



## Mildura: A place of contrast

**Our town is situated in the far north-west corner of Victoria, close to the borders of New South Wales and South Australia. From the mighty Murray to the edge of the Australian outback, Mildura is renowned for its fresh produce, riverside oasis, pristine natural landscapes, vibrant arts scene, and fascinating history, which can be traced back more than 60,000 years.**



### Getting here

**Drive:** Mildura is well serviced by major highway, whether you're travelling from Melbourne, Adelaide or Sydney. Mildura is 550km (approx. 6 hours) from Melbourne via the Calder Highway (A79), 400km (approx. 4 hours) from Adelaide via the Sturt Highway (A20) and 1000km (approx. 10 1/2 hours) from Sydney via the Sturt and Hume Highways (A20 & M31).

**Fly:** Mildura is well serviced by air from Melbourne. **Qantas Link**, **Regional Express** and **Bonza** operate return flights to Tullamarine Airport. Mildura Airport is located 9km (15 mins) from Mildura CBD. Flights are also available to and from Adelaide, Sydney, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Broken Hill.

**Train & Bus:** Daily transport services connect Mildura with Melbourne via **V/Line**. There are train services from Southern Cross Station to Swan Hil, Bendigo and Ballarat, with connecting coaches direct to Mildura.

## Did you know?

- Our region is often referred to as the '**Victorian Mediterranean**' – we receive more hours of sunlight during the day than the Gold Coast!
- That we are the **heart and soul of Australia's food bowl**, with 98% of Australian dried grapes, 74% of Australian table grapes, 24% of Australian citrus fruit and 23% of Australian olives grown here in our region.
- We've been recognised as an **RV friendly town** by the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA).
- The name 'Mildura' means '**red earth**' in the language of the traditional owners of our land, the Latji Latji people.
- Mildura has one of the **fastest growing populations in regional Victoria**, with just under 35,000 people currently residing here (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021).
- Two Canadian brothers, the Chaffey's, established Mildura as one of **Australia's first irrigation settlements** in 1887.
- You'll find that almost **300 different bird species** call the Mildura region home.

## Plan your next Pause Stop here today.



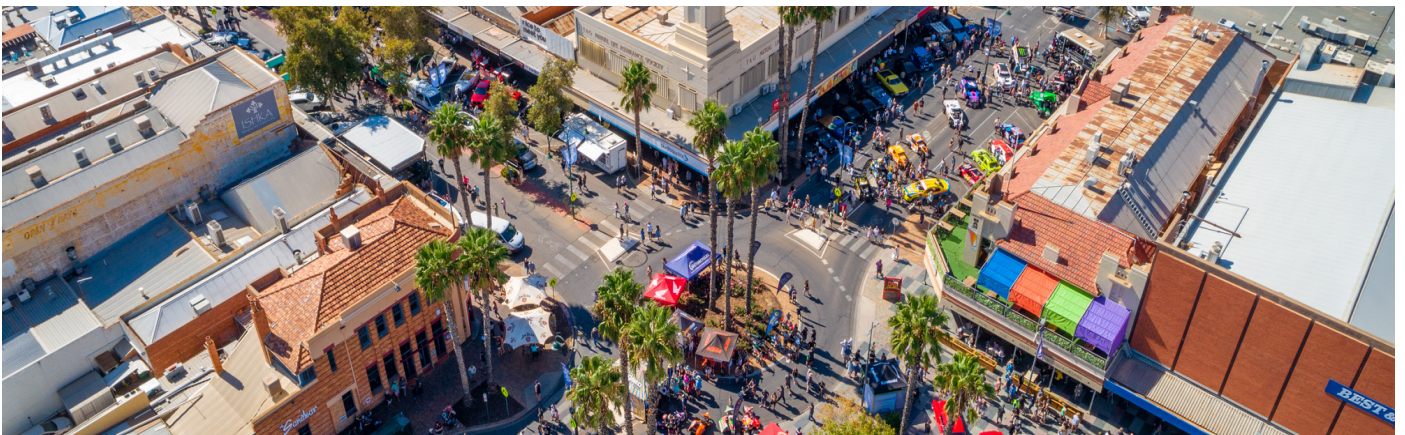
## Get to Mildura safe and sound

There are several **TAC Pause Stop** sites operating across Victoria to encourage motorists to pull over, take a break and recharge so everyone can get to their destination safely. Here's a few helpful tips:

- Plan a pause stop from the road every two hours
- Take a 15 min powernap if you feel drowsy
- Share the driving when possible
- Grab a coffee to recharge
- Don't travel more than 8-10 hours a day

The **Mildura Visitor Information Centre** has been designated by the **Transport Accident Commission (TAC)** and **Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC)** as one of 15 premium Pause Stop locations across Victoria. The Centre is the perfect place to stop and take a break, with plenty of amenities available including an on-site café. The helpful, informative staff will assist you with all your visitor servicing needs.

Visit the **TAC website** for more information.





## Hit the Road with the Van

### Newly retired and ready for an adventure: It's time to hit the open road and start your journey along the Murray at one of the most idyllic towns in Victoria.

Enjoy in the freedom and flexibility to explore Mildura at your own pace. With a comfortable home on wheels, you can take your time soaking in breathtaking natural landscapes, immersing yourself in local culture and food, and discovering our town's hidden gems by going off-the-beaten-track. With big skies and open spaces calling, it's time to head to Mildura for an epic road trip adventure in the van.



### Your day at a glance - Day 1

#### Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park

435 Cureton Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5023 6879

#### Wildside Outdoors

124A Eighth Street, Mildura. T: 0488 770 370

#### Sunraysia Cellar Door

125 Lime Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5021 0794

#### Mildura City Heart (Mildura CBD)

Precinct situated between Seventh-Tenth Streets & Pine-Deakin Avenues. T: 03 5023 8010

#### Mildura Mural

Corner Ninth Street & Langtree Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5023 8010

#### The Province by Matt De Angelo

29 Langtree Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5021 5550

### Do the right thing and put it in the bin

To help protect the native environment and agricultural industries in our region, we are protected by the **Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area** (VIC/NSW). Be fruit fly aware - don't travel into our region with fresh fruit or fruiting veggies. Find out more on the **Australian Interstate Quarantine** website or contact 1800 084 881.

## Day 1 - Friday

### (Very) Early Morning: You're going on an ad-van-ture!

Travel time: Approx. 6.5-7 hour drive

Distance: Approx. 550 km

Rise and shine - it's an early start for you (literally). Leaving the Victorian capital behind, jump onto the Calder, with the van in tow, and begin your journey heading north-west. Stretching 550km, you'll drive through several quaint, small country towns on your way to Mildura. Make sure you have our **Escape to the Country** road trip itinerary up your sleeve. This is your bible for everything you can see and do on your journey. Get a taste of history, wine, and culture (even some of the best vanilla slices you'll ever have) all in one. But remember, make sure you press pause on your road trip and take a break at least every two hours. On your way, pop into the **Loddon Visitor Information Centre**, a premium pause stop location.

### Late Afternoon: Are we there yet?

Travel time: 11 mins by car (from Mildura CBD)

Distance: 8km

After a long drive, you've finally made it to Mildura – hooray! It'll be around 3-4pm in the afternoon when you make your way to **Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park**, which will be your home away from home for the next three nights. Situated right on the banks of the Murray, this holiday park is only a short drive from the CBD, but far enough away for you to relax, unwind and take in some serenity. After checking in, set up your van on one of Apex's uninterrupted riverview sites. You'll also be expecting a delivery from **Wildside Outdoors**, who you have organised bike hire through. With several paths, trails and tracks for you and your bikes to enjoy, there's no simpler way to travel. Once you've settled in and you're all refreshed, get ready for a great night in town.

### Evening: Sample a taste of Australia's food bowl

Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park > Sunraysia Cellar Door

Travel time: 7 mins by car

Distance: 4km

Sunraysia Cellar Door > The Province by Matt De Angelo

Travel time: 10 min walk

Distance: 750m

At around 6pm, organise a cab ride to the CBD. Your first stop is at the local wine tasting centre, the **Sunraysia Cellar Door**. Here you can sample over 250 wines from 22 Murray-Darling wine producers all under one roof. Talk to the friendly and knowledgeable staff to find a drop that's perfect for you, whether that be one of the wines, beers, or spirits. Choose a platter to go with it and enjoy the atmosphere. Don't leave without taking a few our region's best drops with you. A 'Wine Down Friday' is the perfect way to start your holiday here in Mildura, wouldn't you agree?

By now your stomach must be rumbling. From here, take a 10-minute walk to Langtree Avenue, nicknamed 'Feast Street', one of Victoria's most iconic dining strips. Along the way, admire **Mildura City Heart's** nostalgic **Mildura Mural** that adorns the roundabout at Ninth Street. For dinner, the chef-hatted **The Province by Matt De Angelo** is a must-visit, with a modern, seasonal Italian menu showcasing our region's finest produce. Simplicity and high-end dining are the name of the game here.

### Insider tips

- Before arriving at your accommodation, you may like to pick up some supplies from one of our local supermarkets. You will find most major chains here in Mildura - **Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, FoodWorks** and **IGA**.
- We've made your stay just that little bit easier and more convenient for you with our **RV, Caravan & Camping FAQs** guide. From dump points to long vehicle parking spots, find out all amenities that are available. You can pick up a copy from the **Mildura Visitor Information Centre**.





## Your day at a glance - Day 2

### Shared Riverfront Path

Hugh King Drive, Mildura. T: 03 5018 8380

### Sunraysia Farmers Market

Jaycee Park, Hugh King Drive, Mildura.  
T: 0439 252 342

### Powerhouse Place

Hugh King Drive, Mildura. T: 03 5018 8100

### Spark

Hugh King Drive, Mildura. T: 03 5023 2761

### Mildura Riverfront Art Gallery

Hugh King Drive, Mildura. T: 0427 856 463

### Mildura Paddle Steamers

Mildura Wharf, Hugh King Drive, Mildura.  
T: 03 5023 2200

### Bobby + Me

Hugh King Drive, Mildura. T: 0412 747 869

### Kings Billabong

Psyche Bend Road, Nichols Point VIC: T: 13 19 63

### Blandowski Walk & Merbein Lookout

Chaffey Landing, Merbein VIC: T: 03 5018 8100

## Day 2 - Saturday

### Breakfast: Farm fresh is best

Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park > Sunraysia Farmers Market

Travel time: 11 mins by bike

Distance: 4km

Sunraysia Farmers Market > Powerhouse Place

Travel time: 1 min walk

Distance: 90m

A good morning it is indeed, as you witness the sun trickling over the majestic river. Breathe in the fresh, crisp air whilst appreciating the serene beauty of your surroundings. It's time to get out the bikes, strap on your helmets and head along the **Shared Riverfront Path** from Apex to the **Sunraysia Farmers Market**. Held on the first and third Saturday of the month, the market is one of our region's most beloved institutions. It's imperative that you don't eat before you visit because you won't want to miss out on tucking into brekkie served by the local Rotary Club. Make sure to also carry a hessian bag with you and fill it with fresh, local produce. It is essential for this evening.

Only a short distance from here is a newly opened community space, **Powerhouse Place**. Here you can explore works by local artists at the **Mildura Riverfront Art Gallery** or check out **Spark**, a social enterprise providing opportunities for people with disability to work in a retail environment – a great initiative if you ask us.

## Mid-morning: All aboard!

Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park > Mildura Wharf

Travel time: 7 mins by car

Distance: 4km

Mildura Wharf > Bobby + Me

Travel time: 2 min walk

Distance: 300m

Leaving the market behind, make the trip back along the Shared Riverfront Path to Apex. Once you're all freshened up again, hop in the car and take a drive down to the historical **Mildura Wharf**. There's a carpark here to leave your car. It is here where you'll embark on a cruise with **Mildura Paddle Steamers**. Sit back and relax while you take in spectacular views from the Murray aboard the Paddle Vessel Rothbury (built in 1881). If you're feeling a bit peckish, head to **Bobby + Me** for a cuppa. Treat yourself to one of their delicious sweets too.

## Afternoon: Get back to nature

Travel time: 11 mins by car

Distance: 10km

Following your cruise, it's time to escape the hustle and bustle of Mildura. You don't have to travel far to immerse yourselves in an unforgettable 'bush' experience. **Kings Billabong** is a great spot to enjoy the great outdoors. An easy walk around the wildlife reserve, follow the 4km loop track past river red gums, keeping an eye out for some of our region's most stunning birdlife. If you happen to have rods handy, this place is regarded as one of Mildura's best fishing spots. Try your luck and lure the famous Murray Cod.

## Evening: An epic sunset awaits...

Travel time: 14 mins by car

Distance: 10km

By now you've returned to your riverside campsite at Apex and whipped up a campfire for an early feed with all the delicious local produce from the farmer's market. Wash everything down with a local wine you've picked up from the cellar door – remember to drink responsibly.

At around 8pm, finish off your day by venturing downstream to **Blandowski Walk & Merbein Lookout**. The highest viewpoint in the region, it is here where you will catch the sun on its way down. If you're lucky, be wowed by a vibrant colour display that Mildura's sunsets are renowned for.

## If you have free time - brighten up your visit to Merbein

### Mosaics of Merbein

A collaboration between Lower Murray Water, Cultivator Inc., and the local Merbein community, you'll find wonderful murals that celebrate the rich history and cultural diversity of the town.

### The River Runs Through

80 Game Street, Merbein VIC.

Located on the walls of an old refrigerated storage shed, see this dynamic art installation under the night sky.

## Insider tips

- If you're fishing in the Murray, you'll need a **NSW Recreational Fishing Licence**. You can purchase one via **Fisheries NSW** (online) or in person at **Sunraysia Marine** (13 Seventh Street, Mildura). You can get a **Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence** through **Service Victoria** (online). Make sure you are prepared before you go.





## Your day at a glance - Day 3

### Murray Offroad Adventures

T: 0417 500 131

### Mildura Arts Centre

199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5018 8330

### Andy's Kitchen

73 Lime Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5021 1950

## Day 3 - Sunday

### Morning: Let's go on a Mallee adventure

*Travel time: 1 hour by 4WD bus*

*Distance: 80km*

Start the day with a delicious home-cooked brekkie in the van. At 8am, Peter and Jeanie from **Murray Offroad Adventures** will be waiting at reception to take you on a tour through the **Hattah-Kulkyne National Park**. An experience like none other, the National Park is internationally recognised for its unique parade of native birds, animals, and vegetation. Be prepared to immerse yourself in a fascinating cultural heritage experience too, as you'll visit sites of Aboriginal significance in the park. Enjoy a tasty feed with views of the tranquil freshwater Hattah Lakes. Expect to return to the holiday park no later than 2pm.



## Afternoon: The heart of Mildura's art scene

Travel time: 4 mins by car

Distance: 3km

There's no time for rest – apologies! After arriving back to Apex, take the car down the road along Cureton Avenue. As you come around the corner, take in the awe-inspiring **Rio Vista House**, arguably one of Mildura's most significant heritage buildings. Here you will also find the **Mildura Arts Centre**, the first regional art gallery established in Australia. Organise an insightful gallery tour with one of the centre's friendly staff and explore current exhibitions on display. On your next visit to our city, you may like to come along and see a performance at the centre's state-of-the-art theatre. As you leave, stop to appreciate **Sculpture Park**, a unique part of Australia's art history. Located on the lawns, it currently houses 12 contemporary sculptures.

By now you're due for some R&R. Upon returning to the holiday park, perhaps a dip in the river or reading a book by the riverside sounds like a plan.

## Evening: Have chopsticks at the ready

Travel time: 7 mins by car

Distance: 4km

Complete your day with a visit to one of Mildura's best dining institutions, **Andy's Kitchen**. The family-run restaurant produces a menu with unparalleled freshness and flavour. Our favourites are the signature crispy roasted pork belly and massaman lamb cutlet curry. You won't be disappointed when you dine here, but be prepared to wear some loose pants...



## Want to know what's on in and around Mildura? You've come to the right place

**What's On Mildura** is your official events guide, showcasing our region as a unique and diverse destination with something for everyone. Whether you're looking for fun in the sun, live music under the vines or a taste of local culture, we've got you covered.



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Find us at [@milduravisitorcentre](https://www.instagram.com/milduravisitorcentre)







## Your day at a glance - Day 4

### Steampunk Mildura

152 Ninth Street, Mildura. T: 0408 881 554

### Mildura Visitor Information Centre

180-190 Deakin Avenue, Mildura. T: 03 5018 8380

### Workspace 3496

2/38 Indi Avenue, Red Cliffs VIC. T: 0416 717 669

### The Studio Red Cliffs

37-30 Jacaranda Street, Red Cliffs VIC.  
T: 0427 074 997

### The Shed Café

57-59 Jacaranda Street, Red Cliffs VIC.  
T: 03 5024 2491.

## Day 4 - Monday

### Morning: Spend it like a local

Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park > Steampunk Mildura

Travel time: 6 mins by car

Distance: 4km

Steampunk Mildura > Mildura Visitor Information Centre

Travel time: 3 mins by car

Distance: 1.3km

Time flies when you're having fun. We can't believe it is your last day already. It's time to pack up the van and get ready for the next leg of your journey along the Murray to Swan Hill. Head to the Visit the Murray website for some helpful tips along the way. By 9am, check out of Apex Riverbeach Holiday. It'll be sad to say goodbye, but we can guarantee you'll want to stay here again.

Ease into your last day here in Mildura with next level coffee and a yummy brekkie. Tucked away on Ninth Street, **Steampunk Mildura** is the perfect spot to taste a little slice of Italy in the CBD. As you step inside, be transported to a retro-style establishment packed with vintage decor, with its old wine bottles on display, photos from yesteryear and antique furniture.

You can't leave Mildura without a visit to the **Mildura Visitor Information Centre**. Home to over 40 local producers and makers, the Centre's gift shop is the perfect spot to take home a piece of our town. You might even be inspired to plan your next visit to our region while you're here too.

## Need more info? Ask a local

Look no further than the **Mildura Visitor Information Centre** for an insider's guide on where to go, what to see and what not to miss in Mildura and surrounds.



Open Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm & Weekends 9am-5pm  
Public Holidays 9am-5pm & ANZAC Day 12-5pm.  
Closed Christmas Day



180-190 Deakin Avenue,  
Mildura VIC 3500  
03 5018 8380

[www.visitmildura.com.au](http://www.visitmildura.com.au)



## Late-Morning: Explore a hidden gem

Mildura Visitor Information Centre > Workspace 3490

Travel time: 18 mins by car

Distance: 17km

Workspace 3490 > The Studio Red Cliffs

Travel time: 4 min walk

Distance: 350m

The Studio Red Cliffs > The Shed Red Cliffs

Travel time: 4 min walk

Distance: 300 m

A non-negotiable when you're on your way out is a stop in Red Cliffs, about 20-minutes south on the Calder. The town is fast transforming into one of our region's coolest art hubs, with contemporary gallery spaces and workshops popping up like daisies. Park the car at Barclay Square and head to **Workspace 3496**. The gallery was created to showcase local and emerging artists and makers. Explore the diverse range of exhibitions, workshops, art classes, residencies, and events on offer at this creative space. Down the road you'll spot **The Studio Red Cliffs**. Established by a local ceramist and sculptor, pop in and have a look at their latest exhibition showcasing contemporary works from local, national, and international artists. Before the long drive ahead, pop into **The Shed Red Cliffs** for coffee and snacks on-the-go, there's plenty of options to suit your tastebuds.

As the famous Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli would say, it's time to say goodbye. Safe travels and remember to take a break, a pause stop from the road might save your life. Thanks for visiting, we hope you had an unexpected, unforgettable visit. We look forward to seeing you in Mildura very soon.



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