



Walking On The Roof

Sunday

Our coach will meet you at the Canberra railway station and travel to Cooma via the scenic Monaro plains.

Monday

Charlotte's Pass to Mt Stillwell Track – and Rainbow Lake Walk (medium walk total 9 km return)

Charlottes Pass village is Australia's highest alpine village, nestled at the base of a valley with surrounding peaks that taper down to the village giving it protection. One of the dominant peaks overlooking the village is Mt Stillwell. The group will walk from the car park uphill on a narrow path through herb, and heath fields. In summer fields of Silver Daisy, Billy-buttons, and Eyebrights are growing between rocky outcrops and granite tors. There are great views from the trig point over the Main Range and surrounding valleys.

After the group's Charlotte's Pass walk, time permitting they will head off to Dainer's Gap for the Rainbow Lake Walk. This walk takes the group through a sub alpine vegetation of classic contorted snow gums with their smooth trunks shaded with deep red, orange and lime green. The group will then cross two small streams over stepping-stones to reach Rainbow Lake nestled in a valley. Rainbow Lake was dammed for water supply.

November '09

January & February '10

Tuesday

Cooma North Ridge Reserve Track (Medium walk total of 6 km return)

Today we stay around Cooma and surrounding hills. After leaving the coach at the base of the Ridge Reserve we have a short climb up a rather steep hill, then following a narrow path there will be great views of Cooma Township. The acrobatic yellow-tailed black Cockatoos and handsome Crimson Rosella's are included in the list of 80 species of birds that visit this area and may be observed at times. The group will then meet the coach at Centennial Park and return to the Motel for a delicious buffet lunch. In the afternoon discover Cooma's excellent shops or explore some of the historical buildings with your guide.



Wednesday

Mt Kosciuszko Walk – (13km return)

We travel in comfort to Thredbo to today's walk. To start our walk we have to go up to the "Roof of Australia" with the Crackenback chairlift. The track crosses Merritt's creek – Thredbo's water supply – runs besides the rocky outcrops of rams Head Range and passes through herb fields and heath to Kosciuszko Lookout. It then goes across the headwaters of the Snowy River, climbs to a saddle above Lake Cootapatamba (the highest glacial lake in the area) and continues past Etheridge Range to Rawson's Pass. From there it is a gradual climb up the old road to Mt Kosciuszko's summit with wonderful views of Victoria and, from the top, extensive views in all directions. Return to Thredbo along the same route and back to the Motel for a well-earned rest.

Thursday

Tura Beach to Merimbula Headlands Beach walk – (5km one way total)

Today we travel from the Mountains to the Sea. The coach will take the group down the Brown Mountain. At Piper's Lookout, a short walk along the boardwalk with extensive views of the Bega Valley. Then travel on via the township of Bega to Tura beach. The group will then walk along the pristine beach to Merimbula's headland. Weather permitting the group can have a swim between the safeties of the flags.

The coach will be waiting at the car park near the beach; time permitting the group may then walk along a two-kilometer boardwalk close to the township of Merimbula. The group will then travel back to Cooma via the township of Candelo.

Friday

After breakfast, we say farewell to our group. We travel to Canberra where we past Parliament House and several of the famous landmarks before boarding the train for a relaxing journey home. Lunch is provided.

Itinerary subject to change without notice

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