

# Victorian High Country Walking Tour

5 Days



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There's a beautiful free feeling that comes when walking in the Victorian High Country with the vastness of Australia's highest mountain range all around you. Fresh mountain air, sweeping alpine vistas, classic mountain huts and picturesque snow gum meadows are in store on this fabulous Victorian High Country walking tour. #Using the beautiful town of Bright as our base, we are perfectly situated to take on three of Victoria's best known alpine walking areas: Mt Buffalo, Falls Creek and the iconic Razorback Ridge to Mt Feathertop. You'll experience the best that the region has to offer on this five day tour.#The walks are mostly moderate, with the Razorback Ridge and Feathertop being more challenging in terms of length and terrain. Some sections of the Mount Buffalo involve extended, but not really steep, climbs.All walks are achievable for those with a moderate level of strength and fitness. Training will be important for those who wish to tackle Mount Feathertop Summit.#

#### Details

Arrive:

Melbourne

Depart:

Melbourne

Duration:

5 Days

Group Size:

Maximum 12 people

Average Age:

55-75

Activity Level:

Moderate

#### **Testimonials**

Just returned from a 5-day guided walk with Inspiration Outdoors in the Victorian HighCountry, centred in Bright. The scenery was varied and awesome, walking terrific, food excellent and guides very helpful.

Kathy S





### Highlights



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Fresh mountain air, sweeping alpine vistas, classic mountain huts and picturesque snow gum meadows are in store on this fabulous Victorian High Country walking tour.



Enjoy a cuppa with a slice of home-made cake for morning tea and a fresh healthy lunch, surrounded by nature. Every day is finished off by a delicious and nutritious dinner together with the group.

### What to expect



Carry only a day pack as you enjoy the amazing sights of the beautiful alpine region.



We stay in one location (Bright). The accommodation is comfortable and allows us to easily access the walk trails we'll be exploring.



Autumn Departures: February: 14 min - 31 max March: 10 min - 27 max April: 6 min - 21 max Summer Departures: September: 2 min - 18 max November: 7 min - 23 max December: 9 min - 26 max





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| Guided walking tour of the best of Victorian High Country alpine areas. History, wildflowers, fresh air and vistas beyond compare. |   |                                  |  |
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| Day 1  | DRIVE TO BRIGHT + SHORT WALKS MT BUFFALO  |                                  |  |
|  | We'll stop in at Euroa for morning tea and by lunch time we'll be ready for a leisurely exploration of some of the lower walks in Mt Buffalo National Park. Depending on the weather you may feel like going for a little dip in one of the cool mountain creeks.   |                                  |  |
|  | In the evening we'll get settled in to our accommodation in Bright - our base for the rest of the tour.   |                                  |  |
|  | Activity:   | 5km walk                         |  |
|  | Meals:  | L, D                             |  |
|  | Accommodation:  | Bright Holiday Park (or similar) |  |
| Day 2  | MT BUFFALO NATIONAL F   | ARK                              |  |
|  | Today we're back at the magnificent granite mass of Mt Buffalo National Park to do 'The Big Walk'. It's an 11.3km uphill walk that passes through several vegetation zones as the altitude increases, with spectacular views of the Australian Alps. The walk finishes at The Gorge - where the granite walls drop 300 metres down to form a spectacular and mind blowing sight. ? After the walk we'll take a drive around the top of Mt Buffalo to wonder at the spectacular granite formations that rise from the plateau. ? Back at the accommodation your guides will cook you a delicious dinner. ? |                                  |  |
|  | Activity:   | 11km walk                        |  |
|  | Meals:  | B, L, D                          |  |
|  | Accommodation:  | Bright Holiday Park (or similar) |  |
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#### Day 3 FALLS CREEK AND THE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

We'll have a slightly easier day today, walking through pockets of snow gum and alpine meadows of the Bogong High Plains whilst admiring the surrounding views. ? We'll follow some of the 650km Australian Alpine Walking Track and head to the summit of Mt Nelse for some great views. We'll also visit one of the famous mountain huts of the Victorian High Country.

Activity: 14km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bright Holiday Park (or similar)

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#### Day 4 RAZORBACK RIDGE - MT FEATHERTOP

It's a big day today, but certainly one not to miss! We'll begin on one of the most iconic walks in Victoria, the Razorback Ridge. This classic track crosses the high ridge linking Mt Hotham to Mt Feathertop. Being mostly above the tree line, the ridge walk gives wonderful views of the surrounding Alps.?

"The Cross", with its beautiful old snow gum is a great spot for lunch and to rest your legs before the summit ahead. The walk to Mt Feathertop peak (optional) is a fairly steep climb. Once there though, you'll enjoy outstanding 360-degree alpine views. Regardless of whether you make it to the summit, you will be rewarded with picturesque vistas from one of the best day walks in Australia. ? After reaching the top of Mt Feathertop, we'll return back along the Razorback Ridge, witnessing the Alps change their mood in the afternoon light. ? After a long, but rewarding day we will enjoy a beautiful meal at the heritage listed Alpine Hotel in town or the famous Wandi Pub.?

Activity: 22km Walk (19km to "The Cross")

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bright Holiday Park (or similar)

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#### Day 5 CHERRY AND CANYON WALKS + DRIVE TO MELBOURNE

What better way to follow up yesterday's challenging walk to Mt Feathertop than a peaceful morning spent at your leisure in Bright. ? You might like to stroll the banks of the Ovens River to the Bright Canyon where you'll see more evidence of the region's gold mining era. Or you may prefer to simply soak up the quaint atmosphere of Bright in one of the many local cafes or artisan boutiques. ? We'll stop for lunch (at your own expense) on the way back to Melbourne - arriving about 5pm in the city.

| Activity: | /km walk |
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| Meals:    | В        |
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## Departure Dates

13 Oct 2024 17 Oct 2024

27 Oct 2024 - 31 Oct 2024

23 Nov 2024 - 27 Nov 2024



# **Pricing**

2024

\$2,399 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

**Optional Extras** 

Single Supplement \$380

#### **Inclusions**

All transport: private coach transport to and from

- Melbourne; as well as transport to and from the walks each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 4 night's comfortable accommodation
- 4 healthy breakfasts cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 5 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 4 lunches
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 4 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

#### **Exclusions**

- Lunch on the last day
- Alcohol





### Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website 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.

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

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.





### 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

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