



Trentham

Self-Drive Itinerary 2 Days / 1 Night

Crafted for couples, this itinerary showcases the must-do experiences in Trentham. From fine dining to vibrant art galleries, stunning natural attractions to welcoming country pubs, boutique shopping and more. Just over an hour from Melbourne, Trentham is a charming village where the friendly locals will make you feel right at home.



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How to get here

One of the best things about visiting Trentham is its close proximity to Melbourne. The easiest way to arrive is by car. You can travel to Trentham via two main freeways: follow the Calder Freeway (M79) and take the Woodend exit, then follow the C137 towards Daylesford (allow 70-minutes). Alternatively, follow the National Highway (M8) towards Ballarat. Then take the C318 exit at Myrniong, following the Greendale-Myrniong Road, passing through the hamlet of Blackwood, before arriving in Trentham (allow 80-minutes).

DAY ONE - SATURDAY

Discover, shop and indulge

MORNING

Spectacular falls, sweet treats and vibrant art

Start your Trentham experience by visiting the spectacular Trentham Falls, which are located just outside the main township. Recognised as one of the longest single drop waterfalls in Victoria, here you can witness the waters cascading some 32m over dramatic basalt columns. Either taking the steps or the gently sloped path, glimpses of the falls can be seen as you meander your way down from the carpark. Take a seat on the benches provided or stand at the lookout whilst you take in the beauty of the falls and nature around you. Entry is free.

Make your way into Trentham (allow 4-minutes for the 2.8km drive) and enjoy a morning coffee and sweet treat at the historic RedBeard Bakery. Renowned for their authentic sourdough and other baked delights, all crafted in a wood-fired Scotch oven dating back to 1891.



Top Tip

Trentham Falls are at their most spectacular in winter and spring, when the falls show their true power and presence.

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MORNING (continued)

After your coffee fix, wander along Trentham's gold-rush era streetscape, admiring the historic buildings. Pop into [Little Gallery](#) (open Friday to Monday from 10am to 4pm) and discover incredible local art. This must-visit gallery is run by local artists and provides a space for Trentham's vibrant creative community to display their latest works. Chat to established artists such as Helen Cottle and Rose Wilson and find a unique piece of art to take home with you.

A short stroll down the laneway beside Little Gallery will lead you to [Sisko Chocolate](#) (open Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm). A chocolate wonderland, here you can see the chocolatiers at work before choosing from their expansive range of chocolates, all handcrafted using ethically sourced chocolate. Treat yourself to a hot chocolate, or time allowing, join one of their immersive chocolate workshops.



LUNCH

Hotel Trentham

For a hearty pub meal, pop across the road to [Hotel Trentham](#) (1-minute walk, 140m from Sisko). Tastefully renovated while preserving its historic charm, Hotel Trentham offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With the motto 'there are no strangers here - just friends you haven't met yet' you can be sure you'll feel welcome as you choose from the menu, which features pub classics with a modern twist. Popular options include the smoked duck salad and the grilled barramundi.

AFTERNOON

Strolling, shopping and relaxing

Work off your lunch as you further explore Trentham's boutique retail scene. Peruse the carefully considered wardrobe staples at [Frankie & Mae](#), where the focus is on slow fashion and natural fibres (open Friday to Monday from 10am to 5pm and Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm).

For a one-of-a-kind item, don't miss [The House of Marcelle and Mr John](#) on Market Street, where you'll find a hand-selected range of bespoke designer luxury items such as home decor, fragrances, art and antiques (open Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm).

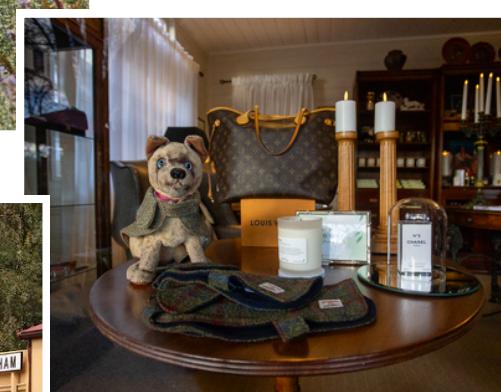
Further along Market Street, pop into [Pegasus Gallery & Gifts](#), which showcases photography and blown glass by local artists (open Friday to Sunday from 10am to 3pm).

Finish off at the sustainably minded [The Green Store](#) and discover their range of natural, organic and ethically-sourced products, ranging from sustainable lifestyle goods to homewares (open daily from 10am to 3pm).

After shopping to your heart's content, check-in to your accommodation at the flower-filled [Acre of Roses](#) (located 600m or an 8-minute walk from the heart of Trentham). Located within a micro-flower farm, this luxurious wellness retreat has a strong focus on relaxation and rejuvenation. Choose from the stylishly refurbished 1860s Miner's Cottage or The Potting Shed.

Fun Fact

At Acre of Roses, you don't just stop to smell the roses—you can sip them, soak in them, and even savour them—because they're grown purely with love and rainwater. Zero nasties. Just nature, nurtured.



Top Tip

As you make your way home, look to the skies, on a crystal clear night the stargazing in Trentham is incredible.

DINNER

The Cosmopolitan Hotel

Walk or drive to dinner at [The Cosmopolitan Hotel](#), or 'The Cosmo' as it is affectionately called by the locals (allow 6-minutes for the 400m walk). Here, the contemporary menu utilises the region's finest seasonal produce, while the wine list showcases cool-climate wines from the Macedon Ranges. Enjoy dishes such as the Macedon Ranges lamb rack or the Sher wagyu rump steak, paired with a Passing Clouds pinot gris or a Curly Flat white pinot.



Fun Fact

The Cosmo, built in 1866, has a colourful history. Over its 150+ years it has operated as a pub, hotel, general store, dentist, commune (and even a makeshift morgue!)

Alternative Accommodation

You won't find any big name brand hotels in Trentham, instead boutique B&Bs are the norm. [Daylesford Country Retreats](#), [Relax Holiday Rentals](#), [Discover Daylesford](#) and [Dayget](#) all offer a number of stunning properties. From cosy miners' cottages surrounded by lush gardens to architect-designed villas, there are plenty of choices.

DAY TWO - SUNDAY

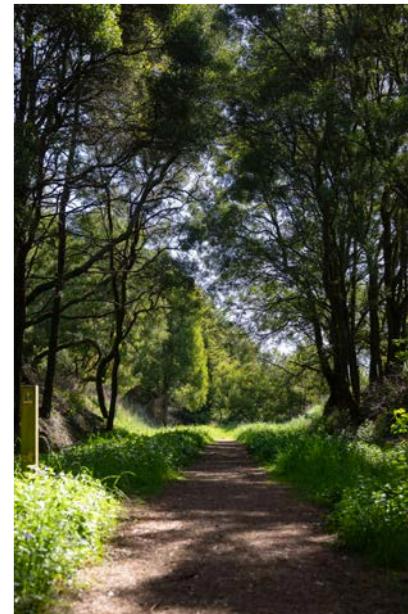
Nature and fine food

MORNING

Breakfast, a dash of history and nature at its finest

Follow the locals and pop into [Trentham General](#) for breakfast. Here the seasonal menu showcases regional produce. Enjoy hearty favourites like the slow-cooked brisket toastie, house-made granola with local honey, or a classic eggs benedict. Pair your meal with a perfectly brewed coffee or a fresh juice. Open 7-days a week, from 8am to 3pm.

After breakfast, make your way to the heritage-listed Trentham Railway Station (no longer in use). Not only is this beautifully preserved site a reminder of days gone by, it's also the starting point for the [Domino Rail Trail](#) — one of the most popular walks in the region. Enjoy a 12km return walk (approx 3 hours) from Trentham to Lyonville and back, or simply turn back when you've had enough. This easy trail follows the old railway line through the lush [Wombat State Forest](#) and is a smooth and wide, all-weather trail through lush forest.



Top Tip

Time your visit right and peruse the local goods at the Trentham Sunday Market, which takes place on the last Sunday of the month, from 9am to 2pm at the Trentham Railway Station. Entry is free.

LUNCH

du Fermier

You'll feel as though you've stepped into chef Annie Smithers' own home as you feast on her French farmhouse-style cooking at the chef hatted du Fermier. At this cosy and inviting restaurant in the heart of Trentham, Annie creates a seasonal menu each weekend. Sometimes, the dishes are plated, sometimes shared, and always, revolve around what is being harvested from the garden or taken from the store cupboard.

du Fermier is open for lunch on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and for dinner on Saturday evening. The 4-course set menu is \$130 per person and can be enjoyed with matched wines for an additional \$80 per person. Reservations are essential.



Fun Fact

Much of the produce from the seasonal menu at du Fermier is sourced from Annie's own farm and kitchen garden, Babington Park, in nearby Lyonville.

AFTERNOON

Local goodies and a hidden beauty

Feeling inspired by lunch, pick up some local produce next door at [Ruby Goose Foods](#) (open Wednesday to Saturday from 9.30am to 5.00pm and from Sunday to Tuesday from 9:30am to 4pm). Curated as a farmers' market in a shop, this grocer has an impressive selection of locally sourced fruit and vegetables, smoked meats and charcuterie, along with homemade biscuits from Beatties Biscuits in Trentham.

Say farewell to the main township of Trentham, before making your way to the [Pig & Whistle](#) in East Trentham (open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 10pm, and on Monday and Tuesday from 5pm to 8pm). This classic, ivy-wrapped country pub stands in the pastures of rural Trentham East. A cherished icon of the local area, here you will find friendly service and tasty fare. Find a spot in the spacious beer garden on a sunny day and raise a glass to a weekend well spent in Trentham.

Return feeling refreshed, inspired and delightfully full after a weekend in Trentham.

Start planning your trip now. Discover more at daylesfordmacedonlife.com.au.



Top Tip

Tired driving is a significant risk on our roads. There are things you can do to stay safe and reduce the chances of crashing while tired, including taking regular breaks. We recommend stopping in Woodend for some fresh air and a wander down the historic main street, before continuing to Melbourne.

