

## Great Vic Bike Ride 2018 Accommodation Package

### Bright & The High Country

Sunday 25 November, 2018 to Sunday 02 December, 2018

### Day to Day

Wake up every morning in a nice comfortable bed, enjoy breakfast in your motel before heading out on the day's ride. The AllTrails crew will transfer your luggage directly from your accommodation to your next motel or BnB. After you have completed your day's challenge on the RACV Great Vic Bike Ride, relax upon arrival at your motel, enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps have our bike mechanic look over your bike for a few tips or minor adjustments that you could make to improve your ride. Why not take up the services of our massage therapists a few times during the week to give your body that extra support to take on the event's challenges.

All of these services are part of this support package, not to mention the social interaction and camaraderie that is always a highlight. In the evening our bus can take you to and from the nightly dinner and entertainment at the event campsite, or we sometimes organise an optional group 'camaraderie dinner' where cyclists can choose to join the group for a pre-arranged meal at their own expense. Many cyclists also go out each night in smaller groups for a meal at our motel or a local restaurant with new friends. It's then off to bed for a great night sleep before doing it all again tomorrow.

Location	Distance	Date	B	L	D	A
Bright		Sat 24 Nov 2017	--	--	--	--
Bright to Beechworth	66km	Sun 25 Nov 2018	--	--	--	Y
Beechworth Milawa Beechworth	75km	Mon 26 Nov 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Beechworth to Tallangatta	91km	Tue 27 Nov 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Tallangatta to Rutherglen	101km	Wed 28 Nov 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Rutherglen REST DAY	NA	Thu 29 Nov 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Rutherglen to Yarrawonga	55km	Fri 30 Nov 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Yarrawonga to Glenrowan	87km	Sat 1 Dec 2018	Y	--	--	Y
Glenrowan to Benalla	49km	Sun 2 Dec 2018	Y	--	--	--
Total distance cycled	524km		7	0	0	7
Average daily distance	75km					

Meal and accom inclusions noted as B, L, D, A (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Accom)

### **Bright — Sat 24 Nov 2017**

PRE-TOUR: Today is the main arrival day. The AllTrails coach will depart Melbourne approx 9am heading to our accommodation in Bright (optional extra pre-ride accom which you can select on the booking form). On arrival our bike mechanic is on hand to assist in unpacking your bikes and tuning them up so they are ready to run smoothly for the week. Take your bike for a spin before our official registration and briefing, then head out to enjoy the area.

Bright is an all-year-round destination and believed by some to be the state's ultimate bike terminal – Mount Buffalo, Mount Beauty, Falls Creek, Mount Hotham, MTB parks and a beautiful rail trail are all on its doorstep. There's no official riding this day, so you can do as you please, whether it's moseying around the quirky shops and boutiques or going for a dip in the River. For those who prefer to get wet on the inside, Bright Brewery is one of the more famous craft breweries in the high country, while local wineries Feathertop and Ringer Reef also have good offerings.

Soak up the atmosphere and revel in the excitement and anticipation of your week in another world - what a place to start it all.

### **Bright to Beechworth — 66km — Sun 25 Nov 2018 — - - - A**

Some cyclists may decide to arrive this morning however most will have stayed in our pre-tour accom last night. Either way it won't be long before you are off on the 35th edition of the Great Vic Bike Ride. Riding will begin by heading from Bright towards Myrtleford on the Great Alpine Road. Oak and pine trees will provide shade from the sun as you ride through towns with brilliant names like Porepunkah, Smoko and Eurobin. It's not entirely flat, but the small climbs along the way aren't too bad and the classic Australian landscape around Barwidgee and Stanley will keep your mind at ease. You'll have the chance to take a dip in Lake Sambell before arriving for the first of two nights in Beechworth, a historic town that whose MTB scene is battling Bright for the crown of Victoria's best.

While you are on the bike we will transfer your luggage to your accommodation in Beechworth so when you ride in you can relax and enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps a massage (most cyclists will get 3-4 massages for the week). Beechworth is a relatively small town but both of our motels are in the township itself so you will be within easy walking and cycling distance to town and the event campsite. Tonight we will arrange an optional 'camaraderie dinner' for our cyclists - a great opportunity to meet your fellow cyclists in the AllTrails group (optional extra on the booking form).

### **Beechworth Milawa Beechworth — 75km — Mon 26 Nov 2018 — B - - A**

Enjoy a pre-arranged breakfast in town before heading out on a fantastic loop ride to Milawa and back. This means that you don't need to pack your bags this morning - just jump up and rip into the day's route. There's simply so much to see and do around Beechworth - you'll roll past the Beechworth prison in the morning, one of the towns more historic sites, and then the less historic but almost equally as known Bridge Road Brewery. With mountains, trees and vineyards all around you on today's ride, you will feel quite in touch with nature, and be excited to try the local gourmet delights waiting at Milawa. If you do take the opportunity to indulge during lunch at Brown Brothers winery, there's no need to worry because the ride back to Beechworth does include a few little climbs, so you will burn it all off.

When you ride in at the end of the day you can relax and enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps a massage. Our bus will be taking transfers back to the event campsite from the motels for those who wish to have dinner there, or you may wish to source your own dinner at a local restaurant with some of the other AllTrails group.

### **Beechworth to Tallangatta — 91km — Tue 27 Nov 2018 — B - - A**

Enjoy your last breakfast in the beautiful township of Beechworth before heading out on the day's ride to Tallangatta. One of the greatest aspects of this year's ride is that you get to experience both the mountains and the Murray, and today is the day that you'll approach Australia's longest river. The ride from Beechworth to Tallangatta includes some classic Australian farm land – expect the cattle to stop chewing on their hay bales and walk up to the roadside fence to try and work out why there are more than 3,000 people riding past. Even though we'll be riding away from the Alps, there will still be plenty of hills to make the view pleasant, and once Lake Hume comes into sight you know you're near Tallangatta.

The small size of this town means that there is very limited accommodation for our group so we will be transporting some of our cyclists to the next large town where your luggage will be waiting, along with afternoon tea, massage therapists and our bike mechanic.

### **Tallangatta to Rutherglen — 101km — Wed 28 Nov 2018 — B - - A**

After breakfast at your accommodation, you mount up and begin your ride through the agricultural land which is less animal oriented and more horticulture and viticulture-focused. In simpler terms, today we'll be riding past wineries and orchards. Most famous are the local red wines and muscat, so much so that as we approach the town we will meet its answer to Goulburn's merino and Coffs Harbour's banana: the big wine bottle. Destination is one of Victoria's ultimate wine and food destinations, Rutherglen, which boasts over 20 award-winning wineries, outstanding restaurants and cafes, and world-class local produce. You'll have plenty of time to explore Rutherglen as well, because we will be spending two nights and a full day here as we take a rest from riding tomorrow.

Your luggage will have again been taken ahead to your accommodation, ready for your arrival. Don't forget to ask for your afternoon tea at reception as you check in. Have you had a massage yet this week? If not, put your hand up and jump on the table for your relaxing 10-minute rub-down. Our bus will be taking transfers back to the event campsite from all hotels for those who wish to have dinner there, or you may wish to source your own dinner at a local restaurant with some of the other AllTrails group.

### **Rutherglen REST DAY — NA — Thu 29 Nov 2018 — B - - A**

For those on the 4-night package, unfortunately your time has come to an end. We also welcome the 3-day event cyclists to our package today. For our 7-nighters, the rest day is your chance to see everything that Rutherglen has to offer or just relax and revitalise your body ready for the rest of the week. We will have massages available for a few hours in the morning at our accommodation and there are lots of activities and things to do at the event campsite to fill in your day. Take a look at some of the optional tours and activities or jump back on the bike and explore the local area.

Tonight we will organise an optional 'camaraderie dinner' at one of our vineyard-based motels, open to all AllTrails cyclists (optional extra on the booking form). A great chance to cement friendships and welcome the 3 night cyclists.

### **Rutherglen to Yarrawonga — 55km — Fri 30 Nov 2018 — B - - A**

We are back on the bike today - or if you have just joined us on the 3-day ride, today is Day One! Have a good breakfast at your accommodation before heading out on your way. The Great Vic is full of surprises — like when it ventures outside of Victoria. On our way to Yarrawonga, we will cross the river at Corowa NSW, a town which is famous for being the birthplace of federation. There will be a lot of riding alongside the mighty Murray today, and the giant gum trees that line the banks. Situated between the Murray and Lake Mulawa with its ghostly river gums, Yarrawonga offers you another chance whet your appetite or wet your legs with its local eateries, river beaches and water sports.

Here we have accommodation lined up in one of the famous Murray River Resort complexes where you will be able to enjoy all the facilities of this top class accommodation and entertainment precinct. After your afternoon tea check

for a free spot at the massage table then have a look around the grounds and resort, in a prime position overlooking majestic Lake Mulwala. Our bus will be taking transfers back to the event campsite for those who wish to have dinner there, or you may wish to source your own dinner with some of the other AllTrails group at our resort or at a local restaurant in town.

#### **Yarrowonga to Glenrowan — 87km — Sat 1 Dec 2018 — B - - A**

Fill up at breakfast to fuel the body for the day, then prepare for the penultimate day in the saddle heading to Glenrowan, the site of the final siege and capture of Ned Kelly and his gang in 1880. Today's riding will be mostly flat across open plains which your legs will appreciate as we get closer to the end of nine days of riding, however there are a couple of little climbs today near the Warby-Ovens National Park and as we pull into Glenrowan. If you're still undecided about whether Australia's most well-known bushranger is a hero or villain you could visit the Ned Kelly Museum to get his full story and make up your mind.

Glenrowan is a very small town with very limited accommodation so we have booked accommodation in a near-by town for the majority of our cyclists where your luggage will be waiting for you along with your afternoon tea. Have a swim in the pool, relax and enjoy the afternoon. Make sure you have a massage before the week is out (we expect most cyclists to get 3-4 massages during the week). Tonight you can eat at or near our accommodation (there are some of good options) or jump in our bus as it makes its last evening run back to the event campsite for cyclists who want to go down for the final night's entertainment. Hopefully you're ready to send the Great Vic out in style – the last night's quite a party.

#### **Glenrowan to Benalla — 49km — Sun 2 Dec 2018 — B - - -**

It's your last day! The final riding day has arrived and the journey is coming to the end. It's the shortest day of the week and a fantastic opportunity to reminisce on the journey you've gone through over the past week. After breakfast we will transfer those who stayed out of town back to Glenrowan to start the ride and there will be more views of the Murray River, vineyards and King Valley. As you pull in to town you'll get a lovely warm welcome from the locals and come together for one last celebration before heading home with a bag full of memories.

AllTrails will meet you at the end and help you pack away your bikes ready for transport whether you are coming on our bus back to Melbourne or heading elsewhere. Thanks for joining us. Congratulations!

