



ALPINE ACCOMMODATION

TOUR DE BRIGHT

STYLES- Self Guided

DIFFICULTY- Easy

LENGTH – 3 days

COST – Single \$899

Double \$699

Quad \$699

Group 6+ (double/twin & made as one booking only) \$679 per person

Our most popular tour, and for good reason. The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail is an iconic cycling trail . This self guided tour rolls from Beechworth to Bright and includes excellent accommodation, amazing food and wine, stunning scenery & stress free cycling. Enjoy the freedom of going at your own pace, whilst knowing you are fully supported. Best of all this tour is great value.

Join us in exploring the brilliant, beautiful & bountiful North East Victoria. Your Tour de Bright is a fully supported, self-guided, all inclusive cycling tour from Beechworth to Bright, taking all the stress out of your adventure, but giving you all the freedom you crave. You can cycle at your own pace, stop for as long as you want at the designated stops, and explore places off the beaten path if your heart desires. Having said that, Tour de Vines has ensured if you follow nothing else but your provided itinerary, you will be savouring the best of the region so you're not missing out. See the detailed itinerary.

Start Point

The tour starting point is the town of **Beechworth**, in North East Victoria.

How To Get There

Drive

Beechworth is approx. a 285km, 3 hour drive north of Melbourne, or approx. 7 hours south from Sydney.

Flights

A number of airlines fly to Albury from Melbourne, Sydney & now Brisbane. Albury is a 45 minute drive to Beechworth. Ask us about pick up service from Albury airport.

Train

There is a VLine service through Wangaratta from Melbourne & Sydney, from where Tour de Vines can pick you up, or grab. Inquire at VLine for latest timetables and costs: vline.com.au

Day 1 - Arrival & overnight in Beechworth

Arrive anytime on your first day, and check into your accommodation. Your tour includes 4 star hotel or local character B&B equivalent depending on your group size and arrival day and date. There is no cycling on your arrival day so enjoy Beechworth's ambiance.

First Night Dinner

Your first night dinner is included in your tour, with a reservation made for you at **one of our preferred local restaurants** (varies depending on your group size & day of arrival).

Day 2 – Cycle to Myrtleford (43kms)

Bikes

We have 2 types of bikes available to hire, or you can BYO. All our bikes are fitted with racks, water bottle holders and come with panniers/bags:

- Trek FX 24 gear hybrid bike or
- A2B Electric assist bike (great fun, normal bike, battery assist when you need it!!).



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Breakfast

A full breakfast is included on your first morning. Your tour includes an additional barista coffee if needed at the Old Beechworth Gaol (our hire bikes are here also which is super handy!).

Cycling (marked maps are provided)

Starting from Beechworth, and using the marked maps provided, today you head off on your cycling adventure on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, covering a total of approx 43kms. The Rail Trail is a wonderful fully tar paved, off road track, easy to navigate and suitable for just about any bike. It's downhill for the first half of the day, with a (relatively) early stop at local organic winery **Pennyweights**. Cycling the Rail Trail is a joy, with beautiful rural views across the King Valley and the occasional wildlife (echidna, kangaroo, even Koala bears have been spotted, not to mention many different types of birds).

Wine Tasting & Lunch: Tour de Vines guests enjoy an exclusive platter style lunch combined with a structured wine tasting. A highlight.

Enjoy the wines and the stunning scenery down the Alpine Valley and of Mt Buffalo from Gapsted. It's only a short 30 minute ride to Myrtleford where you will stay for the evening. Again a choice of accommodation venues are used, 4 star motel or character B&B equivalent depending on group size and arrival day and date. Accommodation upgrades are available upon request. **Michelinis Winery on Great Alpine Rd** is located on route and is worth a visit. There is also a **new cycle path** around the back of Myrtleford if you're feeling energetic. A beautiful ride alongside the Ovens River, it's a great way to finish and a delightful way to see a little of this sleepy rural town. Your now in the Alpine Valley with views to match.

Evening Meal

A restaurant dinner on your second night in Myrtleford is included in your tour.

Day 3 – Cycling to Bright (30kms)

The cycling today is just stunning. Following the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail under the gaze of beautiful Mt Buffalo, approx. 30kms of flat and leisurely riding.

We recommend a stop at the **Pumpkin Seed Factory** on route, this is the only pumpkin seed production site in Australia and well worth a visit.

Feathertop Winery – or Boyntons – is a little further along also well worth a visit

Lunch

The Rail Trail brings you to **the lovely Ringer Reef Winery** – where a gourmet lunch has been booked for you. A stunning winery with gorgeous views down the valley to the Alpine peaks. The is is a beautiful part of the Rail Trail, passing through Porepunkah, following the Ovens River into Bright. Stop at the Rail Trail Café just outside Porepunkah. Great coffee & cakes. The trail is lined with striking poplars. Grab a pic at the big yellow 'Welcome to Bright' sign, or check out the original Bright Railway Station (now a museum). Your accommodation will be centrally located in Bright, making it easy to enjoy the many cafes, boutique shops and other attractions in this gorgeous Alpine style town.

We use **Bright on Track** amongst a range of properties as an example. We can upgrade your



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accommodation if required. Visit the local institution and award winning craft brewer **Bright Brewery**. Or perhaps visit the many boutique shops and food outlets in the pretty Alpine town.

Your final evening is free to allow you to enjoy the ambience and abundance of choice in this lovely town.

Day 4 – Transfer back to Beechworth

Enjoy another hearty breakfast. There is no included cycling or activities today, other than your transfer service, which will collect you and your bikes, together with your luggage and any purchases, and drive you back to Beechworth (1 hr drive).

Your Tour Kit

An environmentally friendly cycling water bottle and lightweight fair-trade produced t-shirt is supplied by Tour de Vines as part of your Tour Kit, which also includes marked maps, and your detailed itinerary (accommodation, restaurants), luggage tags and other information.

Your tour also includes **on call support** throughout. **Daily luggage transfers & collection of all your purchases** are also included, so all you need to do is cycle & enjoy this fantastic ride on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail.





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