





17 – 21 NOVEMBER







Welcome.

Welcome to the Velo Tours RIDE Bright 4 night / 5 day tour to the cycling mecca of the Victorian Alps

On this tour you will visit Victoria's road riding paradise with its breathtaking scenery, alpine ascents and cycling friendly locals, which makes it the ideal destination for avid cyclists. Include a welcome and farewell dinner each at the Wandiligong Pub, the Porepunkah Pub plus a pasta night at home and you have a great few days away riding your bike.

Accommodation is a home base style fully self contained home with 6 bedrooms / 5 bathroom situated just 300m from the main drag of cafes, shops, supermarket and bottle shop. All rides are guided and supported.

Come join us and let us take care of you in Bright on your cycling getaway in our very own backyard.

The Velo Tours Team.



380km of riding across 5 fabulous days

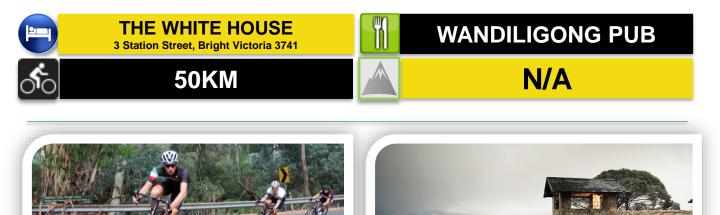


DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021 ARRIVAL / MELBOURNE > BRIGHT > HARRIETVILLLE

Velo Tours staff will meet you at Melbourne Airport at 10am for the transfer to our accommodation in Bright. This will be a 3.5hr drive with a stop on the way for some snacks and to stretch the legs. Our ETA will be around 2.30pm.

Once we settle into our accommodation we will prepare bikes and head off on our first ride in the Victorian Alps. This will be an out and back 50km ride to the township of Harrietville, returning to home base to be ready for dinner by 7pm. At dinner, Kerry will provide an overview of the oncoming few days and answer any questions you may have.



DAY 2 THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021 MOUNT BUFFALO

The stunning ascent of Mt. Buffalo is among the easiest of the Victorian Alps climbs, and is a good introduction to the coming weekend. At a touch under 21km, Buffalo offers breathtaking views throughout the steady, consistent ascent as well as on the summit. It's picturesque appeal is partly due to a series of hairpin bends that cling to the mountain's ridge line for approx. 8km. It's at this point that the road flattens out considerably into a 'false flat'. Remaining almost flat for the best part of 2km the road snakes its way through lush rainforest until once again the hairpins begin. At around the 18km mark there is a small downhill section onto the plateau after which you can choose your summit finish by turning right to make the last 1.8km to the chateau for a photo and a coffee at the coffee van.

Dinner is at a venue of your choice or a feast cooked up at home in the huge kitchen or on the bbq out back.





FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2021 TAWONG GAP AND FALLS CREEK

Today's ride is an epic day on the bike, first up Tawong Gap then it's onward to Falls Creek!

DAY 3

Starting from Bright our climbing starts from Germantown and averages 3.9% with a gain of just under 600m. It's a long, gradual ascent that starts off gently but gets steeper as you go with sections in the first 8km averaging 4% and the sustained climbing beginning at around 8km up. After the descent down off the lookout, we will head to the town of Mt Beauty for a coffee and a bite to eat before we head off to begin the longer ascent up to the ski town of Falls Creek. From here, you can either ride all the way back to Bright or ride back to Mt Beauty and jump in the van to transfer home.

Once back to town we will jump in the river for a cool down and then you can either head into town for dinner or staff will take you to the supermarket so you can grab some supplies for a bbq at home.



DAY 4 SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021 MOUNT HOTHAM

Our final climbing day will take us up the famous Mt Hotham one of the Victorian Alps' best ascents. Mt Hotham is possibly the longest and hardest climb in Australia, a full 30km to the 'moon-like' summit at an average gradient of only 4.6% but with sections of between 10-14%.

The climb is long and challenging with three distinct sections, some steep ramps (the Meg) and great views. The first section is a steady 11km except for a short 300m at 10%, and the second section is a long false-flat for approx. 9km with minimal climbing. The final section features two short descents and a couple of short 1-2km sections at 9-10%. It's a tough but amazing climb.

Our final dinner will be a delicious delight at the newly refurbished Porepunkah Pub to celebrate a fabulous few days of cycling...

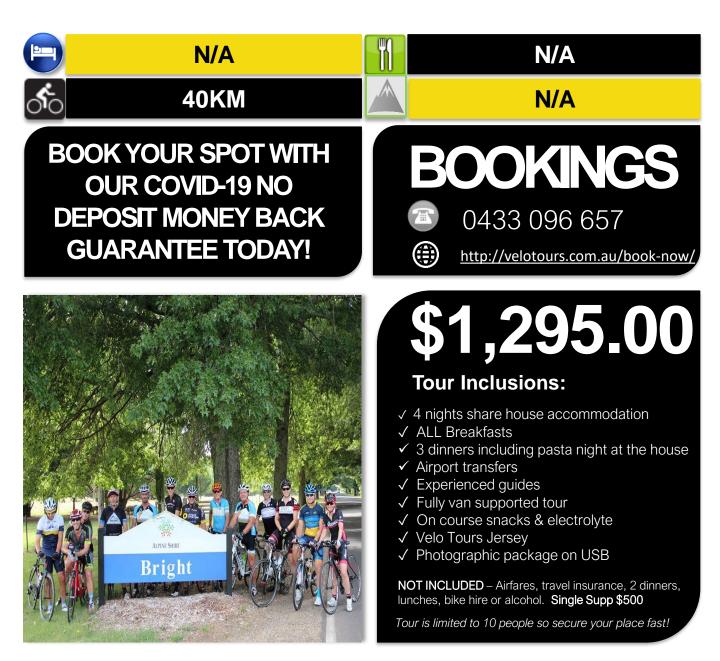




DAY 5 SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021 HOME

Our last day in this amazing part of Australia will be a flat to undulating ride early in the morning to help give the legs a bit of recovery time after some fantastic climbing.

We will have a coffee in town before heading back home to pack up and drive back to Melbourne Airport.



Our Accommodation.







The White House & Retreat.

The White House & Retreat is a tastefully renovated large family home, well-equipped, centrally located and ideal for a large cycling group on holiday in Bright riding their bikes.

The main house sleeps up to 16 people in four bedrooms, though we will sleep just 9 in the house, using just the bottom doubles on the bunks to ensure guest comfort and no overcrowding for the bathrooms. The unit in the backyard sleeps 4 people in two bedrooms. There are a total of 4 en-suites and 1 main bathroom, a large kitchen for our pasta night at home 2 x laundries for keeping kit clean and a BBQ area.

Just a short walk from everything in Bright this is a home away from home.



