



GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE & BRISBANE CLASSIC CITY STAY

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BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING FRIDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)

10 Days / 9 Nights

Combine premium food and wine with stunning natural landscapes and some of the country's top cultural icons on this nine-night tour of Australia's south-east. Enjoy the spectacular views and ancient rainforests of Mount Tamborine with much more to explore in and around the vibrant river city, Brisbane, before travelling in style on the Great Southern from Brisbane and Adelaide. Upon arrival in Adelaide, settle into your accommodation for the next three nights and use it as your base to discover South Australia's food gems, including the renowned Barossa Valley.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Brisbane, including breakfast daily
- Full day Explore Mount Tamborine tour including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Northern New South Wales, Hunter Valley and Melbourne or Regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including lunch
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the beauty of Mount Tamborine's ancient rainforests
- Take in breathtaking views from the iconic Scenic Lookout
- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience on the northern New South Wales coast
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Valley or Port Stephens
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door wine tastings and a restaurant lunch

Please note itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

Welcome to Brisbane. After checking into your accommodation, your connection with this vibrant city begins, with a day to explore at your leisure. The Queensland capital has come of age, with elegant 19th century sandstone buildings sitting alongside superb modern architecture and a cultural precinct lining the banks of the Brisbane River.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Brisbane Central

DAY 2 – 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 3 – 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. 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 4 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Your East Coast journey begins with a warm welcome at Hanworth House in East Brisbane, where you'll check in gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. After setting off from Brisbane on the Great Southern, life on board begins to unfold. Savour lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the Great Southern arrives in the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Here, the evening unfolds in true coastal style. As the sun sinks below the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapés on the sand at Charlesworth Bay before a signature outdoor dinner - weather permitting- showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. The soundtrack is set by a live band and the gentle rhythm



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of waves on the shore. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night on board. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern

DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER VALLEY, PORT STEPHENS OR NEWCASTLE

Start the day with a hearty breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region. Known for Semillon and Shiraz, here you'll spend the day amongst the vines, visiting Tulloch and Brokenwood Wines followed by a platter-style lunch featuring local produce at Twine Restaurant. If you'd prefer to take to the skies, treat yourself to an optional upgrade with a Hunter Valley helicopter flight that soars over the rolling green hills, showcasing the best of the wine region and beyond.

Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast Stockton Bight Sand Dunes, the largest mobile dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. Stop to admire your surrounds and drive to the top of a dune to take in the sweeping views - you may even choose to sandboard down. On the water tour, be dazzled by turquoise seas as you soak up the coastline on a relaxed boat cruise, with the chance to spot dolphins along the way. Whether by land or sea, after your Port Stephens adventure you'll enjoy a leisurely lunch at Nelson Bay Golf Club before returning to the train in the afternoon.

Closer to the city, explore Newcastle on a guided walking tour that reveals its coastal charm, capped with lunch at Scratchleys on the Wharf before returning to the train for a regionally inspired dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, REGIONAL VICTORIA OR MELBOURNE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the Great Southern travels through Victoria's high country before choosing your next Off Train Experience.

Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park in the Moorabool Valley. Clyde Park is a beautiful vineyard, cellar door and

bistro set among rolling hills. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines while being entertained on the glorious lawns.

Alternatively, spend the day in cosmopolitan Melbourne to discover why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Highlights include the Ian Potter Centre at NGV Australia, with its remarkable collection of Australian art, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, guided by a club member. History buffs may prefer the Old Melbourne Gaol, where stories of the past, including those of Ned Kelly, come to life.

To complete your Melbourne experience, take in the sweeping views from Melbourne Skydeck before ascending to Eureka 89 for a curated lunch showcasing seasonal local produce. Afterwards, return to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

Catch the morning light over regional South Australia, a final reminder of the landscapes you've travelled through. Sit back and enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board, savouring the last moments of life on train. Soon, the Great Southern glides into Adelaide, where you will be transferred to your accommodation. The day is yours to explore the city. Home to over 900 restaurants, pubs and cafes, and a lively food and wine scene, you'll be spoilt for choice. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Playford Adelaide – MGallery

DAY 8 – 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 through 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)



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DAY 9 – 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
\$250 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 10 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, bringing your epicurean adventure to an end. (B)