



# Grampians Peaks Trail

6 Days



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# > Grampians Peaks Trail

Join us through the ancestral lands of the Djab Wurrung and Jadawadjali people, and take your fill of mountain waterfalls, speckled wildflower displays, and the awe-inspiring mountain panoramas of this landscape. You will share the experience with kangaroos, wallabies, emus and the shrieks of native birds. Our journey of discovery starts at the MacKenzie Falls, the only waterfall that flows all year. We aim to spend the five days exploring the best walks from the northern central and southern sections of the Grampians National Park. Although there are occasional steep paths and summit climbs, this is an active walking tour that becomes much easier with the assistance of experienced guides, plenty of rest-stops, and only requiring a day-pack. You will be accompanied by two Inspiration Outdoors guides and return each evening to comfortable lodge accommodation, and a delicious meal.

## Details

Arrive:	Melbourne
Depart:	Melbourne
Duration:	6 Days
Group Size:	Max 12 Guests
Average Age:	50-75
Activity Level:	Moderate to Challenging

## Testimonials

The Grampians Peak tour was an experience that provided challenges and fun in a beautiful part of the world. Different treks each day provided variety, small group enabled individual focus. Guides were friendly and professional, and flexible in being able to accommodate changing needs and circumstances. A great trip with friends.

**Heather C**

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# Highlights



Windswept cliff-top walking, amazing and bizarre rock formations and plenty of stunning mountain peaks.



Visit the beautiful MacKenzie waterfall



Enjoy comfortable accommodation, a hot shower and a delicious meal.

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## What to expect



Carrying only a day pack, walk between 6 - 20 kms each day, returning to your comfortable accommodation each evening.



Time to relax in the evenings enjoying a drink and some nibbles before dinner.



Autumn Departures

6 min - 25 max

Spring Departures

6 min - 24 max

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# Itinerary

A guide will accompany you each day as you walk between 6 and 20 km. There are no easy days on the Grampians Peaks Trail; but, with a moderate to good level of fitness, they are all enjoyable! There are many steep sections on quite rocky and uneven terrain, which can be challenging, so we recommend training. Each day we will complete some of the best section of the Grampians Peaks Trail. Please note that on some days there are options to walk half a day, and you are always welcome to take a day off.

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Day 1	DRIVE FROM MELBOURNE - MACKENZIE FALLS AND BALCONIES WALK
We depart Melbourne CBD at 8am, heading for the spectacular Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, which spans across the ancestral lands of the Djab Wurrung and Jadawadjali Peoples.	
On our way to Halls Gap for lunch, we will stop for morning tea or refreshments and to get to know your fellow hikers.	
We'dd undertake 2 walks this afternoon. The first is to the MacKenzie Falls, the most iconic and spectacular waterfall in the Grampians. It's a 2km return hike which includes 260 narrow steps and while the climb back may pose a challenge, the view from below is well worth the effort. The Balconies is our second walk. It's an easy walk with interesting rock formations and sweeping views of the Victorian plains.	
After checking in at our accommodation, enjoy a well-deserved warm shower and mingle with your fellow walkers over some nibbles and lovely dinner.	
Note: We walk on the first afternoon so please wear your hiking clothes on the bus and bring your day-pack ready to go	
Activity:	5km hike
Meals:	D
Accommodation:	Country Plaza, Halls Gap (or similar)
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## Day 2

### HOLLOW MOUNTAIN AND MT STAPYTLON WALKS

Today we head off to Mt Zero Trailhead the most northern section of the Grampian Peaks Trail. Heading south we enjoy a day of mainly ridgeline hiking passing over rocky slabs. We take in views of Staplyton Amphitheatre and the orange wave of Taipan Wall. Then venture through low forest and dense scrub to Golton Creek. Ascend again toward the Mt Difficult Range to reach Barigar (mountain stream) passing small creeks and seasonal rockpools along the way. Finally trek through grassy woodland before the ridgeline takes you to your destination of Roses Gap. On the completion of the hike we'll return to Halls Gap for the evening.

Activity: 16km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Country Plaza, Halls Gap (or similar)

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## Day 3

### WARDUG TO HALLS GAP

Today drive north again to continue the hike south back to Halls Gap. This is a great end to end day on the Peaks Trail.

Our walk starts from Werduag with a climb up to the Lake Wartook Lookout. Trek the escarpment through rocky gardens before descending down into the wetter eastern slopes. The hike into Halls Gap includes tall forest with ferns, wattles and tea trees. Chautauqua Peak is the final ascent before town. Here, Clematis Falls may have something to offer, depending on recent rains, before the Botanic Gardens signals your destination. Once again enjoy an included dinner to replenish your strength and chat about the adventures of the day with your fellow hikers.

Activity: 13km hike

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Country Plaza, Halls Gap (or similar)

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## Day 4

### HALLS GAP TO PINNACLES LOOP

Our walk today starts from Halls Gap with a climb up and out of the township. We walk past Venus baths, Elephant Hide and the spectacular Grand Canyon (not to be mistaken for its American big brother!) before we make our way to the top of The Pinnacle. From this popular lookout we will enjoy superb views over Halls Gap and its surroundings.

Activity: 9km hike

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Country Plaza, Halls Gap (or similar)

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## Day 5

### GRIFFIN TRAILHEAD TO CASSIDY GAP ROAD

We will drive south to continue our adventure with a climb through stunted forest onto the Serra Range. This is some of the most remote part of the Grampians Peaks Trail, so take a deep breath and let yourself be inspired by all the natural beauty around you. Enjoy the expansive views to the western Victoria Range will bring you towards Djardji-Djawara (sister). In Spring, there is likely to be an abundance of wildflowers including a range of heath, orchid, grevillea, bush pea and blue tinsel-lily. Head back to the picturesque Halls Gap for dinner and perhaps a well earned drink.

Activity: 12km hike

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Country Plaza, Halls Gap (or similar)

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## Day 6

### MT STURGEON AND DUNKELD. DRIVE TO MELBOURNE

It's time to say goodbye to the wonderful Halls Gap and slowly make our way back to Melbourne. But before we do, we will head over to the southern end of the Grampians. This day is another end to end walk ending with a satisfying view from the summit of Mt Sturgeon. You will feel a great sense of accomplishment looking out over the ranges. From Mt Sturgeon we will drive to Dunkeld where you will have some time to pick up some lunch and wander through this rather quaint town. We will head into Melbourne via Ballarat and should arrive back in the city late afternoon.

Activity:

6.4km hike

Meals:

B, L

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# Departure Dates

29 Mar 2024	-	03 Apr 2024
07 Apr 2024	-	12 Apr 2024
03 May 2024	-	08 May 2024
05 Oct 2024	-	10 Oct 2024
09 Nov 2024	-	14 Nov 2024

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# Pricing

## 2024

\$3,099 Per Person  
\$350 Deposit

### Optional Extras

\$520 Single Supplement

## 2025

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\$350 Deposit

### Optional Extras

\$530 Single Supplement

## Inclusions

- All Transport: private bus transport to and from Melbourne as well as transport to and from the walks each day
- Expert leadership from experienced hiking guides
- Emergency support: leaders carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 5 night's comfortable accommodation
- 5 breakfasts
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 6 morning teas - carried by your tour leader
- 4 lunches
- 5 delicious two course dinners
- A well planned itinerary drawn from years of experience

## Exclusions

- Lunch on Day 1

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# Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au) , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at [walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au).

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee.
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 41 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks.

That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancellation policy during covid restrictions here <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/> If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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## About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

## Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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