



## South East Queensland

Thursday 25 May 2023 - Monday 12 June 2023

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### PORT LINCOLN TO BROKEN HILL DAY 1

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Let's leave winter behind and join **EP Coaches** on a fabulous tour to beautiful Queensland. We have a travel day today so sitback relax and meet your fellow travellers as we head into the outback to **Broken Hill**, with several stops made along the way. On arrival we have time to freshen up for dinner. *Dinner in motel included* **Silver Haven Motor Inn, Broken Hill**

### BROKEN HILL TO COBAR DAY 2

BLD

We have a more leisurely start today as we make our way to **Wilcannia** on the Darling River. Legends were made along the Darling. Literary myths were created by Henry Lawson, Will Ogilvie and Breaker Morant. Kidman, Tyson and McCaughey created pastoral kingdoms of unparalleled proportions. The Light Horsemen of World War 1 were bred on these vast planes. Wilcannia was once known as Queen City of the West and the site of the original Resches Brewery. Unfortunately the town has seen better days! We stop throughout the day to enjoy our picnic lunches before continuing onto **Cobar** for our overnight stop. The Shire of Cobar covers an area the size of Tasmania with a population of just 7000 people, most of who are involved with mining or pastoral industries. *Breakfast and dinner in motel | picnic lunches included* **Copper City Motel Cobar**

### COBAR TO MOREE DAY 3

BLD

We spend the day travelling today but will make some stops along the way as we pass **Nyngan** to the **Walgett RSL Memorial Club** for lunch before arriving in **Moree**. The Moree Plains represent the richest agricultural producing shire in Australia and serves as the economic and cultural focus of North Western New South Wales. Our motel has its own artesian spa; the hot waters are drawn from the Great Artesian Basin, which underlies an extensive area of north western NSW, relieving our bodies aches and pains or simply to soothe our muscles. *Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Walgett RSL Memorial Club* **Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree**

### MOREE TO BALLINA DAY 4

BLD

Today we head to the Scottish settled town of **Glen Innes**. Meeting our **local guide**, we are taken through the pretty township before witnessing its dedication to all things Celtic at the **Australian Standing Stones**. We are now in for a truly unique experience at the **Land of the Beardies History House**. Discovering that this old hospital is bursting with eclectic artefacts, you will spend your time pouring over the extensive collection of photos and documents, all the while developing a deeper understanding of the lives of the pioneers who built this town. Enjoying lunch here we then make our way to the coast for our overnight accommodation on the coast. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Land of the Beardies History House* **Ballina Byron Islander Resort**

### BALLINA TO GOLD COAST DAY 5

BLD

This morning we are off to **Byron Bay**, located at **Cape Byron** which is Australia's most Easterly point. We take a look at the lighthouse precinct and take a short walk towards the point. We spend some free time in this popular seaside resort. We make our way to **Tropical Fruit World** – home to the world's largest variety of tropical fruit. The plantation is situated on the rim of the largest extinct volcano in the southern hemisphere and offers breathtaking views of the Tweed Valley. Whilst here we have lunch and a fruit tasting. What a lovely way to finish our day. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Tropical Fruit World* **Mantra at Sharks**



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**GOLD COAST**

**DAY 6**

**BD**

Our breakfast this morning is a little unusual as we head to the **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary** to enjoy **Breakfast with the Birds**. The sanctuary is home to over 1400 birds, mammals and reptiles. We then have some time to experience the program on offer, like feeding the wild lorikeets or perhaps boarding the miniature steam train for "Kangaroo Crossing" and coming face to face with kangaroos and wallabies. Leaving here we spend the afternoon at **Sea World**, where there is so much to see and do. We are free to take in all that Sea World has to offer – Shark Bay, Polar Bear Shores, Shark Attack and the Dolphin Nursery Pool. We have access to all parts of the Park including access via the Sea World Monorail. Our day ends spectacularly as we leave the hotel and make our way to the **Australian Outback Spectacular**. There is no place on earth like the Australian Outback... and no show on earth like the **Australian Outback Spectacular** show called **Heartland**. Enjoy the all new story with true Australian characters, Reg and Marge, who are battling a severe five-year drought on their farm. This heart touching story will resonate with many as it delves into real world struggles that many Aussie farmers are dealing with today. Prepare to embark on a vivid, spectacular and emotional ride into the heart of the Australian bush under the iconic red roof with a delicious three course dinner. Australia's favourite dinner and show is more than a night out – it's an experience steeped in courage, tradition and daring Australian spirit. What a fabulous night! *Breakfast in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost | dinner at Australian Outback Spectacular*

**WATERWAYS OF THE GOLD COAST**

**DAY 7**

**BLD**

Today we visit **Skypoint** – the highest point above the Gold Coast skyline! We'll take one of the fastest elevators in the world (42.8 seconds to be precise) to the 77<sup>th</sup> floor of one of the world's tallest residential towers **Q1**. Here we can take in the brilliant views of the surf and hinterland from the observation deck. There is a café here where you may want to purchase a morning coffee. Next, we set sail on the waters of the Gold Coast's lovely canals for a delightful lunch cruise with **Sea World Cruises**. Views from both the deck and the large windows will highlight the Gold Coast's magnificent homes of the rich and famous, the glittering waters of the Gold Coast Broadwater, and other renowned locations. Returning to shore we have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore some more or simply relax back at the hotel. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch cruise*

**GOLD COAST TO BRISBANE**

**DAY 8**

**BLD**

Today we head to the Tweed Heads marina to join **Tweed Endeavour Cruises** for their **River & Rainforest cruise**. We'll enjoy an historical commentary, a bird of prey feeding, morning tea and a stopover at Tumbulgum. Take in the scenery, the wildlife and the peaceful atmosphere of river life whilst enjoying **lunch**. On conclusion of our cruise we make our way north to Brisbane where we check into our hotel for the next three nights. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch cruise Pacific Hotel Brisbane*

**BRISBANE**

**DAY 9**

**BLD**

With a sub-tropical climate, gardens and parks and an ever-changing contemporary skyline, Brisbane is a great place to escape the winter. Arriving at Southbank we join **River City Cruises** for a 45 minute morning tea cruise on the **Brisbane River**. Sit back and relax as our captain will give an informative commentary while we cruise past Brisbane's most iconic sights including the Kangaroo Point Cliffs, City Centre and the Story Bridge. Our cruise concludes at **Newstead House** which is located in a commanding position within **Newstead Park**, with sweeping views of the Hamilton and Bulimba reaches of the Brisbane River. We have a guided tour of the house that is one of Brisbane's oldest surviving homes dating back to 1846. This is our lunch venue and next, we take a drive to the highest hill in the city - **Mt Cootha Lookout**. Just down the hill are the **Brisbane Botanic Gardens**, we can take a self-guided walking tour and have some free time to explore the gardens. This afternoon we return to our hotel and have some time to relax or explore Brisbane. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Newstead house*

**SCENIC RIM**

**DAY 10**

**BLD**

Today we will be heading to the area about an hour south of Brisbane that is also known as the **Scenic Rim**. We will be calling into one of the region's most interesting places – **Summer Land Camel Farm**. Here we will learn about the history of camels in Australia and the powerful immune proteins that are contained in camel milk. Our tour takes in the interesting farming operations and we get to meet the camels and enjoy lunch before another true farming experience at **Towri Sheep Cheeses**. We indulge in cheese tasting, and we will have access to the cheese room to learn about the basics of cheese making. By the time we have finished we will know the differences between sheep, cow and goat cheese! The Scenic Rim is also home to many fruit and vegetable crops and as we tour through the region we will see fields full of colorful produce such as carrots, onions, beans, corn, beetroot, potatoes and more. We return to Brisbane after a great day. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Summerland Camel Farm*

**DAY AT LEISURE**

**DAY 11**

**BD**

Today is a day at leisure, you could take in more of the sights of Brisbane or simply relax in the hotel, whatever you chose to do the day is yours to enjoy. *Breakfast in hotel | lunch and dinner own arrangements and cost*



**INCLUSIONS**

- Complete charter
- 18 nights accommodation
- 18 cooked breakfasts
- 17 dinners
- 13 lunches

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided tour of Glen Innes
- Visit and talk at Land of Beardies, Glen Innes
- Tour, tastings and lunch at tropical Fruit world, Tweed Heads
- Breakfast and entry to Currumbin Wildlife Park
- Entry to SeaWorld, Gold Coast
- Dinner and show at Australian Outback Spectacular, Gold Coast
- Entry to Skypoint, Gold Coast
- Luncheon cruise with Sea World cruises, Gold Coast
- River and Rainforest cruise including lunch with Tweed Eco Cruises
- Morning tea cruise with River city cruises, Brisbane
- Lunch and guided tour at Newstead House, Brisbane
- Visit Botanic Gardens Brisbane
- Tour and lunch at Summerland Camels
- Tour and cheese tastings at Towri Sheep Cheese
- Entry to Australia Zoo
- Visit to Eumundi Markets
- Lunch and tour and Ginger Factory, Yandina
- Tour and morning ta at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve
- Tour and lunch at Cobb & Co Museum, Toowoomba
- Visit Queens Park Botanic Gardens, Toowoomba



## BRISBANE TO SUNSHINE COAST

DAY 12

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No holiday to this area would be complete without a visit to **Australia Zoo** – home to the late Steve Irwin, “Crocodile Hunter”. Australia Zoo has a reputation for conservation work, due mainly to the popularity of the documentary series “The Crocodile Hunter”. Many millions of dollars have been invested in the park so that it is an ever changing and growing attraction. When we arrive, we have some free time to look through the zoo before we find our seats in the “Crocodile Hunter” for the mid-day **Wildlife Warriors Show**. Get ready for some serious wildlife action! Every day in the Crocoseum the Australia Zoo keepers are taking on the world’s conservation issues and protecting the animal kingdom, and they want us to join the army of Wildlife Warriors. Enjoy a journey of discovery and learn all about the incredible world of giant snakes, colourful soaring birds and those prehistoric legends - the big Saltwater Crocodiles. Heading to Caloundra we can check-in for the next 3 nights and freshen up before dinner. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost* **Oaks Oasis Resort Caloundra**

## EUMUNDI MARKETS AND GINGER

DAY 13

BLD

This morning we set off on our days touring and arrive late morning in **Eumundi**. The twice weekly street markets held in the small village of Eumundi are as popular with the locals as they are with visitors to the Sunshine Coast. The town itself is very attractive – the main street is tree lined and features many fine examples of buildings that were constructed between 1890 and 1930. The market operates on Wednesday and Saturday mornings – “rail, hail or shine”! We spend some time looking at the markets, then re-board our coach and make our way to **Yandina** to visit the **Ginger Factory**. After lunch, we view the audio visual display tracing the life of ginger from planting to final use, see ginger growing in the patch and then look at the factory from the observation deck to see production. We also take a ride on the **Ginger train**. Afterwards, we can visit the Ginger town shops or stroll through the landscaped gardens. Just across the road is the **Macadamia Factory**, just in case you’d like to stock up! We return to the resort for dinner. *Breakfast and dinner in the Resort | lunch at the Ginger Factory*

## SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

DAY 14

BLD

We have a fabulous day in store today as we travel up to the **Blackall Range**. Our first stop for the day is for morning tea at the **Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve** overlooking the unique formations of the Glasshouse Mountains. From here we make our way north along the range to **Montville**, taking in the beautiful vistas along the way. Montville is probably the most well-known village along the range and was first established in 1887. Today it is a place to step back in time and enjoy the tranquillity of village life in a streetscape unique to any other tourist centre in Australia. We will have free time here to browse the many arts and crafts shops. Lunch today is at **Poets Café**, with outstanding views to the hinterland below. This afternoon we return to the coast and have some free time in Noosa. **Hastings Street** - the bustling beachside strip that is home to an exciting range of fashion labels, unique jewellery, homewares, art & beauty products. It is the perfect destination for shoppers! Make sure you bring your walking shoes on any visit to Noosa. The Boardwalk around to the Noosa National Park at the end of Hastings Street features some spectacular coastal scenery. *Breakfast and dinner in Resort | lunch at Poets Café*

## SUNSHINE COAST TO TOOWOOMBA

DAY 15

BLD

We are off to **Toowoomba** this morning which has a “Garden City” image that comes from the fact it has rich fertile soil, a unique climate and in a position on the edge of the Great Dividing Range presenting ideal conditions for growing flowers. First stop is at the famous **Picnic Point Lookout**, perched on the edge of the range and provides an amazing view of the Lockyer Valley and Tabletop Mountain. For lunch, we visit Toowoomba’s most notable tourist attraction, the **Cobb & Co Museum**, which is part of the Queensland Museum. The museum traces the history of horse drawn transportation in Australia, from old timber wagons, spring wagons and bullock drays. We have allowed some time to wander through **Queens Park** and the **Botanical Gardens** which are always relaxing. *Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Cobb & Co Museum* **James Street Motor Inn**

## TOOWOOMBA TO COONABARABRAN

DAY 16

BLD

Today is a travel day so sit back and relax as we head off across the border at Goondiwindi and onto **Moree** where we stop for lunch at the **Moree Services Club**. We continue through to our destination of **Coonabarabran**. Upon arrival we check into our overnight accommodation and settle in for dinner. *Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch at Moree Services Club* **Country Gardens Motel, Coonabarabran**

## COONABARABRAN TO HAY

DAY 17

BLD

After breakfast we are on the road again heading towards **Parkes**, a town named after one of NSW’s most famous Statesman, Henry Parkes. At the corner of Currajong and Court Streets is an historic precinct featuring the courthouse, post office and police station. The courthouse was built in 1895-98 to a design by W.L. Vernon. We stop for lunch at the **Parkes Services Club** before continuing on to Hay where we have time to freshen up before dinner. *Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch at Parkes Services Club* **Bishop Lodge, Hay**

## HAY TO ADELAIDE

DAY 18

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We continue our journey westward, stopping in **Balranald** for our morning break. From Balranald, we head south through Tooleybuc, cross the Mighty Murray River and drive through Ouyen to the South Australian border. This afternoon’s journey takes us through the Mallee as we travel through Pinaroo to Tailem Bend, then into Adelaide. On arrival we can settle into our hotel as this will be our final night on tour. *Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch own arrangements and cost* **Adelaide Royal Coach**

## ADELAIDE TO HOME

DAY 19

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What a wonderful holiday we have had travelling with friends and making new ones along the way. Today we head for home arriving late afternoon with many wonderful memories of our holiday in the stunning South East Queensland. *Breakfast in motel | lunch own arrangements and cost*



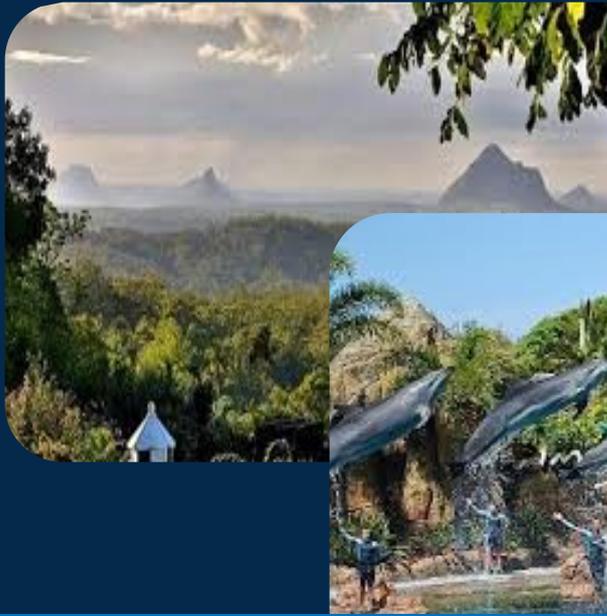
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- Itinerary subject to change due to weather or events out of our control

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*I would like to add my praise for the wonderful way in which the tour was organised. I too would like to say how safe I felt and the interaction between Kim and David and the tour group made every one feel at home. The fact that you booked us into other family businesses added to the feeling of "family" that was the signature of the trip. I will recommend your business whenever I get a chance and hope I can travel with you again. Rosemary Habner*

*Kim and Dave were great tour operators really friendly and nothing seemed to be any trouble.. we would have no hesitation in touring with them again. Martin Holden*

