



Hiking around Beechworth

On the trail of Ned Kelly and Nebbiolo wine

This is a great weekend of hiking exploring one of the most historic towns in our area. Beechworth is North East Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town and is famous for its fine selection of cafes and restaurants, shops and galleries. This itinerary has two hikes which take us off the beaten track to the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park and through the area's prestigious Nebbiolo vineyards. We dine in two of the town's most popular restaurants, including the multi award-winning "Provenance", regarded as one of the best regional restaurants in Victoria, and have the opportunity to taste some of the area's finest wines. Beechworth is an easy drive from Albury airport and around three and a half hours from Melbourne. Choose where to stay from an amazing selection of local accommodation and why not extend your stay to visit other highlights of this beautiful part of Victoria.

Day 1 Friday:



Make your way to Beechworth on Friday and be ready to join us for drinks and dinner at 6.00 pm. This evening is a degustation menu at the award-winning Provenance restaurant, situated in an historic former bank building, and which has been an Age Good Food Guide two chef's hat restaurant for the last 5 years running.

Day 2 Saturday:



We meet at 9 am in front of the Visitor Information Centre at 103 Ford Street. A short drive takes us to the Mount Pilot National Park. Today's hike starts with a visit to the Yeddonba aboriginal heritage site before following wide tracks through ironbark forest to the summit of Mount Pilot. Take in the magnificent views from the top before our picnic lunch. In the afternoon

we continue our hike through the National Park and return to Beechworth by minibus (16km). Dinner tonight is at the "New" Empire Hotel on the corner of Camp and High Streets.

Day 3 Sunday:

We meet at 8.30am and drive to the start of our hike near Woolshed Falls. The hike starts with a short steep climb through the forest to emerge from the trees with spectacular views towards Beechworth and beyond to Mount Buffalo. We follow a wide trail alongside a paddock with open views of the countryside. Alfresco lunch amongst the trees, with a tasting of some renowned Beechworth wines – namely Chardonnay and Nebbiolo. After lunch we drive to Traviarti winery to meet the winemaker and visit the cellars for a private tasting. (11 km)



We return to Beechworth at 4pm

Hiking information:

The hike in the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park follows the footsteps of Ned Kelly and his famous band of outlaws. It is on generally well-graded tracks, although rocky and rugged in places, so sturdy walking boots, with good ankle support, are recommended. Walking poles are useful.

Accommodation:

Unlike the European Hedonistic Hiking tours this weekend you have the choice of where to stay and you can book and pay for rooms directly with the accommodation. We are recommending some delightful options in the centre of Beechworth which you can [find on our website](#). You could of course book other hotels further afield but we would not be able to offer free transfers and you would need your own transport to get to and from.

Why not take a full week and spend some time exploring our beautiful corner of north east Victoria? See [more ideas](#) on what to see and do in our historic part of Australia, and its capital city [Melbourne](#).

Wine Tasting:

Beechworth is a relatively small wine producing region but the quality of wine is very high and up there with the best wines produced from Australia's other great cool climate wine regions. Beechworth can claim to be producing some of Australia's finest examples of Chardonnay, Shiraz and, more recently, excellent Italian varietals such as Sangiovese and Nebbiolo.

Dates:

5th – 7th April 2019

Cost: \$895 per person inclusive of GST

Price includes the following:

- Two professional guides to look after your every need
- Two fully-guided day hikes
- Free transfers to and from the start of the walks
- Dinner on both evenings matched with excellent local and Italian varietal wines
- Exceptional picnic lunches on Saturday and Sunday
- Wine tasting at Traviati winery
- Comprehensive pre-trip information

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