



Online Bookings
We highly recommend booking your tickets online. Tickets are also available on running days at both Castlemaine and Maldon stations, one hour prior to departure. Pre-booking online ensures you will travel, particularly on first class as this service has limited capacity.

www.vgr.com.au

Enquiries
For recorded information about train time tables, special events or to speak to one of our staff, please call our information line.

(03) 5470 6658

Wheelchair Access
Our trains have wheelchair access and we offer limited capacity, in excursion class only, on most services. Please enquire at time of booking to arrange wheelchair access before you travel with us.

Membership & Volunteering
We are looking for people just like you to volunteer and help run our railway.

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Maldon was declared by the National Trust as Australia's first 'Notable Town' back in 1966. Once a thriving metropolis, having begun as a gold rush village in 1854 with the discovery of alluvial gold at the base of nearby Mount Tarrangower, Maldon's well deserved reputation as a picturesque historic town is known for its intact 19th century commercial centre. Spend an hour or two wandering around soaking up the atmosphere of the township and its heritage houses and gardens.

Castlemaine, the site of the famous Mt Alexander Diggings, was the location of the richest alluvial goldfield in the world. It is now a bustling town renowned for its eclectic arts scene, rich gold rush history and growing reputation as a fine food destination. Explore Castlemaine's rich history and heritage - its grand public buildings, wide streets, ornate hotels and century-old shops. You can try a spot of shopping along the way; from gourmet food and designer clothing to antiques and art.

- Mount Tarrengower Lookout
- Goldfields Diggings Sites
- Heritage Streetscapes
- Goldfields History
- Antique Shops
- Museums
- Galleries
- Gardens
- Cafés
- Pubs



How to get to the VGR

By Road - From Melbourne: Take the Calder Fwy (M79) to Elphinstone, then the Pyrenees Highway (B180) to Castlemaine. Castlemaine railway station may be accessed from Kennedy Street or Gingell Street (ample parking is located near the pedestrian underpass at the station in Gingell Street).

To get to Maldon railway station follow the Calder Fwy (M79) from Melbourne and turn left into Fogarty's Gap Road (approx. 5km past Harcourt turnoff) continue until you join the Bendigo Road (C283) and you will find the railway station just before reaching Maldon township.

By Rail - For a hassle free day catch a V/Line train from Melbourne or Bendigo direct to Castlemaine. VGR trains operate from No. 3 Platform. Go to www.vline.com.au for timetables.

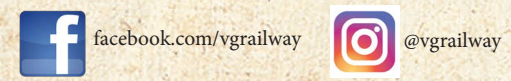


Group Travel

We would be pleased to host your group; a family party, social club, significant birthday, wedding or any other special occasion. Discounts apply for 10 or more people and for larger groups you may have your own carriage on one of our regular service trains. You could even charter a special train to run, just when it suits you and we can also organise catering for you and your guests.

Cycling

In conjunction with the new bicycle track between Castlemaine and Maldon, cyclists who wish to travel one-way by train are able to take their bikes at no extra cost.



VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY



*The Authentic Steam Railway
Linking Historic Castlemaine and
Maldon in Central Victoria*



www.VGR.com.au

Trains run on Sundays and Wednesdays as well as selected Saturdays and public holidays throughout the year





Welcome to the Victorian Goldfields Railway

Leave behind the modern world and become immersed in the charming atmosphere of yesteryear - a truly unforgettable experience. Be whirled away into the past - see a distant puff of smoke, hear the powerful whistle echoing across the Goldfields and smell the smoke wafting through the air as you enjoy the sights and sounds of the magnificent steam locomotive in action. Explore the locations from TV's Miss Phryne Fisher's Murder Mysteries and the blockbuster Australian movie The Dressmaker.

Your genuine old style ticket will be clipped by your friendly conductor as you travel in our authentic steam era carriages, with polished interior woodwork and pressed metal ceilings.

For a wonderful day out, drive or catch the V/line train from Melbourne or Bendigo to connect with our late morning train from Castlemaine, travelling to Maldon where you have a leisurely 2 hours for lunch and to explore the gorgeous little town. Enjoy a meal at the many quality cafés or pubs, find treasures at the antique shops, explore the quaint main street, heritage houses and gardens. Then relax on the mid-afternoon train back to Castlemaine (perhaps enjoying a drink from the bar on first class) connecting with V/line services back to Bendigo and Melbourne.



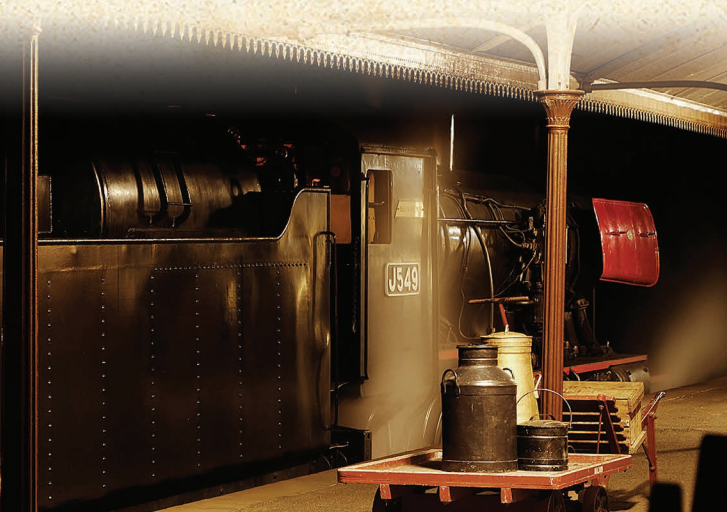
First Class Experience

A touch of class. Immerse yourself into the world of Hercule Poirot and the Orient Express into the Golden Age of rail travel, when the journey was just as important as the destination and club and parlour cars were the social hub of many elite trains around the world.

Our first class carriages offer a unique rail experience complete with cosy compartments, open lounges and fully equipped bar. Enjoy a drink or snack served by our Stewards, while you simply sit back and relax. Ride on the observation platform on our parlour car, let the world drift by, as you leave behind the hum-drum modern life and experience a taste of true decadence during your leisurely journey.

The Perfect Gift

A First Class Gift Certificate is ideal for those who appreciate experiences rather than material presents. Options include a cheese platter with drinks from the bar to enjoy in the luxurious first class carriages.



Ride with the Driver

Get up close and personal and experience the thrill of travelling on the footplate with the driver and see why steam trains captivate the imagination of everyone, no matter their age — the sights, smells and sounds of a locomotive hard at work. This is a great surprise gift for all ages. Bookings are essential.

Drive a Train Experience

Dream no more. For a truly memorable day, this once-in-a lifetime experience can become a reality with us! In this full day experience we put you in the driver's seat and under expert supervision you take control of your own special goods train. A must for your bucket list.



Other Special Experiences

Visit www.vgr.com.au or our Facebook page for other activities.

Special Events — Ales on Rails, Wine and Cheese, Murder on the Orient Express movie nights and many more themed events.

Railway Enthusiast Days — We recreate all manner of trains of yesteryear for rail fans and nostalgia buffs.

Gift Certificates — The gift with a difference. Available to order from our website for all our trains.

Weddings — A fabulous and unique venue that your family and guests will remember forever.



Fun for the Whole Family

Step back in time. Take the kids for a day out they'll love where they can experience travel in the olden-days before iPads, Facebook and Wifi.

Get up close to a real steam train and watch the world go by from your family compartment as the engine huffs and puffs up the hills. Open the windows, listen to the whistle and maybe see a kangaroo or two.

Enjoy one of the family friendly cafés and pubs in Maldon or Castlemaine, or pack a picnic. Special excursion class family tickets are available on all our trains. Kids enjoy our on-board entertainment during term school holidays. Treat them to a day out they'll love.

Victorian Colonial Express

Travelling on this train is indeed a trip back in time. This is the real thing; ancient relics from the 1880's travelling on an early branchline with original infrastructure.

Starting from Castlemaine's imposing railway station our steam train takes you to Maldon where you have 3 hours for lunch and to explore the National Trust declared 'Notable Town.'

This train runs for the National Trust Heritage Festival every year and other selected occasions.

