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YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONGS: ROMANTIC ESCAPES

Let the Yarra Valley & Dandenongs spoil you and your loved one with a luscious 'Romantic Interlude'. Indulge your loved one in style with a wonderfully romantic retreat to one of Victoria's premier destinations.

Amidst such romantic surroundings and with a host of romantic activities and facilities it will be hard not to fall in love all over again on your next visit to the Yarra Valley & Dandenongs.

When it comes to romantic accommodation the range of choices is overwhelming from five-star opulence to friendly cottages. Each bed and breakfast, self-contained cottage, farm stay and fine hotel is uniquely 'Yarra Valley' in charm, hospitality and attention to detail, as a result of more than a century's practice in pampering visitors. Enjoy open fires and seclusion in one of the many properties such as ***Arcadia Cottages, Loft in the Mill*** or ***Lochiel Luxury Accommodation***.

AL DENTE COOKING

Enjoy a cooking class together at **Al Dente Cooking** and be inspired by the rich Italian culture, fresh Yarra Valley produce and a Mediterranean cuisine that helps you live longer, live healthier and live tastier!

Located at the **Oaks Winery** in the picturesque Yarra Valley, 45 minutes east of Melbourne, Al Dente Cooking provides traditional 'hands-on' Italian cooking classes, using fresh local ingredients. Al Dente Cooking classes are perfect for those that are inspired to learn the wonderful secrets of authentic home-style Italian cooking.

For more information please visit: www.aldentecooking.com.au

YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATE PROVIDERS

Indulge yourselves in some of the finest locally produced chocolates in Victoria, lovingly made to exquisite standards they are sure to add another dimension to your romantic getaway. There are a couple of key producers in the region, **Grace and Paige** and **Kennedy and Wilson**, both turning out some amazing delicacies.

Grace & Paige offer an exclusive range of handcrafted fine chocolates and confectionery. Made in traditional European artisan style, using only the finest quality ingredients we ensure you experience a most memorable and indulgent experience.

Kennedy & Wilson is a husband and wife combination which has been operating for just over 10 years, with the idea behind it going back to a wine tasting trip through Europe. Since then they have been producing first class chocolates and can even tailor make a concoction according to your tastes.

For more information please visit: www.kennedyandwilson.com.au or www.graceandpaige.com.au

SPA AND MASSAGE PRODUCTS

Situated in a host of various blissful and picturesque locations throughout the region, the Dandenong's wide selection of health retreats and spas are a treat for anyone looking to get away and unwind. With a wealth of location options, customers can pick and choose where and when to head back to nature.

Whether it be a day spa at the renowned **Immerse** or luxury accommodation at **Balgownie Estate** to really immerse yourself in the pleasures on offer, there is something for you. Take advantage of one of the many specials on offer throughout the year, ranging from deals on the spas and treatments themselves right through to accommodation and dining options.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

For a different perspective of the region, hot-air balloon specialists like **Global Ballooning** or **Global Sunrise** take to the skies, providing stunning and peaceful views over the Yarra Valley, before gently descending into a vineyard and taking in breakfast at a winery with glass of sparkling Yarra Valley wine.

For more information please visit: www.globalballooning.com.au or www.hotairballooning.com.au

PICNIC IN THE PARKS AND GARDENS OF THE DANDENONGS

Yarra Valley Dandenongs and the Ranges is also richly endowed with some of the most beautiful, natural countryside in Victoria, offering a stunning blend of native and exotic trees, waterfalls, picturesque lakes and beautiful snow capped mountains.

The beauty of the region has been a source of inspiration for artists for over 100 years, captured in many of the regions galleries and shops, with the Yarra Valley home to the renowned Heidelberg School Artist Trail.

Visit the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges today for the ultimate in romance and decadence!

For more information please visit: www.yrrml.com.au

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