East Gippsland

Bairnsdale | Metung | Paynesville | Lakes Entrance | Bemm River
Bruthen | Buchan | Lindenow | Omeo | Orbost | Mallacoota
**Campfire Safety**

**Don’t let your campfire go bush!**

**Things to remember:**
- Before lighting - always check the weather conditions and fire restrictions in your camping area.
- Do not light or maintain a campfire on hot or dry days if the wind is more than 10kph.
- Campfires are not allowed on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Never leave your fire unattended, not even for a short time.
- Children and pets should be supervised at all times when near a fire.
- Keep your fire just big enough for cooking and keeping warm, not exceeding one square metre.
- Do not burn dangerous or flammable items, such as aerosol cans as they can explode.
- Check the ‘**Can I or Can’t I**’ brochure for what you can and can’t do during the declared Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days or visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

**Tips for building a safe campfire:**
- Use a built fireplace (where provided) or dig a 30cm deep trench to prevent fire from spreading.
- Create a border around the fire using large dry rocks – never use river rocks as they can explode.
- Clear 3m of ground surrounding the fire - remove branches, leaves and twigs and check there are no overhanging branches above the fire.
- Ensure the fire is at least 3m away from tents and other camping equipment, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel.
- Never use flammable liquid or fuel such as petrol or diesel on a fire.
- Always keep a 10 litre bucket of water, and a shovel nearby.

**Putting your campfire out:**
- Make sure your fire is completely extinguished using water before leaving. Remember, if it’s cool to touch, it’s safe to leave!
- Do not use soil. Fires can still smoulder under soil and can stay hot for more than eight hours. This is a danger to anyone walking in the area once you have gone.

Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) or call **1800 240 667**
Do as little or as much as you like during your holiday in East Gippsland. Our helpful Visitor Information Centres have all the information you need, so choosing how to spend your time may be the toughest decision you make. But if you can’t get everything done, you can always return. Our magical piece of paradise will still be here.

Anything is possible in East Gippsland. Fish a mountain stream or bait up on a lakeside jetty. Steer your boat across pristine waters of the lakes or water-ski behind it. The watersports, hiking, biking, snow skiing or caving will keep you entertained for days. Ride a horse across the High Country or watch horses in Campdrafts or Rodeos. No other region of Victoria can offer such great coastal and mountain pursuits.
Satisfy your wanderlust in East Gippsland. There are so many roads to travel, so many boating adventures to take, so many delicious flavours to discover.

Whether it is a sailing adventure or fishing charter on the lakes or offshore, a horseback trail ride, winery or a cycling trip, there is plenty to see and do.

Charter a yacht or a motorboat to explore the rivers and the Gippsland Lakes or join an organised cruise.

Enjoy an offshore fishing adventure with an experienced local fisherman and fish for marlin, mako shark, gummy shark, swordfish, whiting, snapper, flathead, mulloway, salmon and trevally or head underground with an experienced guide to explore the world famous Buchan Caves.

Discover the history of our traditional owners by taking a self-guided tour of important indigenous sites or pedal your way through forests and farmland along the East Gippsland Rail Trail and Lakes Discovery Trail.

Learn about our traditional Indigenous art and heritage at the Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place in Bairnsdale.

For guaranteed wildlife spotting, take the ferry to Raymond Island and follow the koala trail or enjoy a hit of golf amongst the resident Kangaroos at the Mallacoota Golf Course. Explore an Art Trail or, why not experience the soul of East Gippsland through a cultural or regional event.

Source freshly caught seafood at local fish shops or directly from trawlers. Take the Twin Rivers farmgate tour and enjoy micro-brewed ale, fresh berries and mouthwatering stone fruits.

Look for the ‘Eat, Drink, Local’ symbol on our restaurants, cafes and retailers to enjoy locally sourced produce.
Talk about being spoilt for choice! In East Gippsland, eleven world-class, easily accessible National, Coastal and Marine Parks and Reserves are here for you to explore.

From the remote wilderness of the UNESCO-recognised Croajingolong National Park in the east, to the rugged beauty of the Snowy River and Alpine National Parks and the vast expanse of the Lakes National Park fringed by lakes and dunes, East Gippsland is rich in natural attractions.

Alpine National Park
Covering over 6000 sq km’s of Victoria’s high country, this is East Gippsland’s highest and largest National Park. It showcases pristine mountain environments and rivers, lush bush and eucalypts and spectacular scenery.

Croajingolong National Park
As part of Australia’s Wilderness Coast, the Croajingolong National Park follows the far-easter coastline of Victoria for 100 kilometres and covers 87,500 hectares. The Park is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve that cocoons and protects remote beaches, tall forests, heathland, rainforest, estuaries and granite peaks.

Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
A water based environment set on a narrow coastal reserve, stretching from Seaspray to Lakes Entrance along the Ninety Mile Beach. With the eastern parts accessible only by boat, unique opportunities exist to experience bird and marine life at close proximity.

Snowy River National Park
Synonymous with adventure and nature, the remote wilderness area is a must to explore. It features some magnificent river scenery, spectacular deep gorges, eucalypt forests and rain shadow woodlands. You can reach this park via Buchan or Orbost.


Adventure
East Gippsland has world-class mountain bike trails, endless kayaking and canoeing opportunities and spectacular trail runs, all designed for the adventure athlete.

Look out for regular adventure events or take a guided tour in and around the Gippsland Lakes, or on one of our many rivers.
The Gippsland Lakes

Australia’s largest inland waterway, the Gippsland Lakes, are a network of lakes, marshes and lagoons covering 400sq km, and are separated from the ocean with coastal dunes known as Ninety Mile Beach. Bird and marine life thrive here, with the Burrunan dolphins and pelicans frequenting many locations.

The Mitchell River Silt Jetties are a geographical highlight now claimed as the longest in the world. Drive along the silt jetty out into Lake King with the Mitchell River on one side and lake on the other.

The Lakes are best seen from the water, but can be visited from the shore, using one of four lakeside villages as a base. Hire a boat here, or bring your own, these incredible waterways offer so much, with 40 casual jetties and top amenities on offer. Three coastal parks stand between the lakes and the ocean. This magnificent coastline is just 10 minutes by fast boat from any lakeside village.

While most people visit for the boating and fishing, you can sail, swim, canoe, kayak or relax and take in the energy from the picturesque lakeside towns of Lakes Entrance, Metung, Raymond Island and Paynesville. The region’s commercial centre, Bairnsdale, is known as the ‘gateway to the lakes’; Lindenow is home to the regional food bowl; while the ‘Twin Rivers’ area comprises the towns of Nicholson, Johnsonville and Swan Reach and is known for its bream fishing on both the Tambo and Nicholson Rivers.

Fish, golf, tour or simply slow down – the Gippsland Lakes will captivate you.
Explore our towns & villages

Bairnsdale
A thriving provincial centre, Bairnsdale is the commercial hub of East Gippsland and gateway to the natural beauties of our region. The town’s rich heritage can be found throughout the town including the Mitchell River walking trail, the All Abilities Playground and the spectacular frescoes and architecture of St Mary’s Church.

Bruthen
Oozing country charm and historical character, this village is a perfect place from which to set off on the Twin Rivers Farm Food and Wine Trail or enjoy the outdoors on the East Gippsland Rail Trail and end it with a visit to the Bullant Brewery.

Metung
The tranquil village of Metung has long been a favourite for holiday-makers. While the main activities involve boating and fishing, Metung is also known for its scenic walks, great local food, monthly farmers’ market and unique galleries with a coastal flair.

Lakes Entrance
A premier holiday destination, Lakes Entrance is loved for its beaches, foreshore carnival over summer, waterfront cafes and fleet of colourful fishing boats. Join a guided boat tour, admire the view from Kalimna Lookout or stroll across the footbridge from the foreshore to see the vast expanse of Ninety Mile Beach.

Lake Tyers Beach
Lake Tyers Beach is a great place to relax or enjoy the outdoors. Surf at the region’s most renowned surfing spot, Red Bluff, catch your share of the plentiful supplies of prawns, crabs, flathead and bream or dine at the Waterwheel Beach Tavern.

Lindenow
Bordering the Mitchell River National Park, and overlooking some of the most productive agricultural land in Victoria, Lindenow is a quaint village, offering the best in country hospitality and deliciously fresh local produce.

Paynesville & Raymond Island
Known as the boating capital of Victoria, Paynesville is a great place for those just looking for a getaway by the water or to enjoy activities on and around the foreshore. Explore the lakes and canals or take the short ferry trip to Raymond Island to see koalas.
Nicholson, Johnsonville & Swan Reach

Located in the beautiful Twin Rivers district, Nicholson boasts a spectacular historical railway bridge and access to the renowned Rail Trail. Visit one of the local wineries, hire a boat in Johnsonville or fish for your dinner. Enjoy the picturesque scenery of Swan Reach or choose from a selection of dining and cuisine options overlooking the rivers.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/gippsland-lakes or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060.
10 Great Reasons to Explore The Gippsland Lakes

01 Dine at one of our many restaurants or enjoy a top-notch drop from an award-winning winery.

02 Look for fur seals and dolphins frolicking in the surf from one of the longest stretches of sand in the Ninety Mile Beach.

03 Regular Farmers’ markets, entertainment and more mean something is always happening.

04 East Gippsland boasts an exciting range of cycling activities including the historic Rail Trail and Mountain Bike Parks.

05 Pitch a tent on the tranquil Bunga Arm or at one of the many caravan and campsites around the Gippsland Lakes.

06 The Bataluk Cultural Trail will give you a new perspective on the landscapes of East Gippsland.

07 Be guided by boat, hire your own or take to the water in a kayak, canoe or paddle board to explore the Gippsland Lakes and rivers.

08 Make it all about the kids with mini-golf, archery, bike hire, paddle boats, and locally produced ice cream among the many attractions.

09 Visit the Mitchell River Silt Jetties, now claimed as the longest in the world.

10 Take a leisurely walk around the old Nyerimilang homestead and enjoy a picnic lunch in the picturesque gardens.

For more inspiration, contact our Visitor Information Centre on 1800 637 060 or visit www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/things-to-see-a-do
Places to Stay, Wine & Dine

BULLANT BREWERY

46 Main Street, Bruthen VIC 3885
T: 03 5157 5307
E: enquiries@bullantbrewery.com
www.bullantbrewery.com

Renowned for our fine range of craft beers and excellent meals, the Brewery situated in the village of Bruthen, provides a beautiful setting which allows you to dine indoors or outside on the expansive deck overlooking the Tambo Valley. An ideal stop when riding the Rail Trail or just travelling through. Each of our beers are matched to the menu or they are equally enjoyable as a solely refreshing beverage. The copper brewhouse can be viewed through large windows, so sit, sip and ponder the wonders of beer making. Open Wednesday to Sunday. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day. We invite you to visit and experience the Bullant Brewery – the home of ‘beer with bite’.

CAPTAINS COVE RESORT

19 Mitchell Street, Paynesville VIC 3880
T: 03 5156 7223
E: info@captainscove.com.au
www.captainscove.com.au

Captains Cove Resort is Paynesville’s premier waterfront accommodation. Set within peaceful surrounds of the Paynesville canals on the picturesque and protected part of the Gippsland Lakes, the resort offers spacious fully self-contained apartments, a heated indoor swimming pool, tennis court, private jetties, free Wi-Fi, private BBQ on each deck and water activities.

Captains Cove caters to a broad range of guests including holiday makers, boaties, corporate guests, fishing groups, golfers and couples. All apartments are 3 bedroom / 2 bathroom and rates are made more affordable as they are based on 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Only a short walk to Raymond Island Ferry and the Esplanade where you will find an array of cafes and shops.

Explore one of the many walking / bike riding tracks or cruise the lakes by boat to see all that the beautiful region has to offer.
EAGLE POINT CARAVAN PARK

40 School Road Eagle Point VIC 3878
T: 03 5156 1183
E: eaglepointcp@egipps.vic.gov.au

Stay at NRMA Eastern Beach Holiday Park or Bairnsdale Riverside Holiday Park and discover all that Victoria’s Gippsland region has to offer. Stunning waterfront locations and a range of accommodation from powered and unpowered sites perfect for caravanning and camping to well-equipped cabins, it’s the ideal place for a getaway. Facilities include swimming pool, camp kitchen, children’s playground, barbecue areas, amenities, free WiFi and free kid’s activities in the school holidays. Enjoy fishing, rowing and kayaking in the pristine riverways, explore Lakes Entrance, stroll along 90 Mile Beach and take in the scenery at Metung - all located less than half an hour from the holiday parks.

EAGLE POINT CARAVAN PARK

Eagle Point Caravan Park is ideally located next to a nature reserve in the Gippsland Lakes, where you can peacefully sit back and enjoy the magnificent lake and bush surrounds. Facilities include a General store and licensed bottle shop, fully equipped campers’ kitchen, BBQs and Children’s play area with Games room.

EASTERN BEACH HOLIDAY PARK BAIRNSDALE RIVERSIDE HOLIDAY PARK

T: 1300 414 448
www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au

LAKES BEACHFRONT HOLIDAY PARK

430 Lake Tyers Beach Road,
Lake Tyers Beach VIC 3909
T: 03 5156 5582 or 1300 1parks
E: lakesbeachfront@holidayretreats.com.au
www.lakesbeachfront.com.au

Just a few steps out our back gate explore the 90 Mile Beach. In a secluded bush setting choose a Shelly Beach villa, cabin or powered or bush camping site. Fantastic resort pool, jumping pillow, kids club, playground, games room, communal fireplaces, and more for the perfect beachfront holiday.

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LAKES ENTRANCE WAVERLEY HOUSE COTTAGES

205 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 1257
E: enquiries@waverleyhousecottages.com.au
www.waverleyhousecottages.com.au

Feast on freshly caught seafood and enjoy Gippsland wines on the verandah of our stylish, FSC 1 and 2 bedroom spa cottages. Nestled among native gardens, guest facilities include woodfires, BBQs, heated hydrotherapy spa and outdoor pool. We offer a tranquil retreat for couples and families, close to Lakes Entrance.

METUNG WATERS MOTEL & APARTMENTS

9 Kurnai Ave, Metung VIC 3904
T: 03 5156 2166
E: metungwaters@bigpond.com
www.metungwaters.com.au

Right in the heart of Metung village. Spacious king, queen or twin bed motel rooms, all with Kitchenette and Spa bath. One and two bedroom fully self contained apartments with corner Spa bath. Adjacent to Patterson Park, just 50 metres to the historic Metung Hotel, village shopping and Lake beach.
SANDPIPER HOLIDAY APARTMENTS
15 Roadknight St, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5155 2323
E: sandpiperapartments@bigpond.com
www.sandpiperapartments.com
★★★★☆
Relax, unwind in one of our comfortable air-conditioned apartments. Centrally located, short stroll to beach, shops and restaurants. Studios for couples also 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments for families. Free wi-fi, linen supplied, DVD players, flat screen TV, solar heated pool, BBQ and heated spa room.

WATERFRONT RETREAT AT WATTLE POINT
200 Wattle Point Road, Forge Creek VIC 3875
T: 03 5157 7517
E: info@wattlepointholiday.com.au
www.waterfrontretreat.com.au
Situated on the shore of Lake Victoria on the Gippsland Lakes, close to Bairnsdale and Paynesville, the retreat has 19 fully self-contained, waterfront or bush view lodges. Bring the whole family and enjoy the complimentary retreat activities or relax on a romantic getaway just for two.

THE RIVERSLEIGH
1 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875
T: 03 5152 6966
E: info@riversleigh.com.au
www.riversleigh.com.au
Centrally located in an iconic, century-old building in Bairnsdale, The Riversleigh is at your service.
A beautiful and poised exterior leads to the restored interior, reflecting the heritage feel; classic meets contemporary with an elegant twist.
The 22 guest rooms, with ensuites, offer the seasoned traveller luxury and comfort with all the amenities required and personal, attentive service.
Complimentary continental breakfast is sourced from local produce.
Lunch is served in the sunlit bistro Monday-Friday with coffee, cake and the bar open 7 days a week.
Choose a relaxing sleepover between Sydney and Melbourne or stay a while and explore the naturally magic region of East Gippsland.
The Riversleigh, a place like no other.
EAST GIPPSLAND AQUATIC & RECREATION CENTRES

80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875 & 43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 5153 9500
E: feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/recreationcentres

Visit our recreation centres for some family fun or fitness during your holiday. Facilities include heated indoor 25metre pool, spa, sauna, health club and group fitness classes.
Casual entry and holiday memberships available.

BAIRNSDALE GOLF CLUB INC.

1090 Paynesville Road, Eagle Point VIC 3878
T: 03 5156 6252
E: club@bairnsdalegolf.com.au
www.bairnsdalegolfclub.com.au

We welcome all visitors to come and play on our marvellous fairways and greens which are amongst the best in country Victoria.
Green fees are $35 per head and special rates are available for groups. Discounted accommodation is also available in nearby Paynesville.
Visit our website for more information and booking details.
2017 Golf Club of the Year - Golf Victoria Awards
2015 & 2016 Golf Facility of the Year - Golf Australia Awards
2015 Best Country Pro-Am
If you’re looking for a great day out that’s packed with entertainment for family, business colleagues or friends go no further than a race day at the Bairnsdale Racing Club.

We race 7 times a year in prime racing times through Spring, Summer & Autumn. Each day offers a variety of packages to make your day enjoyable ranging from Umbrella packages through to all-inclusive dining packages, we have something to suit everyone.

Free Kids activities, live music, the big screen and fashions on the field are some of the activities that make our days fun and social.

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2018 RACE MEETINGS

Lakes Entrance Cup, Saturday 24th March
Super Saturday Racing, Saturday 21st April
Lindenow Cup Day, Sunday 13th May
Patties Foods Bairnsdale Cup, Sunday 7th October
Melbourne Cup Day, Bairnsdale, Tuesday 6th November
Christmas Racing, Monday 17th December
Kids Day Out, Friday 28th December

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EAST GIPPSLAND ARTS

Arts Development, East Gippsland Shire Council
T: 1800 637 060 or 03 5153 9500
E: feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au
www.visiteastgippsland.com.au

East Gippsland is home to a thriving arts community.

Artists, musicians and makers are motivated by the wonderful coastline and scenery.

Be swept up in the richness and vibrancy of arts, culture and heritage in East Gippsland, which attracts renowned artisans passionate about their crafts.

Learn about our traditional Indigenous art and heritage at the Aboriginal Cultural Museum in Bairnsdale then explore the many smaller galleries and workshops dotted throughout the region.

Meet artisans, musicians and people who have made East Gippsland home and who are passionate about their craft.

Pick up a copy of the Arts Brochure from one of the region’s Visitor Information Centres.
**EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL MARINAS**

T: 03 5153 9500  
E: councilmarinas@egipps.vic.gov.au  
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/marinass

Offering modern marina facilities at attractive tourist locations on the Gippsland Lakes. Numerous leisure services in a coastal village atmosphere. A full range of boating facilities and services plus safe, easy access to Bass Strait. Berths up to 14m available at Metung and Paynesville.

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**FLOAT FOR BODY + SOUL**

Shop 2 Eastwood Shopping Village, 30 Howitt Avenue, Eastwood VIC 3875  
T: 03 5152 3608  
E: info@floatforbodysoul.com.au  
www.floatforbodysoul.com.au

Floating is an experience like no other - you will rest your mind, body and soul within a safe and caring environment. You will Float in a Float Tank, designed to exclude all outside stimuli. The tank contains 25cms of water and 350kg of Epsom salts – the water is more buoyant than the Dead Sea. This environment gives you the perfect opportunity to achieve total relaxation.

Floating is used for muscle recovery, pain management, anxiety, stress and relaxation to name a few. A one hour Float is the equivalent of four hours sleep. The benefits from Floating are immediate and you will have a sense of well being like no other.

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**GRIFFITHS SEA SHELL MUSEUM & Marine Display**

125 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909  
T: 03 5155 1538  
E: coralieg@westnet.com.au

See one of the largest private collections of natural marine life in our internationally acclaimed Museum, established in 1962. Over 90,000 world-wide shells, rare and strange sea creatures, Pandora coral reef room, aquarium, live local shells and fish, plus gift shop and model railway display.

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**KROWATHUNKOOLOONG KEEPING PLACE**

37-53 Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875  
T: 03 5150 0737  
E: rhudson@gegac.org.au  
www.batalukculturaltrail.com.au

A museum housing art, craft and a variety of cultural displays with traditional artefacts from the Gunai/Kurnai people of Gippsland. Providing an insight into the aboriginal history and culture of the region it is a highlight of any East Gippsland visit. Open Mon-Fri 10:30am-4pm, or by appointment. Closed weekends and public holidays.

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**RIVIERA NAUTIC**

185 Metung Road, Metung VIC 3904  
T: 03 5156 2243  
www.rivieranautic.com.au  
www.rivierascenic.com.au

ILLUKA DAY SPA

1 The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
T: 03 51 553 533
E: dayspa@esplanaderesort.com.au
www.illukadayspa.com.au

Illuka Day Spa is situated on the ground floor at the Western End of the Esplanade Resort.

Step Through the doors of Illuka and your sense of peace is immediate, the trained therapists are there to pamper your every need.

Illuka specialises in state of the art hydrotherapy treatments and offers a wide range of facials, massages and body treatments along with waxing and spray tanning.

All skin concerns can be addressed with a customised Aveda facial or let the therapists melt away stress, muscle tension and lack of energy with one of the Aveda aroma massages. They also offer hot rocks massage and pregnancy massage.

They have a well equipped couples suite which is an extra large treatment room with two treatment beds, couples geisha tub, twin showers and an ensuite. Perfect for any of our couples treatments, a mother/daughter experience or hens group.

Gift vouchers are also available and make a perfect gift for someone special.

NICHOLSON RIVER WINERY

20 Cabernet Close, Nicholson VIC 3882
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E: nrw@nicholsonriverwinery.com.au
www.nicholsonriverwinery.com.au

Established in 1978, the Nicholson River Winery brings to you the distinctive flavours of East Gippsland.

Our wines are grown, handpicked, made and bottled here on the family estate and are available for purchase from our cellar door or our website. You can choose from sparkling, dry reds and whites and port.

We currently grow Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier, Pinot Noir, Syrah (Shiraz), Cabernet, Merlot and Sangiovese. The wines are carefully crafted and styled with minimal preservatives, and are suitable for vegans.

At cellar door, you can relax with a glass of wine and a local cheese or antipasto platter whilst looking at the picturesque Nicholson River. The winery is clearly signposted from Princes Highway at Nicholson and from the Great Alpine Road at Sarsfield.

Open daily from 10am to 4pm, and on public holidays and weekends from 10am to 5pm.

Phone if possible in the colder months.
Group bookings by appointment.
We expect to open a Bistro at the end of 2018.
A unique 6 day/5 night experience, exploring the lakes, rivers, islands and inter-connecting channels of the beautiful Gippsland Lakes on a small group cruise from Sale to Lakes Entrance. Fully inclusive of cruising with captain’s commentary, 5 nights’ comfortable motel style accommodation in lakeside towns along the way, all meals, specified excursions and coach return back to Sale. Fascinating and diverse waterways, prolific birdlife and a knowledgeable friendly crew make this a cruise to remember.

Cruise departs annually during Jan, Feb & March only.

Cruise departs from Sale
Book Now, Spirit Australia Cruises: 1800 442 203
www.spiritaustraliacruises.com.au
The High Country

Set high in the Great Dividing Range, the Omeo Region is one of Victoria’s best kept secrets; beautiful vistas, high country hospitality, adventure activities and a region rich in history and heritage.

Discover the National Parks, the Australian Alps walking track, crystal clear rivers, historic huts, camping spots, horse riding, fly fishing, galleries, wineries and golf courses.

The spectacular Great Alpine Road is Australia’s highest sealed road, with year-round access. It takes you from the top of Victoria’s High Country, down to the magnificent lakes and coastal country of East Gippsland.

There are many touring routes and 4WD adventures off the Great Alpine Road in the Australian Alps to ensure you feel invigorated and far away from the hustle and bustle. Meander through the historic towns within the region, and enjoy good high country food at the cafes and pubs.

Take your time, enjoy some of the local produce and make sure that you stay a while to experience the High Country difference.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/alpine-high-country or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060

Explore our Towns & Villages

Benambra
Victoria’s first cattle station and now a village offering access to the Three Brothers and the Sisters, part of the Bowen mountain range and (seasonal) Lake Omeo.

Cassilis
Once a thriving mining community and home to the early goldfields, the mines are ideal for walking and exploring, with occasional relics of the gold mining era.

Omeo
As well as its high country plains, fresh air and bush landscape, Omeo offers landmarks that reflect its gold-mining heritage. Visit the Oriental Claims, the log gaol, or go white water rafting or trout fishing on the Mitta Mitta.

Swift’s Creek and Ensay
Take the scenic route around these towns in the beautiful Tambo Valley and take in the incredible high country scenery or sample the local grape offerings at high altitude wineries.
10 Great Reasons to Explore the High Country

01 Drive the iconic Great Alpine Road, unparalleled for its stunning views and driving experience.

02 The Alpine National Park is a bush walkers’ paradise, immerse yourself in the amazing flora and fauna.

03 See the High Country as the pioneers did: from horseback.

04 Re-visit the heady days of the gold rush when you take in the beautiful architecture and heritage listed buildings of Omeo.

05 Whether it’s a peaceful paddle or an adrenalin-pumping adventure, white water rafting is a unique way to enjoy the High Country.

06 Take your pick of some of the most tranquil and isolated camping areas in Victoria.

07 See some of the most stunning wilderness in the world from vantage points in the High Country.

08 Enjoy estate-grown and made wines and nibbles or choose a boutique beer to suit your tastes.

09 From cruisy cross-country mountain bike tours to high-altitude adventure, see the High Country from another perspective.

10 Explore the High Country at your own pace on one of the many 4WD and touring routes that traverse the region.

For more inspiration, contact our Visitor Information Centre on 1800 637 060 or visit www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/things-to-see-a-do
Places to Stay, Wine & Dine

**GOLDEN AGE MOTEL**
189 Day Avenue, Omeo VIC 3898
T: 03 5159 1344
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www.goldenageomeo.com.au

Call into the Golden Age Hotel/Motel to experience our old fashion hospitality, a cold beer and one of the best steaks going. The Golden Age has 15 ensuite rooms and 6 budget rooms, catering for everyone. Open 7 days a week.

**THE BLUE DUCK INN**
2855 Omeo Hwy, Anglers Rest VIC 3898
T: 03 5159 7220
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www.blueduckinn.com.au

Standing in splendid isolation on the Cobungra River, surrounded by a million acres of National Park. Situated on the Omeo Highway between Omeo and Falls Creek, the Duck is renowned for its fine food and local wine. We offer accommodation in six self-contained cabins. A unique experience not to be missed.

**THE PRESSING SHED RESTAURANT & CAFE**
290 Bindi Road Tongio VIC 3896
(3km off the Great Alpine Road between Omeo and Swift’s Creek)
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Stunning cafe and Restaurant at Nullamunjie Olive Groves. Enjoy a delicious lunch with a relaxing glass of wine, or coffee and cake, on our vine shaded deck. See how olive oil is made and purchase our multi-award winning olive oil. Open weekends 10am-4pm October to Easter.
A major river in south-eastern Australia, the mighty Snowy River begins in Kosciuszko National Park and winds 352 kilometres south until it reaches the sea at Marlo, in East Gippsland.

Snowy River Country spans from the forests to the sea, including the rugged high country around McKillops Bridge, the honeycomb labyrinth of the Buchan Caves to the majestic stands of remnant coastal rainforest near Marlo and Cape Conran Coastal Park. Discover the adventure, legend and romance of the Snowy River in the towns of Buchan, Marlo and Orbost, or the high country settlements of Goongerah, Bonang, Bendoc and Tubbut.

Take a day or two to explore Snowy River Country on the Snowy River Country Trail, a 285 kilometre drive through the region’s magnificent natural and heritage attractions. The trail is suitable for cars all year round but not for caravans or trailers as some roads may be unsealed, narrow or windy in parts.

You can choose to raft it, walk it, 4WD it, or just take photos of it – the Snowy is all about adventure. This region has much to offer - Buchan Caves, Snowy River and Alpine National Parks, and towns that are brimming with country hospitality.

To find out more about our unique towns and villages, visit us at www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/regions/snowy-river-country or call one of our Visitor Information Centres on 1800 637 060.
Explore our Towns & Villages

Buchan
Situated in a picturesque valley, Buchan is renowned for its limestone caves, cliffs and the Buchan River. There is plenty more for visitors to see and do including horse riding, bush walking and relaxing.

Bendoc/Bonang/Goongerah/Tubbut
Four small hamlets on the Snowy River Country Trail, these towns sit in one of the most beautiful corners of Victoria. Take in the spectacular sights of the Snowy River National Park and historic McKillops Bridge - said to be one of the longest arc-welded steel truss road bridges in the world.

Marlo
Where the ‘Snowy meets the Sea’, Marlo is a tranquil seaside town at the mouth of the Snowy River. Enjoy some of the best perch and bream fishing in Australia, go bush walking or bird-watching and visit remote beaches.

Nowa Nowa
History, art and nature converge in the small village of Nowa Nowa. Once a stronghold of the local timber industry, it is now an art and fishing paradise. Discover the abundance of birds and other wildlife on one of the many sign-posted walks.

Orbost
Surrounded by coastal rainforests and hinterland, Orbost has a rich history of riverboats and steamers, farmers, gold and timber mills. Experience high plateaus and ancient old-growth mountain forests, or simply pedal along the East Gippsland Rail Trail.

10 Great Reasons to Explore Snowy River Country

01. The Slab Hut Visitor Information Centre in Orbost is an authentic early settler’s hut, home to a wealth of information and historic memorabilia.

02. Enjoy a beer in the revived Buchan Caves Hotel - Australia’s first crowd-funded hotel.

03. Experience plenty of fishing activity at Marlo’s Snowy River estuary.

04. Get pedalling... Whether a beginner or a professional in the saddle there is a ride to suit every level.

05. Visit Little River Falls, a beautiful waterfall plunging 20 metres into a deep, clear pool.

06. Buy a bag of fresh corn direct from the farmer, or explore the local cafes and grocers to enjoy the best in locally grown produce.

07. Marvel at the spectacular Stony Creek Bridge, the largest wooden trestle bridge in the Southern Hemisphere.

08. Explore the stunning Errinundra National Park - home to Victoria’s largest remaining cool temperate rainforest.

09. Choose from caving, horse riding, water adventure and exploring the wilderness, or combine them all into one action-packed adventure.

10. Enjoy elevated views of the estuary, river mouth and coastline from the Snowy River Estuary Walk.

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Places to Stay, Wine & Dine

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Things to See & Do

Discover the Royal and Fairy caves. Located just forty-five minutes from Lakes Entrance lies a reserve of spectacular underground limestone caves. Open daily (except Christmas day), visitors can take a ranger led tour to explore the amazing formations in the Royal and Fairy Caves, that have developed over thousands of years.

Whatever the season, there are a range of walking trails to explore in the area - remember to keep an eye out for the variety of birds and native animals which visit the reserve every day.

For those wanting to stay overnight, camping sites and self-contained cabins are available.

Buchan Caves Reserve in Krautungulung Country is proudly joint managed by Parks Victoria and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation www.gunaikurnai.org
The Coastal Wilderness

One of the most accessible and pristine coastal wilderness areas, midway between Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra is Croajingolong National Park and the Wilderness Coast.

100 kilometres of rugged and unspoilt coastline plus pristine eucalypt forest, rainforest and heathland combine to offer a rare glimpse of wilderness, wildlife and adventure including indigenous and endangered species in their native environment.

Mild winter and summer temperatures make it an ideal destination in any season for camping, bush walking or even day trips from nearby towns.

Plan a coastal walk, bird watching expedition or boat and fish with ease. View panoramic coastline from Genoa Peak, the giant sand dune grandeur at Thurra River or tour the historic light stations of Point Hicks and Gabo Island.

Embrace the essence of beauty in the Coastal Wilderness and its hinterland, and you will be sure to experience something unique.

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Explore our Towns & Villages

Mallacoota
A perfect place to relax or stay and explore the pristine coastal wilderness of East Gippsland. Mallacoota is a year-round destination to enjoy walking, fishing, boating, canoeing, cruising, golfing, surfing and bird watching or to explore the bush in your 4WD.

Bemm River
One of East Gippsland’s premier fishing destinations, Bemm River is a favourite with bird-watchers, bush walkers and eco tourists who appreciate its natural beauty and prevalent wildlife.

Cape Conran
Visit the Cape and experience wild ocean beaches and banksia woodlands, home to birds and wildlife, including seals. Pitch a tent and camp under the stars while you explore and unwind.
Cann River
The ultimate crossroad, Cann River is a good place from which to explore Croajingolong National Park, Point Hicks Lighthouse and the ancient rainforests of Victoria’s far east. It is also a popular roadside stop, a place to pick up supplies and rest awhile.

Croajingolong National Park
Following the far-eastern coastline of Victoria for 100 kilometres and covering 87,500 hectares, the Park is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve that cocoons and protects remote beaches, tall forests, heathland, rainforest, estuaries and granite peaks.
10 Great Reasons to Explore The Coastal Wilderness

01 With bountiful fishing opportunities, cast a line, launch your kayak or head to one of the stunning surf beaches.

02 Climb to the top of Genoa Peak to enjoy 360 degree views over the Croajingolong wilderness coastline, Gabo Island and Mallacoota Inlet.

03 Be fascinated by the diverse, and beautiful, underwater marine life with popular dive sites including Beware Reef, Point Hicks and Gabo Island.

04 It’s not all wilderness. There are places to stop and enjoy delicious food, historic sites and local art.

05 Follow the boardwalk on the Cape Conran Nature Trail and learn about the Indigenous significance of the area. Meander the Mallacoota Coastal walk and explore.

06 Go cycling and take in the sights of this beautiful piece of Australia. BYO or hire one in town.

07 Immerse yourself in the serenity of the wilderness and make the most of public camping spots in the National Park.

08 Cape Conran’s renowned Wilderness Retreats are a truly unique way to enjoy the stunning natural environment of the Cape.

09 Visit Point Hicks, where Captain Cook first saw Australia in 1770 and marvel at the majestic lighthouse and scenic beauty.

10 A must-see for the wildlife lover, Gipsy Point is home to 280 species of birds.

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Places to Stay

**BEMM RIVER CARAVAN PARK**

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