

Your Itinerary

HIGH COUNTRY HOLIDAYS 6 DAY 5 NIGHT TOUR

your hosts

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DAY 1

Pick up by *coach* from your specified location and travel to the Ovens Valley Motor Inn, Bright. Your coach captain will arrange convenient stop off points for morning tea and lunch. Dinner tonight is served at the Commercial Club in Albury on the way through to Bright.

DAY 2

This morning we enjoy a driving tour of Bright. We visit the **Bright Visitor Information Centre** for an informative audio presentation featuring the surrounding National Parks. Morning tea is served in Howitt Park by the Ovens River in Bright.

We then head towards **Mt Buffalo National Park**. As we make our way up the scenic mountain we drive past waterfalls, lyre birds, wallabies and amazing rock formations all nestled among the forest of mountain ash and snow gums. This is a very special and unique experience.

We take the opportunity to do a short bush walk or just relax and enjoy this gorgeous setting while we serve you a picnic lunch.

You may also like to wander around the gardens of the historic Mt Buffalo Chalet, where alpine tourism was born in 1910. The gardens are amazing and are full of rhododendrons and molis azaleas. We also show you the look out, where on a clear day you can see all the way to Mt Kosciusko.

We then visit the **Buckland Valley Alpaca** farm for an interesting talk by Keith and Liz, an opportunity to get up close and personal with the Alpacas or just browse through the fantastic alpaca products on display in the shop.

All breakfasts and dinners are served in our lovely dining room overlooking the gardens and swimming pool which is reserved exclusively for your group.



DAY 3

After breakfast we travel through the hills to **Beechworth** where we will be accompanied by our local character Pat for a town tour including the Chinese Cemetery and Mayday Hills, a former mental institution.

After morning tea you may chose to visit the **Bourke Museum** or the entire **Beechworth Historic Prescient** also incorporating the Court House, Telegraph Station & Chinese Cultural Centre. There is also a 20min film about Beechworth shown at the Visitors Centre every ½ hour.

It is then time to explore the gorgeous shops and cafes. You may like to eat lunch at the famous Beechworth Bakery. After lunch we visit the **NEW Beechworth Honey** interpretive centre and visit Murray Brewery Cellars for a tasting of the famous traditional cordials.

We then enjoy a leisurely and scenic drive back to Bright, dinner tonight is served in the motel restaurant.

DAY 4

After breakfast we pop out to the historic village of **Wandiligong** and visit **Nightingales Apple Orchard**. We then enjoy free time in Bright, a chance for a coffee, icecream or shopping.

We then head to the **Red Stag Deer Farm** for lunch and listen to an interesting talk by our lovely host Grace. Take the opportunity to walk around the farm and have a chat to the animals.

This afternoon we visit the Milawa gourmet region, where we stop at **Milawa Cheese Factory** to enjoy a talk & tasting of their award winning products. We may also feel like popping into the mustard and olive shops. As we leave Milawa we travel through the valley lastly stopping at **Gapstead Winery** for a relaxing end to the day. We continue on reaching Bright in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 5

After a hearty breakfast we travel through the Ovens Valley towards the quaint little township of **Harrietville**. On arriving in Harrietville we visit **Lavender Hue Lavender Farm** for beautiful Devonshire Tea including a Lavender scone. Our charismatic host Verona will entertain you with stories of the working farm and its beginnings.

We visit the Harrietville dredge hole, once a working dredge now a tranquil lake, then enjoy a picnic in Pioneer Park. It is then on to the **Mountain Fresh Trout Farm** where Charlie will teach us a thing or two about fishing, you have the option to catch your own fish and we will cook it for dinner tonight.

We travel down the valley back to Bright where you may like to visit the Bright Brewery for a tasting. Otherwise you may prefer to enjoy the lovely shops or park.

Tonight we enjoy our farwell dinner including that delicious fresh trout we caught today.

DAY 6

Today we wave good bye to your group and hope your memories of our beautiful area stay in your hearts for a long time.



DAY 5... ALTERNATE TOURING OPTIONS

If you would like to see a bit more of the mountains and don't mind the windy climbing roads why not consider a couple of alternate options for Day 5:

MOUNT HOTHAM & DINNER PLAIN

This morning we head to Harrietteville and enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea including a Lavender scone with the delightful Verona at **Lavender Hue Lavender Farm**.

We then make our way up **Mt Hotham**. We will enjoy a stroll around the resort incorporating some of the most stunning views imaginable.

Just 10km along the Great Alpine Road we arrive at **Dinner Plain**, a relaxed alpine village nestled between snowgums on the highest freehold land in Australia. We will enjoy lunch at the renowned hotel and take a look at the extraordinary alpine architecture that is evolving on the mountain. We conclude our visit with a comprehensive **guided tour of the village**.

We then make our way home, stopping in at **Mountain Fresh Trout Farm** to collect some fresh trout, which Sim will cook for us in the motel restaurant tonight.

MOUNT BEAUTY

This morning we travel to the Kiewa Valley via the Tawonga Gap stopping at the lookout for a fantastic photo opportunity of the valley.

Our first stop is **The Alpine Discovery Centre** in Mt Beauty, a state of the art interpretive centre boasting an extensive range of displays and DVD presentations on Falls Creek and the Upper Kiewa Valley. We will enjoy a chat and morning tea with a local character and also see the working miniature Hydro Electric plant.

You then have time to explore Mt Beauty township before we wind our way up the mountain and arrive at **Bogong** village to enjoy a picnic lunch by **Lake Guy**. After lunch we visit the ski resort of Falls Creek, pass by Rocky Valley reservoir and have the opportunity to walk into **Wallace Hut**, an original High Country Cattleman's Hut.

It is then on to the **Mountain Fresh Trout Farm** where you will learn a thing or two about aquaculture, you have the option to catch your own trout and we will cook it for dinner tonight. Tonight we will serve dinner in the motel restaurant including the delicious trout we caught today.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

Luxury Coach Travel

Award Winning accommodation at the Ovens Valley Motor Inn, Bright

Fully Cooked Breakfasts

Delicious three course dinners

All attractions

3 bonus lunches (individuals to buy own lunch on day 1,3 & 6)

All morning teas

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Alpine Visitors Centre, National Parks audio presentation

Beautiful Bright town tour

Buckland Valley Alpacas tour and talk

Mt Buffalo National Park lookout and picnic lunch

Historic Beechworth town tour

Beechworth Honey Interpretive Centre

Murray Breweries and National Trust Carriage Museum

National Trust village of Wandiligong

Nightingales Apple orchard and packing shed tour

Red Stag Deer Farm lunch and talk

Milawa Cheese Factory tasting and talk

Milawa Mustards Shop

Gapstead Winery tasting and talk

Harrietville Lavender Farm and Gardens

Harrietville town tour and picnic lunch

Mountain Fresh Trout Farm

