

Itinerary summary:

Fri 2 Mar: Cruise to Bairnsdale. Great Alpine Road through the scenic Tambo River gorge to Omeo. Cruise the high country to Mt Hotham then enjoy the brilliant, twisty road down to Bright. 470km full-day drive.

Sat 3 Mar: Short drives over the twisty roads through Tawonga Gap (30km x2) and up to Falls Creek (30km x2). Optional time at Mt Beauty for its weekly Community Market, fudge factory, etc.

Sun 4 Mar: Relaxed day. Option of the great, twisty hillclimb to Mt Buffalo (36km x2) with spectacular views over the Ovens valley and short bushwalks. Evening picnic at Lake Buffalo (55km x2).

Mon 5 Mar: Early start for a long drive (480km). Travel up the brilliant road to Mt Hotham, cruise to Omeo. Take the spectacular, very twisty road through Anglers Rest and continue on the winding Omeo Highway which is now bitumen all the way to Tallangatta on Lake Hume. End with a scenic cruise across country back to Bright.

Tue 6 Mar: A relaxed departure and gentle cruise to Whitfield. An excellent road over the ranges to Mansfield, then cruise through Yea back to Melbourne.

NOTE: Sat-Mon may be mixed or swapped around depending on the weather.

Accommodation:

A shared house has been booked for those willing to share accommodation and to act as the group's base. Accommodation cost for the 4 nights is \$400 for a queen bedroom and \$270 for a twin room (which singles might wish to share). The house is a 1.3km flat walk to the centre of Bright, with river and parks. The house will be very comfortable for relaxed times, and if any passengers wants to chill out instead of joining any of the drives.

Details on how to make payment for the shared accommodation will be sent later in January 2018.

People are welcome to make their own accommodation arrangements in Bright, which has the full range from motels, B&Bs and caravan park cabins to camping. The maximum number of 12-15 cars still applies.

Meals & Other Costs:

Meals and all other costs will be at your own expense at the time. Self-catered meals are an option (Bright has a Woolworths) and Bright has a range of restaurants and good pub meals.