

4 DAY GUIDED TREK

VICTORIAN ALPS WALKING TOUR

\$1399

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

TYPICALLY \$1899

FALLS CREEK • VICTORIA

THE OFFER

The Victorian Alps is one of Australia's most underrated landscapes; a vast, undulating expanse of mountain peaks and scenic lookouts, of open grasslands and winding forest trails. Experience this rugged natural landscape for yourself on this four-day / three-night walking tour ex Melbourne.

Get amongst Victoria's highest peaks as you trek to old cattlemen's huts, stroll through beautiful gum forest, and experience breathtaking views across the High Plains. Small streams trickle in the gullies, brumbies roam the hills, and you may even be lucky enough spot a bird of prey soaring silently above. Highlights of the trek include a climb to the summit of Mt Jaitmathang, where you'll be rewarded with stunning views across Kiewa Valley to Mt Feathertop, and a visit to Wallace's Hut - the oldest surviving hut in the High Country. This bucket list experience includes three nights accommodation in Falls Creek, nine meals including chef-prepared two-course dinners, national park fees and more!

Please note: A moderate level of fitness is required.

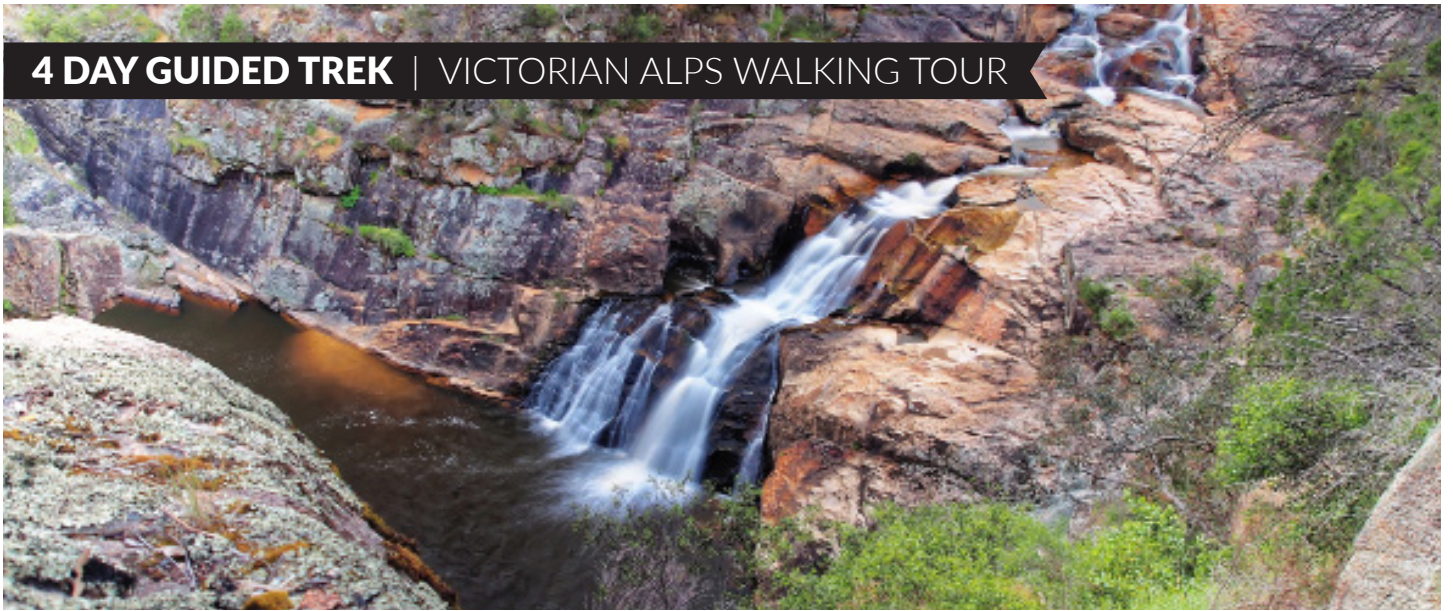
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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Melbourne - Woolshed Falls - Falls Creek (approx. 2 hours walking)

This morning, be collected from the central pick up location outside the entrance of the National Gallery and Pools of Victoria, at 7.45am for a sharp 8:00am departure.

It is a five-hour drive to Falls Creek, so, to break up the journey, there will be a couple of stops along the way. The first stop will be at Euroa, where you have morning tea and will make your lunch for later in the day. Near Beechworth, stop for a 30-minute walk to Woolshed Falls to see the pretty cascading falls and discover the history of alluvial gold working in the area.

After you have arrived at Falls Creek, head out for the short uphill hike to Ropers Lookout (5km return) for a first look at the high country. Be greeted by superb views down the Kiewa Valley and across Rocky Valley Lake at sunset. Then it's time to settle into Lodge accommodation for pre-dinner nibbles before a delicious two-course meal prepared by your guides.

Overnight: Viking Lodge

Meals included: Lunch;Dinner

Day 2 Mount Cope - Holland's Knob - Kelly & Fitzgerald Huts (approx. 7 hours walking)

If the weather is fine this morning, start with an ascent of Mount Cope (1837m). Then, head out across the plains, walking between scattered snow gums and tiny wildflowers to the rocky summit of this peak where you will hopefully have great views right across the Bogong High Plains.

Next up, drive across to the start of the longer walk for today, a visit to two high country huts. The walk heads up past

Holland's Knob and follows snow poles to visit Kelly Hut and Fitzgerald Hut, where you'll stop for some lunch.

Follow the snow poles back, then descend through pretty forest on the Australian Alps Walking Trail to join the Langford Aqueduct track. It's a peaceful walk traversing the curves of the mountain to meet the waiting vehicle.

Overnight: Viking Lodge

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Mount Jaitmathang - Pretty Valley - Tawonga Huts (approx. 6 hours walking)

Today, climb to the summit of Mt Jaitmathang (1852m), one of the highest peaks in the Victorian Alps. For many it is the trip highlight as the views are superb, looking towards Mount Feathertop, Mount Hotham and into the Kiewa Valley. Start with a walk past Pretty Valley up the Fainter West fire track to Tawonga Huts – a group of cattlemen's huts nestled in a snow plain – before heading on to the foot track that takes us to the summit.

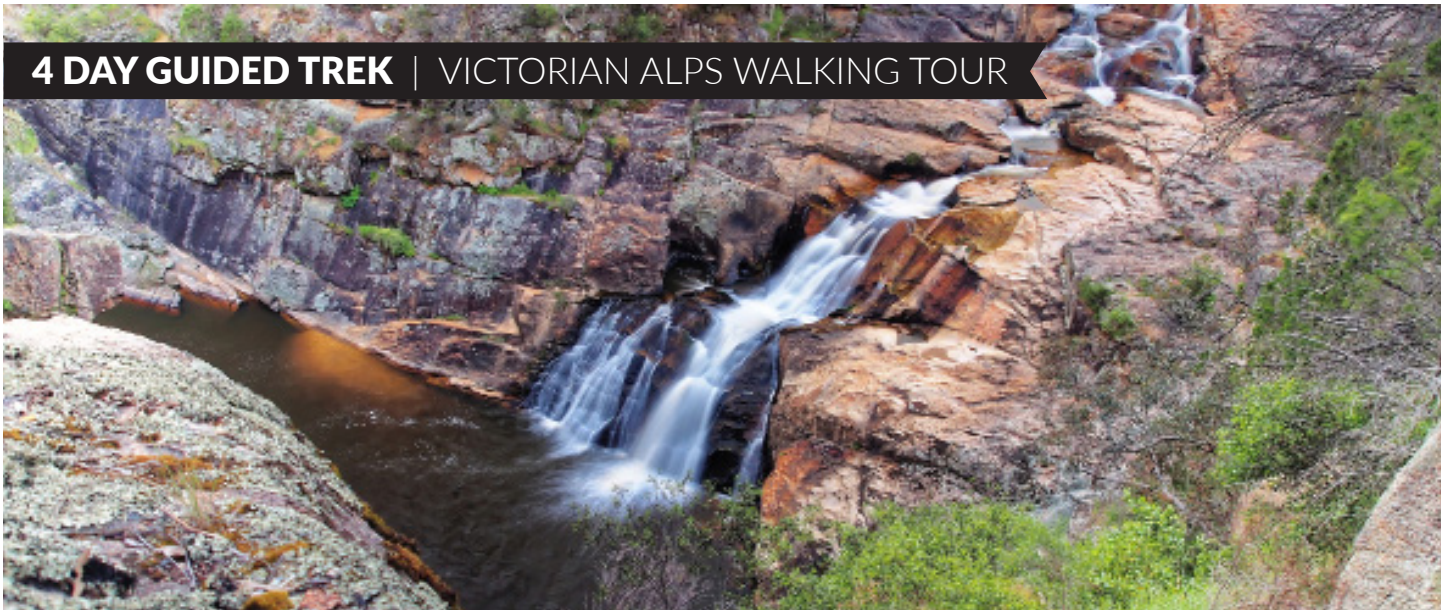
From here the group can choose to split in two, with one guide walking with each group. Walk back the way you came, via the pretty Tawonga Huts OR for a more challenging route, choose to head off-track along the ridge to a small summit before looping back towards the fire trail and Pretty Valley.

It's then back to the lodge for a hearty and delicious two-course meal prepared by the guides.

Overnight: Viking Lodge

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

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Day 4 Cope Hut - Wallaces Hut - Melbourne (approx. 2 hours walking)

Leave the lodge this morning and take a short drive towards Cope Hut. This morning's walk is beautiful, with pretty trails leading up to the iconic high country huts. After exploring Cope Hut, built by the Ski Club of Victoria in 1929, follow onto Wallace's Heritage Trail past the Rover Chalet and on to Wallace's Hut. Built in 1889 by the three Wallace brothers, this is the oldest hut still standing in the high country – and one of the most picturesque. From here, walk on to meet with the transfer vehicle for the drive back to Melbourne.

There will be stops en route for a lunch break and an afternoon tea break (lunch and afternoon tea at own expense). The team will aim to have you back in Melbourne around 5.30pm. If you are travelling from interstate for this tour, please do not book a return flight back home before 8pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Journey into the Victorian Alps ex Melbourne

Trek through rolling grasslands and scenic gum forest

Walk to the lofty summit of Mount Jaitmathang

Gaze across the Kiewa Valley to Mount Feathertop

Marvel at the cascades of beautiful Woolshed Falls

Delve into the history of alluvial gold working

Enjoy a short hike to Ropers Lookout

Witness a gorgeous sunset at Rocky Valley Lake

Explore Mount Cope and Rocky Summit

Stroll among fields of scattered snow gums and tiny wildflowers

Trek past Holland's Knob to visit Kelly Hut and Fitzgerald Hut

Pass through pretty forests plotted along the Australian Alps

Climb to the Summit of Mt Jaitmathang, one of the highest peaks

Witness divine views of Mount Feathertop, Mount Hotham and the Kiewa Valley

Walk the Fainter West Fire Track past Pretty Valley to Tawonga Huts

Witness Cope Hut, built by the Ski Club of Victoria in 1929

Explore the Wallace's Heritage Trail in Falls Creek

See Rover Chalet and Wallace's Hut

ACCOMMODATION

3 nights lodge-style accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 9 meals including chef-prepared 2-course dinners

TOUR ESSENTIALS

National Park fees included

Experienced Tour Guides

TRANSPORT

Air conditioned vehicle

TRANSFERS

Return group transfer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Booking Guarantee:

Booking is subject to final confirmation from the tour operator. If you do not receive an email from the tour operator within 7 Business Days please contact TripADeal. If the selected dates cannot be secured an alternative date can be selected. In the event no available dates are suitable, a full refund will be provided.

Please refrain from booking travel arrangements prior to final email confirmation from the accommodation provider.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 17th December 2019.

This travel offer is priced per person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$330 AUD applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Melbourne

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3.5 Star (self-rated)

Viking Lodge

The accommodation for the trip is at the Viking Lodge in beautiful Falls Creek. There are no daily housekeeping services during the stay. The Lodge has an excellent upstairs lounge area where you'll enjoy breakfast and dinner. You'll make your lunches here as well. The evening views as the sun sets on Mount Bogong and Spion Kopje can be stunning. All rooms have ensuites and there is a separate TV room if you want to sneak off and catch up with what is happening elsewhere.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 16 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

1 x Double Bed (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Not available.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 10 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Park Trek guides will collect you from our central pick up location outside the National Gallery of Victoria, 180 St Kilda Road (outside the entrance to the gallery and the large pools) at 7.45am for a 8am departure. Your Park Trek guides will drop you back at the same location upon completion of the tour at approximately 5.30pm.

**Please Note: For those flying out of Melbourne please book flights from 7pm. Unfortunately Park Trek do not offer drop off to Melbourne airport on your return. Park Trek offer a complimentary drop off service to the exact pick up location outside the National Gallery of Victoria on St Kilda Road (180 St Kilda Road). You can then either catch a cab or sky bus to the airport from Southern Cross Station.*

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture



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of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Victoria

The Great Dividing Range extends through the centre of Victoria and has a cooler mountain climate. The Victorian Alps are part of the Great Dividing Range and are the coldest part of the Victorian climate. In winter, the temperature can get below 0 degrees Celsius in the highest parts of the ranges.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

9 included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and

directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a moderate level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tips are at the customers discretion.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.