# Victorian Driving Tour



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# EXPERIENCE THE WORLD'S BEST Luxury Driving Holidays

Ultimate Driving Tours evolved from my lifelong love of motoring. From a small idea, UDT became a passion project among like-minded friends. We found a select group of clients who shared our passions for travel, enjoying the finer things in life, and driving incredible cars in great company. It soon became apparent that we had found a winning formula.

But the roots of UDT's story begin much earlier than our first tour. For over twenty years, I have participated in, created, directed and owned motoring events, starting with a celebrated tarmac rally series. After seven years of growing the rally into a beloved Australia-wide motoring event, I turned my focus to the international arena, taking a group to motorsport mecca – the Nürburgring. This initial venture was perhaps a little more rough and ready than the refinement of our current tours, but it was the genesis of a beautiful journey.

Over the years, and with the help of our ever-growing global team, Ultimate Driving Tours has evolved into a renowned and award-winning luxury adventure travel business the world's premier provider of extraordinary driving, motorsport and track experiences. From Europe to the Americas and Australasia, we now offer the most diverse and far-reaching selection of incredible motoring adventures, with all the elements of an unforgettable luxury travel experience.

Our experiences are designed to let you live out your bucket-list, however adventurous it may be. Whether you would prefer to experience a fleet of supercars on the world's best driving roads, watch the Grand Prix of Monaco from the plush seats of a superyacht, get behind the wheel of a real F1 car at a private track day, or dine with motorsport legends like Sir Jackie Stewart, our events cover all of motoring's must-do experiences. Yet an Ultimate Driving Tour is about more than simply jumping in luxury cars and driving. Our experiences take you to stay in the finest boutique and experiential accommodation, dine in celebrated restaurants, and savour unique and exclusive lifestyle experiences. This may include a private tour of one of Europe's most prestigious vineyards and champagne maisons, or a chartered private jet, helicopter or yacht. The possibilities are endless.

We hope that you too will become one of our guests, and join us for the journey of a lifetime. After perusing this brochure, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team. We look forward to hearing from you and having you along.

To a life of adventure,





## WHY ULTIMATE DRIVING TOURS?

"The most fun you could ever have; it's beyond first class, it's a class of its own."

Chuck & Margo, USA Guests on 2022 European Supercar Tour

FIND OUT MORE

## Long Established

One of the world's longest established driving holiday specialists, with decades of experience creating extraordinary motoring and luxury travel events.

## Award Winning

Recognised across the luxury travel industry as the world's best driving holiday provider and a multi-award winning international tour operator.

### **Global Presence**

The only driving tour company with a global presence, and experiences in operation throughout the Americas, Australasia and Europe.

## **Exceptional Delivery**

Our journeys are meticulously curated to incorporate only the very best of your chosen destination and the highest standards of service.

### **Unique & Exclusive**

We work closely with carefully selected boutique suppliers to ensure access to the most unique and exclusive experiences, driving or otherwise.

## A WORD FROM OUR CEO



## **TOUR SUMMARY**

Melbourne · Daylesford · Mansfield

## **Enquire for Future Dates**

Reignite your love of driving with an escape to the Victorian Highlands for a luxury driving experience coupled with the thrill of the TARGA High Country tarmac rally.

This incredible 'drive your own car' long weekend combines two bucket-list driving experiences: a thrilling open-road drive exploring the best luxury accommodation, dining and scenery Victoria has to offer, coupled with the fast-paced, closed-road action of the TARGA rally. Whether you have a passion for motoring, picturesque scenery, world-class accommodation, or exquisite dining, this trip covers all bases in one incredible getaway.

\*Details and pricing tentative until dates confirmed.

## A Snapshot of the Tour

		Driving Tour
Day 1	•	OPTIONAL WELCOME DINNER Melbourne
Day 2	•	<b>DRIVE DAY 1 (OPEN ROADS)</b> Melbourne to Daylesford
Day 3	•	<b>DRIVE DAY TWO (MIXED ROADS)</b> Daylesford to Mansfield
Day 4	•	DRIVE DAY THREE (CLOSED ROADS) Mansfield Loop
Day 5	•	<b>DRIVE DAY FOUR (MIXED ROADS)</b> Optional Heli + Dinner
Day 6	•	FAREWELL & DEPARTURES Onward Journeys



Want to See a Tour in Action? Check out the live video at ultimatedrivingtours.com

Duration 6 Days / 5 Nights

Driving 4 Days / 800 kilometres

•<u></u>5 **Tour Start** Adelaide, Australia

ŝ Tour End Melbourne, Australia





## A LUXURY TOUR OF REGIONAL VICTORIA (OPEN ROADS)



C hoose to begin your 'drive your own car' adventure in Melbourne on Wednesday with an optional welcome dinner. For interstate guests, opt to arrive in the afternoon and enjoy an additional night's accommodation at Crown Towers as well as the welcome dinner. Local guests can also choose to enjoy a staycation in the city, or join us for the welcome dinner only.

In the evening, guests who have opted into the experience will meet for a welcome aperitif and dinner at the hotel's elegant Italian restaurant, Rosetta. Here, you will spend a relaxed evening meeting other tour guests while enjoying award-winning cuisine, and the first of many gourmet dining experiences on this one-of-a-kind tour. On Thursday morning, the experience will officially begin with a display start and light catered brunch at St Kilda beach. Here, all guests and cars in the group will meet and depart together to start the driving tour. Your first day of driving will take place on open roads, with the route covering a selection of renowned roads throughout the Yarra and Macedon Ranges. In between the twists and turns of the region's meandering and scenic backroads, the group will stop for a gourmet lunch at Levantine Hill, then again for a delightful afternoon tea.

In the early evening, the convoy will arrive into the Lake House and trade car keys for a well-earned glass of bubbly or a cold regional beer. The hotel lies on the shores of beautiful Lake Daylesford, and is one of Victoria's most celebrated regional venues. After some time to relax and refresh, the group will meet for dinner at the hotel's AGFG-hatted restaurant for Culinary Director Alla Wolf-Tasker's signature tasting menu. Over the course of the evening, Alla and her team will deliver fresh seasonal dishes paired with an acclaimed wine selection.

On Friday morning, the group will depart Daylesford and head east through the north of the Yarra Ranges National Park to link up into the TARGA High Country tarmac rally. The morning will feature a selection of magnificent free-flowing sections of tarmac before we stop for lunch. In the afternoon, you will wet your whistle for the following days of closedroad rallying with your first couple of stages, including Dry Creek Hill, Mount Terrible and Mount Buller. The first two stages have a bit of everything – fast, flowing sweepers, tight corners and spectacular views over Lake Eildon (if you're brave enough to look down!). The run up Mt Buller is not to be missed, offering the opportunity to watch the competition cars on the final corner of the stage.

That evening, the group will arrive into the Sebel Pinnacle Valley, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy a relaxed dinner before turning in for a good night's sleep.









## Accommodation

Each day of this unique driving tour is punctuated by well-earned rest and relaxation at some of the region's finest luxury hotels.

One of these is the prestigious Lake House. Sitting on the shores of Lake Daylesford and surrounded by nature, this gorgeous haven is the perfect evening retreat after a packed day of driving. We also spend two nights at the stunning Sebel Pinnacle Valley – a chic alpine resort at the base of Mount Buller. You also have the option to begin the tour with a night's stay at the sophisticated and lavish Crown Towers in Melbourne, which overlooks the Yarra River.

## TARGA HIGH COUNTRY TARMAC RALLY (CLOSED ROADS)



n Saturday, you will enjoy an exhilarating full day of tarmac rallying as part of the TARGA component of the event. Taking part in TARGA will afford you the rare and incredibly coveted opportunity to unleash your favourite car in the most liberating setting - on a closed road. As part of the tour, you will have the opportunity to experience the rally in a non-competitive format, while still taking on the same challenging driving experience as legendary TARGA competitors, including Jim Richards, Peter Brock and even the late, great Sir Sterling Moss.

The second day of the rally is a loop out from Mansfield. The day includes seven closed-road stages, including Barwite, Tolmie and King Valley. Before lunch, you will enjoy some high-speed flowing stages combined with a twisty run down the valley into Whitfield for lunch at Pizzini Wines. Prepare to do it all over again in reverse after lunch, followed by the famous Mansfield Street Stage and Street Party where you can mingle with the competitors and spectators. After a big day on the roads, we return to the Sebel Pinnacle Valley for a second night of alpine relaxation, enjoying a quiet dinner at the hotel.

Day three of the rally covers the mammoth 49km stage of Jamieson – the second-longest stage on the TARGA calendar – and a reverse of the Friday afternoon run. This stage starts with a twisty, steep uphill run followed by kilometre after kilometre of linking corners that offer no reprieve. It then opens up for a high-speed blast over the top of the mountain before a tight run to the bottom. Regarded by many as one of the most challenging stages in the country, you will feel a sense of relief and elation at the finish line.

In the early afternoon, our tour will peel off from the final stages of TARGA and make our way to Yarra Valley to enjoy a leisurely late lunch at the stunning Yering Station vineyard – a must-see estate that was Victoria's first vineyard. Spend the afternoon relaxing at Yering, taking part in a tasting at their cellar door before sitting down to a beautiful lunch and wine pairing. As lunch concludes you can choose to drive back to the city, or to take one of our chartered helicopters for a scenic flight from the Yarra Valley back to Crown Towers (in which case, our team will drive your car back for you).

Upon arrival, you will have time to refresh before an optional farewell dinner. Over a final evening of finedining, reminisce on the past few incredible days of driving, and making unforgettable memories and new friends.

On Monday, guests can who opted into the final dinner can enjoy a sleep-in and breakfast, after which you are free to depart for onward travel plans.









## Dining

There's no better way to follow a thrilling day of driving than by tempting yourself with a sumptuous meal at the restaurants we feature on this tour.

One of the highlights is the AGFGhatted restaurant at the Lake House, overseen by Alla Wolf-Tasker. Enjoy a beautiful signature tasting menu filled with fresh farm-to-table ingredients and paired with an extensive wine list. Elsewhere, The Peaks Restaurant at The Sebel Pinnacle Valley offers a modern menu in a relaxed alpine setting, complete with local wines and a roaring fire. We also take a break from driving each day to indulge in some delicious lunchtime experiences.

## **ITINERARY**

### A snapshot of the tour

#### DAY 1 **OPTIONAL MELBOURNE WELCOME**

For interstate guests, arrive into Melbourne by late afternoon. Your car, having been transported from your home, will be securely stored and waiting for your arrival.

Local and interstate guests who have opted into the welcome evening will then meet for an aperitif and dinner at Crown Towers. This is a lovely way to start the long weekend and meet other guests on the tour.

Dinner	Accommodation
Rosetta	Crown Towers

## DAY 2 DRIVE DAY 1 (OPEN ROADS)

Meet in the morning down at St Kilda beach for a light catered brunch and display start. From here, the group kick off the first day of the drive. Today you will cruise open roads, with the route covering a selection of renowned tarmac sections throughout the Yarra and Macedon Ranges to Daylesford.

In the early evening, the convoy will arrive into the Lake House - one of Victoria's most celebrated regional venues – and trade car keys for a glass of bubbles. After some time to relax and refresh, you will meet for dinner at the hotel's AGFG-hatted gourmet restaurant.

Breakfast	Lunch
Catered	Levantine Hill
Dinner	Accommodation

#### DAY 3 DRIVE DAY 2 (MIXED ROADS)

On Friday, the convoy will head east through the north of the Yarra Ranges National Park to link up with the TARGA High Country tarmac rally. The morning will feature a selection of magnificent free-flowing sections of tarmac before we stop for lunch at a charming vineyard in Trawool.

In the afternoon, you will have your first taste of closed-road rallying with your first couple of TARGA stages, including Dry Creek Hill, Mount Terrible and Mt Buller. These first stages have a bit of everything fast, flowing sweepers, linking and tightening corners and spectacular views. That evening the group will arrive into the Sebel Pinnacle Valley for a relaxed dinner at the hotel.

Breakfast	Lunch
Lake House <b>Dinner</b>	On Route
Sebel Resort	Sebel Resort

### DAY 4 DRIVE DAY 3 (CLOSED ROADS)

The second day of the rally is a loop out from Mansfield. The day includes seven closed-road stages. Before lunch, you will enjoy some high-speed, flowing stages combined with a twisty run down the valley into Whitfield for lunch at Pizzini Wines. The stages are repeated in reverse after lunch, followed by the famous Mansfield Street Stage and Street Party.

After a big day on the roads, it's time to return to the Sebel Pinnacle Valley for a second night, enjoying a quiet dinner at the hotel

Breakfast	Lunch
Sebel Resort	On Route
Dinner	Accommodation

### DAY 5 DRIVE DAY 4 (MIXED ROADS)

Day three of the tarmac rally covers the mammoth 49km stage of Jamieson - the second-longest stage on the TARGA calendar – and a reverse of the Friday afternoon run. Regarded by many as one of the most challenging tarmac rally stages in the country, you will feel a sense of relief and elation at the finish line.

In the early afternoon, our group will separate from the final stages of TARGA

and make our way down to the Yarra Valley for a leisurely afternoon of wine tasting and lunch at Yering Station. As lunch concludes, you can choose to drive back to Melbourne, or hop aboard our chartered helicopters for a scenic flight back to Crown Towers. That evening you can opt to meet for a final dinner with the group where you can reminisce on the fantastic weekend that was.

Breakfast	Lunch
Sebel Resort	Yering Station
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Dinner	Accommodatio
Gradi	Crown Towers

### DAY 6 FAREWELL + DEPARTURES

For those who opted to join the additional night, following breakfast and check-out the day is yours before transfers and onward travel plans.

Breakfast Crown Towers

Other Dining Own arrangements



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DRIVING DAY ONE - OPEN ROADS DRIVING DAY TWO - MIXED ROADS DRIVING DAY THREE - CLOSED ROADS DRIVING DAY FOUR - MIXED ROADS TOUR START & END OVERNIGHT STOP

## **TOUR PACKAGE**

Inclusions, exclusions, and options to complete your experience

Our tours are designed to be end-to-end luxury travel experiences, with every aspect from the moment you arrive to the moment you depart considered. Your final tour investment is comprised of your Tour Package (as outlined below) and any Optional Add-Ons you choose to include.

\* Please note, packages are currently tentative and may be subject to change.

## Inclusions

- Guided tour of Victoria hosted over four days and three nights
- Four days driving a selection of Victoria's greatest roads, comprising a mix of open-road section and closed-road rallying as part of TARGA High Country, including:
  - Detailed route instruction/navigation with experienced guides
  - Two-way in-car communication system
  - Full vehicle support, including lead and sweep cars
  - · Entry into TARGA High Country, including roadbooks and lanyards, official 'Invitation to compete', participation in closed-road stages, and a set of TARGA metal number plates and door panels.
- Five nights' accommodation in a standard room in each of the hotels featured on the drive, including breakfast each ٠ morning and parking
- Dining throughout the drive, including a catered brunch on Thursday, lunch each day of the drive, a welcome aperitif on arrival into the hotel each afternoon, and a gourmet dining experience each evening of the drive, including an accompanying wine package and non-alcoholic beverages
- A team of support staff to manage all aspects of the experience including luggage porterage •
- Professional photography and videography ٠

Per Person: £3,250 GBP (Double Occupancy) | Enquire for Single/Twin Occupancy

## Exclusions

#### Flights Before or After the Tour

Please make your own travel arrangements for the days before and after the tour. On request, the UDT team can provide advice or assistance with arranging flights.

### **Travel Insurance**

Participants must have a comprehensive travel insurance policy in place before leaving for the tour. Particular attention should be paid to cover for items such as medical/dental, personal effects, cancellations and rental vehicle excess.



## **OPTIONAL ADD-ONS**

Complete your experience

Our Optional Add-Ons allow guests to create a tailored experience. How you decide to complement and complete your journey is at your discretion.

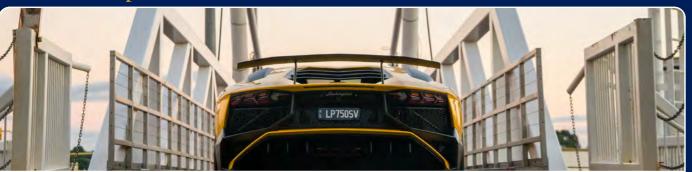
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## Upgrade Your Accommodation & Transfers

ΡL	ATINUM PACKAGE		
ش ه	Upgrade your room to a premium category at each hotel. Upgrade your transfers to include a pick up from your point of arrival to the commencing hotel and from the concluding hotel to your point of departure. <sup>A</sup>	Double (pp) £150 GBP	Enquire for Single/Twin Occupancy
ΒL	ACK PACKAGE (LIMITED NUMBERS)		
i	Upgrade to priority access to suites and/or the best rooms at each luxury hotel.		
9 0 0	Upgrade your transfers to door-to-door return limousine transfers from your home to the airport and commencement hotel, and from the concluding hotel to the airport and back to your home.^	Double (pp) £650 GBP	Enquire for Single/Twin Occupancy
B	Our team of luxury travel professionals will be on hand to curate every aspect of your travel experience down to the finest detail.		

^ Transfers are based on travel within metropolitan regions. Regional/inter-city transfers will vary depending on location.

## Car Transport



Don't live in Victoria? We can arrange the return transfer of your vehicle.

Enquire with our team to find out more information about transport options.



## • Enhance Your Experience



## **Chartered Helicopter**

As the final lunch at Yering Station concludes, you can choose take a seat in our chartered helicopters for a scenic flight back to Crown Towers in the Melbourne CBD. For guests opting into this option, our concierge team will drive your car back to the city or your home, depending on your preference. If you like, they can also arrange for it to be detailed on the way!

**£450** GBP (per person)\*



## Melbourne Welcome / Farewell

At the start and/or conclusion of the tour, you can opt to join us for an evening in Melbourne. The option includes: • An evening at Crown Towers for interstate guests who wish to join, or local guests looking for staycation, including breakfast and valet parking (pricing includes a Deluxe Room, with the option to upgrade to a Premier

- Room or Executive Club Suite)
- An informal welcome, including a champagne aperitif and relaxed fine-dining dinner for the group including accompanying wines

Accom & Dining from  $\pounds 350$  GBP (per person per stay)\*

\* availability and final pricing depending on numbers

Dining Only **£150** GBP (per person per dinner)\*

## CALCULATE YOUR INVESTMENT

Your final tour investment is comprised of: 1) Tour Package\* & 2) Optional Add-Ons\*



### TOUR PACKAGE\*

Double/Twin Occupancy (PP) £3,250 GBP

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Enquire for Single/Twin Occupancy

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS*			
+ Upgrade Your Driving Tour Accommodation & Transfer Package	PLATINUM Double (pp) £150 GBP	BLACK Double (pp) £650 GBP	
+ Car Transport	per car <b>POA</b>		
+ Chartered Helicopter	per person £450 GBP		
+ Melbourne (Accom & Dining)	per person per stay from £350 GBP		
+ Melbourne (Dining Only)	per person per dinner <b>£150 GBP</b>		

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## **COMMON QUESTIONS**

Below you will find a selection of common questions from our guests. For any further queries, please contact our team.



### How does the driving work?

The drive operates in a loose convoy, with a lead and sweep car (driven by professional drivers), and two-way radio contact between all vehicles.

The lead car navigates for the convoy and provides updates on conditions, so drivers can focus on enjoying the cars and drive. The sweep car ensures no one becomes lost or separated from the group.

The drive per day is around 250km/155mi over 6-8 hours, including regular stops for morning/afternoon tea, lunch, and driver/ car changes.

#### What type of roads do we drive?

Our team has spent over a decade researching and testing the best roads in the world. All tours are planned so as to avoid heavily trafficked cities and seek out the freedom of the open road. The routes chosen for our tours cover a variety of road types that accentuate both the location and the tour type. You can expect to navigate tight switchbacks and hairpins on alpine passes, and then enjoy loose, flowing country backroads, and fast-paced autostradas. We always choose roads that are incredibly scenic, so whether you're behind the wheel or in the passenger seat for a section, you will find plenty to enjoy.

### What type of guests join your tours?

Guests from around the world attend our tours. We typically host a mixture of groups of friends, families, business associates, and plenty of couples. While we do recommend sharing the experience with someone you know or as a group, we also cater for guests coming on their own. In this case, you will be partnered with another solo driver.

Ultimately, our small-group tours are made up of like-minded people who share a passion for motoring, and enjoying the finer things in life. Many go on to keep in contact after the tour and often become life-long friends.

### How does pricing work?

Your tour package is priced per person and is based on two people per vehicle. Typically the driving is shared between occupants, who alternate between being behind the wheel and being a passenger. In the case that one participant prefers not to drive, the other will be able to enjoy double the time behind the wheel, while the passenger can soak up the stunning scenery and excitement of riding along. As outlined on <u>page 12-16</u>, your Tour Investment consists of your Tour Package and any Optional Add-Ons.

#### Where do guests stay and dine?

Accommodation and dining are designed to complement your overall experience. Our team seeks out the most luxurious and unique hotels in the regions we visit, which can include ornate castles, private villas, boutique resorts, and more. Dining is always a social affair, pairing gourmet regional or specialist cuisine with fine wine, over which the group can share stories and experiences.

Depending on the size of the group, guests may stay as a collective, or diverge into smaller groups at nearby luxury hotels, commensurate with your selected package. Accommodation packages and upgrades dictate the hotel and room category.



## **EXPLORE MORE TOURS**

Can't make the Victorian Driving Tour? Explore a selection of our other incredible and unforgettable experiences below.



## Driving Tours

Our award-winning signature tours let you drive our full fleet of supercars on some of the world's greatest roads, while enjoying a fully-managed luxury holiday in Europe, the UK, the USA, or Australia. Alternatively, our 'Drive Your Own' car tours allow you to bring out a favourite drive from your home garage for a guided adventure.



Scan to see more details online or <u>click here</u>.

## Self-Guided Drives

Celebrate your love of driving with our range of luxurious self-drive holidays. Perfect for guests seeking maximum flexibility or a solo escape. Simply choose your favourite car from our fleet, then follow your perfectly-planned route complete with stunning luxury accommodation and our team on call.



Scan to see more details online or <u>click here</u>.

## F1 Hospitality + More

Love motorsport? So do we! Our packages let you enjoy luxurious hospitality at the world's most exciting events. Experience Monaco GP aboard our superyacht, head to legendary Monza for a thrilling weekend at the Italian GP, or choose to arrive into Goodwood in a chartered helicopter and watch the action from a luxury suite. The choice is yours.



Scan to see more details online or <u>click here</u>.

## Bespoke **Events**

Is your company seeking a unique way to delight VIP clients, or reward and incentivise key employees? Or perhaps you have a group of friends looking for an exclusive way to celebrate a special milestone? Contact our team today to find out how our bespoke events can be the perfect corporate incentive or private luxury escape.

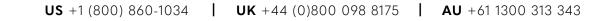


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Ultimate Driving Tours is a celebration of luxury travel, motoring, and the finer things in life. Discover a new world of unforgettable journeys with our incredible driving tours, exclusive motorsport packages, and bucket-list track events.



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