Sinclair Tour and Travel 5494 5083

Autumn Colours/ High Country

Departs Thurs 25th April 2019. 7 days

$2,599 pp twin share. Single $450.

Tour Inclusions

Door to door transfers
Flight to Albury. Return from Canberra.

4 nights Albury.
Two nights Cooma.

King Valley/Mt Bulla/Glenrowan/Benalla
Ned Kelly’s Last Stand

Bright/ Lavender Farm Harrietville
Beechworth/Milawa/Mt Buffalo

Snowy Mountains Scheme Discovery Centre

1 night Canberra
Canberra’s Museum/War Memorial

6 breakfasts, 6 dinners.
**Day One. Thursday 25th April.**

After pick up from your door, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Albury. Here Peter will meet you with the bus and your High Country/Autumn Colours Adventure begins. We will be based in Wangaratta for 3 nights – much less packing and unpacking. On this tour we will discover the delights of the fabulous Autumn Colours in the High Country region - a destination rich in history and local industry. Dinner at out Hotel tonight. (D)

**Wangaratta Gateway Albury (03) 5721 8399**

**Day Two. Friday 26th April.**

After a hot and hearty breakfast in our Hotel, we'll enjoy a scenic drive to Mt Buller 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. Lunch (own expense) in Mansfield today. We’ll then travel through towns like Benalla, famous for its Rose Gardens & 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)(D)

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**Day Three, Saturday 27th April.**

After another scrumptious breakfast, 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. Morning 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 farm’s bounty.

Then 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. Lunch (own expense) in Bright today.
You’ll be impressed by some of the Open Gardens today – part of the Bright Autumn Festival. We’ll also travel through Myrtleford today to see The Finish Tree and visit Mt Buffalo for some fabulous scenic views and a taste of Milawa Cheese. Dinner at our Hotel again tonight. (B)(D)

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Day Four. Sunday 28th April.

After brekky, we’ll leave one scenic spot to travel to another. We’ll travel to Lake Hume estimated to hold six times the volume of water in Sydney Harbour. We’ll visit Beechworth, re-connect amongst elms and oaks, heritage architecture and boutique shopping. The bakery here is wonderful. 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.

Then through towns like Yackandandah to lunch in Corryong – 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 and Jindabyne to Cooma. (B)(D)

Altair Motel (02) 6452 1211
Day Five. Monday 29th April.

After breakfast at our Hotel. We’re off to Tumut. "The name Tumut is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning ‘quiet resting place by the river’." Today the town has a population of over 6,000, a modern cosmopolitan shopping centre & an excellent range of accommodation and activities. Much of Tumut’s workforce is employed in the timber industry, with more jobs forecast for the future. In the foothills of the Snowy Mountains, Tumut Region is picturesque in every season. Crisp, cold mountain air in winter, lush and green in spring, cool, clean waterways in summer and, of course, the blaze of colour in autumn which we’ll get to witness.

Located in the northern end of the Kosciuszko National Park, the Yarrangobilly Caves are set inside the deep gorges and rugged bluffs of the Yarrangobilly River Valley. Forming over thousands of years, this string of limestone caves features many stunning decorations, including delicate shawls, grand columns, underground pools, and awesome chambers. Yarrangobilly also has a natural thermal pool which is a constant 27 degrees Celsius. Bring your walking shoes today. Lunch (own expense) as you explore the town of Tumut. (B) (D)

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Day Six. Tuesday 30th April.

After brekky at our Hotel, we’ll visit the Snowy Mountains Scheme Information Centre. This will give you an insight into the amazing story behind the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme, the biggest civil engineering project ever undertaken in Australia. More than 100,000 people from about 30 countries were employed in the region on a project that lasted from 1949 until 1974. Here we’ll meet a lovely local who’ll show us around her town of Cooma. Set amongst the rolling Monaro plains, and with snow-covered peaks in the distance, Cooma is the largest town in the Snowy Mountains and gateway to the State's alpine area. Other towns in the area include Nimmitabel and Michelago.
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. 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.

We’ll then travel on to Canberra and visit the Telstra Tower at Black Mountain for some great views of the City. Diner at our Motel tonight. (B) (D)

Alpha Tuggeranong. (02) 6293 3666

Day Seven. Wednesday 1st May.

Sadly, this is our last breakfast together. How hard will it be to go back to tea and toast? After our brekky, you can choose your own adventure. We’ll only have a short time BUT you can choose between the National Museum and the War Memorial – up to you.

Australia’s stories come alive at the National Museum of Australia, on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin. The Museum’s stunning architecture provides an extraordinary place to explore the rich and diverse stories of Australia and its people. Take a guided tour or wander solo through the many exhibitions.
At the world famous **Australian War Memorial** where you can crawl through a First World War trench, climb into a helicopter from the Vietnam War, explore the inside of a Cold War submarine and learn about peacekeeping at the memorial’s interactive Discovery Zone. Here you can commemorate the commitment, camaraderie and sacrifice of Australians in war and see some of the world’s most significant military relics, such as the Lancaster Bomber G for George, and experience a 1943 night raid over Berlin. The Hall of Memory, with its Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is the commemorative heart of the memorial and is a “must see”

Then it’s off to the airport for your flight back to Brisbane. Here at representative of Sinclair Tour and Travel will meet you at the luggage carousel and take you back to your door. We do hope you enjoyed your Autumn Colours & 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 Albury. 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

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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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