a sophisticated feel in a stately 19th century setting. Once one of the world's richest shallow alluvial goldfields; the town is now abuzz with vibrant cafés, eclectic shops, historic homes, gracious gardens and art galleries.

Highlights:

- Buda Historic Home & Garden
- Castlemaine Art Gallery & Historical Museum
- Castlemaine Fashion Central
- Theatre Royal
- XXXX Antique Complex

Maldon

With its intact heritage streetscape, this old goldmining town was the first to be declared 'notable' by the National Trust of Australia in 1966. A historic steam train links Maldon to Castlemaine and galleries with fine food, cosy cafés, innovative shops and antique shops line the streets.

Highlights:

- Mount Tarrengower
- Carmen's Tunnel Gold Mine
- Beehive Chimney
- Victorian Goldfields Railway
- Pennyschool Gallery/ Café

TRAVEL TIMES

Round trip

	distance	by car	by train/bus
Bendigo to Harcourt	30 kms	30 mins	25 mins
Harcourt to Castlemaine	9 kms	11 mins	15 mins
Castlemaine to Maldon	19 kms	22 mins	
Maldon to Bendigo	39 kms	41 mins	40 mins

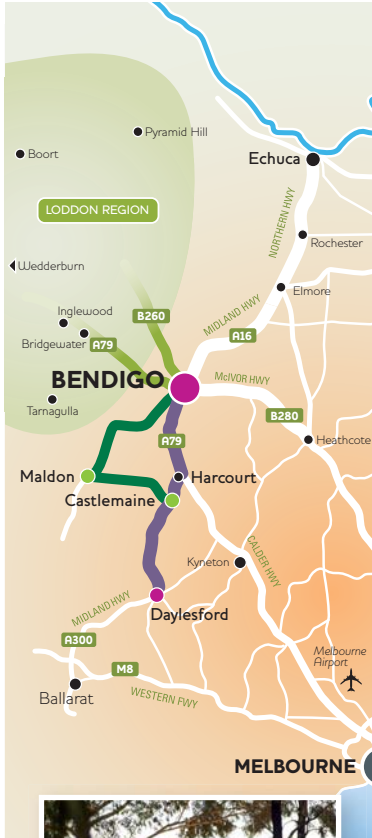
Direct

Bendigo to Castlemaine	38 kms	30 mins	25 mins
Bendigo to Maldon	39 kms	41 mins	40 mins
Bendigo to Harcourt	30 kms	30 mins	25 mins

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TOUR 4: INDULGENCE CAPITAL

Daylesford

Sample the rejuvenating mineral waters, stay in luxury accommodation, explore craft and antique shops, go boating on the lake or just relax with a glass of wine and enjoy the fine dining.

Why not combine this tour with Tour 3 – Arts, atmosphere and food...

Highlights:

- Mineral Water
- Spa Retreats
- Lake Daylesford
- Fine Dining

TRAVEL TIME	distance	by car	by bus
Bendigo to Daylesford	76 kms	72 mins	75 mins

TOUR 5: NATURAL WONDERS

Loddon Region

Gold fossickers still visit this area hoping to strike it rich. The townships of Inglewood, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn offer historic sites, gold fossicking and bushwalking. Vineyards, farming land and massive olive plantations are also dotted around this large and productive region.

Highlights:

- Gold Fossicking
- Wineries
- Recreational Pursuits
- Loddon River

TRAVEL TIME	distance	by car	by bus
Bendigo to Bridgewater (start of the Loddon Region)	40 kms	43 mins	31 mins

