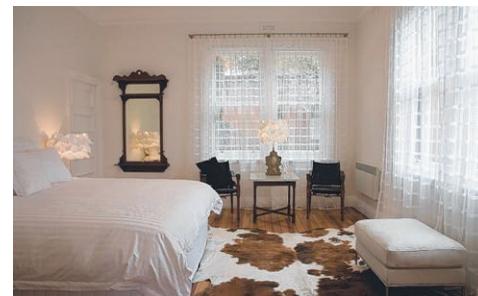


TRAVEL



Hotel Frangos in Daylesford, left. Mollisons Accommodation, Kyneton, above. Debbie Moses in Daylesford, below. Maze House Newlyn North, bottom.



DISCOVER HIDDEN SHOPPING GEMS

The Daylesford and Macedon Ranges region is home to a range of hip boutiques full of unique treasures, **Lucy Majstorovic** writes

Fed up with the fare on offer at your local shopping centre? It's time to hit the road and head to one of Victoria's hidden shopping treasures.

The Daylesford and Macedon Ranges region is home to a range of hip boutiques, all less than an hour out of the city and full of the type of unique stuff that will get your coolest friend gawking.

Start by wandering down quaint Vincent St, Daylesford and unearth some local secrets. Harry and Me offers a range of

European and Australian designs and prides itself on using natural fibres and fabrics.

Just a few doors down Alpaca Passion stocks a vast range of alpaca fibre garments and homewares. Its owners have bred alpacas for 18 years.

Debbie Moses is an enchanting outlet for clothing, accessories and lifestyle goods.

Manteau Noir's owner Victoria Varrasso stocks her own handmade shoe collection and internationally and locally sourced clothing, perfumes and art.

Take a break to rest your weary feet at Maze House. Less than 15 minutes out of Daylesford, they have a milk bar serving up homemade cakes, sandwiches and winter salads — and shopped-out kids and adults alike will love exploring the 25-year-old maze and playing outdoor games.

Or pop in to Bad Habits Cafe at The Convent and enjoy a Mediterranean-style lunch and the galleries and garden.

Take a detour into Kyneton and hit up Country Habit for quality women's and children's clothing, homewares and toys.

Or check out Mollisons for beautiful homewares and accessories, housed in a concept store in the old bank.

The Gallery Mount Macedon offers a unique exhibition and some select goods crafted by local makers.

End your day with a visit to The Wine Collective Macedon to sample a few regional wines and a memorable dinner with a seasonal menu with a focus on local produce.

If you can't get enough of Daylesford, stay just a little bit longer, and check in for the night at Hotel Frangos.

You won't want to leave your expertly styled room in the morning — until you remember how good the shopping is.

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