



## Victorian Goldfields Railway

## Embark on a journey northwest to Castlemaine, a charming town in Central Victoria.

Step back in time as you experience the rhythmic rattle and hum of an authentic steam railway. This picturesque route winds through lush forests, leading you to the historic town of Maldon. Here, indulge in a delicious two-course lunch before your return trip via a luxury coach.

The Victorian Goldfields Railway offers a glimpse into the past, harkening back to the days of the extensive branch line railway system that connected rural Victoria from the 1880s to the 1970s. These branchline railways were lifelines for sparsely populated regions, facilitating the transportation of farm produce, exploiting natural resources, and fostering new settlements.

The railway from Castlemaine extended rail connectivity to Maldon and Muckleford, a vital link for this isolated area. Over time, as road motor transport became more prevalent, the significance of branchline railways diminished, reducing the isolation of rural areas. While the Maldon Railway is no longer a vital link, it stands as a testament to Victoria's rich railway heritage, resisting closure and dismantling like many other 'light' lines in the region.





