

Hiking in the King Valley

Italians, Outlaws, Pasta and Prosecco

A fantastic weekend of hiking in the renowned King Valley wine-growing area - an easy reach from Albury or Melbourne airports and close to the Hume Highway. This two-day gourmet hike could form part of a longer stay exploring North East Victoria. Choose where to stay from our charming selection of accommodation and enjoy great walks and fabulous lunches and dinners. Get to know the delightful Dal Zottos, one of many Italian families in the area producing exquisite Italian varietal wines, and the very first to plant Prosecco grapes in Australia.

Day 1 - Friday



Make your own way to the King Valley and check into your chosen accommodation. We will collect you from where you are staying at 6.30pm. Enjoy a glass of Prosecco with the delightful Dal Zotto family, one of the most famous wine-growing families in the valley, before a pizza and pasta evening in their trattoria accompanied by a selection of their Italian-varietal wines. The family is something of an institution in the King Valley and Otto Dal Zotto was the first wine-maker in Australia to plant the Italian Prosecco grape.

Day 2 – Saturday

We collect you from your accommodation between 9 and 9.30am and drive to Paradise Falls. The walk starts with a visit to the Falls before following a quiet trail through the remote bush land of the Upper King Valley, an area which once provided protection for the notorious bushrangers of the Ned Kelly era in the 19th





century. From a ridge we can see open views across the King Valley to Power's Lookout, the former hideout of Harry Power who famously mentored Ned Kelly in his early years. Enjoy a picnic overlooking the valley before descending to the Dal Zotto vineyards. (16km/10miles). Return to your accommodation where you will have time to rest and freshen up. On Saturday night we have an Italian-style degustation dinner at Casa Luna in the charming village of Myrree with the menu carefully matched to King Valley and Italian wines.

Day 3 – Sunday

There is a short transfer to the beginning of walk (15 mins) and then we follow a gravel road through native forest. Moving onto smaller tracks we pass evidence of former mining activity before coming out to open countryside. After a short climb we descend into the vineyards of the Dal Zotto estate where we meet a member of the family to talk about the Italian origins of Prosecco and explain how they grow it today in the King Valley. The full walk is 6.8 km.



Today we have long lazy Italian-style lunch in the winery which visitors to the estate do not usually have the chance to see. With lunch we taste more Prosecco and other wines from the Dal Zotto vineyards. The day will finish at approximately 4.30pm.

Extra Information

Unlike most 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 Whitfield centre 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](#).

Dates:

29 – 31 March 2019

Cost: \$875 per person inclusive of GST

Price includes the following:

- Two professional guides to look after your every need
- Two fully-guided hikes
- Free transfers to and from your accommodation in Whitfield
- Dinner on both evenings with excellent local and Italian wines
- Exceptional picnic lunches on Saturday and Sunday
- Comprehensive pre-trip information



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