

ADELAIDE & BRISBANE CLASSIC CITY STAY

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 in 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 including lunch
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 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
- Take in breathtaking views from the iconic Scenic Lookout

Please note itineraries are subject to change.

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
$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 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

Your East Coast Adventure begins the moment the Great Southern's bright orange locomotive leaves Adelaide on its epicurean journey. Settle into the comforts of your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the lounge carriage. As the landscapes shift beyond the window, savour morning tea and a long, leisurely lunch. By afternoon, the train rolls into



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regional Victoria and your first Off Train Experience awaits in the spectacular Grampians.

Explore at your own pace. Discover the flavours of the Grampians with a tasting of local handmade wines paired with curated canapés and stories of the region's winemakers, producers, and character. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk to the serene Venus Baths, encounter wildlife and learn about conservation at Halls Gap Zoo, or delve into the history of the iconic Stawell Gift before exploring Halls Gap and the surrounding landscapes of Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. Return to the train for a delectable supper as it continues its journey up the east coast. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA

After a leisurely breakfast on board, step into the heart of the nation. Today is all about Canberra, Australia's political and cultural heart. Following a coach ride to Canberra's city centre, choose from a selection of curated Off Train Experiences, each offering a different perspective on the nation's capital.

Step inside the working heart of Australian democracy at Parliament House. Reflect on stories of service and sacrifice at the Australian War Memorial. Discover the people and stories that have shaped Australia at the National Portrait Gallery. Or explore the Royal Australian Mint before wandering the trees and miniature landscapes of the Australian National Arboretum. Midday, gather for an exclusive lunch in a landmark Canberra setting.

As afternoon turns to evening, return to the train for a gourmet dinner on board, then unwind with a nightcap in the lounge carriage. As conversation flows with fellow travellers, let the Great Southern carry you north beneath the Milky Way. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, COFFS HARBOUR AND BRISBANE

Today, a morning of coastal discovery awaits. After breakfast on board, and as the Great Southern arrives in Coffs Harbour, choose from a selection of Off Train Experiences that reveal the natural beauty, culture, and character of the region.

Wander through the lush gardens and rainforest of the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden, discover the landscape and enduring culture of the Gumbaynggirr people on a guided coastal walk, or settle into a relaxed morning by the Pacific with a mimosa and fresh seasonal fruit. Alternatively, go behind the scenes at a local wildlife sanctuary to meet rescued marine and native animals and learn about the work protecting them, or discover a playful side of Australian culture through cartoons, classic cars, or the craft of local brewing.

After your morning in Coffs Harbour, return to the train for a final lunch on board as the Great Southern continues north towards Brisbane, bringing your coastal rail journey to a close. 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. 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 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 Adelaide and Brisbane City Stay comes to an end when you check out of your accommodation this morning. (B)