

# **DISCOVER ADELAIDE AND BRISBANE**

# **GREAT SOUTHERN**

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE
DEPARTING TUESDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)
9 Days / 8 Nights

Discover South Australia's food gems, using Adelaide as your base. In the world-renowned Barossa Valley, you'll find plenty of flavours to inspire, before travelling across Australia's southeast to make your way to Brisbane. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of your rail journey while also exploring the delights of iconic Coffs Harbour and the Hunter Region. Arriving into Brisbane where the adventure continues beyond the tracks. Enjoy the spectacular views and ancient rainforests of Mount Tamborine with much more to explore in and around the vibrant river city, Brisbane.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager Tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Grampians, Canberra and the Northern New South Wales Coast
- Transfer from Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane, including breakfast daily
- Full day Explore Mount Tamborine tour
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a restaurant lunch
- Appreciate the ancient beauty of the Grampians
- Explore Canberra's art, history and culinary culture
- Take in the beauty of the NSW coast
- Experience the beauty of Mount Tamborine's ancient rainforests
- Tour the glow worm caves
- Take in breathtaking views from the iconic Scenic Lookout

#### **DAY 1 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE**

Welcome to Adelaide. After checking into your accommodation in the heart of the CBD, there are plenty of opportunities to delve into its food, wine, arts and shopping scenes as you get to know the laid-back capital of South Australia.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Playford Adelaide – MGallery

# **DAY 2 – ADELAIDE**

Explore more of Adelaide at your leisure. If you'd like to get to the source of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine-growing region, McLaren Vale is the perfect option. (B)

#### **WE RECOMMEND:**

McLaren Vale Winery Experience \$220 per person

A tour to McLaren Vale along the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula includes four cellar door experiences and a delicious restaurant lunch. The region is best known for its Shiraz, but expert vignerons will explain why Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grapes also thrive in this unique microclimate.

# **DAY 3 – BAROSSA VALLEY**

Today, delight your senses with boutique wine and food touring to the historic Barossa Valley, with its 80 cellar doors. You'll even visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the world-renowned wine region and be guided though some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to eight people only to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day. Whether you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight with tastings at three wineries throughout the day, and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine included in your tour. (B,L)

# DAY 4 - BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN ADELAIDE

Board the Great Southern for your memorable two-night journey to Brisbane. Enjoy morning tea and savour a relaxed lunch on board while watching the ever-changing landscape through the windows. In the afternoon, the train will arrive in regional Victoria for your first Off Train Experience. A million years in the making, the Grampians region is celebrated for its wild and spectacular scenery.



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Explore The Grampians with a choice of four Off Train Experiences. Enjoy a guided coach tour through the scenic town of Halls Gap, including the incredible Boroka Lookout, or embrace Mother Nature and stretch your legs with a guided walk to the Venus Baths. Alternatively, spend the afternoon tasting regional wines at Pomonal Estate with a cellar door experience paired with artisanal chocolates, or Fallen Giants, where you'll taste and learn about the winery's 50-year history. You may choose to upgrade your Grampians' experience with a helicopter flight that soars across the National Park.

Return to the train and continue travelling up the east coast, with a delectable dinner on board. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA**

After breakfast on board, today is yours to explore Australia's political capital, Canberra. After breakfast on board, enjoy a coach ride to Canberra city centre to experience a memorable lunch at Old Parliament House before an afternoon of insightful guided tours at your pick of iconic institutions, whether it's the National War Memorial, Parliament House or the National Portrait Gallery.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train in time for another gourmet dinner on board. After dinner, retire to the lounge for a nightcap with your fellow travellers as the Great Southern rolls north. (B,L,D)

# DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Linger over breakfast on board before departing on your choice of Off Train Experience around Coffs Harbour. The Coffs Explorer travels up to Sealy Lookout, offering views for miles from the Forest Sky Pier, before heading to the spectacular North Coast Regional Botanical Garden.

Alternatively, take a stroll from the Urunga Boardwalk to the Beach with an Indigenous guide, who will help you spot native wildlife and teach about the history of the Gumbaynggirr people, with a demonstration of traditional tools and weaponry and the opportunity to see and taste bush tucker. If you'd prefer to take to the skies, treat yourself to an optional upgrade with a hinterland helicopter flight that soars over the Great Diving Range and Coffs Harbour coastline.

After your Coffs Harbour morning, indulge in a final lunch on board before arriving into Brisbane, completing your coastal train journey. Once settled into your accommodation, the evening is yours to start your exploration of this vibrant river city. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Brisbane Central** 

# **DAY 7 – MOUNT TAMBORINE**

Today, visit Mount Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland. The mountain has spectacular views and ancient rainforests which you can explore at your own pace at Skywalk. Enjoy the native flora and fauna as you walk above the rainforest canopy. Visit the Glow Worm conservation caves and learn about these fascinating creatures. You'll then have time to explore the boutique shops on Gallery Walk from arts and craft, fashion to fudge, to honey and Australia's most awarded distillery, Tamborine Mountain Distillery. Your day will conclude at Fortitude Brewery, where you can enjoy a meal (own expense) or drink at Bush Turkey Bistro or visit the on-site cheese shop. (B)

## **DAY 8 - BRISBANE**

Your time in Brisbane continues today, with a day to explore at your leisure. Perhaps catch a City Cat and take in the city from the water, or venture across to South Bank, Brisbane's premier lifestyle and cultural destination. It's the perfect place to relax and unwind. (B)

#### DAY 9 – FAREWELL

Your Brisbane escape comes to an end when you check out of your accommodation this morning. (B)