

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR ATTENDEES AND VISITORS TO D23 CONFERENCE HELD IN BENDIGO

Bendigo is a thriving regional city with an established reputation as a hub for arts and culture, major events and a beautiful blend of a gold rush heritage with a contemporary lifestyle. As a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, the region is recognised for its diverse award winning food and wine and a commitment to sustainable and creative produce. Home to enviable experiences and attractions, Bendigo is your unique experience.



ATTRACTIONS & TOURS

Activity	Description	Cost
Bendigo Talking Tram Tour (60 min round trip departing from and returning to the Central Deborah Gold Mine or get off and on along the route) Central Deborah Gold Mine	Enjoy a ride on an historic restored Bendigo tram as you get your bearings, learn about Bendigo's history and see key landmarks and monuments. A recorded running commentary will highlight historic buildings and events along the route	\$10pp* (reduced price for Covid restrictions)
Bendigo Tram Depot Bendigo Tramways	Visit Australia's oldest operating Tram Depot, discover the colourful history of the city's iconic tram fleet and see first-hand the craftsmanship and techniques that are involved in restoring each tram to its former glory.	TBC
Bendigo Joss House Temple (located a short walk from the Northern terminus of the Vintage Talking Tram) Bendigo Joss House Temple	Discover more about Chinese beliefs and the story of the Chinese who first came to Bendigo in search of gold.	Donation on entry
Bendigo Central Deborah Gold Mine Explore the Surface Central Deborah Gold Mine	Explore the surface of the mine including the 22m tall poppet head and other original buildings and equipment that were essential to the operation of Central Deborah in its mining days.	Free entry
Central Deborah Mine Experience (61m underground) Central Deborah Gold Mine	Explore the hidden underground tunnels of a real gold mine that operated during Bendigo's gold rush boom of the 1900s.	\$32pp (\$28 Concession)
Walking Tour of Historic Buildings Bendigo Walking Tours	A 2-hour guided walk through Bendigo's historic centre, recalling the people, events and fabulous wealth, and Bendigo's leading role in campaigns for democracy, votes for women, unionism and Federation	\$30pp (\$25 concession)
Golden Dragon Museum 1/11 Bridge St Bendigo The Golden Dragon Museum	A living history of Bendigo's integral Chinese heritage and history. View dragons, processional regalia, stunning textiles and other treasures. The Golden Dragon precinct also includes the Yi Yuan Gardens (Garden of Joy) and the Buddhist Temple dedicated to Guan Yin, Goddess of Mercy	\$12pp (\$10 concession)
Grand Stupa of Universal Compassion & Peace Gardens 25 Sandhurst Town Rd, Myers Flat	This is the same size and design as The Great Stupa of Gyantse in Tibet, and is the largest Stupa in the Western World. Offering a place of peace and harmony for all beings, walk through the	Tours by donation

Great Stupa of Universal Compassion	Peace Park, view the Bodhi trees and other exotic plants, spin the prayer wheels and stand in awe of the statues.	
Bendigo Art Gallery 42 View St Bendigo Bendigo Art Gallery	The largest regional art gallery in Australia, and one of the most highly regarded public galleries, come and view both the permanent and special exhibitions. The Gallery is located in the View St Arts Precinct so also enjoy looking at the Capital Theatre, Dudley House, and nearby craft, café, boutique and gallery spaces	Gold coin donation (note: special exhibitions may have an additional cost)
Bendigo Pottery and Antique Centre 146 Midland Hwy Epsom Bendigo Pottery	A working pottery from 1858 to the present day, the Bendigo Pottery is well worth a visit. Watch potters at work, try a hands-on experience on the wheel, explore the history and workings of the pottery, browse the extensive display of timeless and decorative tableware made onsite. Then wander through the Antiques & Collectables Centre with over 40 antique and vintage goods sites, and visit the other artisans and galleries on-site	No cost for general admission to the pottery or Antiques & Collectables Centre. Cost of a hands-on pottery experience tbc
Soldiers Memorial Institute Military Museum 37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo Bendigo District RSL – Museum	The Soldier's Memorial Institute Military Museum is a significant landmark both for the residents of the City of Greater Bendigo and for visitors. Recently redeveloped and officially re-opened on November 15 2018, exactly 97 years after the initial opening of the building in 1921, the museum is home to a broad range of wartime memorabilia.	\$9pp (\$7 concession). Only open Saturdays 11am-3pm
Bendigo Woollen Mills 4 Lansell St East Bendigo. Note: there is access to the Bendigo Tram Depot from the Bendigo Woollen Mills https://www.bendigowoollenmills.com.au	Australia's largest hand knitting & crafting yarn manufacturer, with a huge variety of different yarns and colours to choose from.	Free entry to the wool shop
Bendigo Visitor Information Centre and Displays 51-67 Pall Mall Bendigo Bendigo Visitor Information Centre	Discover hidden treasures inside one of Bendigo's most beautiful historic buildings, originally the Post Office, opened in 1887. This classic example of Renaissance Revival style architecture is now also home to the Living Arts Space, showcasing the best of local artisans, and the Post Office Gallery, showcasing the region's heritage.	Free entry
Bendigo Botanic Gardens & Garden of the Future 557-559 Napier St White Hills Bendigo Botanic Gardens	Established in 1857 the Bendigo Botanic Gardens is one of regional Victoria's earliest Botanic Gardens, and are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register due to their historical, architectural,	Free entry

	scientific, aesthetic and social significance	
Lake Weeroona Lake Weeroona	A beautiful ornamental lake and reserve, set on 18 hectares, Lake Weeroona is just a 10 minute walk from the CBD, or is one of the stops on the Vintage Talking Tram route. Walk, enjoy the scenery, or grab a coffee or a bite to eat.	
Conservatory Gardens & Zonta Rose Garden Conservatory Gardens	The 19th century Conservatory was erected in 1897 and is the last building of its type in a public park in Victoria. Part of the beautiful Rosalind Park, throughout the year floral and foliage displays are on show. The Zonta Rose Garden is located in the Conservatory Gardens	Free admission
Rosalind Park & the Cascades Cnr View St and Pall Mall in the centre of Bendigo Rosalind Park	Rosalind Park comprises 60 acres of grassy open spaces, lush leafy trees, a fabulous playground, ornate statues, an historic conservatory, a fernery and beautiful old gardens to explore, located on the edge of the Bendigo CBD.	Free Entry
Sacred Heart Cathedral Sacred Heart Cathedral	Sacred Heart Cathedral is one of Australia's largest churches, possibly the last Gothic-style Cathedral built in the Southern Hemisphere. Admire its stained glass windows, massive pipe organ, and bells.	
Shamrock Hotel Hotel Shamrock	This opulent hotel has played host to Bendigo's social scene since 1897. Famous faces to have stayed here include Dame Nellie Melba, Prince George (later George VI), Donald Bradman, Prince Charles and Princess Diana.	Free admission – enjoy a coffee or glass of wine inside or on the balcony
Bendigo Town Hall (tour 2pm Wednesdays) 189-193 Hargreaves St Bendigo Bendigo-Town-Hall-Brochure	This classic building in the heart of Bendigo is one of the city's greatest architectural achievements from the late 19th century. Its decorative interiors are adorned with 22 carat gold leaf, and reflect the history of a city built on gold.	Cost of tour tbc
Discovery Science & Technology Centre 7 Railway Place, Bendigo Discovery Science & Technology Centre	A Science and Technology Museum with 100+ hands-on science exhibits, a large slide, and a planetarium. A place of discovery for anyone with a curiosity about science and the natural world	\$16pp (\$13.50 concess) Open Tuesday – Sunday 10 to 4

DINING & SHOPPING



Find out why the city was named UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy at our restaurants, cafes, farmers markets and fresh food stores. Dine in a former glass factory, a heritage-listed Beaurepaires site, visit laneways and basements such as: **Chancery Lane** with its boutiques, coffee and food, and wall art; **Lyttleton Terrace** is becoming a hub for foodies in Bendigo, enjoy a range of coffee, food and juice outlets: **Bath Lane** is another hub of cafes and interesting boutiques, homewares shop (note the bronze statue at the entrance to Bath Lane commemorating the former pig markets that existed there). If you venture a little further from the City Centre check out Edwards Providore at Kennington Village, Condon St Kennington offering good coffee and food, but also a great Providore and a range of plants and homewares. Lake Weeroona has the Boardwalk Café or the Coffee truck – walk around the lake before, after or with your coffee (ice cream or gelati also available from 'Flavours' across the road).

[Bendigo Dining Shopping Guide](#)

WINERIES



The first grapes were planted in the Bendigo region in 1855 just after the start of the massive gold rushes which brought tens of thousands of hopeful diggers from all over the world to Bendigo to seek their fortunes. They brought with them a lust for gold, but also the wine and food knowledge of Europe and it was only a few years before the judges at the 1873 Vienna Exhibition were heard to exclaim of Bendigo's early Hermitage (Shiraz) wines that "no Colonial wine can be that good". Bendigo region wineries are mostly run by the families who founded them. Nearly all grapes are picked by hand and handcrafted by the producer, and the resultant wines are available at cellar door, online from individual wineries, at their events or through restaurants. The gentle rolling hills that fold away from Central Victoria's granite outcrops to Bendigo hold a revelation – stunning wines with a rich heritage. Treat your tastebuds and uncover the hidden gems of our region with one of Bendigo Wine Trails. Offering a diverse range of wine styles, food options and things to see and do, there's a trail for everyone.

[Wineries — Bendigo Winegrowers](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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