



**Port Phillip Ferries**

## Self-Guided Group Itinerary Geelong’s Bays, Beach and Botanic Gardens

**Duration:** 7 hours 30 mins inclusive of return ferry  
**Days available:** Wednesday to Sunday  
**Budget:** Return ferry \$31-36pp. Booked Garden walk \$4-8pp. Meals/drinks POA with venue.  
**Fitness level:** Light level - there are steps and slight elevation to the National Wool Museum. Total walking duration inclusive of Botanic Gardens tour is approx. 100mins.  
**Google map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/XcmCqCcSKpPBo7xM8>

### Summary

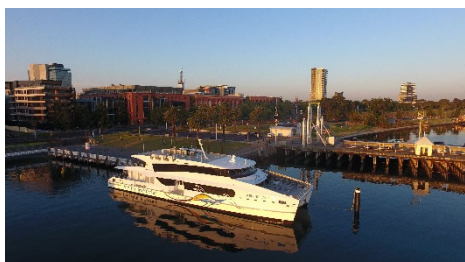
No matter if you are looking for shade during summer, foliage changes during autumn or blossoms during Spring the Geelong Botanic Gardens has something to entice and delight throughout the year.

The gardens are a 20-minute stroll from Port Phillip Ferries Geelong terminal past the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, turquoise water of Corio Bay, and golden sand of Eastern Beach. Along the way, be sure to meet Geelong’s line-up of iconic bollards depicting famous characters from the city’s rich history.



You may wish to arrange a booked guided walk with a volunteer guide from Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens. These knowledgeable guides can introduce your group to the colours and scents of the garden’s amazing plant collection accommodating to special interests and topics.

Picnics are welcome in the Gardens, those in need of a coffee break or a fully catered break the famous Teahouse (which has outdoor seating only) is most accommodating. If you have a large group, forewarning the Teahouse is essential.



Then it is goodbye to the gardens as you meander along the Eastern Beach Reserve paths back to Geelong’s waterfront. There is time to grab a well-deserved sweet treat from Bliss Ice cream or cheeky beer, wine, or cocktail from the Edge Geelong. Remember, boarding begins 20 minutes prior to ferry departure times.



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### How to book

#### Ferry bookings

Can be made online at <https://www.portphillipferries.com.au/group-ferry-tickets/> or via our customer experience team on 03 9514 8959. Times and FAQ's can also be found at [www.portphillipferries.com.au](http://www.portphillipferries.com.au)

#### Geelong Botanic Garden booked guided walks

Visit <http://friendsgbg.org.au/visiting-the-gardens/guided-walks> or during office hours call (03) 5222 6053 or email [info@friendsgbg.org.au](mailto:info@friendsgbg.org.au)

#### Tea House @ Geelong Botanic Gardens

Email [Teahouse@GBG.com.au](mailto:Teahouse@GBG.com.au) or call 0413 706 535.

#### Edge Geelong

Reservations can be made at <https://edgegeelong.com.au/> or call (03) 5222 2666. Port Phillip Ferries passenger offer can be found at <https://www.portphillipferries.com.au/geelong/edge-20-off-food-ferry-offer/>

#### Bliss Ice Cream

Visit <https://panachecafeandcreperie.com.au/blis-icecream/> or enquiries call 03 5221 1008.

### Map

The Geelong Botanic Gardens is located near the Geelong Waterfront. This map shows where the gardens are in Eastern Park and includes parking options. The second map provides a detailed



Map: <https://geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/about/map/article/item/8ce1f4a7d3e5d7e.aspx>  
<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/default.aspx>