



KATOOMBA

Chocolate Walk

A SELF-GUIDED TRAIL

Cloudlands Retreat provides easy access to venues/locations mentioned in the Katoomba Chocolate Walk.

The 'High Tea Extravaganza Section' in our fully self-contained former writer's retreat has all the 'accessories' necessary to create a leisurely HIGH TEA AT HOME by the open fire, in the atmospheric oak-panelled lounge room, complete with elegant seating. There's even a delightful Art Deco trolley for all your High Tea accoutrements. Find out more about Cloudlands at www.cloudlands.com.au

This trail is best experienced in the Blue Mountains' cooler weather, and is centred around the historic village of Katoomba, Blue Mountains Australia. The Trail focuses on small businesses and some very delicious chocolate-inspired fare – from handmade chocolates to ultra-rich hot chocolate drinks using finest couverture chocolate.

You will find some recommendations for cakes, slices and other treats to eat along the way, or purchase and save for later, to be enjoyed as a decadent afternoon tea perhaps, or even better, use to create your very own CHOCOLATE - INSPIRED HIGH TEA at home, by the fire, in the depths of a Blue Mountains' Winter! (Pull out those floral cups and saucers and tiered cake stands!)

Give yourself plenty of time to enjoy this self-guided Katoomba Chocolate Walk (ideally over 2 days). Bon appétit!

Blue Mountains Chocolate Company

176 Lurline Street – just near the world famous Three Sisters.

Blue Mountains Chocolate Company serves **one of the best hot chocolates** you will ever experience. Quality, couverture chocolate is used and you can create the hot chocolate to your taste. Tea light candles also provided to keep your drink hot, hot, hot! Available in Milk, Dark or White chocolate. **Wide selection of handmade chocolates** which can also be gift boxed, Drinking Chocolate Powder in Orange Chocolate, Christmas Chocolate, Musk Peppermint Lemon Chocolate Cinnamon, Vanilla, Chilli. In the cake department you will find Chocolate Mud Cake and Double Choc Muffins. Also for sale Blue Mountains Chocolate Company Chocolate Gourmet Sauce and Chocolate Body Paint.

The Lookout, Echo Point

In the **Milkbar** there's chocolate icecream and 'Old School Shakes' with chocolate as one of the flavours. Pop over to **Bar NSW** while at **The Lookout** to get best recommendations for wines to match with chocolate. **Bar NSW** features wines sourced totally from NSW, with each of the 15 wine regions represented. Small batch and boutique wines are not forgotten.

Walk up to **Hominy Bakery**, Katoomba Street from here (about 20 minutes' walk) or catch the Trolley or Explorer Bus from Echo Point.

Hominy Bakery

185 Katoomba Street, Katoomba – just up from Waratah Street intersection

This much-loved-by-the-locals organic sourdough bakery, has splendid chocolate croissants, enormous chocolate chunk and hazelnut biscuits (perfect with a cuppa) and Chocolate Truffle Cake, worthy of any High Tea occasion. Enjoy all the aromas while in this bakery making your selection and grab a loaf of organic sourdough bread while there too!

Blue Mountains Food Co-op

Halfpenny Lane, between Clean Slate Café and the Post Office.

Plenty of good food in bulk here and local produce. Variety of chocolate for sale including **Pana Choc** 'raw, organic, handmade', **Sydney Chocolate** – 'local, ethical, Artisan', **Loving Earth** in Mint, Dark, Salted, Creamy. **Spencer Cocoa** 'Single origin grown in Vanuata and made in Mudgee'. **Bahen and Co Chocolate Maker** – Product of the Margaret River. Chilli and Salt, Cracked Coffee, Almond and Seasalt varieties. "Our beans are honourably-sourced, roasted, cracked, winnowed, stoneground, conched and aged, all in ridiculously small batches by rare, vintage machines." In bulk, purchase carob nibbles, cacao beans, and raw cacao powder also available at the Co-op.

Unique Patisserie

Katoomba Street (next to Heart of Stone)

Amazing cakes and slices including, chocolate hazelnut tartlets, puffed rice rocky road tartlet, chocolate cornflake tartlet, white chocolate cornflake tartlet, profiteroles covered in chocolate, generously-sized 'stralian' lamington, beautifully-decorated **Chocolate Mud Cake** for special occasions.

The Buttery

153 Katoomba Street

Chocolate éclairs, chocolate mud cake, decorated chocolate sponge, chocolate torte and traditional lamington. Famous also for their **Bee Sting Cake**, and while not chocolate-inspired, this creamy, custardy cake is delicious, with an intriguing history going back hundreds of years.

Carrington Cellars and Deli

Parke Street, Katoomba, behind Katoomba Street

An Aladdin's Cave of food and regional wine. Unofficial 'Wines of the West' embassy. Chocolate-inspired fare here includes **Spencer Cocoa Chocolate** from Mudgee, **Zokoko Artisan Chocolate**: 'Pure origin bean to bar chocolate from Bolivia or Solomon Islands. **Goddess Chocolate** by **Zokoko** also in stock. **Whisk and Pin Blue Mountains** biscuit products include Rocky Road, Chocolate mud, Chocolate Chip, Snowy Road and Desert Road rocky road varieties. The Chocolate Pot 'handmade chocolates since 1985': chocolate covered licorice, chocolate dipped oranges, assorted handmade chocolates. **Kennedy and Wilson** 'After Dinner Ducks' – very cute! **Nina's Chocolates** (Gynea) in gift boxes. **Arkadia** 'signature blend' drinking chocolate also in stock. Ask friendly staff for wine suggestions to match with chocolate. For starters, highly-recommended are: **Boree Lane** Luscious Sauvignon Blanc and Orange Mountain Cherry Liqueur, which is not overly sweet.

The Paragon Café

65 Katoomba Street, Katoomba (circa 1916)

Is this Australia's oldest and longest-running café? Famous for their chocolate, which is still being made upstairs and some packed in original box/packaging designed in 1916. Lots of chocolate varieties sold at the front counters. Enjoy an old-fashioned style hot chocolate here, topped with marshmallow, in one of the atmospheric booths. Chocolate cake, chocolate caramel slice, chocolate brownie, chocolate waffle, chocolate milkshake and chocolate gelato also available.

Uplift Fair Trade Shop

81-83 Katoomba Street

Going back down Katoomba Street, you'll find this shop containing clothing, accessories, jewellery, homewares, and yes, chocolate . . . and all Fair Trade. Stock **Alter Eco** brand Fair Trade chocolate, which is also USDA and Fair Trade certified as well as holding Carbon Neutral certification. 'We travel far and wide to bring you the world's most exotic, delicious and sustainable foods.' Varieties include caramel, dark cacao, brown butter, dark twist, dark almond, dark mint, dark coconut, toffee, dark quinoa, sea salt, dark blackout. **Tribes and Nations** organic Fair Trade cocoa in stock and **Lindsay and Edmunds Fair Trade**, organic, hot chocolate stirrers.

Gingerbread House Café & Store

56 Waratah Street, Katoomba

Wander further down Katoomba Street, turn left at the Waratah Street intersection and you'll see an old church, housing Gingerbread House Café and Store, created by the founders of **Josphans' Chocolates**. Freshly-baked Raspberry and White Belgian Chocolate Muffins, Flourless Chocolate Almond and Hazelnut Torte, Mexican Chocolate Cake (very popular with Josophan's devotees!) scones with dates AND chocolate. Belgian chocolate brownies and Belgian chocolate blondies too and in the Lollipops and Candy section you'll find **Josophan's Drinking Chocolate** and some of Josophans chocolates for sale. All chocolate is Fair Trade.

Finish your Katoomba Chocolate Walk with either a hot chocolate or coffee at **Café 88** or **Cassiopeia**, before winding your way home with carry bags containing more chocolate goodies to enjoy at your leisure while staying at Cloudlands.

Both cafés are located a short walk from the Gingerbread House in Lurline Street. Café 88, has a variety of Hot Chocolate flavours on offer, including vanilla bean, cinnamon, French mint, orange infused, chilli chocolate, African Red. All are organic, Fair Trade, vegan and gluten-free. Once you are refreshed and revived, Cloudlands is only about a 20 minute walk from either of these cafés, and even better it is all downhill!



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