



Le Tour de Alps



Cup Day Long Weekend 3rd to 6th November 2012

4 day Tour of the Victorian High Country –

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Accommodation:

If you are planning on joining the tour it is strongly suggested that you book your accommodation sooner rather than later as there are events taking place in both Omeo and Mansfield on the long weekend. This includes the final recce weekend (based in Mansfield) before Targa High Country which is on the next weekend.

Trip Distance:

1000km

Fuel:

98 RON Fuel available at:-
Bairnsdale, Bruthen, Mt Beauty, Bright, Mansfield.
Longest distance between 98 fuel 300ks

General Information:

Beautiful scenery, great tarmac driving roads, and good company.
If you wish to come for only 2 or all 4 days that is entirely up to you.

Basically this is a self-catering weekend making your own arrangements for:-

- Accommodation – Book your own– 2x nights Omeo, 1x night Mansfield;
- Breakfast and Lunch (bring your picnicking kit) up to you;
- Dinner together at restaurant or hotel meal (We shall organise a group booking);
- Coffees, boxes of wine, flagons of port, rounds of cheese, mustards, bags of chocolates and any other 'collectables', 'edibles' and 'drinkables' that one may desire along the way.

Le Tour de Alps Outline

Day 1 - Saturday 3rd November

Warragul to Omeo – 306 km
98 RON Fuel available Bairnsdale

Depart 10.00am.

Leg 1 – Warragul to Sale regroup at Lake Guthridge.

Leg 2 – Sale to Bairnsdale via Cobains, Clydebank, Bengworden, Meerlieu, Bairnsdale

Fuel and lunch stop at Bairnsdale.

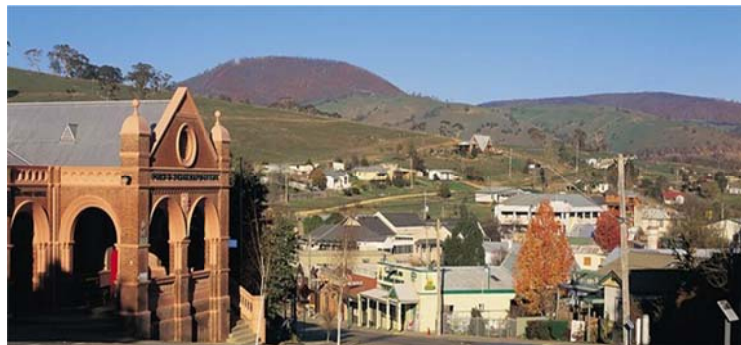
Leg 3 – Bairnsdale to Omeo with a brief stop to regroup in Swifts Creek then onto Omeo.

Afternoon in Omeo looking into the gold history, Oriental Claims, or run to the Blue Duck @ Anglers Rest for a coffee.

Overnight in Omeo with Dinner at Omeo Hotel

There is no 98r fuel in Omeo!

(If you know that there is please let me know)





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Day 2 – Sunday 4th November

Omeo, Falls Creek, Mt Beauty, Tawonga Gap, Harrietville, Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain, Omeo – 235km

98 RON Fuel available Mt Beauty

Depart 9.00am

Leg 1 – Omeo, Falls Creek, Mt Beauty,
This road has recently been sealed, a steep climb up through Shannonvale to Strawberry Saddle and the Bogong High Plains. A flat scenic drive across the High Plains to a point approximately 10 kms before Falls Creek where we shall stop and take an easy walk into Wallace's Hut one of the oldest cattlemen's huts . A heritage listed icon situated in a very picturesque and scenic location.



Then onto Rocky Valley, Falls Creek village and the sensational 35km downhill, sweeping turn run to Mt Beauty.

Re fuel stop Mt Beauty

Leg 2 – My Beauty, to Harrietville via the sensational Tawonga Gap road (You are welcome to do it again if you really want too!), then onto Mt Hotham and Dinner Plain.



Leg 3 – Dinner Plain to Omeo.
A great touring run back to down Omeo via Cobungra Station.



Overnight in Omeo with dinner at the Hilltop Hotel.





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Monday 5th November

Omeo, Mt Hotham, Bright, Myrtleford, Oxley/Millawa, King Valley, Whitfield, Power's Lookout, Tolmie, Mansfield – 282km

98 RON Fuel available Bright and Mansfield

Depart 9.00am

Leg 1 – Omeo, Mt Hotham, Harrietteville, Bright

Refuel and Coffee stop also a good chance to purchase provisions for a picnic lunch at La Cantina in the King Valley

Leg 2 – Bright, Myrtleford, Milawa ,Oxley.

We will visit the some of the local produce places like cheese factory, Mustard shop, the Pie Shop and John Gehrig's Winery at Oxley for a wine tasting, purchase a flagon of sensational port and a sausage sizzle BBQ lunch.

Leg 3 –Oxley, King Valley

King Valley and a winery stop at La Cantina winery. This is one of the oldest wineries in the King Valley and the wines produced here are free of any preservatives.

Leg 4 King Valley, Whitfield, Powers Look Out, Tolmie to Mansfield.

A stop at Powers Lookout where Harry Power the infamous bushranger hid out!

This is a fantastic driving road (use in the Targa High Country) up over the top of the ranges with some spectacular views over the King River and Mt Buffalo. The challenge here is to maintain the speed limit for the completed run from Powers Lookout though to Tolmie.

Overnight in Mansfield with dinner at the Mansfield Hotel.



Tuesday 6th November

Mansfield, Eildon, Black Spur, Healsville – 174km

Depart 9.00am

Meet at the BP Garage (98 RON Fuel) on Mt Buller Road (C320).

98 RON Fuel is also available at the Caltex in High Street

Leg 1 – Mansfield to Eildon via the Jamieson Eildon Road

This is a sensational driving road (beware of oncoming traffic) which climbs across through Bald Hill Gap (with fantastic views across the Jamieson Valley) around the back of Lake Eildon and hugs the hills all the way opening out once across Big River for a great run on into Eildon. This road has only recently been sealed making it a great drive.

You shall be famished after 60+kms of continuous twisties so there will be a lunch stop at Eildon where there is a great pie shop and a couple of other good cafes.

Leg 2 – Eildon, Black Spur, Healesville – 76km

Coffee stop at the Black Spur Inn before heading down the Black Spur into Healsville and the end of the tour driving some of the great "driving" roads around the Alpine area of Victoria.

