

High Country Garden Escape



NOVEMBER 2024
6 DAY PACKAGE
\$3,850
PER PERSON

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
4 GARDENS
SILOS
12 PRIVATE TOURS
32 MEALS

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

Escorted Tour by Georgie Imhoff

Experience Victoria's stunning High Country in Spring with a unique tour for garden and history enthusiasts. Enjoy breathtaking scenery, charming towns, delightful eateries, and blooming gardens. Surrounded by lakes and rivers, Mansfield, Mt Buller and the High Country are renowned for their breathtaking landscapes and majestic mountain views. Highlights include: Private garden tours; Family wineries; Mt Buller Brewery; the Great Alpine Road; Jamieson; Mt Buller; Private Guide with Silos of Benalla; lunches from pubs to picnics; and a Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort stay.

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

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 **DEPARTING:**
MONDAY
11 NOV 2024



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DAY ONE MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024



Embark on a Luxurious Country Garden Escape in Victoria

Embark on a luxurious country garden escape in Victoria. Begin your journey on a luxury Christians Coach, departing together as one group. Enjoy a delightful catered morning tea at Strathbogie Recreation Reserve. In Benalla, meet our first personalised guide, Alison, and admire the roses in full bloom at the Benalla Botanical Garden.

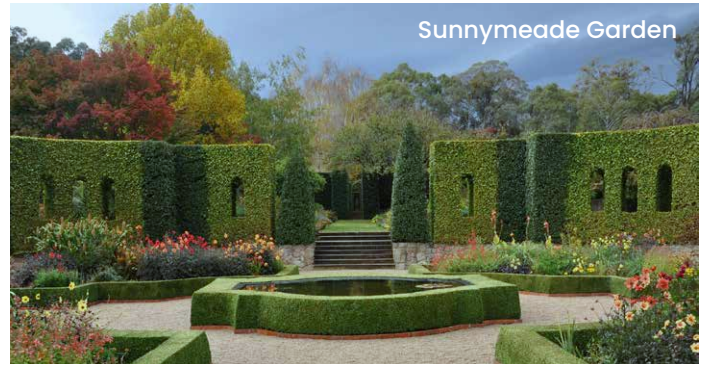
We then embark on a 2-hour guided Silo Art Tour, featuring artworks at Goorambat, Graincorp Devenish, St James, and Tungamah silos by renowned artists Jimmy Dvate and Sobrane Simcock. Enjoy a catered lunch amidst the roses in the Benalla Botanical Garden.

We continue to the Sunnymeade Garden in Kithbrook, nestled in the picturesque Strathbogie Ranges. Hosted by owner Craig, explore the world-class formal garden with its interconnecting rooms, unique plantings, and sculptures inspired by distinct locales. Craig will share stories and inspirations behind his award-winning private garden.

On the way to our accommodation, visit the Winton Wetlands Water Tank, a monochrome black-and-white tribute to the Winton Fire Brigade volunteers.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway

OVERNIGHT Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway



Sunnymeade Garden



Mount Buller

DAY TWO TUESDAY 12 NOV 2024



Exploring Historical Towns and Scenic Landscapes in Victoria

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a picturesque drive along the Great Alpine Road to Beechworth. Meet our jump-on guide, Jennifer, a favourite on previous tours, and explore Beechworth's rich history through its colonial architecture and fascinating stories from the Gold Rush era to the present day.

Enjoy morning tea at Beechworth Bakery, choosing from their famous Bee-sting or other delightful treats, and have some free time to visit the Burke Museum or stroll through the charming streets.

We continue to Whorouly, where you'll experience stunning landscapes and enjoy a home-cooked lunch with a local family at the Whorouly Café and General Store. Learn about the town's history with Jennifer on a historical walk at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve. Tour Myrtleford, visiting the log tobacco kiln and the Phoenix Tree sculpture.

Conclude the day with wine tasting at John Gehrig Wines in Oxley, sampling the distinct vintage of the King Valley Region. We return to the hotel to unwind before enjoying a delicious dinner at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway

OVERNIGHT Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway



Benalla Botanic Gardens



John Gehrig Wines



Wildflowers at Mount Buller

DAY FOUR THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024



Mount Buller and High Country Exploration

Begin your day nestled in the Victorian High Country with a delicious breakfast before heading to Mount Buller. Capture spectacular views, visit the National Alpine Museum of Australia to see the photographic display of Mt Buller's history, and enjoy a self-guided nature walk to the summit for the fit and adventurous. Have morning tea in the mountains, and we are crossing our fingers for a photographers delight with some Alpine walks with Wild flowers as we see carpeted exquisite native blooms – alpine wanders at any pace.

We stop in Mansfield for lunch at the bakery (at your own expense). After a quick bite, we head outside of Mansfield, off the Mt Buller Road onto Jamieson woods Road! To the High Country Maze with its gardens, mazes, and sculptures. Enjoy afternoon tea with scones and coffee with this amazing backdrop that Nicky and Tony have established for over 13 years provides a setting stunning for both photography and art lovers alike. Return to Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort for some free time to enjoy the resort's activities or relax with a good book.

DINNER Peakes Restaurant

OVERNIGHT The Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort

DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 13 NOV 2024



Exploring the King River Valley and Beyond

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway before heading to the Milawa Cheese Company for a cheese tasting at the historic Murray Goulburn Butter Factory and visiting The Olive Shop for fresh treats.

Enjoy a scenic drive through Moyhu and the King Valley, taking in the stunning views of the Victorian Alps and Ovens River region.

We then visit Birchwood Garden near Benalla, where you'll enjoy a home-cooked garden lunch amidst the spring blooms. Relax in the picturesque farmland and rolling hills before heading to Powers Lookout on the Wabonga Plateau for fabulous views and a bit of bushranger history.

We arrive in Mansfield and check in at the Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort. On arrival we have arranged a mountain style afternoon tea to welcome you to the Alps, afterwards there is plenty of time to unwind and explore the resort's amenities. End the day with dinner at Peakes Restaurant, featuring locally sourced produce in a beautiful Victorian High Country setting.

DINNER Peakes Restaurant

OVERNIGHT The Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort

DAY FIVE FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024



Exploring Jamieson and Kevington

Enjoy a sleep in or some time to enjoy a leisurely breakfast before travelling to the historic town of Jamieson, nestled on the Goulburn and Jamieson Rivers. We explore the town with self-guided walk maps provided by Peter Horan and visit the Jamieson Historical Museum for an immersive history experience. Have a lively pub lunch at the Jamieson Courthouse Hotel.

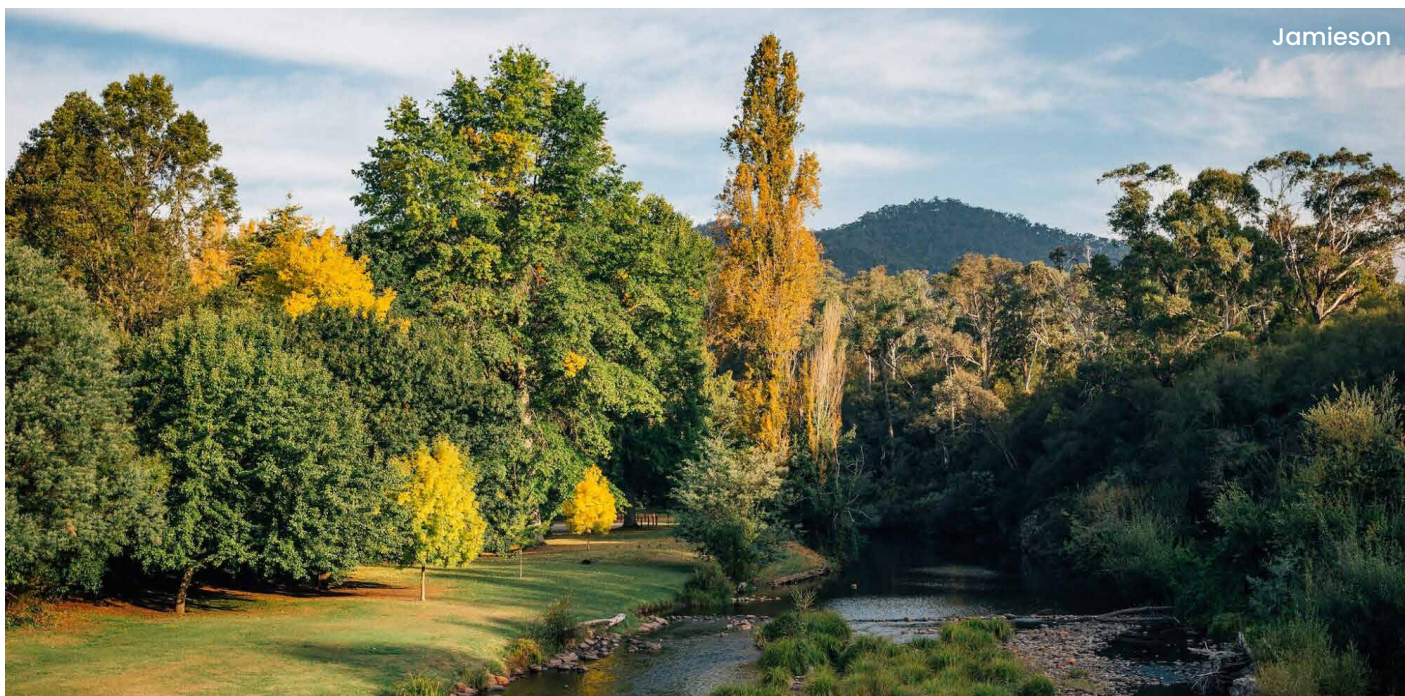
Next, explore the historic mining settlement of Kevington with its riverside walks. In the gold rush era 1860's, the horse trail passed right by the front of the beer house for all the thirsty miners. "The Kevi", nestled on the banks of the Goulburn River is where we enjoy our Bush Afternoon Tea amidst alpine scents and gum trees. For an authentic High-Country experience we visit The Buller Road Brewery and taste medal-winning beers, including an afternoon brown ale and a local platter of local produce to embrace the landscape at the foothills of Mansfield. Return to the resort and enjoy dinner at Peakes Restaurant.

DINNER Peakes Restaurant

OVERNIGHT The Sebel Pinnacle Valley Resort



The Sebel Pinnacle Resort



DAY SIX SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024



Final Day of Exploration and Homeward Bound

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a late check-out before exploring Mansfield. There's the option to walk to town (and be collected by the Coach). Georgie can include the Artist Studio Map to your morning as we explore some open studios and local artists, explore the local historical society, and enjoy some shopping. The luxury coach will be set up in town for a convenient out-of-the-bus morning tea, allowing travellers to come and go as they please.

Continue your journey along the Great Victorian Rail Trail with scenic stops from Maindample to Bonnie Doon, viewing historic photos of Lake Eildon. Stop for lunch in Seymour (at your own expense) before heading home. Reflect on the magnificent High Country experiences as you journey back, meeting feeder buses to return home safely with cherished memories of Victoria's High Country.

You find the time we'll look after the rest!

Georgie

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.**

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= Breakfast = Morning Tea = Afternoon Tea = Lunch = 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 as 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.