

Murray River & Bendigo Day Tour

Discover two iconic heritage regions in one day. Go underground in Bendigo and search for gold and relax on the Murray river on board a Echuca paddlesteamer.



8.30am Depart Melbourne

10.30am Arrive Bendigo – Deborah Central Gold Mine

Come and see where gold comes from and how it is found at a real gold mine from mid-1900s at Central Deborah Gold Mine. Try the mine experience tour where you gear up in overalls, boots, miner's hat and lamp to descend 61 metres underground. Climb ladders, work a mine drill and search for gold with finder's keepers!

– 10.45am **Optional Mine Experience Tour**
45 minutes

– 11.00am **Optional Talking Tram Ride to Joss House** 30 minutes
Sit back and relax on a beautifully refurbished tram and hear entertaining stories about the city founded on one of the world's richest goldfields and learn about key historic landmarks en-route.

11.40am Depart Joss House for Echuca

12.50pm Arrive Port of Echuca

Discover this Open-air museum tracing the history of Echuca's 19th-century river wharf, shipbuilders & sawmills.

– Lunch at Wistaria Café – Optional

1.45hrs to explore the historical Port of Echuca precinct

Highlights include:

- St Annes's Winery – Tastings and 10% discount, wine purchases
- Woodturner & Blacksmith Shop/Display
- Horse & Carriage Ride around Echuca historical Streets

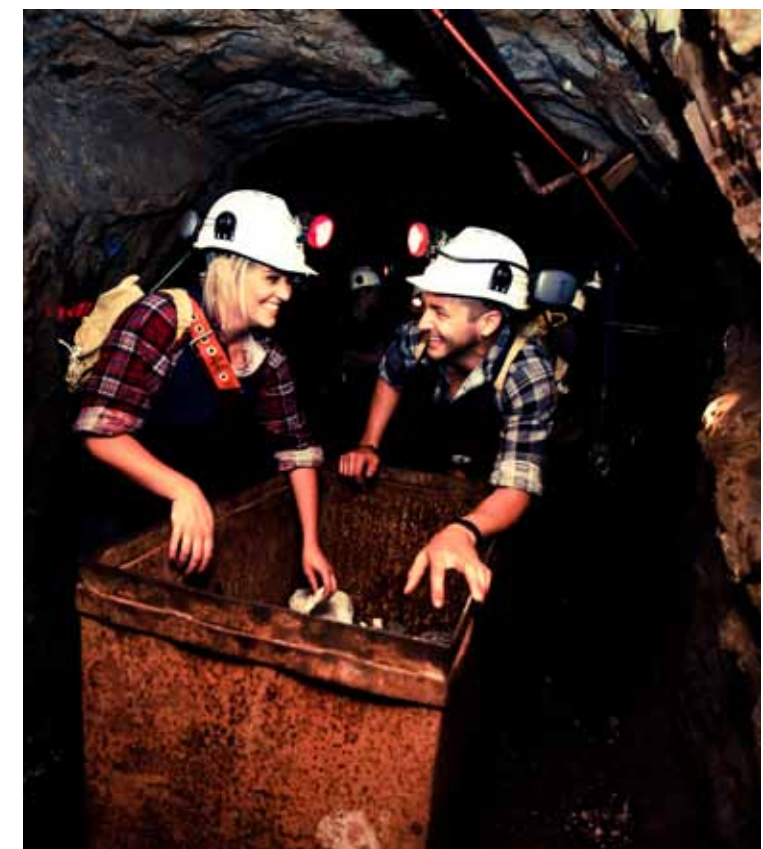
2.30pm Board PS Emmylou/Canberra for 1 hour cruise

The majestic PS Emmylou is one of the most recognisable and iconic paddlesteamers along the Murray River, often featuring as the unofficial flagship of Echuca.

3.30pm Depart Echuca for Melbourne via Heathcote

6.30pm Arrive Melbourne

For more information on the day trips to Bendigo and Echuca visit: www.bendigotourism.com



Mineral Springs to Murray

4 nights / 5 days tour
Explore the delights of regional Victoria.



DAY 1 – Depart Melbourne for Lancefield 1hr

Discover Lancefield's vibrant art scene, eclectic antiques, fresh produce and award winning regional wineries. Visit the famous Burke & Wills track as you explore the many wineries and beautiful landscape of the region.

Overnight: Stay at the renowned **Grange Cleveland Winery**, enjoy the glorious views of the surrounding ranges as you savour the gourmet delights of the Carringhouse restaurant at the winery

DAY 2/3 – Depart Lancefield for Echuca, Murray River 1hr 40mins

Wind your way through the surrounding hills travelling through historic township to arrive at The home of the worlds largest fleet of operating riverboats. The township of Echuca Moama is home to what was once the busiest inland port in Australia. The region is steeped in history and offers visitors an array of experiences. Enjoy Lunch on board PS Emmylou as you breath in the fresh air and discover the magnificent nature and wildlife.

Overnight: Choose from two very unique experiences **Talo Retreat @ Moama on Murray Resort**. Immerse yourself in nature by staying in a 'yurt'. A yurt at Talo Retreat @ Moama on Murray Resort offer a 'glamping' glamorous camping experience. Experience the peace and tranquillity of the bush without compromising on the comforts of a hotel suite. If glamping is not your style stay in one of the resort spacious modern self contained villas.

Overnight: **PS Emmylou paddlessteamer**, climb aboard and relax in your own private cabin on the only wood fired paddle steamer in the world. Cruise the iconic Murray River and take in the majestic red gums that stand tall along the banks. Enjoy marshmallows around a campfire on the banks before delighting in some star gazing from the deck.



DAY 4 – Echuca to Bendigo 1hr 10mins

Travel through the historic goldfields region to the vibrant town of Bendigo. Explore the rich history of Australia gold mining when you visit the award winning Central Deborah gold mine.

Take a ride on the city tram tour or discover the many art galleries and museums.

A perfect spot to enjoy a relaxed lunch at the beautiful **Balgownie Estate Café**. Tantalise your taste buds with a smorgasbord of local produce.

Bendigo to Hepburn Springs

Drive through the heart of Victorias Spa Country enjoying the breathtaking scenery to reach the renowned

Hepburn Springs. Unwind and treat yourself to a relaxing spa treatment or massage and after take in the tranquil peaceful surrounds over a wine or coffee at the many cellar doors, providores stores or cafés.

Overnight: **Grange Belinzona**, situated in the heart of Hepburn Springs this elegant heritage style estate is surrounded by the natural beauty of the Wombat Forest. The deluxe accommodation provides a relaxing retreat at the end of the day.

DAY 5 – Depart Hepburn Springs for Melbourne 1hr 14mins

A short drive to Melbourne Airport or 30mins more and you are in the CBD.



Heritage Canberra Melbourne

4 nights / 5 days tour

The self drive route is the road to national discovery, along which the Australian pioneer spirit is brought to life in the villages and towns built by the early settlers, the river traders and gold miners who created this nation.



DRIVING ROUTE:

- Day 1 – Canberra to Albury/Wodonga (approx 340km, allow 3 hours drive time)
- Day 2 – Albury-Wodonga to Yarrawonga-Mulwala (approx 100km, allow 3 hours drive time)
- Day 3 – Yarrawonga-Mulwala to Echuca-Moama (approx 150km, allow 3 hours drive time)
- Day 4 – Echuca-Moama to Bendigo (approx 150km, allow 3 hours drive time)
- Day 5 – Bendigo to Melbourne (approx 150km, allow 3 hours drive time)



ALBURY WODONGA

A thriving modern city with a leisurely country style, Albury Wodonga offers a charming mix of stately heritage buildings, established parks and gardens and tree-lined streets. To the north of the river is Albury, to the south Wodonga. Together, the two are commonly known as Albury Wodonga. The Murray River flows between the twin cities, winding through a magnificent unspoiled landscape of rolling valleys, hills and lush farmlands.

Highlights:

- Discover picturesque Lake Hume,
- Go birdwatching and bushwalking at Wonga Wetlands,
- Visit the Murray Arts Museum Albury.

YARRAWONGA-MULWALA

The twin towns of Yarrawonga-Mulwala, separated by the Murray River, boast a large and beautiful man-made lake and attract holiday makers, golfers, anglers, aquatic sports fanatics, bush walkers and campers. Yarrawonga-Mulwala always offers a warm welcome.

Highlights:

- Cruise and see wildlife along the Murray River with Kingfisher Cruises.
- Play golf at Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CANBERRA

Experience one good thing after another when you visit Canberra, Australia's capital. Whether it's indulging in award-winning food and wine, unearthing iconic national treasures, or going on breathtaking adventures, everything is just moments away.

Highlights:

- Australia's most significant war relics at the Australian War Memorial.
- The largest indigenous art collection in the world at the National Gallery of Australia.
- The place where Australia's stories live at the National Museum of Australia.
- The mysteries of science at Questacon where you can learn through fun and interactive experiences.
- Taking a selfie on the rooftop of Parliament House.

HIGHLIGHTS:

ECHUCA

Located on the banks of the mighty Murray River, the twin towns of Echuca Moama are the closest point of the Murray to Melbourne. Echuca Moama represents not only a bygone era with horse-drawn carriages and paddlesteamers but it also showcases all the conveniences of the modern era.

Highlights:

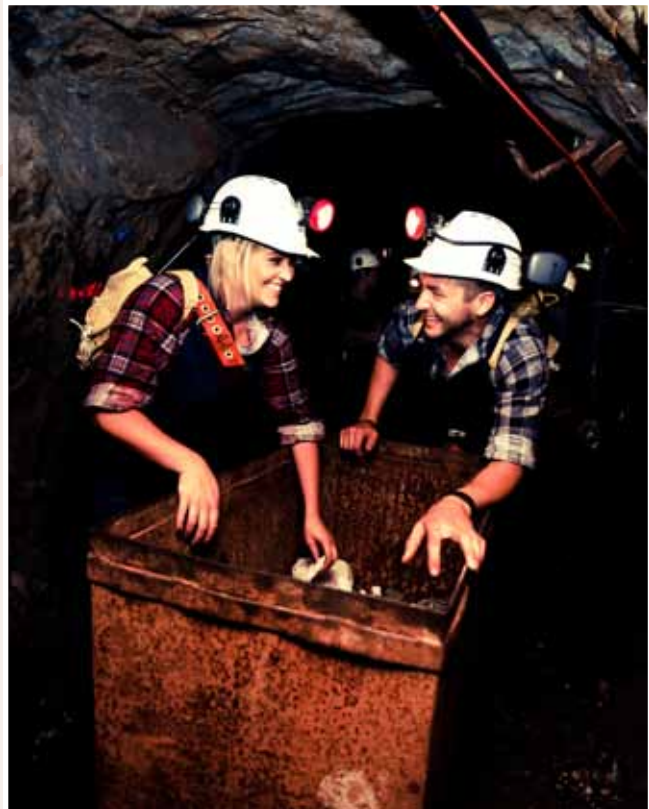
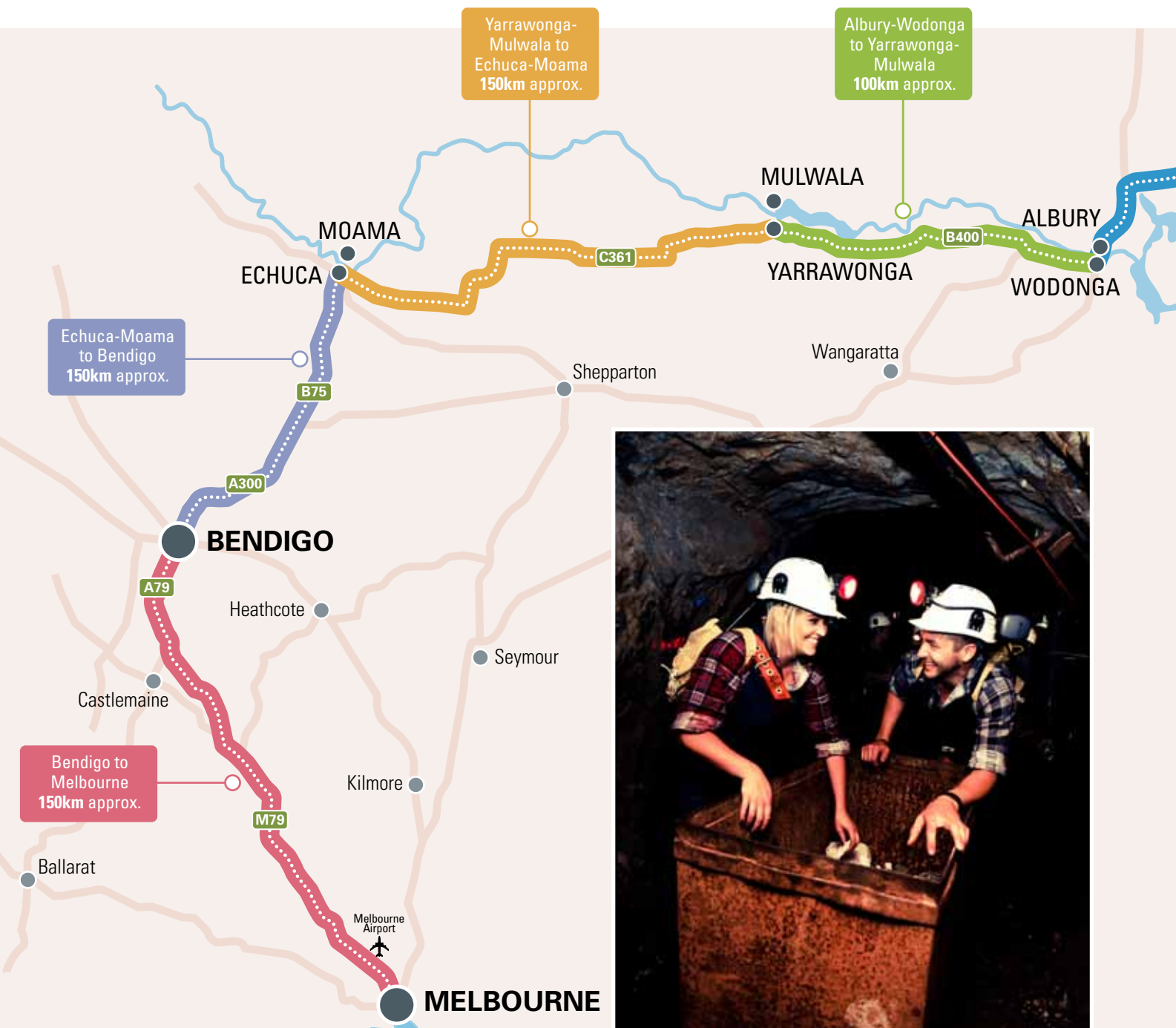
- Board a Paddlesteamer on a mighty Murray.
- Discover the Heritage Port of Echuca
- Play golf at Rich River Golf Club.
- Cruise and see wildlife along the Murray River with Kingfisher Cruises.

BENDIGO

Experience the splendour of Bendigo, an elegant regional city in central Victoria and an ideal base to explore Victoria's golden heritage. Dine in sidewalk cafes, discover art galleries and antique stores, and take in stunning gold rush architecture nestled among century-old gardens.

Highlights:

- Discover Bendigo via a vintage talking trams,
- Discover local food secrets on a tasting walking Tour,
- Search for gold underground at Central Deborah Gold Mine,
- Visit the The Great Stupa, the largest Buddhist temple in the Western World,
- Visit Bendigo Art Gallery, Australia's largest regional gallery.



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