

Flame of Eternal Light – Social to Bendigo – Itinerary and What’s Happening



Hi,

And thanks for your interest in joining us for an ‘informal social’ trip to Bendigo – which is planned for the weekend of the 16th & 17th of September.

While the main purpose of the trip is to go and visit The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion in Bendigo ...

Below you will find a brief overview of some of the key highlights that we’re planning to take in over the weekend. And as this is not a formal retreat – feel free to come and join us for any of the activities we’ve mention below – which are completely optional.

Also, on the following pages you will also find some suggestions for accommodation for the weekend/night should you choose to stay over on the Friday or Saturday night.

Please note we are not organising accommodation on behalf of everyone – so it will be up to yourselves to decide where you would most like to stay for the weekend.

However, we will organise some set places/times to for us all to gather, connect and socialise.

That’s it for now!

Feel free to send Les and email or call him on 0414 298 203 if you have any other questions.

We’re looking forward to seeing you for the weekend.

Kind regards,

Les & Ela

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What’s Planner for Saturday 16th September *

Saturday 16 th September	What’s Planned
Around 9.15am Depart 9.30am	For those of you wishing to carpool or travel in together. Let’s meet at the McDonald’s Rowville car park (corner of Stud Road and Fulham Road). <i>This will provide easy access onto the nearby Monash Freeway.</i>
Approx 1hr 30 min 118 km	Take the Monash M1 via Bolte Bridge and M2 via Essendon to get onto the Calder Freeway M79 towards Kyneton.
11.00 am 60 min Depart 12pm	Stop for coffee and some early brunch in Kyneton at Ruby Café, 101 Mollison Street, Kyneton rubycafe.com.au
Approx 50 min 66 Km Arrive around 1pm	Travel from Kyneton to Bendigo via the Calder Freeway
1pm	Meet outside Bendigo Visitor centre in the middle of town on Pall Mall Quick visit to the Australian Eucalyptus Store in Bendigo central (if time permits).
13 km Approx 20 min drive	Travel from Bendigo to The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion
Arrive 1.30pm 1.5 – 2hrs at Stupa	Arrive at Universal Stupa of Compassion Have Lunch / Coffee in the Stupa Restaurant Followed by exploring the surrounding gardens/area and a guided tour/overview of the Stupa
Approx 3.30pm	Depart Stupa and head back to Bendigo
Around 4pm	Check in to your accommodation – Rest and relax
6.30pm	Dinner & drinks at GPO Restaurant Bendigo
8pm	We’ll try and find somewhere for a drink with some music or entertainment in Bendigo – before we return back to our accommodations. The Golden Vine Hotel – Soul Chisel – a Tribute to Jimmy Barnes Piano Bar, Hargreaves Lane, Bendigo pianobar.com.au/bendigotapas

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Sunday 17th September*

Sunday 17th September	What’s Planned
9.30am	Breakfast and coffee at Edwards Providore in the heart of Bendigo
10.30am	Visit to the Bendigo Arts district and View Street. Time to roam the shops. Take in another coffee. Look at the antique shops or pop into the Bendigo Gallery for a peak.
11.30am 20 min	Prior to heading towards Melbourne we’ll stop briefly at the Bendigo Chinese gardens.
11.50am 85 km 60 min	Hit the M79 back towards Woodend.
12.50pm	We’ll plan to stop to at Hanging Rock for a walk and exploration around this mystical national park and surroundings
1.50pm	For those interested we’ll stop at the famous Straws Lane in Woodend to experience the ‘anti gravity’ energy point.
2pm	We’ll stop into lovely Mount Macedon Trading Post – Food store for coffee or a light bite before heading back to Melbourne.
105km 1 hr 20 min	Back on the Calder Hwy M79 heading back to our meeting point in Rowville.

**Please note that the planned itinerary and what we will be intending to do is just a guide and is subject to change depending on weather and other conditions. We also value and appreciate your capacity to be flexible, while also understanding that everything suggested is optional and you can choose to attend/not attend as you feel.*

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A Few Local Accommodation Places

You will find plenty of accommodation options for Bendigo on the Internet and on sites such as Booking.com etc.

Accommodation for the weekends in country Victoria tends to book out quickly for Fri & Sat night stays. So, if you are just joining us for the one night i.e. Sat it may be best to book your accommodation early.

The places below are merely some suggestions and NOT recommendations.

So please make to do your own research and find something that meets your needs and sharing/sleeping requirements.

Accommodation	Type
Mercure Bendigo Schaller	Part of the arthouse series this 4 star venue has a number of smaller hotel style rooms located within 1km of the town centre. Rooms from \$189.
Best Western Cathedral Motor Inn	This 3 star venue is located close the main Cathedral on the main road into Bendigo. Typical motel style accommodation with varying options from \$179.
National Hotel Complex Bendigo	Reasonable 3.5 star motel style accommodation with 1.4km of the town centre from \$165.
All Seasons Resort Hotel	Resort style hotel with pool, central lounges, fitness centre and game room within 2.5km of town centre. Deluxe suites from \$235.
Barclay on View	4 star motel style accommodation close to the heart of town with variety of room options from \$200.
Quest Bendigo	Variety of self-contained apartments and units from \$179 within 1-2km of the town centre.