

## Great Vic Bike Ride 2019 Accommodation Package

### Limestone Coast & Great Ocean Road

Friday 22 November, 2019 to Sunday 01 December, 2019

### 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
Robe Arrival Day		Fri 22 Nov 2019	--	--	--	--
Robe to Millicent	79km	Sat 23 Nov 2019	--	--	--	Y
Millicent to Mt Gambier	77km	Sun 24 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Mt Gambier to Portland	107km	Mon 25 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Portland to Port Fairy	85km	Tue 26 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Port Fairy Rest Day	NA	Wed 27 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Port Fairy to Peterborough	95km	Thu 28 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Peterborough to Beech Forest	81km	Fri 29 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Beech Forest to Deans Marsh	62km	Sat 30 Nov 2019	Y	--	--	Y
Deans Marsh to Torquay	66km	Sun 1 Dec 2019	Y	--	--	--
Total distance cycled	652km		8	0	0	8
Average daily distance	82km					

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

### **Robe Arrival Day — Fri 22 Nov 2019**

PRE-TOUR: Today is the event 'arrival day' in Robe. The AllTrails coach will depart Melbourne approx 9am heading to our accommodation in Robe. Tonight's accommodation is not included in the main package but can be purchased as an optional extra on the booking form. Upon 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 up to the Cape Dombey Obelisk to soak up the beautiful coastal views before our official registration and briefing, then head out to enjoy the area. This old fishing village has great beaches, amazing architecture and a quaint local pub right on the water – what more could you ask for?

### **Robe to Millicent — 79km — Sat 23 Nov 2019 — - - - 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 36th edition of the Great Vic Bike Ride. You'll ease into the first day on the bike with a relatively flat ride, hugging the coastline on the way to Millicent. Keep an eye out for some giant lakes such as Lake St Clair and be sure to take the time to explore the small coastal town of Beachport on your way. The ride stops at Millicent overnight with plenty to see and do – the Millicent Swimming lake is sure to be a favourite for young and old to cool off.

While you are on the bike we will transfer your luggage to your accommodation so when you ride in you can relax and enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps a massage (3-4 massages for the week). Millicent is a relatively small town but we have sourced all of our accommodation in the township itself so you will be within easy walking and cycling distance to town and the event campsite. We will take bus transfers back to the event campsite from all motels for those who wish to have dinner there and check out the atmosphere at camp, or you may wish to source your own dinner at a local restaurant with some of the other AllTrails group.

### **Millicent to Mt Gambier — 77km — Sun 24 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

Enjoy a pre-arranged breakfast in town before heading out on a ride to fantastic Mt Gambier across undulating hills as you weave through the pastoral lands around Millicent. The day in the saddle finishes in the southeastern corner of South Australia at Mount Gambier, where you'll be greeted by the famous Blue Lake. Once you've taken in the sight of the cobalt blue waters, there's plenty to do around town, from walking up Centenary Tower to sampling local food, or even exploring the town's Great Rail Trail and bike riding network.

When you ride in at the end of the day you can relax and enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps a massage. Mt Gambier is a big town with plenty of accommodation choices so again we are close to camp and have sourced some very nice motels for your stay here. Tonight we will likely arrange an optional 'camaraderie dinner' – a great opportunity to meet your fellow cyclists in the AllTrails group (optional extra on the booking form).

### **Mt Gambier to Portland — 107km — Mon 25 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

Enjoy a great breakfast in Mt Gambier (your last meal in South Australia) before heading out on the day's ride, crossing the border into Victoria and on to Portland. On the way you will meander up and down hills and spin alongside the Glenelg River before passing through the charming little towns of Donovans and Nelson. You will have clocked 107km by the end of the day's riding but can enjoy a cruisy tail end to the ride with a fairly flat finish. Once you're set up in Portland there's plenty to tick off the to do list, including a wander down to the amazing foreshore, a ride on the cable car and visiting the Portland Lighthouse.

We have some lovely accommodation here across from the foreshore reserve and sheltered bay. Your luggage will have again been taken ahead to your accommodation, ready for your check-in. Don't forget to ask for your afternoon tea at reception. 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.

#### **Portland to Port Fairy — 85km — Tue 26 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

After breakfast at your accommodation, you mount up and begin your ride from one fishing village to the next - both oozing character and charm. A nice easy day of riding with 85km on the clock and just 200m of climbing throughout the day. Hit the road early for spectacular morning views over the ocean as you pedal out of Portland. Make sure you keep an eye out for the many historic buildings as you roll into Port Fairy and set up camp for a well-earned day off the bike!

When you ride in at the end of the day you can relax and enjoy afternoon tea and perhaps a massage. We will take bus 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.

#### **Port Fairy Rest Day — NA — Wed 27 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

For those on the 'First 4 Nights' package, unfortunately your time has come to an end. We also welcome the 'Last 4 Nights' cyclists to our package today. For our 8-nighters, the rest day is your chance to see everything that Port Fairy 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.

There's so much to uncover in every corner of the charming village of Port Fairy that is was once voted the world's most liveable town. Whether you're one to browse the boutique shops and antique stores scattered throughout the town, soak up the beach vibes or taste your way through the many great local pubs, cafes and restaurants – there's something to keep everyone busy on rest day. Top picks for the day include swimming at Pea Soup Beach, taking a walk along the riverfront or tucking into pizza at Coffin Sally. Top it off with a visit to the local ice cream shop and you'll be ready to hop back on the bike for the next day's riding. Our bus will take transfers back to the event campsite tonight for those who wish to eat there.

#### **Port Fairy to Peterborough — 95km — Thu 28 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

We are back on the bike today - or if you have just joined us for the last half of the ride, today is Day One! Have a good breakfast at your accommodation before heading out on your way towards the world-renowned Great Ocean Road. You'll want to hit the road early to really soak up the morning coastal views on the way out of Port Fairy. Prepare the legs for a pinch climb up to Tower Hill but don't worry, the 10/10 views make it worth the effort. Be sure to take a break for a few post-card worthy snaps at Hopkins Falls before hitting the Great Ocean Road where you will get your first taste of this world-renowned driving route as you take in all the sites on the way to Peterborough including; Bay of Islands, Worm Bay and Bay of Matyrs.

Once in Peterborough you'll find yourself situated in the heart of some of the Great Ocean Road's most iconic attractions, with beautiful coastal views and a must-do coastal walk that takes you all the way back to Bay of Matyrs. Peterborough is a very small coastal town with not enough accommodation for our group so we will be transferring most of our cyclists to the next large town of Port Campbell just a little way up the road. When you arrive at the event campsite in Peterborough you can secure your bike in our AllTrails bike compound and catch the next transfer to your accommodation. In the evening our bus will still 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 a local restaurant - there are plenty of great options in town.

### **Peterborough to Beech Forest — 81km — Fri 29 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

Fill up at breakfast to fuel the body for the day, then prepare for a great day's cycling taking. Keep the camera handy, as today's riding passes all those iconic sites along the Great Ocean Road including London Bridge, the blow hole, 12 Apostles, Gibsons Steps and gorgeous views from the bike in general. Pace yourself and get ready to tackle the formidable Lavers Hill. Once you've conquered the climb, reward yourself with a custard tart from the general store and from there you have one last little climb to Beech Forrest through the beautiful Otways. If your legs are itching for more once you've arrived in Beech Forest, you can have a crack at the Birregurra-Forest Rail Trail (or "Tiger Rail Trail) by bike, explore the Otways by foot or alternatively just kick back for the afternoon at Beech Forest Pub.

Beech Forest is an extremely small town with no suitable accommodation for us so we have booked accommodation in the nearest larger town of Apollo Bay on the Great Ocean Road. We will run transfers from the event campsite to your accommodation where you can relax with your afternoon tea and have a massage before the week is out (we expect most cyclists to get 3-4 massages during the week). Tonight we will take advantage of our distance from the event campsite to arrange our second camaraderie dinner where you can mingle and get to know your fellow AllTrails cyclists a bit better and meet some new people. The camaraderie dinner is an optional extra on the booking form, or you can eat out in the town (there are plenty of options). We won't be transferring cyclists back to camp tonight.

### **Beech Forest to Deans Marsh — 62km — Sat 30 Nov 2019 — B - - A**

After breakfast we will get you back to the event campsite to begin your ride to Deans Marsh. Today, you're in for a treat! Turton's Track is beautiful little stretch of road that winds its way through the Otways with some of the region's best scenery on show. There's a little climbing involved but the worst of it is already behind you. Deans Marsh is a small town with a lot of heart – surrounded by beautiful green countryside, rolling hills and a couple of wineries that are well worth a visit. Martians Café is a great place to enjoy a post ride beverage and live music, or alternatively be sure to pop by the local corner store for a quality snack or meal.

Due to the size of Deans Marsh there is no suitable accommodation for us, however not far away down on the Great Ocean Road there is a wonderful resort in Lorne that we have booked for our final night of the ride where you will be able to enjoy all the facilities of this top class accommodation and leisure precinct. After your afternoon tea, check for a free spot at the massage table then have a look around the grounds or take a stroll along the beach to the main road in town. You may want to stay in town for dinner, or eat at the resort, 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.

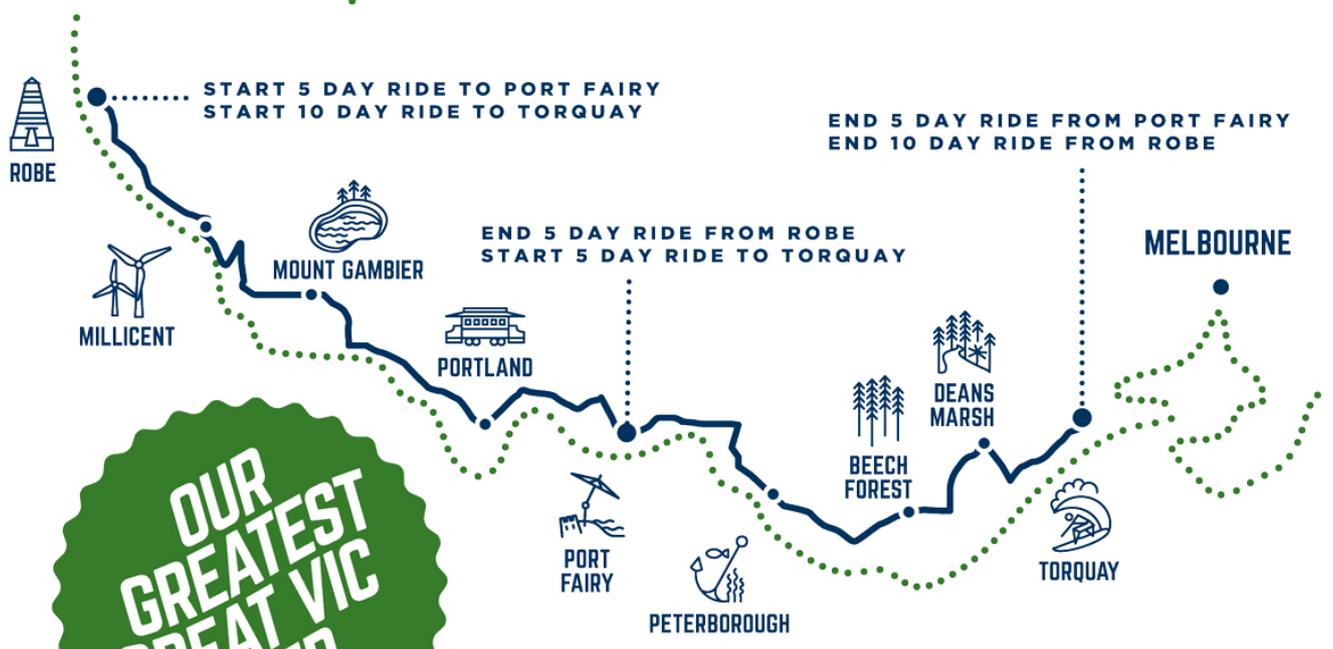
### **Deans Marsh to Torquay — 66km — Sun 1 Dec 2019 — B - - -**

It's your last day! This morning you have two options. Firstly, you can catch the bus to Deans Marsh and ride 20km back down to Lorne (it's a great downhill on a closed road), there is a catch however - you will need to be up early as we need to leave Lorne by 5:30am due to the road closure. When you get to Lorne you can even drop back into the resort for your breakfast if you like. The second options is to sleep in and have breakfast at the resort before joining the ride at Lorne and cycling the last 45km along the Great Ocean Road towards Aireys Inlet and Anglesea, hugging the coast right through to the finish site at the famous surf-town of Torquay where the journey comes to the end at the end of the Great Ocean Road.

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 and congratulations!

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