

## DISCOVER BRISBANE

### GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTING FRIDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)

6 Days / 5 Nights

Combine premium food and wine with stunning natural landscapes and some of the country's top cultural icons on this five-night tour of Australia's south-east. Depart from Adelaide and travel in style on the Great Southern, arriving into Brisbane where the adventure continues beyond the tracks. Enjoy the spectacular views and ancient rainforests of Mt Tamborine with much more to explore in and around the vibrant river city, Brisbane.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Grampians, Canberra and Coffs Harbour
- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane including breakfast daily
- Full day Explore Mt Tamborine tour
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the landscapes of the ancient Grampians
- Tour Australia's Capital, Canberra
- See the stunning seascape of northern New South Wales
- Experience the beauty of Mt Tamborine's ancient rainforests
- Take in breathtaking views from the iconic Scenic Lookout

#### DAY 1 – 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.

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. (L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Great Southern

#### DAY 2 – 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 3 – 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.

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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 4 – MT 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. Savour a 2 course lunch before enjoying time to discover the boutique shops on Gallery Walk, from arts and craft, fashion to fudge, to honey and Australia's most awarded distillery, Tamborine Mountain Distillery. Travel through lush green hillside and valleys on your return to your Brisbane accommodation. (B,L)

### **DAY 5 – 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 6 – FAREWELL**

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