



## **EXPLORING THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGH COUNTRY**

### **7 Days / 6 Nights**

The Snowy Mountain Region has a rich and fascinating history to accompany its breathtaking natural beauty. Stretching from Canberra in the north, to the border of Victoria in the south, it holds deep spiritual significance for Aborigines. Early European stockmen and farmers who called the stunning countryside home during the 1800s were immortalised in one of Australia's favourite poems (which also became a film) – The Man from Snowy River. Travel with us to discover this magical environment of high peaks, alpine lakes, vast plains and rich heritage for yourself.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Charming heritage boutique villages**
- **Spend a day discovering our nation's Capital**
- **3 full days immersed in the breathtaking beauty of the alpine region**
- **3 nights accommodation at a pristine resort set on 7,500 acres of wilderness high country**
- **Discover the picturesque Southern Highlands**



## **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1 – SYDNEY – CANBERRA (L)**

Heading south from Sydney our first stop this morning is the beautifully preserved Georgian Village of Berrima. Berrima's colonial sandstone buildings and classic country charm make this historic village an ideal spot for morning tea and time to explore. From here, we travel via the Hume Highway to Goulburn and then on back roads to Bungendore, a charming rural escape, home to lovingly preserved colonial buildings, markets, wineries and incredible craftsmanship. We enjoy a visit to the Lark Hill Biodynamic Winery for a leisurely lunch, then on to our destination for the next 2 nights, Canberra.

**Overnight – Canberra**

### **DAY 2 – CANBERRA (BL)**

Today we spend visiting the capital city and its many sights. Visit Capitol Hill, Australia's Parliament House and enjoy a personalised guided tour of Parliament grounds. Next stop is the National Museum of Australia, with a collection of more than 210,000 objects representing Australia's history and cultural heritage. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant celebrating the freshest local produce and supporting our local farmers who have been impacted by drought, fire or climate change. After lunch, we spend the afternoon further visiting the icons of Canberra including options to visit the National Library, Lake Burly Griffin and the Australian War Memorial and the moving Last Post Ceremony. We return to our accommodation late afternoon with the evening and dinner at leisure.

**Overnight – Canberra**



### **DAY 3 – CANBERRA – SNOWY MOUNTAINS REGION (BLD)**

After breakfast we depart our accommodation and drive south to the country town of Cooma, considered the gateway to the alpine area. Enroute we enjoy a visit to the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Tracking Station, a unique Communication Complex opened in 1965. On arrival in Cooma, time to explore the town's National Trust classified sites and 19th century architecture including Victorian cottages, jail, courthouse and post office. Mid-afternoon we arrive at our accommodation on a remote property in the high country. The Snowy Wilderness Lodge consists of several eco-friendly lodges and is a sanctuary for brumby horses and wildlife such as kangaroos, wallabies, emus, wombats, deer, echidna and wedge-tailed eagles. Enjoy a dinner prepared by the resort staff using locally sourced ingredients selected daily.

**Overnight – Snowy Wilderness Lodge**

### **DAY 4 – SNOWY WILDERNESS LODGE (BLD)**

Today is about exploring and enjoying this pristine resort set on 7,500 acres of wilderness high country. The high country is where The Man from Snowy River comes to life. We enjoy a guided 4WD tour taking in breathtaking views, waterholes, waterfalls, rugged wilderness bush, volcanic peaks, and access to the Snowy River; – all set within the backdrop of the unique vista of Australia's iconic high country. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy a leisurely walk or relax and soak in the environment. For the adventure minded, a horse ride into the wilderness is an amazing extra.

**Overnight – Snowy Wilderness Lodge**



#### **DAY 5 – KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK (BLD)**

An early start this morning has us driving through picturesque country to the ski town of Thredbo. From here, we take the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift as we ascend the mountain, enjoying breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. You then enjoy an easy walk past the rocky granite outcrops of Ramshead Range, and through alpine wildflowers (spring). Stop at the lookout for views of the country's highest mountain. Departing Thredbo, we arrive at the Wildbrumby Distillery, the highest distillery in Australia. The distillery has access to pristine Alpine water, organically grown fruit and native mountain botanicals, which have become the inspiration behind its award-winning stable of schnapps, gin and vodka. Here we have tastings, lunch at the café and time to explore the sculpture garden. Return to the lodge late afternoon.

**Overnight – Snowy Wilderness Lodge**

#### **DAY 6 – BOWRAL (BLD)**

We farewell our hosts this morning as we depart from this stunning alpine region. Our first stop of the morning is at the Eucumbene Trout Farm. Here we enjoy a guided tour of the farm and learn of its sustainability practices before enjoying morning tea in the café and the opportunity to purchase any of the produce! Lunch will be enjoyed picnic style today as we make our way to beautiful Bowral. The largest town in the Southern Highlands, Bowral was traditionally a rural summer retreat for the gentry of Sydney. There are still elements of this on display today, from fine manor houses to antique stores and gourmet restaurants.

**Overnight – Bowral**



### **DAY 7 – BOWRAL – SYDNEY (BL)**

This morning some time to visit Bowral before heading off to explore the picturesque Kangaroo Valley and then on to the stylish village of Berry for lunch. Our afternoon drive back to Sydney has us following the coast road, stopping in at Kiama, home to the world's largest blowhole before enjoying the Grand Pacific Drive and through the Royal National Park to arrive back in Sydney CBD approximately 5.00pm.





## **PRIVATE CHARTER TOUR PRICES**

Please note the following prices are for a private tour with you and your family or friends. Prices are subject to change depending on the time of year travelling. We would ascertain this upon enquiry.

Price From: \$4286.00 per person twin share  
Single Supplement \$1055.00

Tours are currently based on Private Exclusive Charter. Group sizes can currently range from 2 – 10 guests, with a maximum of 16 guests as restrictions further ease. The pricing quoted is currently based on a minimum of 8 guests and is an indicative cost only. Please contact our office to discuss your preferred dates of travel and group size and we will tailor accordingly.

## **DURATION**

7 days

## **FITNESS REQUIRED**

Whilst this tour is not physically demanding it does include nature walks in National Parks. There will be times where you will be required to navigate uneven tracks, inclines/descents on walks and all participants are required to be able to walk unaided and will not need any foreseen assistance throughout the journey. For all clients to fully enjoy this travel experience, excellent health and mobility is required by all.

## **WEAR**

Comfortable clothing, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

## **INCLUSIONS**

Expert driver guide escort

Twin-share accommodation, all rooms with ensuite based on boutique premium hotel

Meals as advised (B= Breakfast / L= Lunch / D= Dinner)

Admissions and sustainable water bottles on board

Travel in bespoke 14 or 17 passenger seat tour vehicle with reclining leather coach seats and air conditioning

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Beverages with meals unless otherwise specified

Travel insurance

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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