# King Valley Touring Itinerary

## King Valley Prosecco Road

**Where:** King Valley in Victoria's High Country: three hour's drive from Melbourne, four hours from Canberra, one hour from Albury.

Best for: Prosecco adventures, generous hospitality and incredible local produce.

**What to expect** Take in mountain vistas, lush valleys, patchwork vineyards and crystalline rivers and experience your hosts' passion, warmth, genuine hospitality while tasting elegant prosecco.

#### The experience:

- Taste prosecco the perfect expression of the region: easy drinking, joyful and fun.
- Hear the King River which winds through the King Valley: trickling and tumbling over rocks.
- See Powers Lookout: witness a patchwork of farms and vineyards from the original hiding spot of notorious bushranger Harry Power.
- Feel the fresh ingredients as you learn to make traditional gnocchi, salami or sweet cannoli in Nonna's kitchen.
- Smell eucalypt trees, wildflowers, clean air and, of course, prosecco.

#### DAY ONE

- 9am: Pick up a rental car and depart Melbourne via the Hume Freeway.
- 10:30am: stop for a coffee at Benalla, which is connected with the story of Australia's most famous bushranger Ned Kelly. Have a coffee at the <u>Gallery Café at the Benalla</u> <u>Art Gallery</u> and, if time allows, pop in to see one of Australia's most famous painters, Sidney Nolan's tapestry *Glenrowan*.
- 12pm: Arrive at your first winery <u>Sam Miranda King Valley</u>. Stretch your legs, wander around the produce garden and enjoy long lunch on the lawn or in the cellar door restaurant.
- 2.30pm: After lunch, taste your way through the range of King Valley wines at Sam Miranda's cellar door.
- 4pm: Drive to your boutique stay for the night, <u>Casa Luna Gourmet Accommodation</u>.
- 4.30pm onwards: Check in to your private suite and enjoy a fun game of bocce while your hosts Gwenda and David prepare King Valley prosecco spritz and a casual, flavourful dinner.

## DAY TWO

• 9am: Breakfast at Casa Luna featuring eggs fresh from a neighbouring farm.



- 10am: Drive to Dal Zotto Wines, pioneers of Australian prosecco.
- 10.30: At Dal Zotto, hire an e-bike with the optional inclusion of a picnic hamper packed with local delights such as salami, olives and preserves, and take a scenic cycle to the banks of the pristine King River.
- 12pm: If you've opted for the picnic hamper, enjoy lunch besides the river. Alternatively, cycle back to the cellar door for an Italian-inspired lunch at Dal Zotto's Trattoria, followed by a wine tasting of Italian varietal.
- 3pm: Depart Dal Zotto Wines and drive 20 minutes to <u>Powers Lookout</u>.
- 3.30pm: At Powers Lookout, take in the expansive views of the King Valley and learn about Harry Power, the notorious local bushranger who used this spot as his hiding place.
- 4.30pm onwards: Make your way back to Casa Luna Gourmet Accommodation. Enjoy a glass of prosecco in the lounge while poring over Gwenda's recipe book collection, and later settle in for a deluxe wine-matched dinner.

## DAY THREE

- 9am: Enjoy coffee and breakfast in the glass-walled dining room.
- 10am: Check out of Casa Luna Gourmet Accommodation and drive to Pizzini Wines.
- 10am: Participate in a 'Pop & Fizz' prosecco food pairing class before exploring the winery's whole range at the tasting counter.
- 11.30: Make the 10-minute drive from to <u>Chrismont</u> and head to the cellar door for a tasting.
- 1pm: With one of the best views of the valley, indulge in a long lunch of prosecco, pasta, desserts and coffee on Chrismont's balcony.
- 3pm: Spend the afternoon exploring the natural attractions of the King Valley. Lake William Hovell is a 15-minute drive from Chrismont take in the views and enjoy the peace and quiet. For something more spectacular, take the longer drive to the Paradise Falls rock formation.
- 6pm: Dine on Aussie pub classics at the <u>Mountain View Hotel</u> in the village of Whitfield.
- 7.30pm: Drive to Milawa and check in at the Lancemore Milawa boutique hotel.

## DAY FOUR

- 9am: Enjoy a coffee and some fresh fruit from the breakfast buffet at Restaurant Merlot.
- 10am: Start the morning King Valley style with an unforgettable prosecco experience: a private Prosecco Brunch at <u>Brown Brothers</u>. Here you'll be able to explore a range of prosecco styles, while enjoying a spread of sweet and savoury treats. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate with friends and family.



- 12.30: Explore the <u>Milawa Gourmet Region</u> participate in a tasting at Milawa Cheese Company and stock up on cheese, honey, charcuterie and olives.
- 2.30pm: It's time to hit the road and drive from Milawa to Melbourne. You'll be back in time to check into your hotel and enjoy the city's nightlife.

#### Find out more

King Valley Prosecco Road is a premium wine destination, located three-hour's drive north-east of Melbourne in Victoria's High Country. Being the Australian home of prosecco, the region is famed for its Italian varietals, and offers visitors a taste of its families' unique culture and setting through exceptional food and wine experiences. For more information, visit <u>www.kingvalleyproseccoroad.com.au</u>.

• Always be sure to enjoy Victoria's wine regions safely with a designated driver.