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Melbourne in Spring!

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Dear Industry Friends,

Spring has arrived in Melbourne!

Let the fresh smell of spring and the beautiful sight of flora blooms welcome you. The city comes alive this season, celebrating the best of arts and culture, fashion, events as well as the food and wine in Melbourne. Get caught in the Spring fever as you join the excitement of the Spring Racing Carnival - a celebration of racing, fashion, entertainment and parades!

Don't miss out on the fantastic shopping scene either, whether it's at the many precincts, shopping malls or weekend markets. You 'd be absolutely spoilt for choice!

Experience all that Melbourne has to offer you this Spring.

Best Regards

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Events

Spring Racing Carnival

(5 October- 23 November 2006)

Each year, Victoria is buzzing with Spring Racing Carnival excitement. More than any other racing event, the Spring Racing Carnival captures the excitement and glamour of Victoria. It unites the people of the State, with national and international visitors, in a celebration of racing, fashion, food and entertainment. Race days are held at various venues across the state.



Melbourne International Arts Festival

(12 June – 28 October 2006)

Melbourne International Arts Festival is one of Australia's leading international arts festivals and has an outstanding reputation for presenting unique international and Australian events in the fields of dance, theatre, music, visual arts, multimedia, free and outdoor events over 17 days each October. This festival will showcase the best of local and overseas artists by highlighting urban contemporary art from around the globe, vibrant dancers from Africa, lively theatrical performances from Europe and rhythmic music from South America.

City Updates

Yarra River Shuttle Service

Relax, take in the beautiful river views and discover Melbourne on board the Yarra River Shuttle Service.

Hop On Hop Off as you please at any of the 8 stops, every 30 minutes from 1 November 2006 - 15 April 2007. This service is only available on weekends and public holidays only.

Accommodation Update

1. The Ramada Melbourne is now known as [Citigate Melbourne](#).
2. Golden Tulip is now known as [Oaks On Market](#).

Mornington Peninsula



Mornington Peninsula

A short 1 hour 45 mins drive from Melbourne city, the Melbourne's Bays and Peninsulas offers some of Victoria's premier family destinations, including seaside villages, golf courses and family activities set between two breathtaking and tranquil bays of water.

Create your own special brand of fun and togetherness and capture the magic of summer beaches, soak in hot springs, enjoy a game of golf or just indulge in the bountiful gourmet produce of Spring!

Visit stylish Sorrento with its fine nineteenth-century buildings and many excellent eateries, boutiques and galleries. Dine in one of its cosmopolitan sidewalk cafes or take a stroll along its picturesque harbor.



Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens

Ashcombe Maze has planted 3000 lavender plants as part of a re-launch. Ashcombe Maze has developed a new year-round personal and interactive lavender experience that visitors will love.

Experience the extensive display gardens, the Lavender Labyrinth with fabulous views over the arboretum and more than 3000 Lavender plants that flower throughout the year.

Careful plant selection and garden design ensures that the lavender is in flower for 12 months of the year.

[Moonraker Seal and Dolphin Swims](#)

To swim amongst these wild dolphins and seals is one of the greatest experiences of life! Moonraker Dolphin Swims is a family owned and operated company that offers both 3-hr snorkel and sightseeing cruises daily from October to May.



[Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm](#)

Sunny Ridge is the largest strawberry producer in Australia. Pick berries between November and April and then relax and enjoy desserts, wines and homemade ice cream. You can get almost everything that's 'strawberry' here!



[Peppers Moonah Links](#)

For anybody who has ever teed up, the Mornington Peninsula, just 90 minutes from Melbourne, is golfing heaven. Over 15 courses are located within 30 minutes of each other, seven new courses have opened recently and more are being developed.

Located on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, Peppers Moonah Links Resort is one of Australia's most unique leisure resorts, featuring luxury accommodation, two 18 hole championship golf courses and an Endota spa.

Peppers Moonah Links Mornington Peninsula offers guests luxury accommodation in 96 deluxe rooms and suites, all with balconies overlooking the stunning course or putting green.



[Peninsula Hot Springs](#)

Peninsula Hot Springs is the first natural hot springs and day spa centre in Victoria. The centre has 9 public hot spring pools and baths for a variety of bathing experiences. Relax in the indoor public mineral spring pool with views of the lake and grasslands. Outside, there is a central pool and covered grotto, massaging waterfall pool, bubbling spa couch, tranquility bath and a cooling plunge pool. The private spa offers guest a choice of indoor baths offering a relaxing garden view or outdoor pools set amongst the privacy of tea trees. The Spa Dreaming Centre provides a unique range of natural spa care treatments to soak away tension, eliminate



toxins while their soothing massage will help generate good health and balance.

[The Enchanted Maze Garden](#)

Get lost in the traditional hedge maze – 500 metres of manicured Leighton Green hedge. Discover the magnificent Japanese garden in the centre, and to make things more challenging try to locate the five different Buddha's. Next, move on down the hill to the labyrinth.

Not for getting lost in, this maze is laid out on the ground. Great for a contemplative meander or wear the kids out racing around.

Finally the children's maze, not really a maze but a series of walled gardens all especially themed up for the kids. The African savannah, the beach box, the fairy and dinosaur gardens are all within this maze.



[T'Gallant Winemakers](#)

T'Gallant is a working Winery and Vineyard, hosted by friendly, knowledgeable people. Cellar door tastings available plus private barrel room wine education options.

The restaurant serves simple delicious farmhouse cuisine, always using fresh local produce.

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