

3 Day High Country - Bright

Day 1: Welcome aboard! Our splendid journey across Eastern Victoria begins with the comfort and luxury of a touring coach.

Departure is at 7:30 am from your club, and our itinerary is designed for maximum comfort with ample breaks along the way. You'll have plenty of opportunities to sit back, relax, and savor this delightful holiday.

We'll traverse the Maroondah Highway, taking in the breathtaking sights of the Black Spur Range and the picturesque Yarra Valley. Passing through Alexandra, we'll make our way to Benalla for a delectable lunch.

Following lunch, our next stop is the Benalla Tourist Information Centre, where we'll marvel at the "House in Miniature," a remarkable creation that took a decade to complete. Afterward, we journey to our home for the next two nights, the Bogong View Motor Inn. You'll have some time to check into your rooms and freshen up before we gather for a delightful dinner in the motor inn's dining room.



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Day 2: After a hearty cooked breakfast, we set out to explore the former tobacco and chestnut growing area of Myrtleford, nestled along the Ovens River.

Here, we'll meet a knowledgeable local guide who will lead us on a fascinating tour of the local tobacco growing area.

Following a leisurely morning, we'll head to Bright, where you'll have some free time to explore arts and crafts shops or relax in the beautiful parks. There will be ample time to purchase lunch at your own leisure, and after, we'll embark on a tour of the local area, including a visit to the iconic Mt Buffalo Chalet.

Our journey continues to Eurobin, where we'll visit the Red Stag Deer & Emu Tourist Farm. Upon arrival, you'll be treated to an informative talk and a delightful afternoon tea. At the farm, you'll have the opportunity to meet and even feed and pat some of the friendly animals.

We'll then make our way back to the Bogong View Motor Inn, allowing you to freshen up and unwind before we reconvene for dinner in the motor inn's dining room.



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Day 3: Following a sumptuous cooked breakfast, we're off to Yackandandah and Beechworth.

In Yackandandah, we'll explore the site where gold was first discovered, a nugget of history the locals consider to be Victoria's initial gold find, although it was kept quiet at the time.

Our next destination is Beechworth. Originally named Mayday Hills, it became a bustling gold rush town when gold was discovered in February 1852. The population quickly swelled to 8,000 as hopeful prospectors flocked to the alluvial gold fields in search of their fortunes.

The Beechworth Historic and Cultural Precinct is a collection of nationally significant buildings that narrate the story of Australia's growth and prosperity. We'll meet a local guide at the Courthouse for a re-enactment of a Ned Kelly trial. Following the tour, you'll have some free time to purchase lunch at your own pace, perhaps sampling a famous pie from the renowned Beechworth Bakery.

In Beechworth, you can explore several fascinating displays using your "precinct pass." The options include:

- Beechworth Historic Courthouse: A beautifully preserved living history museum.
- Robert O'Hara Burke Memorial Museum: Housing an impressive collection of over 30,000 items, some with ties to famous historical figures like Dame Nellie Melba and Robert O'Hara Burke.
- Ned Kelly Vault: Home to the largest collection of Ned Kelly memorabilia, providing insights into his life and the enduring fascination with his story.
- Telegraph Station: Dating back to 1858, the Telegraph Station once connected Beechworth to the outside world via Morse code.

After lunch (arranged individually), we'll begin our journey back home, with an estimated arrival time of around 5:00 pm.