

# Melbourne Mornington Peninsula Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens Entry Ticket

• 1.5 hours (approx.) •

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## • KEY FACTS •



General Admission to all mazes and gardens, including the map of the gardens and the Great Gnome Hunt & Woodland Fairy Walk activity sheets  
Attraction opens Wednesday to Sunday 10am-5pm, last entry at 4pm, closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, closed on Christmas Day 25 December.



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

## How to get there

### • By Car

Located approximately 120km south of Melbourne Tullamarine Airport, takes about 1.5 hours; approximately 93km south of Melbourne Federation Square, takes about 1 hour 20 minutes; approximately 130km west of Phillip Island Nature Parks, takes about 1 hour 45 minutes.

- [Free] Onsite parking available

### • By Public Transport

- Unfortunately there is no direct public transport available.

- Or please check the Public Transport Victoria timetables (<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/>) for more details to plan your trip.

## Operating hours

|                             |               |                          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Thursdays to Mondays        | 10:00 - 17:00 | Last maze entry at 16:00 |
| Tuesdays & Wednesdays       | Closed        |                          |
| Christmas Day (25 December) | Closed        |                          |

## What to bring/wear

- Appropriate clothing for all weather conditions, eg. jacket for cooler months.
- Comfortable enclosed walking shoes
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Umbrella / raincoat if rains
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Money/credit card for optional purchases

## Other info

- Pets are not allowed.
- The Hedge Maze is over 40 years old, some sections of the maze are so narrow that wheelchairs and prams cannot fit. The wider Lavender Labyrinth and Circular Rose Gardens will not have this problem.
- The Cafe is closed for renovations as at 01 March 2021.

### \*\*\*\*\* [Important Post-Covid Service Information]

Before your visit to the maze, please ensure to check the following website to understand what to expect on the day of travel.

<http://ashcombemaze.com.au/>

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The Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens is home to Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze, a beautiful circular rose maze, and the year round flowering Lavender Labyrinth, all set among 25 acres of world acclaimed gardens.



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Visitors are welcome to wander through the gardens on the self guided Garden Discovery Trail. The famous Great Ashcombe Gnome Hunt is fun for all ages.

## HEDGE MAZE

The traditional hedge maze is planted with more than 1000 cypress trees and thousands of metres of pathways. Now more than three metres high and two metres thick, the maze keeper clips the hedges three times a year to keep it sculpted into a curvaceous challenge that will delight and inspire.

## LAVENDER

The Lavender Labyrinth is planted with year round flowering lavender and the view from the centre over the lavender rows is spectacular. More than 3000 lavender plants are planted overlooking the impressive Arboretum, and the Lavender display gardens features more than 40 different lavenders, providing an insight into the history of lavender.

## ROSES

The Rose Maze at Ashcombe Maze is the oldest circular Rose Maze in the world consisting of more than 1200 bushes and 217 different rose varieties chosen specifically for their color and perfume. The roses flower from spring through summer and into autumn and include traditional old garden rose varieties (including the rare 'Raubritter' with a mass of pink bell like flowers, flowering only once at the start of the season) ramblers, bush roses, climbing roses, shrub roses, bourbon roses, noisette roses, and wild (or species) roses.

The object of a Circular Maze is to try and find your way into the Central Arbour. Despite how it looks – it is actually quite a challenge – especially in winter when there is no foliage. And once you make it to the middle, you have to remember how you did it and see if you can get out! Just make sure you take some time to "stop and smell the roses" - the fragrance is truly beautiful.

The entrance to the Rose Maze is covered by a magnificent specimen of a rambling Boursault Rose – which has flame-like flowers for most of the year, while the Rosa 'Mermaid' fills the Pyramid structure near the centre of the maze – and keep an eye out for the Moss Rose with a furry stem.

## SEASONS

Whatever the season, Ashcombe is a beautiful place to visit.

- **Autumn**  
The Small Woodland, Lower Woodland and Arboretum is full of colour as the maples turn red, the claret ash turn burgundy and the poplars turn yellow while the Elms, Oaks and Pears create a carpet of leaves.  
Tip – cooler nights create more vibrant leaf colouring
- **Winter**  
The winter flowering Hellebores (Winter Rose), Camellias and Rhododendrons add splashes of crimson and pink to the gardens. In late winter, more than 2 million Bluebells will appear under the bare branches of the woodland trees and the Italian Lavender buds will burst into flower. Australian Native Happy Wanderer creepers appear in bright purple and white, and nectar-feeding birds enjoy the Banksias
- **Spring**  
Buds burst on all the deciduous trees. Spring bulbs appear including fragrant jonquils along Ashcombe Way and happy daffodils around the Rose Maze. The Apple trees blossom (crab apples, maypole apples and traditional apples) and the ornamental (and non ornamental) cherries and pears bloom profusely. Australian Wattles spread their yellow pollen, and everything starts to come back into life with the spring sunshine
- **Summer**  
The architectural Acanthus in the Summer Garden raise their 2 metre high flower spires while the water lilies bask in the sun; flowering in the lily pond. The English lavenders and the Lavandins are at their best in the summer.



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