



# AUTUMN ALPINE COLOURS WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Bright & The Victorian High Country

7 Days | 22 – 28 May 2021 | AUD\$4,995pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE\*

## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 7 days exploring Victoria's High Country
- ✦ Explore the towns of Albury, Mt Beauty, Bright Milawa, Myrtleford, Beechworth and Rutherglen
- ✦ Enjoy the superb comforts of boutique stylish accommodation for 2 nights at Lindenwarrah
- ✦ Marvel at nature's display in the autumn colours of the Victorian alpine regions
- ✦ Visit the Kiewa Hydro Electric Scheme
- ✦ Try your hand at fly-fishing in the cool waters in Harrietville
- ✦ Includes return economy flights to Albury from Sydney or Melbourne flying Rex Airlines
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"As a single lady I never feel any discomfort on a Bill Peach Journeys trip. I have travelled with lots of other tour operators and no one else looks after me the way Bill Peach Journeys does. I never feel lonely and get to see the most amazing places."*

T. Mahon, Sylvania NSW

Explore an area of outstanding natural beauty of mountains, rivers and lush fertile valleys and picturesque historic towns. Gracious avenues of poplars, maples, silver birches, pin oaks, liquid amber and golden and claret ashes, many planted early last century, cloak the towns and villages of the area in stunning autumn colours. Dotted along the Ovens and Kiewa Rivers the towns are nestled at the very foot of the Mount Buffalo and Alpine National Parks.

A photographer's paradise, the mountains offer spectacular vistas, beautiful wildflower displays and the chance to see Australia's native birds and animals in their natural environment. Visiting during autumn we will fully appreciate the vibrancy of this region and be awed by nature's colour palette. With breathtaking backdrops you will learn a fascinating history shaped by pioneering pastoralists, fortune-seeking gold miners and post-war migration that unfolded in Victoria's High Country. Delightful accommodation and incredible food and wine as usual! We'd love you to join us.

## ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from cruising New Zealand's North Islands to world class sporting events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.

## FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn

with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.



### DAY 1 | ARRIVE ALBURY

Fly from Sydney or Melbourne to Albury and transfer to the award-winning Atura Albury. A welcome dinner tonight hosted by your Journey Director is the perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight: Atura Albury or similar

### DAY 2 | ALBURY - MT BEAUTY - BRIGHT

After breakfast we travel to breathtaking Mount Beauty nestled in Victoria's high country and visit the Kiewa Hydroelectric Scheme which is the largest water power development in Victoria. Exploring further into the Alpine National Park we visit the lush village of Harrietville. Located at the foot of Mt Feathertop and Mt Hotham, this charming destination is noted for its outdoor pursuits and stunning mountain scenery. Appropriately, today we will try our hand at trout fishing.

An area rich in the history of the gold fields and the cattlemen of the high country, it is also one of diverse product. This afternoon we visit a lavender farm on the banks of the Ovens River.

Overnight: Ovens Valley Motor Inn or similar

### DAY 3 | BRIGHT

Bright is renowned for its natural beauty. In autumn, the huge deciduous European trees – oaks, elms, poplars and Japanese maples – many of which are now more than 70 years old, paint the town red,

orange, gold and yellow. Bright also offers an insight into life in the past at the Bright Museum. We will learn about the history of the Ovens Railway Line, gold mining history and also the social history of the area.

Later we will drive to picture-perfect Wandiligong and discover a valley patchworked with apple orchards and nut groves. We visit the Chinese Swing Bridge which commemorates the contribution of the Chinese during the gold mining days. This afternoon we tour to Mount Buffalo for panoramic views of the Victorian Alps.

Overnight: Ovens Valley Motor Inn or similar

### DAY 4 | BRIGHT - MILAWA

After breakfast we transfer to the township of Myrtleford which is beautifully positioned in the northern foothills of the Mt Buffalo Range adjacent to the Ovens River, Happy Valley Creek and Barwidgee Creek. Stunning scenery of rivers and mountain views provide a dramatic backdrop as we learn about the town's gold mining, hops and tobacco past.

Your boutique accommodation this evening, Lindenwarrah, is situated in the picturesque Milawa gourmet wine region. It is a tranquil country house hotel brimming with elegance and style – the perfect base to experience a rich bounty of world class food and wine, high country history and breathtaking landscapes.

Overnight: Lindenwarrah or similar

### DAY 5 | BEECHWORTH

Today is spent uncovering the fascinating history of Beechworth located in 'Kelly country'. This historic town is known as the 'Elegant dame', with all the sensibilities of a grand 19<sup>th</sup> century town, as you look down from the foothills of the Victorian Alps onto the wide, tree-lined streets, with their deep granite gutters and shady, century-old verandahs. Today we take a tour through the town before having lunch at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Lindenwarrah or similar

### DAY 6 | MILAWA - RUTHERGLEN - ALBURY

After breakfast we transfer to the Rutherglen region to enjoy the produce that the area is world renowned for. It is home to over twenty wineries, ranging from household names to boutique operations. Get acquainted with the signature wines on offer from muscats, tokays and the rich reds – shiraz, durif and cabernet. This evening we enjoy our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Atura Albury or similar

### DAY 7 | DEPART ALBURY

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Sydney or Melbourne. Say farewell to new friends and take away memories of a delightful High Country Sojourn.

Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.

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