

## Wangaratta Road Trip

Six day all inclusive tour, departing **Sunday 1 May to Friday 6 May** includes:

Luxury return coach travel from Sydney with daily seat rotation  
5 nights luxurious accommodation at **Hotel Wangaratta Gateway**  
Hearty breakfasts/delicious evening meals in the hotel's restaurant plus light lunches each day.  
Fascinating day tours and entry to all attractions.

A region steeped in the history of bushrangers and 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 streams, from magnificent vineyards to the beauty of the Alpine National Parks - there is something for everyone to enjoy in North Eastern Victoria.

**DAY 1** Journey to Wangaratta Board your luxury coach for your journey south to Wangaratta. We will enjoy a midmorning tea break, and, as we head along the highway, a light lunch in Yass before continuing onto Wangaratta. A warm welcome awaits you at the Wangaratta Gateway Hotel where you will enjoy country hospitality at its best. Time to settle into Happy Hour and Dinner in our restaurant. Contact during your stay is 03 5721 8399.

**DAY 2** Milawa Gourmet Region We tour the town of Wangaratta, graced with fine buildings dating back to mid-19th century, including the impressive St Patrick's Church and the Holy Trinity Cathedral dedicated in 1909. Nearby Milawa, a small village, is big on taste when it comes to fine wine and gourmet food. We start with a visit to Milawa Mustards. Anna and David Bienvenus make a variety of mustards plus fruit and herbal salad vinegar, a range of jellies, fruit pastes, pickles, chutneys and dressings - all handmade. Just down the street is Milawa Olives - a marvellous range of locally produced olive oils, condiments, tapenades - great gift packs. Lunch at cafe Milawa Cheese, before some wine sampling at Australia's best known winemakers, Brown Brothers. Take some wine home along with cheese and other gourmet treats. Return to Wangaratta for some free time-wander around the town or just relax at the hotel.

**DAY 3** Yarrawonga, Historic Byramine Homestead, and Glenrowan Travel to Yarrawonga to board the MV Paradise Queen for a morning cruise on Lake Murwala, created in 1939. A dam was built across the Murray River between Yarrawonga and Murwala, providing much needed irrigation water. After the cruise, continue west to Byramine Homestead for tour and lunch. Byramine Homestead is an enchanting memorial to those early pioneering days. Homestead was built in 1842 by the explorer Hamilton Hume for his sister-in-law Elizabeth Hume and her nine children after her husband was murdered by bushrangers in Gunning, NSW. Homestead classified by National Trust because of its unique design featuring octagonal rooms. The central room, the

'Fortress', allows clear views from all angles in case of attack. While visiting the Homestead, you are invited to sample a range of beer, wine and cider from their Brewery. Thursday afternoon, we travel back via Glenrowan, the famous site where bushranger Ned Kelly was captured in 1880.

**DAY 4** Legendary Beauty - Bright. Eastern Victoria is well known for its beautiful countryside. As we head toward Bright, you will enjoy fantastic scenery, gardens of radiant colours, and exquisite mountain views. In Autumn, trees are ablaze with red and gold - vibrant colours paint a picture as rich as the gold fever that inspired settlers. Carpets of leaves pave the way for winter, and in Spring, as the snow melts in the high country, the rivers and streams flow with new vigour, blossoms fill the air and the country abounds with new growth. Morning tea upon arrival, and then a guided tour of the town. As we return from Bright, we lunch at Snowline Red Deer Farm. Wander around the deer farm, and learn about the operation of this unique property before our 15 minute journey onto Pepo Farm, the only producer of pumpkin seeds in Australia. All other pumpkins seeds and pepitas are imported from China. Gain an insight into this unique family farming operation and taste the healthy nutritious range of seeds and oils.

**DAY 5** Times past - Beechworth One of Victoria's biggest goldfields is the historic town of Beechworth. It stands today much as it did over a century ago when it was home to thousands of prospectors. Upon arrival in Beechworth, our local town guide will enlighten you with tales of the Gold Rush days and Ned Kelly when he frequented these parts. Lunch first before we have some free time to explore the historic precinct and the impressive speciality stores, including the famous Beechworth Bakery with its mouth-watering range of pastries. You have the opportunity to call into the Creswick Natural Fibres Store - see their great range of Australian garments. Bridge Road Brewers are one minute way - check their range of boutique beers and tasting platters.

**DAY 6** Journey home. We farewell this unique part of Victoria, fondly characterised as a region of 'Legends Wine and High Country'. Heading north, morning tea break is followed a little later with lunch in Yass. As you travel home, we hope you are taking with you happy memories of your time in the Wangaratta Region and that the friendship shared on this journey will be remembered.

Thank you for choosing this tour. We look forward to you joining our other coach tours in the future. For all tour questions, phone **Rod or Colleen on 02 4862213** or email [coachholidays@yahoo.com.au](mailto:coachholidays@yahoo.com.au)

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