

7 days | High Country featuring Bright Autumn Leaves Festival



High Country Autumn Tour | Wednesday 29 April – Tuesday 5 May 2026

Join Port Bus for a spectacular 7-day adventure through Victoria's stunning High Country during the magical autumn season. Explore the charming towns of Beechworth, Milawa, Bright, Myrtleford, and Harrietville. Highlights include wine and cheese tastings, the vibrant Bright Autumn Festival and Grand Parade, a guided tour of historic Beechworth, the picturesque Red Stag Deer Farm, and visits to beautiful gardens and local producers. With quality accommodation, delicious meals, and breathtaking scenery along the way, this tour is the perfect way to experience autumn's finest colours and flavours.

Day 1 (LD) HOME TO GOULBURN

Wednesday 29 April 2026



Welcome to our 7-day autumn tour to the High Country. Sit back and meet your fellow travellers as we make our way south with a morning stop at **Bulahdelah**. Lunch today will be at the **Ourimbah RSL**. Our travels this afternoon take us further southwest of Sydney to **Goulburn**. A welcome dinner awaits us in the hotel.

Morning Tea from the coach | Lunch at Ourimbah RSL | | Dinner at hotel
Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 1 night

Day 2 (BLD) GOULBURN TO WANGARATTA

Thursday 30 April 2026

Following an early breakfast, we continue south through Gundagai and Holbrook towards Table Top. Our lunch venue is the **Table Top Hotel**. This afternoon we continue through to **Wangaratta**, where we can unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next four nights.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the coach | lunch Table Top Hotel
Quality Hotel Wangaratta | 4 nights



DAY 3 (BLD) LEGENDARY BEECHWORTH AND GOURMET MILAWA

Friday 01 May 2026



Following breakfast, we make our way to Beechworth where a **local guide** joins the coach to tell us some stories about this beautiful town. We have time for a morning break in the township before our visit to the **Beechworth Historic Courthouse** – get ready to re-enact some of the dramatic events which took place inside these walls! We are in for a treat at Last Street Brewery (previously Billsons). The historic brewery was built in 1865 while Beechworth was at the height of the Gold Rush. The site was chosen because a natural spring

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occurred here and the pure water has been used in all the beverages to this day, known now as Snowline Pure Mountain Spring Water. During the 1920's due to the intervention of a temperance group the production of beer ceased, although Stout continued to be made for another 30 years. It was at this time a soft drink and cordial factory was started. Today they specialise in turn of



the century gourmet cordial mixers of long forgotten flavours made to time honored recipes and methods,

we enjoy a tasting here before making our way to the **Milawa** gourmet region, starting at **Brown Brothers Vineyard** who have been making wine in this region since 1889. We have a wine tasting here and lunch before visiting the **Milawa Cheese Company** for a tasting, located in the historic Murray Goulburn Butter Factory. Leaving the area, we return to our hotel in time to freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in Hotel Morning Tea from the coach | lunch at Brown Brothers



Day 4 (BD): BRIGHT AUTUMN LEAVES FESTIVAL

Saturday 02 May 2026

The Bright Autumn Festival is a ten-day celebration of the wonderful autumn colours and autumn produce of the valleys of Victoria's Alpine High Country. We meet our local guide for a town tour of Bright before we enjoy the festivities. We are lucky enough to be here for the highlight of the festival – the Rotary Gala Day! So, we can enjoy the markets, bands and entertainment at our leisure followed this afternoon by the Grand Parade, the highlight of the festival! We make a time and meet up to return to our hotel for the evening.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch, own arrangements and cost



Day 5 (BLD) EXPLORING THE REGION

Sunday 03 May 2026



We wake up to the freshness of mountain air where we will be out all day in it exploring townships of the high country. Starting the day taking a trip through Japan, Morocco and India as we wander through a mixture of hand-picked antiques, artisan crafted goods and recycled items at **Red Ramia Trading** in Myrtleford, so much to discover, after some time to explore and maybe some purchases, we enjoy morning tea here. From here we continue to the little township of Eurobin to visit **Red Stag Deer Farm**, a stunning farm with alpine views in all directions. The unique

property offers the opportunity to feed, touch and learn about deer, emus, and ostriches. We enjoy lunch here with a stunning outlook. This afternoon we travel to the quaint sub alpine village of Harrietville to visit **Lavender Hue Farm**. Here we meet the very welcoming staff who will give us a talk on the farm and the lavender. Our next visit for the day is at **Shady Brook Gardens**. It is a



magnificent property which has been featured on the ABC Gardening Show more than once. We spend some time here taking in the beautiful gardens. We now travel along one of the most beautiful drives in this area - through the **Wandiligong Valley**. The whole Valley has been registered with the National Trust. We pay a visit to **Nightingale Bros Apples**. The Nightingale family has been growing apples in the Wandiligong Valley since 1954. You may want to stock up with some fresh local produce of the area. After a full day of exploring the region,

we return to our hotel for dinner ready for the Bright Autumn festival tomorrow.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Red Stag Deer Farm



Day 6 (BLD) WANGARATTA TO GOULBURN

Monday 04 May 2026



This morning, we say farewell to Wangaratta and our hosts and head north past Albury to **Holbrook** where we stop to stretch our legs. Our visit will reveal why the HMAS Otway's final resting spot came to be here, in a country town. Through an amazing holograph presentation we will hear how a brave young Submariner, whose exploits during the First World War earned him the honour of having a town named after him. Our lunch today has been arranged at the

Holbrook RSL Club close by. From here we travel through to **Goulburn** for our final night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the coach | lunch at Holbrook RSL Club
Mercure Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night



DAY 7 (BL) HEADING HOME

Tuesday 05 May 2026



What a lovely time we have had enjoying the shift of autumn from lush greens to brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, painting the landscape in warm, nostalgic hues. Following breakfast, we checkout of the hotel and make our way to **Raymond Terrace Bowling Club** before continuing home. Arriving later today with many wonderful memories of our fantastic holiday in Wangaratta.

Breakfast in motel | Morning Tea from the coach | lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 6 night's hotel accommodation
- 6 cooked breakfasts
- 6 dinners
- 5 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Table Top Hotel
- Locally guided tour of Beechworth
- Guided tour of the courthouse at Beechworth Historic Courthouse
- Visit and tasting to Last Street Brewery (previously Billsons Brewery)
- Lunch and tasting at Brown Brothers Winery, Milawa
- Taste and Talk at Milawa Cheese Company
- Locally guided tour of Bright
- Bright Autumn Festival
- Morning tea at Red Ramia Trading
- Talk and lunch at Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm, Myrtleford
- Entry and Talk at Lavender Hue, Harrietville
- Garden entry and talk at Shady Brook Gardens, Harrietville
- Visit Nightingale Bros Alpine Apples
- Guided tour at the Submarine Museum, Holbrook



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- The price is based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 20 paying passengers, this quotation *may* need to be recosted.
- The price is valid for the above tour dates only.
- It is highly recommended that you have travel insurance in the event of travel disruptions.
- Accommodation is subject to availability. If alternative accommodation needs to be sourced, the price could change.
- Attractions are subject to availability. When these are booked, we request passenger numbers based on those the tour has been costed on.
- Surcharges may apply if accommodation dates fall on public holidays or special events.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.



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29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of the fare