

# A WEEKEND IN MALDON



**Day 1 (Friday) – Historical Streets filled with shopping, high tea and art**

**Stop One: Take a stroll through the streets and enjoy unique, vintage and local shopping**

Head into the town and take in the historic walking areas of Maldon. Be transported back in time, and wander the main street and its well-preserved verandas, old fashioned shopfronts, cute cottages and beautiful gardens. Shopping is certainly unique here, with stores featuring all Australian makers and designs, exquisite French lace, quirky bookstores and vintage treasures galore.

***Fun Fact: The main street spills over with folk music each year during the Maldon Folk Festival. For over 40 years, Maldon's streets, shops, community halls, bars and museums are taken over by a little bit of jazz, a little bit of blues and a while lot of local and international folk musicians.***

**Stop Two – High Tea Lunch**

Enjoy a very quirky high tea at the pretty in pink Maldon Rose! The award-winning scones are a must try at Maldon Rose and are paired with the very best tea & coffee. Holding an extensive collection of tea sets, including vintage Robert Gordon & all things Royal Albert, the high tea aesthetic is sugar sweet pastels and florals to match their delicious cakes and desserts.

**Stop Three - Cascade Art Gallery**

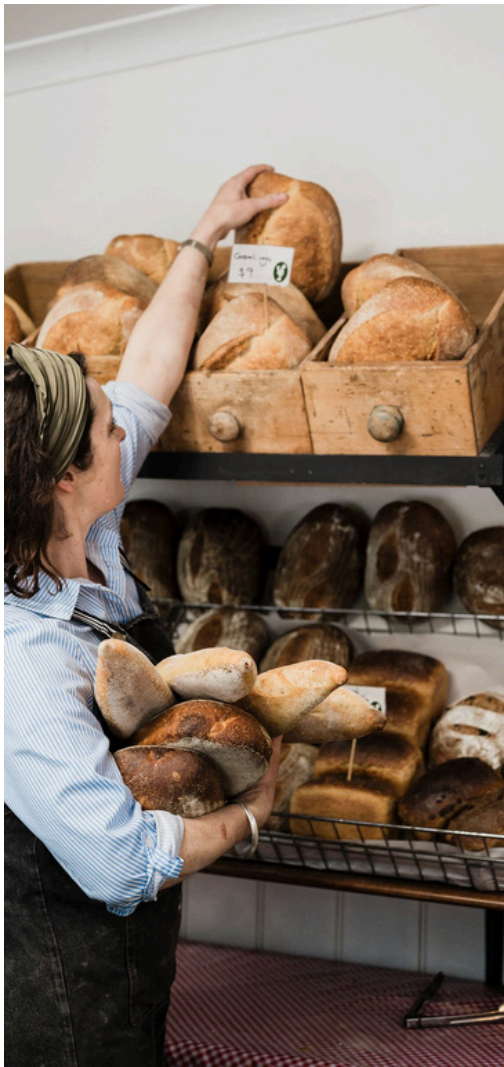
Continue on your journey just a short walk away to Cascade Art Gallery. Steeped in atmosphere, this Fine Art gallery is set in a former Gothic Revival church, was built in 1863 and repurposed to host inspiring, curated Visual Art exhibitions and events. Specialising in painting, limited-edition fine art prints, bronze and ceramic sculptures.

**Stop Four – Pub classics for 150 years**

After all that working, a nice cold drink is in order! Head back to the Main Street and head through the intricate iron lacework and Victoria Era architecture of The Maldon Hotel. Try a local wine or beer, and then enjoy dinner in the Clydesdale Room bistro, with classic pub options featuring locally-sourced ingredients.

***Fun Fact: The Maldon hotel has been welcoming locals and travelers for over 150 years, built in the 1850s during the height of the Gold Rush.***





## Day 2 (Saturday) – Transported through time.

### Stop One - Bread from an ancient oven

What trip to a country town is complete without a visit to the local bakery – and of course, this bakery has a history! Maldon Bakery was established in 1854 and is the oldest continuously running bakery in Australia. Enjoy a delicious pastry and coffee in their garden.

**Fun Fact: The Maldon Bakery recently repaired their original scotch oven – which means you are dining on baked goods cooked in the first brick structure in Maldon!**

### Stop Two: Machinery Curiosities

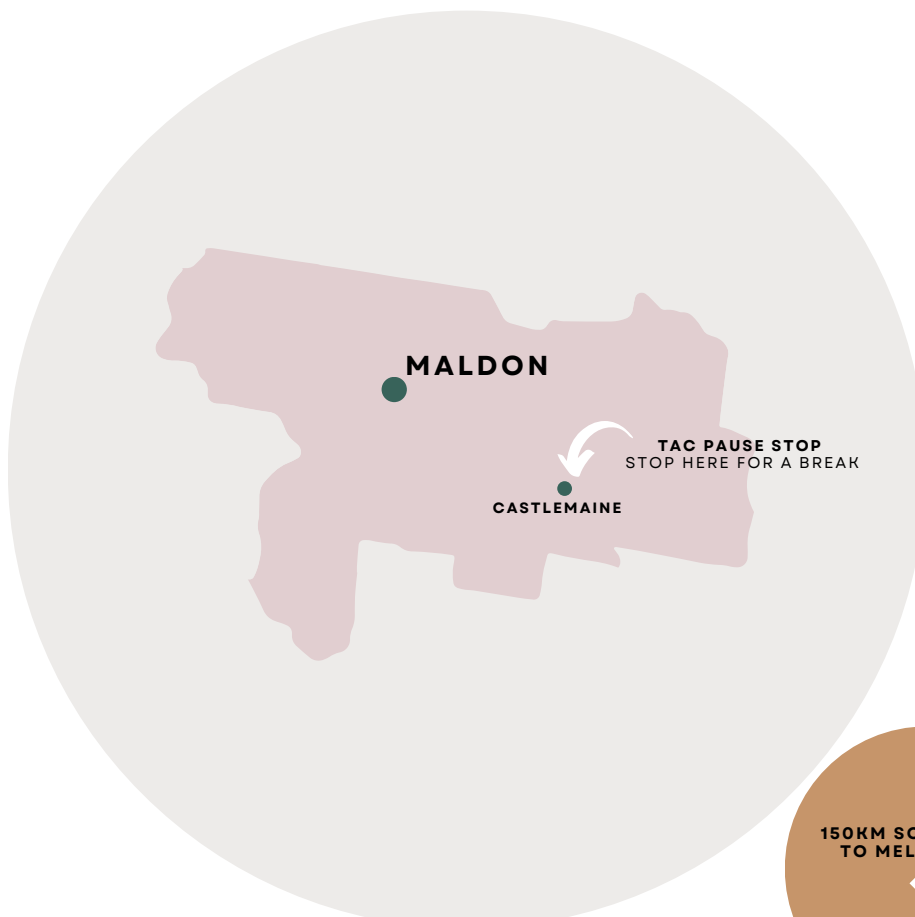
Visit volunteer Run Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum is packed with relics of the past, from magnificent old machinery and engines to artefacts of day to day life in Maldon and surrounds over the years.

### Stop Three: Lunch at Café Maldon

Enjoy a relaxed country style café lunch at Maldon Café. Take in the streetscape views while enjoying all day classic breakfast, warming toasties and delicious coffee.

### Stop Four - Dinner at Golden Nugget

Enjoy locally sourced fresh and seasonal produce at The Golden Nugget restaurant. The Golden Nugget takes pride in Championing local producers and wineries. They often have live entertainment as well, showcasing of course, the local talent.



## Day 3 (Sunday) – Exploring the sights and sounds

### Stop One: Sunrise views from the top

Wake up early and be rewarded with sunrise views from Mount Tarrengower. Scale up the historic mining poppet head and check out the sweeping views of the surrounding areas. An interesting feature of the Mt Tarrengower Lookout Tower is a direction-board on the first level platform showing the direction and distance for interesting landmarks, including Mount Alexander, Mount Macedon, Mount Franklin and the spectacular Grampians National Park.

**Fun Fact: Bunny on the hill? Each year the tower is lit up with festoon lighting, the lit-up tower can be seen from the streets. Over the years, local children sat the lit-up tower is the Ester Bunny's house!**

### Stop Two - Hop on the Victorian Goldfields Railway to Castlemaine and back

Grab a picnic and take the time to soak in the surrounds with a leisurely ride on the Victorian Goldfields Railway. Starting your journey at the Maldon train station, take the trip through the winding Central Victorian forest and open land on the elegant first class carriages as you make your way through to Castlemaine and back

**Fun Fact: On your way to Castlemaine, you will make a brief stop at Muckleford station. If it looks familiar you may have seen it on the big screen – Muckelford Station was used for The Dressmaker (2015) starring Kate Winslet set in the fictional town of Dungatar and based on the novel by Rosalie Ham.**

### Stop Three – The Old Fashioned treat

For a last minute present or a sweet treat for your journey home, you cannot go past the Maldon Lolly Shop! Filled with all your old favourites: boiled sweets, home made and gourmet chocolates, all sorts of liquorice lines including liquorice blocks, sherbet bombs, all day suckers, sherbet fountains and more!

