

Alpine Lakes Adventure



MARCH 2024
7 DAY PACKAGE
\$3,825
PP TWIN SHARE*

FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

Great Alpine Road, Opera on the Lakes, Alpine Views

Highlights include: Nyerimilang Heritage Park, Opera on the Lakes, Peel Cruises lunch at Metung Pub, Buchan, Cape Conran, Bright, Mt Beauty, Court House Kelly In Beechworth, Private Tour Myrtleford, Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm, Milawa Cheese.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo and Melbourne Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$550 PP

 **DEPARTING:**
FRIDAY 15
MARCH 2024



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DAY ONE FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024



Geelong / Coal Creek / Bairnsdale / Lakes Entrance

We depart your hometown on board your luxury Christian's Bus Company Coach. Our journey takes us via Melbourne and the Burnley Tunnel as we travel towards Gippsland. We will stop for morning tea along the way before continuing to Korumburra.

At Coal Creek Heritage Village we enjoy a catered picnic lunch followed by an introductory self-guided tour of the village, giving us an insight into the struggles and achievements of early pioneers in this region.

This afternoon we continue our way with a stop at visit the magnificent St Marys Church, Bairnsdale, for a fascinating Talk and Tour listening to History and testimony to fine art: the ceilings are a beautiful display, of art in the tradition of Leonardo Da Vinci. Taking the time to wander around the pretty township and look at the many Wall Murals (paintings) on the main street buildings.

Late afternoon we arrive at our motel where will be greeted by hosts, settle in, and relax before dinner in the restaurant. Our home away from home on the majestic Lakes of Lakes Entrance. Perfectly located between stretches of water.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER The Esplande Resort and Spa
1 Esplande, Lakes Entrance, T (03) 5150 9688



DAY TWO SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024



Lakes Entrance Tour / Lake Tyers / River Cruise / Metung Hotel

After breakfast we get going early to explore the town of Lakes Entrance with our Specialist Guide 'Skipper Pete' for a Town Tour and some 'one off' locations only locals know about. We venture out to some really engaging vantage points, and introductions to the history with our tour and visit to Lake Tyers. Today will be a day for Photographers!

Our tour is followed by a highlight cruise along Australia's great inland waterways. A 30km scenic Cruise through Reeves Channel, Bancroft Bay and a short Run into Lake King then around the shores of Metung to the hotel Jetty, enabling you to choose a delicious two course Luncheon.

Afterwards we enjoy a relaxing picturesque cruise back to Lakes Entrance. We make our way to our motel for some free time before joining our group for dinner in the Resorts Dining Room.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Esplande Resort and Spa, Lakes Entrance

DAY THREE SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024



Lakes Entrance / Buchan / Opera by the Lakes Nyerimilang Heritage Park

Following breakfast our local guide joins us again to continue our curiosity tour of Lakes Entrance and the town. Off exploring we go. After a bus exploration of Buchan and township, we scoot back to our accommodation to ready ourselves for Nyerimilang Heritage Park and 'Opera by the lakes'.

Having visited Nyerimilang Heritage Park previously, we are familiar with the peace and tranquillity of this retreat nestled on lake frontage, 167 Hectares of National Park. The superb views of this once gentleman's retreat and private holiday home, is steeped in charisma and History. Beautiful Gippsland Lakes, with White-bellied Sea Eagles gliding past on the thermals along the cliff edge.

We are graced with a boxed picnic luncheon, made by the top restaurant in Lakes Entrance, 'Albert and Co' known to be not only delicious but practical. It's well thought through with only local nutritious ingredients. We picnic in the grounds, among old farm pioneer buildings and caretakers cottages, rain forest wetlands and observe bird life.

All this is prior to the Opera in the flora and gardens run by 'Friends of Nyerimilang Heritage Park'. The opera invites us all to embrace this unique location in a natural Amphitheatre on a cliff top. Each year the opera sells out as they have reduced numbers so all patrons can view the performance equally from any vantage point. The worlds best singers are on stage in this unforgettable performance and afternoon. We include a memorable Opera on the Lakes Pamphlet as a keepsake.

We complete our day with a drive back to Lakes Entrance, arriving with enough time to enjoy a leisurely walk prior to dinner at our accommodation.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Esplande Resort and Spa, Lakes Entrance

**DAY FOUR** MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

Lakes Entrance / Orbost / Marlo / Cape Conran / Butter Factory / The Great Alpine Road / Bright

This morning we farewell our hosts at Lakes Entrance and begin the Great Alpine Road, spending the next three nights in Bright. We continue through Gippsland to view the ever changing country side from the contrast of waterways of the lakes to country Victoria. The month of March allows us to witness the everchanging colours of the seasons from summer to autumn.

On our way to Bright we meet our personal guide, Bree, in Orbost. Bree will happily join us on our coach for our Loop Tour of Orbost, Marlo, Cape Conran and through to Cabbage Tree.

We enjoy lunch on the way (at own expense) arriving back in time to visit Sailors Grave Brewing located on the Snowy River in a 100 year old Butter Factory.

We meander through the towns on the famous Great Alpine Road, steeped in historic buildings and private properties full of colourful autumnal splendour. We arrive in Bright ready for the next three days of discovery of Victoria's high country. Our hosts welcome us with open arms for the next four days and three nights in this new region. The riverbank walks behind the motel are stunning, weather complementary and to see Bright at this time of year is magnificent.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER Riverbank Park Motel
69 Gavan St, Bright, T (03) 57 55 1255

DAY FIVE TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024

Bright Town Tour / Bright Historical Museum / Mt Beauty

Our local guide Helen will join us this morning for a fascinating two hour guided tour of the township of Bright. This includes a private local garden with the Bright Historical Museum with morning tea at 'Nightingales' A short walk from here we talk about the Chinese Bridge and the history of the gold mining area.

After our tour of Bright we can walk to Garden Café Wandiligong with an exquisite light menu lunch (at your own expense) before resuming our day with a tour to Mount Beauty by coach.

Afterwards we enjoy some free time prior to dinner at a local Bright restaurant.

OVERNIGHT Riverbank Park Motel

DINNER Local Bright Restaurant

Gippsland Opera proudly presents

Opera by the Lakes

International Coloratura Soprano
GEORGIA WILKINSON

International Tenor
SHANUL SHARMA

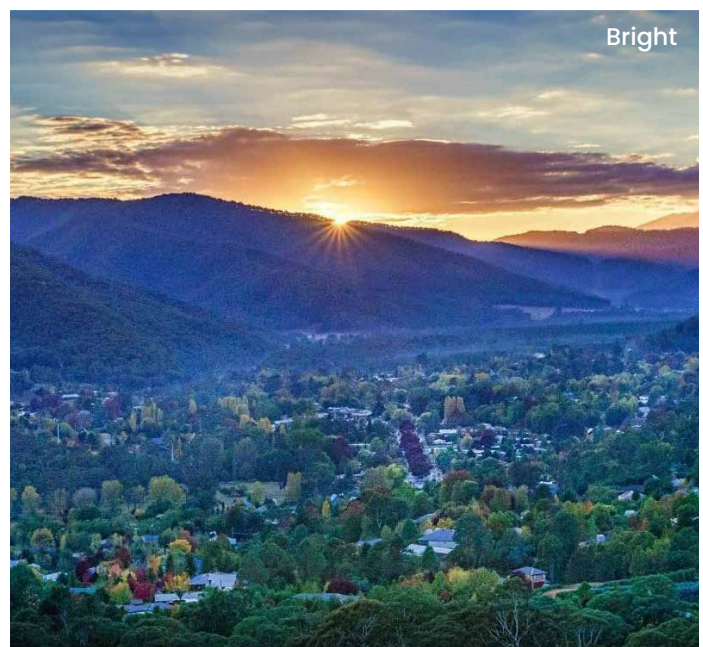
International Baritone
NATHAN LAY

Brilliant Accompanist
DAVID MCNICOL

International Soprano
KATE AMOS

Baritone
WIL JONES

International Mezzo Soprano
DIMITTY SHEPHERD



Beechworth / Courthouse Kelly / Myrtleford

Today we travel to the National Trust classified town of Beechworth, rated as one of Victoria’s most ‘notable’ towns. Beechworth appears to be ‘freeze framed’ into a 1880’s life still. Our personalised tour guide Jennifer joins us for a Town Talk and Tour as we drive around all the locations of importance in the town of Beechworth.

After our morning tea we continue our conversations until our next stop, the Courthouse Kelly Trials Experience. This is followed by a local bakery lunch (at your own expense).

In keeping with the historic theme, off to Myrtleford we go to explore the Alps. Here we spend the afternoon with John our expert guide. He is there to enlighten us on the towns interest, agricultural industries, with pasture and tobacco growing. At the Myrtleford & District Historical Society we enjoy a Museum visit.

We then drive back to our Motel to freshen up for our final dinner.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER Riverbank Park Motel

Bright / Milawa Cheese Factory / Home

Today, we bid farewell to our hosts after breakfast and embark on a journey to the Red Stag and Emu Farm. As you arrive at this 70-acre farm, you are greeted by breathtaking alpine views, including the stunning Mount Buffalo National Park. Indulge in a tasteful morning tea, where you can savor the legendary Devonshire teas and indulge in huge scones. Take the opportunity to learn about the farm’s rich history with a talk from Robert and Grace, the Italian descendants who have proudly owned the farm since 1938.

Next, you make your way to Milawa, known as the ‘one pub town’, for a visit to the Milawa Cheese Factory, housed in a charming old butter factory. Take a moment to relax with a cup of tea, and perhaps you’ll be tempted to purchase some delicious cheese too. As you begin your journey back home, there will be refreshing stops along the way (at your own expense). Finally, in the late afternoon, our luxurious coach will safely return you to your personalized driver, who will drop you off at your door, concluding this delightful holiday.

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. Includes Luxury five-star coach, motel accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. Tour Conditions: Payment: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 45 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: Prior to 45 days of departure - Loss of deposit, 45 to 30 days prior 50% of total fare, 29 to 14 days prior to departure 75% of total fare, 14 days or less 100% total fare. Christians Travel has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christian’s Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. Food and Drink must not be consumed on the coach. Smoking is prohibited under Government regulations. Passengers are requested to restrict their smoking to stops en-route in the interests of other passengers. Luggage - one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger - maximum combined weight, 20kg’s. Seating- to enable everyone to enjoy forward and window seating, a seat rotation system will operate, and passengers will be required to change seats each day. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

***Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply.**
Insurance is strongly recommended.



Beechworth Main Street

KEY

B = Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner



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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.