

Victorian High Country

Distance: 60km Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights



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 to Feathertop and The Big Walk at Mount Buffalo being more challenging in terms of length and terrain. All walks are achievable for those with a moderate level of strength and fitness.

Level: *Moderate - Challenging*

Give us a call if you have any questions! 08 8 6219 5164
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What our guests say:

"Why use Inspiration Outdoors to walk in the Victorian Alps? You might be pondering this very question. For us, the answers were simple. Firstly, the idea of staying in a delightful holiday town in the Ovens Valley during the changing colours of Autumn beat carrying a full pack, sleeping in huts/tents, eating 2 minute noodles and going without a hot shower any day. Sharing a hike with like-minded interesting people is fun and having all the catering, accommodation and travel logistics sorted is a comforting thought. These are taken care of for you by a couple of experienced and professional guides who seem more like your mates after 5 days of sharing company in amazing natural beauty."

-Trip Advisor, 2019



Itinerary

Day 1

Melbourne to Bright -
Mt Buffalo National Park
Distance: 5km

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.

Day 2

Mt Buffalo National Park
Distance: 11km

Today we're back at the magnificent granite mass of Mt Buffalo National Park to do 'The Big Walk'. It's an 11.3 km 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.

Day 3

Falls Creek and the Bogong High Plains
Distance: 14km

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.



Day 4

Razorback Ridge – Mt Feathertop
Distance: 20km

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 last (optional) part of the walk to the summit of Mt Feathertop is a fairly steep climb. Once there though, you'll enjoy outstanding 360 degree views as a reward for your effort.

We'll return back the way we came 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.

Day 5

Cherry and Canyon Walks + drive to
Melbourne
Distance: 7km

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.



VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY, VIC. NEAREST AIRPORT: MELBOURNE



The Fine Details

Cost: \$1,800 per person

(\$2,000 with a single supplement)

What's included:

- 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

Your out of pocket expenses for this trip are lunch on the last day, snacks if you need them (morning tea and fruit are provided) and alcohol.

Where do we start from?

The tour starts and finishes in the Melbourne CBD. We depart at 8.00am from Southern Cross Station on all departures.

ALL DEPARTURES: We depart at 8.00am from Southern Cross Station. There is a loading zone out front of The Age building, which is opposite the south facing side of Southern Cross Station on Collins St. As you walk along Southern Cross Station on Spencer St heading towards Collins Street, cross the road at the lights and turn right up along Collins St towards The Age building. You will see a small park on your left, at the end of this little park and at the entrance of The Age building there is a Loading Zone, this is where we can park the bus, [click here](#) for a map.

With an early departure, we recommend a night in Melbourne for those coming from interstate or overseas. We recommend to our guests the following hotels. All are within easy walking distance from the pick up location.

- Best Western Melbourne City on Spencer St
 - Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne on Spencer St
 - The Great Southern Hotel Melbourne on Spencer St
- * Please note that there may not be any shops or cafes open (especially for weekend departures) and we recommend organising breakfast the night before.

Average Temperature (degrees):

Autumn Departure:

April: 6 min - 21 max

Summer Departure:

November: 7 min - 23 max

December: 9 min - 26 max

Where do we stay?

We stay at Bright Alps Guest House in Bright. The accommodation is set up like a ski lodge so that all the bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and living area are all under one roof.

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$200. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

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).

Just in case...

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:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 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.

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