

All meals / most morning and afternoon teas

RACV Goldfields Creswick

5 days, Nov 12



Ballarat Botanic Gardens

Day 1 (L,D) MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, CRESWICK

This morning we travel from Melbourne and enjoy morning tea at the Big Apple Tourist Orchard. We continue to Ballarat, Victoria's largest inland city. Lunch here prior to viewing the exhibits at the Fine Art Gallery. Later we arrive at the historic gold mining town of Creswick and our home for four nights, the RACV Goldfields Resort. Set amongst 20 hectares of forest in the central goldfields, there is time to unpack and relax prior to dinner together at the resort.

Day 2 (B,L,D) BALLARAT

An easy day as we return to Ballarat, one of Australia's most significant Victorian era boomtowns. Enjoy a stroll through the Robert Clark Conservatory at the Botanic Gardens, adjacent to Lake Wendouree. Lunch at The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, located on the historic site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade. Later we spend some time here to view the fascinating displays of iconic objects, exhibits and rare Australian Gold jewellery.

Day 3 (B,L,D) ANZAC DAY, CLUNES

Time this morning to attend a local Anzac Day service before we travel to historic Clunes, the town that sparked the Victorian Gold Rush. On our return to Creswick we visit the Creswick Woolen Mills and see the last remaining coloured spinning mill of its type in Australia.

Day 4 (B,L,D) CASTLEMAINE, GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY, MALDON, HEPBURN SPRINGS

We journey through gold country to historic Castlemaine for morning tea and a guided tour at Buda Historic Home. Late morning we board the Goldfields Railway, an authentic steam train, for the relaxing ride to another of the goldfields historic towns, Maldon. Lunch here and time to explore this quaint township. We return to Creswick via the charming town of Hepburn Springs, where we stop for afternoon tea.

Day 5 (B,L) BRINGALBIT GARDENS, KYNETON, MELBOURNE

After a relaxing breakfast we depart for Kyneton, named after Kineton in England and known for its bluestone buildings. Here we tour Bringalbit Gardens, an excellent representation of Australia's rural history. Enjoy the delightful gardens, ornamental lake, homestead and outbuildings prior to lunch. Later we join the Calder Highway which takes us back to Melbourne arriving mid afternoon, completing our leisurely Goldfield getaway.



Goldfields Railway

Tour Highlights

- Ballarat Gold Rush town
- Buda Historic Home and Garden
- Goldfields Railway
- Delightful Hepburn Springs
- Creswick Woollen Mills
- Tranquil Bringalbit Gardens

Victoria

Creswick

Central Victoria was the hub of gold discoveries in the 1850's and 1860's. Lasting wealth is evidenced today by the magnificent many colonial buildings, art galleries, churches and public facilities. Our stay at RACV Goldfields offers the full resort experience. Dinners are at the resort and also at nearby restaurants.



Buda House - photo courtesy of denisbin

All prices are per person twin share

Tour Price*	\$2,645
Adelaide**	\$3,070
Brisbane**	\$3,140
Canberra**	\$3,120
Hobart/Launceston**	\$3,070
Melbourne	\$2,645
Perth**	\$3,290
Sydney**	\$3,070
Single supplement	\$ 235

**Tour commences and ends in Melbourne.

**Pre-tour overnight Melbourne, includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of \$300 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 60 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.