



Great Southern Getaway Pamper Me Experience 2D 2N

The Great Southern Rail Trail travels through the emerald green countryside of South Gippsland. Enjoy sweeping views, fabulous food and quirky, arty country towns. With Fabulous Accommodation each night and a sensational Foodie experience, made from the heart, each morning.

Includes:

2 Days cycling: 100% on cycle paths. Free Extra Cycle on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail which we just love.

2 nights in our specially Crafted, cyclist friendly, super clean, Alkira Garden Studio accommodations

2 x café Breakfast

Bike and cycle equipment. E Bike option

Water bottle and a snack

Roadside assist

Transfer Port Welshpool to Leongatha at the end of your cycle.

Distance 72km , Av 36km/day. 13km Grand Ridge.

Rating: Easy



Arrival Day

Arrive in Leongatha by car or coach. We will meet you when you arrive. Your car can stay with us for the duration of your cycle.

Your Leongatha Accommodation

Alkira Leongatha Studios

90 McCartin Street Leongatha

0467 274 872

<https://alkira-garden-studio-accommodation-leongatha.business.site/>



Tonight you will be staying at Alkira Leongatha. Alkira Leongatha are comfy garden studios located close to the town centre. There is ample off street parking and free WiFi. Each studio has an ensuite, fridge and tea and coffee making facilities.

The Gardens are lush and vibrant. There is a BBQ area and also a firepit if you would like to sit outside with a cool afternoon beverage and toast marshmallows!

The Leongatha township has supermarkets and shops. There are also restaurants and cafes for breakfast lunch and dinner.

FREE Extra
Cycle the Grand Ridge Rail Trail

Mirboo North Grand Ridge Rail Trail 13km

Cycle the Grand Ridge on your arrival day or on Day 2 of your Pamper Me experience.

The Ride

- The little historic town of Mirboo North is high on the Grand Ridge of the beautiful Strzelecki ranges.
- This is a lovely little ride through forests down to Boolarra. At Boolarra there is a great playground and general store.
- Cycle back along the trail to Mirboo North for the afternoon in town.
- Take a walking tour of Mirboo North for the town murals. The murals depict scenes of what country life has been like here over the years.

We Love

- Looking out for the little echidnas, wombats and even kangaroos.

Food

- At Boolarra there is a local General Store which does a good selection of takeaway food and burgers for lunch.
- In Mirboo North there are several cafes and bakeries to enjoy.
- There is also the Grand Ridge Brewery in Mirboo North. A brewery ahead of its time before the craft beer movement took off. You can see them making the beer from inside the pub. There is a restaurant and beer tastings.

Fun Fact

- The name 'Mirboo' is Aboriginal for Kidney!



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Day One

Leongatha to Fish Creek - 35km Cycle

The Ride

- The ride out of Leongatha is through wetlands and dairy country to Koonwarra. Give way to cattle and roaming chickens on the trail.
- From Koonwarra your cycle takes you through the beautiful Black Spur over the creeks on the historic bridges. You'll pass through Koonwarra, Meeniyah and Buffalo on your way to Fish Creek.

We Love

- Meeniyah was recently awarded best small town in Gippsland. It has an array of cafes, gift shops and places to explore. Meeniyah has a quirky community garden. Which is right next to the rail trail. Local produce is celebrated here and is home to an annual garlic festival.

Food

- Koonwarra is a small town with amazing food. The slow food movement started here. The Koonwarra general store has lots of homemade jams, chutneys, cheeses and other local produce as well as tasty lunch menu items.

Fun Fact

- The Fish Creek pub has a big mullet (fish) sculpture lying on top of it. The mullet is designed to look like it has been dropped by a sea eagle flying overhead.
- Alison Lester well known Australian Children's Author also has a shop in fish creek.



Night One

Your Fish Creek Accommodation

Alkira Fish Creek

9 Lorimer Street Fish Creek VIC

0467 274 872

<https://>



Tonight you will be staying at Alkira Fish Creek. This delightful accommodation is right next to the town centre of Fish Creek.

The whole accommodation has recently been completely refurbished and renovated. There are very comfy beds with quality bed linen, ensuite bathrooms, free WiFi and a basic kitchenette with tea and coffee making facilities.

Fish Creek main street is just a few doors up where there are some cosy cafes and a tasty pub or pizza place for dinner.



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Day Two

Fish Creek to Port Welshpool - 37km Cycle

The Ride

- Today you will ride from Fish Creek to Port Welshpool along the Rail Trail. If you're looking for an extra scenic challenge you can choose to ride some quiet country roads to Agnes Falls.
- The scenery is stunning in this section, there are magnificent sweeping views to Wilsons Prom National Park.
- You'll pass through Foster, Toora and Welshpool on your way to Port Welshpool. Foster is a small detour off the trail. It is quite a large lovely town with shops and cafes.

Side Trip

- OPTION 1: At Toora you have the option of taking a hilly and scenic route from Toora to Welshpool via Agnes Falls instead of the rail trail. It's a challenge but we love this trip!

Food

- Foster has great cafes with plenty to choose from. Toora is smaller but also has a couple of tasty cafes. Welshpool has a pub and small takeaway shop. Port Welshpool also has a pub and a great fish and chip shop. No water or food between towns so carry water bottles and snacks

Fun Fact

- You'll see the Toora wind Farm as you pass through Toora. Just one turbine is enough to supply 6,660 homes with electricity!



Transport Details

Travelling from Melbourne to Leongatha

The Coach to Leongatha leaves from Melbourne Southern Cross Station from the bay right next to the Melbourne Airport Skybus. Alternatively you can arrive by car. Either way we will meet you when you arrive

Returning from Leongatha to Melbourne

Buses depart Leongatha for Melbourne each day. Check the timetable Please refer to <https://www.vline.com.au/>

What is included

- All adult bike hire includes maps, ride notes, bicycles and helmets if required, locks, handlebar panniers, extra rear pannier if required and water bottles.
- Accommodation, breakfast, luggage transfers and roadside assist.
- Transfer Port Welshpool to Leongatha

What to Bring

- Wear shorts or comfortable trousers, t-shirt and covered shoes for cycling.
- Sunscreen, sun-glasses and wet-weather gear.
- Cycling gloves are recommended.
- A jumper and layers for winter; swimmers and small towel for warmer months.
- Spare shoes for evening in winter incase your cycling shoes get wet.
- A small camera, phone, wallet and snacks which can fit into the front panniers.
- Money for food; coach fares (allow \$20.00 per person); money for any attractions and incidental expenses.
- Clothes and accessories for the week. Luggage is limited to 1 bag per person, maximum 15kg.



Terms and Conditions

The following Terms and Conditions apply for all bookings and tours with Australian Cycling Holidays and are applicable to all participants.

Bookings

Once we receive your booking request, the following conditions apply:

- Your booking is not confirmed until a deposit of 30% is received.
- Payment in full is required at least 30 days prior to departure. If full payment is not received by the due date, the booking will be automatically cancelled and our Deferrals, Cancellations and Refunds Policy will apply.
- If you are making a booking less than 30 days prior to departure, full payment is required at the time of booking.

Deferral, Cancellation & Refunds Policy

If you are unable to proceed with the tour as booked, you have the following choices:

1. You may choose to defer your tour to a later date. In this case, the following conditions apply:
 - Notification must be given to Australian Cycling Holidays at least 7 days prior to the tour start date.
 - The tour can be deferred for up to 1 year from the original start date of the tour.
 - Bookings for deferred tours are subject to availability.
 - A deferral fee of \$60 applies each time a tour is deferred.
2. You may choose not to proceed with your tour. In this case, a refund may be made which depends on how much warning you give us prior to the tour start date.
 - More than 30 days prior: 90% of the tour price will be refunded.
 - 7 days to 30 days prior: 70% of the tour price will be refunded.
 - Less than 7 days prior: no money will be refunded.
 - No refunds will be provided once tour commences.

Other Information

Australian Cycling Holidays acts solely as the agent for securing accommodation and transfers and shall not be held liable in the event of the failure of any person or company to render transfers, accommodation or other service. Australian Cycling Holidays shall not be held liable for any damage, expense or inconvenience outside of its control, such as late arrival, industrial disputes, breakdowns, inclement weather, road closures or Acts of God.

Cycling is a recreational activity which can be dangerous and by agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, participants accept the risks inherent in participating in a cycling tour. Participants must abide by applicable road rules and regulations at all times during the cycling tour.

All participants must be physically healthy to participate in the Tour. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant warrants that they have no medical or other condition which suggests that any participant should not participate in the cycling tour. Australian Cycling Holidays strongly recommends participants have full insurance covering any injury they might suffer, including evacuation costs and medical and hospital treatment.

All cycling participants must be able to ride a bicycle without training wheels, and must be familiar and competent with the use of handlebar brakes. Australian Cycling Holidays reserves the right to refuse service without refund if any cycling participant is unable to demonstrate the ability to cycle proficiently.

Participants are responsible for any damage (other than ordinary wear and tear) to or loss of the bikes and equipment sustained during the tour. Participants should inspect the equipment provided for the tour, and should not participate in the tour unless they are satisfied with the adequacy and condition of the equipment.

Every effort is made to ensure that the information provided in the maps and ride notes is accurate at the time of printing. Details may change without warning, and where possible will be advised to you.

