# DISCOVER A BLOOMING CITY

Discover what makes this bayside city so bright



Grab your friends, get the playlist ready, and take a 45 minute drive down the coast.

Playful, bright and bold, Frankston welcomes YOU for a four day weekend of FUN and colourful spontaneity.

#### This is YOUR time.

This itinerary is designed for people in their mid 20s to mid 30s, living within 2 hours of Frankston, and wanting to take a road trip to discover local secrets and make the most of now. This market is predominantly online, seeking new, unique and sustainable experiences which enrich their life and they can share with family, friends and followers. They are predominantly the information seekers, looking for ideas for getaways with friends, partners or the girls.



## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THESE



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BEFORE YOU ARRIVE BE SURE TO FOLLOW **DISCOVER**FRANKSTON ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND DON'T FORGET TO TAG US IN YOUR GETAWAY PICS!

SHALL YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE OR DURING YOUR STAY, PLEASE CONTACT:

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## FAST FACTS

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT FRANKSTON CITY





40 KMS SOUTH OF

**MELBOURNE** 



45
MINS ON AVERAGE TO
DRIVE BY CAR



MINS ON AVERAGE
FROM CITY TO
FRANKSTON BY TRAIN



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STOPS ON BEER +
SPIRITS TRAIL



THE STREET ART PIECES ACROSS THE CITY

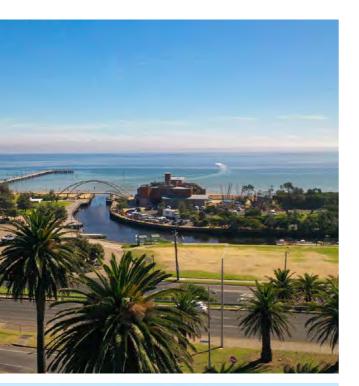


10 KILOMETERS OF COAST



**07**MAJOR EVENTS EACH YEAR









## DAY ONE

#### DISCOVER A BLOOMING CITY

#### AFTERNOON

Following the coast, make your way into the city and check into your apartment at **Quest Frankston on the Bay**, the perfect stay for your weekend getaway.

Leave the car behind and seek out that sea breeze. Meander along <u>Kananook Creek</u> and take any of the charming footbridges across the water, to see the iconic <u>Frankston Waterfront</u>, just a 5 minute walk from your front door.

You may have got the highlights from the <u>Discover Frankston</u> socials before you came (or on the drive down), but a quick call into the <u>Visitor Information Centre (VIC)</u> will give you the chance to meet some passionate locals, get your bearings and take a well-deserved <u>TAC Pause Stop</u> break. Download the <u>Discover Frankston app</u> they tell you about, and keep that local info in your back pocket, it will come in handy.

Inspired, it's time to start exploring. First stop just a short walk away, the <u>Cheeky Squire</u> for a graze on their floral deck. With water views and delicious pub fare, you'll love the splashes of colour not found at many beachside venues.

Taking on a recommendation from the VIC team, it's a walk along the waterfront board walk to <u>Olivers Hill</u>. This is one of Frankston's most snapped locations with epic views across the bay. Whether it be a sunshine filled bay, the lights of Melbourne at night or a sunset take over, it's worth the walk up the hill.

You deserve a treat don't you think? At the base of Olivers Hill, is home to a group of food trucks, always popular with the locals. Grab a coffee from Little Olly's or a gelato from Picoletta. Enjoy the water views and even a little people watching to see life by the bay. Across the road, you'll find Sweetwater Creek, a tranquil space with curving paths under lush tree canopies and bridges over rock pools.

To give the feet a little break, grab one of the city's peddle assisted, zero emission ebikes and ride (glide) back along the foreshore towards your accommodation to freshen up before the sunset makes an appearance.



## DAY ONE

#### DUSK INTO EVENING

Frankston has an enviable coastline for somewhere so close to Melbourne, so dinner is at one of the new coastal kids on the block, <u>Olivers Corner</u>. This place is designed for sunset cocktails. If the weather suits, you can grab an outdoor table overlooking the water. If it's too chilly, they have great views from inside as well.

This beach bar serves more than just sunset views. The menu is designed to share, and they have local wines that go great with any dish.

Just a stones through away, you'll find two of Frankston's best photo opportunities, especially at sunset. <u>Mirage</u> is a stunning red 3D sculpture located on the sands of Frankston beach. Its bright angles and interesting shapes provide clever viewpoints that are both playful and creative.

Just nearby is <u>Landmark Bridge</u> the perfect place for a sunset snap and a fave for local photographers.

It wouldn't be a girl's weekend without some dancing, and that calls for live music. Just around the corner you'll find the iconic <u>Pier Bandroom</u>. A pillar in Frankston's music scene, the Bandroom was once known as 21st Century Nightclub. Fair chance you've heard of its revolving dance floor (or having flashbacks)? Nowadays, the Bandroom is the place to see the biggest and best names in live music. Up and coming local acts play in the intimate setting of the Pelly Bar and large Australian and international bands take centre stage in the main bandroom. Grab a drink, your girls, and get ready for an fun night out.







#### INSTA TIP?

You're spoilt for choice today. Our go to? A balcony bubbles overlooking the bay at Quest. A playful Mirage sunset. Or snap yourself in colour at Cheeky.





## DAY TWO

#### TIME TO UNLEASH

#### MORNING

Let's start the day with a good stretch. The Art of Balance (sessions from \$25pp\*) is a local yoga studio overlooking the tree canopy of Sweetwater Creek. When it rains, you can hear the creek flowing, just below the studio window. If you're searching for a moment and place of tranquillity, this is it.

Market. Held in Frankston's Beauty Park, the gorgeous surrounds of the market lends itself to lazy meanders where you can browse and chat at the same time. Lovingly curated, this little market gives every visitor a chance to ooh and ahh! The market doesn't run during June – August, so make sure you plan your trip around this. If you plan to visit during the Winter months your year round retail therapy experience can be found at Bayside Shopping Centre.

An easy walk from Beauty Park is <u>Hotel Lona</u>. This chic new venue has a restaurant and private dining rooms but their rooftop garden is definitely the golden child. It's completely designed around dining, drinks, and everything in between including Lona Laughs comedy. You're with friends, you're not in a rush so enjoy the Lona Drunch. Short for drinks and lunch...see what they did there!

Drop your market delights back at the apartment, change into something with a touch of sparkle, and call an Uber. You're heading to Seaford.



#### INSTA TIP?

**Hotel Lona** has some fabulous neon artwork and murals around the venue, full of colour they're worth the snap.







## **DAY TWO**

AFTERNOON + EVENING

First stop, <u>That Spirited Lot.</u> Part of the <u>Frankston Beer and Spirits Trail</u>, this colourful, intimate cellar door allows you to try their distilled vodka and gin. They offer tasting boards, cheese boards and can make a mean cocktail too. Specialties include their Godfather Espresso Martini and Ninch Gin Fizz. They're a fully operational distillery so if you're into distilling, they can show you what happens behind the curtain too.

<u>Pohss Studio</u> (sessions from \$27pp\*) are a new colourful experience. You might have seen their Disco Walks moving along the Frankston foreshore this morning? Every month, they have their <u>Unleashed Full Moon Silent Disco</u>, and they're worth the special trip for.

Starting on land at the Seaford Scout Hall, you'll make your towards the Seaford pier. With disco headphones on, everyone is linked by the music in their ears. Don't worry if it takes a little while to get into the moving and grooving. The **Pohss Studio** team share a few moves for people to follow to help warm you up. Dancing over the water, at sunset, with this incredible group of people will be unlike anything you've done before.

After all that dancing, you can't blame a girl for being a little hungry.

Walking distance from Seaford pier, you'll find <u>Tres Mexican</u>. Not only do they deliver top-notch tacos and Mexican inspired margaritas, there's a twist.... it's all delivered by robots. True! But don't worry, they have an human crew to take care of you as well. Enjoy this quirky twist, and have a bit of fun with it too!

If you're still high on merriment and keen to keep dancing into the night, head back to <u>Hotel Lona</u>. Their funky neon art will be glowing and their rooftop space transformed into a late-night joy hub with DJs and dancing.





## DAY THREE

#### THE BEST KEPT SECRETS

#### MORNING

Let's start the day with a guilt free breaky.

As you walk into <u>Nature Cafe Bar</u>, the first thing you notice is the avalanche of colour. It's in the flowers on the tables, the vines that climb to the roof and the murals bringing life to the walls. With a focus on vegan and vegetarian dishes, the best part is, the food tastes as good as it looks.

The street art you've spotted on your way through the city? Now it's time to discover it all. For 6 years, the Big Picture Fest has been coming to Frankston, creating a labyrinth of 70+ street art murals across the city's buildings and laneways. The weekly **Street Art Walking Tours** (tours from \$15pp\*) (Named best Street Art Tour in the Australian Street Art Awards two years running) are by far the best way to see and learn more about the artworks and artists.

During the 90 minute tour your local guide will tell you the stories behind each piece, the artist and why there's often a deeper meaning to the mural than what it might first seem...

Craving more retail therapy? With the tour conveniently finishing on Wells Street, pop into Frankston icon, <u>Jac n Jean.</u> Opening their doors in 1970, they were the first jean store in Melbourne. Family owned and run, there's a reason this clothing boutique has been open so long. Just nearby you'll find <u>Miss Velvet.</u> Give a shout out to Cyanna the owner, she loves helping women of all ages find something they love.



#### INSTA TIP?

Some of the murals have an augmented reality experience. Your guide will let you know which ones. Get a friend to stand behind you and snap a pic as the art comes to life on your phone.





## DAY THREE

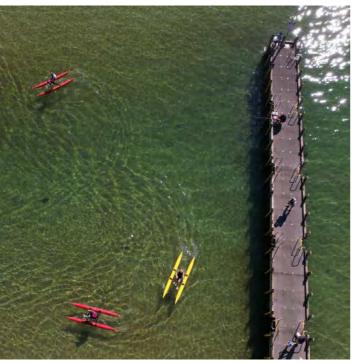
AFTERNOON + EVENING

Peekish? If you're craving something large or small, let us take you to the longest sushi train in the Southern Hemisphere. Just off Shannon Street Mall, you'll find Momo Roto which stands for "more and more, round and round". The 66m train weaves it's way throughout the restaurant serving everything from nigari and sushi to noodles, salad and gyoza.

While we're on the train of something different, ever heard of a cup cake ATM? Just nearby, is <u>The Cake Party.</u> If you ever need a sugar hit, in a rush or just a little socially anxious, this is the perfect thing for you! You can of course, head into the store too if you want to check out all the flavours of the day.

Frankston has a cutting edge arts and culture scene and there's no better place to see a live performance than the **Frankston Arts Centre**. Their artistic program is ever changing, yet always vibrant and enriching. Challenge yourself to choose something unpredictable. When you head out after the show, make sure you check out the front of **Cube 37** with the striking **Glass Cube Gallery**. The Art After Dark Program often showcases digital artwork, art installations and pop up projects. It's definitely worth the wander past when you're heading out for the night.

Conveniently just around the corner is <u>The Hop Shop</u> and it would rude not to 'hop in' for a post show drink and bite to eat. Settle in by the fire in winter, or the courtyard in summer and sample the local brews. They pride themselves on being Frankston's independent home of curated craft beer and their partnership with the infamous Bang Bang team means that great beer, wine and cider is paired with delicious morsels of Asian fusion bites.





## DAY FOUR

#### NEW DAY, NEW VIBE

It's your last day and it's time to explore the Frankston coastline like never before. <u>Waterbikes Australia</u> (tours from \$90pp\*) (Registered NDIS Provider) have created quite the buzz. Imagine a normal bike, but with two inflatable hot dog looking shapes either side keeping you afloat. Very cool, and surprisingly, very easy to ride.

If you are up for a dive, the marine life under the **Frankston Pier** is spectacular. **Dive Line** (Learn to Scuba Drive from \$249pp\*) can help fit you out for an underwater Learn to Scuba Dive experience you won't forget. Fish, corals and seahorses put on an epic show in the artificial reef just out from the end of the pier.

Brunch is ten minutes away at Mr Frankie. This is one is off the beaten track, but once you find it you will feel like you're entering into an old school '90's LA diner. With a pastel pallet and vibrant outdoor dining their menu is just as pretty serving up one of the best brunch menus in town.

Looking for a way to nurture mind, body and spirit? You'll find it just down the road at <u>Cruden Farm</u> (entry from \$10pp\*) with a garden amble and forest therapy. Wander through the perfume of 100 lemon-scented eucalypts. Meet willows and oak trees by the lakeside while experiencing a stillness that only nature can provide.

All road trips should have a touch of culture don't you think? McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery (entry from \$6pp\*), Australia's largest outdoor sculpture park, brings together the curious, the zany, the beautiful and the brainy. Look at their pieces from different angles. Lay on the grass and watch the sky high *Tree of Life* move.

Before hitting the road, stop in some at some of Seaford's charming boutiques. Coastal bohemian homewares can be found at <u>Bohteak</u> or find a new wardrobe item at fashion boutique <u>Creek and Bay</u>. Don't ponder a purchase, treat yourself to something before the drive home.



Get a friend to take a pic of you on a waterbike under the pier. The colours of the water, bikes and pier are epic and make a great pic.

## GO TO DETAILS

POP THESE INTO YOUR MAPS



**QUEST FRANKSTON** ON THE BAY 435-437 NEPEAN HWY. FRANKSTON



FRANKSTON VIC 7N PIER PROMENDADE, **FRANKSTON** T850M



KANANOOK CREEK TRAIL 7N PIER PROMENDADE, FRANKSTON **FRANKSTON 7**850M



**CHEEKY SQUIRE** 510 NEPEAN HWY, 📍 500M



**OLIVER'S HILL** LOOKOUT NEPEAN HWY, FRANKSTON ₹ 2.1KM



LITTLE OLLY'S OLIVERS HILL BOAT RAMP. FRANKSTON SOUTH 📍 1.7KM



**PICOLETTA** OLIVERS HILL BOAT RAMP, FRANKSTON SOUTH 📍 1.7KM



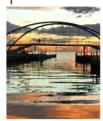
SWEETWATER CREEK 2 LITTLESDALE AVE. FRANKSTON SOUTH ₹ 3.5KM



**OLIVER'S CORNER** LONG ISLAND DRIVE, FRANKSTON **9**650M



MIRAGE LONG ISLAND DRIVE. FRANKSTON **₽**450M



**LANDMARK BRIDGE** KANANOOK CREEK **BLVD, FRANKSTON ₹**750M



PIER BANDROOM 1 DAVEY ST. **FRANKSTON** ₹450M



THE ART OF **BALANCE YOGA** 40 WOOLSTON DRV, FRANKSTON SOUTH ₹3.5KM



LITTLE BEAUTY MARKET BEAUTY PARK, SPRING FRANKSTON ST, FRANKSTON



**BEAUTY PARK** SPRING ST. ₹1.1KM



**HOTEL LONA** 473 NEPEAN HHY, **FRANKSTON** 📍 250M



THAT SPIRITED LOT 4/42 HARNETT DR, SEAFORD ₹4.5KM



POHSS STUDIO 127-128 NEAPEAN HWY, SEAFORD ₹4.6KM



TRES MEXICAN 132 NEPEAN HWY, SEAFORD **₽** 4.5KM



NATURE CAFE BAR 1/3 THOMPSON ST, FRANKSTON 🌱 350M



STREET ART **WALKING TOURS** 60 PLAYNE ST. **FRANKSTON ₹** 550M



JAC N JEAN 38 WELLS ST, **FRANKSTON** 🌳 300M



MISS VELVET 5/19 WELLS ST, **FRANKSTON** 350M



MOMO ROTO 28 BEACH STREET, **FRANKSTON** ₹ 450M

 $\P$  KILOMETRES FROM QUEST FRANKSTON ON THE BAY

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THE CAKE PARTY
SHOP 4/13-15
THOMPSON ST,
FRANKSTON
240M



FRANKSTON ARTS
CENTRE
27-37 DAVEY ST,
FRANKSTON
→ 500M



CUBE 37 25/37 DAVEY ST, FRANKSTON ↑700M



HOP SHOP 26 PLAYNE ST, FRANKSTON 350M



WATERBIKES
AUSTRALIA
FRANKSTON PIER,
FRANKSTON
P800M



DIVE LINE

12 KITSON ST,
FRANKSTON

1.6KM



MR FRANKIE
48 NORMAN AVE,
FRANKSTON SOUTH
3.9KM



CRUDEN FARM
60 CRANBOURNEFRANKSTON RD,
LANGWARRIN
6KM



MCCLELLAND
SCULPTURE PARK +
GALLERY
390 MCCLELLAND
DR, LANGWARRIN
96KM



CREEK AND BAY
16 STATION ST,
SEAFORD
4.5KM



BOHTEAK
2/6 BUONTEMPO
ROAD, CARRUM
DOWNS
9.4KM



BAYSIDE SHOPPING
CENTRE
28 BEACH ST,
FRANKSTON
450M



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