



# GRAMPIANS REGION & HALLS GAP

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November - 5 days / 4 nights

## The Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- 4 Nights Motel Accommodation
- All Touring and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary
- Most Meals as per Itinerary



## Tour Highlights:

- Alexandra Gardens Park
- One Tree Hill
- Pomonal
- James McMurtrie Glass Blowing
- Stawell Gift Hall of Fame
- Big Hill Lookout
- Salingers of Great Western
- Seppelt Wine Cellar Tour
- Dadswell Bridge
- The Big Koala
- Makers Gallery & Studio
- McKenzie Falls
- Reeds Lookout
- Boroka Lookout
- Silverband Falls
- Dunkeld Old Bakery
- Dunkeld Historical Museum
- Hamilton Botanical Gardens
- Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum
- Moyston
- Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre
- Winery Lunch



Renowned for rugged mountain ranges, rich cultural heritage and spectacular wildflower displays, the Grampians is a unique place, and there are many different ways of understanding and seeing this ancient landscape. Enjoy a tour which reveals the best aspects of the Grampians National Park, its diverse range of plants, animals and awesome scenery, and of course a little ‘free-time’ to wander, walk and explore the lovely Halls Gap village and surrounds. The Grampians NP is nearly 400,000 acres, and you’ll visit some of the most picturesque and easily accessible places within it, as well as exploring the local region noted for its local early gold-rush history, crafts and wineries. Join with friends on a 5-day adventure to a truly amazing part of Victoria, the magical ‘Grampians’.

### Day 1 – Monday

(L/D)

We depart for our adventure via Melbourne, stopping for morning tea (own expense) before enjoying lunch in the quaint town of **Beaufort**. After lunch we head to **Alexandra Gardens in Ararat**. We’ll enjoy a stroll in the multilevel walk-in fernery before we head across the pretty bridges and through the Japanese themed Islands. We’ll head to **One Tree Hill** offering unparalleled views over **Ararat** and the surrounding landscape. Arriving at our Motel in Halls Gap we’ll have plenty of time to unpack and freshen up. The Grampians Motel is set on 12 acres of parkland in peaceful surrounding, close to the National Park’s attractions. There are stunning views of the mountain ranges, and you will be awestruck by the wildlife, including kangaroos, emu, echidna, deer & bird varieties. Please join us for a lovely 2-course dinner at the **Views Bar & Restaurant**.

*Overnight – The Grampians Motel, Halls Gap (All 4 nights)*

## Day 2 – Tuesday

(B/L/D)

Following a lovely, cooked breakfast, we'll depart our motel and make our way to the **Glass Blowing** studio of James McMurty in Pomonal. Working with tools, similar to that dating back to the first century B.C, James creates some amazing pieces. If we're lucky James will be working during our visit. We will also have some time to browse the pieces he has in his gallery. Leaving lovely Pomonal, we're off to the township of **Stawell** and a visit to the **Stawell Gift Hall of Fame**. Here we'll get an insight into how this town handles the many thousands of visitors that come from all over the country for the famous Stawell Gift each year. After an interesting morning, we head to **Great Western**, a quaint and charming township first settled in the 1840s by sheep graziers, Great Western rapidly developed through the discovery of gold and then the planting of grape vines. Today, Great Western is known internationally as a historic wine region producing award-winning wines. Whilst here we'll enjoy a lovely lunch at **Salingers** followed by a visit to **Seppelt Wines** for an underground cellar tour and a tasting for those who feel like a tipple. Heading back to our motel we have plenty of time to relax before another lovely 2 course dinner.

## Day 3 – Wednesday

(B/L/D)

Today we head West with our first stop being the **Giant Koala** at **Dadwells Bridge**, one of Australia's iconic "Big things". We take a break and stop for a snack & coffee for those who would like. There is a large range of souvenirs and gifts inside the Koala as well as some interesting tourist information. Our next stop is **Horsham** where we get a chance to view some of this regions **Silo Art** before heading to the **Makers Gallery & Studio** housing a collection of local makers produce and wares to purchase. The studio was established in the late 90's by local craft artisans. Moving on to the local **RSL** we'll enjoy lunch before an **afternoon of exploring the local wilderness** with visits to **McKenzie Falls, Reeds Lookout, Boroka Lookout & Silverband Falls**. Dinner tonight will again be at the motels Views Bar & Restaurant.



#### Day 4 – Thursday

(B/D)

This morning we head North towards **Dunkeld**. We enjoy an interesting visit to the local **Museum** before a stop at the **Dunkeld Old Bakery & Café** with a chance to purchase some Morning Tea before we make our way to Hamilton. Our first stop here is the **Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum**, dedicated to transport and tourism pioneer Sir Reginald Ansett who commenced his transport business in Hamilton, Victoria in 1931. The museum is based on the Ansett company's original aircraft hangar, which has been relocated in Hamilton and displays a collection of over 1,000 objects relating to the Ansett empire from the humble road and air transport beginnings in Western Victoria through to an inter-national airline. Next, we visit the spectacular Botanical Gardens and the opportunity to grab some lunch before spending some time in the local **MUD Gallery**, a not-for-profit community run space where the public can enjoy and buy fantastic pieces of art and handmade wares, all produced by local artists. We'll head back to Halls Gap with time to relax a little before we head out for dinner to the charmingly rustic **Barneys Bar & Bistro**. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Grampians National Park we'll enjoy our last tour meal together.

#### Day 5 – Friday

(B/L)

Following breakfast, we bid our hosts farewell as we head south of the amazing '**Grampians**' towards home. A stop at **Moyston** to grab a cuppa. Moyston is the **birthplace of AFL** and who could visit the town without stopping by the grounds of the **MCG (Moyston Cricket Ground)** where it all started and where football continues to be played. We continue to Ararat and visit the **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre**. The Centre tells the story of the Chinese miners and their arduous journey from Southern China to Australia where they dreamed of finding gold and discovered one of the world's richest shallow alluvial goldfields, the Canton Lead. Did you know that Ararat is the only city in Australia founded by the Chinese? Heading still further South we enjoy a gorgeous **2 course Winery lunch** at the very beautiful **Russo Estate**. We'll arrive back late afternoon with great memories before being **chauffeured to the door** after another lovely holiday with Daytripper Tours





**Tour Cost from \$ 1650- per person Twin Share  
(\$350- single supplement)  
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