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TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS OREILLYS RAINFOREST RETREAT 10 DAY TOUR

Departing: Thursday 22 September 2022

Returning: Saturday 01 October 2022



TOUR COST:

\$3365 per person Twin/Double Share

\$4095 Sole Occupancy

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7.30am Bay 1, Woden Bus Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City
8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Celebrate Spring and join us to experience the Carnival of Flowers. Be enchanted by the countless colours dotted throughout the town and smell the incredible blooms that scent Toowoomba's air.

Day 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO THE HUNTER VALLEY: Thursday 22 September 2022

Welcome aboard Potter Travel's **Carnival of Flowers** tour. Loading the coach, we start the first leg of our journey to Queensland. We stop for **lunch** at the **Mount Penang Gardens** with time to explore the beautiful grounds with a friendly **guide**. Hear about the garden's creative design and the twelve themed garden rooms, its clever use of water and seasonal highlights. Making our way into the heart of the Hunter Valley, we settle into our accommodation and relax prior to dinner.

Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens (02 4998 2000)

Day 2: (BLD): HUNTER VALLEY TO GOONDIWINDI: Friday 23 September 2022

Our day includes a drive through Gunnedah, home of Dorothea MacKellar's 'My Country' and onto **Narrabri** for **lunch**. Our destination is the NSW and Queensland border and the town of **Goondiwindi**. It sits at the junction of a number of major highways and has been built around the Customs House Museum. Prior to Federation, it was a border customs point and the authentically restored building is worth a look. It also has a magnificent cottage garden with a colourful collection of mementos of yesteryear. We overnight at the very comfortable Jolly Swagman Motor Inn.

Jolly Swagman Motor Inn, Goondiwindi (07 4671 4560)

Day 3: (BLD): GOONDIWINDI TO TOOWOOMBA: Saturday 24 September 2022

It will take the morning to arrive into **Toowoomba**, home of the **Carnival of Flowers**. This progressive festival covers a myriad of interests with plenty of things to entertain us. We visit the **Cobb & Co Museum**, part of the Queensland Museum. Tracing the history of horse drawn transportation in Australia, we'll be fascinated by the old timber wagons and bullock drays through to the Cobb & Co coaches and the landau used by the Duke of Edinburgh when he visited the colony in 1876. **Lunch** is followed by a **guided tour** of the facility before checking into our accommodation. Settle in and unpack for the next 3 nights.

Platinum International Hotel, Toowoomba (07 4634 0400)

Day 4: (BD): BLOOMS, DISPLAYS & GARDENS: Sunday 25 September 2022

We welcome a **local expert** onto the coach this morning and shown some of the open private gardens. The success of establishing and maintaining **beautiful gardens** comes from the rich, fertile soil, its unique climate and the town's position on the edge of the Great Dividing Range. All factors promote ideal conditions for growing flowers and ensuring Toowoomba's status as the 'Garden City'. Included with our **private garden** viewings are visits to **Queens Park** and the **Botanic Gardens**, showcasing awe-inspiring displays. The abundance of seasonal plants is set against a lush backdrop of lawns, shrubs and avenues of towering trees. We'll fit in as much as we can to celebrate this wonderful time of year.

Day 5: (BD): TOOWOOMBA: Monday 26 September 2022

All aboard as we join the **Spring Bluff Railway** for a pleasant excursion. With the blow of a whistle, we depart for one of Queensland's prettiest Railway Stations. Arriving into the station we'll be in awe at the magnificent displays of poppies, ranunculus, stocks, snapdragons, petunias and many other annuals bursting into colour under the warm sunshine. Rounding out our morning is a German experience visiting the **Black Forest Hill Cuckoo Clock** collection. We'll see Grandfather clocks and cuckoo clocks with artistic carvings as well as German made barometers and thermometers. After a stop for lunch we head to one of the most beautiful and peaceful parks in Toowoomba, the University of Southern Queensland's **Japanese Garden**. Ju Raku En, roughly translated, means 'to enjoy peace and longevity in a public place'. Embarking on a **self-guided tour** we can take a look at the many species of Japanese and Australian native trees and plants combined in a seamless and restful harmony. Nearby we make a stop at the **Picnic Point Lookout**. Perched on the edge of the Great Dividing Range, be rewarded with stunning views of the Lockyer Valley and Tabletop Mountain.

Day 6: (BLD): TOOWOOMBA TO O'REILLYS: Tuesday 27 September 2022

Farewelling Toowoomba we make our way down the range to the area known as the **Scenic Rim**. With a stop at **Summer Land Camel Farm** the camel story will come alive. We'll meet the camels and learn about the history of camels in Australia and the powerful immune proteins that are contained within their milk. Our visit extends to **lunch**, enjoyed on the Queenslander-style verandah. As we continue into **Lamington National Park** we arrive at **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**. It's secluded here, isolated due to the private property being established prior to its declaration as a national park. While Lamington wasn't Queensland's first national park, it is the most significant, regularly referred to as 'Queensland's National Park.' World Heritage status was bestowed on Lamington in 1994 in recognition of its high biodiversity. On arrival we settle into our accommodation and enjoy the O'Reilly's hospitality and the beauty of the area.

O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat (07 5502 4900)

Day 7: (BLD): O'REILLYS RAINFOREST RETREAT: Wednesday 28 September 2022

After breakfast we spend the morning enjoying the beautiful scenery that surrounds O'Reilly's. There are a number of short nature walks, including the famous **Tree Top Walk**, which is accessible to all. **Lunch** will be provided before our afternoon **4WD tour** where we visit Moran's falls, the Wishing Tree and Pats Bluff. Rounding out our exhilarating day in the mountains is a relaxing and enjoyable dinner. This evening we board a 4WD vehicle and treated to a **guided rainforest tour** to the mystical **Glow Worm** grotto. We perch ourselves beside the secluded gully, home to millions of ancient glow worms, illuminating the cliff face in a blanket of twinkling stars.

Day 8: (BLD): O'REILLYS TO ARMIDALE: Thursday 29 September 2022

Leaving the mountains behind us, we travel inland to **Stanthorpe**. Drawing nearer, the diversity of the region and what it produces becomes apparent. From prehistoric granite boulders to winemakers and fruit producers, we have the chance to visit a genuine working apple orchard, growing both dessert and cider apples. From small beginnings, **Sutton's Farm** has gradually evolved into the shop and café we see today. A delicious **lunch** including fruit and herbs grown in the garden and orchard adds freshness to our experience. The owner shares his story with us including his philosophy of *'she'll be apples mate', Australian for everything will be fine*. Back on the road, we make our way through the heart of the New England Highlands, via Glen Innes and Guyra to **Armidale**.

All Seasons Motel, Armidale (02 6772 9800)

Day 9: ARMIDALE TO MAITLAND: Friday 30 September 2022

Not far from Armidale is one of New England's oldest towns, Walcha known for its high quality native hardwood. Making a stop at the Walcha Pioneer Cottage and Museum we'll be presented with historical buildings typical of those that shaped the surrounding districts, as well as the foundation of country NSW. Arriving into Gloucester we'll delight in a fresh and aromatic lunch at the Hillview Herb Farm. Taste an amazing array of herbs and breathe in the wonderful scents from the herb garden as we wander through, hearing about all the ways we can put them to use in our own place. Departing Gloucester, we head to our final overnight stay.

Old Maitland Inn (02 4932 5255)

Day 10: (BL): MAITLAND TO CANBERRA: Saturday 01 October 2022

Our travel day home sees us making a stop on the outskirts of Sydney for lunch. Sit back and relax for the final leg of our tour, reflecting on the remarkable colours, sights, smells and experiences we've had.



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