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‘Stay & Graze’ Melbourne’s ‘Food & Wine’ Playground

Launching in February 2023, our new two-night ‘Stay & Graze’ package offers an immersive Yarra Valley getaway where the beauty of Yering Gorge Cottages’ natural surrounds is complemented by a full-day grazing experience led by passionate local and Chardonnay lover - Craig Cooney – owner of The Yarra Valley Touring Company.

- Begin your gastronomic journey at **Yarra Valley Dairy** – where the pairing of coffee and cheese is a natural match – enjoy freshly roasted coffee as you sample a generous variety of cheeses that are made onsite.
- The perfect pairing of oysters and bubbles will get your taste buds dancing as you indulge in a Champagne brunch at **Chandon** – enjoying a paddle of sparkling wines, freshly shucked oysters and a charcuterie board.
- Victoria’s first vineyard, **Yering Station**, was established in 1838 – here in this historic cellar door, be taken on a personalised wine journey that is designed to your individual palate and wine preferences.
- Yering Farm showcases ‘father and son’ winemakers who are creating wonderful generational wine stories. Renowned for the Cabernet Sauvignon, guests will also enjoy a tasting of their farmyard apple syder and a Ploughman’s Platter.
- The last stop on this day of food and wine indulgence is Four Pillars – voted the world’s best gin producer not once, but twice. Here guests are taken on a gin discovery journey whilst enjoying a ‘G & T’ paddle.

The ‘Stay & Graze’ package is priced from \$1540.00 for two people and includes two nights in a one-bedroom cottage, continental breakfast hamper and a full-day grazing experience of the Yarra Valley.

“We have started to see a greater demand for private, more tailored touring experiences of the Yarra Valley – where couples and small groups of friends are seeking to immerse themselves in the abundance of artisan food and wine experiences that the region is renowned for. We wanted to ensure that our guests would experience the region through the eyes of a local and there is no one more local, and knowledgeable, than Craig.” said Tracy Hore, Sales & Marketing Manager, Yering Gorge Cottages.

Guests are collected and returned to their cottage at Yering Gorge Cottages, together with any purchases that have been made along the way – ready to be enjoyed in front of a roaring fire or whilst lazing on their cottages’ private deck as they take in the serenity of the private nature reserve whilst watching a spectacular dusk sunset after a day of exploring the Yarra Valley.

Located in the heart of Melbourne’s food and wine playground, Yering Gorge Cottages is nestled into the hillside of a 120-acre private nature reserve, alongside the Yarra River, with views of the surrounding Christmas Hills and Dividing Ranges. During their stay, guests have the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Australia’s most iconic wildlife – discovering kangaroos, wombats and echidnas roaming wildly in their natural habitat whilst relaxing on their cottage deck with a glass of the Yarra Valley’s finest wine.

For more information on Yering Gorge Cottages please visit www.yeringgorgecottages.com.au

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Editors Notes ////

- **The Yarra Valley Touring Company** is a locally owned and operated tour company working closely with Yarra Valley accommodation venues and wineries, distilleries, breweries, and more to bring you a range of unique packages and visitor experiences in the Yarra Valley.
- The 'Stay & Graze' two-night package for a two-bedroom cottage is priced \$2390.00 and includes a full-day grazing experience for four people.
- Yering Gorge Cottages features 13 self-contained, beautifully appointed, one, two and four-bedroom cottages. Guests enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi and NETFLIX during their stay and have full access to The Eastern Golf Club's Fitness & Wellness facilities including Tennis Courts, Fitness Centre and Games Room.
- Yering Gorge Cottages was recognised with Silver at the 2022 Victorian Tourism Awards in the Self-Contained Accommodation category.
- Guest can play golf on the private member club, Greg Norman designed, Eastern Golf Club – featuring the #54 rated course in Golf Australia Magazine's 'Top 100 Courses 2022'. Green fees are \$105.00 per person for 18-holes.
- Yering Gorge Cottages can assist with bookings for a range of Yarra Valley tourism experiences including Hot Air Ballooning.

