

Activities at the Villa

Moonlight offers you the opportunity to pursue some marvelous adventures that will provide magnificent memories from your holiday to cherish. These adventures are designed for not only for adults but also for families seeking out that different experience.

These modern day adventures range from guided tours along the Great Ocean Walk, canoeing trips early in stillness of the morning, watching the duck billed platypus at play, flying the Victorian coastline in a helicopter at 500 feet, whale watching, night tours spotting the local wildlife, inland or deep sea fishing experiences, mountain bike riding or a early morning start for a ride along the Great Ocean Road on a Ducati or BMW motorbike.

Horse Riding

You will soon be ready to spend a full day riding through the Great Otway National Park. This is all about, excellent horses, great local guides who grew up in the district and will escort you through Otway National Park that is located adjacent to the rugged south-west Victorian coastline.

Moonlight will tailor with Neil & Jenny Henry day treks that can start with the sunrise and end with sunset. From treks that follow the coast or take you high up into the hills to let you traverse this remote Australian bush setting, that is the Otway Ranges, by horse.

You will have the opportunity to relax, enjoy the rhythmic gait, canter or gallop of your horse with that gentle squeak of a leather saddle beneath you. Often you will want to pause, to just be still, listen to your heart beat, breathe out, what do you hear? Nothing but the sound of the wilderness with the rhythmic pulse of the surf as a backdrop. What do you see? The Southern Ocean, or the never ending palette of greens of the Australian bush, Kangaroos, Kookaburras and Parakeets sweeping past resplendent in their jewel colors. Then at the end of the day there is a night a night sky you may never knew existed.

Horse riding adventures from Neil & Jenny Henry are available all year round. Treks are restricted by the availability of the lodges at time of booking.

Hiking the Great Ocean Walk

Epicurious Travel

Epicurious offers a range of small-group escorted walking and cycling holidays in Australia and Italy. Walking and cycling provides an opportunity to discover at a leisurely pace the less frequented and more intriguing features of a region. It gives us the opportunity to explore remote destinations, relishing the tranquility and beauty of the landscape and its flora and fauna.

Outstanding food and wine is paramount on our tours - whether it be on our luxury walking and camping expeditions in Italy or along the Great Ocean Walk from Moonlight Head on the Victorian coast of Australia.

Nature Hikes

Inala Nature Tours

Dr Tonia Cochran has a passion for Ecotourism, ornithology and conservation that makes her and her team special. Tonia and her experienced team of guides have an impressive knowledge of south-eastern Australian marine and terrestrial fauna and flora. This team is all typically involved with conservation.

Inala can flex its tour schedules to provide you with a unique experience of the Wilderness that is Australia.

Adventures for Ornithologists

Ornithological tours from Moonlight Head present the opportunity to see over 160 native birds to the region. Moonlight is currently arranging for a maximum group of four people two superb tour options. Coastal birds of South West Victoria scheduled over three nights at Moonlight in January, February, March and April. This package covers 3 days along the coast and the final day up at the volcanic Lake District.

The second tour option is with Big Blue Air Touring. This tour can start or finish at Moonlight depending upon your preference. It takes in three different regions of Australia to give the party a unique experience in seeing as many different ecological environments and the bird life found in a diverse range of habitats. From Moonlight two full guided days will be provided to seek out and observe as many coastal birds endemic to the region, then from the third day it is off with Big Blue Air Touring up to the South Australia/ Queensland border for two days of guided birding at this remote oasis located within the harsh extreme of the salt pan. From there we fly across to the tropical coast of Northern Queensland for three days of guided birding in the coastal tropical rainforest.

Private Air Tours

Big Blue Air Touring

A private company offering a unique opportunity to people who wish to experience the rich diversity that Australia has to offer. From the comfort of your six seated aircraft Big Blue fly directly to attractions that are not on the common tourist route, giving clients the chance to see the real Australia. With four passengers per aircraft, our clients are assured of personal attention and comfort - with your own personal aero plane at your disposal.

Big Blue have fourteen exciting yet intimate touring experiences for the traveler, some of which include a stay at Moonlight Head.

Moonlight is a private refuge, escape, that refreshes, provides undiluted pleasure and serenity in meditation. Escape to this remote location to cleanse, treat, refresh with a program structured around your required needs. Whatever your needs we will work together in confidence with you to outline your personal requirements and then ensure your personal wellness program is delivered. The Lodges at Moonlight Head give back what your life has taken out.

Special Events

A Weekend at Moonlight with leading Architectural historian Philip Drew.

One unique project...

Moonlight Head on the Great Ocean Road, South West Victoria has incredible panoramic ocean views from Cape Ottway Lighthouse to the Twelve Apostles, surrounded by pristine national parkland. The challenge was to design and build a development worthy of this breath taking location. There was only one architect we considered.

Designed by Australia's greatest architect...

Glen Murcutt has devoted his working life to defining architectural forms that fit into the Australian landscape and is Australia's only winner of the international Pritzker Prize for architecture. He, in association with Wendy Lewin, will design five residences and a small luxury resort for the site, of which the first residence is complete (one of only six Murcutt homes in Victoria). Moonlight Head is the biggest site Murcutt and Lewin have ever worked on and this will be the first resort Murcutt has ever designed.

(He usually refuses large projects).

Presented by Philip Drew.

Australia's best known architectural historian, Philip Drew is the author of "Leaves of Iron – Glen Murcutt. Pioneer of an Australian Architectural Form" and "Touch this Earth Lightly: Glen Murcutt in His Own words". No architectural writer or critic has a more intimate understanding of Murcutt and his commitment to creating a new Australian architecture. Philip will be your guide for all of Saturday, presenting an authoritative morning lecture on Murcutt and the influences on his work, an overview of the Murcutt-Lewin project at Moonlight Head, and an afternoon site tour. On Saturday evening, Philip will host a superb dinner prepared by Moonlight Head resident chef Paul Ivelja.

It is going to be a very exciting weekend!

Program: Friday: Arrive late afternoon, check in between 4.00pm and 7.00 pm and meet your fellow guests for dinner.

Saturday: Full day with Philip Drew, lecture, project overview, site visit, discussions and dinner.

Sunday: Morning at leisure to explore the beauty of Moonlight Head and the Great Ocean Road on foot or by car, late morning departure.

Cost and inclusions: \$2,750 per couple GST inclusive, staying at Moonlight - the completed Murcutt house.

Tax deductible for architects and associated professionals. All meals and beverages included from arrival dinner on Friday night to breakfast on Sunday morning. (Dinners prepared by Moonlight resident chef, Paul Ivelja, with complimentary fine wines).

Practicalities: Drive to Moonlight Head from Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road or via the Princes Highway (approx.2.5 hours).

Horse Riding Program

For experienced riders who welcome the opportunity to explore the “aussie bush” on horseback.

Feb 18th - 21st
March 11th - 14th
April 22nd - 25th
May 16th - 19th
July 15th-18th
August 12th - 15th
Sept 9th - 12th
Oct 7th - 11th
Nov 11th - 14th

Moonlight offers a range of horseback riding activities for the private group, couple or family. Accomplished riders enjoy these remote rides out into the bush. Moonlight has scheduled rides for several days as well as half day coastal adventures on horseback. The three night rides start from \$2,350/rider, based on three couples sharing, non riders rates are available. The pdf details either the weekend or three night packages available to clients who wish to ride at Moonlight.

Other Events you can Plan at Moonlight

Babymoos *“Time is precious and so is this pregnancy for you and your partner.”*

Moonlight has launched a two night stay package that gives you the opportunity to have a private teaching session for just you and your partner with a qualified midwife, as well as enjoying some personal pampering. Run over two half day sessions, as we want you to take time out to enjoy Moonlight, this program completes the teachings that a regular midwife sessions covers but in a private one on one session scheduled at your convenience.

Wedding celebrations

Moonlight's remote wild location, supported by a team focused on your day, makes Moonlight a terrific choice for you to celebrate your wedding. The Private Lodges sleep up to 16 people and we have sufficient space and privacy to create the celebration that all will remember.

What our clients are saying

"With five children on holiday, bath time and Moonlight's ducks become a fun time for all. Thanks."

Australia

"Excellent old fashioned hospitality in a contemporary setting."

Argentina

"Terrific team. My family and I were truly looked after over the last four days."

United Kingdom