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GREAT SOUTHERN

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE
DEPARTING FRIDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)
7 Days / 6 Nights

Embark on an unforgettable East Coast summer adventure with the Great Southern, departing from Adelaide and weaving through stunning landscapes and vibrant destinations. Your journey begins on the train, where you'll enjoy gourmet meals and Off Train Experiences in the breathtaking Grampians and the cultural heart of Canberra. Explore coastal charm in Coffs Harbour, before reaching Brisbane, where you will transition to the lush hinterland of Tamborine Mountain and Lamington National Park for immersive nature experiences and exquisite dining. Relax at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Spicers Hidden Vale, savouring local delicacies and participating in guided walks and wildlife experiences before concluding your journey back in 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
- 4 nights of intimate small-group Queensland Hinterland touring with Outback Spirit, including accommodation, meals and guided touring
- 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 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
- Admire the tree-top view from Mount Tamborine's newest eco-adventure, Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk
- Visit the Eco Gallery's comprehensive displays and showcase of local animals, birds and reptiles
- Enjoy guided walks, waterfalls, bird watching and more at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat
- Take in expansive views of the Gold Coast hinterland
- Explore Lamington National Park, part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area
- Unwind and reconnect at Spicers Hidden Vale
- Enjoy a gin appreciation class
- Seek out elusive Koalas in a nature-spotting safari
- Embrace the culinary delights of Homage at Spicers Hidden Vale

Please note itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – 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 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. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, CANBERRA AND SURROUNDS

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



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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 3 – 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. Here you will transfer to your central city accommodation. Tonight be met by your friendly Outback Spirit crew for a welcome group meeting and dinner. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night InterContinental Brisbane

DAY 4 – MOUNT TAMBORINE AND MOUNT LAMINGTON

Get ready for a day full of sites and activities as we leave the city behind us bound for Tamborine Mountain, located in the picturesque Gold Coast hinterland and a drawcard for nature lovers and epicureans alike. Get a birds' eye view of the spectacular environment on the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk which extends for 1.5kms on trails above and below the canopy.

Enjoy the spoils of a delicious lunch before we make tracks for O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, located inside Lamington National Park and a true highlight of the Scenic Rim region. Part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area, be wowed by the diversity and density of rainforest species including nearly all of Australia's northern-most Antarctic Beech species. For those wanting to stretch their legs, many short walks around the retreat beckon. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

DAY 5 – EXPLORING LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

A guided walk to Moran Falls (4.6K return) or Pat's Bluff (5.5K return) or a more gentle option, will get the heart pumping and build your appetite for lunch back at the retreat. A bird of prey demonstration, the opportunity to witness the plethora of birdlife with a daily feeding and some free time to further explore or just relax by the pool, will lead into sunset drinks ahead of dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – MOUNT LAMINGTON AND SPICERS HIDDEN VALE

Get up early to tackle another short hike (optional) before we head down the mountain bound for a farm tour and wine tasting at Albert River Wines. Enjoy a wee tasting tipple ahead of lunch on the verandah at the peaceful Auchenflower Restaurant with views back towards Tamborine Mountain.

The mountain oasis of Spicers Hidden Vale, situated amid the rolling hills of Grandchester, is our destination this afternoon. Settle into your charming accommodation before a welcoming pre-dinner drink on the deck then prepare for a delightful paddock-to-plate dining treat. Board games or a hand of cards anyone.
(B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Spicers Hidden Vale



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DAY 7 – SPICERS HIDDEN VALE TO BRISBANE, FAREWELL

Be as active or restful as you please this morning with options of a morning yoga session before a guided nature and market garden walk. A koala safari tour on the sprawling 12,000-acre property rounds out the morning's activities.

Our final lunch will be a curated barbeque before we bid farewell to the peace and serenity of Hidden Vale to return to the city and parts further afield. Your tour ends at your Brisbane hotel accommodation or at the Brisbane Airport. (B,L)