Travel between Melbourne Airport and Geelong

Car
Driving from Melbourne Airport to Geelong CBD and vice versa

- Off peak: 10am-3pm, and after 6pm 75 minutes
- Peak: 7am-10am, 3pm-6pm 90 minutes

https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-37.8551502,144.8051315,10z

Take Melbourne exit from Airport to join Tullamarine Freeway
Take first turn-off on left after passing Mickelham Rd exit. Road forks quickly after turnoff, take the right fork which is signed Geelong, this leads into the Western Ring Rd. Stay on Western Ring Rd until reaching the Geelong exit to the Prince’s H’way (M1) then a 45 min drive to Geelong.

Approaching the outskirts of Geelong, the M1 forks. Take the left fork, stay on this road (Prince’s H’way/Melbourne Rd) until after passing North Geelong railway station on your right. Turn left at the lights (can only turn left or go straight ahead at these lights) into Bell Parade, then follow the foreshore road around until you reach Novotel Geelong. Guests can be dropped off there, rejoin Eastern Beach Rd by turning right, go straight ahead past the yacht club until you reach Richie Boulevarde (a no through road) to park the car. All day parking available on weekdays for $5.60, free parking on weekend, however, that part of Richie Boulevarde closest to the sea has a 3 hour maximum time limit between 9am and 5.30pm. The walk back to hotel takes 7-10 mins.

Geelong CBD to Melbourne Airport
Take the Prince’s H’way to Melbourne, turn left onto the Western Ring Rd upon reaching the outskirts of Melbourne. Stay on this road until you reach the turnoff (on your left) for the Tullamarine Freeway, then proceed directly to Melbourne Airport.

Public transport
First option – The Gull Bus (Quickest)

Melbourne Airport to Geelong railway station
The Gull bus leaves from outside the entrance to the International terminal at Melbourne Airport where it parks on a roadway reserved for mini buses. Can book beforehand (concession for seniors $50 return) via its website http://gull.com.au/bookings/ Timetables can also be viewed. Hourly service but longer intervals on weekend. If bus has room, can purchase a ticket on the spot. Bus may stop at Werribee, Corio, and North Geelong railway station, then will stop at Geelong railway station (your get off stop) before going onto South Geelong. Trip time to Geelong 75 to 90 mins, depending on time of day.

From Geelong station, you can get a taxi to the Novotel Geelong hotel (5 min drive) or a slight downhill walk to foreshore of 15 to 20 mins.

Return trip to Melbourne Airport
Catch the Gull Bus at Geelong railway station, last stop will be Melbourne Airport where you will be dropped off outside the International terminal. Hourly service, longer intervals on weekend. Trip time to the airport 75 to 90 mins, depending on time of day.

Second option – Airport bus and V/Line train

Melbourne Airport to Geelong railway station
Orange/red coloured airport buses run directly from Melbourne Airport to Southern Cross railway station, Spencer St. Every 20 mins, $20 one way. From the bus terminal at the station, walk to a ticket outlet where you need to purchase a MYKI card to enable you to catch a V/Line train to Geelong railway station (your get-off stop). Need to swipe this card prior to boarding and when leaving the train. Trains to Geelong run every 30 to 45 mins in the daytime. Concession return $15. Trip time from airport to Geelong via bus/train is 100-120 mins.

From Geelong station, you can get a taxi to the Novotel Geelong hotel (5 min drive) or slight downhill walk (15 to 20 mins).

Return trip Geelong railway station to Melbourne Airport
VLine train from Geelong railway station to Southern Cross station, then take the airport bus from there to Melbourne Airport. Trip time from Geelong to airport via train/bus is 100-120 mins.