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MELBOURNE'S NEWEST HIGH TEA EXPERIENCE All aboard the High Tea Express!

Australia's favourite steam train, Puffing Billy, has launched a new experience - the High Tea Express - allowing visitors to enjoy high tea on the tracks in the train's historic first class dining carriages.

The iconic tourist attraction will start serving high tea on a monthly basis from July, with the experience including a three-hour train journey through the Dandenong Ranges, from Belgrave to Lakeside return.

Partnering with Melbourne high tea extraordinaire and local Montrose business, Mary Eats Cake, Puffing Billy will deliver a high tea menu with a fresh modern twist, while keeping to the old fashioned traditions of vintage teaware and classic desserts.

Guests will enjoy delicious savoury items, fluffy scones, sweet treats prepared by a French trained pastry chef, and tea or coffee. All adult guests will also receive a complimentary glass of Yarra Valley sparkling wine.

The experience will cater for a range of dietary requirements (upon request when booking) including vegan and gluten free menus.

Perfect for a ladies day out, the grandeur of the experience begins the moment guests arrive on the platform of Belgrave Station, where they will meet the characters of the railway who emulate their roles from years gone by.

Guests will be escorted into the first class dining carriages, where they can absorb the luxurious heritage features until the whistle sounds and the train departs on its three-hour journey through the Dandenong Ranges. As the station disappears from sight, a different view emerges – that of the forests and fern gullies - before crossing one of Puffing Billy's most famous landmarks, the Monbulk Creek Trestle Bridge.

Book your Puffing Billy High Tea Express experience today at www.puffingbilly.com.au

EVENT DETAILS:

- 2019 Dates:** Sunday 21 July, Sunday 11 August, Sunday 15 September, Sunday 20 October, Sunday 17 November, Sunday 15 December
- Time:** 12.00pm for 12.30pm departure
- Location:** Puffing Billy's Belgrave Station – Old Monbulk Road, Belgrave, Victoria
- Inclusions:** High tea, one glass of Yarra Valley sparkling wine, and a three-hour return steam train journey in Puffing Billy's first class dining carriages
- Cost:** \$115 per person
- Bookings:** www.puffingbilly.com.au

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