



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.

Programme:



Make your way to Beechworth on Friday and be ready to join us for drinks and dinner at 6.30 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. We hike on Saturday in the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park with an al fresco picnic and we dine on Saturday evening at The Press Room Wine Bar on Camp Street. On Sunday our walk will take us through the vineyards of the area

followed by a gourmet Hedonistic Hiking lunch, showcasing the very best of fresh local ingredients, matched with top whites and reds from the Beechworth area. We expect to have finished the hike and lunch to be back in Beechworth by 4 pm on Sunday.

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 examples of Italian varietals such as Sangiovese and Nebbiolo. Our hike and gourmet lunch on Sunday will enable us to taste some of these

celebrated wines and meet the winemakers who have made the names of Giaconda and Virago legendary.

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. The hike on Sunday will be on more gentle terrain, exploring the vineyards of the area. The hikes range from 6km-15km.



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](#).

Dates:

23rd - 25th March 2018

Cost: \$875 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
- Comprehensive pre-trip information



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