

Victoria's High Country



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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bound by the Victorian Alps and the Murray River, Victoria's High Country is a region of spectacular landscapes, with views to and from the mountains changing with each season. Located in North East Victoria, three hours' drive from Melbourne, the High Country offers a rich combination of food and wine, cycling, nature-based, snow, and arts and culture experiences. Whether cycling the region's extensive rail trail network, learning to make pasta with an Italian winemaking family or exploring the high plains on horseback, a short break to North East Victoria is filled with opportunities to interact with passionate locals and reconnect with nature, and one another.

TOP ATTRACTIONS

Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

Australia's premier rail trail, the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail is a scenic, sealed, off-road bike trail that spans more than 100 kilometres. Starting in Wangaratta, it connects culinary villages including Milawa, Beechworth, Rutherglen, Bright and Myrtleford. Cyclists can enjoy spectacular scenery and stop off at winery restaurants, farm gates and cellar doors along the way.

Rutherglen Muscat Trail

Touring the cellar doors on Rutherglen's Muscat Trail, wine lovers can meet some of Australia's most distinguished winemaking families, known for crafting probably the greatest dessert wine style in the world. Must-visit stops include All Saints Estate, Campbells, Morris Wines, Pfeiffer Wines and Stanton & Killeen.

Mount Buffalo National Park

An easy 35 kilometres from the culinary village of Bright lies Mount Buffalo National Park and its great granite plateau. This 31,000 hectare National Park is a nature lover's paradise with more than 90 kilometres of walking tracks, waterfalls and Australian wildflowers, snow gums and wildlife. Visitors can enjoy a guided adventure in abseiling, rock climbing, caving and paragliding or simply relax with a picnic or book.

Mt Buller Alpine Resort

One of three major alpine resorts in Victoria's High Country, Mt Buller is a three-hour drive from Melbourne. Mt Buller has the largest lift network in Victoria, three terrain parks, two toboggan parks and other alpine activities including dog sledding and snowshoeing. The village has more than 30 on-mountain bars and restaurants, including a new Asian food court at the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel.

maui Winery Havens

maui's Winery Havens is an exclusive overnight experience available at five of North East Victoria's top wineries, across the Alpine Valleys, King Valley and Rutherglen wine region. maui travellers are treated to a night among the vines with a gourmet hamper and bottle of wine, choosing from Feathertop Wines, Dal Zotto Wines, Brown Brothers, St Leonards Vineyard and Cofield Wines.

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KEY EVENTS

La Dolce Vita

November

The winemaking families of the King Valley celebrate the valley's rich Italian heritage at the annual spring festival, La Dolce Vita. Visitors can taste innovative wine styles from Prosecco to Barbera and indulge in authentic Italian dishes from handmade pasta to Italian desserts, while enjoying live music, roving entertainers and even gnocchi rolling competitions.

Bike Buller MTB Festival

March

The Bike Buller MTB Festival is a three-day mountain bike festival at Mt Buller, Australia's first International Mountain Bicycling Association Ride Center. Visitors can experience the exhilaration of biking in the Victorian Alps with more than a dozen dynamic mountain races, spectator events, mountain biking movies, a bike expo, kids' rides and a food, wine and music festival.

High Country Harvest

May

The High Country Harvest is a 10 day celebration of food, wine and craft beer, hosted in North East Victoria's autumnal valleys and mountains. The program consists of 40 hands-on, behind-the-scenes and meet-the-maker events designed to celebrate harvest with the High Country's passionate producers, chefs, winemakers and brewers.



PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Australian Alpine Epic Trail

Mt Buller is home to the Southern Hemisphere's first and only International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Epic trail, the jewel in Mt Buller's extensive network of mountain bike trails. The Australian Alpine Epic is a 40 kilometre, long-distance, cross-country descending trail that winds through some of the most spectacular terrain and scenery in the Australian Alps.

Pizzini Wines

This King Valley wineries has operated for generations in Victoria's High Country prosecco region. Pizzini has now become a member of the Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia, offering three immersive winery experiences.

Tour de Vines

Tour de Vines gourmet cycling tours combine food, wine and fun in Australia's premier cycling destination. The signature Murray to Mountains Rail Trail tour is an all-inclusive small group guided weekend tour, taking cyclists along the rail trail from Beechworth to Bright. Group tours include a local guide, special wine tastings, gourmet food, transfers and accommodation.

Brown Brothers

This world famous winery is now also offering several new packages, partnered with local attractions.

For more information on the High Country, visit www.victoriashighcountry.com.au