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## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

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, the Pyrenees and beyond, the Grampians is a natural wonderland that is beautiful all year round, and 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.

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## TOP ATTRACTIONS

### 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 kilometre long trail is now open and covers some of the Grampians most loved features. It is a 33 kilometre loop walk and can be completed over three days and two nights.

### 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 and 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 and most spectacular waterfalls. Here, fast flowing water cascades over huge cliffs into a deep pool.

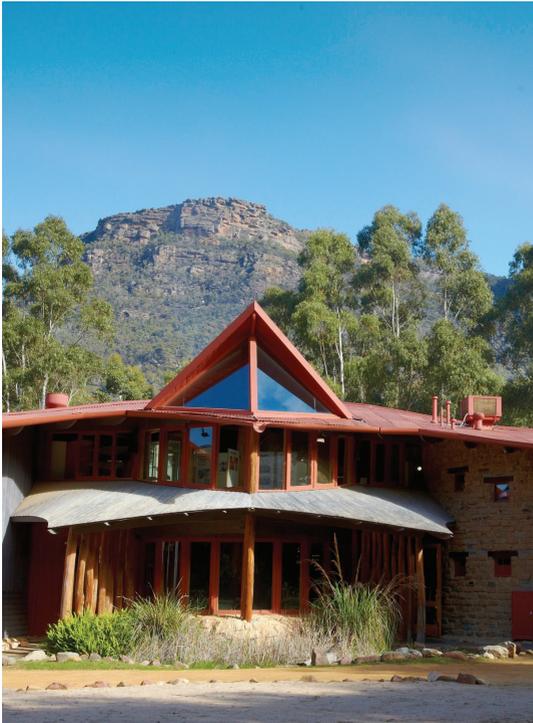
### Royal Mail Hotel

The Royal Mail Hotel offers luxury accommodation set in extensive Australian gardens, with stunning views of the Southern Grampians Ranges. The menu in the dining room features the highest quality, locally sourced produce and it changes with the seasons. Awarded two chef hats in the Age Good Food Guide 2015 and 2016.

### 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.

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## KEY EVENTS

### Discover Dunkeld

March

The Discover Dunkeld festival celebrates the food, wine, art, history and nature of one of Victoria's most intriguing villages. With a range of different community events running alongside the renowned Market in the Park, Discover Dunkeld is a fun-filled festival for the whole family.

### Grampians Music Festival

February

Halls Gap will come alive with this new music festival next year. The sounds of indie pop, rock and blues will come to this Grampians heartland. More details to be revealed soon.

### 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.



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## PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

### **Grampians Peaks Trail**

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. The first stage of this walk has been completed and welcomes hikers to journey through some of its most popular features, including the ancient rock features of the Grand Canyon, views from the Pinnacle Lookout and the spectacular outlook of rugged mountain peaks from the top of Mt Rosea. This is a one-way, three-day, two-night loop walk from Halls Gap to Borough Huts and returning to Halls Gap, covering a total of 33 kilometres.

Experience the trail with an organised tour through the Grampian Peaks Walking Company.

### **Harvest Halls Gap**

A new accommodation option in Halls Gap, the perfect base for exploring the Grampians and its walking trails. Harvest Halls Gap offers two self contained units - The Vines and The Grove - just off the main street and a short stroll from the Visitor Centre, eateries and shops.

### **Grampians Helicopters**

Scenic flights across the Grampians region, departing from Stawell Airport, Stawell. Includes winery tours, scenic flights over the Grampians National Park and private hire.

For more information on the Grampians Region, visit [www.visitgrampians.com.au](http://www.visitgrampians.com.au)