

The historic Peninsula...

The area was originally home to the *Mayone-bulluk* clan and formed part of the [Boonwurrung](#) nation's territory prior to European settlement. The nation hosted six clans who lived along the [Victorian](#) coast from the [Werribee River](#) across to [Western Port Bay](#) and [Wilson's Promontory](#). The peninsula is speculated to have been home to between 100 - 500 people prior to European settlement.

At the time of European settlement, much of the Mornington Peninsula was covered with she-oak forests. These were quickly cleared to provide firewood for the growing city of Melbourne, and much of the peninsula was then covered with fruit orchards. Nevertheless much natural vegetation still exists, especially in an area of bushland in the south known as Greens Bush, and the coastal fringe bordering [Bass Strait](#) and Western Port Bay. Most large areas of bushland are now included within the [Mornington Peninsula National Park](#).

Fort Nepean is a former defensive facility occupying part of [Point Nepean, Victoria, Australia](#). It was part of a network of fortifications, commanded from [Fort Queenscliff](#), protecting the narrow entrance to [Port Phillip](#).



10:00 am – Point Nepean National Park , Quarantine Station and Fort – This significant National Park has spectacular views and a rich history as a former quarantine station and defence outpost. Whether you walk, cycle or ride the explorer tour you will be inspired.

12 noon Historic Sorrento - **spend this afternoon having lunch in any number of fabulous places and do a little shopping.**



Try the following:

The Continental Hotel – in winter there is a cosy fire, in warmer months sit outside and admire the view or

Stringers General Store – across the road from the Continental Hotel this little store is a

supermarket, bottle shop and fabulous place for coffee and a sandwich. It's small but there are tables inside and out.

When the kids get bored of shopping then take them to the **Sorrento Playground at Sorrento Historic Park, Point Nepean Road, Sorrento** great place to watch the passing ferry or luxury yachts moored up while the kids run themselves ragged.



Now head home and rest, have dinner and then try either:

Night time (it has to be dark for either of these options and you will need to book especially for the Wildlife Park):



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife and Conservation Park for their night tour – this is when all the nocturnal animals come out, it is such a great experience.

Or

Dromana Drive In – take your car and some snacks and some warm rugs and watch a drive in movie. How cool is that...very 50's!

