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VILLA GUSTO'S BRIGHT IDEAS..!
great things
 TO DO IN BRIGHT

near **VILLA GUSTO** »



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Every suggestion on this diverse list is within 20 minutes of your stunningly beautiful Villa Gusto. We include wine-tasting, bike-riding, great river and lake walks, scenic drives, gourmet cafes, a lavender farm, the most spectacular mountain lookout in Victoria, a 20-storey high waterfall, a gold rush cemetery (1860's), great picnic spots, 4WD tracks, or just a few snappy ales at our local micro brewery. All this and we haven't yet touched on dining in this well-known gourmet region. (We can help you there too!)

To help you we supply a map, and/or brochure, once you check in to the Villa.

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Mt Buffalo scenic walks: You can see the mountain from the Villa, but why not take a 15-minute drive to the summit and explore the 100-year-old chalet? Or stand on top of the waterfall? Perhaps walk around beautiful Lake Catani and take a swim, a canoe ride or just paddle in the crystal clear water. Walk to the lookout for what we believe are the most panoramic vistas in Victoria. Mt Buffalo is made of granite and rocks for things to do!

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On the way up Mt Buffalo stop at Lady Bath falls and explore this extraordinary micro-forest of ferns and rain forest vegetation. Take your togs and stand under the fall for an exhilarating experience! Our favourite place for a picnic. Or just jump in Sinclair's Hole, a natural pool in the Buckland River, just near to the Villa.

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Feel like a bike ride? The Buckland/Bright region is a great part of Victoria to explore on a bike. The Villa has 4 bikes you can borrow, but flat tyres are your worry! Or, you can rent a chic bike in town. Once you have wheels simply cycle down the Buckland Valley, along the Great Alpine Road, and on and on and on you go! Fabulous asphalt trails.



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Did you know the Buckland Valley was the site of gold strike that caused a fatal shoot-out? Many fossickers were killed, until Ned Kelly type troopers closed it down. Peddle or drive to the old 1860's Gold Rush cemetery. Only 9K from the Villa, over the Buckland River, and see the original Chinese head stones and ancient pencil pines. Maybe there's still gold in them there hills! And the regions very best 4WD tracks further on.

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Less than five minutes from the Villa is the best winery in the area: Ringer Reef, on Great Alpine Rd, Porepunkah. Bruce Holme is a great winemaker and his wife Annie the perfect host. Try their Merlot... is there any better? Or their great bubbles. Let them know you're staying at the Villa and Annie will offer bread & pate with your tasting.

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Even closer than the winery is Jesse's Rail Trail Café. Great grub, interesting fillings, good coffee and cold drinks, all in the strategically placed café, on the rail trail in Porepunkah. Housed in a 100 year old shack, this café is a hoot... and very tasty. Then on your bike because just up the road is the Bright Berry Farm... save room for a fresh berry sorbet or berry thick shake. We highly recommend their cordial!

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Villa Gusto hosts many prestige car launches each year: Porsche, BMW, Audi, Alfa Romeo, etc. And each time the journalists from the many magazine who test drive the cars take them for a spin along the Happy Valley Road. We'll give you a map and directions for this great drive. Good enough to write about! At the end, you can take in a cold beer at the 1850's Ovens Hotel, one of Victoria's oldest and most original looking watering holes.

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Two great walks: First, an easy stroll along the Canyon walk commencing at Bright and heading back in the direction of the Villa. There are a few swing bridges along the way, allowing you to design the length of your walk, from a couple of K's to much longer. Beware of ducks on the Ovens River and Koalas above! At the end stop at the best gelato shop outside of Italy, La Blanche Ice-creamery is fabulous. Want another walk, head towards Wandiligong and a more challenging stroll along Morse's Creek. Make the Wandiligong Maze your target and stop for home-made cake and coffee. This maze is as good as anything in England... Amazing!

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Want a valley drive? Head to Harrietville, the last town before the steep climb to Mt Hotham. Only 20 minutes away and nestled in a narrow valley, Harrietville boasts a charming Lavender farm selling great produce and a local pub that serves classic parmigiana and schnitzel. Then home via the Trout Farm, where you can buy fish and other products.

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10. At the end of your long day there's a cold beer awaiting. Bright Brewery is the ideal pit-stop to try a few locally made ales, pilsners or traditional beers. Plus, you can grab a snack or take a stroll on the main street and work out where to go for dinner. 10 restaurants, all in a row! And we can offer a few hints as well, who's hot and who's not, after all, we won 6 chef hats, so we know the scene. And we can get you the best seat in the joint!

A few handy websites to make your stay more enjoyable:

www.greatalpinevalleys.com.au

General 'what's on' info for the region. Take a surf.

www.cyclepath.com.au

For pushbike hire and far too-tight bike shorts!

www.brightbrewery.com.au

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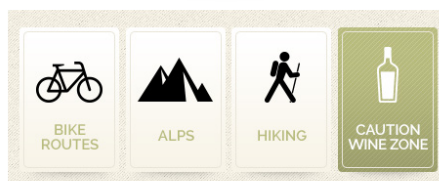
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