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Ask Catriona

Q My husband and I need a quiet break. Can you suggest a weekend away close to Melbourne?
Joanie, Malvern, Vic.

A Luckily for you, in Melbourne you don't have to go far before you're in the glorious

countryside. One new gem is Rochford Lodge (see www.rochfordlodge.com). Just over an hour's drive north of Melbourne in the Macedon Ranges, this old school house is now a luxury, self-contained retreat with all you need for a romantic and peaceful getaway, including oversized, comfy couches, an

open fire and local wine and cheese on arrival. The property is surrounded by vineyards, and there are plenty of scenic drives and things to do, like sampling five-star local fare and strolling through the shops at Kyneton. May I also suggest the mineral springs of Daylesford and Rye for quick, luxurious getaways.

Victoria's Rochford Lodge offers a unique, romantic rural retreat.

