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## LUXURY B&B FEATURES BEACH-HOUSE FEEL

George's – Luxury B&B and Culinary Retreat, an exciting new venue which recently opened at Arthur's Seat, Red Hill, on the Mornington Peninsula, is not your average bed-and-breakfast. As well as offering luxury accommodation and regular culinary retreats, its designers say it recalls the classic Aussie beach-house.

The bed-and-breakfast was purpose-built to designs by Karl Degering & Associates. Karl says the design brief had to cover a number of areas, providing an upmarket B&B, along with a professional commercial kitchen for the venue's cooking school, space for a future café and space to display local art.

He said the project's instigator, Peter Schofield, "blessed us with a terrifically-located site on the iconic Mornington Peninsula, at the pinnacle of Arthurs Seat", and that a key consideration was to make the most of the position and the available views. For example, the low, pitched-roof form does not obscure outward views, and the decks on two levels also make the views more accessible.

Interior design by Sharyn Colquhoun (of Sharon Colquhoun Interior Design) was also greatly influenced by the site and the local environment, with raw and varied timber species combining with laminates and stone. A background of neutral earth tones was used, contrasting with the detail colours of aqua, orange and red so typical of Australian landscapes.

Recessed lighting and oversized feature lights contribute to the ambience, while other choices were dictated by the venue's multi-use factor. For example, the large and luxurious king beds and pillows can be unzipped to form 'king singles' if required.

Sharyn says the aim was to offer "a taste of the classic '50s and '60s beach-houses once so abundant in the Mornington Peninsula". A place where guests would feel free to wander around barefoot, or to venture out to enjoy the area's many attractions.

George's also features more than 20 original paintings by artist Gerard Doherty. Many of the pieces on display were inspired by the Mornington Peninsula, and use the feature colours – aqua, orange and red. Belfast-born Gerard is inspired by the colours and landscapes of his adopted home, and has exhibited at the Mornington Peninsula Art Show, at Punt Rd Winery in the Yarra Valley as part of Master Works with Artmasters Australia, and at the Toronto Art Festival in Canada (as part of the Australian Art Festival and G'day Toronto).

George's is only an hour from Melbourne, and just minutes away from the Mornington Peninsula's premier attractions. Leading wineries are literally just around the corner, and golf courses, markets, Safety Beach Marina and the Peninsula Hot Springs are only a stone's throw away.

George's is a great place to enjoy the delights of the Mornington Peninsula, but it also offers monthly culinary retreats. Pamper your inner foodie with a 3 day/2night stay including food, wine, accommodation, cooking demonstrations, local producer tours and visits, a gift pack and a choice of two activities (such as golf, sailing or massage). Numbers will be limited to eight, and the cost is \$1,300 per person.

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George's also hopes to gain council approval to operate a cafe, to open for breakfast and lunch on weekends and during peak holiday season.

A comprehensive website tells you all you need to know. Go to [www.georgesatarthurs.com.au](http://www.georgesatarthurs.com.au)

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