

## Alpine Hiking Weekend



Join us in the High Country for a fantastic weekend of alpine walking with fabulous food and wine. Mount Hotham is well-known as a snow village but it is equally stunning in the summer months with spectacular unbroken views across the surrounding landscape and beautiful wildflowers. Make your way to Mount Hotham on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to join us for dinner and on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> there will be fully-guided hikes with our famous Hedonistic Hiking picnics en route. Evenings will be a combination of dinners prepared by Mick, who will act as your private chef, and one of the region's best-loved restaurants.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Make your own way to Mount Hotham on Friday in time for drinks in the lodge at 6.30 pm, followed by dinner prepared by Mick matched with fabulous local wines.

#### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Our hike on Saturday takes us to a couple of Mount Hotham's historic cattlemens' huts. Enjoy stunning views to Mount Feathertop, Mount Buffalo and beyond with one of our signature picnics en route. After the hike there is time to relax before dinner at a lovely local restaurant. **(12km)**

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

On Sunday we will complete the impressive Cobungra Ditch walk which traces the fascinating early mining history of the mountain and carves its way through Hotham's lower ranges. Tasty picnic en route. **(12 km + 6 km)** Enjoy another delicious dinner prepared for you by your hosts.

## **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

The weekend ends after breakfast in the lodge on Monday.

### **Hiking information:**

The hikes are on generally well-graded tracks on hilly terrain, rocky in places. The walking is fairly rugged in sections so sturdy walking boots, with good ankle support, are recommended. There are some steep ascents/descents. Walking poles are very useful. There is no van access on Saturday so we hike the picnic in for you.

Average temperatures in March: Mount Hotham: Max 16° - Min 4° Average monthly rainfall: 88mm

These are averages so please be prepared for both warmer (up to 22°) and cooler (down to 0°) weather. The weather in the mountains is prone to sudden changes so you need to have suitable warm/waterproof clothing.

### **Accommodation:**

Accommodation will be in the spacious Pegasus Lodge in Mount Hotham. The lodge has stunning views over the Dargo High Plains and there is plenty of room to relax. There is an open fire and a pool table. Full breakfast provided each day. All rooms have en-suite or private bathroom facilities.

*NB. If there is a large proportion of single travellers in the group you may be required to share a bathroom, but not a bedroom, with another single traveller of the same sex.*

Why not take a full week and explore our beautiful corner of north east Victoria?

### **Dates:**

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Cost: \$1125** per person inclusive of GST

**Single Supplement: \$150**

**Price includes the following:**

- Two professional guides to look after your every need
- 3 night's B&B accommodation in Pegasus Lodge
- Two fully-guided full day hikes
- Free transfers to and from the start of the walks
- Fabulous dinners on all three evenings with excellent local and award-winning wines
- Exceptional picnic lunches on Saturday and Sunday
- Comprehensive pre-trip information

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