

Wangaratta & North Eastern Victoria, including Beechworth, Bright & Milawa

Six day all-inclusive Coach Holiday package departing Sunday 18th & returning Friday 23rd April 2021 including:

- ✓ Luxury return coach travel from the Sydney region with daily seat rotation required.
- ✓ 5 nights' luxurious accommodation at the award-winning Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway.
- ✓ Hearty breakfasts & delicious evening meals in the Motels Restaurant plus light lunches every day.
- ✓ Fascinating day tours and entry to all attractions as detailed in the itinerary.

A region steeped in the history of bushrangers & the times of the gold rush, North Eastern Victoria encompasses an amazing diversity of stunning scenery. From the bright promise of spring blossoms to the rich autumn leaf displays, from the mighty Murray to tumbling mountain steams mountains, from magnificent vineyards to the wild beauty of the Alpine National Parks there is something for everyone to admire & enjoy on this all-inclusive holiday to North Eastern Victoria.

Day 1: Journey to Wangaratta

Board your luxury Coach for your journey south to Wangaratta. After a mid-morning tea break a light lunch will be provided in Yass, before continuing onto Wangaratta. A warm welcome awaits you at the award-winning Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, where you will enjoy country hospitality at its best. Time to settle in for your stay, before Happy Hour & dinner in the Restaurant. Your contact number during your stay will be 03 5721 8399.

Day 2: The Milawa Gourmet Region

This morning start the day with a brief Wangaratta town tour. Wangaratta is graced with some fine buildings dating from the mid-19th century, including the impressive St Patrick's Church & the Holy Trinity Cathedral dedicated in 1909.

Nearby Milawa may only be a small village but it is very big on taste when it comes to fine wine & gourmet food. Today is a time of gourmet tastings in the Milawa region, beginning with a visit to Milawa Mustards. Anna & David Bienvenus make many different mustards, plus fruit and herbal salad vinegars, a range of jellies, fruit pastes, pickles, chutneys and salad dressings, all handmade, and stock other local products as well. Just down the street is Milawa Olives. They have a marvellous range of locally produced Olive Oils, Condiments, Tapenades & also great gift packs

Lunch will be provided in the Café at Milawa Cheese which also has a cheese shop on site.

Milawa is also home to & some of Australia's best known winemakers & this afternoon you will sample some of the best at Brown Brothers & maybe take some home with you to enjoy with the cheeses & other gourmet treats from today's visit to Milawa. This afternoon return to Wangaratta with some free time to explore Wangaratta town Centre or just relax & enjoy the impressive facilities at the Motel.

Day 3: Yarrawonga, Historic Byramine Homestead & Glenrowan

This morning from Wangaratta travel west to Yarrawonga to board the MV Paradise Queen for a morning cruise on Lake Mulwala. Lake Mulwala was created in 1939 by building a dam across the Murray River between Yarrawonga in Victoria and Mulwala in New South Wales to provide irrigation water for the surrounding district. After the cruise continue west

15ks to Historic Byramine Homestead for a tour & lunch. Byramine Homestead is an enchanting memorial to those early pioneering days of so long ago. The Homestead was built in 1842 by the famous explorer Hamilton Hume for his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hume and her nine children after her husband was murdered by Bushrangers, in Gunning NSW.

The Homestead was classified by the National Trust because of its unique design, featuring octagonal rooms. The central room, known as the fortress room allowed a clear view from all angles in case of attack from bushrangers or natives. While visiting the Homestead you are welcome to sample the boutique range of beer, wine and cider from their Brewery on site.

This afternoon travel back via Glenrowan, the famous site of the bushranger Ned Kelly's last stand & where he was eventually captured in 1880.

Day 4: Legendary Beauty – Bright

North Eastern Victoria is well known for the beauty of its countryside. As you head towards the area around Bright, you will be amazed by the beautiful bushland, gardens of radiant colours and mountain views. At any time of the year, Bright and the surrounding countryside offers some of the most spectacular scenery in Victoria. In autumn, trees ablaze with red and gold and the vibrant colours paint a picture as rich as the gold fever that inspired the early settlers. Carpets of leaves pave

the way for winter & in spring as the snowmelts in the high country, the rivers and streams flow with new vigour, blossoms fill the air and the countryside abounds with new growth. Morning tea upon arrival, with some free time in the centre of town followed by a guided tour of Bright. On departure as you return from Bright lunch will be provided at Snowline Red Deer

Farm. It is a stunning location, See the Deer & learn something of the operation of this unique property. Its only a 15 minute journey onto Pepo Farm, the only producer of edible pumpkin seeds in Australia. All other pepitas are imported from China.

Gain an insight into this unique family farming operation & taste the healthy, nutritious range of seeds & oils.

Day 5: Times Past – Beechworth

At the heart of one of Victoria's biggest goldfields, is the historic township of Beechworth. It stands today much as it did over a century ago, when it was home to thousands of hopeful prospectors. Upon arrival in Beechworth our local town guide will enlighten you with tall tales of the Gold Rush days and Ned Kelly when he frequented these parts. Lunch will be provided before some free time to explore the historic precinct & the impressive range of speciality stores & coffee shops, including the famous Beechworth Bakery with its outstanding, mouth-watering range of pastries.

You do have the opportunity to call into the Creswick Natural Fibres Store to see their great range of Australian garments & Bridge Road Brewers is located 1 minute away with their range of boutique beers & tasting platters

Day 6: Journey Home

Today it's time to farewell that unique part of Victoria fondly characterised as a region of "Legends, Wine & High Country" Heading north with a morning tea break followed by lunch provided at a convenient location in the Yass region. As you travel home we hope you are taking with you many happy new memories of your time in the Wangaratta region & that the warmth & friendship shared on this holiday will always be remembered. Thank you for choosing this tour. We look forward to you joining our other coach tours in the future.

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