

# pottertravel

## BRISBANE AND THE SCENIC RIM

### 9 DAY TOUR

Departing: Friday 10 July 2020

Returning: Saturday 18 July 2020



#### TOUR COST:

\$2795.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3325.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details.

## **PICK UP TIMES:**

**Please meet at the Canberra Airport—details to be advised.**

Rediscover the vibrant and fast growing city of Brisbane and its surrounds. Marvel at the river that curls its way around the landscape, hinting to the easy outdoor lifestyle awaiting us. Highlights include the annual Garden Expo, country hospitality at Rural Experiences and beautiful scenery.

### **Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO BRISBANE: Friday 10 July 2020**

Join Potter Travel as we head to Brisbane! Meeting our fellow passengers at the airport, we prepare for our flight to Queensland. The warm air will greet us as will our coach and driver. Our accommodation for the next six nights is at the newly renovated Pacific Hotel in heritage Spring Hill.

Pacific Hotel Brisbane, Spring Hill | 07 3831 6177

### **Day 2: (BLD) EXPLORING BRISBANE: Saturday 11 July 2020**

Our exploration of Brisbane starts with a local guide who will unlock the stories surrounding this dynamic city, highlighting how the magnificent colonial buildings sit comfortably alongside modern glass towers. Mt Coot-tha Lookout will give us a bird's eye view of the city below and the river snaking around it. Drive through the inner renovated suburbs admiring the stunning 'Queenslander' homes. We arrive to relax on the delightful verandah of Newstead House, one of the city's oldest surviving homes. Overlooking the Brisbane River we're served a lovely lunch whilst hearing all about the property and those who called it home. Feeling content, we have a short stroll to the onsite dock where we round out our day with a gentle cruise, meandering upstream to scenic Southbank. Our coach meets us for the short drive back to our hotel.

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### **Day 3: (BD) SUNSHINE COAST AND THE QUEENSLAND GARDEN EXPO: Sunday 12 July 2020**

This morning we head north to the Sunshine Coast, specifically to Nambour to experience the Queensland Garden Expo. For the green thumbs amongst us, today is for you! We'll hear Australia's leading gardening experts share their knowledge with us, witness demonstrations, workshops and see plants, plants and more plants. With loads of nurseries and exhibitors, be inspired to start your own veggie patch and achieve the confidence to turn it into delicious gourmet meals! Imagine creating your own fantastic arrangements we'll see in the floral design and landscape gardens competition. For those of us that do not have a 'green thumb' or an interest in gardening the coach will take you to visit the Ginger Factory in Nambour then across to Noosa Heads where you will have plenty of time to enjoy the beach or the shops. Mid afternoon we head back to Brisbane and the hotel for dinner.

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### **Day 4: (BLD) IPSWICH AREA: Monday 13 July 2020**

This morning we head west to one of the region's most unique places – Summer Land Camel Farm. Learning about the history of camels in Australia and the powerful immune proteins contained in camel milk, our tour also takes in the interesting farming operations and the chance to meet the camels. After morning tea we head through to Ipswich and the very interesting Workshops Rail Museum. It offers a historic and interactive journey to the birthplace of Queensland's railways. There are steam engines in all their coal-burning, steam-blowing glory and we can witness the speed of Australia's fastest high-tech train. As well as enjoying some lunch here, we have a tour of the museum. Before we return to Brisbane, we have the chance to stop by Nerima Gardens. Tucked away in Ipswich's gracious and historical Queens Park, these idyllic Japanese gardens were designed in consultation with the Japanese sister city, Nerima.

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### **Day 5: (BLD) EXPLORING STRADBROKE ISLAND: Tuesday 14 July 2020**

Moreton Bay, off the coast of Brisbane, is home to North Stradbroke Island. Joining the ferry, we're loaded and ready to go. Relax on the short crossing, passing Peel Island to arrive into Dunwich. Our first visit is to the Historical Museum with an extensive history covering the Quandamooka people, convict history, shipwrecks and

maritime history of the island. A local identity will join us for an introduction with stories relating to the Quandamooka people. A sightseeing drive through to Point Lookout has us disembarking to view the coastline below. With a little luck we may spot some local wildlife, such as turtles, dolphins and manta rays– even a humpback whale! If you feel energetic, take the Gorge Walk which follows the coastline for the best vantage points. Lunch today is at the Stradbroke Island Beach Hotel which has stunning views out towards the ocean. The ferry transfers us back to the mainland and we return to our hotel for dinner.

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**Day 6: (BLD) SCENIC RIM: Wednesday 15 July 2020**

Warm, rural hospitality is the theme of our experiences today. Setting off towards the Scenic Rim region we drive through national parks and Mount Tamborine. Our first stop is at Towri Sheep Cheese, a wonderfully rustic setting with engaging hosts. Entertained with a sheep-milking demonstration, we'll also partake in a cheese tasting spread. By the time we have finished we will know the difference between sheep, cow and goat cheese! The Scenic Rim is also home to many fruit and vegetable crops and as we tour through the region we will see fields full of colourful produce such as beans, corn and beetroot. We'll have lunch in the quaint township of Boonah at the Dugandan Hotel before a visit to the Kooroomba Vineyards and Lavender Farm. A cellar door and lavender shop overlook a 6 hectare vineyard and lavender fields with magnificent views of the surrounding mountains. Following a wine tasting and afternoon tea we return to Brisbane.

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**Day 7: (BLD) BRISBANE TO COFFS HARBOUR: Thursday 16 July 2020**

Farewelling Brisbane we begin our return journey home. Following the coastline past Byron Bay onto Ballina (home of the Big Prawn) we'll make a stop at the fascinating Thursday Plantation. Enjoying lunch we also discover the numerous healing properties associated with tea tree oil, native only to Australia. Tea Tree Oil and off-shoots are produced on a large scale here and is well-known for its powerful antiseptic, anti-fungal and germicidal qualities. Re-boarding the coach we continue through to our destination of Coffs Harbour.

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour | 02 6651 0510

**Day 8: (BD) COFFS HARBOUR TO MAITLAND: Friday 17 July 2020**

We salute the king of country this morning with a stop at the Slim Dusty Centre. Opened in Kempsey in November 2015, we'll enjoy morning tea and a tour hearing the story of the boy born David Gordon Kirkpatrick becoming Slim Dusty - at the age of 11! As we near Maitland this afternoon, we have time to uncover what goes into making an ugg boot. Visiting Mortels Sheepskin Factory we join a guided tour to witness the sights, sounds and smells of the world famous Australian product. Arriving at the Old Maitland Inn we'll be warmly welcomed and ready for dinner.

Old Maitland Inn, Maitland | 02 4932 5255

**Day 9: (BL) MAITLAND TO CANBERRA: Saturday 18 July 2020**

The final travel day sees us make our way back to Canberra, with a lunch stop en route. Arriving home relaxed and rejuvenated, we'll be ready to share our fond memories and stories with friends and family.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**DEPOSIT** is required within 14 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$300.00 per person**.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** FRIDAY 08 MAY 2020

Tour reference for  
Direct Deposits:  
Surname P11749

## **CANCELLATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

Reservations that are cancelled prior to **Fri 08 May 2020**: Loss of \$50.00 administration fee.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **Fri 08 May 2020** and prior to **Mon 08 Jun 2020** loss of 50% of total tour cost.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **Mon 08 Jun 2020** loss of 100% of total tour cost.

The \$50.00 Potter Travel administration fee only occurs when a refund cheque is issued. There is no administration fee for funds transferred to another Potter Travel tour. No shows on day of departure or cancellations whilst on tour will be charged a 100% cancellation fee. Where Potter Travel cancels the tour as a result of insufficient numbers or due to reasons within Potter Travel's control, a full refund of any monies paid at the time of cancellation will be given.

The operation of the tour is subject to minimum numbers. Once inside the final payment date if your cancellation affects our minimum group numbers, Potter Travel reserves the right to impose further cancellation fees in addition to those noted above. Potter Travel reserves the right to pass on any additional fees or surcharges imposed by the airlines or wholesaler with or without notice.

**Tour Includes:** Dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Hotels mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches, morning and/or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to all attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, tickets to shows (if applicable), economy flights to Brisbane, luxury coach travel and GST.

Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

**Not Included:** Alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature.

**Forced Singles** are not permitted on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organise your own travelling companion, otherwise single supplement is payable.

Potter Travel recommends that Travel Insurance be taken to protect against unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is available through Potter Travel.

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No guarantees will be given as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Potter Travel. Drop offs may be in the opposite direction to the pickups depending on the touring route taken.

Daily **seat rotation** will take place on all extended tours, which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking. Passengers suffering from motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions as seat rotation is compulsory.

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Where tours are fully booked any future enquiries will be put onto a waitlist and as cancellations occur the person at the top of the waitlist will be contacted first and offered the seat followed by the second, the third and so on. In the instance that you are unable to be contacted on a daytime telephone number, the seat will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

**You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on a Potter Travel tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.**

## RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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