

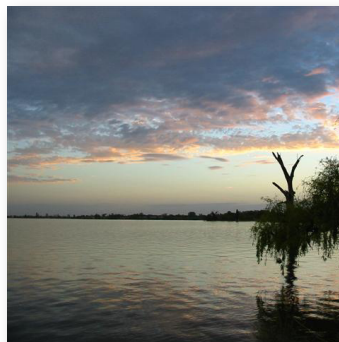


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# EASTER AT THE VIC ALPS

## BUSHRANGER COUNTRY

*With Ezi Drive Coaches*



*5 Days / 4 Nights - with Brian and Mary*

**Tour Departs Thursday 5th April - Monday 9th April 2012**

### **Tour Inclusions:**

- Pick up from your home, transport to Albury and return (Sydney Metropolitan area)
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- 4 Nights Minimum Three Star Quality Motel Accommodation
- 4 Three Course Dinners & All Fully cooked Hot Buffet Breakfast
- Lunch Day 1, 3 & 4
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

### **Tour Highlights:**

Peter Crisp Gallery; Beechworth Cultural Precinct Tour - Historic Courthouse; Telegraph Station; Burke Memorial Museum; The Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre; 150-year old Powder Magazine; Yackandandah Jam & Preserving Company; Yackandandah Lavender Patch; Highlights tour of Chiltern - Athenaeum Library, Museum Dow's Pharmacy, Lakeview Homestead, Star Theatre and Giant Grapevine; Milawa Mustard & Milawa Cheese Companies; Brown Brothers Winery Cellar Door; Ponderosa Cabin - Hops, Tobacco & Timber Tour; Granya Museum; Historic Tintalra General Store with Lunch & Entertainment; Corryong Man from Snowy River Museum & Riley's Village and more

<b>Tour Fee including GST:</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$1249.00 per person, twin share</b>
	<b>Non Members</b>	<b>\$1269.00 per person, twin share</b>
	<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>\$216.00</b>

**Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by 27 January, 2012**

# The Itinerary

## Day 1. Thursday 5th April: Hometown to Albury

### Lunch & Dinner

This morning we pick you up from home and begin our way down into north eastern Victoria to explore the Murray River and Victorian Alps region. We travel down through New South Wales stopping at the **Peter Crisp Gallery** at Bowning. The Gift Gallery, Glass Gallery and Performance Space are set in a magical three hectare garden made up of different themes from formal plantings of lavender and flowering trees to garden areas that are natural and for the keen gardener contain a surprise every time in all seasons. After we have lunch we continue on enjoying a comfort stop at Holbrook before **arriving in Albury** late afternoon. After checking into our rooms we enjoy dinner in the motel restaurant.

**Overnight - Albury**

## Day 2. Friday 6th April: Beechworth / Yackandandah

### Breakfast & Dinner

Today we travel down to the historic township of **Beechworth** arriving at the **Tourist Centre** visiting the Hall for a short Audio-Visual on the history of Beechworth. We then begin our **Cultural Precinct Tour** that takes us into **Historic Courthouse** for an enjoyable experience with mock trial as it is where the beginning of Ned Kelly's last trial was held. We also visit the **Telegraph Station** where we hear some interesting conversations and learn the early history of Beechworth. We pause for our lunch break with the Famous Beechworth Bakery a popular choice with visitors while many cafes are there to choose from as well. We then visit the **Burke Memorial Museum** acknowledged as one of the best regional museums in Victoria. **The Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre** is housed in one of the original gold rush buildings associated with the Chinese community. It is telling the story of the Chinese on the Ovens District Goldfields. We then make our way up to the 150-year old **Powder Magazine**, which housed the blasting powder used in the gold fields. Later this afternoon we travel across to Yackandandah stopping at the **Yackandandah Jam and Preserving Company**. The entire range of Yackandandah preserves are hand-made in small batches, using nothing but 100% all natural ingredients, including the freshest of fruit (and lots of it) and local spring water. They also use original recipes with modern processing technology to ensure we get nothing but the best. We then visit the **Lavender Patch** where we are able to wander in the **gardens**, the **lavender fields**, enjoy the **views**, visit the **gift shop**, **nursery** or **tea room**. Mario or Ruth will be available to share their knowledge on lavender cultivation, which plant best suits our requirements and to answer your **questions** regarding the products and **essential lavender oil**. Later in the day we make our way back up to our motel for dinner.

**Overnight - Albury**

## Day 3. Saturday 7th April: Murray River Country

### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we travel down to the **historic little town of Chiltern** enjoying a tour with our local historian. We venture through the **Athenaeum Library Museum** built in 1866 and containing goldfields memorabilia and art collection of A. W. Eustace. We enter **Dow's Pharmacy** built in 1859 and now highlighting the extent to which retailing and the science of pharmacy and medicine have changed. We also visit the charming red brick **Lakeview Homestead** to enjoy a cuppa and view the memorabilia of distinguished Australian author Henry Handel Richardson (Ethel Richardson). With our last stop the National Trust classified **Star Theatre and Giant Grapevine** rebuilt in 1866 after been destroyed by fire. It is now home to superb antiques and memorabilia and the world's largest grapevine planted in 1876 and now listed in the Guinness Book of Records. After leaving Chiltern we travel down to the Milawa Gourmet Region visiting **Milawa Mustard and Milawa Cheese**. Our first stop is **Milawa Mustards located in the beautiful Old Emu Inn** in the centre of Milawa. As well as eighteen varieties of homemade seeded mustards Milawa Mustards features a whole new range of seasonal condiments, such as pastes, jellies, jams, chutneys, marmalades and salad dressings, again utilising the couples herbs and fruits grown on their farm. Our next stop is at **Milawa Cheese** for tour and taste before enjoying a light lunch in the café. We also call at the cellar door of **Brown Brothers Winery** to taste their famous varietal wines. Our last stop for the day is at the **Ponderosa Cabin** where we enjoy a **Hops Tobacco and Timber Tour** of the Myrtleford District. We then travel back to Albury for dinner

**Overnight Albury**

## Day 4. Sunday 8th April: Snowy Mountain Country

### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we travel across to **The Man from Snowy River Country** as we make our way to the small township of Granya following the banks of the Hume Weir. We arrive at the **Granya Pioneer Museum** featuring the history of the **Bungil and Thologolong Stations** and the birthplace of the **Murray Gray Cattle** along with its **rich gold mining** past. We continue following the Murray River witnessing some of the most spectacular countryside one could imagine before arriving in Tintaldra at the award winning **General Store Gallery, Museum and Garden** for an introductory talk on the town's history (settled in 1837) before a very interesting lunch. After our lunch we travel down to **Corryong** paying a visit to the **Man from Snowy River Museum** where the pioneering families of the Upper Murray had a vision in the early 1960s to preserve the early Australian history of the Corryong region. Today the commitment of the local communities to carry on the traditions and stories of early settlement through to the post-war years is an experience to behold. The organized clutter and unique display is loved by thousands of visitors each year who visit Corryong's Man from **Snowy River Museum and Riley's Village**. Later in the afternoon we continue our drive travelling back across to Albury where for dinner.

**Overnight Albury**

## Day 5. Monday 9th April: Holbrook / Albury

### Breakfast

This morning we bid our hosts and staff farewell as we **depart Albury** and travel back up to Sydney enjoying stops for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. This afternoon we arrive back home to say goodbye at your door after spending a fabulous few days at the Victorian Alps with Ezi Drive Coaches.

For information and bookings phone: 02 4774 9700

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.