



discover frankston

# LET US SURPRISE AND DELIGHT YOU

with four days of family fun!

Only a 45 minute drive along the coast from Melbourne, you'll discover Frankston. A unique blend of creative urban experiences, stunning coastal scenery and hidden bushland gems, all wrapped up with unpretentious pride and playful hospitality. It's the perfect family getaway.

Let us show you how...

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## DAY ONE - You've arrived, welcome!

Make your way to the heart of the city and check into your serviced apartment at **Quest Frankston**, the perfect launch pad for your weekend adventures.

Leave your car behind and enjoy a short walk, either through the city or along the coastline, to the iconic Frankston Foreshore.

To get a true sense of all Frankston has to offer, pop into the **Frankston Visitor Information Centre** and say hello to the team of volunteers who are keen to share their recommendations, and help curate your perfect escape. While you're there, pick up a **Frankston City Guide** and download the **Discover Frankston App**. These handy additions will help ensure you don't miss a thing during your stay. You can also book a **Street Art Walking Tour** for later in the trip and browse the clothing and gifts with a local twist. Forgot your sunscreen? Hat? Not a problem, the Visitor Centre has you covered!

Before you head off, grab a **Seaside Explorers** activity book so the kids can enjoy exploring the Frankston waterfront, as you make your way along the boardwalk towards **Olivers Hill**. Did you find the patchwork troll? How many legs does the giant crab sculpture have?

Being beside the water beckons fish 'n' chips, don't you think? At the bottom of Olivers Hill you'll find two food caravans, always popular with the locals. Grab a coffee from **Little Olly's** and your lunch from **Cripps Family Fish & Chips** before settling in to watch the water, boats, and people at play.

**Olivers Hill** is one of Frankston's most photographed locations with uninterrupted views across the bay. This is where people come to start and end their day. The perfect place to stop. Breathe. Reconnect. Restart. These bay views are stunning any time of day, whether it be sunshine sparkling off the water or a sunset filled sky. Whatever your preference, it's worth the walk up the hill.

The exploration doesn't stop at the coastline. Across the road you'll find **Sweetwater Creek**. Discover this hidden oasis of native bush as you wander a looping track of boardwalks and bridges. You can see streams bubbling down granite paths and even a koala or two, if you're lucky!

If all that exploring makes you hungry, **Waves on the Beach**, is the perfect spot to enjoy a relaxed dinner on the water's edge. Take in the views, relax and exhale.



## DAY TWO - Casual village vibes

Wander over the road from your accommodation and settle in for breakfast at **One Pear Tree**. A charming, repurposed weatherboard home with an equally charming outdoor area. A delightfully unexpected way to begin your first full day.

A short stroll from the café, the **Seaford Foreshore Reserve** will take you into **Seaford Village**. A popular trail for locals, the reserve follows the coastline and is full of Indigenous flora and fauna. Tread softly and let the sounds of nature separate you from the urban world that surrounds it.

As you get closer to **Seaford Pier**, look out for a wrought iron sculpture called '**The Hermitage**'. This artwork was inspired by the tale of a local hermit who lived amongst the Ti-tree in the area.

When you arrive at Seaford Pier, refresh at the **Seaford Beach Café**, mere steps from the water, before taking off your shoes and hitting the beach. In Seaford, the tempo changes a little. The water is crystal blue, the sand is perfect white and the shallows are excellent for kids to paddle and play. This is one of Port Phillip's hidden beach gems.

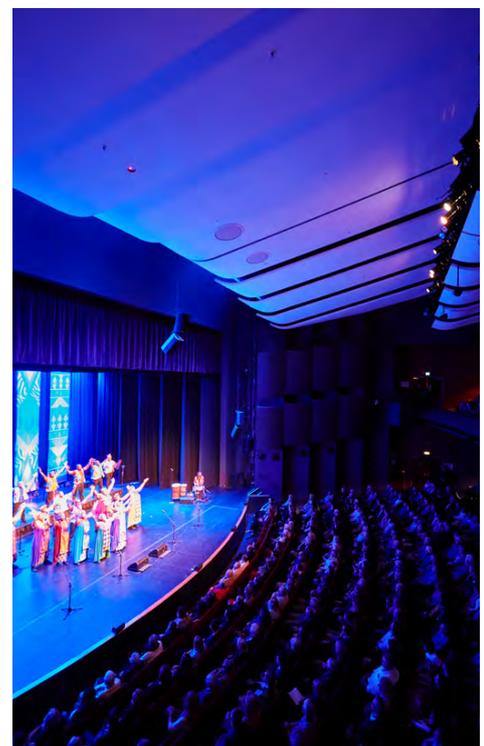
**Seaford Village** is bustling with people at all times of day. The streets are filled with trendy cafes and restaurants. Dotted among these, you will find shops full of character and artistic flare. Let your imagination run wild in the whimsical world created at **Little Guildfords**, find a unique painting created by local artists at **Acquire Design and Art Studio** or discover **Creek and Bay's** range of house-made jewellery, inspired by music, places and Australian living.

Beach days should involve ice-cream and if it's going to be done, let's do it properly. At **Gelato Unou** you'll find Piero, a third generation Master Gelato Chef all the way from Sicily, who makes gelato fresh every day. Grab a cone for yourself or indulge in a share bowl – just make sure you have the camera ready when you see it. Bellissimo! With ice-cream in hand, jump on the train back to Frankston. The station is tucked in behind the shops, making it super easy to find.

It's been a big day and now it's time for the parents to have some fun. With a babysitter organised, let date night begin.

You would think moody décor, arty frames on the wall and funky chandeliers were reserved only for the hotspots of Fitzroy or Prahran, but **Vero Pasta + Wine** is everything you're not expecting in Frankston. Chef and owner Andrea Papapostolou has created a space people feel drawn to time and time again. A menu focussed on traditional Italian flavours, freshly made fare and regional wines to pull it all together. It's the perfect entrée to a show at the **Frankston Arts Centre**, one of the largest outer-metropolitan arts venues in Australia.

As you make your way home, stop in at **The Hop Shop** for a post-show treat of curated craft beers and cold stored brews. If beer isn't your thing, don't stress. Local wines, cider and gin are here too.





## DAY THREE - A splash of colour

It's time for a little inner-city culture and excitement today.

As you walk into **Nature Cafe Bar** the first thing you notice is beautiful, vibrant colours. It's in the flowers that decorate the tables, the murals that colour the walls and the meals served to your table. With a focus on vegan and vegetarian dishes, the best part is, the food tastes as good as it looks. Enjoy.

Fully energised, you're ready to meet your local guide and begin your **Street Art Walking Tour**. Over the past four years, Frankston has been a canvas for some of the world's best street artists, during the annual *Big Picture Fest*. With almost 30 murals gracing the city, this 90 minute tour takes you through the streets and laneways of Frankston as your guide shares the stories behind the artist's inspiration for these amazing artworks.

After the tour ends, stroll down Wells Street to the new and fresh Turkish eatery, **Parçha**. A large welcome entry connects inside with the outside, creating the perfect atmosphere for sharing and conversations. Graze over shared plates while debating which mural you liked the best!

After lunch take a chance to indulge in a little retail therapy. **Robinsons Bookshop** has been part of Frankston since 1963, making it the oldest independent book store in Victoria. Not your average bookshop, the team's passion for books is infectious and you will undoubtedly walk out with three new favourites of your own. Afterwards, head to **Frankston Made** for one off pieces made by creators and artists to find a little touch of local to take home.

After a day of colour and stories, a night of entertainment seems fitting. **General Public** will keep the whole crew happy. Who doesn't love old school arcade games, ten pin bowling, music, drinks and burgers? Dinner and fun in one.

The sun has set, the day is nearly done. Take advantage of how close you are to your accommodation and wander the long way home. Along the foreshore you'll find **Landmark Bridge**. Look across the bay and (on a clear night) see the Melbourne city lights. The gentle lapping waves and salty air brings a moment of calm to end your day.





## DAY FOUR - A little cruisy culture

A Frankston institution, **Eeny Meeny** is the go to place for an unforgettable Sunday morning breakfast. The Persian eggs are a favourite at this retro style café, but make sure you save room for the infamous hot jam donuts from **Frankston Community Sunday Market**, just across the road. Here you can find pre-loved fashion, bric-a-brac, and fresh produce. This is what Sunday mornings are for.

You can't leave Frankston without visiting **McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery**. Spend the afternoon exploring one of Australia's largest outdoor sculpture parks. It is home to more than 100 pieces set among 16 hectares of coastal bushland. The kids will love the space to run around the sculptures and it's the perfect spot to walk off the morning's fare.

Before you say goodbye to Frankston, rest your legs and settle in for dinner at **Dainton Brewery & Taphouse**. This family-run hangout serves wood fired pizzas, locally crafted beers, live music and is home to a great kids' play area. Casual, local and fun – the perfect place to fill your bellies before the drive home.

