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# Bring Victoria's gold rush heritage to life with an excursion to Bendigo

**Bendigo was once the richest producer of gold in the world, yielding over 700,000kg during its iconic gold rush. This would be worth a staggering \$64.5 billion in today's prices!**

The legacy of Bendigo's golden heritage is evident in its authentic attractions. Each providing a backdrop for cultural experiences that capture the imagination of students, allowing them to contextualise their learnings by experiencing history first hand.

At Bendigo Heritage Attractions we can coordinate your excursion to Central Deborah Gold Mine and Bendigo Tramways.

- Our tours align to the Victorian curriculum
- Professional tour guides with Level 2 first aid qualifications and Working with Children Checks accompany all groups
- All tours meet the Department of Education and Training excursion ratios
- Tailored itineraries to suit your needs with Safety Considerations and Public Liability
- Regionally located, easily accessible

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Dja Dja Wurrung people.  
We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*



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# CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE



Central Deborah Gold Mine operated from 1939-1954, to a depth of 422 metres. 929kg of gold was yielded from its mining operations which would be worth around \$85.5 million today! Central Deborah is significant as being one of the last commercial gold mines to cease operations on the wealthy Bendigo goldfield.



## MINE EXPERIENCE TOUR

Don a hard hat and descend 61 metres underground with an expert tour guide. Explore hidden tunnels, encounter unique geology formations, see gold in its natural state, hear the roar of mining machinery and discover what life as a miner was really like during the harsh gold rush era.

TIME: 60 minutes  
AGES: Prep to Year 10  
CURRICULUM: Level 5-6: From Colony to Nation  
Level 9-10: Australia and Asia  
COST: \$22.50 per student. \$31.50 per adult.  
Coordinators free at a ratio of 1:10



## GUIDED SURFACE TOUR

Dominated by a huge 22 metre high poppet head, you'll learn about the original buildings and machinery which were essential to the operation of Central Deborah Gold Mine, including the Blacksmith's Shop, First Aid quarters, Carbide Lamp Room, Engine Room and Gold Treatment Area. Afterwards, try your hand at panning for gold.

TIME: 45 minutes  
AGES: All ages  
CURRICULUM: Level 5-6: From Colony to Nation  
Level 9-10: Australia and Asia  
COST: \$10 per student. \$20 per adult.  
Coordinators free at a ratio of 1:10

Tour durations will vary depending on the size of the group. Students will be split into groups of 23 for their tours. Flat enclosed footwear is essential. It's an average of 14 degrees underground, bring along a jacket. There aren't any toilets underground. Prices subject to change.



# BENDIGO TRAMWAYS



Bendigo Tramways has been entwined with the city's identity since 1890, operating as Bendigo's key public transport system until 1972. Step aboard a beautifully refurbished Vintage Talking Tram to uncover Bendigo's fascinating heritage and see the city's key landmarks and monuments.



## VINTAGE TALKING TRAM TOUR

Learn how Bendigo's goldfield transformed into a prosperous city. Hear about influential characters who left an indelible mark on the city, including a German architect, a British soap maker turned quartz miner and a Russian business man ... not to mention the Chinese, Irish, German and Cornish migrants who made Bendigo their home.

TIME:	1 hour round trip
AGES:	Prep to Year 10
CURRICULUM:	Level 3-4: Community and First contacts Level 5-6: From Colony to Nation Level 9-10: Australia and Asia
COST:	\$7.50 per student, \$12.50 per adult Coordinators free at a ratio of 1:10



## DJA DJA WURRUNG TRAM TOUR

The Dja Dja Wurrung tram shares the history of the region's first people through song and stories, as told in their own words by members of the Dja Dja Wurrung clan. This experience encourages students to imagine the landscape prior to settlement and explains the importance of the local flora and fauna.

TIME:	1 hour round trip
AGES:	All ages
CURRICULUM:	Level 3-4: Community and First contacts Level 7-8: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Culture
COST:	\$7.50 per student, \$12.50 per adult Coordinators free at a ratio of 1:10



# CATERING



Let us take the stress out of organising catering for your excursion, we'll happily arrange morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea for your group. Using local suppliers and fresh produce, your students will be fueled, hydrated and ready for the adventures of their excursion.



## MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA

Enjoy a selection of seasonal fruit, cakes and slices served buffet style, along with cold drinks. Morning or afternoon tea provides the perfect opportunity to take a moment to relax and refuel before continuing on with your excursion.

TIME:	Allow 30 minutes
LOCATION	Central Deborah Gold Mine
INCLUSIONS:	Variety of cakes, slices, seasonal fruit and cold drinks.
COST:	\$15.00 per person



## LUNCH PACKS

Our lunch packs are a versatile option. Each student will receive a packed lunch, served in a paper bag, which can be enjoyed outside on the surface of Central Deborah Gold Mine, undercover in our Education Room or take them with you to enjoy on board the bus!

TIME:	Allow 30 minutes
LOCATION	Central Deborah Gold Mine
INCLUSIONS:	Sandwich, seasonal fruit, muffin and a cold drink.
COST:	\$25.00 per person

Time and location will vary depending on the size of the group.  
Please let us know in advance of any dietary requirements. Prices subject to change.





## Sample half-day itinerary for a group of 40 people

Each school is split into groups of 23 people to go underground. 40 people will become two groups.

- 9:30am: Arrive at Central Deborah Gold Mine. Store bags.  
Go to toilet. Introduction.
- 9:45am: Group 1 = Mine Experience Tour
- 10:00am: Group 2 = Mine Experience Tour
- 11:00am: Explore the surface of the mine
- 11:30am: Vintage Talking Tram Tour or  
Dja Dja Wurrung Tram Tour
- 12:30pm: Lunch at Central Deborah
- 1:00pm: Depart Central Deborah

Compliment your excursion to Central Deborah Gold Mine and Bendigo Tramways with a visit to:

- Bendigo Art Gallery
- Bendigo Pottery
- Discovery Science & Technology Centre
- Golden Dragon Museum
- Great Stupa of Universal Compassion
- Sandhurst Gaol Tour
- Soldiers Memorial Military Museum

## TOTAL COST: \$55.00 PER STUDENT

This is just a guide. Times will vary depending on the size of the group and set requirements. Customised itineraries will be created and quoted for each group. Prices subject to change.





## Come and experience our attractions for yourself, FREE of charge!

Would you like to see what our experiences are all about before bringing your school group along? No worries, we've got a special offer just for you!

Simply present your practicing teacher registration card to receive:

- One free adult ticket for a Mine Experience Tour at Central Deborah Gold Mine
- One free adult ticket for a Bendigo Tramways Vintage Talking Tram Tour
- 20% discount on entry for your accompanying guests

## Are you ready to book your excursion to Bendigo?

Here are some useful links to resources which will assist with organising your excursion

[Terms and Conditions](#)[Safety Considerations](#)[Public Liability](#)[Code of Conduct](#)[Central Deborah Gold Mine Site Plan](#)[COVID Safe Plan](#)[Accessibility](#)[Education FAQs](#)

## BOOK NOW

CLICK HERE to fill out our online booking enquiry form, and we'll get your excursion underway!

Would you like to talk to someone about your excursion? Just phone (03) 5443 8322 to chat with our friendly team.





# Bendigo Heritage

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