

CALOUNDRA WINTER ESCAPE

TUESDAY 16 JUNE - WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2026

 9 Days

 NSW, Queensland



\$5495 per person - Twin/Double share
\$6295 Sole Occupancy

Experience the diversity and natural beauty of the Sunshine Coast as pristine beaches sit alongside lush subtropical rainforest

We base ourselves in Caloundra, where we'll spend our days finding hidden market treasures, cruise the iconic Noosa Everglades and ride the historic Gympie Railway. Visit the famous Eumundi Markets for local arts and fresh produce and enjoy the fun at the Ginger Factory. The Mary Valley Rattler takes you on a nostalgic journey through picturesque countryside, an experience not to miss!

PICK UP TIMES

7:10 am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7:30 am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange
7:50 am Canberra Theatre Bus Stop
8:00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights motel accommodation
- 8 motel cooked breakfasts
- 7 motel two-course or buffet dinners
- Dinner at Pelican Waters Tavern
- Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club
- Entry to Sea Acres Rainforest Centre
- Noosa Everglades Cruise
- Guided tour and lunch at Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries
- Entry and guided tour at Koala Hospital
- Noosa Everglades Cruise including morning tea and lunch
- Caloundra Sunset Cruise
- Lunch, guided factory tour, tastings and train ride at The Ginger Factory
- Return Heritage Rail Journey from Gympie to Amamoor and lunch with Mary Valley Rattler
- Entry and guided tour at Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum
- Entry and lunch at The Crystal Castle
- Entry to Trial Bay Goal, South West Rocks
- Lunch at South West Rocks



CANBERRA TO PORT MACQUARIE

Day 1 - Tuesday 16 June 2026 (LD)

Escape chilly Canberra and head north with us to Queensland's beautiful Sunshine Coast! Our adventure begins with a relaxed travel day, making our way up the coast with comfort stops along the way. Enjoy a tasty lunch at the **Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL** before continuing to **Port Macquarie**, where we settle in to our hotel and enjoy dinner together on our first night of the tour.

Waters Edge Port Macquarie - 2 Nights



PORT MACQUARIE

Day 2 - Wednesday 17 June 2026 (BLD)

This morning, we visit **Sea Acres, a rare coastal rainforest**. Beginning at the Rainforest Centre, we find a number of eco displays that provide a wealth of information about local Aboriginal culture and the surrounding rainforest environment. Many wonders of the rainforest reside above ground level, so getting up into the canopy is the best way to explore it properly. Rising seven metres through the forest understorey to the canopy above, the easily accessible Rainforest Boardwalk loop provides the perfect platform to experience Sea Acres. Next, we stop at **Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries**, which boasts five varieties of hydroponic strawberries with over 30,000 plants growing in their greenhouses. We have arranged a guided tour of the farm before lunch. After time to stock up with many goodies from their shop, we visit the unique **Koala Hospital**, a dedicated care, rescue, rehabilitation and research centre for Koalas. Some 200-250 koalas are admitted through here annually and we can observe recovery.

PORT MACQUARIE TO SUNSHINE COAST

Day 3 - Thursday 18 June 2026 (BD)

Rise and shine for a scenic journey to the Sunshine Coast. We'll travel through picturesque coastal and hinterland landscapes, stopping mid-morning for a comfort break and refreshments. We stop at **Maclean**, famously known as Australia's "**Scottish town**", which is nestled along the Clarence River. Enjoy lunch at leisure with plenty of cafés and bakeries to choose from, or simply take a stroll along the riverside and soak in the quaint atmosphere. After lunch, we continue our journey with a brief afternoon comfort stop before arriving at Oaks Caloundra, where you can unpack, relax, and enjoy the beautiful lagoon setting before dinner.

Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort - Caloundra - 4 Nights





NOOSA EVERGLADES

Day 4- Friday 19 June 2026 (BLD)

Today we board our purpose built vessel for a **cruise along the pristine Noosa River** and into the dark, tranquil and 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 morning tea at the historic loggers camp **Harry's Hut**, a relic of the early timber cutting days and a delicious lunch overlooking the lake and parklands at **Coothara Bar**. After experiencing a full day at one of the truly remarkable wilderness areas in the world, we return to Caloundra.



EUMUNDI MARKETS & GINGER FACTORY

Day 5 - Saturday 20 June 2026 (BLD)

After breakfast, we'll head off to the famous **Eumundi Markets**. On market day, this sleepy town transforms into a vibrant mecca for shoppers looking for something different. We step into a world of original design of jewellery, homewares, clothing and sculptures. Late morning, we make our way to Yandina to visit **The Ginger Factory**. We enjoy lunch here, then it's all about Ginger as we are guided through the ginger story. We'll learn how it's grown, harvested and processed and take a tour through lush subtropical gardens on the beloved history train, Moreton. Now over 100 years old, Moreton was a sugar cane train that worked at the Moreton Sugar Mill in Nambour and now spends his days taking visitors through the Ginger Factory grounds. We finish our tour with delicious tastings. Making our way back to Caloundra, we board a **Sunset Cruise**. It's a lovely way to see the waterways, take in the sunset, and marvel at the city's bright lights. Dinner tonight will be at **Pelican Waters Tavern**.



GYMPIE & THE MARY VALLEY RATTLER

Day 6- Sunday 21 June 2026 (BLD)

We head to historic **Gympie Railway Station** for our train journey on the **Mary Valley Rattler**. The traditional Queensland building has been fully restored to its former glory. Here we step aboard the meticulously restored C17 Steam Train and travel through the breathtaking scenery of the Mary Valley. The journey passes through the small, picturesque town of **Dagun** before arriving in the historic town of **Amamoor**. Here you can watch the fascinating process as the train turns on the restored turntable or explore the quaint community of Amamoor. On return to Gympie, we have a delicious lunch waiting for us at the **Station Café**. Our final visit for the day is to the **Gympie Gold Museum**. Here we discover more about the regions past and present through a vast collection of documentation, artefacts and photography dating back to the discovery of gold.



SUNSHINE COAST TO YAMBA

Day 7 - Monday 22 June 2026 (BLD)

We say goodbye to the Sunshine Coast with a scenic drive through the lush hinterland, stopping in the charming village of **Montville** to stretch our legs, browse the boutiques, and take in the stunning views over **the Glass House Mountains**. Continuing south through South East Queensland and Northern NSW, we arrive at **The Crystal Castle in Mullumbimby**, where you'll be enchanted by extraordinary statues, dazzling natural crystals, and exquisite jewellery. Wander through the serene Shambhala Gardens and enjoy breathtaking views from the terrace while savouring a delightful lunch. Our day continues in the quaint village of **Newrybar** with a visit to **Zentveld's Coffee**, where you'll learn the fascinating story of coffee from crop to cup. We then travel a short distance to Yamba, arriving at our peaceful overnight retreat to relax and enjoy the coastal charm.

Angourie Resort, Yamba - 1 Night



YAMBA TO PORT STEPHENS

Day 8 - Tuesday 23 June 2026 (BD)

Departing Yamba, we journey south along the stunning Northern NSW coastline, enjoying the scenic beaches and hinterland vistas along the way. Mid-morning, we arrive at **South West Rocks**, home to the historic **Trial Bay Gaol**, perched dramatically above the Pacific Ocean. Explore the atmospheric ruins and take in the breathtaking coastal views, with the comfort facilities conveniently located at the Visitor Centre. Afterwards, enjoy a light lunch nearby. In the afternoon, we continue our journey south through picturesque coastal towns, arriving at **Port Stephens** in the early evening, ready to unwind and enjoy the tranquil waterfront setting of your accommodation.

Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort - 1 Night



HOMeward BOUND

Day 9 - Wednesday 24 June 2026 (BL)

Regrettably our tour has come to an end. Boarding the coach we commence our return journey. We'll stop for lunch at **Camden Valley Inn** before arriving back to Canberra with fond memories of our Sunshine Coast adventure.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

It is important that you read these conditions carefully to ensure that You understand Your rights and obligations. Payment of deposit or other charges constitutes acceptance of these terms. This applies equally to all persons included in the reservation.

Payments: A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required within 7 days of receiving written confirmation of your booking. Potter Travel may cancel the booking if this deposit is not received within that time. The deposit for this tour is \$300 per person. The final payment is due by **Friday, 1 May 2026**.

Online Direct Debit transactions must include your Booking Reference noted on your Booking Confirmation. There is a 1.99% service fee on all credit/debit card transactions, this covers the cost of using Stripe's reliable payment processing services. The charges will apply for partial or full payments by credit card and debit card. *Subject to change, in accordance with Stripe Gateway payment conditions.

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- Any amounts we have paid or have contractually committed to pay to third parties to deliver your travel arrangements that we cannot reasonably recover (for example payments made or due to hotels, airlines, cruise companies, tour wholesalers).
- Where we operate any of the services included in your travel arrangements (for example, coach travel), a reasonable amount attributable to such services which we determine we cannot resell.
- A fee which is the greater of the deposit and 20% of the booking value to compensate us for work performed up until the time of cancellation.
- A fee not greater than 5% of the booking value to compensate us for processing the cancellation and any associated refund.
- Cancellations received within 30 days before departure will incur a 100% cancellation fee.

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Itinerary: Potter Travel reserves the right to alter itineraries without notice due to weather, road conditions or any other reason which is seen to be in the best interest of passengers travelling. The operation and provision of services from other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Potter Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service. 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.

Tour Inclusions: Meals and accommodation at the hotels as mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches and morning or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, tickets to shows (if applicable), 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.

Special Dietary Requirements: Special meal requests/food allergies must be advised at the time of booking. All efforts are made to accommodate special dietary requirements, like vegetarian and coeliac meals however in some locations this cannot be guaranteed. If You have food allergies, Potter Travel is not responsible for ensuring that the special meals requested meet the needs of Your circumstances. It is the responsibility of You, the passenger, in this circumstance, to make it known at the time the meals are served that.

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Health and Fitness: Our tours are designed for active retirees and, whilst we have passengers every day with varied mobility levels, it is an essential requirement that each passenger be able to negotiate coach steps without the aid of the coach driver or other non-related passengers. No passenger will be permitted to continue the tour while their mental or physical condition is such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves. As part of our ongoing commitment to delivering safe and enjoyable travel experiences, we encourage passengers to ensure they are fit to undertake the activities and travel outlined in our tour itineraries.

It is important that all passengers are reasonably healthy and able to participate fully in our tours. Our tours are designed so that you, the passenger, in most cases, can be as active or inactive as you prefer. However, some tours do require a higher level of fitness and the ability to walk on uneven ground unassisted; the ability to walk upstairs or up hills may also be required to participate in the tour fully. There may be times when you will be standing for up to 30 minutes during a tour of an attraction. You may have to walk over uneven ground with no paving. You should be able to get in and out of transportation, including but not limited to Potter Travel coaches, unassisted and be able to manage your own luggage where necessary, i.e. at airports.

Passengers must advise Potter Travel of pre-existing medical conditions at the time of booking that may affect their ability/mobility/health, or well-being whilst on tour. Passengers must provide Us with emergency contact information for a third party before embarking on a tour.

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