



Victorian Alps & Vineyards

Hike through Outlaw country and enjoy Italian hospitality

A fantastic weekend of hiking in Victoria's Alpine National Park and its 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.

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 7.30pm. 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 Whitfield at 9 am. A scenic drive takes us past the unique outcrop of Mount Typo and through the Alpine National park to Lake Cobbler. See Dandongadale Falls, the tallest in Victoria. From Lake Cobbler we hike through the bush to the top of Mount Cobbler, covering approx 500m of ascent/descent, from where we enjoy uninterrupted views across the High Country taking in Mount Buller, Mount Buffalo



and the King Valley below. Enjoy a delicious picnic of local produce which we hike in for you before we descend via an alternative route back to the lake. Return to your accommodation where you will have time to rest and freshen up. On Saturday night we have another Italian-style feast with the menu carefully matched to local and Italian wines. (13.5km/8.5 miles)

Day 3 - Sunday

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 a vineyard of Prosecco grapes where we meet winemaker Michael Dal Zotto and drink a final glass or two of his renowned Prosecco. (16km/10miles)

We will return to Whitfield 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

24th - 26th March 2017

Cost: \$725 per person inclusive of GST

Price includes the following:

- Two professional guides to look after your every need
- Two fully-guided full day 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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