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BRISBANE AND THE SCENIC RIM

9 DAY TOUR

Departing: Saturday 24 July 2021

Returning: Sunday 01 August 2021



TOUR COST:

\$3045.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3520.00 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: Saturday 24 July 2021

Join Potter Travel as we head to Brisbane to rediscover her surrounds. Meeting our fellow passengers at the airport (flight time to be advised), we prepare for our flight to Queensland. The warm air will greet us as will the familiar purple 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: Sunday 25 July 2021

Our rekindling 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 their 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 contented we have a short stroll to the onsite dock where we round out our day with a gentle cruise, meandering downstream to scenic Southbank. Our coach meets us for the short drive back to our hotel.

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Day 3: (BD) EXPLORING STRADBROKE ISLAND: Monday 26 July 2021

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, or 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 4: (BLD) IPSWICH AREA: Tuesday 27 July 2021

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 an 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 Japanese sister city, Nerima.

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Day 5: (BLD) SUNSHINE COAST: Wednesday 28 July 2021

Exploring parts of the Sunshine Coast today, we arrive in the village of Eumundi. At the popular Eumundi markets we'll witness the transformation of a sleepy town into a vibrant mecca for shoppers looking for something different. Step into a world of original design at this world class market. Take a break from shopping, grab

yourself a gourmet delight and listen to one of the entertaining buskers. There's certainly something to please everyone! After a leisurely morning, we visit the Sealife Sunshine Coast Aquarium in Mooloolaba. This multi-award-winning attraction gives us the unique opportunity to walk amongst thousands of marine species, all without getting our feet wet! We have a light lunch on arrival then find our seats for the Seal Presentation. Delight in their playful behaviour and 'seal-iness' as they entertain us. Afterwards take a stroll at your own pace to see other exhibits before we head back to Brisbane.

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Day 6: (BLD) SCENIC RIM: Thursday 29 July 2021

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 & 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: Friday 30 July 2021

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: Saturday 31 July 2021

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: Sunday 01 August 2021

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.



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