



HEDONISTIC HIKING
Food • Wine • Walking



Victorian High Country Journey

Transport

- The holiday starts and ends in ALBURY, NSW which has flights to [Melbourne](#), [Sydney](#) ([Virgin Blue](#), [Qantas](#) or [Rex](#)) and [Canberra](#).
- You can also travel to Albury by [train from Melbourne](#) or [Sydney](#) (and stations in-between)
- If you want to spend more time exploring the area before or after your holiday there is car hire available at Albury airport with Hertz, Europcar and Avis.

Extend your holiday

Before or after your holiday why not spend a few extra days exploring the beautiful region of [Northeast Victoria](#). A land steeped in colonial history and the stomping ground of Australia's most infamous hero – Ned Kelly. Home to some of Australia's finest gourmet producers, most acclaimed restaurateurs and internationally recognized winemakers. Victoria's premier food and wine region is a land of awesome scale and diversity. Explore one of the [great driving routes](#) or hire a bike and cycle some of the [Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail](#).

Where to stay:

Melbourne

There is plenty of accommodation available in Melbourne. For a comprehensive selection search the [Visit Victoria](#) website. For something iconic, we recommend:

- [The Hotel Windsor](#)

Bright and the Buckland Valley

- [The Buckland Studio Retreat](#)
- [Abalina Cottages](#)

Beechworth

- [1860 Luxury Accommodation](#)
- [Provenance Luxury Suites](#)

Glenrowan

- [Granite Range Estate](#)



King Valley

- [Casa Luna Gourmet Accommodation](#)

Rutherglen

- [Carlyle House](#)

Food&Drink / What to Do:

Melbourne: Melbourne has a superb selection of museums, our favourites are the **Melbourne Museum**, the **Immigration Museum** and **Melbourne Gaol**. An excellent way to explore the history of the city and get a feel for life at the time of the Gold Rush is with a walking tour along the **Golden Mile**. Booklets can be purchased from **Federation Square** or you can hire a guide. Explore the charming laneways in the city centre. Melbourne is a city of trams and the distinctive burgundy and gold **City Circle tram** provides a free and convenient way to move around the city and passes a number of sights and attractions including NewQuay dining and entertainment precinct. Running along Flinders Street, Harbour Esplanade, La Trobe Street and Spring Street, the journey takes nearly 50 minutes, although it can be used as a hop on, hop off service. Trams run in both directions every 12 minutes from 10am-6pm seven days a week (except Christmas Day and Good Friday). During daylight saving hours are extended on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to 9pm. For more information on Melbourne explore the [Visit Victoria](#) website.

North East Victoria has a plethora of excellent restaurants, many of which have won awards and are renowned throughout Victoria and beyond. There are boutique wineries and breweries to explore, many serving food and drink in stunning locations. The more energetic can hire a bicycle and tour the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail or do a self-guided bushwalk. Alternatively, relax in one of the delightful villages and explore the fabulous shops. Step back in time with a Ned Kelly tour, a Gold Rush tour or a Ghost Tour in Beechworth. Browse the [North East Valleys Directory](#) for more information guaranteed to whet your appetite.

Recommended Reading

The following novels give a good insight into the history, heritage and landscape of Melbourne and country Victoria:

- The Birth of Melbourne: Tim Flannery
- Bypass - the Story of a Road: Michael McGirr
- My Brother Jack: George Johnston
- True History of the Kelly Gang: Peter Carey
- Picnic at Hanging Rock: Joan Lindsay
- To Brave Every Danger: Judith Cook

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