

Victorian High Country 7 Day Adventure



We hope you are ready for the most epic, unforgettable 7 days exploring Australia's breathtaking "Man from the Snowy river" Victorian High Country with Ellwood Motorcycle Adventures!

There is a reason this place is on the top of every Adventure Riders bucket list and also our personal favorite pick of tours and this is set to be one of our best ones yet!





Day 1.

We will start the adventure in the quiet town of Healesville in the Yarra Valley at the Big 4 Holiday Park, most people choose to camp at the holiday park the night before and there are rooms available if you get in quick.

Big 4 Yarra Valley 419 Don Rd, Healesville Vic 0359624328

If you are bringing your own bike you can leave your car and trailer at the park until we return on the last day.

There isn't much option for breakfast from the Big 4 so it's a good idea to have some breaky prepared with you and also trail snacks/lunch for the day ready to go or we will have a continental breakfast from the support truck with tea and coffee if you like.

We will spend the day weaving our way through the trails of the local National Parks and State Forests of the area with carefully chosen trails that will give you a chance to get used to the bikes and settle in for the week ahead.

We will finish the days ride at one of Victoria's most popular holiday destinations, Lake Eildon.

Once we are sorted at our camp for the night we will head to one of the local restaurants overlooking the lake for a great meal and a few drinks which will give you the chance to get to know all your new riding buddies.



Day 2.

We start the day by heading down to the café when you can purchase a coffee and breakfast and there is a supermarket next door to stock up on snacks for the next few days.

We will have no shortage of adventure as we set off into the Great Dividing Range and start to tackle some of the tracks that make the High Country famous. As we wind our way up and down the hills and mountain ranges we will show you some amazing views and history of the area.

You will really know you are in the High Country when we pull up at camp for the night in one of the famous cattleman's huts which is around 1500mtrs above sea level where we will meet up with the support vehicle. You will be able to relax and take in the amazing views whilst the crew prepare some delicious camp oven cooking for dinner.



Day 3.

After breaky supplied from the support truck and re fuelling the bikes we will head east across the ridgelines and into the Alpine National Park. We will have some options of this day for anyone up for a challenge to tackle some of the larger hill climbs of the area. Otherwise you can stick to the "A" track options where there is some great adventure riding trails and points of interest along the way.

A high Country trip wouldn't be complete without visiting the most famous pub in the region, the iconic Dargo Pub. This will be our camp for the night where you can relax, have a pub meal, take in the atmosphere and have a beer or 2 with the locals.



Day 4.

Breakfast will be available to purchase from the famous Dargo Store you will be well and truly into the adventure riding life as we set off from Dargo heading further east on some scenic trails eventually popping us out of the forest into the historic town of Omeo for a lunch stop at one of the towns famous Cafes, there is a supermarket in Omeo that you can restock supplies for the next few days.

Once we all have a full belly we will follow trails along the Mitta Mitta river and back up into the hills of the local National Park. We will eventually be greeted with some amazing views of Dartmouth Dam and the surrounding area.

The camp for night 4 will be at the sleepy fishing town of Dartmouth. The support vehicle will be at camp for the night for any repairs or servicing required for the bikes and dinner will be available at Dartmouth Pub.

Rooms will be available this night at the Dartmouth Motor Inn directly across the road from the pub if you feel like upgrading to a bed for the night.

To pre book a room so you don't miss out call them a call, sometimes there are rooms available on the day.

Dartmouth Motor Inn ph. 0428603025 and let them know you are part of our group.

Day 5.

Breakfast will be available to purchase from pub before we leave.

Day 5 will be full of surprises as we are once again back into the hills of the High Country. We will stop frequently visiting fire towers and show you the history of the old logging machinery. We will pass through the area devastated by the 2019 bushfires and you can see the unbelievable regrowth of the 'fury trees'.

We will head south for the first time in the afternoon and pull up for the night at one of the largest huts in the High Country. Once the campfire is lit and dinner is cooking over the open fire inside the hut, you will get a feeling of what it must have been like for the cattleman back in the early days.



Day 6.

The following morning after breakfast from the truck will break camp fairly early as we have one of the longer days of the tour with roughly 280kms to cover until we reach our camp for the night. We start tracking west for the morning until we reach once again the familiar town of Dargo to refuel and a quick break.

We then travel up towards the Mt Hotham region which has some must see points of interest along the way before we finish the days ride in the small town of Wandiligong just south of Bright. Once again we will be at a famous High Country pub for the evening.

Day 7.

We have saved the best for the last on the tour as we leave the north region of the high country and start making our way back down to Healesville. We will pass by the sheer cliffs of Mt Buffalo as we make our way south back into the Alpine National Park.

We will eventually make our way into the Mt Buller region where a trip to the High Country wouldn't be complete without a visit to the most famous of all the cattleman's huts, Craigs Hut.

After some unbelievable photo opportunities there we then make our way back to our starting point at Healesville through the local trails where we complete the adventure with a farewell dinner at one of the local breweries.

This is a great way to conclude the tour and gives everyone the chance to relax and re-cap on the adventure of a lifetime, enjoy a beer or 2 and celebrate with all our new riding buddies. We will be staying at the Big 4 Healesville and Camping is included this night however you can opt to upgrade accommodation.



This tour as you are aware is in areas of Australia that have limited phone reception so we carry satellite phones and EPIRBs for safety reasons and our lead and sweep riders are first aid qualified. Our tour itinerary is always subject to change throughout the 7 days due to weather, terrain, water crossings, breakdown, emergency situations, etc. We always have a backup plan in place if any problems arise and we are very experienced in dealing with all types of situations.

- Our stay at the camp grounds each night have showers and toilets, the 2 nights we stay at the cattlemans huts we have toilets and a portable hot shower.
- We provide 2 dinners and 2 cooked breakfasts. Breakfast can be purchased from cafes, road houses and supermarkets we stop to refuel at each and each night we aren't with the support car you can purchase dinners from the pubs or restaurants we stay at, You can also stock up on snacks for the day from the fuel stops and towns we pass almost each day.
- For our riders bringing their own bikes on tour we recommend sorting out your bike freight as soon as possible to ensure there is no problems getting the bike to Victoria in time for the tour.
- We require full payment 3 weeks prior to tour departure, we will send out a reminder and another email with some further details about the tour.
- There may be a chance to upgrade to rooms along the way depending on availability when we arrive to the destination if you feel like upgrading out on tour however it is recommended you book before hand if you want to lock it in.
- There are beers available out of the support truck for \$4each. This is a good one to bring a hip flask with if you like a drink of something other than beer when we stay in the cattlemans huts.



For our customers bringing along their own bike we can also offer tips on setting your bike up for the tour if you are unsure on what would best suit your needs. See the attached checklist on what to pack and there is recommendations on camping gear and equipment. There is also information on what we recommend you take to ensure you don't overpack which can be very easy to do, not everything on the list is a must and if you are unsure on what to back please give us a call and we can talk you through it.

It is a good idea to carry some cash as well as your bank cards as EFTPOS is not always available. We recommend that you carry a few coins for washing machines along the way.



What is included and what you need to bring.

For our riders hiring bikes from us, all of our current model DRZ400s will come equipped with:

- Tent
- Air bed & 12V pump
- 12V outlet on your bike for charging
- Fold up camp chair
- All camp cooking equipment and utensils

What you will need to bring:

- For hygiene reasons you are required to bring your own sleeping bag, pillow and a fitted king single or double bed sheet to fit over the bed.
- Back pack with a 3ltr hydration bladder
- Towel and toiletries
- Clothing to wear at the end of each day after riding, You will only need a couple of changes of clothing as you will have access to washing machines along the way.



You will be required to carry everything you are taking on tour in your luggage bags supplied on the bike and it can be cold up in the mountains so it's a good idea to pack some thermals and a good quality wet weather jacket.

There are two empty soft panniers and a duffle bag on your bike to pack your gear in, these bags can easily fit all of your bedding, personal items and clothes in and has quite a bit of room. If you are unsure if what you want to bring along may not fit, let us know and we can assist you further.

When you arrive on the first day and unpack your personal items into the luggage bags provided, you can then place your other bags into the support vehicle. There is limited room so we ask that you please limit the size of bag to be placed in the support vehicle.

The farewell dinner will be the Matilda Bay Brewery and we will provide transport from the Big 4 to dinner and back again.

If you have any questions regarding anything to do with the tour please contact us. It will be a great time of year and we cannot wait to be exploring The Victorian High Country with you!



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