

Victorian High Country



6 Day Tag-Along Base Camp Adventure Tour

PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary is just a guide. It is subject to change due to weather, road conditions, breakdowns and other conditions out of our control. Please allow flexibility on the tour to maximise your enjoyment.

Day 1. Bright to Italian Flat Campground Area.

Meet and greet at the Shell service station at 1 Anderson St Bright, fuelled up and ready to depart at 8:30am. From here we will head out towards Harrietville and then up towards Mt Hotham on the scenic Great Alpine Rd, then turning onto the High Plains Rd and making our way towards Dargo. Just before Dargo we will turn onto the Upper Dargo Rd and find our way to our camp for the tour, Italian Flat campground (note – if too busy we will find another camp area close by). After setting up camp and having a bit to eat we will head out for this afternoons drive. This will take in a tranquil drive along the Dargo River and up to Harrisons Cut (a man made cutting in the valley to allow water flow). After inspecting this are we will take a few close by tracks to get used to the terrain of the area, these may include Ewen Track, Matherson Track and Downey Track. After an easy day of driving we will head back to camp, where you can get ready for dinner and we will get the fire ready for you to sit around the camp fire and share a meal, drinks and a few stories of previous trips or what to expect during this tour.

Day 2.

Relaxed breakfast at camp, then head into Dargo for fuel or a coffee. From Dargo we will take the Low Dargo Rd towards Tabberabbera, a nice easy drive to Gidley Track across the top of some nice ridges with some stunning views. Once we reach Storer Track we will decide on an easy or harder drive. The easier track will remain on Gidley Track through to Mt Steve and some easier track back to camp. For the harder track we will go down Storer Track to Wallers Hut for lunch. After lunch we will follow Storer Track up to Baldhead Rd and depending on time we will make or ay back to camp or have a quick look at the Haunted Stream Track. On the completion of the day's drive, we will head back to camp for a hearty meal around the fire.

Day 3.

Another beautiful morning camped by the river, breakfast done the best way. Today we will go for a drive out to the Old Grant Township and have a look at the ruins, cemetery and surrounding area, before dropping down into Talbotville. At Talbotville we will go and have a look at an old mine site and the ruins of Talbotville. After lunch by the river here we will follow the Crooked River Track all the way into Dargo where we will have or evening meal at either The Dargo Pub or the Dargo River Inn. After dinner a slow drive back to camp for a few beverages and stories around the fire.

Day 4.

Today's drive will be out to the north of our campground and will take in tracks such as Murdering Spur, Dane, Wild Horse, McDonald, Dinner Plain and back around to the Haunted Stream. We will travel to the Dogs Grave and see some high country huts along the way. It will be a day of exploring and discovery as you meander your way through some of the stunning high country. Once we have all had our fill of driving the tracks for the day, we will head back to camp for some dinner and well earned refreshments.

Day 5.

Today could be a big day, we will head back towards Dargo and the southern areas, this day will include some medium to hard tracks and really test your skills. You will get to the tops of some mountains and then travel through the brilliant valleys as well. Possible tracks will include McDonald Gap, Scrubby Creek, Grady's Creek and maybe even Billy Goats depending on conditions. There will be more high country huts and look outs along the way. After a full day of driving and exploring we will head back into Dargo to full up the vehicles and have dinner at either the Dargo pub or Dargo River Inn, which ever we did not eat at previously. Once we have filled our bellies with a lovely counter meal it is time to head back to camp for our last campfire, where we can share our thoughts and experiences of the trip.

Day 6. Italian Flat Campground to Bright.

Breakfast and pack up this morning. After getting camp sorted we will head back along the High Plains Rd until we reach Blue Rag Range Track, here we will leave any trailers or vans parked up as it's not an easy drive. This track has some amazing views, but also some tricky sections and will take us to our last destination, Blue Rag Trig Point, there will be time for some pictures and discussion about the trip, we will also have a bite to eat and then head off to our final destination of Bright. This is our last official time together, If you wish to travel back home in the Mildura direction or Dubbo direction, we are more than happy for you to join us.

It will take about 3 hours to get to Bright from Blue rag with no issues. You are more than welcome to stop at Harrierville for a look around, it's a beautiful little village with a couple of pubs and local shops. The next stop is Bright, a very tourist based town with plenty of shops, galleries, cafes and its own brewery. We can recommend the food and beverages here. Within a few minutes' drive you can also find Wandiligong, another beautiful village with an exceptional pub for meals and drinks.

Some meal possibilities (not available every day), Gluten free options available

Breakfast menu

Bacon & Eggs
Pancakes or French toast
Toast/Toasties (Jaffles)
Cereal (limited selections)
Fruit (when available)
Croissants

Lunch menu

Fresh Cooked Damper/Scones/Bacon and cheese loaf
Hot dogs
Chicken Schnitzel or Roast meat rolls
Pies/Sausage rolls/sausage rolls/mini pizzas
Various sandwich options (rolls, Salada's, wraps)
Nachos

Dinner menu

BBQ meat and salads (snags/chops/chicken skewers/steak/ribs)
Souvlaki/kebabs/Homemade hamburgers
Camp Oven Meals – Roast/Stew
Spaghetti/Pasta
Savoury mince
Stir fry meat and vegetables
Tacos/Burritos/Fajitas
Butter Chicken/Honey Mustard chicken and rice (or similar)
Dinner provided at specified pubs/restaurants (\$35 per head limit)
Desserts in camp oven, Damper, Cookies, Brownie