# **NOOSA AND THE SUNSHINE COAST**

# **8 DAY TOUR**

Departing: Sunday 27 June 2021 Returning: Sunday 04 June 2021



TOUR COST: \$2995.00 per person Twin/Double Share \$3725.00 Sole Occupancy Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

### PICK UP TIMES:

### Please meet at Canberra Airport—details to be advised.

### Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO SYDNEY: Sunday 27 June 2021

With our bags packed, we're off to the airport to meet our fellow travellers and prepare for our flight to Queensland. Landing in Brisbane, the coach will be there to greet us. Leaving the busy pace of the city behind us, we make our way north to the Sunshine Coast. Noosa is our destination and a great location for us to unpack, unwind and enjoy a warm break from winter.

RACV Noosa Resort | 07 5341 6300

### Day 2: (BLD) CANAL CRUISING: Monday 28 June 2021

Taking a sightseeing drive we'll get our bearings and see what Noosa Heads is all about. Explore famous Hastings Street before boarding the Noosa River and Canal Cruises boat. Setting sail on the glistening waters, we'll experience the peaceful canals surrounding Noosa. Each hidden channel offers surprising sights and magnificent homes, all the while being entertained by commentary on the river's history. Heading to Yandina, we visit Australia's only Ginger Factory. A delicious lunch awaits us before our guide uncovers the inner workings of the factory to us. With time to enjoy some fun aboard the Ginger Train, we end a fantastic day of discovery.

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### Day 3: (BLD) MONTVILLE AND AUSTRALIA ZOO: Tuesday 29 June 2021

We head into the hinterland today, stopping first at the Dulong Lookout for panoramic views across the Sunshine Coast. The quaint township of Montville is a charming village with a special mix of Tudor, Irish and English cottages and Swiss and Bavarian chalets. With some time to enjoy its uniqueness, we continue through the Glasshouse Mountains, descending onto the coastal plain and our next stop, Australia Zoo. We all know the Irwin family and their vision to make the zoo the best wildlife conservation facility in the world, and they have done just that! Take your seat in the Crocoseum and enjoy a journey of discovery, learning all about the incredible world of giant snakes, colourful soaring birds and those prehistoric legends, the big saltwater crocodiles. Wander the park at leisure visiting the different exhibits like Bindi's Island and Tiger Temple where we can sit and watch the cheeky tigers get up to mischief. After a great day, we return to the resort.

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### Day 4: (BLD) MARKETS AND THE VALLEY RATTLER: Wednesday 30 June 2021

Our day begins with a stroll through some famous markets. Witness the sleepy town of Eumundi transform into a vibrant mecca for shoppers looking for something different. Step into a world of original design, controlled by a strict policy of 'goods can only be sold if made, baked, sewn or grown'. 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! Next up we travel to the heritage town of Gympie, the site of Queensland's first goldrush. Enjoy lunch at the Station Café before experiencing an

enchanting afternoon aboard the Valley Rattler. Listen to the hypnotic sounds of the train on the tracks whilst being delighted by the scenery along the Mary Valley Railway line. Meeting our coach at Amamoor Station, we begin our journey home after a wonderful day of discovery.

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### Day 5: (BLD) NOOSA EVERGLADES CRUISE: Thursday 01 July 2021

Today we board our purpose built vessel for a cruise along the pristine Noosa River and into the dark, tranquil, mirrored waterways of the Noosa Everglades. Cruise upstream through ancient landscapes and subtropical rainforest, on a river system which has its entire upper catchment protected in National Park. Having worked up an appetite we enjoy a roast lunch. After experiencing a full day at one of the truly remarkable wilderness areas of the world, we return to Noosa.

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### Day 6: (BHTD) NOOSA TO BALLINA: Friday 02 July 2021

Beginning our return to Canberra, we depart the Sunshine Coast. With Brisbane behind us, we make a stop on the Gold Coast for a special treat at the Palazzo Versace Hotel. We'll feel a bit indulgent enjoying our high tea in the spectacular waterfront setting. Every aspect of architecture, ambience, furnishings and ornamentation reflects a level of opulence once confined to the grand hotels of Europe. At the border of New South Wales, we can stop at the Captain Cook Memorial and Lighthouse. Feel content by the views of the coastline, from Surfers Paradise to Byron Bay. We then travel onto our overnight destination of Ballina. Upon arrival we check into our accommodation and freshen up for dinner.

Comfort Inn All Seasons, Ballina | 02 6686 2922

### Day 7: (BLD) BALLINA TO MAITLAND: Saturday 03 July 2021

Settling in for the day's journey, we make good time to our morning stop of Grafton. This is a city of Jacaranda tree-lined streets and graceful old buildings alongside the flowing waters of the Clarence River. From Grafton we rejoin the coast at Coffs Harbour, taking us through to our lunch venue in Urunga. This afternoon's drive is South via the Pacific Highway and onto our destination in Maitland.

Old Maitland Inn, Maitland | 02 4932 5255

## Day 8: (BL) MAITLAND TO CANBERRA: Sunday 04 July 2021

What a wonderful winter getaway we've had. As we make our way back to Canberra we have time to reflect on our relaxing week on the Sunshine Coast. We'll break for lunch along the way, arriving home feeling refreshed and looking forward to the next adventure.



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