Walking Tour Itinerary

A guide will accompany you each day as you walk between 6 and 20 km. There's some relatively challenging climbs but we will take our time, enjoying the vistas along the way.

The itinerary may alter depending on local conditions and weather.



Day 1: Drive from Melbourne. Walk Mt Zero to Mt Stapylton and Coppermine.

6 KM

We depart Melbourne CBD at 8am, heading for the spectacular Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, which spans across the ancestral lands of the Djab Wurrung and Jadawadjali Peoples.

On our way to the northern tip of the Grampians Peaks trail we will stop in Ballarat for morning tea before making our way to Mt Zero for a picnic lunch.

The walk today is relatively challenging. A short distance but with some sharp climbs. From Mt Zero the trail heads through a rock amphitheatre to the summit of My Stapylton. Here we will be rewarded with panoramic views overlooking the Wimmera Plains.

After checking in at our accommodation enjoy a well-deserved warm shower and mingle with your fellow walkers over some nibbles and lovely dinner.

Note, as we walk on the first afternoon, please wear your hiking clothes on the bus and bring your day pack ready to go.

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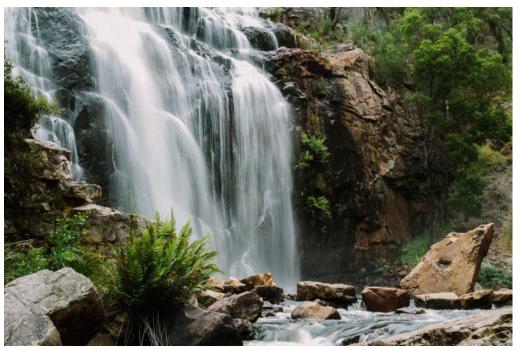


Day 2: Roses Gap to Lake Wartook

19 KM

Today we head off to Roses Gap where we will ascend past seasonal cascading waterfalls before a hard climb to Mt Difficult. Don't let the name scare you, today we will let our eyes feast on the stunning views; to the east lie the Pyrenees and the Black Range, and to the west the Wartook basin.

Just before Werdug, we'll stop to take in the sights of Lake Wartook before enjoying a scenic drive around Lake Wartook back to Halls Gap for the evening.



Day 3: Halls Gap to The Pinnacle via Grand Canyon. Sundial Peak and MacKenzie Falls.

12 KM

Today is full of exploring some of the jewels the Grampians has to offer.

Our walk starts from Halls Gap with a climb up and out of the township. We walk pas Venus baths, Elephant Hide and the spectacular Grand Canyon (not to be mistaken for its American big brother!) before we make our way to the top of The Pinnacle. From this popular lookout we will enjoy superb views over Halls Gap and its surroundings.

From The Pinnacle it's an easier walk to Sundial Peak for another vantage point over Halls Gap. We will back track a little bit from Sundial to meet the bus at the Rosea carpark.

To round up our afternoon, we will visit MacKenzie Falls to take in it's refreshing beauty and stop by the famous Reed Lookout.



Day 4 Mt William (Duwul) to Jimmy Creek

20 KM

Today we head to one of the highlights of the park, Mt Duwul (Mt William). At 1,167 metres, Duwul is the highest point in the Grampians National Park and provides great 360-degree views of mountain ranges and open plains.

We will start our Mt Duwul walk from the carpark. A steady climb will take us to the peak for our reward... awe inspiring views!

Onwards to Boundary Gap, which leads us across the magnificent Major Mitchell Plateau and into Durd. We end our day at Jimmy Creek Road which means we're not too far away from a soothing hot shower, delicious dinner and a cosy night's sleep.



Day 5: Jimmy Creek to Wannon

18 KM

We will return to Jimmy Creek Road to continue our adventure with a climb up to a ridgeline with views to the east and into Yarram. This is the most remote part of the Grampians Peaks Trail, so take a deep breath and let yourself be inspired by all the natural beauty around you.

We will descends through the Hidden Valley to follow a ridge line with views west of the Sierrra Range until we reach the intersection with the Grampians Tourist Drive. This marks the end of another beautiful day deep in the Wilderness of the Gariwerd.



Day 6: Mt Sturgeon and Dunkeld. Drive to Melbourne

6.4 KM

It's time to say goodbye to the wonderful Halls Gap and slowly make our way back to Melbourne. But before we do, we will head over to the southern end of the Grampians to make our way up to the peak of Mt Sturgeon for our last views over these unique mountain ranges.

From Mt Sturgeon we will drive to Dunkeld where you will have some time to pick up some lunch (own expense) and wander through this rather quaint town.

We will head into Melbourne via Ballarat and should arrive back in the city late afternoon.

Details about accommodation, what to bring, transportation, food, etc.

Accommodation

For the Grampians Peak Trail tour, we stay five nights at the Country Plaza Motel in Halls Gap. Halls Gap is known as the gateway to the Grampians (or Gariwerd as it is referred to by the traditional land owners). Looking around you, you'll see the sandstone mountains in the distance (Pinnacle and Boroka Lookouts as well as Boronia Peak), wildflowers and wildlife.

Each room includes an ensuite, reverse air, coffee/tea making facilities, free WiFi and other standard motel comforts. Breakfast is served by the hotel and we'll dine out at the restaurant or at a local restaurant each night. Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. If you are a solo traveller we will room you with another solo traveller of the same gender. Limited single room supplements are available at an additional charge.

What to bring

We will send you a full list of what to bring when you book. You don't need much apart from clothes, a nice comfortable day pack and other personal effects.

Food

All meals are included, with the exception of lunch on the last day, when you can pick up something on the way home.

Breakfast comprises cereals, fruit, yoghurt, toast, juice, tea and freshly brewed coffee. On some days, the hotel may surprise us with a warm cooked breakfast.

Each day your guide will carry tea, coffee and morning tea. Fruit is also available.

Enjoy pre-dinner nibbles with fellow guests each evening before heading out for a 2-course dinner at a local restaurant.

Feel free to bring alcohol and additional snacks e.g. muesli bars, nuts, chocolate etc. There will be time for you to purchase additional alcohol and supplies during the week. The hotel restaurant is fully licensed if you want a beverage at the bar after the days activities.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements before you book. We can happily adapt our menu to accommodate most dietary needs.

Transport

An air-conditioned bus will take us from Melbourne to the Grampians and back; and to and from the track each day.

This walk includes



Two fun and professional guides

We'll feed you, tell you stories, help you achieve the walks safely and make sure everything goes to plan so that you don't have to worry about a thing

About Walking Tours In General

How hard are the walks?

The difficulty of the walks ranges from tour to tour, from easy to challenging. We design all of our walking tours to be achievable for those with a moderate level of fitness. We do recommend doing some training before most tours, because physical activity is always more enjoyable if you are physically prepared. We will send you information about how to train when you book.