

The Grampians

More than 400 million years ago, in the place we know as Western Victoria, the earth rose up to form the mountains the Kooris called Gariwerd, which we now call the Grampians. Over the years, wind, rain and water have carved fantastic shapes in the Grampians' ancient stone, creating the steep craggy slopes and rock formations that thrust majestically upwards. From Halls Gap to Dunkeld and beyond, the Grampians is a natural wonderland that is beautiful all year round, especially in spring. From some of the best rock-climbing in Australia, to walking tracks, wildlife, lookouts, waterfalls set against rugged landscapes as well as gourmet food and wine, there is something for every kind of visitor to the Grampians. Whether you're a wine taster, outdoor explorer or food finder, the Grampians region has an adventure waiting for you. With diverse areas to explore and stories to uncover, your paths for discovery are endless. Find your niche and plan your adventure. The Grampians - discover it your way!



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TOP ATTRACTIONS

Grampians National Park

Renowned for rugged mountain ranges, rich cultural heritage and breathtaking views, the Grampians National Park is the third most visited National Park in Victoria. Famous for its spectacular scenery, the 168,000-hectare park is also regarded for its ecological diversity and south-eastern Australia's highest concentration of Aboriginal rock art. When it comes to walks and hikes, there are many for all capabilities, taking you to spectacular waterfalls, lookouts, rock formations and escarpments.

Pinnacle Lookout

The most famous peak in the Grampians National Park, Pinnacle Lookout boasts spectacular views through the valley of the National Park. It is formed of irregular, fascinating rock formations for which the Grampians region is so well known.

Mackenzie Falls

Mackenzie Falls flows year-round and is one of Victoria's largest, most spectacular waterfalls. Here, fast flowing water cascades over huge cliffs into a deep pool.

The Balconies

Try this relatively easy walk to The Balconies, suitable for walkers of all abilities. In springtime, keep an eye out for native wildflowers and birdlife in the stringybark forest. Wander through native shrubs and plant life along the rocky path that leads up to the lookout, and then soak up the panoramic views of Victoria Valley and surrounding ranges.

Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Visitors can learn about the Grampians' Aboriginal culture and history at Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Surrounded by dramatic mountain views, the centre houses a Bushfoods cafe and a Gariwerd Dreaming Theatre. Brambuk also operates Aboriginal culture tours showcasing the area's famed rock art.

Lake Bellfield

Cool off during the summer months, explore the waterways in a canoe, or cast a line for redfin and river blackfish at Lake Bellfield; located just 5 km from Halls Gap in the southern Grampians. Community festivals, include the spring wildflower shows and eco-events. The lake serves as the local water supply, therefore only electric motors are permitted.

Food and Wine

It's a foodie heaven in the Grampians, with some even calling it the "Gastronomic Grampians". You can taste your way around the region, with the option of five-star dining, cosy cafés, farm gate provedores and farmers' markets. The Grampians vineyards are world famous and award-winning. Share a tasting platter at a winery cellar door or pack a picnic.

Art, History & Culture

The Grampians has an intriguing history that can be explored at museums, institutions and galleries across the region. The natural beauty of the Grampians is an artist's delight. Gariwerd (Aboriginal name for Grampians) is pivotal to many ancient stories and the region has the largest number of Aboriginal rock art sites in southern Australia.

Silo Art Trail

The trail brings together internationally recognised street artists – Julia Volchkova, Guido van Helten, Fintan Magee, Matt Adnate, Kaff-eine and Rone – and takes in six of Victoria's smallest wheatbelt towns. Murals are completed in Sheep Hills, Brim, Patchewollock, Lascelles and Rupanyup. A unique art project that is still evolving, the Silo Art Trail has already revitalised the towns and brought thousands of new visitors to the region.

Wildflowers

Step into the 'Grampians garden'! Wander through diverse landscapes, vivid wildflowers that change with the seasons, taking in everything from sub-alpine forest and woodlands to heathlands, swamps and riverine territory. Once described as the 'Garden of Victoria', the region is home to a dazzling array of native flowers — more than one third of Victoria's flora.

Grampians Way

Circumnavigate the majestic Grampians National Park along the Grampians Way. The best way to cover the whole region! Put together an itinerary that's all your own and duck in and out of the Grampians National Park as you go. See the park's countless attractions and find the best of what lies on its doorstep from the various towns and villages to tasting delicious local produce.

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KEY EVENTS

Grampians Grape Escape

May

The Grampians Grape Escape is Victoria's longest running food and wine festival. Based at the foot of Mount William, the Grampians Grape Escape celebrates the best gastronomic producers and wine makers from the region with over 125 exhibitions of food, beer, wine and cider artisans.

Seriously Shiraz

September

Taste your way around the Grampians in Spring and celebrate the award-winning Shiraz at the Grampians wine region's 'Seriously Shiraz' weekend. Dozens of winemakers across the Grampians are serious about producing quality wines of every style and at this event they celebrate with masterclasses, unique tasting experiences, live music and special events include a degustation, croquet and joy flights.

Grampians Music Festival

February

Small and intimate, with boutique wine, beer and food, GMF is held in early February in Halls Gap in the Grampians National Park, Western Victoria. The event features up-and-coming Australian artists who are distinctive, exciting and above all, supremely talented. With no timing conflicts and 360° mountain views, Grampians Music Festival is one very unique festival.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Grampians Peaks Trail

The Grampians Peaks Trail is a world-class, long-distance walking trail, enabling hikers to enjoy the best of the Grampians National Park. The first stage of the 144 km long trail is now open and covers some of the Grampians most loved features. It is a 33 km loop walk and can be completed over three days and two nights.

When completed in late 2020, the Grampians Peaks Trail will be a 13-day, 12 night (one-way) walk and will provide an intimate and unforgettable experience of dramatic peaks, panoramic views and the majesty of this ancient and rugged landscape. The journey will be rich in Aboriginal culture and will provide an insight into the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung people who have walked and lived in these ranges they have called Gariwerd for thousands of years.

Royal Mail Hotel

The Royal Mail Hotel offers luxury accommodation set in extensive Australian gardens, with stunning views of the Southern Grampians Ranges. The two-hatted Wickens at Royal Mail Hotel fine dining restaurant opened in October 2017. Designed to provide stunning views of the Southern Grampians, the restaurant demonstrates a strong connection between the land and the dining table. The menu is illustrative of the seasonal expression of the micro-climate of Dunkeld.

