



VILLA HIDEAWAY DETAILS

Just Breathe – everything is just as it should be....

Welcome! our Point Capri crew are sooo excited to have you here.

A few little details which we hope will make sure you have the most gorgeous stay in this villa hideaway.

Point Capri is a place of **nature, nurture and love**. Your villa hideaway is immersed in mother nature, its tea-trees and wildlife, adjoining the Point Nepean National park. Your own private track will lead you through the national park and to your own beach access.

Couples are welcomed to and wowed by this **unique and exclusive** place - once called Capri beach and now known as St Andrews Beach.

First, we acknowledge the traditional guardians of the land on which Point Capri is situate, the Boonwurrung people. The Boonwurrung people are the traditional owners of the coast and land along the northern, eastern and southern shorelines of Port Phillip Bay, Nairm, the Mornington Peninsula, Western Port and its two main islands – Phillip Island and French Island, and the land to the south-east down to Wilsons Promontory.

Your secluded villa hideaway is designed just for that! Seclusion! From self-check in to reluctant sea-parture 😊, our intention is to ensure that you have the space & place to breathe, replenish and reconnect to yourself and each other.

Don't stress though - if you do need us, our Point Capri crew are close at hand throughout your time here and are happy to help, please just text Deb on 0466148765.

Wi-fi is free! The network name is PointCapri guest and **wi-fi password** is Thedunes

The key to your villa hideaway has been left in your door for your arrival. Sensor lights will assist you to and from your villa hideaway in the evenings. There is also a torch in one of the baskets in the shelves in your hideaway or bedside tables, if you need it. Please leave the key inside your hideaway on your sea-parture, closing the main door behind you as you go.

A reminder that **checkout** is **11am** or earlier. We thank you in advance for vacating by this time so we can prepare for the next romantic couples to arrive.

Beach – bush track – towels – swimming – all things



After throwing your bags down, get your bearings (unless of course you arrive in the dark – in which case, get comfy and snuggle down in your villa hideaway and leave it for the morning!)

Take a quick wander down the bush track to the top of the dunes and gasp out loud as you survey the landscape and the rugged beauty that surrounds you (unless of course you arrive in the dark – in which case leave it for the morning!)

To get there please follow the boardwalk towards the painted signs that will direct you. *BEACH → ARROW* points you towards the stunning St Andrews beach as you discover the blue painted arrows on ground stones and you are in the national park – the painted arrows will take you most of the way to the ocean. They do not go all the way because people move them, but you will know where to go when you see the beach.

Please take care to stay on the track so you remain safe (remember there is Australian wildlife all around you) and create the least impact to the dune system and all the beautiful fauna & flora that live within. Once you arrive onto the beach from the track you will be facing the ocean. Turn left, and head towards Cape Schanck lighthouse in the distance and you will see a track on your left that takes you up to the St Andrews beach car park which is at the end of Paradise Drive – follow the road until you get to Point Capri which is the easier pathway back and an alternative way than back the way you came, which in reverse is uphill and a bit steep, sandy and challenging on the way back (of course you may be totally up for that!).

Once you have your bearings and if you are up for it, if you turn right when you first arrive down at the beach you can walk for miles along the stunning coastline all the way to Portsea or find the windy pathways through the national park back up to the road and home back around to the right.

The beach is not suitable for 'swimming' (although you will often see regular talented surfers) <https://beachsafe.org.au/surf-safety/ripcurrents> but there are gorgeous safe paddling pools at low tide. The beach is perfect for long walks at low tide or wallowing amongst the rock pools, sitting on the high dunes – you will find our secret spot 😊 watching the sun set across the big blue horizons.

You will find beach towels in your villa hideaway for you to use during your ocean adventures – outside hooks on your deck allow them to dry. For lighter walks, please feel free to use the lighter cotton towels in the beach bag we have left on the hooks in your hideaway – please just return them.

Spa bathing – rainwater showers – all things water



The tap water is perfectly drinkable and tastes great!

Our gardens are watered using our Bore water system as part of our sustainability practices.

The hot water system runs on instantaneous gas, so you don't have to worry about running out! It does have to travel a little way from the gas system to the shower head (especially the outside showers!) so, it's best to move the mixer taps in the showers and basin all the way to the left and then flick them fully on gently – this seems to activate the flames quicker.

The taps on the spa are different – just check that the hot water is in fact running when you draw your bath. Best practice is to fill the bath until the jets are covered. Only add about a teaspoon (two at most!) of the relaxing locally crafted organic bubble bath. Any more than that and you may not see each other through the bubbles after the jets are turned on. Please pull the plug when you have finished bathing because the resident possums love to jump into the spa water to fight and play without being able to swim!

Our resident possums are ringtail possums and quite petite and gorgeous but....in the middle of the night they can sound like a herd of elephants on your deck or roof. Don't worry – no one is coming to get you, and you are safe!

In case you feel the need to refresh your spa bath during your stay, you will find a little bucket with sponge and cleaner in the bathroom dresser if you'd like to use it.

The bubble bath, soaps, shampoo, conditioner & body lotion in your bathing area are hand made by a fabulous local company Dindi natural who make luxurious skincare and body products using Australian plant oils and pure essential oils to soothe, nourish and revitalise the skin – please enjoy them in your villa hideaway. These all-natural bathing products are made locally using 100% natural ingredients. **If you would like to buy and take these products please let us know and we can charge your credit card as follows; hand and body wash \$24, shampoo \$21, conditioner \$21, bubble bath \$28 and hand and body lotion \$24.**

You will find the most divine and fluffy bath robes and slippers in your room so you can relax around your villa hideaway, shower and bathe either in or outside amongst nature and seclusion – you have total privacy. We encourage you to try the outside spa bath or shower at least once during your stay – it is a truly unique experience - immersed and held in nature. At nighttime delight in phosphorescence of the moon and stars. we have left lanterns and candles outside for you to complete a romantic experience like no other.

Your sleep ... we know you lead a busy life and this time away is special and we want you to drift off to sleep in luxury like you are on sleeping on clouds. That is why your bedding and pillows are all indulgent, genuine MicroCloud 5-star hotel bedding with 100% japara cotton casing, breathable, hypoallergenic, anti-microbial with Health Guard no prickly feather, odourless, cruelty & no animal products and fully machine washable for your safety and hygiene.

Equipment: you will find your feasting equipment in baskets on the underneath shelves of the benches, along with a cleaning basket with detergent, tea towels and kitchen sponge.

Dirty dishes: there is a lovely little hot water sink next to your Ziggy BBQs, it's just big enough to sort out your daily breakfast dishes, cutlery, cups and saucers and wine glasses from the night before.

Refreshing & replenishing: to ensure your sense of seclusion, unless you need us and you have our contact details, we do not disturb you during your stay.

White goods and other miscellaneous information...

Heating & cooling: you will find the reverse cycle air-conditioner remote control on or near the DVD player. Check all the windows and doors are closed for maximum cosiness/coolness and don't forget the shug window in the shower. If you prefer, there is a ceiling fan to cool you down. For extra warmth on the bed there is a soft blanket in your room, either the trunk or dresser.

Ironing: there is a little hand steamer in your bathroom dresser – along with hangers. hang clothing items on the hooks provided in the bathroom and steam away.

TV, DVDs, CDs and books/games: If you would like to watch a DVD (we love no or low tech here to encourage you to disconnect and enjoy nature but we understand life is not always like that!) turn on the TV using the remote control and press the top button that says **Input**. Select **HDML1** to play your selected DVD. Enjoy the eclectic selection of old school CDs and books during your stay. Though you may never see them, you do have neighbours in close proximity – please use your discretion with your volume choice.

Fridge: Any drinks in your fridge are complimentary. Please do not be tempted to adjust the temperature of your fridge because it has been set perfectly to make sure everything in it remains fresh and chilled. Adjusting the temperature does not make warm things cooler quicker as some people tend to think but rather results in nothing being chilled.

Kitchen equipment: Your villa hideaway has a kettle, toaster, and microwave.

Coffee and Tea: Each villa hideaway is equipped with a quality Nespresso machine, quality coffee pods and matching milk frother. A wide selection of teas are available in each villa also for your enjoyment.

BBQ: They are main gas fitted and simple to use. Sometimes the ignitions may need the help of a match or electric lighter which we leave in your dinner basket just in case. There are BBQ cleaning wipes in your cleaning basket.

The loo: To avoid blockages, please do not flush anything other than toilet paper – you have in the bathroom cupboards or shelves comfort items to help you dispose of items in the bins provided.

Leaving stuff behind: Before you go, please double check you have taken all your belongings with you. White t-shirts on white sheets can easily be missed, your favourite shampoo left on the shower shelf... the phone charger in the wall next to the bed. If you do leave something, we will keep it for you for 3 months should you wish to come and collect it or contact us to discuss options for postage. After three months we will dispose or donate any items left behind.

Local information

Vineyards

The Mornington Peninsula has a wide selection of high-quality vineyards, each bringing their own wine experience and most of them a delicious feasting experience. Our recommendation would be to approach the vineyards via Flinders along Boneo Road, past Cape Schanck as it's a gorgeous drive!



Here are some of our favourites:



Montalto, Red Hill – ph: 5980 8412 Award winning winery, great buildings, fabulous kitchen gardens, with a sculpture exhibition with winning pieces found throughout the vines & wetlands. Dining in the piazza (no bookings required) is heaven on a summer's day. They do fabulous wood fired pizzas and there is also an award winning Montalto restaurant (Bookings a must!).



The Cups Estate –ph: 0499 497 697 269 Browns Road, Fingal: Just around the corner from here, they make the best bubbles on the Peninsula and have a fantastic lunch menu.



Foxey's Hangout, Red Hill – 5950 8400 White Hill Road, Red Hill: Modest winery with scenic views. Best concept for cellar door ever! Inspired nibbles complement the wines. Morning Sun is its sister venue around the corner which has a lovely restaurant.



Point Leo Estate, Merricks – 5989 9011 Amazing vineyard, exceptional views, outstanding food – Bistro and the fabulous and exclusive Laura restaurant and to top it all it has an extensive and wonderful sculpture park to walk your lunch off.

Nazaaray Estate Winery

For something a bit different – a small winery – the only one on the South side of the Peninsula. Great traditional Indian tapas type food and gorgeous hosts – the owner is the wine maker from India and does everything to and for his wines! He also generously donates ALL the proceeds of his wine tasting (and they are good!) to provide drinking water holes for Bengal tigers in India. Great work and lovely to support while you are enjoying the wines and food!

Kerri Greens – Red Hill

If you are looking for where the locals go – relaxed and friendly - this is it. It is small, personalised with wonderful staff and is great value. You can take your own food/picnic and sit and enjoy the

wonderful wines and have a chat with the local wine makers and their passionate and knowledgeable staff. Quealy is this one's sister property.

Eating Out

locally, everything is coastal casual. these are our 'go to's'.

(please check their operating hours as peak and off season varies)

St Andrews Kitchen – 124 Bass Meadows Blvd

500 metres down the road is our local café. Great coffee, breakfast and lunches. Also stocks your basic grocery items including fresh bread, milk and eggs. Opens 630am to 3pm.

Dundas St Shops

A fab Vegan café Hunter is a 3-minute drive away together with Shop 360 bakery and café, a bottle shop, milk bar and surf shop. Here you will also find **3941 Takeaway** ph: 5985 7752- our local pizza and fish and chip shop that will also deliver to your villa!

A'mare – 2839 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie ph:5988 8325

Italian local and Italian owned and BEST made wood fired pizza and pasta – just like you are in Italy – the pizza maker recently arrived from Rome!

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Steam – ph:5985 7700 Point Nepean Road, Rye: an oyster bar and Asian style tapas – excellent food



Del Posto 2409 – 5985 6498 Point Nepean Road, Rye: insanely good real Italian



Radio Luna – 5912 2134 Point Nepean Road, Portsea: eclectic, inviting, cocktails, drive wines & excellent food

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The Portsea Hotel – ph:5984 2213 Point Nepean Road, Portsea: the views! Gorgeous in the day and newly refurbished



The Continental Sorrento – newly refurbished and reopened. Bar, dinner casual or 5 Star at Audreys restaurant. Live music cocktail bar and beer garden.

Aurora is also located here – if you love Bathhouses do NOT miss this one – it's just divine!



St Andrews Beach Brewery – ph:5988 6854 Sandy Road, St Andrews beach: fabulous vibe, busy place, fun food. Live music usually on Fridays and some days by advertisement.

Golf courses

This part of the Peninsula is a golfer's heaven. Here are the three closest courses:



Moonah Links – Truemans Road, Fingal/Rye – ph:5988 2000

Guests love playing this course but be warned – it ain't easy!



St Andrews Beach golf course – Sandy Road, St Andrews beach – ph:5988 6000

Ranked at No.12 in the World's top golf courses and the best course on the Peninsula and it's only a 5-minute drive away!



The Dunes – Browns Road, Rye – ph:5985 1721

Just around the corner from here. Public and a challenging course – very enjoyable.

Taxis and Ubers

Always try and book ahead – especially during peak season as it can be hard to get them.

If you are heading to the wine regions and want to be assured of your transport, we recommend you contact David Begg on 0412 153 061 – reliable driver for your winery/restaurant trips.

Nature lovers

Explore the many *walking tracks of the Peninsula* for nature lovers.

At low tide there is a wonderful walk to deep and crystal-clear rock pools – Bushrangers Bay – enter from Boneo Road.

Jubilee Point has fabulous views of the entire Peninsula!

There is of course the Arthurs Seat walk (see much wildlife including wallabies and Kangaroos) or get wonderful views via the new Chairlift – Arthurs Seat Eagle.

Adventure seekers:

Gunnamatta horse riding: experience riding on our secluded St Andrews beach – sunrise and twilight rides available 5988 6755

Other ideas include:

Peninsula Hot Springs and Alba springs are very close 12 mins drive in Fingal: ph:5950 8777

Redhill Cheese ph:5989 2035: divine cheeses and now they serve wine – a simple lunch

Main Ridge diary ph:5989 6622: fabulous! There are tours, and all the goats have a name 😊

Sunny Ridge Strawberry farm ph:5989 4500: it's worth a visit just for the smell and you can pick your own and even eat with ice cream!

Arthurs Seat: just for a look see on a clear day – it's breathtaking

Point Nepean national park: Portsea on the tip of the Peninsula – big walk but beautiful

Flinders township: quaint, yummy little shops, clothes and coffee – gorgeous drive

Cape Schank light house: fabulous board walk, fat little light house and beautiful coastline

Sorrento township: busy, vibrant and a bit like any main street in Melbourne – great book shop & gallery

Gordon glassblowers: nestled in the big Redhill trees with inspired artists

Mornington Peninsula markets



Some art & craft & fresh produce markets located close by

1st Saturday of the month:

Red Hill community market

Red Hill showgrounds, Arthurs seat road,
September – may
8:00am to 1:00pm

Rye market

Rye foreshore
8:30am to 12:30pm

2nd Saturday of the month

Rosebud market

Rosebud primary school, cnr jetty & Point Nepean roads
8:00am to 12:30pm

Mornington farmers' market

Mornington Park, Shnapper Point Dive
all year
8:30am to 1:00pm

3rd Saturday of the month

Boneo community market

Boneo Reserve cnr Limestone & Boneo roads, Boneo
all year
8:00am to 12:00 noon

Balnarring racecourse/Emu plains craft market

Balnarring racecourse, Coolart road, Balnarring
November to April
9:00am to 2:00pm

4th Saturday of the month

Tootgarook market

Tootgarook primary school
Carmichael St, Tootgarook
all year
8:00am to 12:30pm

Mount Eliza farmers' market

cnr Mt Eliza way & Canadian Bay road
all year
9:00am to 1:00pm

5th Saturday of the month

Rosebud market

Rosebud primary school
cnr Jetty & Point Nepean roads
8:00am to 12:30pm

last Sunday of each month

Red Hill farmers' market

@ the Red Hill consolidated
school, Red Hill
fabulous fresh local produce

Check this info is up to date please before you visit as times and dates can change

Enjoy your stay

Point Capri Crew