

DESTINATION NEXT

Point Leo Estate, Victoria

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With a far-reaching aspect across Western Port Bay, a new \$50 million, 134ha vineyard development on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula is set to become one of the world's leading sculpture parks. Together with a striking cellar door offering estate wines and a top restaurant, Point Leo Estate is home to more than 50 large-scale sculptures by leading Australian and international figures.

Laura, a monumental work of a woman's head by Catalan artist Jaume Plensa, should be settling in this week and will be the headline act, joining pieces by Tony Cragg, George Rickey and Zadok Ben-David.

Visitors can download a self-guided tour app and follow a 30- or 60-minute circuit from the cellar door. And every table in the restaurant, helmed by culinary director Phil Wood, late of Neil Perry's Eleven Bridge in Sydney, offers wide views across the sculpture park.

The estate is owned by the Gandel family, art patrons who made their fortune in shopping centres and have collected sculpture for decades. They've enlisted the help of curator Geoffrey Edwards, the former director of the Geelong Gallery and former senior curator of international and Australian sculpture at the National Gallery of Victoria. The sculpture park opens daily at 11am; last entry at 5pm. Admission is \$10, or free to restaurant guests. ■ ptleoestate.com.au

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HOTEL BUZZ

Following the success of Aman Tokyo, the brand's first big-city venture, Aman will open in New York in 2020 in the landmark Crown Building with 83 guestrooms and suites, a day spa occupying three floors, and 20 private residences including a five-storey, park-view penthouse ■ The Anchorage at Port Stephens in NSW (pictured below) unveils a multi-million-dollar renovation later this month; as well as a Hamptons-style makeover of the 80 suites, there are two new restaurants, a bar showcasing rare whiskies, day spa, two pools and a fitness centre ■ Opening late next year, an extraordinary resort in the Negev Desert in Israel; nestled into a dramatic cliff, Six Senses Shagarut will feature 58 suites and pool villas built using local stone and pigments, twilight rides on camels and an outdoor cinema ■ With crisp white interiors and a family-friendly vibe, the AVANI Sunset Coast Samui Resort & Villas opens on the southeast shore of the Thai island of Koh Samui next September, with 25 guestrooms and 33 sea-facing pool villas. ■ Sugar Beach, a Viceroy resort on the Caribbean coast of St Lucia, will open two contemporary "super-luxe" beachfront villas next month, each with four ensuite bedrooms.



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