

NORTH EAST VICTORIA - MURRAY TO THE MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL 7-Day / 6-Night, **GUIDED** cycling with gourmet food & wine from Beechworth to Bright



Discover North East Victoria, where alpine valleys, mountain scenery and gold rush history come together with a vibrant food and wine culture. Once home to high country cattlemen, miners and bushrangers, this spectacular region is now celebrated for its world-class cool-climate wines, craft beers and exceptional local produce.

This guided cycling holiday follows the mostly sealed Murray to Mountains Rail Trail from historic Beechworth to Bright, travelling through the Ovens and King Valleys. Ride past vineyards, farmland and mountain landscapes while enjoying cellar door tastings, gourmet lunches, local cheeses, regional produce and the chance to sample the area's renowned wines and mountain-crafted beers.

Stay in comfortable, quality ensuite 4-star accommodation throughout the journey, carefully selected to showcase the warmth and character of the High Country. Taste the region's diverse cool-climate wines, from iconic Shiraz and traditional fortified wines to King Valley Riesling, Prosecco and Sauvignon Blanc, along with Alpine Valleys Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Tempranillo and Pinot Noir. Discover unique local varieties along the way, and enjoy a refreshing mountain-crafted beer at Bright Brewery, brewed using locally grown hops.

Cost from: **\$3945** per person, twin-share Single supplement from \$695
Season Supplement: \$100 per person - Applies for departures in March, April & May 2027

Departs: 19 November 2026, 18 March, 15 April, 6 May 2027

Includes: 6 nights' accommodation in comfortable hotels or B&Bs, with ensuite facilities; 6 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners; wine tastings and farm gate visits; bike hire* with small pannier; water bottle and t-shirt; experienced local guide with support vehicle; luggage transfer; transfers to and from Wangaratta Train Station or Albury Airport (or return transfer to Beechworth if your car is left there).

* We provide multi-geared hybrid bikes. - Upgrade to E-bike is available at extra cost: \$150

Not included: Meals not mentioned, other drinks, personal expenses. Bike helmets are required *and are available*, but we recommend you bring your own or buy one locally.

Grade: Easy to moderate, mainly on quiet country roads or on paved trails. The itinerary is at the discretion of the guides and subject to local conditions and weather.

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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 – Arrive Beechworth

Arrive in the historic town of Beechworth, with transfers available from Wangaratta Train Station or Albury Airport. Take time to settle into your accommodation and explore this gold rush town, known for its preserved heritage buildings, fascinating history, and local food. Meet your guide and fellow riders before enjoying a restaurant meal and briefing on the week ahead.

Day 2 – Beechworth to Yackandandah

Cycling @ 25km

After breakfast, collect your bikes and begin your journey along the new extension of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Enjoy a scenic ride through the rolling landscapes towards the picturesque village of Yackandandah, a historic gold mining town filled with character. Spend time discovering local flavours with a gin distillery tour and tasting, accompanied by lunch. Return transfer to Beechworth, with a free evening to enjoy at your leisure.

Day 3 – Beechworth to Milawa

Cycling @ 35km

Following breakfast, set out along the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail towards the King Valley and the renowned food and wine region of Milawa. Ride through countryside, taking in vineyard views, mountain scenery, and historic railway landscapes. Enjoy opportunities to sample local wines, visit the famous Milawa Cheese Factory for a tasting, and savour a gourmet lunch. The day concludes with a restaurant dinner.

Day 4 – Milawa to Myrtleford

Cycling @ 43km

After a cooked breakfast, continue your cycling holiday from Milawa through the Ovens Valley towards Myrtleford. The trail offers views of the surrounding mountains, vineyards, and rural landscapes as you make your way through the heart of Victoria's High Country. Enjoy a winery experience with exclusive tastings and a gourmet lunch showcasing the region's finest produce. The day ends with a restaurant dinner.

Day 5 – Myrtleford to Bright

Cycling @ 30km

Today's ride follows the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail from Myrtleford to Bright, travelling through the Ovens Valley with views towards Mount Buffalo. Cycle alongside the river and through a mix of farmland, bushland, and alpine landscapes before stopping for a winery lunch with views. Afterward, continue along the trail to Bright, perhaps stopping for coffee and cake at the Rail Trail café or a mountain-crafted ale at the Bright Brewery. We stay in Bright for two nights, a picturesque riverside town known for its deciduous trees, which are particularly spectacular in Autumn and Spring. Dinner is your choice from the town's many restaurants.

Day 6 – Bright to Wandiligong or Harrietville

Cycling @ 25km or 50km return

Enjoy a flexible final day of cycling with a choice of scenic routes from Bright. Take a shorter ride through the countryside to Wandiligong, following the Ovens River and stopping for lunch along the way (lunch at your own expense), or challenge yourself with the longer ride on the new Harrietville extension. Both options showcase the alpine scenery of the region. Return to Bright for a celebratory dinner and final overnight stay.

Day 7 – Depart Bright and onward transfers

After breakfast, transfers depart at 10:00AM back to Beechworth, Wangaratta Train Station, or Albury Airport, depending on your onward travel plans.

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