

Sunshine Coast & Hinterland Escape

Featuring
Eumundi Markets, Australia Zoo & Caloundra

Monday 18th – 24th November 2024
7 Days & 6 Nights

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE: \$2,900

Room on your own extra \$530

Minimum numbers apply

Book before June 30th to receive an Early bird price of \$2700pp
(That's a \$200 discount pp!)
Offer ends 30th June 2024



DAY 1: (MT, L, D) GOLD COAST

Monday 18th November 2024

This morning, we begin our journey North making our way towards the Sunshine Coast of Queensland. Not only is the Sunshine Coast known for its stunning coast line and beaches, it also showcases some of the most beautiful rainforests and villages to the West, which we will explore as we make our way across the Blackall Ranges and in to the Hinterland.

Our first stop this morning will be for a Devonshire tea at **Eungai Creek Buffalo Farm**, a working farm that produces a variety of delicious cheese, gelato, yoghurt and other buffalo products in the Nambucca Valley. Opportunity to purchase their products will also be available. Back on the road, we continue on following the Clarence River, stopping for lunch at the historic **Harwood Hotel**. Our day of travel ends on the Gold Coast, where we will retire in our beautiful accommodation at the **Royal Pines RACV Resort**.

Accommodation: Royal Pines RACV Resort GoldCoast / 2 course Italian dinner at Resort



DAY 2: (B, L, D) BRIBIE ISLAND to CALOUNDRA

Tuesday 19th November 2024

This morning, wake to a beautiful buffet breakfast by the resort pool before checking out and continuing our journey north hugging the coastline. This morning we head to Bribie Island for the day, the smallest and most northerly of three major sand islands forming the coastline sheltering the northern part of Moreton Bay. **Bribie Island** is a hidden gem connected to the mainland by a convenient bridge. It is also known as the **Pumicestone Passage**. This shallow estuary nestled between the mainland of Queensland and Bribie Island is approximately 35 kilometres long. It receives inflows from numerous small creeks and is subject to tidal flushing starting from Deception Bay, resulting in a slow net northern movement of water. The area contains a range of habitats including mangroves, saltmarshes, sand and mudflats, seagrass beds and coastal dunes. In the afternoon, we will check in to our accommodation at the Oaks Caloundra where we will spend the next 4 nights. This will be the perfect location to base ourselves for our next few days of touring.

Accommodation- Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort Caloundra / 2 course dinner at hotel



DAY 3: (B, D) EUMUNDI, NOOSA & GINGER

Wednesday 20th November 2024

What a relaxing day we have in store for you today! After breakfast, we will head to the Eumundi Markets, renowned for its locally made artisan treasures. There's no other market quite like it. The Original Eumundi Markets is the biggest and the best artisan market in Australia and has been operating since 1979. Located in the heart of the historic town of Eumundi, The Original Eumundi Markets started with only three market stalls and eight customers. This simple dream quickly grew to 203 stalls and 260,000 visitors by 1990. Now, the Eumundi Markets welcomes over 1 million visitors each year!

Plenty of time can be had at the markets before we make our way to Noosa, where you can continue your browsing and relaxed holiday vibe. Pop in your swimmers and towel in case you want to jump in the surf at Noosa's main beach?

Our final destination today, is to Yandina, where we will visit the Ginger Factory. On a guided tour we will learn about the factory processing before joining a train ride through the property. Of course there will be some samples to taste along the way.

Accommodation- Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort / 2 course dinner at hotel/ lunch own expense



DAY 4: (B, L, D) AUSTRALIA ZOO & WINE TASTING

Thursday 21st November 2024

Today we will visit **Australia Zoo**. Terri, Bindi and Robert's efforts today honour the greatest Wildlife Warrior who ever lived, Steve Irwin. They are ensuring that Steve's legacy lives on. Australia Zoo now encompasses over 700 acres and employs over 500 staff, continuing Steve's mission of "Conservation Through Exciting Education". Your visit to the zoo will include admission into the animal hospital, the entire zoo and a food voucher that you can use to purchase lunch with throughout the day.

After a big day at the zoo, we will end the day visiting **Clouds Winery** at Bald Knob, where you can try some of their local wines.

Accommodation- Oaks Caloundra / 2 course dinner at hotel



DAY 5: (B, L, AT) INTO THE HINTERLAND

Friday 22nd November 2024

Located in the **Blackall Ranges overlooking the Glass House Mountains** we will delve into the **Hinterland** and explore little towns known as **Montville and Melany**. Our first stop will be to Montville, where you can enjoy some freetime looking at the boutique shops and produce in the main street. On route to Melany we will stop at **Gerrad's Lookout** for a photo opportunity, before heading to the **Mary Cairncross Rainforest Centre**. Lunch today will be at **Mountview Café** where we will relax overlooking the glasshouse mountains, before our final stop at **Melany Cheese**. Afternoon tea of scrumptious local **cheese boards** will be the end to wonderful day out. After all that food, dinner tonight (if needed) will be at your leisure and own expense.

Accommodation- Oaks Caloundra / lunch at Mountview café / dinner own expense



DAY 6: (B, L, D) CALOUNDRA- TWEED HEADS

Saturday 23rd November 2024

This morning, we farewell the 'Sunshine Coast' and begin our journey south. We will make a comfort stop at Yatala Pies (own expense), before joining for a Indigenous Cultural Experience in Tweed Heads. This experience will include a special 2 course 'bush tucker' inspired lunch with local Indigenous flavours. Sit back & relax as we then cruise the beautiful Tweed River on board the Spirit of Wollumbin. Be captivated along the way with Indigenous Yarning, River Culture, & the history of the Tweed River, the Tweed Valley & beyond. This is a unique guided experience with local knowledge. The tour also includes a bonus admission ticket to visit the Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Museum... Another fantastic experience. Our final night will be spent at the Mantra Twin Towns Resort Tweed Heads. You will also receive meal vouchers to use for dinner at the many restaurants attached to the resort at the Twin Town Club.

Accommodation: Mantra Twin Towns Resort/ Indigenous Lunch and cruise/ Dinner cards .

DAY 7: (B) TWEED HEADS TO GRAFTON JACARANDAS

Sunday 24th November 2024

November is the perfect time of year to see those beautiful Jacarandas trees in bloom. Today we will head in to Grafton before we make our way home. After lunch in the township of Grafton (own expense), we will join a local guide, who will take us to the best viewing areas around town to capture some beautiful photos of the trees and learn some history of the country town.

We will then continue our journey home, having you home before dinner.

Lunch own expense today



Pick up time to be advised

Tour Inclusions:

Luxury Coach Travel
Experienced Coach Captain and Professional Tour Director
6 nights Quality Accommodation.
6 Breakfasts (B)
5 Lunches (L)
5 Dinners (D)

Luggage:

Is limited to one bag not more than 20kg and one 7kg carry on bag to be stored in the overhead.

All passengers must be able to manage their own luggage & not rely on the driver/guide or other passengers to carry their bags.

NOTE: If you require a walker as an aid, you must book a travel companion to assist you with your overnight travel as well as meet our fitness to travel guidelines. Staff and fellow passengers will not carry bags to rooms and are not trained to assist with personal/ physical needs.

Tour Participation:

It is each passengers responsibility to ensure that they are fit, well and independent to travel at the time of booking and the time of travel. **Tuncurry Coach Tours always request rooms with walk in showers and on the lower level of hotels as our priority, however this is not guaranteed and always available. This may mean that your room may have a bath/shower & you may need to walk upstairs. If you require a disabled room, this will need to be advised at the time of booking and is subject to availability.**

Tour payment:

Non Refundable Deposit of \$300.00 per person at time of booking.
Balance due by 18th September 2024

Cancellation Charges:

60 days or more \$300.00 per person
59-0 days 100% of fare

**Note: Cancellation of this trip less than 60 days out there is no refund
Please read full Terms and Conditions before booking.**

NB: Tickets costs for shows, entries, fares & accommodation that are pre paid will not be refunded.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended by Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to consider taking out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions and opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. Accommodation, churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any date or time changes due to pandemics, closures, inclement weather etc. Withdrawing from trips due to the above may see passengers liable to cancellation charges.

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