Sinclair Tour and Travel 5494 5083

Victoria’s High Country

Departs 24\textsuperscript{th} April 2017. 6 days

\$2,399 pp twin share. Single \$425.

Tour Inclusions

Door to door transfers

Flight to Melbourne. Return from Canberra.

4 nights Wangaratta.

One night Jindabyne.

King Valley/Mt Bulla/Glenrowan/Benalla

Ned Kelly’s Last Stand

Bright/ Lavender Farm Harrietville

Gourmet Food Day

Beechworth/Milawa/Mt Buffalo

Wild Brumby Distillery/ Snowy Mountains Cookies

Snowy Mountains Scheme Discovery Centre

5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
**Day One. Monday 24th April.**

After pick up from your door, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Melbourne. Here Peter will meet you with the bus and your High Country Adventure begins. We will be based in Wangaratta for 4 nights – much less packing and unpacking. On this tour we will discover the stories behind the exceptional producers of Victoria’s High Country. From all-natural smallgoods, cultured butter and aquaculture, to beer brewing, winemaking and award-winning restaurants, the High Country region is a destination rich in history and local industry. Dinner at out Hotel tonight. (D)

**Wangaratta Gateway (03) 5721 8399**

**Day Two. Tuesday 25th April.**

After a hot and hearty breakfast in our Hotel, we’ll enjoy a scenic drive to Mt Bulla via the King Valley. The picturesque and bountiful King Valley is located at the foothills of the Alpine National Park, surrounded by mountains, rivers and rolling vineyards. From the gourmet epicentre of the Milawa Gourmet Region to the cascading waterfalls and untouched mountainous ranges in the upper King Valley - you’ll be left feeling invigorated, with mouth watering memories when you leave the King Valley. Today we’ll travel through towns like Benalla, famous for its Rose Gardens and a statue to Weary Dunlop. And then on to Glenrowan, famous of course for the tales of Ned Kelly and his gang.
You’ll love the show at the Glenrowan Visitor’s Centre – Kelly’s Last Stand. Through the brilliance of animation and computerised robots, you will be transferred back in time, over 100 years, to witness the events that led up to the capture of the Kelly Gang. Starting as hostages in the Hotel, and then onto gunfights - burning buildings - a decent hanging, and finishing in our magnificent painting gallery. The show is educational, historically correct and entertaining. Picnic lunch provided for you today. Dinner again tonight at our Motel. (B)(L)(D)

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Day Three. Wednesday 26th April.

After another scrumptious breakfast, we’ll take off to discover Bright and its surrounding area. The township and shire of Bright is one of Victoria’s most attractive tourist destinations. Nestled in the beautiful Ovens Valley, it’s surrounded by the towering Australian Alps. Bright has managed to retain its character and charm, thanks partly to its old-fashioned guest houses and historical buildings A visit to Bright is not complete without an exploration of its neighbouring towns, the charming countryside and Mt Buffalo National Park. Bright is also noted for its impressive array of deciduous trees, which create a blaze of orange, red, gold and yellow in autumn. There are oaks, chestnuts, poplars, elms and Japanese maples, surrounded by the pines and eucalypts of the mountains. Delaney Avenue, with its alternating Himalayan cedars and scarlet oaks, is particularly impressive.

You’ll love our visit to Harrietville, a picturesque mountain village approximately 25 km from Bright alongside the Great Alpine Road. It is the last town before Mount Hotham and is an historic goldmining town, settled in 1852.
If you're looking to experience true country hospitality, then Rona from Lavender Hue will fill your cup - with more than tea and homemade lavender scones. We can relax by the Ovens River on the gorgeous new deck and enjoy goodies made with love on the property in Harrietville. Afternoon tea could never be complete without a spot of shopping and perhaps a souvenir that doesn't need to involve magnets or teaspoons! The Lavender Hue shop is an explosion of colour & scent, handmade & ethically produced, delicious & divine. Rona creates all their 'Lavender Hue' lavender products on-site from the farms bounty.

Then it’s on to the village of Dinner Plain, nestled in the middle of the Great Alpine Road only 10 kilometres from the panoramic mountain views surrounding Mount Hotham. Hope you’ve left room for lunch at the Dinner Plains Hotel. Time permitting, we’ll stop in at a local apple orchard on the way back to our Hotel. Dinner at our Hotel again tonight. (B) (L)(D) Wangaratta Gateway (03) 5721 8399

Day Four. Thursday 27th April.

After another hot brekky at the Hotel, we’ll start our Foody Day. In Beechworth, we can indulge and discover fabulous food, and hand-crafted wine and beer in Australia's finest historic gold-mining town. Wander, relax and re-connect amongst elms and oaks, heritage architecture and boutique shopping. The bakery here is wonderful and Murray’s Cordials are delicious. The Beechworth region is rich with locally grown produce; fruit, vegetables, honey, nuts, berries, apples, preserves, with excellent restaurants, cafes, boutique breweries, bakeries and food and wine retailers to showcase it. Plenty to choose from for your lunch (own expense) today.

We’ll also visit Milawa, a small town located south-east of Wangaratta on the main road between Myrtleford and Glenrowan. It’s situated in the heart of the Milawa Gourmet Region, which is an area noted for its wineries, farms, restaurants, local produce and craft. Major attractions include the Brown Brothers Winery with its Epicurean Centre, the Milawa Cheese Company, Milawa Mustards and the Olive Shop.
We’ll also travel through Myrtleford today and visit Mt Buffalo for some fabulous scenic views. Dinner (if you’ve got room!!) at our Hotel again tonight. (B) (D)

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Day Five. Friday 28th April.

After brekky, we’ll leave one scenic spot to travel to another. We’ll travel via Albury to Lake Hume estimated to hold six times the volume of water in Sydney Harbour. We’ll lunch in Corryong today – home to The Man from Snowy River. Situated on the Murray Valley Highway, the setting is incredibly peaceful. There are many lookouts presenting magnificent views of Corryong and its surrounding valleys. The valley town is surrounded in all directions by hills covered with eucalyptus and pine forests. We may have time to explore the Man from Snowy River Museum. We’ll then wind our way up through Kosciusko National Park through towns like Thredbo where we’re in for a real treat.

The Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery is a unique, boutique schnapps distillery located on the Alpine Way in the picturesque Thredbo Valley, halfway between Jindabyne and Thredbo. Wild Brumby produces pure Australian schnapps from locally sourced fruit. The 20 acre property features a cellar door and fully licensed cafe and working raspberry farm. We can see the beautiful brass distilling equipment from Germany and try out some of the schnapps made on site, including pink lady apple, pear william, peach, butterscotch or the hot chilli schnapps. There’s a selection of wines and Paulaner German Lager beer on tap too. If you don’t want to taste, you can take a look around the shop or stroll around the sculpture gardens.
Then it’s on to Jindabyne, our home for the last night of our tour. Here we’ll visit the Snowy Mountain Cookies which specialises in the art of making quality, gourmet, wholesome cookies abundantly filled with delicious and chunky ingredients so that every bite is a tasty treat. Dinner at our Hotel tonight. (B)(D) Rydges Snowy Mountains (02) 6456 2562

Day Six. Saturday 29th April.

Sadly, this is our last breakfast together. How hard will it be to go back to tea and toast? After our brekky, we’ll travel to Old Adaminaby and learn all about the history of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene are synonymous with the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The very first stone was turned at the 'old town' in 1949, to begin Australia’s largest hydro-electric and irrigation scheme.

Claimed as the birthplace of Australia's multiculturalism, the Snowy Hydro Scheme employed 100,000 people from many nations. It saw the creation of Lake Eucumbene. The town of Adaminaby was moved 9km to its present site to make way for the rising waters. The Snowy Scheme Museum in Adaminaby highlights the lifestyle and achievements of the workers of the Snowy Mountains Hydroelectric Scheme. You will see hints of old roads, tracks and yards; remnants of sawmills and goldmining equipment, and the famous mountain huts. There are relics of the former town to be seen at Old Adaminaby, particularly when the waters of Lake Eucumbene are low. Explore the Old Adaminaby cemetery, and spend time this afternoon at the Snowy Scheme Museum where we’ll first enjoy lunch. Then Peter will take you to Canberra airport for your flight home. Here a representative of Sinclair tour and Travel will meet you at the luggage carousel and drop you back to your front door. We do hope you enjoyed your Victoria’s High Country Tour with us. Please tell your friends. That’s how our business grows. We look forward to travelling with you again really soon. (B) (L)
INCLUDED IN TOUR

- Air conditioned bus fitted with coach seats for your comfort.
- Door to door airport transfers.
- Air travel from Brisbane to Melbourne. Canberra to Brisbane.
- Motel accommodation on a twin share basis.
- Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) as indicated.
- All entries as listed.
- Morning Teas.
- Name badge, luggage labels, water bottle & travel bag.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOOKINGS
Please phone 5494 5083 for bookings. A Tour Booking Form will be sent to you for completion and return with a deposit of $700.00 per person within 7 days to secure your booking.

BALANCE PAYMENT
Balance of payment is to be received at least 60 days prior to Tour Departure Date. For Tour Bookings made within 60 days of Tour Departure Date, full payment is required on booking.

CHANGES TO ITINERARY
Sinclair Tour and Travel reserves the right to alter any itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances beyond its control and to cancel any tour due to insufficient bookings. A full refund of fare will be made if tour is cancelled by Sinclair Tour and Travel.

CANCELLATION FEES

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In addition to the above fee any moneys paid in respect of bookings with other tour operators, airfares, attractions, etc. on your behalf and which cannot be recouped will also be payable. A $50 administration fee (per person) will be charged on ALL cancellations regardless of the number of days notice given.

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