

Escape to Bright

Head to the High Country for Walking and Wellness

Feel like a break from everyday life? Are you craving the clean, fresh air of the mountains? Do your taste buds hunger for the flavours of the High Country? Then walk this way! We have put together this **Escape to Bright** package, for a minimum of two people, to include 3 nights in self-catering accommodation, two fabulous guided Hedonistic Hiking walks with award-winning local wines and a voucher towards a treatment or organic beauty products at <u>Botanic Alps</u> or <u>Revive Bright</u>.

Bright is one of the most charming country towns in Victoria's High Country and is the gateway to the snow villages up at Falls Creek, Hotham and Dinner Plain. It sits on the banks of the beautiful Ovens River and the area is rich in gold-rush history. It is also home to some fabulous restaurants and cafés, a host of wellness and outdoor activities, enticing local produce markets and some truly wonderful winemakers. Just to the west of Bright lies magnificent Mount Buffalo National Park, with its distinctive granite formations and unique flora and fauna.





As part of the package we are offing two fully-guided hikes. The first walk is an afternoon hike on Mount Buffalo with the chance to see the historic Mount Buffalo Chalet, built in 1910, which affords unbroken views across the Ovens and Buckland valleys and beyond to the snow-capped peaks of the High Country. The gentle trails on the plateau lead you through a world of serenity and natural beauty. At the end of the hike we will enjoy chilled Prosecco and Canapés on the mountain before returning to Bright as the sun is setting.

The second walk traces the fascinating history of gold mining in Bright and the villages close by. We follow the course of the Ovens River and explore the valleys which are fed by its waters. The area is well- known for its fabulous fresh produce, as well as its boutique wineries, and over a signature Hedonistic Hiking picnic lunch we get to taste the very best the region has to offer. We return to Bright at the end of the hike.

If you would like to **Escape to Bright** for a few days then please contact us to make your booking. Prices start from \$1,850 based on two people for 3 nights. We know a number of stunning apartments and houses in Bright and Porepunkah which would be the perfect setting for your escape to the country.

Northbank House



This lovely recently-renovated family home is appointed with high quality furnishings, open plan living, an expansive garden and direct access to the Ovens River and Canyon Walk. The property is only footsteps from the centre of Bright. (Package from \$1,850 based on 2 people for 3 nights)



Riverstone

Situated on the banks of the Oven's River in the pretty village of Porepunkah, close to Bright, this state-of-the-art property has two living areas as well as a north facing covered deck. The beautifully landscaped garden leads directly to the river and the property is located alongside the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. (Package from \$1,850 based on 2 people for 3 nights)



The Buckland

The Buckland Studios were designed specifically for couples in a tranquil setting which offers unparalleled views of the Buckland valley and Mount Buffalo beyond. A few kms from the centre of Bright these studios are superbly appointed and also offer fully cooked breakfasts. Guests can book relaxation or remedial massages with Melany from Revive Bright in the property's own Therapy Room. (Package from \$1,995 based on 2 people for 3 nights, with breakfast included)



Art House Townhouse

A selection of contemporary, architect-designed town houses in the very centre of Bright's food, wine and distillery district. The properties offer the highest standards in modern luxury accommodation and house individual collections of fine Australian art prints. (Package from \$2,450 based on 2 people for 3 nights)

We are more than happy to offer any advice you might need on arriving in Bright, and how to make the most of your time here. You could of course choose to stay longer as there is so much to see and do in the area – have a look at the <u>Visit Bright</u> website for all the information you might need for a stay here.

As regards food and wine, here are some of our favourites:

Restaurants and Cafés

Tomahawks Dr Mauve Bar and Lounge Sixpence Coffee for coffee, pastries, egg and bacon rolls and freshly baked bread Ginger Baker for breakfast/lunch or dinner – a lovely location by the river Food, Wine, Friends – café for breakfast and lunch Morses Creek bakery – delicious sourdough bread and fresh cakes and sandwiches. Coffee too! Reed and Co – see below Gumtree Pies – Mick's favourite pie shop! Catered meals direct to your accommodation from Straight from the Ovens Catering

In the aftermath of Covid-19 some restaurants are offering takeaway only or in addition to their limited seating restaurants. Check individual websites for details and booking.

Breweries/Cellar Doors

Billy Button Cellar Door– enjoy a glass of wine and a platter of delicious cheesesRinger Reef Winery– sip on a glass of wine and feast on a platter of local produce whilst enjoying thebest view of Mount BuffaloReed & Co DistilleryReed & Co Distillery– for cocktails, gin and relaxed dining with local food and wineBright Brewery– award winning beers on tap, casual dining including burgers and pizzaAlpine Cellars– a one stop shop to taste a variety of wines, beers and ciders from a range of smalllocal producers. They also organise self-guided E-bike tours.

We are lucky to have a wonderful selection of places on our doorstep. In many locations the producers themselves will be there to greet you. Each offers something a little different and most are in the centre of Bright.

Local Markets

Bright: Make It, Bake It, Grow It - 3rd Saturday in month Myrtleford Farmers' Market - 4th Saturday in month

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